

# WLBC News and Views for May/June 2019

## INTERNATIONAL NEWS

### Canada's Four Medals -2019 Asia Pacific Lawn Bowls Championships

June 28, 2019 – Gold Coast (AUS)

The 2019 Asia Pacific Championships being held on Gold Coast, Australia have come to a close, and Canada will return home with four medals.

The team was led by **Ryan Bester (Hanover, ON)** who won both a **silver medal in Men's Singles** play and **bronze in men's pairs** with partner Rob Law (Winnipeg, MB). The **women's triples** team of Leanne Chinery (Victoria, BC), Jordan Kos (Regina, SK), and Jackie Foster (Bridgetown, NS) secured a **bronze medal** for Canada. Cameron Lefresne (Enfield, NS), Greg Wilson (Cochrane, AB), Pat Bird (Calgary, AB) and Rob Law also won **bronze** in the **men's fours**.

Taking place from June 18-28 at Club Helensvale, Musgrave Hill Bowls Club, and Broadbeach Bowls Club, the event was a qualifier for the 2020 World Championships. Canada's impressive results at this year's Asia Pacific Championship has qualified them for all disciplines (men's and women's singles, pairs, triples, and fours) at the 2020 World Championships.

The first half of the 2019 Asia Pacific Championships featured men's pairs and triples, while the women competed in singles and fours. The second half of the event saw the men play in singles and fours, while the women competed in pairs and triples. Each discipline was split up into two sections, with the top three in each section advancing to playoffs.

#### Men's Singles

Ryan Bester sailed through the sectional play, going 8-1 to finish 2nd in his group. In the quarterfinals, Bester took care of business against Thailand, winning 21-10. Bester faced Australia in the semis, where he faced the only player to defeat him in the sectional play. The Canadian got his revenge, beating Australia 21-14 to advance to the gold

medal game. In the final, Bester faced New Zealand's Shannon McIlroy in a rematch of the 2016 World Championship final. Despite a hot start by Bester, McIlroy emerged victorious 21-20 to claim the gold medal while Bester collected the silver.

#### Men's Pairs

Ryan Bester and Rob Law teamed up in the men's pairs and finished their sectional play with a record of 6-2, which put them in 3rd in their group. In the quarterfinals, Bester and Law defeated Thailand 21-16 to advance to the semifinals. In the semis, Australia defeated the Canadians 21-6. With no bronze medal matches at these championships, the Canadian duo received a bronze medal alongside the other semi finalist who did not advance.