



## Press Release 01: European Bowling Tour 2018

The program of the European Bowling Tour 2018 has been decided by the ETBF Presidium. The program is presented at the following page and at the ETBF Website: <u>www.etbf.eu</u>.

The EBT 2018, which is the 19<sup>th</sup> consecutive tour since the tour was organized for the first time in 2000, consists of 13 tournaments, conducted in 10 different member federations.

The 13 tournaments adopted in the tour are divided in 5 different categories as follows: 2 EBT Platinum, 2 EBT Gold, 3 EBT Silver, 3 EBT Bronze and 3 EBT Satellite tournaments.

The total prize fund in the EBT 2018 is 659.000  $\in$ ; giving an average prize fund of 51.000  $\in$  per stop, which is the same average we have in 2017.

We are very pleased to be able to welcome the Hammer Bronzen Schietspoel Tournament 2018 from Tilburg back in the tour after only one year's absence. The tournament, which is organized by Luc Jansen, will be played in a completely re-build Dolfijn Bowling, which actually is under construction, but which will be ready in due time with 24 brand new lanes.

We are also welcoming one of the real classic tournaments in Europe, namely the 38<sup>th</sup> AIK International Tournament 2018 from Stockholm, which will appear in the tour program for the very first time. The tournament, which is organized by AIK Bowling and managed by Ian Robinson, will be played over 28 of Bowl-O-Rama's 29 lanes.

Finally we are welcoming a new tournament in Italy, the Rome Open, which will be organized by the Italian Bowling Federation and managed by Riccardo Scquizzato. The tournament will be conducted in the 24 lane centre "Bowling Brunswick", which previously has housed the tour stop Roma International in 2010 and 2011.

The organizer of the Dutch Scheveningen Open, which was included for the first time in the EBT 2017, has decided not to include the tournament in the 2018 program.

The highest ranked woman and the highest ranked man by the conclusion of the EBT 2018 will be awarded 1.000 € each.

The 8 highest ranked women and the 8 highest ranked men after the 13 stops are qualified for the 12<sup>th</sup> EBT Masters in 2019. The host centre of the EBT Masters 2019 will be published later.

Kim Thorsgaard Jensen EBT Director



## **Tournaments in the European Bowling Tour 2018**

Stop	Period	Federation	Tournament	Category
01	26.12-07.01	Sweden	38 <sup>th</sup> AIK International Tournament 2018	Silver
02	05.01-14.01	Finland	Brunswick Ballmaster Open	Gold
03	14.01-21.01	Ireland	30 <sup>th</sup> Irish Open Championships	Satellite
04	04.02-11.02	Netherlands	Hammer Bronzen Schietspoel Tournament 2018	Silver
05	10.03-18.03	Germany	Brunswick Euro Challenge	Platinum
06	22.05-27.05	Denmark	Kegel Aalborg International 2018	Bronze
07	30.06-08.07	Spain	VI Brunswick Madrid Challenge	Bronze
08	07.07-15.07	San Marino	14 <sup>th</sup> Storm San Marino Open	Gold
09	14.07-22.07	Germany	Track Dream-Bowl Palace Open	Silver
10	12.08-26.08	Sweden	Lucky Larsen Masters	Platinum
11	26.08-02.09	Denmark	Odense International	Satellite
12	01.09-09.09	Italy	Rome Open	Satellite
13	05.10-14.10	Norway	Norwegian Open 2018 by Brunswick	Bronze