



## MBA NEWSLETTER March 2023

This newsletter was meant to be written while enjoying a Wiener Schnitzel and an ice cold beer while in Vienna as we should have arrived to take part at the EYC... but a 17 hour delay has changed plans so instead I am writing this listening to the joys of roadworks on a public holiday in Malta (not sure I needed to specify "in Malta" but there it is ). So forgive me if I miss anything, and you can send your complaints to me as usual on [david.fenech1968@gmail.com](mailto:david.fenech1968@gmail.com).

Back to bowling!!!

March was very active with 2 key MBA tournaments (Gold Cup and Memorial), another COTT event as well as the progression of the leagues with the first round of the Premier league coming to an end while Division 2 still has one week left for the end of round 1.

### **Gold Cup.**

This year the hotly contested Gold Cup saw 28 athletes , 18 men and 10 women , taking part. Due to the changes in Lane availabilities the format needed to be adjusted so now we had qualification on day 1 with 8 games, and then the top 8 go to the round robin on Day 2.

As already reported on our FB page, NSS student Celianna Micallef triumphed in the ladies, while Melvin Galea took the honours in the Male category. Both entered the round robin as leaders , and both also won 5 out of their 7 matches to hold on to their lead till the end. Second and third place in the ladies went to 2 other youth players , Karlise Bartolo and Kathryn Fenech, with Karlise edging her Emma's Kitchen teammate by just 2 pin, even though Kathryn was the only one to win 6 out of the 7 direct matches, to make it 1-2-3 for current division 2 leaders Emma's Kitchen this year! While Melvin was never really at a risk in the men's category , Youth and NSS student Tomas Caruso bowled extremely well to move up from 6<sup>th</sup> to 2<sup>nd</sup> place, 70 behind Melvin but only 37 pins ahead of 3<sup>rd</sup> place SO player Nicholas Falzon.

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### MTBA Gold Cup 2023

#### Round Robin Score Sheet

Round Robin Score Sheet	Cellanor Micallef	Karlise Bartolo	Rachel Christop	Kathryn Fenech	Liliana Spiteri	Jade Barbara	Mia Bugajta	Sandra Xuereb
By Hand (with H Cap)	746	717	744	712	696	688	682	664
H Cap (pts)	20	16	20	16	16	20	9	20
Game 1 (pts)	162	120	144	139	144	150	150	158
Bonus (Win) 20pts	20		20			20		20
Bonus (Draw) 10pts	202	136	184	135	134	190	159	198
Total	668	492	628	647	608	678	641	662
Pinfall (pts)	182	139	171	162	201	179	142	175
Bonus (Win) 20pts								
Bonus (Draw) 10pts	222	151	191	198	231	219	151	195
Total	1190	1044	1119	1045	1081	1097	992	1057
Game 2 (pts)	188	181	145	170	171	167	162	152
Bonus (Win) 20pts	20	20		20		20		20
Bonus (Draw) 10pts	228	217	165	206	181	187	151	172
Total	1416	1261	1284	1251	1262	1284	1183	1229
Game 3 (pts)	158	191	160	170	175	119	158	149
Bonus (Win) 20pts	20	20		20				
Bonus (Draw) 10pts	178	227	209	206	205	139	167	169
Total	1506	1468	1489	1467	1467	1423	1350	1398
Game 4 (pts)	148	171	103	159	157	147	152	121
Bonus (Win) 20pts	20	20		20				20
Bonus (Draw) 10pts	183	207	132	195	167	167	161	161
Total	1779	1695	1616	1652	1614	1590	1511	1559
Game 5 (pts)	144	163	123	170	145	167	205	158
Bonus (Win) 20pts				20			20	
Bonus (Draw) 10pts	164	197	143	206	155	187	234	198
Total	1941	1892	1759	1858	1789	1777	1745	1757
Game 6 (pts)	142	159	138	191	231	130	147	130
Bonus (Win) 20pts	20	20		20				
Bonus (Draw) 10pts	182	195	158	227	231	150	156	150
Total	2125	2087	1917	2085	2040	1927	1901	1907
Position	1	2	6	3	4	5	8	7

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By Hand (with H Cap)	776	746	727	716	719	703	693	690
H Cap (pts)	15	16	9	15	9	8	7	15
Game 1 (pts)	180	154	146	146	160	161	161	98
Bonus (Win) 20pts	20			20				20
Bonus (Draw) 10pts	225	170	155	202	182	169	168	113
Total	990	850	891	918	892	872	881	803
Game 2 (pts)	151	170	158	121	204	163	257	123
Bonus (Win) 20pts								
Bonus (Draw) 10pts	166	206	187	137	207	191	284	138
Total	1157	1122	1079	1055	1209	1064	1165	941
Game 3 (pts)	189	147	140	126	169	180	173	145
Bonus (Win) 20pts	20			20		20		20
Bonus (Draw) 10pts	238	183	195	142	192	208	200	180
Total	1391	1285	1278	1187	1301	1273	1365	1101
Game 4 (pts)	167	189	185	157	193	150	153	136
Bonus (Win) 20pts	20	20	20	20				
Bonus (Draw) 10pts	202	235	214	193	156	158	140	151
Total	1593	1520	1442	1390	1457	1420	1325	1232
Game 5 (pts)	175	154	203	193	179	227	167	122
Bonus (Win) 20pts	20			20				
Bonus (Draw) 10pts	210	170	232	209	202	255	174	137
Total	1893	1890	1876	1599	1859	1848	1899	1389
Game 6 (pts)	146	155	185	125	211	179	169	156
Bonus (Win) 20pts	20			20				
Bonus (Draw) 10pts	201	171	214	141	236	207	176	171
Total	2004	1861	1880	1740	1895	1891	1875	1560
Game 7 (pts)	172	178	168	203	162	202	161	160
Bonus (Win) 20pts	20			20				
Bonus (Draw) 10pts	187	214	197	239	185	230	168	175
Total	2181	2075	2085	1979	2060	2112	2041	1715
Position	1	4	3	7	5	2	6	8



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## Memorial

The annual MBA Memorial Cup was held on the 29<sup>th</sup> of March this year, a little earlier than the traditional May event due to scheduling reasons, and is dedicated to all MBA bowlers who passed away. It's a 5 game event with handicap that, while being a "fun" event, is also very competitive (as always) and this year was played on the newly announced second round national league pattern (see further down in the newsletter for details in case you missed it on our FB page, or our website [bowlingmalta.org](http://bowlingmalta.org))

26 players took part (18 males and 12 females) and was it a close one in both categories!

Malta Champion Sue Abela won the ladies, though only just 3 pins ahead of 18 year old Ruslana Grima, as Abela's unusual struggles with making spares almost cost her as 3<sup>rd</sup> place went to Amanda Cini just 2 pins behind Ruslana!

After winning the February edition of the COTT and placing 2<sup>nd</sup> in the MBA Gold Cup, NSS student Tomas Caruso rolled all 5 games above 200 for a super 216.8 scratch average ending with a 238 last game that saw him edge out Rankin Camilleri whose strong 227.8 scratch average was hampered by a last 167 game. This cost him first place as Tomas benefited from 80 pins HC as opposed to Rankin, with 13 year old Tomas finishing 25 pins ahead of Rankin. 3<sup>rd</sup> place went to another NSS student, Kayden Lagana', with another strong scratch series of 1121 or 224.2 average.

Overall, scores on this pattern appear to be higher than the one that was used in the first round of the leagues.. we will see as the next round for leagues starts mid- April what the actual outcome will be especially with more bowlers on the lanes!



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## Leagues

The Premier has now concluded its first round, and league leaders BOOM remain undefeated after these 9 games. They have 63 out of a possible 72 points. 9 ahead of reigning champions OkMalta.com and 11 ahead of Team Brunswick. Currently facing relegation are BOV on 16 points and Royal Shock on 10 points. Still a long way to go and with a new oil pattern in round 2, anything is possible!



High bowlers of the week in March:

Week 6 : Mark Spiteri (BOOM) and Sue Abela (Tm Brunswick)

Week 7 : Nicholas Muscat (OkMalta.com) and Sue Abela (Tm Brunswick)

Week 8: Nicholas Muscat (OkMalta.com) and Sue Abela (Tm Brunswick)

Week 9: Philip Gruppeta (Powerfruit) and Tiziana Carannante ( Turu's Knights)

*Premier league action returns on 17<sup>th</sup> April!*

Second Division

With one more week left to play (On Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> April), Leaders Emma's Kitchen hold on to first place with 61 points, ahead of Strike Force on 57 and Ten Pin Breakers on 49.

High bowlers of the week in March:

Week 7: Charles Farrugia (Team MIA) and Celianne Micallef (Emma's Kitchen)

Week 8: Clifton Micallef and Liliana Spiteri (Both Ten Pin Breakers)

Week 9: Dario Brito ( The Flintstones ) and Kathryn Fenech (Emma's Kitchen)

Week 10 Aaron Belli (Team MIA) and Mia Bugeja (Strike Force)

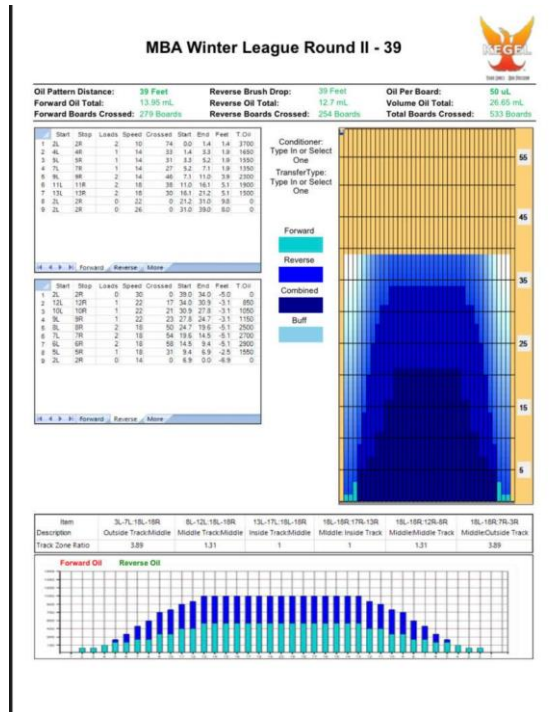
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New Lane Pattern for round 2 (Premier as from 17<sup>th</sup> April, Division 2 as from 18<sup>th</sup> April)



COTT

The 3<sup>rd</sup> COTT was held on the 9<sup>th</sup> of March and saw Mark Spiteri and Kayden Lagana' absolutely dominate the men's with Mark edging Kayden out by just 9 pins (1176 vs 1167)

Ladies saw Sue Abela comfortably win with 1099 pins, while Ruslana Grima managed second edging out Cynthia Frenco Duca 991-988. Both players bowled over 186 scratch but Ruslana benefitted from the 20 pins extra Handicap overall.



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EYC Team.

The EYC team SHOULD have already arrived in Vienna on this last day of March; instead as mentioned earlier we will only arrive very early morning on the 1<sup>st</sup>. So, an extra dose of Good Luck to our youths and coaches is requested! (and guests... )



One new record In March: high 5 game series , males, adults and Male over 50.

Mark Spiteri : 1176 (216/230/269/220/241)

Composite Average as of end March

Men Top 3: Kayden Lagana' (215.90), Nicholas Muscat (206.05), Mauro Anastasi (204.44)

Women Top 3: Sue Abela (197.08) Cynthia Frendo Duca (181.06) Tiziana Carannante (179.79)

U21 Boys Top 3: Kayden Lagana' (215.90) , Nicholas Muscat (206.05), Nicolai Mallia (192.70)

U21 Girls Top 3: Ruslana Grima (173.45) Kathryn Fenech (162.63) Karlise Bartolo (162.33)

Next up: Masters , remember to apply in time if interested !

Enjoy Easter! Don't eat too many figolli.

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