



**MALTA TENPIN BOWLING ASSOCIATION**  
**40, Triq Giorgio Mitrovich,**  
**Pembroke**



**Mauro Anastasi and Sue Abela successfully defend their titles in the  
Bank of Valletta National Championships in Ten Pin Bowling**

Anastasi made it 4 national championships in a row with a dominant performance throughout the 3 days, 24 game long event.

Anastasi led from start to finish, at an almost 220 average pace, and was never in any danger of losing his grip on the title.

He finished almost 300 pins ahead of second placed Rankin Camilleri, followed by Dennis Mercieca who was second on day 2, after having overtaken Matthew Magro who was closest to Anastasi after the first day.

Anastasi has won this award 6 times till now, and has continued to exert his dominance over the local scene. Highest placed under 16 bowler was Dwayne Zahra, who ended up 6<sup>th</sup> overall, with a strong 195 average.

The ladies event was a 2 horse race from the start, with a battle between the 2 best Maltese female bowlers – Sara Xuereb, the under 23 champion and 2 time national Champion, and the established Sue Abela, who has won these championships a remarkable 24 times!

Xuereb, who has been chosen to further her studies while working on her bowling career in the US in the coming months, led from day 1; however Abela was always close by notwithstanding a nasty injury to her finger mid way through the first day.

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Abela kept up the pressure powering through the pain and it all boiled down to the very last frame of the last game. Abela managed to edge out Xuereb by just 4 pins (over a total of 4672 pins!) for a nail biting end, and successfully defend her 2019 title.

Third place went to Cynthia Frendo Duca.

Next event on the calendar is the Silver Cup at the end of August.

### **Mauro Anastasi u Sue Abela jiddefendu b'suċċess it-titli tagħhom fil-Kampjonati Nazzjonali tal-Bank of Valletta tat-Ten Pin Bowling**

Anastasi għamilha 4 kampjonati nazzjonali konsekuttivi bi prestazzjoni dominanti fuq 24 logħba matul it-3 ijiem tal Kampjonati Nazzjonali sponsorjati min Bank of Valletta. Anastasi kien fuq quddiem mill-bidu sa' l-aħħar, b' medja ta' kwazi 220 pin kull logħba, u qatt ma kien fl-ebda periklu li jitlef it-titlu.

Huwa spicċa kwazi 300 pin qabel Rankin Camilleri, segwit minn Dennis Mercieca (fit-tieni post wara t-tieni gurnata ta' logħob) ' Fl-ewwel gurnata, Matthew Magro kien l-eqreb ta' Anastasi izda dan naqqas kemmxejn ir-ritmu biex spicca l-ħames post.

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Anastasi rebaħ dan it-titlu 6 darbiet sa issa, u kompla jeżercita d-dominanza tiegħu fuq ix-xena lokali. Dwayne Zahra kiseb l-ogħla post miz-zagħzagħ taħt is- '16 il-sena' b'wirja tajba biex temm fis-6 post fil-klassifika ġenerali, b'medja tajba ta' 195.

Il- kampjonati tan-nisa kienet tellieqa bejn tnejn mill-bidu nett, b'battalja bejn l-aqwa 2 bowlers nisa Maltin - Sara Xuereb, iċ-ċampjin ta' taħt it-23 sena u ċ-ċampjin nazzjonali fit 2016 u 2018, u Sue Abela, li rebħet dawn il-kampjonati għall 24 darba!

Xuereb, li giet magħżula biex tkompli l-istudji tagħha fl-Istati Uniti fix-xhur li ġejjin fejn ha tkun ukoll tkompli tizviulppa l-karriera tagħha fil-bowling, kienet fuq quddiem mill-ewwel ġurnata; madankollu Abela kienet dejjem viċin minkejja li wegġġhat subghajha matul l-ewwel jum ta'logħob.

Abela zammet il-pressjoni fuq Xuereb biex kollox kien jorbot fuq l-aħħar logħba. Abela rnexxielha tegħleb lil Xuereb b' 4 pins biss, fuq total ta '4672 pin, biex b'hekk iddefendiet b'suċċess it-titlu tagħha li kisbet fl-2019.

Cynthia Frendo Duca spiccat fit-tielet post.

Fl-ahhar ta' Awissu tintlagħab is-Silver Cup.

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