

### SENDING OUR CONDOLENCES

It is with great sadness the York Simcoe 5 Pin Bowlers' Association announces the passing of Hall of Famer, Gerry James, he was 93. A long time supporter of 5 Pin Bowling, Gerry was the former Proprietor of Markham Bowl, which he purchased in 1986 and ran this establishment until 2010.

Gerry used Markham Bowl to support the local York Simcoe Association by establishing scholarship awards and charitable drives to benefit the Tsunami Relief Fund, Haiti, Mothers Against Drunk Driving, and many other charities. His impact and love of people, and bowling didn't stop there as he also supported many York Region schools through the Youth Bowling Program. Gerry has also assisted many senior programs, the Special Olympics, and other youth initiatives.

He was elected into the York Simcoe Hall of Fame in 2007 as a Proprietor, with the Induction ceremonies February 18, 2012. A second honour was bestowed upon Gerry when he was elected into the Ontario 5 Pin Bowlers' Association in 2011 as a Builder with the Induction ceremonies on November 5, 2011.

Bowling wasn't Gerry's only passion, the sport of kings, breeding and racing thoroughbred horses occupied his time as well. His successful breeding program produced Spring Barley and Jungle Design who won the Southfield Stakes in Detroit. The walls of Markham Bowl proudly displayed Gerry's many visits to the winners circle.

We all were very fortunate to have called this gentlemen our friend, share a laugh or two and listen to him share his stories and knowledge of our great sport of 5 pin bowling!



Gerry James  
1923 - 2017

### SENDING MORE CONDOLENCES

On behalf of the York Simcoe 5 Pin Bowler's Association, we offer our sincere condolences to our Coaching Chair Cathy Davidson and her family, on the passing of her father Gordon Davidson on Saturday January 28, 2017, he was 83.

### 50<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY

**Historical tidbit!!** By the end of the 1970-71 season York Simcoe's membership had grown to nearly 1600 members. As a means of getting bowlers from the northern part of the zone together with the bowlers from the south, Tom Cowan President at the time, suggested a tournament and dance, one in the north and one in the south. The first North-South tournament and dinner/dance was held on January 22, 1972 at Allencourt Lanes in Richmond Hill with just over 100 people in attendance. Profit from this event was \$37.55, over the next 30 plus years this event was one of the most popular events on the York Simcoe bowling, fundraising and social calendars.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### 05PBA Holiday Classic Championships

Zone Finals  
February 12, 2017  
Stellar Lanes 2015  
9:30am Registration

#### Executive 5 Pin Provincial Championships

Provincial Finals  
February 25, 2017  
Sherwood Centre, Hamilton  
8:30am Registration

#### High-Low Doubles & Inter Provincial Championships

Provincial Finals  
February 25, 2017  
Sherwood Centre, Hamilton  
12:00pm Registration

#### York Simcoe Annual Golf Tournament

June 24, 2017  
Harbourview Golf Course  
Innisfil, Ontario