

## COMMONWEALTH GAMES

These championships are supposed to be held bi-annually, however this time round they were organised after 3 years. The wait seemed to fuel our bowlers as this was the best ever performance from the whole team.



The first and most exciting news arrived right after the ladies' singles, when Tiziana Carannante wrote history in the MTBA story by winning the first ever gold in these championships, bowling a magnificent 1325 series, and putting herself on the national records' list for 6 games. As if that was not enough, Sue Abela clinched the 3rd spot to continue with another first: our two ladies each clinching a medal in the same event.



The men also bowled well with Kenneth bowling a 1253 to finish in the 7th position, while Dennis bowled just 10 pins less to finish in the 10 position.

More good news ensued the next day as our formidable ladies' duo, Carannante and Abela, clinched a silver medal in the ladies doubles', beating Australia by 5 pins. This was our 2nd silver in these championships for the ladies' doubles as Sue and her sister Melissa had also won a same colour medal 10 years earlier. This time round though, they bowled the highest series (2552).



Kenneth and Dennis also bowled well and were unlucky to finish in 4th position. Still this was the best performance in the men's doubles in the commonwealth history.

The next event was the mixed doubles, and our hearts stopped beating when Tiziana and Dennis who had bowled a brilliant 2667 series, had to settle for 4th place, whilst the other duo; Sue and Kenneth placed in 7th place.

In the 4-person team, Malta finished in the 8th position, but with the brilliant effort of all our team, Malta placed 2nd as a team in the all events to clinch another medal, whilst Tiziana Carannante nipped the 3rd place and won a brilliant glass trophy. Also this meant we had ALL four athletes in the Masters.



In the Master's Round Robin stage, Sue and Tiziana ended in the 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> place respectively. However it was Dennis who stole the show and held us glued to the messenger chat for LIVE MTBA events. Up to the 10<sup>th</sup> game he had been leading the group, but two low 160 + games so him tumble to the 5<sup>th</sup> position, whilst Kenneth finished in the 7<sup>th</sup> position. This was definitely a very good show by all 4 athletes.