

## June 2018

We've had a month's break from the MAPFRE MSV Life National Leagues but our tournaments continued.

### Cisk Lager Doubles League

The Doubles Cisk Lager continues and after 5 weeks the 3 leaders are: DenKen (32), Bell Caffè (26) and Ballbarians (22). However there are two missing teams who have a make up booked, and since there is a BYE team, this deflects the results.

We also had a new record on 26<sup>th</sup> June, when Dennis Mercieca and Kenneth Arpa rolled a super 587 game to beat the previous record held by Ray Falzon and Mark Spiteri since 2013. Dennis bowled a 288, while Kenneth rolled a 299.



	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Total
Dennis	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	288
Kenneth	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	299

Team Denken Diff. 224

Game TOC 587 TOC Pin In 1469 TOC Hit 0 TOC Bonus 0 TOC Points 1469



There was also a new Youth Record by Matthew Magro who rolled a 748 during the same night.

### Composite Average

Now that half the year is over the top 3 males are: Mauro Anastasi (207.94), Neil Sullivan (206.25) and Justin Caruana Scicluna (201.59), while Sue Abela tops the ladies (198.08), followed by Sara Xuereb (192.68) and Tiziana Carannante follows (185.44).

Top Youth bowlers (U21) are: Sara Xuereb 192.68), Alessia Schembri (183.11) and Raquel Xuereb (177.33), while for the Boys it is Matthew Magro (192.50), Edward Xuereb (187.72) and Kurt Attard (178.42).

## Bank of Valletta National Championships

Bank of Valletta once again sponsored this event, and this year we had a record number of 28 participants – 22 males and 6 females.

On day 1 we saw Sara Xuereb leading the female section by 117 pins, followed by Cynthia Duca and Sue Abela. In the men's section it was Mauro Anastasi who took the early lead by 121 pins, followed by Justin Caruana Scicluna and Neil Sullivan.

Day 2 saw some changes. Rolling the highest ladies series of the day (1687), Sue Abela improved to 2<sup>nd</sup> place, with just 40 pins under Sara, who retained the lead. Tiziana and Melissa ended in a 3001 draw in 3<sup>rd</sup> place. Following his mum's footsteps Justin rolled an impressive 1835 series to draw with Mauro on 3500 pins, with Mauro rolling a 270 in game 6 to take the lead, although on same pinfall. Dennis Mercieca succeeded in improving to 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Day 3 was a tussle between Sara and Sue who were the only two female players to roll a 4800 series. In the end, it was Sara who managed to win the tournament by a 74 pin lead, to reclaim the title she won in 2016, with Sue ending as the runner up, and Melissa in 3<sup>rd</sup>. The men's category saw a huge 1870 series by Matthew Magro who rolled the best series of the night, the best U18 Youth Series so far, and the 5<sup>th</sup> highest 8 game series in the records.



Mauro continued to bowl well, and could totally relax from game 6 onwards, as his closest opponent Justin, dropped off the competition due to an injury. Unopposed, Mauro still bowled a good 1760 and he impressively lead the tournament with no less than 323 pins. The tussle was then who would clinch the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place. Neil was in fact leading till game 6, followed but Dennis. But then Mark Spiteri rolled a 277 and a 246 in the preceding two games, to clinch 2<sup>nd</sup> place, ending 25 pins ahead of Neil Sullivan, who settled for 3<sup>rd</sup>.



This is Sara's 2<sup>nd</sup> title in her short 16 years, whilst Mauro won this coveted title for the 4<sup>th</sup> time, keeping up with the other males who had won it 4 times, his uncle Silvio Anastasi and Dennis Mercieca. This was also the highest average played since I started keeping results from 1996. The best before was a 213.6 by Kenneth Arpa in 2009.



### **Malta International Open**

This year's Malta Open attracted 91 participants. We had no less than 3 Maltese winning Squads: Mauro Anastasi winning squad 6 (1404), Sue Abela - Squad 7 with a (1454), and Rankin Camilleri - Squad 8 (1346).

Unlike previous years, there were only 5 Maltese who made the 1<sup>st</sup> cut: Super Sue Abela rolled an impressive 2871 to finish in 3<sup>rd</sup> place, Mauro Anastasi played a brilliant 2832 to finish in 5<sup>th</sup> place thus ensuring a place in Step 3. Rankin Camilleri bowled a good 2787 to nip 9<sup>th</sup> place, thus securing a place in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Step, while Kenneth Arpa ended in 14<sup>th</sup> position (2743). He was then joined by Matthew Magro who was the only Maltese to make it through the Desperado rolling a 245 game.

**Stage 1:** After playing another 4 games the top twelve would then proceed to Stage 2. Once the 4 games were over, Matthew Magro rolled a good 835 series, but placed in the 20<sup>th</sup> position, whilst Kenneth Arpa rolled an awesome 935 series to end in 6<sup>th</sup> place and proceed to Step 2.

**Stage 2:** Kenneth Arpa rolled a 798 to place in 17<sup>th</sup>, with his adventure stopping here, whilst Rankin Camilleri bowled a good 925 to proceed to the next stage.

**Stage 3:** The format was now on best of two games. Rankin Camilleri beat Jason Agate from England (453-428), Sue Abela trashed England's John Fitzsimmons 490-371, whilst unfortunately Mauro Anastasi lost against another English, this time Elliot Crosby (473-394)

**Stage 4 Quarter Finals:** Rankin's opponent was Julien Sermand from France with the latter ending as the winner 469-377, whilst Sue Abela marched on to the semi finals, beating Elliot Crosby by exactly a 100 pins (477-377).

**Semi Finals:** Sue now faced Lee Cocker, in a close game, but in the end Sue succeeded in beating her opponent 490-458, to find herself facing Julien Sermand of France, in a repetition of last year's final.

And when I say repetition, the result certainly mirrored last year, as Sue managed to beat Julien for the second year in a row (452-400), to clinch her 2<sup>nd</sup> Malta Open Title for 2 consecutive years. It is worth mentioning that she played superbly throughout ending with a massive 231 scratch average throughout the tournament. She also put herself in the records during the Malta Open Doubles playing a 984 series over 4 games.



## EUROPEAN WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIPS

4 of our ladies, namely Melissa Swift, Tiziana Carannante, Cynthia Duca and Sara Xuereb travelled to Belgium to participate in the European Women's Championships.



First event was the singles with Sara Xuereb playing a 1234 series to finish in 15<sup>th</sup> place, followed by Melissa Swift 1134 (55<sup>th</sup>), Tiziana Carannante 1118 (65<sup>th</sup>) and Cynthia Duca 1083 (78<sup>th</sup>) from 132 competitors.

Next up were the doubles. The lefties team composed of Tiziana and Cynthia bowled a 2138 to finish in 45<sup>th</sup> place, while Melissa and Sara played a 2057 to place 54<sup>th</sup> from a total of 64 teams.

The trios team was composed of Sara, Melissa and Tiziana, rolling a 3161 to finish in 31<sup>st</sup> place from 39 teams, while Cynthia rolled 1096 but was with a mixed nations team.

Our girls played the 5 women team, but obviously since they were only 4 they could not place in the standings, but this average counted for the All Events. Final placings in the All Events were:

Sara Xuereb – 4428 – 70<sup>th</sup>

Tiziana Carannante – 4386 – 75<sup>th</sup>

Cynthia Duca – 4328 – 83<sup>rd</sup>

Melissa Swift – 4281 – 91<sup>st</sup>



## EUROPEAN SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

4 our senior athletes went to compete in the European Senior Bowling Championships which were held in Vienna. The athletes were Giancarlo Tolu, Sammy Borg, Hubert Camilleri and Anthony Paris.



The Singles were first with Hubert playing a 963 to end in 166<sup>th</sup> place from 172 athletes in Group A. Giancarlo and Anthony were in Group B, with the former rolling a good 1160 to finish in 58<sup>th</sup> place, whilst Anthony rolled a 1087 to finish in 139<sup>th</sup> place from 281 competitors. Sammy participated in group C to roll a scratch 1057 to place 150 from 271 competitors.

The doubles were composed of Hubert and Anthony Group A, where they played a total of 2052 to end in 98<sup>th</sup> place from 124, whilst in Group B – Giancarlo and Sammy ended in 32<sup>nd</sup> place from 103 rolling a 2256.

For the Trios, Anthony played a 1036 with a mixed nationalities team, whilst Team Malta was composed of Borg, Camilleri and Tolu. They bowled a total of 3428 to place a decent 84<sup>th</sup> place from 215 teams.

The best placing in the All Events was by Giancarlo Tolu (58<sup>th</sup> from 200) bowling a 3496. Anthony Paris placed 151<sup>st</sup> rolling a 3160, also in group B with Giancarlo.

In Group C Sammy ended in 126<sup>th</sup> place from 273 with a total of 3289 pins including 2 pins handicap per game, whilst in group A Hubert placed 146 from 173 competitors (3106).



**Our upcoming events are as follows:**

The MAPFRE MSV Life Leagues will start next week: Division 1 – 5<sup>th</sup> July, Division 2 – 17<sup>th</sup> July and Division 3 – 9<sup>th</sup> July.

The following are the draws:

<b>DIV I</b>	<b>DIV II</b>	<b>DIV III</b>
1. Blitzkrieg	BOV	One 4 All
2. Strike Me Jabaal	MIA	Vintage
3. Fina	The Youths	Eden Superbowl
4. Royal Shock	Brutal Legendz	Move It
5. Bank of Valletta	GOOW	Ready Steady Bowl
6. Blexr.com	J Grima	Pin Pulse
7. Okmalta.com	Supreme	Strike Force
8. Supersonic	Mean Machine	The WMDs
9. XS	Bonnici Group	
10. Turu's Knights	4Play	

Our next event will be the 6<sup>th</sup> Silver Cup and this year this will be open to all our members just as long that males are under 170 average and females under 165 average. So far we already have 38 applicants, and closing is today at 20.45hrs, so if you still have not applied please do so at your earliest.

The date for the presentation is also set. This season it will be held on **31<sup>st</sup> August**. More details to follow soon.

I wish you all a good day!

Regards

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