

MAPFRE MSV Life Leagues



After a short break all teams in divisions 1 and 2 were keen to resume their weekly bowling night. We also had division 3 who played their first week.

Results so far:

Div 3: Ready Steady Bowl, The Scotsman Pub, Here 4 The Beer – all on 6 points

Div 2: Strike Me Jabaal & Supersonic (both 32), Bank of Valletta (26)

Div 1: Fina (36), okmalta.com (32), Turu's Kights and Royal Shock (28)

Doubles Cisk Lager League

The doubles Cisk Lager is during its 11th week and first round is now over. Balbarians lead on 62 points, followed by Double Impact – 59 and MyBet – 58.

Mauro and Sue have the highest average, the former 215.67, whilst Sue is on 204.88

Composite Average

After 8 month of play only 4 male bowlers are on 200+ average: Justin Caruana Scicluna (208.68), Mauro Anastasi (206.58), Rankin Camilleri (204.01) and Mark Spiteri (200.80). On the other hand only Sue surpasses the 200 (203.46), and is followed by Tiziana Carannante (196.23) and Melissa Swift (189.73)

Top Youth bowlers (U21) are: Matthew Magro (187.55), Kurt Attard (182.37) and Edward Xuereb (170.34), and for the girls: Sara Xuereb (187.09), Alessia Schembri (178.10) and Raquel Xuereb (171.20).

LUTON YOUTH OPEN

A group of five Maltese youth bowlers competed successfully in the Second English Red Rose Open Tournament held at GoBowling Centre in Dunstable. Bowlers from England, France, Denmark and the Netherlands took part.

Matthew Magro and Sara Xuereb both gave an excellent performance in the Under 16 Mixed category which consisted of 48 entries. In the qualifying round Matthew placed in 2nd place with a 1234 series, while Sara qualified in 4th place with a 1169 series, and both qualified for the finals.



In the quarter-finals Matthew faced and defeated Dutch player Kim Ter Bruggen 2-1. Sara played against Danish Anna Djunsing and that match also ended in a 2-1 score in Sara's favour. In the semi-finals they managed to avoid each other raising hopes for an all-Maltese final. This soon faded away after closely fought games. Matthew and Sara both finished in a joint-third position awarded on the podium.



In the Under-19 category, Raquel Xuereb placed in sixth place in the qualifying round and progressed to the quarter-finals, playing her personal best 6 games series, 194 average. She then lost to England Jake Edward's, ending in 7th place overall but placing 1st amongst Under 19 female bowlers to win her category.

Kurt Attard participated in the Under 19 category whilst Daniel Magro was the only Maltese to participate in the Under 25 category. Both players registered a strong average of 189 and 190 respectively but fell short of qualification.



The English Red Rose Open is part of the Youth Euro Tour (Y.E.T) rankings. England was the first stop for this season's tour. Currently Sara and Raquel Xuereb are 1st in the female U16 and Under 19 rankings, respectively, while Matthew Magro is 2nd in the male Under 16 category. The next stop of the tour will take place in Belgium at the end of October. Other tournaments in Ireland, France, Netherlands and Denmark will complete the tour. The Finals will be held in France in May 2018.

WORLD SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS – MUNICH

4 of our top senior men athletes went to compete in the World Senior Championships for the first time in MTBA history. The participants were: Mark Spiteri, Dennis Mercieca, Paul Baldacchino and Giancarlo Tolu.



Malta team competed in 3 different events: Singles, Doubles, and 4 men Team.

During the Singles it was Mark Spiteri who performed the best as he bowled a 1187 to finish in the 26th position from 163 players. Paul and Dennis bowled a 1116 and a 1114 to finish in 75th and 77th position, whilst Giancarlo rolled a 1024 to finish in 133rd place.



The doubles were paired as follows: Mark and Paul, and Giancarlo and Dennis, the latter duo nipping the highest position with a 2209 to end in the 42nd position from 80 teams. Mark and Paul played 2199 to end 4 places lower.



Next came the 4 Men Team with Mark bowling a 1188, Dennis a 1081, Paul 1029 and Giancarlo 948 for a collective total of 4246, finishing in 28th position from 39.



In the end the below was the final positions for the All Events.

			Singles	Doubles	4 Men Team	Total	Ave
35.	MLT	Spiteri, Mark	1187	1113	1188	3488	193.78
73.	MLT	Mercieca, Dennis	1114	1157	1081	3352	186.22
103.	MLT	Baldacchino, Paul	1116	1086	1029	3231	179.50
141.	MLT	Tolu, Giancarlo	1024	1052	948	3024	168.00

The competition was obviously dominated by the USA as they won all events, except the ladies' doubles where they had to settle for silver.

Next in line is the Bronze Cup which will be played on 16-17 September. The average for this tournament is 160 or less for men, and 155 or less for women. Please book your space asap.

Although the Senior Championships will take place on 1st & 2nd October, it is worth a mention now as it will be then too late to remind competitors to participate. These championships are open for those who were born before 01 October 1967. Therefore those of you over 50 please prepare to challenge the current champions: Paul Gray and Josephine Borg.

In the meantime continue to follow us on <http://www.bowlingmalta.org/> and on our Facebook page.

I wish you all a good day!

Regards

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