

MBA NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER 2022

NATIONAL LEAGUE – MALTA BOWLING ASSOCIATION

Div 1 – Summer League 2022

Final Results:

Okmalta.com (58), Team Brunswick (54) and Supersonic (48)



High bowlers during the month:

Week 6: Dwayne Zahra (797) and Cynthia Frendo Duca (652)

Week 7: Miguel Xuereb (690) and Melissa Swift (602)

Week 8: Mark Spiteri (676) and Melissa Swift (586)

Week 9: Kayden Lagana' (719) and Melissa Swift (597)

Individual Awards:

High Average: Melissa Swift (192.48) and Kayden Lagana' (212.11)

High Scratch Game: Cynthia Frendo Duca and Dwayne Zahra

High Handicap Game: Melissa Swift and Nicolai Mallia

High Scratch Series: Sue Abela and Dwayne Zahra

High Handicap Series: Cynthia Frendo Duca and Giancarlo Tolu

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Div 2 – Summer League 2022

Final Results

Up your Average (64), Tenpin Breakers (64), Central Bank of Malta (56)



High bowlers during the month:

Week 11: Aaron Belli (571) and Michaela Briffa (498)

Individual Awards :

High Average: Michaela Briffa (165) and Tomas Caruso (171)

Most Improved: Tessa Bonnici and Donna Vella (+11) Mikhail Mallia and Travis Barbara (+14)

High Scratch Game: Mia Bugeja and Travis Barbara

High Handicap Game: Mary Galea and Mark J Grech

High Scratch Series: Mia Bugeja and Travis Barbara

High Handicap Series: Karlise Bartolo and Mikhail Mallia

DOUBLES CISK LAGER LEAGUE

Results up till Week 18:

Powerfruit (90), Tm Brunswick (86) and Generation XYZ (86)

High Bowlers of the Week:

Week 15: Chris Fenech (675) and Melissa Swift (595)

Week 16: Kayden Lagana' (645) and Sue Abela (561)

Week 17: Matthew Magro (678) and Melissa Swift (564)

Week 18: Kenneth Arpa (647) and Sue Abela (642)

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COMPOSITE AVERAGE AS AT END NOVEMBER 2022

The Top 3 bowlers in each category are:

Males: Matthew Magro (209.80), Kayden Laganà (207.55), and Nicholas Muscat (206.65)

Females: Sue Abela (198.18), Cynthia Frendo Duca (194.81), and Melissa Swift (189.85)

Top U21 Youths

Males: Kayden Laganà (207.55), Nicholas Muscat (206.65) and Dwayne Zahra (195.96)

Females: Ruslana Grima (172.68), Mia Bugeja (163.01), and Kathryn Fenech (155.79)

Top Senior Bowlers (50+ Years)

Males: Mark Spiteri (203.82), Kenneth Arpa (199.60), and Steve Cassar (196.36)

Females: Sue Abela (198.18), Liliana Spiteri (162.38), and Marthese Cossai (156.39)

AVERAGES AS PER CRITERIA FOR EMC 2023

1	Kayden Laganà	30106	147	204.80
2	Nicholas Muscat	27373	135	202.76
3	Matthew Magro	19687	98	200.89
4	Mark Spiteri	28265	141	200.46
5	Mauro Anastasi	27109	135	200.81
6	Kenneth Arpa	25050	126	198.81
7	Rankin Camilleri	23000	117	196.58
8	Philip Gruppetta	26941	138	195.22
9	Dwayne Zahra	26802	138	194.22
10	Miguel Xuereb	24997	129	193.78

HIGH SCORES TO BE LISTED IN THE NATIONAL RECORDS



Dwayne Zahra rolled a new National Youth Record for the 3 game series, when during the National League division 1 he rolled a 797 (242, 299, 246). This series is also the 8th highest in the Adult Series.

Dwayne's 299 game is also the 2nd highest youth game, just 1 point before the perfect games rolled by Matthew and Kayden.

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2nd CONTINENTAL CLASH OF THE TITANS – EVENT 7

Winners Sue Abela and Philip Gruppetta. Runners Up Cynthia Frendo Duca and Matthew Magro



1	Nicholas Muscat	135	1				136
2	Neil Sullivan	85	15				100
3	Mark Spiteri	68	8				76
4	Matthew Magro	47	18				65
5	Philip Grupetta	22	25	2			49
6	Mauro Anastasi	48					48
7	Chris Fenech	48					48
8	David Fenech	44					44
9	Miguel Xuereb	29	12		2		43
10	Dennis Mercieca	39					39
11	Danial Swift	38					38
12	Kayden Lagana	28	10				38
13	Nicolai Mallia	32					32
14	Tomas Caruso	32					32
15	Dwayne Zahra	29					29
16	Daniel Grech	27					27
17	Kenneth Arpa	25	2				27
18	Julian Baldacchino	18	4				22
19	Rankin Camilleri	14					14
20	Steve Cassar	12					12
21	Luke Burke	10					10
22	Paul Gray	8					8
23	Melvin Galea	0	6				6
24	Daniel Ricciari	1					1
25	Kyle Camilleri	1					1

1	Sue Abela	156	25	2	2		185
2	Cynthia Frendo Duca	115	18				133
3	Kathryn Fenech	104	15				119
4	Marthese Cossai	80	10				90
5	Melissa Swift	78	6				84
6	Tiziana Carannante	74					74
7	Josephine Borg	42	4				46
8	Liliana Spiteri	43					43
9	Ruslana Grima	28					28
10	Amanda Cini	26					26
11	Karlise Bartolo	10	12				22
12	Rachel Chircop	16	2				18
13	Celianne Micallef	8	8				16
14	Alja Bergauer	10					10
15	Donna Vella	1	1				2

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GIBRALTAR OPEN

Sue Abela went to play in the Gibraltar Open. The Open has various categories. In the Senior Category she placed 5th with a 1181 (1265) with handicap. In the Open category she rolled a 1037 (1085) to place 28th. Her best placing was when paired with Steven Jeeves as they nipped the 2nd spot in the Doubles, together they rolled a 2565. Well done Sue and Steven.



FLANDERS SENIOR OPEN

Paul Gray and Mark Spiteri went to participate in the Flanders Open which is part of the ISBT Tour. There were 65 competitors from various European countries, mainly Germany, Netherlands, UK, Italy, France, Romania and Belgium.



Paul rolled a 1143 coupled with 60 handicap to place in the 54th position.


Mark played a 1343 plus 42 handicap to qualify with the top 24 in 11th place.

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Step 1 – the bowlers placed from 9th till 24th had to play 4 games, with the top 8 making it to the next round. Mark rolled an 885 + 28 hdc to nip the 2nd spot.

Step 2 – the seeded 1 to 8 players plus the 8 qualifying after step 1 had to play 3 games with the top 8 making it through. Mark rolled a 701 + 21 to once again bag the 2nd spot.

Step 3 – another 3 games were rolled to determine the top 3. Mark rolled a 627 + 21 to end in the 6th position. This is the best placing by a Maltese male bowler in the ISBT tour as of to date.



BANK OF VALLETTA NATIONAL YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS

U12 Championships

This year we had 6 competitors, all boys. Mikhail Mallia who is incidentally the youngest of the group led all the way, and won the title with 1178 pins, with over a 200 pin cushion. The tussle was for 2nd and 3rd place, with Kayden Zammit managing to nip the 2nd place by just 2 pins (967). 3rd place went to Samuel Caruso an NSS student. Well done also to the other 3 young competitors Alex, Yacob and Zach.



U16 Championships

6 males and 6 females competed for the 2022 U16 title and what a battle it was. In the female division Mia Bugeja led on day 1, followed by Karise Bartolo and Charlize Bartolo.

On day 2 the winner was determined in the last couple of frames with Mia Bugeja winning the U16 title by just 12 pins (1877). NSS student Karlise managed to retain the 2nd place (1865), whilst another NSS student Celianne Micallef leapfrogged Charlize to nip the 3rd spot by 17 pins (1852).

The boys category mirrored the girls' event as the top 3 were determined in the last couple of shots. Nicolai Mallia led on day 1 just 12 pins ahead of NSS Students Kayden Lagana' (1174) and followed by Tomas Caruso in 3rd place (1113).

On Day 2 Chris Fenech managed to catch up with Kayden and Nicolai, and we had 3 players from 3 players all vying for the title. In the end it was Nicolai who managed to retain the 1st spot (2269), beating his team mate Kayden by 21 pins (2248), whilst Chris won the 3rd place (2180).



U23 Championships

We had 10 females and 13 males in this category and we welcomed the return of Sara Xuereb and Matthew Magro from the USA during their school holidays.

Sara Xuereb led from day 1 and although there were moments where Ruslana could catch up, Sara retained the title for 10th consecutive year. Ruslana bagged the 2nd spot for the 3rd time in a row, whilst 3rd place went to Kathryn Fenech.

In the boys' category Miguel Xuereb was ahead on day 1, followed by Nicholas Muscat and Matthew Magro. There was a slight change on day 2, as Nicholas switched places with Miguel. There was no change on day 3 as Nicholas retained the top spot with a 209.89 average and 183 pins ahead of Miguel Xuereb who hung on to 2nd place. Matthew Magro also retained third place.



MOC AWARDS

The Maltese Olympic Committee announced the finalists of the 19th Edition of the annual Gala Sports Awards which will take place on Wednesday 7th December at the Corinthia Palace Hotel & Spa in Attard. Having been cancelled for two consecutive years, these Awards will be making a welcome return. Athletes will be recognised for their accomplishments during the competition period November 2019 – October 2022.

We are happy to announce that we have no less than 14 athletes for these awards: Sue Abela, Mauro Anastasi, Kenneth Arpa, Rankin Camilleri, Tiziana Carranante, Cynthia Duca, Kayden Lagana, Matthew Magro, Dennis Mercieca, Nicholas Muscat, Nicolai Mallia, Mark Spiteri, Melissa Swift, Dwayne Zahra

We wish them good luck!

Liliana Spiteri – Secretary General

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