

GUAM EDGES MACAU IN EXTRA BALL FOR MEN'S TRIOS TITLE

The men's division witnessed another seesaw match as both Macau and Guam competitors jockeyed for the lead as Guam took an early but slim lead after the half way mark with a 14 pin advantage on the short oil pattern chosen by 2nd seed Macau. Guam asserted their home advantage when Rey Zialcita conjured four strikes in a row but Jose Machon answered back with a turkey keeping the Macau squad within striking range. Guam gained momentum on the sixth frame as each member struck which increased Macau's deficit by 28 pins. However in the seventh frame, Zialcita missed a 4-5 leave which put Macau back into striking distance. Zialcita opened in the 8th after leaving a 6-7-10 split which allowed Macau back into the thick of things trailing only by seven pins going into the ninth frame. In the ninth frame, a double by Tagle breathed life back into the group, however, Leon Guerrero came up short of the head pin leaving a 1-2-4-6-10 which notted the match at 492 pins each. Both Zialcita and Machon struck and spared in the 10th frame keep the match even at 522 points apiece. Manny Tagle then left a pocket 10 pin spare but Lee Tak Men went wide right leaving a 2-4-6-10 split which gave a 21 pin advantage with the anchors left. Cho lo Fai struck in the tenth while Leon Guerrero returned the favor leaving a 2-4-10 split converting two pins which allowed Macau an opening to clinch the match. Macau's Cho spun through the 1-3 pocket leaving a 4-8 conversion and spared to even up the match and send this to a one ball roll off between the anchor players of each team. Macau shot 6 pins on the pit while Guam struck to claim the Gold.



KOREA THUMPS CHINESE TAIPEI FOR MEN'S DOUBLES GOLD

After an open in the first frame by Cha Im Ho, the Koreans were able to pound the lanes and take the lead from the Chinese Taipei team of singles Gold medalist Yang Nien Hua and teammate Hung Kun Yi and never looked back. Kim Dong Gyun propelled his doubles team with a 245 game along with Cha's 223 to trounce the Taipei squad 468-353 in the finals and claim the gold in the doubles event.

Korea got the better of Guam in the Semi-Final match as missed spares grounded the home town duo's chances to advance.

Korea's Cha and Kim then put together successive strikes to will their way to the finals beating Guam 408 to 399.

In the other semi-final match, Chinese Taipei and Japan went neck to neck, until splits upended the Japanese competitors in the 7th and 8th frames. Chinese Taipei moved on with a 390 to 358 victory allowing them to chase after their second gold medal of the games.

CHINESE TAIPEI PUNCHES 1-2 IN MEN'S SINGLES

It was a battle of Chinese Taipei competitors with heavy roller Cheng Hsing Chao going up against spinner Yang Nien Hua in the Singles event Finale of the 24th East Asian Pacific Tenpin Bowling Championship being contested at the Central Lanes Bowling Center. Yang took advantage of an early missed spare by Cheng then threw a turkey to maintain a 24 pin lead until Cheng registered a turkey of his own in the 4th through 6th frames. However, a missed pin ten in the seventh frame by Cheng increased Yang's lead. In the closing frames, Cheng desperately tried to recover but Yang's lead was enough to close out the match with a 228-210 score and the right to the Gold Medal while Cheng settles for the bronze.

The lower seeds got the better of the higher seeds in the singles event playoff as Chinese Taipei's Yang and Cheng bettered their foes to advance to the finals. 4th seed Cheng Hsing Chao defeated top seed Manny Tagle of Guam 186-168 in a battle of spares while Yang ousted 2nd seed Choi lo Fai of Macau 190-161.

For their efforts, Tagle and Yang were awarded Bronze medals for the event.

GUAM'S TAGLE TAKES POLE IN MEN'S SINGLES

Guam's Manny Tagle took commanding lead of the men's singles event after a 298 score in the second game and never looked back finishing in pole position with a 1307 total. Ties for second and third positions and fourth and fifth position were also posted as Macau's Choi lo Fai and Chinese Taipei's Yang Nien Hua registered similar scores of 1251 while Cheng Hsing Chao and Hung Kyun Yi of Chinese Taipei also bowled identical scores of 1209. After a review of the rules, Choi was placed in second while Cheng received word that he would proceed to the top four playoff.

24TH EAST ASIAN PACIFIC CHAMPIONSHIP HIGHLIGHTED BY ANNOUNCEMENT



The 24th East Asian Pacific Championship opened on a high note with the announcement made by Honorary President and Co-Founder Mr. Kyohei Akagi. Akagi announced during his address that bowling will be included in the 6th East Asian Games which will be held in Tinjin, China in 2013.

Chinese Taipei, Japan, Korea, Macau, Saipan and Guam marched into their respective stance indicating the beginning of the ceremony which was emceed by one of the island's top singing performers Richard Borja. The national anthem was played on an electric guitar by Sarge Eclavea while the Guam Hymn was sung by Borja. Retired Col. Joe Mafnas, Vice President of the Guam Bowling Congress delivered the welcome address while Jay Leon Guerrero presided over the Oath of Sportsmanship.

The championship was declared open by the Tournament Executive Chairperson Joey Miranda III with a performance delivered by the Step Up Dance Crew. The championship commences at 9:00 a.m. Guam time on Wednesday with the women's singles event followed by the men's singles event at 1:00 p.m. Playoff for the top four competitors will also follow each event.

EAPTBC ELECTS NEW COUNCIL MEMBERS

The East Asian Pacific Tenpin Bowling Council elected its new members during the Council meeting held at the Fiesta Resort Guam on Monday, June 6, 2010. Korea Bowling Congress President Chi Joong Sup will continue to serve as the Council President until 2013 while Macau Bowling Association President Fong Wun Man becomes the 1st Vice President with Chinese Taipei Bowling Association President Yang Kuan Chang steps in as 2nd Vice President. Founding Member Kyohei Akagi of Japan Bowling Congress continues as Honorary President while Gordon Chu of the Guam Bowling Congress and Vivien Fung of Hong Kong Tenpin Bowling Congress Ltd hold posts of Honorary Advisors. The Directors of the Council include Hong Kong's David Chiu, Japan's Takaya Aizawa, and Guam Bowling Congress Secretary-General Joey Miranda III.



SAN NICOLAS, PARK SNATCH JULY BUD KING AND PRINCE HONORS

Victor San Nicolas closed out the match with a five bagger taking advantage of a split by JD Castro to claim the Budweiser King of the Lanes title for the month of July. Both bowlers were unable to get a good read on the lanes during the early stages of the match as the lead switched back and forth for the first six frames until Castro was left with a 7-10 split on the seventh frame of which San Nicolas took advantage of for a 203-184 win.

In the semi-final round, Castro dissected the lanes with a 236 game against top seed Jay Leon Guerrero 236-213 while second seed San Nicolas upstaged Charlie "Mama Char" Catbagan 187-170 to set up the finals match.

In the qualifying round held earlier in the day, Jay Leon Guerrero blasted through the competition finishing the six game set with a blistering 1436 series averaging 239 pins per game on a set of 248, 222, 256, 262, 242 and 202.

Victor San Nicolas finished in 2nd place with a 1275 total followed by Ricky Duenas 1251, Keith Guerrero 1169, Rey Zialcita 1168, JD Castro 1123, Ray Manibusan 1122, Charlie Catbagan 1119, Yuuki Guzman 1017 and Cynthia Veney topped off the tenth spot with a 971 total.

In the Budweiser Prince of the Lanes, Eun Ju Park used all her handicap advantage to slip past Jayson Viray in finals match 132+54 to 162+179 to claim her first title. Top seed Viray was unable to clear all 37 pins of advantage on the long oil pattern which enabled Park to seal the match.

In the semi-final match, Viray avoided a top seed sweep by striking on the final frame to stop Jesse Castro 181+17 to 155+34 while 2nd seed Anthony Veney bowed out to Park 167+23 to 177+54.

Jayson Viray took pole position in the Prince qualifying with a 1317 total with 102 pins of handicap followed by Anthony Veney 1295 (138), Chris Leal 1213 (132), Eun Ju Park 1208 (324), Cherrylyn Catbagan 1202 (150), Bertha Diego 1197 (222), Jesse Castro 1179 (204), Bou-Kyoung Jung 1169 (342), Charlie Chung 1136 (78) and Peter Diego 1134 (108) rounded off the top ten.

The next Budweiser King and Prince of the Lanes is scheduled for Sunday, July 18, 2010 at 11:00 a.m. at the Central Lanes Bowling Center.

PALAGANAS WINS JUNE SENIOR BOWLER TITLE

Rudy Palaganas finally got a Senior Bowler of the month title this past Sunday with a come from behind victory over Patricia Roberto. The lefty senior winner of several local bowling titles in his career led the qualifying round with a 1229 (plus age handicap) and a 201 average.

In the shoot-out rounds, 2009 defending champion Hermee Maravilla got past previous champs Nori Catbagan and Ben San Agustin in bracket 1 while in bracket 2, Jhun Viray beat out Edgar Caper and Roger Mejares.

In the bracket 1 quarterfinals, Maravilla continued with a solid win over Jimmy Pinaula 190 (+19 handicap) to 160 (0 handicap). On the other half Viray escaped with a one pin 196 to 195 victory with handicap over Ramon Bilon.

Top seeds Palaganas and Roberto defended their ranking with Palaganas taking the first semi-final 190 (+3 handicap) to 149 (+19 handicap) over Maravilla. Meantime a pro Roberto crowd cheered her on to her victory in the other semi-final over Viray 225 (+41 handicap) to 180 (+11 handicap).

This set up Palaganas to bowl his best when he really needed it to overcome Roberto's +41 handicap and strung strikes in the last two frames to win 214 to 199.

The next monthly tournament will be held July 11th at 11AM at Central Lanes. This handicapped tournament is open to all bowlers aged 50 and over or will be 50 by December 31st of this year.



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