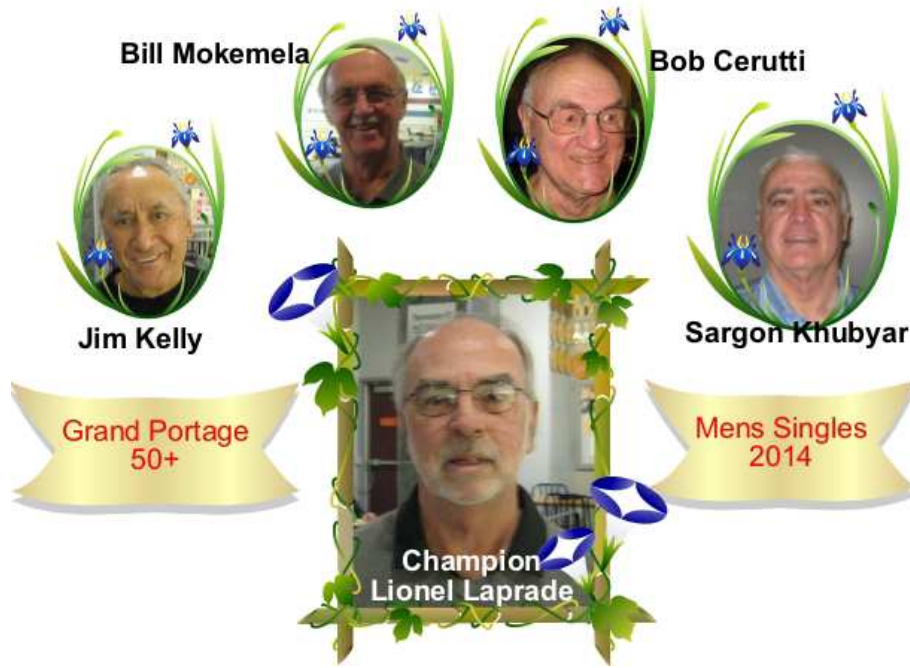


Laprade Successfully Defends Singles Title



Lionel Laprade successfully defended his Grand Portage 50+ tenpin senior mens singles title at Mario's Bowl on Friday. In the stepladder finals, Jim Kelly defeated Bill Mokemela 212 (134+78 pins handicap) to 185 (147+38). Kelly then defeated Bob Cerutti 228 (150+78) to 218 (201+17) and continued to roll pass Sargon Khubyar 216 (138+78) to 192 (157+35). In the final match, Laprade, who was top seed, sidelined Kelly with triple in the closing frames of the game, 204 (204+0) to 191 (113+78).

Two time womens champion, Clara Delben added another championship to her resume. She previously won back to back senior singles titles in 2008/09 and 2009/10 seasons. In the first match, Delben beat Lyn Lecocq 235 (213+22) to 214 (147+67) then with a 215 (193+22) put the top seed bowler, Nenita Villagracia, 170 (111+59), to second place.





A week earlier, Delben won the Mixed Seniors Matchplay title and Kelvin Peltonen won the Overall Mens Matchplay title. The mens average class matchplay champions were Piper Phillips and Rod Boyd.

The last tournament for the Grand Portage 50+ seniors is the annual "International No-Tap Championships" to be held on February 28th at Mario's. Rod Boyd and Brian Mclean will try to defend their Scottish title.