

## **Charitable Gambling**

In the fall of 2006, Rolling Thunder was given the opportunity to increase their fundraising dramatically through charitable gambling. With Board approval, president Don Deslauriers completed the extensive application process, and he and fellow board members Troy Kamm, and Larry Hildebrandt completed the State required licensing and certification classes.

Rolling Thunder began selling pull-tabs at Trips Bar in New Ulm January 2007. In June of 2007, "Bar Bingo" was added as an additional fundraising event. Bingo is held every Monday night at 6:00 p.m., with a progressive jackpot that can climb to \$1199.

Rolling Thunder has used the profits raised from these charitable gambling activities to pay for various items and activities. To date major purchases include: new wrestling singlets for all wrestlers registered with the club; new singlets for the Junior High School wrestling program; and a substantial donation to the High School wrestling Booster Club. Future profits have been earmarked for the purchase of a new wrestling mat.

Larry Hildebrandt has been the Gambling Manager since July 2007, succeeding Troy Kamm who held the position prior to that.