

## November 2020 – BOWLING NEWSLETTER

Once again November was packed with news of the success of our bowlers.

### Cisk Lager Doubles League 2020

Week 24 from 26

BOV Asset Management (142), Team Volkswagen (127), Generation XYZ (122), and Class of '99 (117).



Div 1 CHAMPIONS okmalta.com (125), Total (109), Turu's Knights (103). Okmalta.com bagged the title for the 3<sup>rd</sup> consecutive season.



Div 2 Up Your Average (80), Brutal Legendz (74), BOV (70). Up Your Average and Brutal Legendz promoted



Div 3 Strike Force (84), Move It (68), The Georges' (66)



### COMPOSITE AVERAGE

The top bowlers as per composite average till end November are: Mauro Anastasi (216.95), Justin Caruana Scicluna (215.86) and (Mark Spiteri (211.41). In the female category Sue Abela retained the top spot (203.51), followed by Sara Xuereb (202.40) and Cynthia Frendo Duca (201.11).

High U21 Youth Bowlers are: Sara Xuereb (202.40), Ruslana Grima (164.58), and Karlise Bartolo (143.10), whilst for the boys we have: Nicholas Muscat (210.42), Matthew Magro (206.60), and Miguel Xuereb (198.53).

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

### PERSONAL BESTS WHICH GO IN THE NATIONAL RECORDS

Turu's Knights had their Personal Best 3 game series in a 4 men team with a 2668 series. These were played as follows: Peter Mallia (685), Mark Spiteri (628), Tiziana Carannante (693) and Miguel Xuereb (662)



Our Youths continue to improve, and we have certain youths who are becoming a permanent fixture in the monthly newsletter.

## NICHOLAS MUSCAT

A great month for Nicholas with the below achievements all during November:

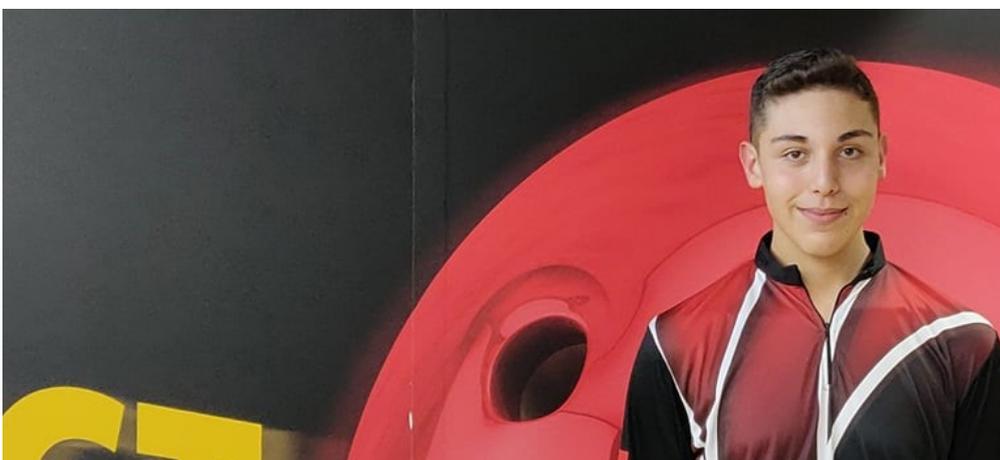
- Superseded his PB to a 741, with games 257-239-245,
- Broke the Youth U19 National Record for a 6 game series rolling the highest series recorded for youths – 1387 (187, 255, 258, 213, 236, 238),
- Won the honours of high average bowler for Division 1 with an impressive 218 average which is the 4<sup>th</sup> highest average ever recorded, and being the youngest and the only youth to ever win high bowler for the National League in division 1.



6	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	TOT.
Ruslana	X 9 / 8 /	X 9 / 8 /	X 9 / 9 -	9 / 9 -	7 / 7 / 8						1120
Nicholas	X 7 /	X	X	X	X 9 /	X	X 9 / X				1387
	20	38	58	78	97	106	125	134	151	169	
	20	40	70	100	129	149	169	198	218	238	

## DWAYNE ZAHRA

Once again Dwayne enscribed himself in the Youth Records when he superseded his personal best 3 game series, first rolling a 730, and then a couple of days later playing a 732 during the Doubles Cisk League. His games were 286, 198, 248. The 286 game was also the 5<sup>th</sup> highest game recorded for the U19.



## KAYDEN LAGANA

Kayden also rolled his Personal Best Game, and Personal Best Series. He did this during the Doubles Cisk League rolling a 699 series (275, 219, 205), with the 275 superseding his previous best game by 6 pins.



## 8th PLATINUM CUP

The Platinum Cup participation was fully booked a week prior to the closing date with 45 competitors taking part.

Nicholas Muscat rolled an impeccable 1387 series, breaking the youth national record on day 1, coupled by a 1199 to finish in the lead. Mauro Anastasi started with a 1225 on day 1 but then rolled the highest series on day 2 (1333) to improve to 2<sup>nd</sup>. Philip Gruppetta also climbed from 9<sup>th</sup> place to 3<sup>rd</sup> (1207-1331), whilst Miguel Xuereb retained 4<sup>th</sup> place (1296-1234), Kenneth Arpa dropped from 3<sup>rd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> (1347-1174), and Luke Burke clinching the 6<sup>th</sup> place (1347-1110).



Cynthia Frendo Duca lead the ladies with a 1217 and 1243, followed by Sue Abela (1215-1192) and Tiziana Carannante (1178-1198). 15 year old Kathryn Fenech played a good 157.25 average and coupled with a 39-pin handicap bagged 4<sup>th</sup> place, with Melissa Swift clinching the 5<sup>th</sup> spot (2342) and Marthese Cossai nipping the last spot in the round robin (1940+360 hdc – 2300).

During the round robin it was Mauro Anastasi who came out strongly with a 1124 pinfall, and 4 wins to clinch the top position. Philip Gruppetta also rolled a good 1078 series and 3 wins to end up 2<sup>nd</sup>, with Nicholas Muscat rolling 1055 and 2 wins, to earn the remaining spot in the round robin. Cynthia rolled the highest pinfall during the round robin and won all her games to retain the top spot. Sue also hung on to 2<sup>nd</sup> place winning 4 matches and bowling a 950 total. Melissa succeeded in placing 3<sup>rd</sup> winning 2 matches and a total of 949 pins.



During the semi-finals Melissa needed a turkey to beat Sue by a solitary pin (193-192) whilst Nicholas beat Philip 192-176.

Melissa faced 1<sup>st</sup> seeded Cynthia Frendo Duca and won the first game with ease (213-170). This forced a 2<sup>nd</sup> game. Tensions fraying, both ladies found difficulty in striking, with Cynthia suffering 3 chops, with Melissa succeeding in beating her 170-160.

The U16 National Champion Nicholas Muscat faced 4 in a row National Champion Mauro Anastasi. Mauro managed a 207 with Nicholas rolling a good 246 to force the 2<sup>nd</sup> game. Both champions, who play in the same team okmalta.com were wary of each other, and in the end it was 15 year old Nicholas who won the game 201-187 to write history by being the youngest bowler and the only Male Youth to ever win these honours. Both Melissa Swift and Nicholas Muscat, won this title for the first time.



## **AUTUMN TOURNAMENT**

The final stages of the Autumn Cup will be played on 3<sup>rd</sup> December. Full details of the tournament will be included with the December issue.

Another tournament will be held on 10<sup>th</sup> December, details of which I will forward tomorrow.

In the meantime, please note that the coaching schemes will run till the 13<sup>th</sup> December before stopping for the Christmas break. We will then resume the training sessions on the 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021. Anyone who still wishes to train can do so with the vouchers.

I wish you all a good day!

Regards

Liliana