

## JANUARY 2019 – BOWLING NEWSLETTER

After a long break January was quite busy, with the return of the leagues as well as two tournaments.

### MAPFRE MSV LIVE LEAGUES



January team positions during the league as follows:

Division 3 – Pin Pulse (16), Central Bank of Malta and Vintage both 12 points

Division 2 – Blitzkrieg, Bank of Valletta, J Grima all on 20 points

Division 1 – Okmalta.com (26), FINA (24), Blexr.com and Royal Shock both 20

We've also had the first 300 of the year, during division 1 when Mauro Anastasi rolled his 5<sup>th</sup> 300 game.



## COMPOSITE AVERAGE

At this very early stage of the year the top composite average athletes as at end January are: Mauro Anastasi (225), Justin Caruana Scicluna (220), and James Vassallo (210). In the female category Sue Abela retained the top spot (219), Alessia Schembri follows (200) while Sara Xuereb clinched 3<sup>rd</sup> with 194.

Top bowlers for the U19 youths are Sara Xuereb (194), Raquel Xuereb (168) and Kathryn Fenech (120), while in the boys' division we have Matthew Magro (201), Kurt Attard (193) and Edward and Miguel Xuereb both 192.

## TOP 24 BOWLERS COMPOSED FROM 2018

We held this event for the 4<sup>th</sup> year in a row. There were a few bowlers from the top 24 who could not play therefore we gave the right to the next in line to take their place, with the last spot clinched by Anthony Paris.

The scores were pretty high, with Mauro Anastasi rolling an amazing 1494 series to clinch the top spot, followed by Sue Abela on another good 1354. 3<sup>rd</sup> place was open for quite a few players, but it was Mark Muscat who rolled a 258 in the 6<sup>th</sup> who clinched the 3<sup>rd</sup> spot.

Mauro is now the only player to have won this title twice in 4 years and he surpassed his own 230 average played in 2017, by rolling a 249 scratch series.



## MEDITERRANEAN BOWLING CHAMPIONSHIPS XXII QUALIFYING

The MBC qualifying tournament was played on the pattern which will be used during the actual championships which this year will be held in Malta.

These qualifying games will be remembered for some good high bowling, when in day one we had Justin Caruana Scicluna who rolled his 11<sup>th</sup> 300 in game 1. He then went a bit further to break the national 8 game record previously bowled by Kenneth Arpa, rolling an amazing 1953 series.

8	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Tot.
X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	XXX		1520
Caruan	30	60	90	120	150	180	210	240	270	300	1520
0											
Cini Am	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	475

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Your Series Has Finished

Team	Game	TOT. Pin fall	TOT. Hdcp	TOT. Bonus	TOT. Points

  

8	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Tot.
8 /	X 8 /	X	X	X	X	5	3	XX	1		1958
Caruan	20	40	60	90	120	145	163	171	199	218	1958
0											
Cini Am	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	475

Speed 32.26 Km/h  
Diff.

Day 2 however, saw his doubles team mate Mauro Anastasi rolling a brilliant 1976 series to beat Justin's record less than 24 hours later.

### NEW NATIONAL 8 GAME SERIES RECORD

8	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Tot.
7 / 8 / 9 / 9 / 9 / 9 - 6 /	X	9 / 6									1366
Zahra D	18	37	56	75	94	103	123	152	172	188	1366
0											
Anastas	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	7 / XXX		1976
	30	60	90	120	150	180	207	227	247	277	1976

Speed 24.66 Km/h  
Diff.

Team	Game	TOT. Pin fall	TOT. Hdcp	TOT. Bonus	TOT. Points

The target on day 3 was for Mauro and Justin to beat the 24 game series. However, Justin managed a 1644 to fall short by 39 pins, while Mauro dropped to a 1577. Still the 250+ pin cushion from the previous two sets ensured that they retained the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place respectively. Kenneth Arpa finished in 3<sup>rd</sup> place having rolled a good 1728 to place 4<sup>th</sup> in the Seniors' 8 game record. It was good to note that we had 4 U16 bowlers, with Kayden being the youngest at just 11 years old. We also had Nicholas Muscat who entered the junior records with a 1639 series.

In the ladies' division Sue Abela rolled a 1774 to snatch the 2<sup>nd</sup> highest senior series, just 12 pins behind Dennis's 1786. By the 3<sup>rd</sup> day she had played a big total of 5223 pins. Sara Xuereb grabbed the 2<sup>nd</sup> place with a 4711, whilst Tiziana Carannante and Joanna Attard ended in 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> place respectively.

The Maltese contingent will be composed of: Sue Abela who has the absolute record of participating in the Mediterranean Championships for all the 22 years it's been held, Justin Caruana Scicluna (9<sup>th</sup> time), Mauro Anastasi and Sara Xuereb both 3<sup>rd</sup> time, with Sara's 3 being consecutive. Championships will be held in Malta from 31<sup>st</sup> March to 7<sup>th</sup> April. We hope to see many of you supporting team Malta.



## **JUNIOREN MEISTERSCHAFT 2019**

Dwayne Zahra took part in this competition which was held in Zurich. Dwayne played in the Junior A section and playing a 1089 on six games made it to the step ladder together with Signer Johnyll.

Dwayne ended with a 171 average to win first place.



## **SPORT MALTA AWARDS**

This event is held by the Malta Sports Journalists' Association in conjunction with Sport Malta. First each Association nominates its athletes who performed well abroad, and these are then scrutinized by a Selective Committee composed mainly from journalists, where they pick the top 10 athletes of their relative category. From the nominees submitted, the following were selected with the top 10.

Sara Xuereb – Sportswoman of the Year  
Sara Xuereb – U17 Female Athlete of the Year  
Justin Caruana Scicluna – Sportsman of the Year  
Matthew Magro – U17 Male Athlete of the Year  
Mediterranean Championships Mixed Team – Team of the Year  
Rick Vogelesang – Coach of the year.

On the 16<sup>th</sup> February these will go down to the top 5. We wish them all good luck.

### **Our next upcoming events are:**

- **The Presentation Dinner – 15<sup>th</sup> February**
- **Annual General Meeting – 17<sup>th</sup> February**
- **Malta Sports Awards – 23<sup>rd</sup> February**
- **Masters – 20, 24, 25 February**

Our presentation dinner will be held at the Victoria Hotel, Sliema on 15<sup>th</sup> February. As usual we have a scrumptious 5 course meal with a choice of antipasti, soup, pasta, main course as well as a choice of mouth-watering desserts. Price is 30€ with free-flowing wine, beer, water and soft drinks and free parking. Kids up to 12 years and Special Olympic athletes will pay 15€. Please do let me know in advance if you are coming and anyone is welcome to bring friends and family.

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I wish you all a good day!

Regards

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