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## **NTIS Tenpin Bowlers Continue Success**

Northern Territory Institute of Sport (NTIS) elite athlete scholarship holders are continuing their solid achievements with tenpin bowler Natalie Shelley successfully gaining selection to compete in the World Championships in Las Vegas during July 2009.

NTIS Coach June Voukolos said Natalie completed the Australian women's team trials last month finishing 4th in points to cement her place in the six member team.

"Natalie then followed on playing in the Vic 150 Doubles event where she bowled her first perfect game of 300," Ms Voukolos said.

Ms Voukolos said when she spoke to her on the phone Natalie said "I do not know where I am coming, but I just bowled 300!" and she sounded extremely excited.

The Northern Territory Championships were also contested in Alice Springs on the Easter weekend and NTIS Elite scholarship holder Bec Simpson took the NT Ladies Masters title, in her last tournament before knee surgery.

"My goal was to win this event and make it easy for myself at Nationals with the automatic entry into the Australian Masters Final, qualifying is always so hard for that event so I set my sights on doing it this way," Ms Simpson said.

"Fellow scholarship holder Bruno Maglieri took out the Men's title after completely blitzing the rest of the field with a 226 average," Ms Voukolos said.

NTIS Bowlers are now setting themselves for Arafura Games where teams from Sarawak, China, New South Wales, Victoria and the Australian Defence Force have already registered.

### **2009 Australian Women's World Championship Team**

Natalie Shelley (NT)  
Ann-Maree Putney  
Carol Gianotti  
Maxine Nable  
Kara Triulcio  
Bianca Flanagan

Ends

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