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COMMONWEALTH BOWLERS WIN PODIUM HONOURS AT WTBA WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS FOR WOMEN

Commonwealth-nation bowlers performed strongly in the WTBA World Tenpin Bowling Championships for Women that finished last night in Hong Kong.

A GOLD medal for Malaysia's Jacqueline Sijore in the Singles, a SILVER in the All Events by Caroline Lagrange from Canada and an impressive haul of three SILVER and a BRONZE in the Trios, Team, Masters and Doubles events by Team Singapore took the Commonwealth medal tally to six, while India's Tannya Roumimper won a stunning victory over US professional veteran Liz Johnson in the Masters round-robin to advance to a quarter-final berth.

England's Lisa John missed the cut to the Masters final by a mere 6 pins after 24 games of qualifying and Australia came close to semi-final contention in the Teams event, which was bowled on dual lane conditions.

Matched against the power-houses of Korea, the United States, Japan, Denmark and Germany, Commonwealth bowlers secured a creditable five of the top 16 All-Events placings.

The record books were re-written several times last week. Malaysia's Jacqueline Sijore smashed the 3-game record on her way to Gold in the Singles, and Shayna Ng from Singapore posted a record-breaking 1601 over six games in the same event.

England's sensational 1-game, 3-games and 6-games records scored in the Doubles event at the 2003 World Championships all remain intact. The benchmark set by Malaysia for 1-game and 6-game in the Teams event at the same Championships also remains unmatched.

"As these achievements clearly show, Commonwealth countries are a force to be reckoned with in our sport," said CTBF President, Julian Pace-Bonello. "I am convinced that our strongly supported and hotly contested biennial Commonwealth Tenpin Bowling Championships help us maintain this elite competitive level," he added.

The next World Championships will be held in Henderson, Las Vegas in August 2013 and will revert to a combined male and female competition. Up to 20 Commonwealth nations are expected to field teams for the VI Commonwealth Tenpin Bowling Championships which will be held six months earlier in February 2013 in Auckland, New Zealand.

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