

This month we also had the 3rd Bronze Cup where 28 bowlers participated most of whom were juniors attending Saturday's sessions. In fact the youngest two were Kayden Lagana at just 8 years of age, and Kathryn Fenech.



After playing 4 games to determine the top 6, it was Daniel Grech, an ex-youth of about 20 years ago, who returned to the bowling arena after more than a decade absent. He showed right from the start that he meant business and in fact he lead the men's section from game 1. In the end he finished in the top position with 73 pins advantage. Shadon Psaila ended in 2nd place, bowling a good 167.5 average, followed by Sergey Picarelli who bowled a good 143.5 series, after only attending bowling for about 6 months. The other 3 places for top 6 were clinched by Reuben Scerri, Jonathan Sciberras and Edward Xuereb.

In the ladies division there were only 7 participants so only 1 would remain out. That fate fell on young Kathryn who missed the cut by just 27 pins. The top 6 were: Natasha Bianchi, Noleen Grima, Doris Zammit, Jessica Farrugia, Ruslana Grima and Cristina Attard.

The Round Robin was played the following day, and with only half the pinfall carried forward, all scores were very close.



Daniel Grech won all his encounters and had no trouble retaining the first position, leading the others by 184 pins. National School student Edward Xuereb was trailing behind, but a huge comeback in game 4, when he rolled a 211, saw him jump to the 2nd position with a 167.22 average.

The tussle who will eventually clinch 3rd place was between Shadon Psaila and Reuben Scerri, and as luck would have it, they had to face each other in the last game. Shadon chopped a 4-7 in the 10th frame and although he bowled 2 pins better than Reuben, the latter had 11 pins more handicap, thus he clinched the game and the 20 points for a win. However, young Shadon had a 10 pin advantage which was carried forward from Saturday, thus he nipped 3rd place by 8 pins.

Natasha Bianchi also led the ladies' division, winning 4 of the 5 games to retain position 1. Jessica Farrugia won all her matches, to improve to the 2nd position, while

Noleen Grima, who has also been bowling for just 6 months, clinched the 3rd spot, winning 3 games.

Thus this year's Bronze Champions are: **Daniel Grech** and Special Olympics bowler **Natasha Bianchi**.

