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## Perfect Start to Asian Seniors Championship

A colourful opening ceremony launched the 12<sup>th</sup> Asian Seniors Tenpin Bowling Championship at AMF Rooty Hill RSL Bowl in Sydney's west, with teams from Australia, Guam, Japan, Korea, New Zealand and The Philippines welcomed by an array of sport and industry leaders and political dignitaries on Friday evening.

Federal MP for Chifley, The Hon Ed Husic, Blacktown City Council's Cr. Walter Smith, and Chairman of the Rooty Hill RSL Club, Ray Johns were joined by CEO of Tenpin Bowling Australia, Cara Honeychurch, in greeting ASBF Chairman, Joe Mafnas and more than 200 bowlers, officials and supporters. The official Opening ceremony also featured a Welcome to Country by Elder Uncle Greg Sims.

Championship play began at 8.30am this morning with the Grand Seniors Women's Singles in which Japan's Junko Kuji's Gold medal performance included the event High Game of 276 and an impressive 230.5 average (1383 6-game total). Australia's Sarah Knowland took Silver on 1355, with Masako Takamoto third on 1260. Recent inductee to Tenpin Bowling Australia's Hall of Fame, Barbara Richmond missed Bronze by just 15 pins.

### Grand Seniors Women Singles




Pos	Code	Bowler	Country	Hcp	G1	G2	G3	G4	G5	G6	Total	Total with Hcp	Ave	High
1	416	<a href="#">Junko KUJI</a>	JPN 	0	247	223	276	198	192	247	1383	<b>1383</b>	230.50	276
2	448	<a href="#">Sarah KNOWLAND</a>	AUS 	0	228	224	204	217	225	257	1355	<b>1355</b>	225.83	257
3	412	<a href="#">Masako TAKAMOTO</a>	JPN 	5	189	206	234	178	201	222	1230	<b>1260</b>	205.00	234
4	401	<a href="#">Barbara RICHMOND</a>	AUS 	5	225	163	200	205	166	256	1215	<b>1245</b>	202.50	256

The second event of today's play saw an exciting 279 in Game 2 by Filipino Danilo Tuazon, who went on to claim Gold in the Grand Seniors Men's Singles with a total pinfall of 1376, a mere three pins ahead of Hidehiro Madore from Japan. Veteran TBA Hall of Famer, John Sullivan clinched Bronze on 1350, 16 pins clear of Korea's Dong Kuk You.





### Grand Seniors Men Singles

Pos	Code	Bowler	Country	Hcp	G1	G2	G3	G4	G5	G6	Total	Total with Hcp	Ave	High
1	354	<a href="#">Danilo TUAZON</a>	PHI 	5	214	279	205	218	216	214	1346	<b>1376</b>	224.33	279
2	329	<a href="#">Hidehiro MADORE</a>	JPN 	10	210	256	219	230	204	194	1313	<b>1373</b>	218.83	256
3	314	<a href="#">John SULLIVAN</a>	AUS 	5	233	192	222	233	203	237	1320	<b>1350</b>	220.00	237
4	337	<a href="#">Dong Kuk YOU</a>	KOR 	10	173	203	242	221	202	233	1274	<b>1334</b>	212.33	242

In a thrilling climax to the Senior Men's Singles this afternoon, Australia's Mick Talevski surged to victory with a perfect final game to score 1470, overtaking team-mate Steven Smith in another tight finish, with Korea's Soo Ho Lee winning Bronze on 1375. Lee overcame a slow start with a 299 in Game 3 but strong finishes by the Aussie pair secured top podium honours for Talevski and Smith.

Seniors Men Singles												
Pos	Code	Bowler	Country	G1	G2	G3	G4	G5	G6	Total	Ave	High
1	131	<a href="#">Mick TALEVSKI</a>	AUS 	230	233	246	203	258	300	<b>1470</b>	245.00	300
2	105	<a href="#">Steven SMITH</a>	AUS 	278	258	235	240	193	258	<b>1462</b>	243.67	278
3	123	<a href="#">Soo Ho LEE</a>	KOR 	178	226	299	205	220	247	<b>1375</b>	229.17	299

Korea dominated placings in the Senior Women's Singles, with Hwa Ja Lee clinching Gold on 1397, ahead of team-mate Gwi Nam Kim on 1357. Australia's Julie Harrison pipped Japan's Honami Yanagawa to the Bronze by just two pins.

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Pos	Code	Bowler	Country	G1	G2	G3	G4	G5	G6	Total	Ave	High
1	212	<a href="#">Hwa Ja LEE</a>	KOR 	228	185	214	255	257	258	<b>1397</b>	232.83	258
2	213	<a href="#">Gwi Nam KIM</a>	KOR 	214	211	268	227	231	206	<b>1357</b>	226.17	268
3	204	<a href="#">Julie HARRISON</a>	AUS 	222	243	225	182	209	222	<b>1303</b>	217.17	243
4	208	<a href="#">Honami YANAGAWA</a>	JPN 	197	238	228	218	228	192	<b>1301</b>	216.83	238

"Everyone is happy – competitors are certainly having a good time and a really great spirit exists between the players," reported Tournament Director, Mike Seymour. His comments echoed the sentiments of Asian Seniors Bowling Federation President, Joe Mafnas from Guam who was interviewed this morning by a UNTV crew for a program that will be televised and streamed internationally.

Competition in Doubles and Teams will continue from Sunday onwards, culminating with the Masters events on Wednesday and Thursday and a gala Victory Banquet on Thursday evening, 21 November.

Full Championship results and detailed player scoring statistics are available at [www.tenpinevents.org.au/2013\\_Asian\\_Seniors/SM\\_Singles.aspx?headerbar=3](http://www.tenpinevents.org.au/2013_Asian_Seniors/SM_Singles.aspx?headerbar=3) with play scheduled to recommence at 8.30am on Sunday morning in the Grand Seniors Doubles events.



*Senior Men's Singles Gold Medallist and 300 shooter Mick Talevski (right) (Photo by Barry Davies)*

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