

November News Letter

CISK LAGER DOUBLES LEAGUE

This month saw the end of the Cisk Lager Doubles League. MedSea Shipping Agency were already confirmed champions during week 22, and runners up were Gillette Fusion 5.



However during the position night, Bell Caffè beat Simply Holding Co Ltd 6-2, with the former finishing in 3rd place. Meanwhile Ballbarians, who were in 5th place and 6 points behind 4th, beat Pin Pals 8-0 and ended with same points as SHCL and ironically also the scratch pinfall was the same at 26438. 4th place however was won by Ballbarians as they had 12 pins handicap to add to their scratch pinfall.

Top 4 standings were as follows:

1. MedSea Shipping Agency – 136
2. Gillette Fusion 5 – 122
3. Bell Caffè – 114
4. Ballbarians – 104

High bowlers for this league were Mauro Anastasi (223.55) and Sara Xuereb (212.33)

MAPFRE MSV LIFE LEAGUES

The Mapfre MSV Life National Leagues are nearly over. Div 3 still has two weeks to go **and next week they will be playing Thursday instead of Monday due to the Platinum Cup**. Up till week 16, The WMD's lead on 72 points, tied with Strike Force who have to content with 2nd place for now due to lower pinfall. Ready Steady Bowl are in 3rd place. However the last two weeks are going to be crucial in determining the two teams who will be promoted as well as the team placing 3rd.

Div 2 – Supreme were confirmed the champions 2 weeks before the end of the league. Up till week 17 Brutal Legendz are in 2nd place (90) and Mean Machine in 3rd (85). J Grima are definitely relegated, but the fate of the 2nd team to play in division 3 will be decided next week. Also please note that next week will be played on **Thursday instead of Monday due to a large booking by ESB**.

Div 1 ended this season yesterday – Champions Okmalta.com (112), 2nd Fina (112) and Turu's Knights (100). Hi average bowlers were Sue Abela (201.09) and Neil Sullivan (210.06)



COMPOSITE AVERAGE

The top bowlers as per composite average at end November are: Neil Sullivan (208.86), Mauro Anastasi 2nd (208.72) and Justin Caruana Scicluna 3rd (206.88). In the female category Sue Abela retained the top spot (201.01), Sara Xuereb in 2nd (191.03) followed by Tiziana Carannante (186.95).

Top bowlers for the youths are Sara Xuereb (191.03), Alessia Schembri (180.63), and Raquel Xuereb (171.91), while in the boys' division we have Matthew Magro (192.28), Edward Xuereb (185.95) and Kurt Attard (179.12).

AMF WORLD CUP – LAS VEGAS

Sue Abela and Mauro Anastasi went to represent Malta in the AMF World Cup in Las Vegas. This year we had 68 female participants and 81 males. After bowling 24 games Mauro finished in 35th place with a 199.39 average, whilst Sue placed 31st with a 190.58 average.



The eventual winners were USA's Shannon O'Keefe and Australia's Sam Cooley.

NATIONAL JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS – SPONSORED BY BANK OF VALLETTA

This year we had 38 competitors most of who participated in more than 1 category.



BANK OF VALLETTA: U12 – MINI JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

This was the 5th year since we introduced this category and this year we had 12 competitors: 4 girls and 8 boys.

Karlise Bartolo lead the girls' category from day 1, rolling a 514 and a 503 to place first by 175 pins. On day 1 Celianne was in 2nd place, followed by Mia, but the latter improved her series by 162 pins on the 2nd day to nip the runner up position with an 842 series. Celianne placed 3rd with a 768 series. Worth a mention is Charlize Bartolo's courage who participated in these championships after just 2 training sessions with Sport on The Move.



Kayden Lagana also lead the boy's category from the first day, rolling an impressive 701 series and a 642 series on day 2 to win the title by 99 pins over 2nd placed Chris Fenech (1244). 3rd place was touch and go between Julian Baldacchino and Nicolai Mallia, and by the 6th game only 3 pins separated both players. However while Nicolai rolled a 131 and 102, Julian bowled a 137 and 174 to grab the 3rd place with a 1134 series.



U12 champions: Kayden Lagana and Karlise Bartolo



BANK OF VALLETTA: U16 – JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

Mirroring last year, this year we had 9 boys and 3 girls competing for the Junior Championships and all players had to play 12 games, 6 games on day 1 and 6 games on day 2. The girls' title was a tussle between two 13 year olds: Katherine Fenech and Ruslana Grima. Katherine was leading by 55 pins on day 1, however on day 2 it was Ruslana who bowled an 892 as opposed to Kathryn's 792, to win the title with a 1766 total. Kathryn settled for 2nd place (1721), whereas newcomer Greta Caruana placed 3rd.



Last year's champion Edward Xuereb found no tough competition from his opponents and he won the championships by 238 pins. Dwayne Zahra, who was in 3rd on day 1, bowled a 1018 on day 2 to improve to 2nd, whereas Nicholas Muscat who was last on the 1st day, rolled an impressive 1144 series to climb determinedly to the 3rd place.



Whereas Ruslana is a first time U16 champions, Edward has won this title for the 3rd consecutive year.



BANK OF VALLETTA: U23 – INTERMEDIATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

6 girls and 16 boys participated in this category, all trying to make the round robin. While the girls had no problem making it through as there were only 6 competitors, it was a different matter altogether in the boys' category! Day 1 saw Miguel Xuereb with the only 200+ series (1232) lead the way, with Edward Xuereb hot on heels (1195), and Philip Gruppetta, Matthew Magro, Kurt Attard and Kayden Lagana occupying the top 6 places. Day 2 however brought changes, as Matthew Magro rolled a 1240 to take the lead with a 2399, Miguel dropped to 2nd (2334), Philip retained the 3rd spot, followed by Edward and Kurt, while Reuben Scerri succeeded in nipping the last spot available.

Round Robin Girls

The top 3 girls making it to the round robin had quite a big lead on the other 4-6 placed girls, and it was evident that they would pass through to the next stage. Sara was the only one to win all her games and retained the lead by 348 points. Raquel won 2 matches and had a draw to improve to 2nd, whilst Juliana won 3 games and had a draw to finish in 3rd place. Although placing 4th, the youngest of the group Katherine, rolled the 2nd highest series (838) and finished in 4th place, followed by Miriana and Donna.



Round Robin Boys

Contrary to the girls' story, the boys' was a different matter altogether as the top 5 were very close. However it soon became clear who the top 3 would be, as with adrenaline pumping, Matthew Magro, Miguel Xuereb and Philip Gruppetta rolled strike after strike. In the end it was Matthew Magro who persevered with a brilliant 1113 series and 3 wins to retain the lead. Miguel won all his games and rolled a 1072 to hang on to 2nd place, whereas Philip Gruppetta belted a 1098 and won 4 games to nip the 3rd place. It was a pleasure watching them battling it out with enthusiastic shouting. Edward, Kurt and Reuben placed 4th, 5th and 6th respectively.



Step Ladder

Juliana faced Raquel, the latter winning the 181-154. On the other hand both boys were on to a good game, but 3 splits for Miguel ended in a 201 game, whereas Philip grilled on with an amazing 245.

First seeded Sara and Matthew then had to face the winners of the previous match. The match between sisters Raquel and Sara was close, but Sara defended the title to win 169-160.

On the other hand Matthew lost to Philip 170-210, so had to force a 2nd game. However he failed to get the awesome feeling of the round robin, and with a low 159 lost the 2nd game to Philip's 192.



Both champions have been undefeated for 6 years in a row. Sara has now managed to reach Amanda Cini who held the record having won these championships for 6 times, 5 of which were consecutive years. Of course Sara has more than enough years to break this record, since she still has some more years to go!

ALL THE YOUTH CHAMPIONS



MOC AWARDS AND HALL OF FAME

We have had confirmation that the following nominations have been accepted.

Athletes: Sue Abela, Sara Xuereb, Justin Caruana Scicluna, and Mauro Anastasi.

Youths: Edward Xuereb.



Melissa Anastasi has also been accepted for the Hall of Fame for her past achievements in bowling.



We wish them all good luck, but all will be receiving an award as that is how it goes with the Maltese Olympic Committee. Presentation will be aired live on 7th December after the 8 o'clock news.

This weekend we have the Platinum Cup where 44 bowlers will be participating. The morning squads should start at 9.30 and the 2nd squad at 12.30. **May I remind you that it would be great if you were to bring some food items to be collected for the food bank please.**

I wish you all a good day!

Regards

Liliana