

Good morning bowlers,

January was packed with bowling events, with 2 leagues underway as well as 2 important tournaments.



The National MAPFRE MSV Life Leagues are now under 2 divisions – Div 1 & Div 2

**Div 1 – Top 3 teams after week 4**

**Powerfruit – 28pts, okmalta.com – 24pts, Total & Turu's Knights – 22pts**

High bowlers during this month were:

Week 1: Mark Spiteri – 700, Sue Abela 680

Week 2: Kayden Lagana – 675, Sue Abela 612

Week 3: Mauro Anastasi – 654, Cynthia Frendo Duca 625

Week 4: Matthew Magro – 705, Sue Abela 609

**Highest average bowlers till week 4: Mark Spiteri (220.11) and Sue Abela (203.65)**

**Div 2 – Top 3 teams after week 3**

**Blitzkrieg – 26pts, BOV – 24pts, Tenpin Breakers – 22pts**

Week 1: Mark Serge – 582, Ruslana Grima 532

Week 2: Matthew Gingell Littlejohn – 574, Michaela Briffa - 546

Week 3: Norman Mifsud – 554, Liliana Spiteri - 521

Week 4: Tony Paris – 528, Ruslana Grima – 533

**Highest average bowlers till week 4: Tony Paris (178.33) and Liliana Spiteri (172.50)**

## Ecab Trios

### Top 4 teams after week 4

Los Banditos – 28pts, Class of 99 – 22pts, Let's Roll – 20pts, Generation XYZ – 18pts



### Highest Bowlers during January

Week 1: Mark Spiteri – 685, Cynthia Frendo Duca – 582

Week 2: Mauro Anastasi – 700, Cynthia Frendo Duca 575

Week 3: Kayden Lagana' – 653, Melissa Swift – 643

Week 4: Mauro Anastasi – 687, Melissa Swift - 592

Highest average bowlers till week 4: Mauro Anastasi (209.58) and Melissa Swift (197.17)

## COMPOSITE AVERAGE

Composite average as at 31<sup>st</sup> January 2021

### Top Bowlers

**Males:** Mark Spiteri (201.20), Mauro Anastasi (199.46) and Matthew Magro (199.39)

**Females:** Sue Abela (194.30), Melissa Swift (185.09) and Cynthia Frendo Duca (184.27)

### Top U21 Youths

**Males:** Matthew Magro (199.39), Kayden Lagana' (198.46) and Nicholas Muscat (190.53)

**Females:** Sara Xuereb (181.72), Ruslana Grima (168.93) and Mia Bugeja (144.84)

### Top Senior Bowlers

**Males:** Mark Spiteri (201.20), Helenio Grech (191) and Dennis Mercieca (184.81)

**Females:** Sue Abela (194.30), Liliana Spiteri (165.13) and Marthese Cossai (155.50)

## TOP 24 BOWLERS COMPOSED FROM 2020

The 6th Top 24 Edition saw 4 of our top bowlers dropping out due to unforeseen circumstances, replaced by the next in line players. This year's pattern – Alcatraz proved to be a tough nut to crack and it was evident from the low scores registered.

Leading the pack were Matthew Magro and Dennis Mercieca, followed closely by the youngest player Kayden Lagana'. A low 6<sup>th</sup> game for Dennis and Matthew saw them down to 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> respectively, as Kayden shot

his highest game (224) to clinch this year's title. Kayden was the only player to finish over 190 average (192.67) and is the youngest player to ever win such tournament since its inception 6 years ago.



#### **MEDITERRANEAN BOWLING CHAMPIONSHIPS XXIII QUALIFYING**

The tournament consisted of 24 games with 28 participants including a good number of Youth bowlers. We had 2 people dropping off midway Due to injuries.

Day 1 – Sue Abela lead the female division with a 1577, followed by Cynthia Frendo Duca (1457) and Tiziana Carannante (1401). In the male category Matthew Magro rolled the only 1700+ series of the tournament. His 1778 series included high games of 268 and 258 saw him take the early lead, followed by another youth player Nicholas Muscat with a 1617 who rolled the only 1600+ series for the night. Kayden Lagana' one of the youngest participants was in 3<sup>rd</sup> place with a 1599 series.

Day 2 – Sue Abela continued to lead the ladies with a comfortable 240 pin cushion over Sara Xuereb, who rolled a 1542 series to improve to 2<sup>nd</sup> place, and Cynthia Frendo Duca who slipped to 3<sup>rd</sup>, 30 pins behind 2<sup>nd</sup> place. Matthew Magro dropped to a 1538 series but succeeded to hold on to the top position. Young Kayden Lagana' rolled a 1632 to nip the 2<sup>nd</sup> place, whilst Mark Spiteri bowled a 1633 to improve to 3<sup>rd</sup> place.

Day 3 – Sue Abela closed the day with a 1605 series to retain the top place by 366 pins. The tussle for 2<sup>nd</sup> place was a fight till the end, as Melissa Swift, Sara Xuereb and Cynthia Frendo Duca continued to chase each other. In the end a 211 by Cynthia in the last game ensured she bagged the 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the ladies' team, with Melissa ending in 3<sup>rd</sup> place just 39 pins behind. The male section was an intense affair. Matthew started strongly with a 236, but Kayden Lagana' surged through from game 4 through to 7 rolling a personal best game of 277 which will be included in the Youths' record book for games over 269, to clinch the top spot by 8 pins. 3<sup>rd</sup> place went to Nicholas Muscat who finished with a 257 game to surpass Mark Spiteri by 20 pins.

The top 2 males: Kayden Lagana' and Matthew Magro, and the top 2 females: Sue Abela and Cynthia Frendo Duca will be forming Team Malta to participate in the XXIII edition which will be held in France later on this year, after last year's edition had been cancelled due to Covid. Sue has the absolute record of participating in all 22 previous editions, whereas the other 3 winners will be representing Malta for the first time, with

Kayden being the youngest bowler to ever be in Team Malta for such an important Championship at the tender age of 13 years. Matthew Magro will be the 2<sup>nd</sup> youngest male bowler to represent Malta at 19 years.



The 24 games were also part of the Youth Criteria to Select the Youth Team to represent Malta in the European Youth Championships. More news in the Newsletter for February.

Our next tournament will be the Masters Tournament. The Qualifying Day will be held on 1<sup>st</sup> March. The seeded players from 2020 placing 5-8 will go through to play on 6<sup>th</sup> March. The players are Philip, Rankin, Neil and Sue. The players seeded 1-4: Mauro, Mark, Nicholas and Matthew will go through automatically to play on 7<sup>th</sup> March. Forms will be issued soon.

Wish you all a nice day.

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