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## JOHANNESBURG FAREWELLS VII CTBC

The stage was set for the stepladder finals of the elite Masters event at Northcliff Bowl this morning as bowlers from all eleven teams that have been competing in Johannesburg this week joined a large crowd of spectators to see who would become the VII CTBC Masters champions.

Streamed live across the world, the Men's and Women's stepladder finals were a thrilling climax to the VII Commonwealth Tenpin Bowling Championship.

In the first match of the single-game Women's semi-final, 19 year-old Becky Daly from England was unable to find her rhythm against an in-form Bec Whiting from Australia, and Whiting advanced to the final round with a decisive 274-224 victory. The final match then pitted Whiting against top-seed from yesterday's round-robin matchplay, Siti Amirah from Malaysia.

Whiting briefly lost the momentum of her semi-final win, and Amirah claimed the title and Gold medal with a hard-fought 257-235 win. The victory was a thrilling repeat achievement for Amirah who also won the Masters Gold at the IV CTBC held in Belfast when she was just 16 years old.

The Men's division semi-final saw third seed Elliot Crosby from England face local hero Quintin Haywood in a contest that produced one of many highlights of the Championship. "In almost 50 years of my involvement with bowling, I've never seen a 7-10 split, 7-10 spare and then a strike in the same frame!" Tournament Director Eddie Drewnicki stated after the match that resulted in a 230-198 win to Haywood.

With an impressive bowling career including South African national Colours in 2013 and 2016, 26 year-old Quintin Haywood then faced this year's star performer from Malaysia, Mohd Nur Aiman. In the final match to decide the VII CTBC Men's Masters champion, Aiman shot a near-flawless 268 to clinch a further Gold, while Haywood's 244 produced a rousing cheer from his proud friends and supporters in his home Centre today as he earned a second Silver medal for host nation South Africa.

The CTBF Triple Diamond Perpetual Shield Trophy, representing the current three international zones of the sport of Bowling, will be awarded to the country that accumulated the highest aggregate pinfall by all team members over 24 games - **Team Malaysia** – at a glamorous Victory Banquet, being held tonight at Olympic House in Johannesburg.

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Following CGF guidelines, trophies will also be awarded for the All Events place-getters at tonight's Victory Banquet, with top honours in the Women's division going to Shalin Zulkifli from Malaysia with a total pinfall over 24 games of 5296. In second place is team-mate Siti Amirah on 5248 and Malta's Tiziana Carannante is third on 5156 overall.

In the Men's division, multi-Gold medallist Mohd Nur Aiman top scored on 5800, followed by fellow Malaysian Timmy Tan on 5602, and South Africa's Quintin Haywood third on 5476. A special award will also be made tonight to 22 year-old Elliot Crosby from England who rolled the only perfect game of the Championship. Crosby, who currently holds the record as the youngest person to bowl a 300 in his home country, can now add this accolade to his credit.

Details of the coveted CGF-sanctioned medals won at this year's Championship are summarised below. Full scores and a link to the streamed stepladder finals, commentated by two of the world's best-know bowlers, Australia's Andrew Frawley and South Africa's Guy Caminsky, are available online via the official Championship website – [www.ctbc2016.org](http://www.ctbc2016.org).

Bowlers, officials and supporters from Australia, Bermuda, England, India, Jersey, Malaysia, Malta, Mauritius, Northern Ireland and Wales will start making their way home tomorrow after this year's Championship, although many are extending their stay in South Africa to tour and enjoy further sights and experiences in this beautiful country that has hosted another very successful Championship.

The VIII CTBC will be held in 2018, with a host country expected to be announced by the Commonwealth Tenpin Bowling Federation early next year.

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POS	Team	MEDALS			TOTAL
		GOLD	SILVER	BRONZE	
1	 MALAYSIA	5	3	1	9
2	 ENGLAND	1		3	4
3	 SOUTH AFRICA	1	2		3
4	 MALTA	1	1	1	3
5	 AUSTRALIA		2	1	3
6	 INDIA			1	1
7	 WALES			1	1
8	 BERMUDA				0
9	 NORTHERN IRELAND				0
10	 MAURITIUS				0
11	 JERSEY				0