

ONTARIO BOWLERS ARE #1

The Awards Banquet, June 5th, of the C5PBA Open Nationals in Gatineau, Quebec concluded with Ontario receiving the Aggregate Banner.

O5PBA Singles Champion Jim Thorpe defeated Quebec's Bruno Cecyre (319 to 265) in the final match to gain the National Title. Thorpe is the first O5 male single to win the crown since Mike Wood in 1989. O5PBA Ladies' Single, Sandi Horton won her first match but was defeated by PEI's Shelly MacDonald to finish 4th.

In Men's Team Competition, coach Brian Kaye led his Central Ontario team to Gold. Along the way, the team – Mark Busch, Jason Procher, Jim Head, Bill Schwemlein, Bob Jones and Bryce McKiernon established new records for High Single, Triple, Four and Five Games. Here again, the Men's Team victory was O5's first since 1989 in Red Deer. Procher and rookie McKiernon joined Thorpe as members of the All Star Team.

O5PBA Ladies were defeated in their final match by Quebec to finish with the Silver Medal. The Hamilton Ladies – Connie Ward, Kelly Martin, Alison Roberts, Brenda Campbell, Andrea Straughan, Shannon Glover and coach Rob Ward fought their way from 4th place defeating Manitoba and Newfoundland (8-0, 6-2).

Ontario's Mixed Team, the rookies from Grand River – Tammy Mattie, Kyla Pike, Lisa Dawe, Kevin Berg, Steve Hinz, Rob Himburg and coach Pat Schedler finished in 6th place. Rob Himburg, with a 20 game total of 5302 and 15 ½ points won, was named Male Rookie of the Year.

Congratulations to all contingent members on their outstanding performance in Gatineau! Many thanks to the very vocal supporters who came out to encourage O5 players.

Full results are available on the C5PBA website: www.c5pba.ca.