



MBA NEWSLETTER May 2023

Hello all!

So first of all a big apology for being so late with the MAY newsletter which you will likely be reading not before the 7th of June. Hopefully by end of June my schedule will be a bit easier so this will not happen again (or so I hope...). So let's roll it off for this month.

Bowling in May was easily dominated by the Mediterranean Bowling Championships in San Marino where our team composed of Sue Abela, Cynthia Frendo Duca, Mauro Anastasi and Kayden Lagana' brought home a great collection of medals with some really awesome bowling. You all know the results and have seen numerous posts and articles so I will not go into a lot of detail here.. However, we need to at least summarise as it was a very successful championship for Team Malta!

Total Medal Haul..6!!! 1 Gold, 2 silver and 3 bronze!!!

GOLD: Sue Abela (Women all events), the undisputed Queen of the Med in bowling. Sue won her 37th career Mediterranean medal by scoring a strong 195.9 average after all the 24 games, just under 100 pins ahead of second placed Alija Bergauer, of Slovenia and Alexandra Lopes of France on 4606.

SILVER : Sue Abela & Cynthia Frendo Duca (Women's doubles), Kayden Lagana' (Men's masters)

BRONZE: Kayden and Mauro (Men's doubles), Kayden and Sue (Mixed doubles), and team event with Cynthia, Sue, Kayden and Mauro.

We cannot fail to mention the simply outstanding performance by 15 year old Kayden. On his way to winning silver, Kayden shot a 246 followed by a 300 to establish a new MBC record of 546, and put himself in the Championship Record Books. Kayden, while missing out on gold by a mere 2 pins to France's Gregory Ruis (494-492), still became the youngest male medallist in MBC History after the bronze in the med's doubles aged 15 years and 177 days.

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The team scored a combined total of 4851 pins that ensured a comfortable 3rd place ahead of Team Slovenia, with Gold going to France (5071) and silver to Turkey (4898).



!! 🎯 New Record!!! 2 Games 546 🌟 Kayden Laganà 🇲🇹 Malta 🙌🙌🙌🙌
Previous record 544 (2022)
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Overall, Kayden finished 5th in the all events with a remarkable 5138 total (221.6 average) and Mauro finished 14th out of 30 contestants, rolling a 4891 (203.8 average). In the ladies, with Sue coming first and winning gold with a 195.9 average over the 24 games, Cynthia finished in 10th with a 4420 total and 184.2 average (out of 30 contestants)

Thank you Sue, Cynthia, Mauro and Kayden for making the MBC 2023 a memorable one for Maltese bowling.

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Spring Tournament

We also had the MBA Spring tournament towards the end of May . a 6 game total event, with HC, and separate male and female categories. This event was fully booked at 35 bowlers and saw youth bowlers dominating the male category, with Nicholas Muscat rolling a 1351 (221.8) series ahead of Miguel Xuereb (1315) and Nicolai Mallia (1311), all 3 with no handicap. The ladies section saw Melissa Swift bowl a 1290 (1224 scratch + 66 HC), to finish ahead of Tiziana Carannante 1253 (1205+48 HC) and Sue Abela 1224 (1224 + 0 HC).



Leagues

The Premier League is now close to its end and , while it was not over at the end of May, Team BOOM are now crowned worthy champions. They were made to wait another week as Team Brunswick inflicted the first defeat of the season on team Boom in week 15 of 18. We will celebrate Team Boom's achievement in the June edition at the end of the week.. but we still Congratulate them already now!!!

Relegation battle is now down to 3 teams as at end of May, BOV (40 points) , Royal Shock (32) and Brutal Legendz (31) are the ones at risk, with the bottom 2 being firm "favourites" for the drop.


Battle for second place is pretty much what is left for OkMalta.com and Tm Brunswick.

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High bowlers of the week in May

Week 12: Nicholas Muscat (OkMalta.com) and Sue Abela (Tm Brunswick)

Week 13: Kayden Lagana' (Tm Brunswick) and Ruslana Grima (Tm BOOM)

Week 14 : Julian Baldacchino (Tm BOOM) and Ruslana Grima (Tm BOOM)

Premier league will skip 12th June as the national team will be taking part in the European Men's Championships in France

Second Division`

Week 17 of 22 weeks has been completed, and Leaders Emma's Kitchen continue to dominate the second division. Just as with Team Boom, with the results of the first week of June, Emma's Kitchen are now mathematically certain not only of promotion but also of being crowned 2nd division winners. As with Team Boom, Congrats are in order but will be celebrated in next edition.

Second place is still to be decided though Ten Pin Breakers have a clear advantage over both MIA and Vintage.

High bowlers of the week in May :

Week 14: Karlise Bartolo (Emma's Kitchen) and George Chircop (Ten Pin Breakers)

Week 15: Josephine Borg (Vintage) and Andre Xuereb (Ten Pin Breakers)

Week 16: Karlise Bartolo (Emma's Kitchen) and Travis Barbara (Strike Force)

Week 17: Kathryn Fenech (Emma's Kitchen) and Philippe Vancell (Trust Payments)

Week 18 : Kathryn Fenech (Emma's Kitchen) and Charles Farrugia (MIA)

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COTT

The 4th COTT was held on the 17th of May with Mauro Anastasi bowling a strong 219 average to finish 52 pins ahead of Philip Gruppetta, who ended up just 5 ahead of Kayden Lagana'. The ladies section was won comfortably by Melissa Swift with 1070 (1015 scratch + 55HC) ahead of Amanda Cini (954+45) on 999 and Sue Abela on 985 (985+0). Next COTT likely 26th July.



The Cisk ESB Doubles continued and after 3 weeks , Powerfruit still lead with 22 points ahead of Generation XYZ and Class of 99, both on 18 , followed by Tm Brunswick and Double Trouble also tied on 16. Keep in mind no doubles on 7th and 14th June

European Men's Championships.

The 6 man team are already in France as I finish off this newsletter, with official practice starting on Thursday 8th and singles starting on Friday 9th June at 10:00.

www.emc2023.etbfchampionships.eu


The Maltese team is made up of 15 year old Kayden Lagana', 18 year old Nicholas Muscat, 21 year old Matthew Magro, 2 veterans in Mark Spiteri and Kenneth Arpa, and 7 time national champion Mauro Anastasi. It will not be easy ; it is also true we have a very solid team so, lets go for it boys!!!

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Many records were broken during the Malta Open 2023, but those were mainly in June ! So keep that in mind when seeing that they are not listed here... they will be in June. 😊

Kayden Lagana' 300 game in the San Marino MBC, 1440 6 game series in Malta Open (31st May, 2nd highest youth series over 6 games), 5318/24 games in San Marino MBC (2nd highest ever for adults and highest ever in the youths). There is also of course the International record at MBC of 546 over 2 games (an incredible 273 average!)

Julian Baldacchino 279 Personal Best goes in the list of youth games over 269.

Composite Average as of end May

Men Top 3: Kayden Lagana' (216.07), Nicholas Muscat (207.77), Mauro Anastasi (202.83)

Women Top 3: Sue Abela (196.71) Tiziana Carannante (183.09) Cynthia Frendo Duca (181.77)

U21 Boys Top 3: Kayden Lagana' (216.07) , Nicholas Muscat (207.77), Dwayne Zahra (195.59)

U21 Girls Top 3: Ruslana Grima (178.05) Karlise Bartolo (167.36) Kathryn Fenech (162.93)

Next up: **WATCH EMC!!!!** There are no local tournaments in June, as leagues draw to a close and we have EMC as well as the Special Olympics in Berlin. National Championships will be in July 15-16-17.

Wish you all a great month of bowling!

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