

Silver Cup 2107

Day 1 saw 37 bowlers competing in the 5th Silver Cup. Unlike the previous 4 years, this competition was open to all ages, rather than to bowlers U21 or Special Olympic members, and we had 13 more participants than last year. However, the majority of the participants were still youths.

The qualification round consisted of 6 games and the top 6 totals with handicap from each category would make it to the round robin stage to be held the next day.

Most youths exceeded their high series namely Luke Burke who bowled a 1248 scratch, Dwayne Zahra, and Miguel Xuereb. Also worth mentioning was Kathryn Fenech who managed the last place in the ladies' top 6, surpassing 5 other bowlers.

Top 6 were: Luke Burke, Dwayne Zahra, Miguel Xuereb, Nicholas Muscat, Oscar Froberg (the latter could not make it for the finals), Matthew Muscat and Matthew Attard (who took Oscar's place).

Ladies: Michaela Briffa, Liliana Spiteri, Marthese Cossai, Jessica Farrugia, Noleen Grima and Kathryn Fenech.

Round Robin

Michaela won 4 encounters to remain in the top position with 1515 points, followed by Liliana who won 3 encounters (1494). 3rd place was taken by Special Olympic bowler Jessica Farrugia (1445).

The boys' category was intense with loads of high games, mainly a 279 by Luke who bowled his personal best game, a 239 by Dwayne and a 230 by Miguel which were also their personal best games. Luke finished in the lead playing a very good 1123 series (also another pb) and winning 4 matches, Miguel won 4 matches to finish 2nd while Dwayne won 3 matches to finish in 3rd place.

Step Ladder

Liliana then faced Jessica. While the former had 0 handicap, Jessica had 20 so an error would prove fatal. Game was close till the very last frame when Jessica opened, whilst Liliana spared to finish the game 171-160.



The match between Dwayne and Miguel was very close, but the latter had 30 hdcp as opposed to Dwayne's 15 and he won by 11 pins.

The finals on the girls' side was a quiet affair as everyone was harping for the boys, except a couple of spectators. Liliana faced Michaela winning the first game 159-138. But then Michaela more than bounced

back rolling an impressive 220 to beat Liliana's meagre 136 effort.

The boys' final had lots of cheering. Miguel won the first game 214-190 against Luke, forcing a second game. The 2nd game was very close, but all Miguel needed was a spare, which he did with ease much to his mum's joy who was cheering as loud as an American cheer leader. So this tournament we had another

Xuereb crowned as champion, as this surname is becoming rather synonymous with the title of a bowling champion. It was also the first time a two-handed bowler won a competition.

THIS YEAR'S SILVER CUP CHAMPIONS: MICHAELA BRIFFA (2ND TIME) AND MIGUEL XUEREB



Well done to all competitors