

JUNE 2020

After an absence of over two months we were finally back on the lanes, and I am back with news for you. This month we had both bad and good news, but thankfully the good news supersedes the bad one.

Covid 19 has wreaked havoc everywhere around the world, and unfortunately most of the tournaments and championships were cancelled: several of the YET and ISBT tournaments, various International Opens, and the Malta Open. The worst news, however, was when they cancelled the European Youth Championships. There were also some championships which have been postponed, and hopefully they will still happen, as having our athletes working so hard to honour Malta in these competitions, only to see their dream dashed away, is heart-breaking.

NATIONAL RECORDS

Matthew Magro started this season with a bang when he wrote history by being the youngest male athlete to roll a 300 game, after a couple of narrow misses, at 18 years and 8 months. Furthermore, he broke the Youth National Record for a 3-game series, rolling a 756 to beat his own record by 3 pins.



	3	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Tot.
Sue Abe		X9 / 7 /		X	X8 / 8 /		X9 - 8 / 9					190
Matthe		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	XXXX	300
		30	60	90	120	150	180	210	240	270	300	300
												26.43
												Diff. 115
Game TOT.	490											
TOT. Pin. fall				1440		TOT. Hdcp		0	TOT. Bonus		0	TOT. Points
												1440

We've also had a good 536 rolled by Senior bowler Mark Spiteri (298) and Youth athlete Nicholas Muscat (238), and they have now entered their team name 'Generation XYX' in the National Records List for doubles' series.



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Nicholas		9 /	X9 /		X	X	X		X9 / 9 / XXX			238
Mark S		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	XXX 8	298
		30	60	90	120	150	180	210	240	270	298	298
												24.74
												Diff. 120
Team												Generation XYZ
Thank You For Bowling League Your Series Has Finished												

COMPOSITE AVERAGE

With 6 months gone, but only 4 months of actual play, the top 3 males are: Justin Caruana Scicluna (215.86), Mauro Anastasi (215.38), and Mark Spiteri (210.53) while Sue Abela tops the ladies (202.69), followed by Cynthia Duca (200.46) and Sara Xuereb (199.72).

Top Youth bowlers (U19) are Nicholas Muscat (207.86), Matthew Magro (201.07) and Miguel Xuereb (195.35), whilst Sara Xuereb tops the females with a 199.72, followed by Kathryn Fenech 136.5 and Celianna Micallef (132.17).

Top Senior bowlers are Mark Spiteri (210.53) followed by Dennis Mercieca, Paul Gray, and Sue Abela (202.69), Liliana Spiteri and Marthese Cossai.

DOUBLES CISK LAGER LEAGUE 2020

The Doubles Cisk Lager League is back, and this year we have 13 teams, thus a BYE Team. With just two weeks of play we are already seeing huge scores. Leading the tables are Team Volkswagen (16) composed of Mauro Anastasi, Philip Gruppetta and Mark Muscat, Swisslion (16) – Neil Sullivan, Sara and Edward Xuereb, and Generation XYZ (14) – Mark Spiteri, Cynthia Frendo Duca and Nicholas Muscat.

MTBA MEMORIAL 2020 IN HONOUR OF SILVIO ANASTASI AND SAMMY BORG

This tournament saw its inception last year, and its popularity continued in 2020, when the tournament was fully booked once again. In fact, we had the max number of 35 participants – 12 females, and 23 males. In the female category Sue Abela led effortlessly, only faltering in the last game but still winning this tournament by 45 pins and was the only female to roll a 200+ scratch series (1202). 2nd place was won by Cynthia Frendo Duca with a 1157. The tussle for 3rd place was between Tiziana Carannante and Liliana Spiteri, both rolling a 1131, but Liliana managed to nip the 3rd place as her 6th game was higher than Tiziana's.



The male competition was intense with Matthew Magro leading all the way. At his heels were another 6 players, but Matthew persevered to emerge as the winner with a 1307 series, and the only 1300+ series of the tournament. Hot on heels were 5 contenders: Nicholas Muscat, Mark Spiteri, Mauro Anastasi, Neil Sullivan and Rankin Camilleri who were all within reach of the top 3 places. Young Muscat surged through with a 200 game to win 2nd place with a 1298 series, whereas senior Mark Spiteri nipped the 3rd place with a 1282 total



The awards were presented by our President and Sammy's family, whilst Silvio's widow was present for the tournament.



(pictured above) The Champions Matthew Magro and Sue Abela, who continue to strike a double impact in local bowling



The Winter League had to be abandoned. After much discussions we sent options to our members to decide on the way forward. The option which was most voted for decided the fate of the league, and so it was stopped, and considered as void. As a show of good will, and to honour our sponsors, we decided that the trophies will still be awarded to the top 3 teams, as well as to any individual high scores. However, since this league was abandoned, and there were no promotions or relegations, it was decided that although players can change a team, no one can change divisions.

The MAPFRE MSV Life Leagues will start as follows: Division 1 – 9th July, Division 2 – 21st July and Division 3 – 20th July.

Our next event will be the Gold Cup which will be held on 4, 5 and 12th July. Please note that the closing date is 30th June, so kindly inform me as soon as possible to determine the number of lanes required. May I remind you that only bowlers who do not exceed the 180 average (males) and 175 average (females) will be eligible to play.

I wish you all a good day!

Regards

Liliana