

Good morning members,

September also passed in a flash and we will now hopefully be thinking about the winter months.

DOUBLES CISK LAGER LEAGUE

League is now in its 17th week. Top 3 teams are: Gillette Fusion 5 and MedSea Shipping Agency both (98), and 3rd Bell Café (82).

High Averages for the Doubles Cisk Lager Mauro Anastasi (224.40), and Sara Xuereb (211.33).

MAPFRE MSV LIFE NATIONAL LEAGUES



Only division 1 has started the 2nd round as both divisions 2 and 3 still have a week to go.

The new pattern for round 2 has also been drawn. We will now be playing on a 41 feet pattern, and division 1 played on it last Thursday.

Results are as follows:

Div 3: The WMD's (48), Vintage (41) and Strike Force (36).

Div 2: Mean Machine (49), Supreme (48) and Brutal Legendz (42).

Div 1: okmalta.com (62), Fina (58) and Turu's Knights (52).

COMPOSITE AVERAGE

The top bowlers as per composite average are: Mauro Anastasi (208.25), 2nd Neil Sullivan (205.84) and 3rd Justin Caruana Scicluna (205.35). In the female category Sue Abela retained the top spot (199.77), Sara Xuereb (189.92) and Tiziana Carannante follows in 3rd (186.92).

Youth top bowlers under 21 years of age are: Matthew Magro (191.02), Edward Xuereb (185.40) and Kurt Attard (178.11). Sara Xuereb (189.92), Alessia Schembri (180.80) and Raquel Xuereb (174.03) are the best U21 females.

ROME OPEN

6 of our bowlers went to compete in the Rome Open: Mauro Anastasi, Neil Sullivan, Mark Muscat, Daniel Grech, Jonathan Sciberras and Sammy Borg.

After playing during various squads, the best 6 games scoring was from Mauro who managed a 1244 to finish in 13th place. Next was Neil Sullivan who finished in 36th place with a 1179, Mark Muscat 63rd (1147), Sammy Borg position 120 (1063), Daniel Grech with a 1045 in 144th place, and Jonathan Sciberras in 273rd place (926). This was from a total of 313 bowlers.

As I mentioned before Mauro had rolled a 1244 to win Squad 11, which placed him in 13th place and won him an immediate place in step 3. Rolling a 537 he finished in 13th place from this step, and in 21st position from a total of 313 bowlers. Well done Mauro.



SWISS TEAM EVENT

2 of our bowlers namely Sue Abela and Matthew Magro went to participate in the Swiss Team Event which was held at Bowling Miami, Switzerland. Together with Tanya Cuva and Damir Brazenac they formed team Gravity. The competition was based on 2 days, and the team succeeded in placing 7th from 16 teams.



Individually they played the following averages over 15 games: Sue Abela (181.08 + 8 handicap) and Matthew Magro (184.40).



LUTON – YTE

9 of our Youth bowlers went to participate in the Luton YTE. Bowlers were, Edward, Sara and Miguel Xuereb, Kurt Attard, Matthew Magro, Dwayne Zahra, Kayden Lagana and Chris and Kathryn Fenech.

Kayden, Kathryn and Chris participated in group A with Kayden finishing in 7th place, Chris in 9th place and Kathryn in 10th place from a total of 14 bowlers.

Edward and Dwayne participated in group B. Edward rolled a 1162 to place 3rd in this category whilst Dwayne bowled a 1023 to finish in 15th place from a total of 24 players.

However Dwayne succeeded in making it through to next round by rolling a good 218 in the Desperado.



Game	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	TOT.
DWA	X8 /	X7 /	9 /	X	X	X9 /	X7 /				218
JACK	6 2	X6 2	X	X6 /	X7 1	X9 /					163
Team 14											
To Start a New Game Player 1 Commence Bowling											

Sara, Matthew, Kurt and Miguel participated in Group C. Sara succeeded in placing 7th with a 1151 scratch series. Miguel placed 27th, Kurt 29th and Matthew 32nd from a total of 33 bowlers.

Sara, Edward and Dwayne then moved on to the next round.

Sara faced England's Ki Leighfield and lost 2-1 in group C. Edward and Dwayne were in group B with the former losing 2-1 to Vedran Delandhuy of the Netherlands. Dwayne on the other hand impressed with a 188 – 204 – 239 and beat England's Dan Harding 2-1 to proceed to the next stage.

He then faced Ireland's Taylor Williams and lost 2-0 to place in 3rd place in group B, which was for the U17 category. Very good placing for the 13 year old.

Kathryn Fenech was honoured with an encouragement award plus a Brunswick ball.



9th SENIOR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS – SPONSORED BY BANK OF VALLETTA

The tournament ended on 1st October, which is why newsletter is a day late. This year, the championships, which were sponsored by Bank of Valletta, attracted 12 seniors, 4 ladies and 8 males, all vying to be crowned this year's National Senior Champion and win a free entry to the Seniors' Open which will be held later this week.



In the ladies section Sue Abela literally had no competition at all from the other ladies. On day 1 she led by over 336 pins, and by day 2 she won the title by a massive 555 pins rolling a good 2625 series. Marthese Cossai placed 2nd, whilst Liliana Spiteri came 3rd.

The men's category is usually much keener, as competition is steeper. Day 1 saw Mark Spiteri lead with a 1405 series, with Paul Gray close at heel (1401) and Dennis Mercieca lagging behind with a 1298.

Whilst Mark continued to bowl constant games on the second day for another good 1384 series, he easily clinched the title by 146 pins with a total of 2789 to break the Senior record on a 12 game series (2753 scratch). Paul Gray dropped to a 1242 series, but managed to hang on to 2nd place for a total of 2643, whilst Dennis Mercieca rolled a total of 2583 to settle for 3rd place.

6	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	TOT.
Spiteri	8 / 19	9 / 39	X / 69	X / 98	X / 118	9 / 135	7 / 144	X / 174	X / 204	XX7 / 231	2789

Steve Cassar also managed to join the Lily Club during these championships, getting the blasted Lily Split on lane 17.

This year's champions Sue Abela and Mark Spiteri both won the 2nd title in their short life as seniors.



Now we look forward to October as it is packed with activities. First up is the Senior Open from 3-7 October.

A week later we have the Bronze Cup to be played on 13-14 October. This is open to bowlers who have up to 155 average for ladies, and up to 160 average for men. If you had not applied yet kindly do so, as places are filling fast. In fact we already have 24 entries.

Later on during the month, our National Champions: Mauro Anastasi and Sara Xuereb will be participating in the European Championships which are being held between 22-29 October 2018 in Langen. We wish them both good luck.

I wish you all a good day!

Regards

Liliana