

December 2020 – BOWLING NEWSLETTER

Good morning everyone. This is the last bit of news for 2020, and although it was not a good year in general, we still managed to hold all tournaments locally, and even added a couple more. Hopefully, next year I will be able to bring you news from abroad once again, and we can have photos without masks!

Cisk Lager Doubles League 2020

Winners: BOV Asset Management (150) Sue Abela and Matthew Magro
2nd Team Volkswagen (141) Mauro Anastasi, Mark Muscat and Philip Gruppetta
3rd Generation XYZ (138) Mark Spiteri, Cynthia Frendo Duca and Nicholas Muscat
4th Class of '99 (125) Melissa Swift, Tiziana Carannante and Rankin Camilleri



High average bowlers Mauro Anastasi (224) and Cynthia Frendo Duca (212)
High games Matthew Magro (300) and Sue Abela (279)
High series Mark Spiteri (790) and Sue Abela (727)

COMPOSITE AVERAGE

The top bowlers as per composite average for 2020 are: Mauro Anastasi (217.07), Justin Caruana Scicluna (215.86) and (Mark Spiteri (211.64). In the female category Sue Abela retained the top spot (203.85), followed by Sara Xuereb (202.55) and Cynthia Frendo Duca (201.04).

High U21 Youth Bowlers are: Sara Xuereb (202.55), Ruslana Grima (164.42), and Karlise Bartolo (143.10), whilst for the boys we have: Nicholas Muscat (210.37), Matthew Magro (206.67), and Miguel Xuereb (198.56).

Ladies Senior Bowlers are: Sue Abela, Liliana Spiteri and Josephine Borg and the men are Mark Spiteri, Dennis Mercieca and Kenneth Arpa.

PERSONAL BESTS WHICH GO IN THE NATIONAL RECORDS

Mauro Anastasi ended the year with a 217.07 average which is the highest composite average recorded beating Justin's previous 216.67. Well done Mauro.



TEAM VOLKSWAGEN



Mauro Anastasi and Philip Gruppetta rolled a personal best 534 game, and a personal best 1461 series as Team Volkswagen during the last night of the Doubles League. Individual games were Mauro 266, and Philip 268, whilst individual series were Mauro 741 and Philip 720. This will be listed in the records of high doubles' game over 530, and high doubles' series over 1440.

	3	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Tot.	
Philip G	X	X9	/	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X9	268	
Mauro	X	X9	/	7	/	X	X	X	X	X	XXX	266	
											25.46		
Team Team Volkswagen											Diff. 171		
Game TOT.	534		TOT. Pin fall.	1461		TOT. Handicap	0		TOT. Bonus	0		TOT. Points	1461

DWAYNE ZAHRA

A 289 personal best game during the Doubles Cisk. This is the 4th highest youth game recorded, (NB picture was taken before it was obligatory to wear a mask everywhere)



Dwayn	8	/	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	XXX9	289
	20	50	80	110	140	170	200	230	260	289		

AUTUMN CUP

A total of 40 bowlers participated in this first Autumn Cup, 9 females and 31 males. This was in a different format than the usual tournaments, as the qualifying was 6 games with handicap, and then the top 8 of each category had to face each other in a best out of 3 knock-out.

After the 6 games the top 8 to make it for the 2nd round were Tiziana Carannante, who lead the female section (1231), followed by Cynthia Frendo Duca (1198), Sara Xuereb (1187), Sue Abela (1158), Liliana Spiteri (1136), Amanda Cini (1103), Ruslana Grima (1090) and Sandra Xuereb (1020).



The top 8 males were Mauro Anastasi (1339), Philip Gruppetta (1317), Nicholas Muscat (1303), Paul Gray (1302), Julian Baldacchino (1260), Matthew Magro (1243), Kenneth Arpa (1232), and Dwayne Zahra came draw with Damian Pisani (1224), with Dwayne going through as he had the highest last game



During the knockout stages of best out of 3, Tiziana beat Sandra 2-1, Cynthia beat Ruslana 2-0, Sara beat Amanda 2-0, and Liliana lost to Sue 2-1. Mauro lost to Dwayne 2-0, Kenneth beat Philip 2-1, Nicholas eliminated Matthew (2-0), whilst Julian missed out by a pin against Paul (2-1). During the semi-finals, Tiziana succeeded in eliminating Sue 2-0, Cynthia lost to Sara 2-1, whilst Dwayne won over Paul and Nicholas beat Kenneth. Both male games were won 2-1.

The female finalists were Sara vs Tiziana with the former winning the title (215 and 256 vs 192 and 167).

The males' finals was a youth affair with two 15 year olds facing each other. Dwayne won the first game 218-189 and then sealed the 2nd game in his favour (194-145) to be declared winner.

Runners up were Nicholas and Tiziana, whilst 3rd place were joint Cynthia and Sue, and Kenneth and Paul.



WINTER TOURNAMENT

This competition closed off the year 2020 and was based on 6 games total pinfall complete with handicap.

The female winners were National Champion Senior Champion Sue Abela who rolled an impressive 1322 series, finishing in style with a 220 average. Runner up was Tiziana Carannante with 1236 total, whilst Cynthia Frendo Duca clinched the 3rd place with 1228.



The male winners were National Champion Mauro Anastasi with a total 1320, 2nd place went to Dennis Mercieca (1279) and 3rd place was nipped by Matthew Magro (1270).



The National League will kick off with division 2 on 5th January starting at 8pm, whilst division 1 will start on 7th January also at 8pm. Division 3 has been amalgamated with Division 2 as we have had some team droppages due to Covid. Below are the draws

	DIVISION 1	DIVISION 2
1	Okmalta.com	Malta Airport
2	Royal Shock	Tenpin Breakers
3	Brutal Legendz	Bonnici Group
4	XS	Ready Steady Bowl
5	Bank of Valletta	Split Pins
6	Powerfruit	One 4 All
7	Total	Strike Force
8	Up Your Average	Move It
9	Supersonic	BOV
10	Turu's Knights	Blitzkrieg
11		Pin Pulse
12		FirstBridge
13		Vintage
14		BYE

Our first tournament in 2021 will be the Top 24 Tournament which is on a 6-game format and will be played on 18th January at 8pm. I have already sent a separate email outlining who the top 24 are, so please if you have not yet confirmed your participation, kindly do so asap.

The next competition during January will be the Mediterranean Bowling Championships Qualifying which is scheduled for 30-31 January and 01 February. Form will be submitted at a later date. These 24 games will also serve as the final criteria for the EYC Team selection.

This is all for 2020. May I remind you to follow us on our official webpage www.bowlingmalta.org as well as our two official Facebook pages: <https://www.facebook.com/bowlingyouth> <https://www.facebook.com/Malta-Tenpin-Bowling-Association-127928316689>

On behalf of all Committee Members, I would like to wish you and your loved ones a blessed Christmas and a Prosperous New Year. Please keep safe to protect yourself and your loved ones, and to ensure a better 2021 for all.

