

JULY 2020

A few points before I start with this newsletter. First of all a reminder that the Bank of Valletta National Championships will be played on 1st, 2nd and 3rd August. Please note that timing for Saturday is not the usual 14:00hrs but we start at **09:30 am**.

I would like to urge all our members to use caution whilst at the centre. We have the second wave of Covid 19, therefore please keep distance, avoid hi fives if possible and sanitize your hands.

Now for the news.

COMPOSITE AVERAGE

Composite average as at end July are as follows:

Males are: Mauro Anastasi (216.58), Justin Caruana Scicluna (215.86), and Mark Spiteri (209.61) while Sue Abela tops the ladies (204.46), followed by Sara Xuereb (201.99) and Cynthia Duca (200.09).

Top Youth bowlers (U19) are Nicholas Muscat (206.52), Matthew Magro (202.70) and Miguel Xuereb (198.16), whilst Sara Xuereb tops the females with a 201.99, followed by Kathryn Fenech 140.77 and Rachel Chircop (138.22).

Top Senior bowlers are Mark Spiteri (209.61) followed by Dennis Mercieca, Paul Gray, and Sue Abela (202.69), Liliana Spiteri and Marthese Cossai.

The Silver Cup will be based on these averages.

DOUBLES CISK LAGER LEAGUE 2020

After the 7th week results are as follows:

Team Volkswagen (42), Double Impact and Swisslion (40), Generation XYZ (33). All 4 teams played against the BYE.



After a long break due to Covid 19 the National Leagues restarted this month. Only one team dropped out from division 2, putting the teams down to 8 and avoiding the bye team. Other than that division 1 resumed on 10 teams, and division 3 on 8 teams.

I would also like to remind ALL members to read the league rules as we already had two instances when they were not followed. We had a substitute when the team captain failed to send an email to Eden

Superbowl and the league secretary as per specified time in rules, as well as a player coming to play with a different shirt. Please note that infringement of these rules both mean a BLIND score automatically.

Top 3 teams as follows:

Division 1 week 4 – okmalta.com (31), Total (27) and Royal Shock (18)

Division 2 week 2 – Up Your Average (16), MIA Team 1 (14) and then Bonnici Group, BOV and Brutal Legendz all on 8 points.

Division 3 – Pin Pulse (14), Strike Force and One 4 All (10).

GOLD CUP

Participation was a bit low this year, as some people still were not settled due to Covid. In fact, we had 26 players, 17 males and 9 females. This competition was open for bowlers whose average did not exceed 180 if male, and 175 if female.

Day 1 saw Special Olympic bowler Rachel Chircop lead the ladies with a 1055. Marthese Cossai trailed just 1 pin behind, whilst young Kathryn Fenech was in 3rd. The other top 6 contenders were Liliana Spiteri, Sandra Xuereb and SO player Natasha Bianchi.

In the male category it was Melvin Galea who lead on Day 1 with a 1178, followed by two Special Olympic bowlers Nicholas Falzon (1143) and Mark Serge (1136). Kayden Lagana, Kyle Camilleri and Jonathan Sciberras were in 4th to 6th place respectively.

Day 2 saw some changes. Liliana rolled a 1184 series to climb to the first position, for a total 2203, and 133 pins ahead of 2nd place Marthese (2070). Kathryn hung on to 3rd place, Rachel dropped to 4th, whilst Sandra and Natasha retained 5th and 6th place respectively.

We also had some changes in the males' division. Melvin retained the top spot with a 2349 series. Kayden rolled a 1186 to climb to the 2nd position for a 2301 total, whilst Nicholas kept the 3rd. Another great series by youth player Chris Fenech (1190) placed him in 4th, with Mark and Jonathan retaining the last 2 places for grabs.



ROUND ROBIN

Liliana Spiteri won 4 encounters to retain the top position (2099). Marthese Cossai won 3 encounters to retain 2nd place (1947), whereas Sandra Xuereb won 3 games to clinch the 3rd spot of the step ladder (1867). The others placed as follows: Kathryn Fenech 4th, Natasha Bianchi (5th) and Rachel Chircop (6th).

Melvin Galea also won 4 encounters and held on to the top male position (2274). 13 year old Chris Fenech, also won 4 encounters to improve from 4th to 2nd, whilst 12 year old Kayden Lagana succeeded in bagging the 3rd position winning 3 encounters. Positions 4 to 6 were taken by Mark Serge, Jonathan Sciberras and Nicholas Falzon.



STEP LADDER

Sandra faced Marthese playing a 174 total, whilst her opponent played 150, to make it through to the finals.

Kayden beat his friend Chris (197 – 169) to also proceed to the final stage.

Both underdogs won the first game Sandra (176) and Liliana (170), whilst Kayden rolled a 210 against Melvin's 176 thus forcing a 2nd game. The leaders faced both lost their second chance, as Liliana (164) lost to Sandra (174) and Melvin (164) to Kayden (178).

Thus, Sandra Xuereb and Kayden Lagana were crowned Gold Cup Champions for the first time. Sandra is now the only female to have won the Bronze and Gold Cup, whereas Kayden Lagana wrote history when he is not only the youngest player to ever win the Gold Cup, but he is the only athlete to have won the Bronze, Silver and Gold Cup.



ATLAS YOUTH OF THE MONTH

We are proud to announce that Matthew Magro, one of our best youth athletes, has been awarded the Atlas Youth of the Month for June 2020. Below is an extract of the Press Release issued by the sponsors Atlas Insurance.

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Tenpin bowler Matthew Magro was named the 'Atlas Youth Athlete of the month' for the month of June 2020. Magro won this award following his recent impressive results which saw him officially becoming the youngest ever Maltese tenpin bowler to roll a perfect game.

Magro started to play tenpin bowling when he was eight years old and has since then continued to train to improve his technique to become one of the most promising youth players within the Malta Tenpin Bowling Association. After three long months away from the bowling lanes, Magro came back with a huge bang in June after his 3 game series at the MTBA Cisk Doubles League tailed to a 756 series including a 300 perfect game in the first week of the competition.

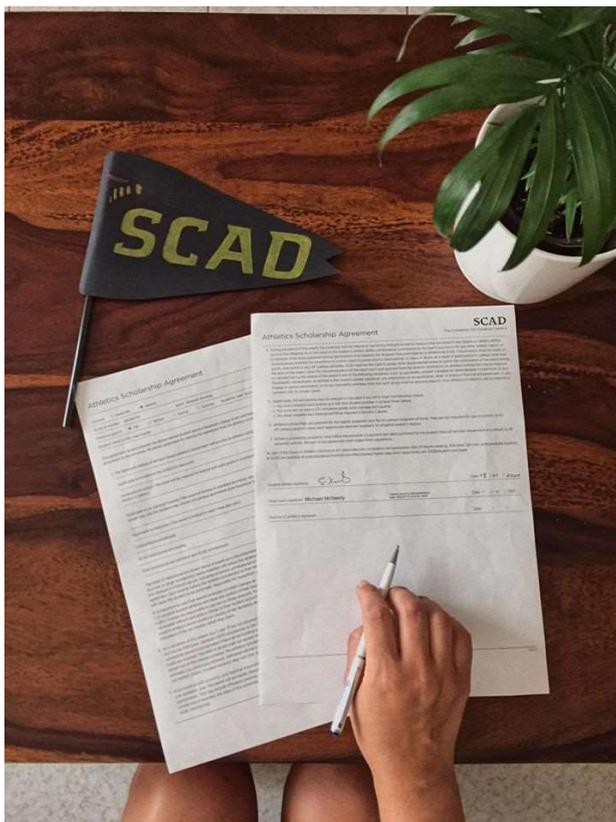
During this League Magro was paired with local veteran legend Sue Abela. At 18 years and 8 months Magro was confirmed as the youngest ever local Tenpin bowler to register such a result and additionally smashing his personal best by 3 points.

Following this record, later on during the month of June Magro was in high spirits as he headed into MTBA Memorial which was a 6 game series competition. He led all the way and was the only player to bowl a series over 1300 during the six games beating 15 year old Nicholas Muscat who is the current Under 16 and U23 male National Champion by 9 pins.

This was the sixth award being awarded to a local youth athlete in the series of this joint initiative by Atlas Insurance and the Malta Sports Journalists Association to recognize the efforts by young sports athletes and thus encouraging them to continue to train hard in their respective sports disciplines.



Another piece of great involving another Youth Bowler, when Sara Xuereb announced that she signed a contract to study and also be part of the Women's Bowling team at Savannah College of Art and Design (SCAD) for the next 4 years, in Atlanta, Georgia. We congratulate Sara for this great achievement and wish her good luck for a brilliant future.



Our next events will be:

The Bank of Valletta National Championships which will be held on 1, 2 and 3rd August.
Silver Cup 29 and 30th August (maximum average 170 for men and 165 for ladies).

I wish you all a good day!

Regards

Liliana