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Cyprus to host II CTBF Championships



The special links that bind the Commonwealth of Nations and the values of the Commonwealth Games Federation are displayed every four years with the staging of the Commonwealth Games. The sport of Tenpin Bowling's inclusion in the 1998 Commonwealth Games in Kuala Lumpur inspired the formation of a unique group of Commonwealth countries into a Federation called the Commonwealth Tenpin Bowling Federation (CTBF) that highlights these links.

The primary purpose of the CTBF is to organise and promote bi-annual Championships, as a prelude to the Federation's ultimate goal of achieving Tenpin Bowling's permanent inclusion on the program of sports for every future Commonwealth Games.

Officially recognised Commonwealth Games Federation Gold, Silver and Bronze medals are awarded to the top placegetters in Singles, Doubles, Mixed Doubles, All Events and Masters categories at the CTBF Championships and in February 2005, the idyllic island of Cyprus will host the second CTBF Championships.

Eleven Commonwealth countries have already confirmed their participation in the week-long tournament, to be staged at the state of the art Cosmic Bowling Centre in Paphos from 14 - 20 February 2005.

Chairman of the Organising Committee, Marinos Papadopoulos, is pleased with the preliminary response and enthusiastic about the success of the event. "The President of the Cyprus Bowling Federation, Roger Christofides and our colleagues on the Organising Committee are working very hard to ensure the 2005 will equal, and hopefully exceed the outstanding inaugural event held in Stirling, Scotland....it's a unique opportunity for our fellow Commonwealth countries to demonstrate the international appeal of the sport of tenpin bowling and we will welcome athletes from any of the nations of the Commonwealth," he added.

Full details regarding the II CTBF Championships can be found on the event website - www.angelfire.com/pa5/ctbc2005 or via the link from the CTBF's official website - www.ctbf.org.

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