

## Thunder Bay Senior Champions Declared

The 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Grand Portage Casino Seniors' Championships were concluded at Mario's Bowl on March 14<sup>th</sup> with Chic Hutcheon and Marg Barbini as the top seeds secured their 2008 Championships.



Qualifying for the 55 men and 11 women took place over a three week period in the Grand Portage Casino 50+ Mens' league and the Grand Portage Casino 50+ Mix League. The five game plus handicap scores from both leagues were combined to seed the top five bowlers, for the men, and the top four for the women.

Fifth place seed, with a 1092, Joe Dufour was eliminated in the first match play round to Frank Edgson (1112), 219 to 254. Don Barbini (1118) then put Edgson on the sidelines, 220 to 165 setting up the semi final match with Ed Zapior (1139), who defeated Barbini 230 to 219. In the championship match, top qualifier Chic Hutcheon (1206) was not to lose his opportunity of being a champion. He defeated Zapior 255 to 242, 235 to 221 scratch.

In the ladies match play; Marlene Yurick (1040) was on the losing end to Clara DelBen (1051), 224 to 172. Shirley Wickstrom (1050) rolled a 212 to Yuricks' 160 to set up the championship match with Marg Barbini (1051). Barbini rolled a 161 to Wickstrom's 160 to win the first senior womens' title.

The Grand Portage Casino 50+ Leagues run at Mario's from October to April each year. The men bowl on Saturday mornings and the mix bowl Wednesday afternoon.