

MBA NEWSLETTER June 2023

Hello all!

Welcome to the June (and a half) newsletter.

As leagues ended only early July I decided to delay just a bit so that we could include the end of league statistics in this newsletter and then have the new season details separate in the July newsletter.

By far the most important event in June was the European Men's Championship in Wittelsheim, France, where we had the Top 6 Composite Average bowlers from 2022 representing Malta. These were Matthew Magro, Kayden Lagana', Nicholas Muscat, Mauro Anastasi, Mark Spiteri and Kenneth Arpa.

While we did not get any medals back, we also need to keep in mind the absolutely stellar level of bowlers taking part with all top nations such as Sweden, Finland, Italy, Netherlands, Norway and others all coming even with pro bowlers such as Jesper Svensson and Santu Tahvanainen amongst others.



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First up was the singles, and it was clear that it was going to be a urethane feast, as the colour purple was a familiar one on the lanes, sometimes alternating with a black one.

With players having some alternating fortunes, Mauro finished highest overall in 47th place, thanks to a strong 1309 6 games series on day 2. Kayden whose day 1 series of 1288 included a 268 game , finished in 56th place, was second best of the Maltese, with Mark in 76th, Bicholas 114th , Matthew in 148th and Kenneth in 151st.

Jord van Weeren (The Netherlands) won a superb final against the Swede James Blomgren.

The event continued with the doubles, and we had teams composed of Mark and Nicholas (ending in 52nd place, Kenneth and Matthew in 60th place and Mauro and Kayden (who had another big game of 267) ending in 70th position.



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The 3rd event saw the two 3 men teams composed of the 3 youths (Kayden, Nicholas and Matthew) and the 3 less young men (Mauro Kenneth and Mark)



Day 1 saw the youths bowl well, with a 673 (Kayden), 659 (Nicholas) and 581 (Matthew) , while then men's team had Mauro shoot a strong 683 closely followed by Mark with a 674, while Kenneth had a tough game 3 to finish on 529.

Day 2 for the Trios saw the boys ROCK, as Kayden shot a stellar 741 3 game set including a 275 and 267, Matthew bowled very well with a 643 and Nicholas also had a solid 588. This meant that they also recorded the 2nd best ever scratch Trios score by a Maltese team of 728 (267-238-223). Team 1 had a good set with Mark shooting 615, Mauro 607 and Kenneth a 580. Their team score of 3688 saw them end up in 39th place while the youths of team 2 placed 20th overall out of 57 teams with their total score of 3885.

The team event saw 5 men consisting of Mauro, Matthew, Mark, Nicholas and Kayden. Mauro had a superb day 1 start with a 274 in his 669 initial series, followed by Nicholas on a 645 and Mark with a 616. Overall the team bowled a 5970 over the 6 games, with Mauro being highest with a 1297 followed by Nicholas with a 1260, Mark 1181, Kayden 1135 and Matthew 1097. Kenneth who was bowling separately bowled a 1102.

5 man team was won by Sweden including a 299 by Jesper Svenson, as they played 1127 against France's 1104. We need to also mention the huge 1302 (260 average!!) bowled by the Swedes in the semi final against the Netherlands.

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Overall individual placings for the Maltese in All events

Kayden (76th, 210.3 average), Mauro 91st (207.7), Mark 93rd (205.9), Nicholas 103rd (204 average), Matthew 139th , 192 Average and Kenneth 145 with a 188.3 average.

Special Olympics in Berlin

June also saw Maltese players going up to Berlin and bring back a good medal haul!

Final results for Maltese Bowling at the Special Olympics World Games:

7 events, 8 medals - 4 Gold & 4 Silver!



Unified Team: Top Category - Gold 🏆 (2112 pins)

Unified Doubles: Top Category - Silver 🥈 (1065 pins)

→ 2nd Category - 1 Gold 🏆 (1075) & 1 Silver 🥈 (1019)

Singles: 4 Medals - 2 Gold & 2 Silver:

🏆 Philip Gruppetta: 629

🏆 Luke Burke: 560

🥈 Rachel Chircop: 470

🥈 Natasha Bianchi: 380

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We also had one of our bowlers playing a different sport, Golf, and still managing a medal!



Leagues

As everyone knows the leagues have concluded and in fact the new Premier League has already started and we will report in the next one.

Premier League

Team BOOM were crowned worthy champions as we all know, with a couple of weeks to spare as well, a clear 13 points ahead of 2nd place Tm Brunswick , with OKMalta.com 3rd.



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Team Standings												
Place	#	Team Name	%Won	Points Won	Points Lost	Ave p/gm	Scratch Pins	Pins + HDCP	High Game	High Sers	HDCP Game	HDCP Sers
1	4	Team BOOM	81.3	117	27	757	40921	41887	953	2567	969	2615
2	10	Team Brunswick	72.2	104	40	778	42024	42636	930	2568	934	2610
3	1	OKMALTA.com	69.4	100	44	788	42600	42702	903	2584	903	2584
4	9	Powerfruit	58.3	84	60	761	41103	41886	934	2441	956	2483
5	5	Turu's Knights	56.9	82	62	714	38594	40985	863	2406	902	2523
6	2	Bank Of Valletta	44.4	64	80	704	38031	40086	833	2225	872	2345
7	7	Twin	36.1	52	92	696	37602	40035	851	2250	897	2415
8	8	BOV	31.9	46	96	654	35358	38352	763	2205	823	2385
9	3	Brutal Legendz	27.1	39	105	642	34710	37935	748	2101	808	2281
10	6	Royal Shock	22.2	32	112	665	35936	38885	836	2222	896	2393

Review of Last Week's Bowling												
Lanes	Team Name	HDCP -1-	HDCP -2-	HDCP -3-	Total	Last Wk WON	Team Name	HDCP -1-	HDCP -2-	HDCP -3-	Total	Last Wk WON
9-10	Turu's Knights	727	744	703	2174	2	Bank Of Valletta	749	736	757	2242	6
11-12	Royal Shock	688	806	672	2166	0	Brutal Legendz	748	808	725	2281	8
13-14	Team Brunswick	712	870	859	2441	8	BOV	653	774	647	2074	0
15-16	Team BOOM	708	730	675	2113	0	Powerfruit	738	812	795	2345	8
17-18	Twin	677	691	857	2225	2	OKMALTA.com	862	748	750	2360	8

Thanks for bowling! We hope you had a good time. See you next season!

Last Week's Top Scores												
Scratch Game	868	Team Brunswick	861	OKMALTA.com	851	Twin						
Scratch Series	2435	Team Brunswick	2357	OKMALTA.com	2333	Powerfruit						
Handicap Game	897	Twin	870	Team Brunswick	862	OKMALTA.com						
Handicap Series	2441	Team Brunswick	2360	OKMALTA.com	2345	Powerfruit						
Men	Scratch Game	279	Kayden Lagana	254	Nicolai Mallia	246	Dennis Merlecca					
	Scratch Series	662	Nicolai Mallia	650	Kayden Lagana	642	Dwayne Zahra					
	Handicap Game	279	Kayden Lagana	255	Joe Cassar	254	Nicolai Mallia					
	Handicap Series	662	Nicolai Mallia	650	Kayden Lagana	642	Dwayne Zahra					
Women	Scratch Game	211	Alessia Schembri	209	Tiziana Carannante	154	Rusiana Grima					
	Scratch Series	578	Alessia Schembri	520	Tiziana Carannante	453	Rusiana Grima					
	Handicap Game	226	Alessia Schembri	213	Tiziana Carannante	165	Rusiana Grima					
	Handicap Series	621	Alessia Schembri	532	Tiziana Carannante	486	Rusiana Grima					

Season High Scores												
Scratch Game	953	Team BOOM	934	Powerfruit	930	Team Brunswick						
Scratch Series	2584	OKMALTA.com	2568	Team Brunswick	2567	Team BOOM						
Handicap Game	969	Team BOOM	966	Powerfruit	934	Team Brunswick						
Handicap Series	2615	Team BOOM	2610	Team Brunswick	2584	OKMALTA.com						
Bowlers must have completed a minimum of 18 games to be eligible for any league award.												
Men	Scratch Game	279	Julian Baldacchino	279	Kayden Lagana	268	Mauro Anastasi					
	Scratch Series	742	Nicholas Muscat	730	Kayden Lagana	714	Julian Baldacchino					
	Handicap Game	282	Julian Baldacchino	281	Joe Cassar	279	Giancarlo Tolu					
	Handicap Series	742	Nicholas Muscat	730	Kayden Lagana	723	Julian Baldacchino					
Women	Scratch Game	255	Sue Abela	237	Cynthia Duca Frendo	235	Tiziana Carannante					
	Scratch Series	667	Tiziana Carannante	629	Cynthia Duca Frendo	623	Sue Abela					
	Handicap Game	255	Sue Abela	250	Tiziana Carannante	246	Cynthia Duca Frendo					
	Handicap Series	694	Tiziana Carannante	662	Melissa Swift	656	Cynthia Duca Frendo					

After many years in the highest Division, Team Royal Shock find themselves relegated along with Brutal Legendz.

High bowlers of the week in for last few weeks of DIV 1:

Week 16 : Nicholas Muscat (OkMalta.com) and Tiziana Carannante(Turu's Knights)/ Cynthia Frendo Duca (Powerfruit

Week 17: Dwayne Zahra (Powerfruit) and Cynthia Frendo Duca (Powerfruit

Week 18 : Nicolai Mallia (Tm Brunswick) and (Tm BOOM) and Alessia Schembri (Brutal Legendz)

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Division 2.

As with the Premier League, the title was done and dusted with weeks to spare, and Emma's Kitchen ruled the league, as they bagged an incredible 79% of the available points to finish 22 points ahead of 2nd placed Ten Pin Breakers. MIA just pipped Vintage to 3rd place by 1 point with Strike Force also just 1 further point adrift



High bowlers of the last 4 weeks of the league

Week 19: Celianne Micallef (Emma's Kitchen) and Philippe Vancelle (Trust Payments)

Week 20: Karlise Bartolo (Emma's Kitchen) and Philippe Vancelle (Trust Payments)

Week 21: Karlise Bartolo (Emma's Kitchen) and Philippe Vancelle (Trust Payments)

Week 22 Kathryn Fenech (Emma's Kitchen) and Clifton Buhagiar (Ten Pin Breakers)

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Place	#	Team Name	%Won	Points Won	Points Lost	Ave p/gm	Scratch Pins	Pins + HDCP	High Game	High Sers	HDCP Game	HDCP Sers
1	5	Emma's Kitchen	79.0	139	37	605	39967	46762	725	1943	822	2258
2	7	Tenpin Breakers	66.5	117	59	605	39967	46444	714	1995	807	2312
3	10	MIA	57.4	101	75	594	39206	45629	713	2000	810	2258
4	8	Vintage	56.8	100	76	568	37534	45370	709	1925	815	2243
5	1	Strike Force	56.3	99	77	606	38199	43284	740	1997	798	2237
6	12	One For all	49.4	87	89	545	36026	43877	630	1764	752	2120
7	4	Ready Steady Bowl	44.3	78	98	523	34536	43519	619	1748	759	2165
8	11	Central Bank	42.0	74	102	539	35637	43917	680	1870	787	2191
9	9	Lucky Strike	40.9	72	104	528	34871	43718	675	1778	812	2177
10	3	The Flintstones	36.9	65	111	547	36140	43562	625	1781	734	2078
11	6	The Splitpins	35.2	62	114	521	34395	43416	649	1703	786	2114
12	2	Trust Payments	34.1	60	116	527	34792	42547	660	1876	772	2152

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7-8	Lucky Strike	653	646	689	1988	0	<-->	The Splitpins	670	658	786	2114	8
9-10	Ready Steady Bowl	666	670	676	2012	4	<-->	Vintage	679	674	637	1990	4
11-12	Trust Payments	712	633	772	2117	2	<-->	Emma's Kitchen	687	656	822	2165	6
13-14	The Flintstones	566	640	667	1873	0	<-->	Tenpin Breakers	676	773	736	2185	8
15-16	MIA	716	657	663	2036	4	<-->	Central Bank	591	684	703	1978	4
17-18	Strike Force	577	667	662	1906	4	<-->	One For all	663	642	606	1911	4

Thanks for bowling! We hope you had a good time. See you next season!

Last Week's Top Scores

Scratch Game	720	Emma's Kitchen	679	Tenpin Breakers	660	Trust Payments
Scratch Series	1903	Tenpin Breakers	1859	Emma's Kitchen	1796	MA
Handicap Game	822	Emma's Kitchen	786	The Splitpins	773	Tenpin Breakers
Handicap Series	2185	Tenpin Breakers	2165	Emma's Kitchen	2117	Trust Payments
Men						
Scratch Game	236	David Fenech	208	Philippe Vancell	204	Nathan Marquett
Scratch Series	554	David Fenech	542	Clifton Micallef	538	Philippe Vancell
Handicap Game	249	David Fenech	238	Nathan Marquett	234	David Gibbs
Handicap Series	613	Nathan Marquett	602	Clifton Micallef	593	David Fenech
Women						
Scratch Game	285	Kathryn Fenech	175	Celianne Micallef	174	Nalasha Bianchi
Scratch Series	588	Kathryn Fenech	468	Celianne Micallef	461	Michaeta Briffa
Handicap Game	283	Kathryn Fenech	207	Natasha Bianchi	196	Celianne Micallef
Handicap Series	642	Kathryn Fenech	555	Natasha Bianchi	550	Jenny Eve Jenkins

Season High Scores

Scratch Game	740	Strike Force	725	Emma's Kitchen	714	Tenpin Breakers
Scratch Series	2000	MIA	1997	Strike Force	1995	Tenpin Breakers
Handicap Game	822	Emma's Kitchen	815	Vintage	812	Lucky Strike
Handicap Series	2312	Tenpin Breakers	2258	Emma's Kitchen	2258	MA
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Men						
Scratch Game	225	Philippe Vancell	224	Ian Vella	222	Aaron Belli
Scratch Series	580	Charles Farrugia	572	Dario Brito	572	Clifton Micallef
Handicap Game	247	George Chircop	239	Emy Micallef	239	Joseph Zammit
Handicap Series	671	Dario Brito	638	Rene Bartolo	635	Robert Mifsud
Women						
Scratch Game	285	Kathryn Fenech	236	Josephine Borg	224	Celianne Micallef
Scratch Series	588	Kathryn Fenech	562	Karisse Bartolo	559	Celianne Micallef
Handicap Game	283	Kathryn Fenech	268	Josephine Borg	245	Celianne Micallef
Handicap Series	650	Josephine Borg	642	Kathryn Fenech	622	Celianne Micallef

Records in June

Nicolai Mallia 753 series (237/270/246)... goes both in Adults as well as youths

Nicholas Muscat 973 series over 4 games (231/241/265/236); also becomes highest in youths.

Miguel Xuereb 1411 series over 6 games (215/218/226/278/216/258)

Nicolai Mallia 1356 series over 6 games (219/237/226/204/279/226) also in youths. The 279 in this series also goes in the youths games record list

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Composite Average as of end June

Men Top 3: Kayden Lagana' (215.57) Nicholas Muscat (208.52), Mauro Anastasi (203.60)

Women Top 3: Sue Abela (196.71) Tiziana Carannante (183.73) Cynthia Frendo Duca (182.92)

U21 Boys Top 3: Kayden Lagana' (215.57) , Nicholas Muscat (208.52), Dwayne Zahra (198.39)

U21 Girls Top 3: Ruslana Grima (177.06) Karlise Bartolo (168.15) Kathryn Fenech (162.88)

Next up: National Championships weekend of 15-16-17th July as well as new league season, Silver Cup end of July and Presentation on the 28th July. Book your tickets ASAP!

Wish you all a great month of bowling!

David

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