

MBA NEWSLETTER February 2023

February saw some important events happening besides the continuation of leagues, as we get into our stride in the local bowling scene.

First of all, key updates from the AGM:

1. We have 2 new members who fill in the 2 vacant slots in the committee: we welcome Melissa Swift and Kenneth Arpa, 2 established and successful local bowlers who we are sure will prove to be active towards continuing to improve the local game.
2. There will no longer be a VP role as this seems to have been a little redundant given the realities of the association structure.
3. Membership fees will go up in 2024 to €50 for adults, €20 for 12-under 18 and €10 for under 12. Fee for the over 65 will remain unchanged at €30



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Mediterranean Bowling Championships qualifiers

Held at the end of February, these determined the Malta team (2 females and 2 males) who will represent Malta at the upcoming MBC games in San Marino in May. This proved to be a very exciting qualifier, with some strong averages being bowled and at least 8 men still in the running for the 2 top spots with just 3 games to go on the last day, after 21 games!

At the end, 15 year old star Kayden Lagana' emerged as the well deserved winner, having led the field from day 1 to day 3, with an amazing 217.46 average that is the 5th highest 24 game series on record locally (5219) , and also the second best ever 8 game series of 1791 in the under 18 section. Kayden will be accompanied by Mauro Anastasi, nursing a muscle injury, who still managed to clinch second place with a great 5172 series to finish 100 pins ahead of 3rd place youth Nicholas Muscat, who also broke his PB of both 8 games (1764, 3rd highest under 18 to date) and 24 games (5071). Kenneth Arpa also had an amazing 8 game series of 1836 on day 2, which is the new seniors record for an 8 game series by a Maltese player.

The ladies saw National Champion Sue Abela completely dominate proceedings with a 4820 scratch series (200.83 average) that was over 400 pins ahead of Cynthia Frenedo Duca. The battle for second place was much tighter with Cynthia, Tiziana Carannante and Melissa Swift all in it till close to the end, with Tiziana finishing less than 80 pins behind Cynthia and Melissa a further 20 pins behind.



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Leagues update

The Premier league has seen Team Boom stay unbeaten for the first 5 weeks, with the particularly significant 8-0 win against the current champions OkMalta.com in the last game of February. They are followed by Team Brunswick 11 points adrift, with a surprising Bank of Valletta currently in 3rd place. The 2 Tm Brunswick players Kayden Lagana' and Sue Abela are currently dominating individual male and female performances, with Kayden, with a current league average of 218, as well as being high bowler of the week 3 out of the 5 times till now, including the latest huge 730 series, being in top form as can also be seen by the big lead he is in the composite average till now.

20/02/2023 Week 5 of 18 **BOV National MBA Premier League** Page 1
Monday 20:00 *Eden Superbowl* Lanes 9 - 18
Sanction:

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	92.5	37	3	741	11123	11414	815	2291	832	2342
2	10	Team Brunswick	65.0	26	14	768	11530	11620	877	2436	877	2436
3	2	Bank Of Valletta	65.0	26	14	700	10513	11053	790	2225	830	2345
4	1	OKMALTA.com	60.0	24	16	776	11643	11643	903	2462	903	2462
5	3	Brutal Legendz	52.5	21	19	633	9497	10397	727	1948	787	2128
6	5	Turu's Knights	50.0	20	20	681	10217	10889	781	2168	826	2297
7	8	BOV	40.0	16	24	628	9428	10202	752	2041	809	2185
8	9	Powerfruit	35.0	14	26	735	11035	11137	880	2441	894	2483
9	7	Twin	35.0	14	26	679	10191	10605	774	2112	814	2202
10	6	Royal Shock	5.0	2	38	630	9460	10168	735	2013	779	2145

Still there is a long way to go and we can expect a good race to the championship this year!

Division 2.

Division 2 is quite hotly contested again this year as promotion is now at stake!

Emma's kitchen are no longer unbeaten, having suffered one defeat against Strike Force (2-6) but are still leading on 40 points, 5 ahead of the same Strike Force as the league has now reached its 6th week of 22. Lucky Strike have lost their last 2 games however causing them to fall 8 points behind the team leaders. However as can be seen this season is full of ups and downs for most teams, so we look forward to a good and exciting season till the very end!

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1	5	Emma's Kitchen	83.3	40	8	585	10531	12625	642	1889	760	2243
2	1	Strike Force	72.9	35	13	629	11329	12646	740	1959	798	2217
3	9	Lucky Strike	66.7	32	16	534	9628	12076	594	1734	734	2154
4	8	Vintage	62.5	30	18	552	9942	12189	626	1773	740	2115
5	11	Central Bank	50.0	24	24	531	9572	11831	623	1721	748	2114
6	4	Ready Steady Bowl	50.0	24	24	509	9163	11599	578	1651	712	2053
7	7	Tenpin Breakers	47.9	23	25	579	10433	12224	650	1921	749	2218
8	12	One For all	47.9	23	25	547	9846	12042	628	1736	752	2120
9	3	The Flintstones	43.8	21	27	531	9565	11826	596	1676	716	2036
10	10	MIA	37.5	18	30	571	10288	11953	648	1863	752	2175
11	2	Trust Payments	20.8	10	38	486	8757	11136	625	1728	730	2008
12	6	The Splitpins	16.7	8	40	510	9194	11561	609	1681	749	2101

Malta Sports Journalists Awards

The 63rd SportMalta Awards organised by the Malta Sports Journalists Association were held recently and we are proud to say that once again we had a strong representation and we even had youth Nicholas Muscat making it all the way to the finals and ended up in 2nd place in the male youth category!



We also had 3 other people in the Top 10 for their respective categories!

1. Melissa Swift , Sportswoman of the Year
2. Mark Spiteri, Coach of the Year
3. Mauro Anastasi , Sportsman of the Year

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Composite Averages for Feb Year To Date.

Top 3 in each Category

Males

1. Kayden Lagana' 217.20; 2. Mauro Anastasi 206.62 3. Neil Sullivan 205.33

Females

1. Sue Abela 197.61 2. Cynthia Frendo Duca 180.87 3. Tiziana Carannante 177.01

Males Under 21

1. Kayden Lagana' 217.20 2. Nicholas Muscat 205.05 3. Miguel Xuereb 201.20

Females under 21

1. Ruslana Grima 174.88 2. Kathryn Fenech 162.87 3. Mia Bugeja 160.67

Males 50+ (Seniors)

1. Mark Spiteri 201.20 2. Kenneth Arpa 200.11 3. Steve Cassar 191.00

Females 50+ Seniors

1. Sue Abela 197.61 2. Liliana Spiteri 160.20 3. Mary Galea 160.17

From Next month, I will also start listing the top 8 in each category for championship qualifications (so EMC, EYC etc.)

Suggestions are always welcome: david.fenech1968@gmail.com

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