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## **Dawson to make 4<sup>th</sup> Appearance at Nationals**

Mario's Bowl ladies won the Provincial Gold medal on April 13<sup>th</sup> in Sault Ste Marie. Sixteen local bowlers competed in the 2008 edition of the "National Classified Team Championships" Provincial round. A team qualified in four average classifications at the House Championships last month. The Nationals will be in Toronto on May 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>.

Provincial Champions for 2008 are Joyce Frost, Maureen Menhart, Marlene Yurick and Lyndzie Dawson who rolled a 3139 total for the five games. This will be Yurick's second National trip. She was on the Provincial team in 2001. This will be Dawson's 4<sup>th</sup> consecutive team trip to the Nationals. Dawson won the National Gold Medal in 2005 and the National Bronze last year.

Representing Mario's men were Joal Adduono, Steve Sheaves, D'Arcy Smith and Bill Graham. Smith was vying for his second Provincial title while Graham was bowling for his third title. The men won the silver medal with a 3472 total.

Representing the Galaxy Lanes women were Anne Saasto, Kathy Sirkving, Shelly Gedanitz and Angela Bastien. Saasto was on the Provincial team in 2000 and won the National silver in 2003 while Skirving was on the 2002 team. All members of the Galaxy mens team were bowling for their first Provincial honours, Tim Melnick, Gordie Begin Jr, Doug Fletcher and Dave Lankinen.

Individual honours were also won by Mario's Graham with his 1061 total for a 212 average, and Adduono with a 810 total. On the winning team, individual gold medals were won by Dawson with a 936 and Marlene Yurick with a 702 total.

Yurick and Anne Sassto will be in Winnipeg on April 20<sup>th</sup> competing in the Canadian Tenpin Federation's National Mixed Championships. Both women will be seeking a spot on the National Seniors team who will bowl in the Tournament of Champions in Miami this summer.

Saasto will be receiving her Hall of Fame Award at these Championships as she was unavailable in 2007 to receive her honour. Saasto and Brian McLean were awarded Hall of Fame recognition in 2007.