

# Belmo's On Top Of the World

Jason Belmonte is once again the toast of Australian bowling after winning the QubicaAMF Bowling World Cup in Johannesburg, South Africa in December 2011. After unprecedented success on the Professional Bowling Association Tour winning 3 titles in 2011, Belmonte then set his sights on the coveted Bowling World Cup, a title that had eluded him twice previously. 'Belmo' overcame the competition of talented players from 83 countries to win this prestigious tournament, bowling two 300 games along the way to lift his career tally of perfect games to 56.

Despite averaging an incredible average of 240 for 36 games Jason qualified for the stepladder final in 2nd position behind Tommy Jones from USA who averaged 245. In third position was Mykhaylo Kalika from the Ukraine, the first man from Eastern Europe to make the stepladder final.

Belmonte took the first match in the best of three game semi final, 237-203, but 23 year-old Kalika rallied in the second 266-248 to set up an edge-of-the-seat decider. Kalika's open frames in 2 and 6 allowed Belmonte to cruise to a 266-185 semis win, and a very short break to prepare for the highly anticipated Belmonte-Jones Final.

The buzz in the 24-lane Let's Go Bowling Northcliff centre reached fever pitch as Belmo stepped onto the lanes at the start of the televised Final. The match between Belmo and Tommy Jones, recently in Australia for the AMF Australian Masters and a fellow exempt bowler on the PBA pro tour was seen as a clash of the titans in what's billed as one of the world's largest international sports event.

Jones posted a near-flawless 279-259 win in the first of the best-of-three game Final. Spurred on by the noisy crowd, Belmonte countered in the second with a 247-216 win to set the stage for an enthralling finale. Belmo began with a four-bagger, and undaunted by a spare in his first frame, Jones then matched with strikes till the turning point in frame 8 when he left a solid 10 pin and Belmo hammered on to a 259-236 win, and his first Bowling World Cup title. Victoria's Jeanette Baker is the only person in history to have won back to back World Cup titles with wins in 1982 and 1983.


Queensland's Jacinta Gilliland was Australia's representative in the women's division finishing in 41st position. The title was won by Aumi Guerra from the Dominican Republic who led the event from start to finish averaging 238 for 36 games.

Upon returning to Australia, Belmonte's achievements were acknowledged before Christmas with a Civic Reception in his home town of Orange (photo centre right) and a letter of congratulation from Federal Minister for Sport, Senator Mark Arbib. Senator Arbib wrote "Jason's continued success on the international stage has been fantastic to see and I join with the City of Orange and Australians everywhere, in congratulating Jason on his achievement. "As the first Australian male bowler to win the World Cup title Jason has cemented his place in the record books and will go down as one of Australia's greatest ever bowlers."

Jason's victory made news across the country with widespread media coverage on TV, radio and press including appearing on Fox Sports Long Lunch, Network TEN's 5pm news and 2KY's Big Sports Breakfast to name a few.

Belmonte enjoyed the Christmas/New Year holiday period with his family and friends in Orange before flying back to the United States for the resumption of the PBA Tour and to compete in 2012 WTBA World Bowling Tour events in America, Japan, and the Middle East in coming weeks.





**Previous Bowling World Cup Winners**

1982 1983 Jeanette Baker

1996 Cara Honeychurch

1998 Maxine Nable

1999 Amanda Bradley

2007 Ann Maree Putney

# Cooley Wins in Malaysia

Christmas came a little early for Sam Cooley from NSW who took out the Milo Youth Boys Open title at the 39<sup>th</sup> Penang Pesta International Open Bowling Championship in late December. Sam, who has been competing in the championships in Malaysia since 2007, proved that persistence pays, when he won his first title here.

“I have been competing in the Malaysian Open, International Junior All-Stars and the Penang Pesta International and my best position was seventh spot in the International Junior All-Stars last week,” said the 20-year-old. “Now to have won the title finally, is simply great. I suppose my persistence to come back to Malaysia all these years, finally paid off,” said Sam who won RM3,000 (approximately \$925) for his effort. “I had not expected to win the title and was looking at being among the top three only. But when the top bowlers had problems in the final games and had poor games, I just capitalised on it. It is a great feeling to have won the title and it is indeed an early Christmas present,” said Sam who is in the Australian youth training squad.

Sam not only attracted attention with his victory, but also the colorful pants he wears. “I used to play golf for a while and saw a golfer wearing these colorful pants and thought that it would be cool to wear it for bowling.” In second position was Singapore’s Serangoon Garden Country Club’s Tay Hui Chiang who won the Milo International Junior All-Stars Masters last Saturday. Tay had a total of 2221, while in third spot was Singapore Sports School’s Alex Chong Wei Chien with his total of 2213.

The Youth Open Girls title was won by defending champion Syaidatul Afifah Badrul Hamidi in style when she fired a perfect game in the final game. “I am so happy that I have managed to defend my title. It is always more difficult to defend a title than winning it the first time, and I have done it,” said an elated Syaidatul. “And to top it all, I fired the magical 300 in my final game which is my first ever. It is so special to win the title in this manner.



Sam Cooley with youth open girls winner Syaidatul Afifah Badrul Hamidi

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## 2012 TBA National Youth Cup

The National Youth Teams Challenge and National Youth Cup took place at Werribee Superbowl on January 7th –12th. With the purpose of fostering and promoting bowling for our members under the age of 23 years, 2012 is the final year where the event will be opened to bowlers under 23. From 2013, the age will be lowered to under 21 to fall in line with the age of youth bowlers as defined by the Asian Bowling Federation and World Tenpin Bowling Association.

The week long carnival began with the National Youth Cup, a singles tournament with a male, female and graded division. A total of 143 bowlers competed, a record amount of entries for the tournament which celebrated its 10th year.

After 10 games of qualifying, the top 15 qualifiers in each division took to the lanes the following day in a 3 per pair matchplay format to determine the champions. The top 4 male places were Sam Cooley (NSW) 4104, Anthony Carbonell (NZ) 4038, Matthew Krinis (SA) 3970 and Chris Watson (WA) 3937. The female division was again won by Bec Whiting (VIC) 3765, second was Teagan Nairn (WA) 3556, third Michaela Oehler (NSW) 3552 and in fourth spot was Nicole Williams (WA) 3542.

The bowlers from Singapore Sports School asserted their dominance in the graded division with Brandan Tan and Rena Ng finishing 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> respectively. Emily Rigney, who recently relocated to Victoria from Newcastle finished in 3<sup>rd</sup> place.

The National Youth Cup is the first of 7 tournaments in the 2012 TBA rankings calendar with all remaining youth events for 2012 only open to bowlers under 21 as at 1<sup>st</sup> January. Consequently with Whiting and Nairn over the age of 21, Michaela Oehler from Singapore who is now residing in Sydney to continue her studies leads the rankings with 100 points followed by Nicole Williams in second and Laura Kairn in third Ranking position. The top 3 males were all under 21 so received the top 3 Ranking positions.

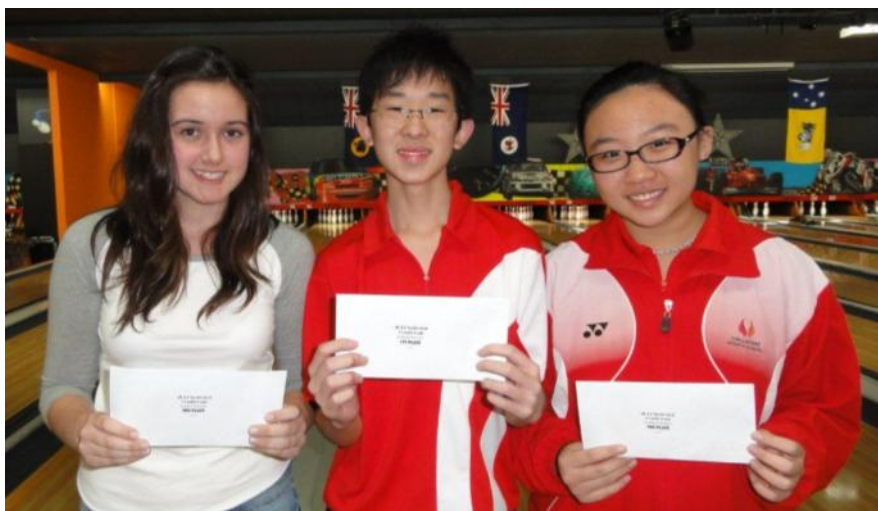
TBA were delighted to welcome a second international team to the event with the inclusion of 8 athletes from the Singapore Sports School. Joining bowlers from New Zealand it is exciting to see the expansion of the tournament into an international event, which is important for our athletes to gain much needed international standard competition as well as fostering relationships with our neighbours in the Asia Pacific region.



Women's Division Winners: Michaela Oehler 2nd, Bec Whiting 1st, Teagan Nairn 3rd



Men's Division: Matthew Krinis, 3rd, Sam Cooley 1st, Anthony Carbonell 2nd



Graded Champions: Emily Rigney 3rd, Brandan Tan 1st, Rena Ng 2nd

## TBA National Youth Teams Challenge

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### Singles

The singles event kicked off proceedings on the long pattern with Sam Cooley (NSW) winning the male division with 1375, 65 pins from second placed Troy Marshall (WA) with 1310. Simon Pearce (NSW) finished in third spot with 1286.

Laura Kairn (VIC) won the women's singles with 1301, 38 pins clear of Kaitlyn Commane (TAS) 1263. Third place went to Kimberly Ooi from Singapore Sports School with 1194.

### Doubles

The doubles event was bowled on short oil pattern. Sam Cooley and Simon Pearce (NSW) won with 2744 smashing the old record set in 2003 by Jason Belmonte and Jarrod Lean by 78 pins. Not far behind was Darren Ong and Muhammad Danial (SSS) with 2707. The Bronze medals went to Victorians Paul White and Dwayne Vivian with 2701.

In the women's division Victorian duo Rebecca Whiting and Nell Kieseker took the gold medal quite convincingly with 2380, 84 pins clear of second placed Joy Yap and Charmaine Lim (SSS) who scored 2296. Third place went to Chloe Harradine-Hale and Jamie-Lee Spiller from ACT with 2275.

Pos	Team	Points Total
1	VIC	1012
2	SSS	941
3	WA	937
4	NZ	722
5	QLD	626
6	NSW	568
7	TAS	533
8	NT	482
9	SA	467
10	ACT	431

### Teams and All Events

The teams event consisted of 3 games on each pattern. The Victorian female team of Bec Whiting, Nell Kieseker, Laura Kairn and Caitlyn Nastasi won gold with 4653 pins. Second position saw the first tie for the tournament with the WA team of Natasha Jarvis, Nicole Williams, Teagan Nairn and Libby Embury and New Zealand's, Laura Sinclair, Stephanie George, Bianca Tofilau and Emily Law scoring 4441.

The male team's event was won by the Singapore Sports School team of Brandan Tan, Darren Ong, Marcus Leong and Muhd Danial with 5009 pins. WA finished just 18 pins behind them, with Chris Watson, Troy Marshall, Caine Thompson and Aaron Stack scoring 4991 pins with the bronze medal awarded to Paul White, Dwayne Vivian, Joshua Morel and Chase Wilkins from Victoria, with 4787 pins.

The All Events which is each bowlers combined pinfall from their singles, doubles and teams events was dominated by Sam Cooley from NSW with 4119 an impressive 216 pins in front of his nearest competitor, Paul White from Victoria on 3903 and Darren Ong from Singapore Sports School with 3891. Sam again surpassed another record, beating the previous record of 4102 set in 2009 by Marc Triulcio. These bowlers together with Brandan Tan from Singapore Sports School with 3826 made up the male All Stars team.

In the female division, Rebecca Whiting from Victoria won Gold with 3628, followed by Chloe Harradine-Hale from the ACT with 3566 and Laura Kairn from Victoria won the Bronze medal with 3556. Joining them in the All Star team was Kaitlyn Commane from Tasmania with 3536.

The overall male team winner was Singapore Sports School with 553 points; second was Victoria with 456 and third was WA with 454. The overall female team winner was Victoria with 556 points; second was WA with 483 and the Singapore Sports School team third with 388.



Female Champions: Victoria



Male Champions: Singapore Sports School



Overall Champions: Victoria

## Australian's Triumph in Asian Seniors Championships

The beautiful island of Guam was the host of the 11<sup>th</sup> Asian Senior Bowling Championship in late November. With qualification for the team taking place over a period of 2 years, a total of 48 bowlers in both senior (over 50) and grand senior (over 60) along with 21 supporters set off to surpass the fantastic results the team achieved two years earlier in Manila where a total of 4 gold, 8 silver and 7 bronze were won collectively.

Despite the challenging lane conditions Australia performed strongly winning 4 Gold, 6 Silver and 7 Bronze medals. In the singles event which kicked off the championship, ACT's Andrew Campbell won silver in the men's senior division, as did Brenda Kirkwood from WA in the women's grand senior division. More silver came the Aussies way in the doubles with Robyn Flynn and Julie Hird only missing gold by 41 pins in the senior women's division.



Julie Hird and Les Harrison show off their silverware

However it was in the team event where the strength of the Australian's shone. In the women's division, both the seniors and grand seniors team took out gold. The grand seniors team of Ann Kirby, Ursula Ramsay, Chris Niquet and Val Porteous won convincingly by 166 pins to take out the gold medal from Japan. The senior women's team had to work a little harder snatching victory in the final game by 34 pins after shooting a final game of 810 to deny Korea victory.

In the men's division the senior team took out the silver and bronze medal. Despite a terrific final game of 838 the team of Bob Whybrow, Leslie Harrison, Paul Terry and Steven Smith missed gold by a mere 14 pins. A further 80 pins behind was the Australian team of Garry Crick, David Farquharson, Greg Williams and Michael Kennedy.

In the grand seniors, it all went down to the last game with only 34 pins separating the 3 medalists. Greig Lyas, Geoffrey Elliot, Barry Wicks and Stephen Bell took out the bronze behind the two Japanese teams.

And in the All Events division Robyn Flynn and Jeanette Baker won silver and bronze respectively in the women's senior division. Robyn missed gold by a handful of pins (13) with Jeanette closely following; a further 26 pins behind.

The final event for the tournament, the round robin masters event for the top 16 bowlers saw more gold for Australia with Julie Hird taking the title in the senior women's event by 3 pins and Christene Webster winning the grand seniors women's masters from fellow compatriot Maxine Forrest. Jeanette Baker also won Bronze in women's senior division.

TBA is delighted to announce that it will host the 2013 Asian Seniors Championships. However the venue for the championships is yet to be decided.



The Australian contingent of bowlers officials and supporters

## 2012 Asian Schools Team Announced

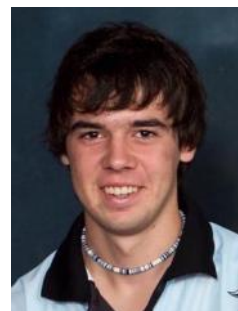
The 2012 Asian Schools Team to represent Australia at the 14th Asian Schools Championship in Jakarta, Indonesia in July was announced on January 7th. The Roll Offs were incorporated as part of the 2012 TBA National Youth Cup event held at the Werribee SuperBowl in Victoria (see story on p3). Four girls and four boys earned automatic selection into the team as a result of their performance in the qualifying round of the National Youth Cup with the remaining 8 selected by National Coach Chris Batson in consultation with the assistant coaches. The Asian Schools Championship is an international tournament open to bowlers aged 19 and under and is the introduction to national team representation for TBA's junior bowlers. In total 22 athletes took part in the roll offs and Tenpin Bowling Australia is pleased to announce the successful team members.

Chris Batson as National Coach will be accompanying the team and is well supported by assistant coaches Darryl Gardner and Ken Thompson. Lyn Alexander is team manager.

Girls	Boys
Sarah Savio (VIC)	Simon Pearce (NSW)
Sarah Lowney (TAS)	Gerard Hinsley (VIC)
Katey Furze (QLD)	Ben Donnelly (QLD)
Emily Rigney (VIC)	Mark Toonen (NSW)
Sarah Bernhardt (SA)	Michael Murray (SA)
Libby Embury (WA)	Adam Svensson (WA)
Amy Baker (NSW)	Kieren Gulyas (ACT)
Melissa-Ann Fisher (NSW)	Elliot Batiste (VIC)
Emily Cross (VIC) (Reserve)	James Wragg (SA) (Reserve)



Sarah Bernhardt from SA. All of the 2012 girls team are first time Asian Schools representatives



Simon Pearce from NSW will be representing Australia for the 3rd time at this year's Asian Schools Championship

## CALENDAR ANNOUNCEMENT 2012

### YOUTH RANKED TOURNAMENTS

<b>WERRIBEE YOUTH CUP</b>	3rd-4th March, Werribee Superbowl <b>Contact: Doriana Porto Ph: 03 9741 9777</b>	<b>email: <a href="mailto:doriana@wyncity.com.au">doriana@wyncity.com.au</a></b>
<b>SYDNEY YOUTH CUP</b>	19th-20th May, Campbelltown City Bowl <b>Contact: Leanne Triulcio Ph: 0418 889 888</b>	<b>email: <a href="mailto:leagae@bigpond.com">leagae@bigpond.com</a></b>

### OPEN & WOMEN'S RANKED TOURNAMENTS

<b>KEGEL QUEENSLAND OPEN</b>	9th-11th March, Caboolture Bowl <b>Contact: Mary Flower Ph: 07 3865 8887</b>	<b>email: <a href="mailto:flink1@bigpond.com.au">flink1@bigpond.com.au</a></b>
<b>VIC 150 AUSTRALIAN OPEN</b>	6th-8th April, Keon Park Bowl <b>Contact: Sue Raphael Ph: 03 9460 4602</b>	<b>email: <a href="mailto:rapasan@bigpond.net.au">rapasan@bigpond.net.au</a></b>
<b>SCHWEPPE'S MELBOURNE CUP</b>	9th—11th June, Oz Tenpin Chirnside Park <b>Contact: Lee Booth Ph: 03 9727 0007</b>	<b>email: <a href="mailto:lee@oztenpin.com.au">lee@oztenpin.com.au</a></b>

### SENIOR RANKED TOURNAMENTS

<b>AMF SENIORS AUSTRALIAN OPEN</b>	25th-26th February, Keon Park Bowl <b>Contact: Sue Raphael Ph: 03 9460 4602</b>	<b>email: <a href="mailto:rapasan@bigpond.net.au">rapasan@bigpond.net.au</a></b>
<b>CANBERRA SENIORS CUP</b>	24th-25th March, AMF Tuggeranong <b>Contact: Ian Swan Ph: 1800 242 695</b>	<b>email: <a href="mailto:ciswan@bigpond.net.au">ciswan@bigpond.net.au</a></b>

## TBA Membership—How We Compare To Other Sports

It's that time of the year again when TBA sports registration is due. Whilst no-one likes having to pay fees TBA is doing its best to ensure that we keep our costs as low as possible. Firstly let's take a look at the breakdown of membership dues and where it goes. Its important to remember that only a portion of your registration goes directly to Tenpin Bowling Australia to support the functions of the National Sporting Organisation. The remainder goes to fund the activities of your state associations and local bowling centre or area association. On a basic league membership the breakdown of fees is as follows:

<b>TBA</b>	<b>\$15.27</b>
<b>State Association</b>	<b>\$4</b>
<b>Local Association (if applicable)</b>	<b>\$4</b>
<b>Awards</b>	<b>\$4</b>
<b>GST</b>	<b>\$2.73</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$30</b>



Whilst we appreciate that not all TBA membership benefits are of interest to all our members, it must be remembered that tenpin bowling is truly a sport for a lifetime and as such our members are as young as 3 years of age with some members in their nineties, so appealing to such a diverse range of ages is challenging. TBA is always looking for ways to improve member benefits so if you have a suggestion for us, we'd love to hear from you. Drop us an email at [tenpin.bowling@tenpin.org.au](mailto:tenpin.bowling@tenpin.org.au).

Its also important that our members actually understand what products and services we provide to members. TBA is the National Sporting Organisation for tenpin bowling and is the only body recognised by the Australian Sports Commission. Our main charter and responsibility is to:

- Develop and enforce the rules of the sport as governed by the World Tenpin Bowling Association
- Ensure the ongoing development and accreditation of coaching programs
- Ensures bowling centres conform with the technical requiriements of the sport as governed by the World Tenpin Bowling Association
- Conduct national championships that cater for bowlers of all abilities for juniors, youth, adult, senior and bowlers with a disability
- Select national teams to represent Australia at both World Championship and other international events
- Partner with proprietors, sponsors and the media to promote the sport wherever possible

So how do our fees compare to those of other sports? In a recent article in Brisbane's Courier Mail, the cost for children to participate in a number of the most popular sports was estimated at up to \$2,000 per annum of fees and equipment alone, not to mention the costs of petrol and other transport costs. So what do some other sports charge for membership or registration fees. Here are some interesting comparisons:

Sport	Annual Registration Fee
Table Tennis	\$57
Squash	\$55
Softball	\$110
Lawn Bowls	\$35
Basketball	\$150



On cost alone the benefits of TBA membership more than stack up against other sports. When considering the many benefits including personal accident insurance, awards, newsletters, and discounts on rental cars I'm sure you'll agree that TBA membership is one of the best value for money sporting memberships in the marketplace.

Just a reminder to sign up for 2012 online -  
save \$3 and receive your membership card with 14 working days

## TBA and TBAQ Roll Together in Support of International Day of People with Disability

The Tenpin Bowling Association of Queensland Inc. (TBAQ) together with Tenpin Bowling Australia (TBA) recently ran two disability events in celebration of International Day of People with Disability. Two events were run in Queensland, one at AMF Cannon Hill on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December and the second, at Go Bowling Ashmore on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December. Events were also held in Frankston, and Greensborough in Melbourne (in partnership with Special Olympics). Participants were given free games of bowling as well as receiving prizes and giveaways, whilst support staff were given information of the entry to the sport program.

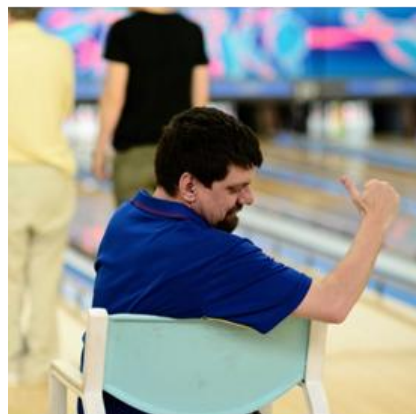


Both events attracted a wide range of support from local community and state disability organisations including Endeavour, Blue Cross, Lifestream, Deaf Sport and Rec and Sporting Wheelies, as well as students from Coombabah State School Special Education Unit.

TBA was able to fund these and other disability events through the Australian Sports Commission and their Active Inclusion Program. Thanks to this funding, participants at each event were treated to 2 free games of bowling and shoe hire.

Whilst some had bowled before, for many participants, it was their first experience of the sport. It didn't take long for the smiles to spread across all faces as different community groups began to mingle and get to know one another. Not only is Tenpin Bowling a great sport to meet new friends, it also offers support to persons with a disability through the use of ramps and other special equipment. It truly is a sport for all! Through Active Inclusion funding, TBAQ was able to provide the following accomplishments for persons with a disability:

- Partner with Sport and Rec to produce a sport specific DVD using AUSLAN signing to introduce our sport to the community of persons with a hearing impairment.
- Provide Tenpin resources (equipment and coaching) at Sport Expos to 877 participants through Sporting Wheelies & Disabled Association and Lifestream partnerships.
- Accreditation of 32 new Level 1 Tenpin Bowling Coaches to provide coaching services to persons in the community with a disability across Qld.
- Run Tenpin Bowling Come and Try days from Cairns to Gold Coast attracting 140 persons with a disability at local bowling centres, utilising volunteer coaches to make the sessions a success.
- Continue Sport Connect outcomes in partnership with Sporting Wheelies and Disabled Association, supporting our ongoing State and National charter memorandums of agreements.
- Create new partnerships with Special Olympics for 2012 supporting a State Wide League, called the Roll 'n Strike League, offering structured coaching for 10 week increments each term available in existing Roll 'n Strike supporting Centres across Queensland.



### TBA Launch 5 Week Entry to the Sport Program

TBA recently trialled a new entry to the sport program across three centres in Victoria in December, 2011. The five-week program was piloted AMF Frankston, AMF Keon Park, and Oz Tenpin Chirnside Park.

More than thirty men & women with a disability from Woorinyan Disability Services, Broadmeadows Disability Services and Scope Lilydale participated in the program, which focuses on offering something new to beginners other than what usually takes place with game play.

Whilst the focus is very much on having fun, participants were also taught the basics of the sport such as scoring, how to choose a ball, how to hold a ball, the four/five step approach, and the pins. Highlights of the trial program includes some bowlers reaching 100 for the first time and one male bowler receiving his first ever medal. All participants and support staff were surveyed and the results are currently under review before launching the program in early 2012.



## Tenpin SA News

### Sad Farewell to Dion Alexander

It was with great sadness that Tenpin SA and the bowlers of South Australia recently said goodbye to Dion Alexander. Dion has defected to the east to manage an AMF bowling centre in Sydney NSW and will be sorely missed in this state. His larger than life persona and his ability to get in there and get the job done has been a tremendous asset to the organisation and we wish him all the very best for his future endeavors. While Dion has been involved Tenpin Bowling in South Australia has grown exponentially and the list of achievements is very impressive. Some of his more notable achievements include:

- Engagement with the Australian Sports Commission's Active After-schools Communities program. Developing the program and delivering the program to around 30 schools (600 children) statewide
- Development of Schools Program which has exposed a further 2,000 primary and secondary aged school students to the sport of Tenpin Bowling
- 50% increase in participation in the 2010 South Australian State Championships
- 30% increase in participation in the 2011 South Australian State Championships
- Introduction and development of the Monthly Star Program, a monthly award for members
- Increase in Membership of 91% in 2011 from 2010
- Development and delivery of the Tenpin SA Junior Development Squad with 7 athletes successfully making the Junior President's Shield Team
- Increase in funding of \$20,000 in the 2010-2011 financial year from grant applications
- Increase in funding of \$25,000 in the 2011-2012 financial year from grant applications
- Introduction of the Young at Heart program funded by the Office for Recreation and Sport to introduce retirees to the sport of Tenpin Bowling

Dion also worked in a part time capacity for Tenpin Bowling Australia as the national coaching and special projects coordinator. TBA would like to thank Dion for his enormous contribution to the sport and wish him all the very best in his new role with AMF in Sydney



Dion Alexander: SA Development Officer and TBA National Coaching and Special Projects Officer

### Appointment of New State Manager

Tenpin SA is pleased and excited to announce the appointment of its newest staff member. In late November following the resignation of Dion Alexander, Tenpin SA opened up nominations for an executive State Manager's position. It is with great pleasure that Tenpin SA announces the successful applicant as Lyn Alexander. While Lyn has been in the State Manager's role since 2006 she has been doing so in a volunteer capacity and her appointment as an executive personnel of Tenpin SA is one that has been met with open arms by the Board.

Trevor Thiele, Tenpin SA Secretary, commented on the appointment 'as a real positive move forward for Tenpin Bowling in South Australia.' He continued by stating 'Lyn has for a number of years done a fantastic job and we are really excited by the opportunity to have her contributing to the sport in an increased capacity.'

Lyn has been around sport and recreation for a very long time with her longest and most recent tenure with the YMCA of South Australia in varying roles for the past 29 years. She has a rich history of sport administration and management not only with her employment with the YMCA as a Recreation Centre Manager but also President of the Racquetball Players Association of South Australia and the numerous state representative teams she has managed. Tenpin SA looks forward to the future with Lyn as State Manager and are assured this State will continue to be as successful as it has been in the past. We again congratulate Lyn on her appointment and are anticipating great outcomes for this state.



Tenpin SA State Manager Lyn Alexander

## Tenpin SA News *cont...*

### SA Fired Up for 50<sup>th</sup> State Championships

With Early Bird Entries closing on the 16<sup>th</sup> December Tenpin SA has already exceeded the early bird targets in every division. The Opening Ceremony is already full and promises to be a celebration of the last 50 years of competition in South Australia. The Championships will be held at AMF Cross Road Bowl the centre that hosted the first championships 50 years ago.

In addition to the Singles, Doubles and Teams Events, there will be the Pro-am Doubles where a Junior and Adult bowler can compete against other Pro-amers, the Junior Bumper Challenge has also been reintroduced for under 10 year old bumper bowlers. The Association Cup will also be incorporated into the event with bowler's scores going towards their Associations overall tally. Qualifying for the Adult and Junior Restricted Cups and the Open Masters can be bowled during singles and doubles squads with the finals being held on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> February.

Squads are filling fast and there are a number of popular times that are already full, bowlers now need to get their entries in to avoid the late fee that will apply after the 27<sup>th</sup> January.

The Tenpin SA Awards night will also be held on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February at the Prince of Wales Hotel at Queenstown. This will recognise the achievements of our wonderful volunteers and the outstanding contribution they make to our sport. Tickets for the event are available now from [samanager@tenpin.org.au](mailto:samanager@tenpin.org.au)

A Closing Ceremony is planned to finish the event on a high and will involve a Baker style event with lots of fun to culminate a very busy couple of weekends.



## Tenpin Bowling NT News

### Darwin Australia Day All Events Challenge

In conjunction with the Darwin Australia Day Council the Darwin Tenpin Bowling Association provided a 6 game all events challenge in 3 divisions. Winners received cash, an Australia Day Medallion and will be recognised at a Parliament House function with the Sports Minister, Karl Hampton MLA at the end of the month. 27 bowlers contested the annual event where all players received Australia Day gifts as part of the festivities. Eventual winners were Craig Humphris Open, Roger Famoso Graded 1 and Karren Gent Graded 2.



Winners of the Darwin Australia Day All Events Challenge: Karren Gent, Craig Humphris, Roger Famoso

## Bowler Profile — Terry Wenban

<b>Birthday:</b>	24th June 1955
<b>Star Sign:</b>	Cancer
<b>Born At What Town:</b>	Sydney
<b>First Job:</b>	Newspaper Boy
<b>The Reason I Bowl:</b>	To see old friends and because I love the competition
<b>If I wasn't a bowler I would be:</b>	A golf player
<b>The Bowler I'd most like to partner in a doubles tournament:</b>	Butch Soper—it would be so much fun!
<b>Sporting Hero:</b>	Jack Nicklaus
<b>My Proudest moment in my bowling career:</b>	Winning the South Pacific Classic on Mothers Day
<b>My Nickname:</b>	Tezza.
<b>Favourite Food:</b>	Hamburgers!
<b>I Can't Get By Without:</b>	My wife Jeanie
<b>I Like to Watch On TV:</b>	Everything! I like TV
<b>I Like to Listen to:</b>	Crosby, Stills, Nash and Young, Carol King
<b>Favourite School Subject :</b>	Ancient History, Maths
<b>Where I Would Like To Be In 10 Years:</b>	Financial Freedom with Jeanie



Then and now. Terry in action back in the 1980's.



Terry in more recent times

### Terry Wenban's Career Highlights

Terry is making his presence felt in the seniors circuit, as evidenced by winning the TBA national rankings in 2011.

In the 1980's Terry was one of the most dominant bowlers of his time winning virtually every major around including the Australian Open, South Pacific Classic, Perth Cup, Queensland Cup, SA Cup, Melbourne Cup and NSW Open.



Another victory for Terry Wenban!

## 300 Club for December - January 2011/2012

Name	Centre	State	Date
Kevin Brett	Tenpin City	NSW	14/12/2011
Trent Osland	Warners Bay Superstrike	NSW	7/12/2011
Dusty Payne	Caboolture Bowl	QLD	18/11/2011
Brett George	AMF Keon Park	VIC	1/12/2011
Andrew Magill	Campbelltown City Bowl	NSW	29/11/2011
Ben Coupland	Mentone Bowl	VIC	28/11/2011
Warren Burke	Mayfield Superstrike	NSW	14/12/2011
Mark Stephens	AMF Tuggeranong	ACT	22/11/2011
Stephen Cowland	Campbelltown City Bowl	NSW	12/11/2011
Ross Brown	Campbelltown City Bowl	NSW	12/11/2011
Darren Curby	AMF Castle	NSW	16/08/2011
Jim Sweetman	Super Bowl Warwick	WA	1/12/2011
David Kirby	AMF Boronia	VIC	14/12/2011
Anthony Hurst	Superstrike Maitland	NSW	8/09/2011
Paul Orman	AMF Belconnen	ACT	10/11/2011
Brian Wilding	AMF Rockingham	WA	23/09/2010
Simon Millman	Tenpin City	NSW	15/12/2011
Sam Cooley	Wyncity Bowl	VIC	12/01/2012

## Perfection for David Knowland

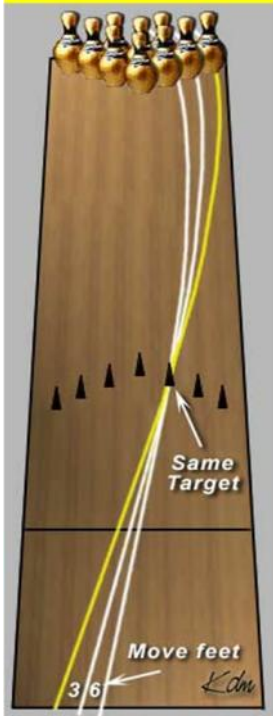
Victoria's David Knowland who recently represented Australia at the Asian Seniors Championship achieved a milestone that had eluded him for the past 34 years of his involvement in the sport.—the perfect 300. Not only did David achieve the perfect score but also broke his high lifetime series of 766 with games of 226,300 and 240. What's more the feat happened 3 weeks short of his 71st birthday. Congratulations David and here's to many more 300's!



David Knowland (centre) at the TBA National Championships

## On the Lanes with Chris Batson

### 3-6-9 SPARE SYSTEM 10 Pin Line



### Converting Spares—How Do I Do It?

One of the most commonly asked questions relates to how to convert spares. There's a lot of controversy about what is most important - converting spares or getting more strikes. It's important to remember that the average bowler will have the opportunity to convert spares usually twice as often as the professionals so without sound spare shooting fundamentals it's virtually impossible to improve your average. Regardless of your skill level, missing spares will definitely lessen your score and most likely affect your attitude as well. There is nothing more frustrating than stringing three or four strikes together and then following up by missing several easy spares.

There are several methods in the modern game for spare shooting. However for the league bowler, it's hard to go past the tried and true 3-6-9 and 2-4-6 spare shooting system. Let's take a look at how this works.

No matter what spare shooting system you use there are few key points that are imperative for success. They include:

- The bowler requires a consistent delivery
- The bowler can hit the target they are aiming at
- The bowler starts their first ball delivery from approximately the same place on the approach each time
- The bowler usually aims for around the 2nd arrow as their strike target.

### The 3-6-9 System

The basic theory of the 3-6-9 methodology is that the bowler leaves their target the same but moves their feet a certain number of boards right or left, depending on the spare. It's important to remember that generally **the pin closest to the bowler is the key pin**. It governs decision making. The exceptions to this, is when 2, 3, or 4 pins stand side by side. For instance, when the 4 - 5 pin spare is standing, the key pin is where the 2 pin would've been standing.

For right handed bowlers with spares on the left hand side of the headpin when the key pin is the 2 pin, bowlers move three boards to the right, & roll the ball over the same target used for the strike ball. When the key pin is the 4 pin, bowlers move 6 boards to the right, & for the 7 pin, bowlers move 9 boards to the right, & roll over the same target for their strike ball.

For pins stand to the right of the head pin, adjustments start, not from the strike ball position, but from the position and target from where the 10 pin spare is converted. Through trial & error, bowlers will move as a guide around 15 boards left (for right handed bowlers) to find the starting place where they can roll the ball over the 3rd arrow, & consistently knock down the 10 pin. This is your starting board. Now, use the same 3-6-9 system. When the 6 pin is the key pin, move three boards to the right of the 10 pin starting place, & roll the ball over the same target. Finally for the 3 pin an adjustment of the feet 6 boards right is required.

### 3-6-9 SPARE SYSTEM Strike Line

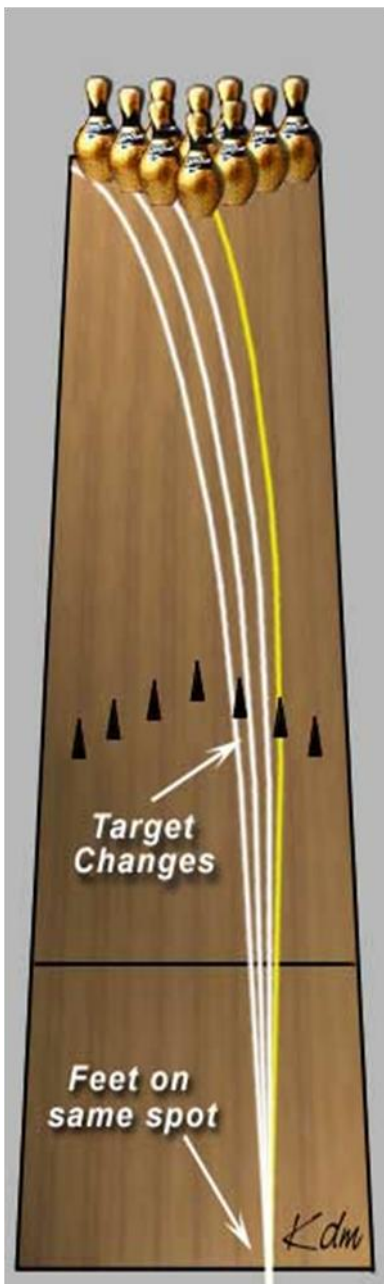


### The 2-4-6 System

There is an alternative spare shooting system that is most often used by left handers who play close to the left side of the approach. This is called the 2-4-6 system with the main difference being the adjustment is to the target with the feet remaining in the same position. So for a 3 pin bowlers move the TARGET two boards right. When the key pin is the 6 pin, move the TARGET four boards right and for the 10 pin move the TARGET 6 boards right. Right handers who also like to play an outside line eg around the 5 board or first arrow can also use the 2-4-6 system.

## On the Lanes with Chris Batson cont...

### 2-4-6 SPARE SYSTEM



### Summary of Adjustments for 3-6-9 System

#### ***Right Handed Bowler for Pins to the Left of the Center***

- 2 pin is the key pin = move 3 boards right
- 4 pin is the key pin = move 6 boards right
- 7 pin is the key pin = move 9 boards right

#### ***Right Handed Bowler for Pins to the Right of the Center***

- 10 pin is the key pin = 3rd arrow, find the board
- 6 pin is the key pin = move 3 boards right
- 3 pin is the key pin = move 6 boards right

#### ***Left Handed Bowler for Pins Right of the Center***

- 3 is the key pin = move 3 boards left
- 6 is the key pin = move 6 boards left
- 10 is the key pin = move 9 boards left

#### ***Left Handed Bowler for Pins Left of the Center***

- 7 is the key pin = 3rd arrow, find the board
- 4 is the key pin = move 3 boards left
- 2 is the key pin = move 6 boards left

### Summary of Adjustments for 2-4-6 System

#### ***Right Handed Bowler for Pins to the Left of the Center***

- 2 pin is the key pin = move TARGET 2 boards right
- 4 pin is the key pin = move TARGET 4 boards right
- 7 pin is the key pin = move TARGET 6 boards right

#### ***Left Handed Bowler for Pins Right of the Center***

- 3 is the key pin = move TARGET 2 boards right
- 6 is the key pin = move TARGET 4 boards right
- 10 is the key pin = move TARGET 6 boards right