

MBA NEWSLETTER MAY 2022

Once again we had a very busy schedule during the month of May with both Local and International Events.

NATIONAL LEAGUE – MALTA BOWLING ASSOCIATION

DIV I

Results up to Week 12

Okmalta.com (74), POWERFRUIT (68), Brunswick (56)

High bowlers during the month:

Week 10: Kayden Lagana' (699) and Sue Abela (608)

Week 11: Nicholas Muscat (650) and Cynthia Frendo Duca (602)

Week 12: Danial Swift (688) and Alessia Schembri (596)

DIV II

Division 2 was split in Groups A & B after the 10th Week as follows:

Group A: Up Your Average, Strike Force, Tenpin Breakers, Vintage, Central Bank of Malta, Malta Airport

Group B: Emma's Kitchen, One 4 All, Flinstone, Splitpins, RSB

Results up to week 14

Group A: Strike Force (70), Up Your Average (66), Vintage (66)

Group B: Emma's Kitchen (50), One For All (42), Splitpins (36)

High bowlers during this month:

Week 11: Melvin Galea (535) and Mia Bugeja (532)

Week 12: Charles Farrugia (552) and Mia Bugeja (536)

Week 13: Melvin Galea (533) and Mia Bugeja (498)

Week 14: Tomas Caruso (556) and Ruslana Grima (595)

COMPOSITE AVERAGE as at end May 2022 (Div 2 still missing the play on 31st but I had to send the NL today)

Top 3 bowlers in each of our 3 categories are:

Males: Nicholas Muscat (205.88), Mauro Anastasi (205.01), and Kayden Lagana' (203.53)

Females: Sue Abela (192.66), Melissa Swift (191.71), and Cynthia Frendo Duca (191.00)

Top U21 Youths

Males: Nicholas Muscat (205.88), Kayden Lagana' (203.53), and Dwayne Zahra (196.55)

Females: Ruslana Grima (174.93), Mia Bugeja (161.25) and Rachel Chircop (154.33)

Top Senior Bowlers 50+ years

Males: Mark Spiteri (197.35), Kenneth Arpa (195.38) and Dennis Mercieca (189.80)

Females: Sue Abela (192.66), Liliana Spiteri (158.37) and Marthese Cossai (155.88)

HIGH SCORES TO BE LISTED IN MBA RECORDS



Nicholas Muscat rolled a new youth record for the 5 game series.

He rolled a 1193 with games of 225-248-268-240-212.

This series was played during the COTT.

Well done for the new record Nick!



Dwayne Zahra rolled the 3rd highest 5 game youth series during the 3rd Clash of the Titans Event. His score was 1148.



Kayden Lagana' rolled the 5th highest 6 game youth series during the Spring Tournament.

2nd CONTINENTAL CARS CLASH OF THE TITANS – Organised by Eden Superbowl

Event 3

Winners: Dwayne Zahra (1148) and Tiziana Carannante (1052)

Runners Up: Julian Baldacchino (1138) and Amanda Cini (1027)



Event 4

Winners: Nicholas Muscat (1193) and Cynthia Frenedo Duca (1038)

Runners Up: Mauro Anastasi (1118) and Sue Abela (999)



1	Nicholas Muscat	95
2	Mark Spiteri	42
3	David Fenech	34
4	Dwayne Zahra	29
5	Danial Swift	28
6	Mauro Anastasi	28
7	Kenneth Arpa	25
8	Dennis Mercieca	19
9	Julian Baldacchino	18
10	Tomas Caruso	16
11	Neil Sullivan	15
12	Nicolai Mallia	13
13	Daniel Grech	12
14	Chris Fenech	12
15	Kayden Lagana	10
16	Philip Grupetta	9
17	Rankin Camilleri	8
18	Luke Burke	6
19	Daniel Ricciari	1
20	Benny Hili	0
21	Matthew Muscat	0
22	Paul Gray	0
23	Miguel Xuereb	0

1	Sue Abela	78
2	Tiziana Carannante	47
3	Marthese Cossai	47
4	Kathryn Fenech	45
5	Cynthia Frenedo Duca	45
6	Melissa Swift	37
7	Liliana Spiteri	23
8	Amanda Cini	22
9	Ruslana Grima	18
10	Josephine Borg	16

ATHENS OPEN

5 of our bowlers went to compete in the Athens Open in Greece, namely Sue Abela, Kayden Lagana', Philip Gruppetta, Neil Sullivan and Dwayne Zahra.

After playing a number of 6 game squads, Neil made it with the first cut, whilst Dwayne Zahra also nipped a place after bowling the highest game in the desperado. Both players would proceed to the Final Step 1. Sue and Kayden finished in a better position ensuring a place in the Final Step 2.

Final Step 1 – 20 players had to play 3 games with Dwayne rolling a 532 and he could not proceed further. On the other hand Neil rolled a 595 to proceed to the Final Step 2.

Final Step 2: Another 20 players (including Kayden and Sue) rolled 3 games hoping to make it with the top 12. Sue rolled a scratch 635 coupled by 24 handicap to finish in 4th place. Kayden rolled a 621 to place 9th, whilst Neil rolled a 595 to miss the next step as he placed 14th.

Final Step 3: Format was total pinfall over 2 games. Sue faced Ioannis Statathos from Greece and lost by 2 pins (401-403). Kayden Lagana' had to face Volper Nati from Israel, and rolling a 362 lost to his opponent's 432. Volper was the eventual winner.

Final standings were: Sue Abela in 12th place, Kayden Lagana' 15th place, Neil Sullivan 18th, Dwayne Zahra 34th and Philip Gruppetta 45th from a total of 207 bowlers.

Mediterranean Bowling Championships

Our MBC team composed of Cynthia Frendo Duca, Melissa Swift, Mauro Anastasi and Rankin Camilleri travelled to Greece to participate in the Mediterranean Bowling Championships. They were accompanied by Rick Vogelesang as National Coach, and our President Edward Mifsud. This year there were 15 countries participating.

First up were the singles, with Mauro rolling a 1208 to finish in 12th place, whilst Rankin nipped 15th place with a 1174. In the ladies' division Melissa also finished in 12th place with a 1108, whilst Cynthia's 1052 saw her placing 16th place.

During the doubles the male team succeeding in bringing home a bronze medal pushing out Spain by a solitary pin. The ladies, also fought hard and rolling an impressive 470, in the 6th game, and a superb 268 by Melissa, they managed to win a silver medal.



During the mixed team event, Cynthia and Mauro managed a 7th place, whilst Melissa and Rankin finished just a place behind in 8th. The four person team event earned 6th position.

Adding all 24 games together for the all events, Mauro succeeded in securing a place with the top 8th in 5th, whilst Melissa earned a well deserved silver medal. Both would proceed to the Master's stage.



Mauro's first game was against Greece's Stamatiou, and although he rolled a 400, the Greek played a 487. Melissa, on the other hand faced Matczak of France and managed to beat her 401-377 to proceed to the next round with her mind at rest that another medal was in the bag. During step 2 she had to face the other French lady, Grandsire and this time round lost 348-441. However Melissa won a bronze medal in the Masters for a total of 3 medals.



SPECIAL OLYMPICS INVITATIONAL GAMES

The games were organised in Malta hosting 6 different sports, with bowling being one of the disciplines. In total our athletes managed to bag a total of 35 medals: 14 gold, 9 silver and 12 bronze. Well done to the athletes, their coaches and the volunteers who helped make this event a huge success.



YOUTH EURO TOUR FINALS

Two of youths namely Nicolai Mallia and Tomas Caruso made it to the finals of the YET Tournament in Belgium. After playing 7 games, Nicolai succeeded in placing 3rd place, whilst Tomas finished in 5th place.

1st SPRING TOURNAMENT



1ST SPRINT TOURNAMENT

25 players participated in a mixed handicap event. Kayden Lagana' rolled an impressive 1346 total which was his PB and as stated further up, is the 5th highest youth series. Kenneth Arpa placed 2nd, whilst David Fenech nipped the 3rd spot.



Very early next morning our European Men's Championships team will be travelling to Finland to compete in these high level championships. Team is composed of Nicholas Muscat, Philip Gruppetta, Rankin Camilleri, Mauro Anastasi, Kenneth Arpa and Mark Spiteri. We wish them good luck.



That's all for now! Wish you all a good day, and nice weekend.

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