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**Special Olympic bowlers Rachel Chircop and Bjorn Tabone triumph at this year's Bronze Cup at the Eden Super Bowl**

In the ladies section, Chircop had a quiet start to the event to qualify 7<sup>th</sup>, as the top 8 made it to the next day with the round robin finals with NSS student Celiann Micallef leading the way just a few pins ahead of Natasha Bianchi and Sandra Xuereb. Kathryn Fenech and Donna Vella made it in 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> place just ahead of Doris Zammit and Chircop, with the last player to qualify being Charlise Bartolo.

Chircop started the round robin with an amazing 246 game, and proceeded to win 6 games in a row on her way to claim victory, losing only in the last game to 16 year old Fenech, who will be part of the Malta Youths team at the European Youth Championships in Tilburg later this month. Fenech, with 5 wins out of 7, placed second, just 4 pins ahead of Micallef, her fellow youth and Bonnici Group team mate. These top 3 ended far ahead of the rest, led by 4<sup>th</sup> placed Sandra Xuereb, over 130 pins behind Micallef.

On the other hand, Bjorn Tabone was in a class of his own in the male section from the first game, qualifying in 1<sup>st</sup> place with a strong 180 scratch average, well ahead of Jonathan Sciberras and Rene' Bartolo. The players who also qualified with the first 8 were George Chircop, Keith Farrugia, Tomas Caruso, Matthew Agius Inglott and Hubert Camilleri.

Tabone then proceeded to win all his 7 direct clashes, once more playing close to a 180 scratch average, to finish 260 pins ahead of second place. On the other hand, the race for 2<sup>nd</sup> place could not have been tighter, with NSS student, 12 year old Caruso battled it out with Agius Inglott to finish with 4 wins each and equal on points at the end! However the last game of Agius Inglott was higher than young Tomas, who had to settle for 3<sup>rd</sup> place, ahead of Chircop.

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**Bowlers tal-Olimpjadi Speċjali Rachel Chircop u Bjorn Tabone jirbħ u it-Tazza tal-Bronż ta' din is-sena fl-Eden Super Bowl**

Fis-sezzjoni tan-nisa, Chircop kellha bidu kwiet biex tikkwalifika fis-7 post, hekk kif l-aqwa 8 ikkwalifikaw għall-finali tar-round robin. L-istudenta tal-NSS Celiann Micallef tkun fuq quddiem ftit pins biss quddiem Natasha Bianchi u Sandra Xuereb. Kathryn Fenech u Donna Vella għamluha fir-4 u l-5 post eżatt qabel Doris Zammit u Chircop, bl-aħħar plejer li kkwalifika jkun Charlise Bartolo

Chircop bdiet ir-round robin b'logħ ba ferm kbira ta' 246, u kompliet tirbaħ 6 logħ b'et konsekuttivi fi triqitha biex tikseb ir-rebħ a, u tilfet biss fl-aħħar logħ ba kontra Fenech, tfajla ta' 16-il sena, li se tkun parti mit-tim Malti tal-youths fil-Kampjonati Ewropej taż-Żgħir aħħar f'Tilburg aktar tard dan ix-xahar. Fenech, b'5 rebħ iet minn 7, ikklassifikat fit-tieni post, 4 pinnijiet biss qabel Micallef, iżgħir aħħar u għal oħra li tilgħ ab ma Fenech fit-tim tal-Bonnici Group. Dawn it-3 top spiċċaw ferm qabel il-bqija, immexxija minn Sandra Xuereb fir-raba 'post,' il fuq minn 130 pin wara Micallef.

Min-naħa l-oħra, Bjorn Tabone kien fi klassi għalih fis-sezzjoni maskili mill-ewwel logħ ba, u kkwalifika fl-1 post b'medja tajba ta' 180 scratch, ferm quddiem Jonathan Sciberras u Rene' Bartolo. Il-plejers li kkwalifikaw ukoll mal-ewwel 8 kienu George Chircop, Keith Farrugia, Tomas Caruso, Matthew Agius Inglott u Hubert Camilleri.

Tabone imbagħad kompli biex rebaħ is-7 konfronti diretti tiegħ u, għal darb'oħra lagħ ab qrib il-medja ta' 180 scratch, biex spiċċa 260 pin qabel it-tieni post. Min-naħa l-oħra, it-tellieqa għat-2 post ma setgħetx tkun iktar stretta, bl-istudent tal-NSS, Caruso ta' 12-il sena jissielet kontra Agius Inglott biex spiċċaw b'4 rebħ iet kull wiegħed, u ugħali fuq punti totali fl-aħħar! Madankollu, l-aħħar logħ ba ta' Agius Inglott kienet ogħla miż-żgħir aħħar u għal Tomas, li b'hekk kellu jikkuntenta bit-tielet post, qabel Chircop.

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