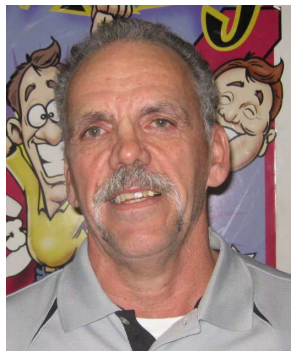


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### **Senior 10 Pin Singles Championship 2012**

The 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Grand Portage 50+ Seniors Championships concluded at Mario's Bowl on February 10<sup>th</sup> with the top seeded man, Glen St. Onge. and woman, Maureen Menhart, emerging as the 2011-12 Singles Champion of the Grand Portage Casino 50+ program.



Glen St.Onge



Maureen Menhart

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 three for the women.

Qualifying first, for the men was Glen St.Onge (1097+100), second, Gary Weiss (1042+120), who won the 2009 championship, third was Sargon Khubyar (941+210), followed by Don Barbin (1035+100) and by Brian McLean 1074+35).

In the ladies qualifying, Maureen Menhart was high with an 1086 followed by Marg Barbini with a 1072 and last years' champion, Shirley Wickstrom with a 986 was third.

In the stepladder finals, McLean defeated Barbini, 207 (200+7) to 196 (176+20). Weiss then sidelined McLean 195 (171+24) to 188 (181+7). Weiss then succumbed to St.Onge 224 (204+20) to 202 (178+24).

In the womens stepladder, Wickstrom was defeated by Barbini's 199 (160+39) to 185 (144+41). In the final match, Menhart's 223 (182+41) to Barbini's 208 (169+34) gave Menhart her first senior singles crown.

Also concluding on February 11<sup>th</sup> was the Mens' Triple Knockout Match play tournament. The following were the various average class winners. In the higher average class, Brian McLean, in the middle average class, Jim Merkley was the winner followed in the lower class was won by Paul Zaroski. In the one game overall championship, Merkley emerged as the 2011-12 Knockout Champion.

The Double Knockout tournament for the mixed 50+ bowlers also concluded in a one game rolloff with Randy Valiant defeating Ken Boloty and emerged as the overall champion.



Randy Valiant



Jim Merkley

The Grand Portage Casino Senior tenpin bowlers bowl at Mario's. These men and women, bowl every week Over fifty co-ed, on Wednesday afternoons and fifty men on Saturday mornings throughout the year The "come as you wish" league, does not penalize you if you do not show up, but very few do not. For over twenty eight years, the steering committee has made this one of the most popular tenpin leagues in Thunder Bay. The Grand Portage Casino 50+ Leagues run at Mario's from September to April each year.



Women Qualifiers  
Marg Barbini, Maureen Menhart and Shirley Wickstrom



Men Qualifiers  
Glen St.onge, Gary Weiss, Sargon Khubyar, Don Barbini & Brian McLean