

Lawn Bowls / Warren Zines trophy

Fallen Maccabiah comrade honored

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Bowlers over the past four weeks participated in a mixed triples competition to honor the memory of Warren Zines, one of the victims of the 1997 Maccabiah bridge disaster.

Among Australia's team of bowlers, Zines lost his life in that tragedy, while four other members were forced to withdraw due to injuries. Since then, Israel's bowlers have held an annual competition at the Ramat Gan club for the Warren Zines trophy.

In the four-week tournament, which concluded over the weekend, Ramat Gan took the top three spots among 24 teams from across the country. Roy Ben Arie (Jennings) skipped for Motti Polack and Daphna Rothstein to victory, beating their club mates Tami Kamzel, Rami

Oron and Tzila Gavish in the final, in a closely contested game decided in the last end. Kamzel's trio started the last end with a one-shot advantage, but conceded a two-count to forfeit the game. In third place were the threesome of Victor Kachlon, Yehudit Goldstein and Shmuel Assiyahu.

Israel's bowlers will particularly remember the courage and determination of a depleted Australian team who continued in the 1997 games in the shadow of their tragedy.

With outstanding effort, Australia won its first-ever bowling gold when Denise Brick, Fay Rubinstein and Jill Diamond won the triples, while Australia's men - competing against teams from England, South Africa, Zimbabwe and Israel - took the overall Max Spitz trophy for the first time.