

Dear bowlers,

Although this month is short, we were still quite busy with different events.

The MAPFRE MSV Life Leagues are now in their 7<sup>th</sup> week, for Divisions 1 & 2, whereas the Div 3 Trios league teams have just played their 6<sup>th</sup>. Atlas Insurance enjoy the top place, followed by The Scotsman Pub and Move It for Div 3. Div 2 leaders are MIA on 41 points, followed closely by Strike Me Jabaal (40) and Blitzkrieg (36). Fina are the Division 1 leaders and they also lead by just 1 point (44), followed by Turu's Knights (43) and okmalta.com (38).

***Division 1 players kindly note that we will be having a one week's break during March as there will be no play on the 16<sup>th</sup> since Team Malta will be away for its first participation in the Small Nations Championships.***

Composite average for the 2<sup>nd</sup> month of the year is as follows:

**Males:** Justin Caruana Scicluna (213.83), Mark Spiteri (204.41) and Rankin Camilleri (204.29)

**Females:** Sue Abela (204.73), Sara Xuereb (194.56) and Tiziana Carannante (193.82)

**Youths:** Kurt Attard (184.49), Edward Xuereb (184.14) and Matthew Magro (181.37) for the boys and Sara Xuereb (194.56), Raquel Xuereb (172.21) and Michaela Briffa (161.48) for the girls.

Our first tournament for the month was the Junior Handicap for all youths under 19 years of age and who did not exceed the 180 average. The competition was in fact divided into 4 categories: Boys & Girls A, for all those who train in the Youth Academy, and Boys & Girls B for those new bowlers who participate in the Skola Sport On the move programme.



The winners for Squad B were: Sarah Cassar (1<sup>st</sup>), Gail Micallef (2<sup>nd</sup>) and Kathryn Fenech (3<sup>rd</sup>) (Girls) and Julian Baldacchino (1<sup>st</sup>), Kurt Bartolo (2<sup>nd</sup>) and Justin Bae (3<sup>rd</sup>) for the boys section.



Group A was won by Raquel Xuereb, Ruslana Grima (2<sup>nd</sup>) and Noleen Grima (3<sup>rd</sup>) and Matthew Montanaro (1<sup>st</sup>), Reuben Scerri (2<sup>nd</sup>) and Edward Xuereb (3<sup>rd</sup>). All participants received a medal for their efforts. It is good to outline that Christopher Fenech received a Fair Play trophy as even though he knew he stood a chance of winning if he played in Squad B, yet he chose to play in the A.



The next tournament was for our Elite Bowlers as they participated in the 10th Malta Masters. Since this event sports only 1 category, all ladies were awarded an 8 pin handicap per game. There were 12 hopefuls trying to make the top 8, so they could try their luck against the 5-8 seeded best players from last year.

It was good to notice that there were 4 youths participating and 3 of them succeeded in making it for the next round.



Kurt Attard rolled the best scratch series (1159), but was kicked out of first place by Sara Xuereb who rolled 2 pins less, but had the advantage of an 8 pin handicap per game allowed for women. Daniel Grech and Mark Muscat followed with a 188 and 187 respectively. The other 4 making it to step 1 were: Joanna Attard, Matthew Magro, Philip Gruppetta and Sammy Borg.

Now these 8 will be bowling another 6 games on Saturday at 14:00 and will be joined by Dennis Mercieca, Sue Abela, Rankin Camilleri and Neil Sullivan.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> and Final step will be played on 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> March so the eventual winners will be in the newsletter for March.

A very important event in our calendar is the Sport Malta Awards and this year we had no less than 4 finalists. Tiziana Carannante was also in the running for the People's Choice Awards and she missed out by just 1% having placed 2<sup>nd</sup>. Here I would like to take the opportunity to all those who voted for her....



Results were as follows:

- Young Sportman: Matthew Magro – 5<sup>th</sup> place
- Young Sportswoman: Sara Xuereb – 2<sup>nd</sup> place
- Sportswoman of the Year: Sue Abela – 3<sup>rd</sup> place
- Sportswoman of the Year: Tiziana Carannante – WINNER



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TIZIANA CARANNANTE	94	15	
YAZMIN ZAMMIT STEVENS	54	1	
SUE ABELA	47	10	
HELENE PELLICANO	47	3	
CHARLOTTE WINGFIELD	33	6	

In a couple of weeks team Malta will be representing Malta in two very important Championships. The First ever Small Nations Championships will be played from the 15<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> March. Team is composed of Sue Abela, Sara Xuereb, Justin Caruana Scicluna, and Mauro Anastasi.



Then, a week later specifically on 26<sup>th</sup> March, team Malta composed of Sue Abela, Sara Xuereb, Justin Caruana Scicluna and Mark Spiteri will be competing in the 20<sup>th</sup> Mediterranean Championships which will be held in Slovenia.



We wish both teams good luck.

This month we also held our AGM. No election was needed as there were only 8 nominations mainly: Mr. Alan Attard, Mr. Sammy Borg, Mr Daniel Magro, Mr. Jonathan Sciberras, Ms. Liliana Spiteri, Mr. Mark Spiteri, Mr. Giancarlo Tolu, and Mr. Josward Xuereb. So far only the duties of the executive committee have been outlined and Paul Baldacchino will continue as President, with Liliana confirmed as Secretary General and Giancarlo as Treasurer.

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