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Japan and Australia Share the Honours in Men's Teams Events

AMF Rooty Hill RSL Bowl in Sydney's west was the scene of a colourful and exciting conclusion to the Men's division of the Grand Senior and Senior Teams events this afternoon, with Japan and Australia respectively striking Gold.

Japan scooped Gold in the Grand Seniors Teams, narrowly beating Australia and another Japanese team in the medals race.


Just 7 pins separated the top two teams, Japan and New Zealand, after the first game of today's second block in the Grand Seniors Teams event, with Australia also in hot pursuit of podium honours just 9 pins behind the leaders.

The Japan team of Toshiaki Betchaku, Yukio Kato, Katsumi Kamishita and Yasunori Nishibayashi jumped into the lead from its overnight position of third while Fred Housham's 251 and a team total of 798 in Game 4 maintained New Zealand's spot in second place.

The Japanese quartet of Takayuki Kikugawa, Chikataka Iwai, Kokichi Itagaki and Yusuke Harimoto then flew out of the blocks in Game 5 with a stunning 966 total to take over the lead on 4239, 10 pins clear of Australia's Greg Williams, Gary Bernardin, Nick Koumandakis and Robert Zikman. Japan's Game 4 leaders dropped to third on 4128 and New Zealand suffered a frustrating fall to sixth place going into the final game.

The Kiwis fought back in Game 6, posting 850 – their best game of the event, but had to settle for a fourth place finish, just 14 pins behind the Bronze medal winners, Japan. Silver for Australia's Greg Williams, Gary Bernardin, Nick Koumandakis and Robert Zikman elevated the host nation to top of the interim medal tally points going into tomorrow's Masters rounds.

Grand Seniors Gold for Japan's Takayuki Kikugawa, Chikataka Iwai, Kokichi Itagaki and Yusuke Harimoto puts Japan in a strong position to challenge Australia for top place in the medal tally (details at www.tenpinevents.org.au/2013_Asian_Seniors/totalpoints.aspx)

Grand Seniors Men Teams														
Pos	Code	Country		Total with Hcp	Pinfall	Hcp per Gm	G1	G2	G3	G4	G5	G6	Ave	High
1		JAPAN		5089										
	321	Takayuki KIKUGAWA	JPN	1224	1194	5	180	224	196	200	233	161	199.00	233
	322	Chikataka IWAI	JPN	1294	1264	5	195	185	195	208	257	224	210.67	257
	323	Kokichi ITAGAKI	JPN	1383	1353	5	165	243	221	212	255	257	225.50	257
	324	Yusuke HARIMOTO	JPN	1188	1158	5	180	159	234	176	221	188	193.00	234
				5089	4969	20	720	811	846	796	966	830	207.04	257




2	AUSTRALIA		5073											
312	Greg WILLIAMS	AUS	1212	1182	5	204	248	205	160	190	175	197.00	248	
313	Gary BERNARDIN	AUS	1234	1174	10	176	196	192	152	248	210	195.67	248	
310	Nick KOUMANDAKIS	AUS	1187	1187	0	201	226	173	214	171	202	197.83	226	
311	Robert ZIKMAN	AUS	1440	1410	5	213	275	226	203	256	237	235.00	275	
			5073	4953	20	794	945	796	729	865	824	206.38	275	
3	JAPAN		4934											
329	Hidehiro MADORE	JPN	1303	1243	10	212	177	233	186	224	211	207.17	233	
328	Isamu TAKADA	JPN	1211	1181	5	214	184	160	196	213	214	196.83	214	
331	Yoshinori TANAKA	JPN	1136	1076	10	165	174	163	185	189	200	179.33	200	
332	Shuitsu KORIN	JPN	1284	1194	15	216	161	212	218	193	194	199.00	218	
			4934	4694	40	807	696	768	785	819	819	195.58	233	
4	NEW ZEALAND		4920											
349	Fred HOUSHAM	NZL	1239	1239	0	187	214	200	251	172	215	206.50	251	
350	Chan HARRIS	NZL	1287	1257	5	225	174	244	183	195	236	209.50	244	
351	Allan HEALD	NZL	1207	1177	5	181	213	204	204	186	189	196.17	213	
352	Alain COSSARDEAUX	NZL	1187	1157	5	225	204	224	160	134	210	192.83	225	
			4920	4830	15	818	805	872	798	687	850	201.25	251	



Bowling alongside the Grand Seniors Teams, Australia's Mick Talevski, Mario Cordedda, Bob Whybrow and Paul Terry had Seniors Teams Gold well and truly in their sights, posting lines of 843 and 901 in Games 4 and 5, while team-mates Gordon Robinson, Steve Lenton, Steven Smith and Martin Muxworthy were leading Korea's Hong Seung Kim, Seon Myeon Jang, Soo Ho Lee and Hui Jae Ho by 55 pins going into the deciding game of the event.

Both Aussie teams put the hammer down in Game 6, and a 913 total boosted by Mick Talevski's high game of 246 secured a decisive Gold for Talevski and team-mates Cordedda, Whybrow and Terry, with the team carding a 5382 total and impressive 224.25 for the event.

Australia's Gordon Robinson, Steve Lenton, Steven Smith and Martin Muxworthy clinched Silver on 5072, just ahead of a strong-finishing Hong Seung Kim, Seon Myeon Jang, Soo Ho Lee and Hui Jae Ho from Korea.

Seniors Men Teams												
Pos	Code	Country		Pinfall	G1	G2	G3	G4	G5	G6	Ave	High
1		AUSTRALIA		5382								
	131	Mick TALEVSKI	AUS	1402	238	214	203	244	257	246	229.11	257
	101	Mario CORDEDDA	AUS	1272	238	233	203	202	185	211	216.39	238
	102	Bob WHYBROW	AUS	1366	197	263	217	226	245	218	214.72	263
	103	Paul TERRY	AUS	1342	239	222	258	171	214	238	219.83	258
				5382	912	932	881	843	901	913	224.25	263
2		AUSTRALIA		5072								
	107	Gordon ROBINSON	AUS	1249	192	205	248	191	221	192	198.72	248
	104	Steve LENTON	AUS	1169	177	221	170	174	202	225	199.39	225
	105	Steven SMITH	AUS	1353	256	222	237	205	203	230	220.94	256
	106	Martin MUXWORTHY	AUS	1301	233	190	211	224	231	212	205.06	233
				5072	858	838	866	794	857	859	211.33	256
3		KOREA		5030								
	121	Hong Seung KIM	KOR	1168	172	177	192	180	226	221	197.61	226
	122	Seon Myeon JANG	KOR	1245	199	202	225	193	226	200	211.06	226
	123	Soo Ho LEE	KOR	1328	257	198	205	226	196	246	223.44	257
	124	Hui Jae HO	KOR	1289	185	193	251	198	257	205	204.33	257
				5030	813	770	873	797	905	872	209.58	257



High Game and High Average honours for the Grand Seniors Men's Teams event went to Australia's Robert Zikman with a 275 in Game 2 and outstanding 235 average, while Leslie Harrison from Australia starred with 275 in Game 4 and of the Senior Men's Teams and Mick Talevski collected a further accolade by posting the highest Senior Men's Teams average on 229.11.

Mick Talevski topped the Senior Men's All Events with a total pinfall of 4124, with Korea's Soo Ho Lee winning Silver on 4022 and Steven Smith from Australia took Bronze with 3977.



Robert Zikman flew the flag for Australia again in the Grand Seniors All Events, posting a 4095 total with handicap, ahead of Hidehiro Madore from Japan on 3954 and TBA Hall of Fame bowler John Sullivan collected the All Events Bronze on 3947. Japan's Kokichi Itagaki and Danilo Tuazon from the Philippines missed All Events medal glory by just 3 and 4 pins respectively.



The 12th Asian Seniors Championship program now moves into the final stages, with top 16 All-Events players in both Men's and Women's divisions returning tomorrow for the first block of both the Seniors and Grand Seniors Masters. The Masters Finals will be contested in a round robin format, starting from scratch and with a bonus of 10 pins for each match won and 5 pins for a tie.

With an overall average of 203.4, Korea's Hui Jae Ho is the cut for the Seniors Masters and Isamu Takada finished 16th in the Grand Seniors All-Events to join six other Japanese team-mates, five Aussies, two Koreans and two Filipinos in the first rounds of the Grand Seniors Masters.

Full results, and extensive score statistics for all competitors in each event of the Championship are posted on the official website - www.tenpinevents.org.au/2013_Asian_Seniors/index.aspx?headerbar=0

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