

Good morning bowlers,

Below find a briefing of our activities held during July. I am sending this newsletter a day before the actual end of the month so that the Silver Cup will then be incorporated in the Newsletter for August.



The leagues are underway with Division 1 done and dusted. Next Season for Division 1 will start on 26<sup>th</sup> August.

**Div 1: Okmalta.com have confirmed themselves as the champions for the 4<sup>th</sup> consecutive season. This is the 13<sup>th</sup> title for okmalta.com**



### **Final Standings:**

**okmalta.com – 120pts (43786 pinfall), Powerfruit – 120pts (43152 pinfall), Total – 92pts**

High bowlers during this month were:

Week 14: Rankin Camilleri (686) and Tiziana Carannante (641)

Week 15: Philip Gruppetta (716) and Cynthia Frendo Duca (654)

Week 16: Nicholas Muscat (731) and Ruslana Grima (substitute – 640)

Week 17: Mark Spiteri (705) and Tiziana Carannante (635)

Week 18: Dwayne Zahra (708) and Sue Abela (689)

**Highest average bowlers for the Winter League 2021 were: Mauro Anastasi (208) and Cynthia Frendo Duca (202)**



**Div 2 – Top 3 teams – Till Week 17**

**GROUP A:** Firstbridge (97), BOV (95), Blitzkrieg (93)

**GROUP B:** One 4 All (52), The Splitpins (52), RSB (40)

High bowlers during this month were:

Week 14: Nicolai Mallia (671) and Ruslana Grima (568)

Week 15: Clifton Micallef (567), and Josephine Borg (566)

Week 16: Tony Paris (573) and Ruslana Grima (607)

Week 17: Damian Pisani (599) and Liliana Spiteri (514)

**Highest average bowlers in Div 2 till week 17: Mark Serge (175), and Ruslana Grima (170)**

## 10<sup>th</sup> CISK LAGER LEAGUE

**Top 3 teams till week 6:** Gillette (38), King Pins (38), POWERFRUIT (34)

High bowlers during this month were:

Week 3: Kenneth Arpa (728) and Sue Abela (616)

Week 4: Dennis Mercieca (746) and Cynthia Frendo Duca (639)

Week 5: Dwayne Zahra (736) and Tiziana Carannante (638)

Week 6: Rankin Camilleri (607) and Sue Abela (629)

## COMPOSITE AVERAGE as at end July 2021

### Top Bowlers

**Males:** Mauro Anastasi (208.64), Nicholas Muscat (205.90) and Kayden Lagana' (204.27)

**Females:** Sue Abela (197.78), Cynthia Frendo Duca (195.33) and Sara Xuereb (192.71)

### Top U21 Youths

**Males:** Nicholas Muscat (205.90) and Kayden Lagana' (204.27) and Matthew Magro (201.23)

**Females:** Sara Xuereb (192.71), Ruslana Grima (175.79) and Mia Bugeja (149.13)

### Top Senior Bowlers

**Males:** Mark Spiteri (201.27), Kenneth Arpa (197.07), and Dennis Mercieca (196.87)

**Females:** Sue Abela (197.78), Liliana Spiteri (166.53) and Josephine Borg/Marthese Cossai (154.13)

## HIGH SCORES TO BE LISTED IN MTBA RECORDS



Chris Fenech succeeded in finding a place in the U19 National Records when

he played a new PB during Day 1 of the Gold Cup.

Chris rolled a 1302 6-game series (236, 203, 207, 180, 244, 232).

Giancarlo Tolu rolled a 1117 5-game series,  
and he has put himself in the Senior Records.  
He achieved this during the Clash of the Titans  
Event No 5, rolling a **234 197 247 194 245**



Rankin Camilleri also got himself in  
the  
records list for 5 game series when he  
rolled a 243-205-213-233-268  
during The Clash of the Titans Event  
5.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Tot.
Kyle Ca	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	XXX7	1458

More high games this time by Kyle Camilleri  
who succeeded in rolling a 297 game,  
only missing a perfect game in his last shot.  
Game was played during the National Championships  
during Day 1.



A new PB by Dwayne Zahra during the Doubles' Cisk League. Dwayne rolled a 736 series which is 4 pins better than his previous PB and will go down in the Youth Record Books.







Nicholas Muscat had 2 PBs to be listed in the Youth Records.

The first was a 1158 5-game series rolled during the Clash of the Titans Event 5. Games were 255-236-203-228-236 and this is the 2<sup>nd</sup> highest U19 record.

Then during the Nationals he rolled a 1752 8-game series

(242-261-162-235-224-224-189-215) to improve his previous 1724 series, for the 3<sup>rd</sup> highest U19 8-game series.

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Nicholas	X	X9 /	X9 /	X9 /8 /	X9 /8 /	X9 /8 /	X9 /8 /	X9 /8 /	X9 /8 /	XXX	1752
	29	49	69	89	107	127	147	165	185	215	1752

## GOLD CUP

Participation was a bit low this year, as some people still were not settled due to Covid. In fact, we had 26 players, 15 males and 11 females. This competition was open for bowlers whose average did not exceed 180 if male, and 175 if female.

Day 1 saw Youth player Ruslana Grima lead the ladies with a 1148. Liliana Spiteri trailed behind with a 1115, whilst Amanada Cini was in 3<sup>rd</sup> with a 1085.

In the male category it was youth player Chris Fenech who lead on Day 1 with a 1308 and a 1302 scratch series. This is Chris's new PB and he has now also found a spot in the U19 6-game series records. Following were Clifton Micallef (1278) and another youth player Nicolai Mallia (1252).

Day 2 Ruslana retained the lead with a 2362 total, whilst Amanda improved to 2<sup>nd</sup> place (2236). Josephine Borg managed to improve to 3<sup>rd</sup> place with a 2128, just 2 pins ahead of Marthese Cossai (2126). The other 4 to make top 8 were Liliana Spiteri (2101), youth player Mia Bugeja (2081), SO Player Natasha Bianchi (2025) and Sandra Xuereb (1745).

In the male division it was Clifton who managed to climb to the top spot (2566), followed by Chris (2499). Nicolai retained the 3<sup>rd</sup> spot (2437), followed by Clayton Zammit (2386), Edward Xuereb

(2382), Daniel Grech (2313), Julian Baldacchino (2271), and Melvin Galea who managed to improve to the 8<sup>th</sup> place from 12<sup>th</sup>.

## ROUND ROBIN

Ruslana won 5 encounters and had a draw coupled with 1381 pins to clinch the title with a 189 scratch series (197 with handicap). Marthese Cossai succeeded in nipping the 2<sup>nd</sup> place by also winning 5 encounters and a draw, whilst 3<sup>rd</sup> place went to Amanda Cini who won 4 encounters. 4<sup>th</sup> place went to Liliana Spiteri, 5<sup>th</sup> Sandra Xuereb, 6<sup>th</sup> Josephine Borg, 7<sup>th</sup> Mia Bugeja, 8<sup>th</sup> Natasha Bianchi.



Clifton Micallef only managed to bag 1 win dropping to 3<sup>rd</sup> place. The tussle for the title were between 2 youth players Chris Fenech and Nicolai Mallia, and it all went down to the last game. Chris won 5 games and had to content with second place, whilst Mallia won 4 games to win the title with a 2764 total.



Thus, Ruslana Grima and Nicolai Mallia were crowned Gold Cup Champions for the first time. Both Ruslana and Nicolai are the youngest to ever win this title, Ruslana at 16 years and Nicolai at 11. The duo were also last year's Bronze Cup winners.



### **Bank of Valletta National Championships**

This year we had 27 participants – 22 males and 5 females.



On day 1 we saw Sue Abela leading by 118 pins over Melissa Swift. Cynthia Frendo Duca was in 3<sup>rd</sup> just 9 pins behind Melissa. In the men's section it was Nicholas Muscat who took the lead rolling a 1752 series, which is his PB for an 8-game series, and the 3<sup>rd</sup> highest youth series in the records. Following were Rankin Camilleri and Mauro Anastasi.

On Day 2 Sue was still leading by 108 pins, however Cynthia improved to 2<sup>nd</sup>, followed by Sara in 3<sup>rd</sup>. Nicholas managed to retain the lead, with Mauro closing the gap and narrowing it down to 24 pins. Miguel Xuereb improved from 6<sup>th</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> place.

Day 3 was very intense in both divisions. In the female division Sue and Cynthia were nearly neck to neck by the 6<sup>th</sup> game. The 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> games were low for both, but in the end, experience prevailed, and it was Sue who managed to clinch her 25<sup>th</sup> title, by 27 pins. Cynthia bagged her third runner up position, whilst Sara bagged 3<sup>rd</sup> place.



The male division was also a thrilling race. Nicholas and Mauro continued to chase each other till the very end. Once again Mauro's experience came to aid, and he managed to pull through defending the champion's title by just 27 pins. The battle for 3<sup>rd</sup> place was also highly contested. It was a fight between Dennis, Neil and Miguel, the latter rolling a brilliant 263 game. Miguel drew with Neil on 4961 pins, but the former had a higher last game, thus nipping the last place on the podium, whilst Dennis Mercieca had to bow out by a solitary pin. This was the first time that we had a youth place with the top 3 in the National Championships and Nicholas's 5055 is the highest average played by a runner up joint with Mark Spiteri way back in 2009.



Both champions defended their title valiantly, with Mauro having 7 titles under his belt, and Sue an amazing 25 titles.



## CLASH OF THE TITANS ORGANISED BY THE EDEN SUPERBOWL

### Event 5 – VW POLO

Winners: Cynthia Frendo Duca (1091) and Giancarlo Tolu (1187)



### Standing So Far

1	Kayden Lagana	84
2	Kenneth Arpa	48
3	Philip Gruppetta	45
4	Mauro Anastasi	44
5	Nicolai Mallia	36
6	Rankin Camilleri	33
7	Matthew Magro	28
8	Julian Baldacchino	25
9	Giancarlo Tolu	25
10	Andre Xuereb	20
11	Dennis Mercieca	18
12	Mark Spiteri	18
13	Kyle Camilleri	16
14	Steve Cassar	15
15	David Fenech	12
16	Neil Sullivan	12
17	Miguel Xuereb	12
18	Nicholas Muscat	12
19	Chris Fenech	10
20	Paul Gray	6
21	Edward Xuereb	4

1	Cynthia Frendo Duca	103
2	Sue Abela	98
3	Liliana Spiteri	55
4	Melissa Swift	46
5	Amanda Cini	40
6	Tiziana Carannante	40
7	Marthese Cossai	38
8	Sara Xuereb	27
9	Kathryn Fenech	23
10	Alja Bergauer	19
11	Celianne Micallef	13
12	Sandra Xuereb	12
13	Josephine Borg	8

22	Daniel Grech	2
23	Melvin Galea	0
24	Mark Muscat	0
25	Benny Hili	0
26	Dwayne Zahra	0
27	George Chircop	0
28	Luke Burke	0
29	Tomas Caruso	0

This weekend we have the Silver Cup where 36 athletes will take part. Play starts tomorrow at 09:30 and will continue with the Round Robin on Sunday.

During August there is the Malta Open from 4-8<sup>th</sup> August. If you have not yet booked your place please liaise with Eden Superbowl.

Wishing you all a great day.

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