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### Story 2007-01: EBT perspectives

Published on 4 January 2007 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen

The European Bowling Tour 2006 became the most played tour in Europe ever, since the tour had 4.516 first starters, which is an average of 226 players per stop. The average number of players per stop in 2005 was 224.

Like in 2005, the tournament with most first starters in 2006 became the German tournament Gutperle Viernheim Open with 372 participants, closely followed by the Greek tournament Brunswick Euro Challenge with 369 participants. These tournaments was also the two tournaments with the highest prize funds, namely 100.000 € for Gutperle Viernheim Open and 85.000 € for Brunswick Euro Challenge.

The tour consisted of 20 top tournaments from 15 different countries, of which Sweden contributed with 3 tournaments, Denmark, The Netherlands and Spain all with two tournaments each, Austria, Finland, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, Malta, Norway, San Marino and Turkey all with one tournament each.

The total prize fund in the 20 stops were 1.040.000 € / 52.000 € per stop, while the figures for 2005 were 970.000 € / 48.000 € per stop. The pay back factor for the player's increased from 322 in 2005 to 328 in 2006.

Both in 2005 and in 2006 ETBF paid in addition 40.000 € in prizes and players support for those qualified for the World Ranking Masters.

15 different women became the highest ranked woman in a stop. Five of them did it twice, namely Britt Brøndsted from Denmark, Isabelle Saldjian from France, Tina Hulch from Germany, Anna Mattsson-Baard from Sweden and Helén Johnsson from Sweden. Ten women did it once, Anja Ginge Jensen from Denmark, Zara Glover from England, Patricia Schwarz from Germany, Tanya Petty from Germany, Mor Aviram from Israel, Ghislaine van der Tol from The Netherlands, Laura Rhoney from Scotland, Nina Flack from Sweden, Diana Alfredsson from Sweden and Liz Johnson from USA.

16 different men became the highest ranked man in a stop. Paul Moor from England did it three times, Lasse Lintilä from Finland and Peter Ljung from Sweden did it twice and the following 13 men did it all one time: Jason Belmonte from Australia, Thomas Gross from Austria, Chris van Damme from Belgium, Stuart Williams from England, Nick Froggatt from England, Osku Palermaa from Finland, Yoan Alix from France, Achim Grabowski from Germany, Wu Siu Hong from Hong Kong, Frederico Rossi from Italy, Svein Roger Olsen from Norway, Mikael Kallnord from Sweden and Tobias Karlsson from Sweden.

For the third time in a row Britt Brøndsted from Denmark won the women's division and Paul Moor from England won the men's division in the European Bowling Tour.

In 2007 the tour prize fund increases again, this time to 1.150.000 € / 55.000 € per stop in the 21 stops, played in 16 different countries.

As usual the tour begins with traditional Ballmaster in Helsinki in January and concludes with Kungsbacka International Tournament in Sweden in December.

ETBF looks forward to another record breaking tour season 2007 where Kegel again will be the lane maintenance partner for ETBF.

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### **Story 2007-02: WRM participation confirmed**

Published on 5 January 2007 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen

All 16 players from Europe, qualified for the World Ranking Masters 2007, have confirmed their participation and no substitutes from Europe will be needed.

The World Ranking Masters 2007 will be conducted in Doha, Qatar on 30 April - 6 May.

The following 8 female players are qualified from Europe:

Britt Brøndsted, Denmark  
Zara Glover, England  
Nina Flack, Sweden  
Isabelle Saldjian, France  
Helén Johnsson, Sweden  
Anna Mattsson-Baard, Sweden  
Patricia Schwarz, Germany  
Ivonne Gross, Austria

The following 8 male players are qualified from Europe:

Paul Moor, England  
Osku Palermaa, Finland  
Peter Ljung, Sweden  
Stuart Williams, England  
Martin Larsen, Sweden  
Thomas Gross, Austria  
Jason Belmonte, Australia  
Kai Virtanen, Finland

It is a very strong field of top players qualified from the 2006 EBT Ranking, and we are looking forward with excitement to follow their performances in Qatar. Good luck to the players!

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### **Story 2007-03: Centre certification**

Published on 12 January 2007 by Roni Ashkenazi

A relatively limited number of federations in Europe have an active centre certification programme, which is understandable, because such a programme demands both resources and high technical skills, which are not necessary always available in all federations.

As a consequence, the ETBF Presidium has established the ETBF Centre Certification Programme, which consists of two "legs": a technical inspection and a possible ETBF Centre Certification.

The ETBF Centre Certification Programme, which was decided by the ETBF Presidium at a meeting in October 2006, is active with immediate effect.

With the exception of ETBF Championships and stops in the European Bowling Tour with an EBT Premier status, an ETBF Centre Certification is optional for centres in Europe and an ETBF Centre Certification will never replace a national centre certification in any ETBF member federation.

You can find a full description of the ETBF Centre Certification Programme in the Publication ETBF601-001 and furthermore you can see a template of the inspection report in the Publication ETBF602-001. Both publications are available at this site under the item Publications.

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### Story 2007-04: EBT 2007-01

Published on 15 January 2007 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



The 2007 European Bowling Tour season (the 8th of its kind) took off with the traditional Brunswick Ballmaster Open, conducted in famous Tali Bowling Stadium in Helsinki.

Brunswick Ballmaster Open is organized by the company Kimmo Lehtonen OY, which is owned by Kimmo Lehtonen, who also became the winner of the tournament. This is, to our best knowledge, the first time an organizer of a tour stop becomes the winner as well; an extraordinary achievement.

Kimmo Lehtonen defeated Sweden's Martin Larsen (the reigning World Champion in the Men's Doubles) with 225 vs. 209 in the one game final.

Another curiosity in the tournament is a President of a federation becoming among the best 8 players, which is going as far as the quarter finals in Brunswick Ballmaster Open. This happened for the newly elected President of the Finnish Bowling Federation, Jouni Helminen, when he reached that far in this year's Brunswick Ballmaster Open.

The highest ranked women in Helsinki became Piritta Kantola, who has been the highest ranked women of a tour stop two times previously, which is the case also for Kimmo Lehtonen.

The European Bowling Tour 2007 took off very well this year, when not less than 363 players attended Brunswick Ballmaster Open, which were visited by 328 players in 2006 and 281 players in 2005. In total there were 738 starters in 2007 (363 entries and 375 re-entries).

Congratulations to Kimmo Lehtonen and Brunswick Ballmaster Open for their increased and successful participation and for a great beginning of the 8th tour season in Europe.

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### **Story 2007-05: New Technical Delegate**

Published on 29 January 2007 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen

The ETBF Presidium has appointed Michael Bai Ernst from Denmark as a new Technical Delegate. In the coming period Michael Bai Ernst will be trained until he later on will get duties during championships and inspections related to the newly announced Centre Certification Programme.

The ETBF Technical Committee hereafter consists of the following:

Roni Ashkenazi, Chairman

René Exelmans, Technical Delegate

Axel Frehde, Technical Delegate

Pini Hershkoviz, Technical Delegate

Harri Kalliokoski, Technical Delegate

Michael Bai, Technical Delegate



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### **Story 2007-06: EYC 2009 to Sweden**

Published on 29 January 2007 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen

At a recently held meeting, the ETBF Presidium has decided to grant Sweden the right to host the European Youth Championships 2009.

The championships will be conducted in Baltiska Hallen Bowling Centre in Malmoe on 3-12 April 2009.

Baltiska Hallen Bowling Centre has previously housed the European Championships for both genders in 1993 and the European Cup Teams in 1998.

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### **Story 2007-07: WRM 2007 not in Qatar**

Published on 8 February 2007 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen

Yesterday it became clear for the ETBF Presidium that Qatar Bowling Federation has decided to cancel the World Ranking Masters 2007.

The cancellation, which comes with a very short notice since the WRM 2007 was supposed to be conducted 30 April - 6 May in Doha, was apparently necessary because the roof of the bowling centre needs a repair in exactly the period, where the WRM 2007 should have been played.

We received the information from the WTBA Secretary General yesterday, who also could inform us that there is no actual solution to this suddenly occurred situation.

Basically there will be two possible solutions; either to cancel the WRM 2007 completely or to locate another host with a very short notice. We were informed by WTBA, that a final decision will be taken at the latest 28 February.

The situation is indeed very regrettable for the sport of bowling in general, for the ranking system in specific and of course not least for the players qualified for the WRM 2007.

Besides being regrettable for many reasons, a cancellation of the final for the three zone tours are far from acceptable for ETBF, and the ETBF Presidium have therefore immediately decided to take action in a number of areas.

#### **Non-refundable flight tickets**

If no WRM 2007 will be conducted, ETBF has requested WTBA to raise a financial claim for Qatar Bowling Federation, with the purpose to fund players who have documented non-refundable flight tickets, already booked for the WRM 2007 for themselves and eventually companions.

Financial compensation for the 16 players qualified from Europe

ETBF keeps € 20.000, which should have been used for players travel and accommodation support for the WRM 2007 and for Europe's part of the WRM 2007 prize money.

If no WRM 2007 will be conducted, the € 20.000 will be divided equally among the 16 qualified players from Europe and soonest possible after a decision from WTBA is known, each player will receive € 1.250 as a financial compensation for the non-conducted ranking final.

#### **EBT Masters as of 2008**

The ETBF Presidium wants to eliminate any risk of another similar situation ever to occur again, and it is therefore decided to introduce an independent European Bowling Tour final - THE EBT MASTERS - which will be conducted for the first time in 2008, based on the end standing of the women and men divisions of the European Bowling Tour 2007.

Originally the EBT Masters was meant to be played for the first time in 2009, but as a consequence of the very unfortunate situation for the WRM 2007, the ETBF Presidium decided to expedite the conduction of the first EBT Masters with one year.

The creation of an EBT Masters, and following changes, are described in a separate story concerning the EBT Masters in the future.

We will, naturally, keep you posted about any development in the WRM 2007 situation in the coming period.

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### Story 2007-08: EBT Masters as of 2008

Published on 8 February 2007 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen

The ETBF Presidium has decided to untie the bands between the European Bowling Tour and the World Ranking System.

The decision was in the first hand meant to be in effect as of the EBT 2008, but as a consequence of the recently uncertainty of the conduction of the World Ranking Masters 2007, it became obvious for the ETBF Presidium, that it was essential to untie the bands with immediate effect, meaning as of the EBT 2007 already.

As a result of this strategic decision, the following will be in effect as of 2007:

*The EBT will get its own final, under the name EBT Masters and it will be conducted for the first time in 2008 as the final of the EBT 2007.*

*The top 16 women and the top 16 men of the end standing of the EBT 2007 will qualify for the EBT Masters 2008.*

*ETBF will guarantee that an EBT Masters will be conducted every year and accordingly there will be no doubt that the top ranked players of an EBT will qualify for a final.*

*ETBF opens for the possibility that tournaments outside the jurisdiction of ETBF could be adopted in an EBT, but not necessarily already in 2008.*

*Should the World Ranking Masters 2007 (or later) be conducted, then the EBT still counts as the qualification for the WRM and it will still be the top 8 women and the top 8 men of the end standing of an EBT, who will be qualified for participation.*

*The WRM will, anyhow, as of the EBT 2007, be considered as an optional and additional opportunity to compete for the top 8 ranked in each division and their participation in an eventually WRM will no longer be financially supported by ETBF.*

*As a natural consequence of the creation of the EBT Masters, most of the tour prize money will be canalized to the EBT Masters as of 2007, but a prize of € 2.500 for each of the tour winners in 2007 will remain.*

*In the same spirit the financial travel support will be removed, but ETBF will ensure that each of the 32 participants in the EBT Masters will be awarded a minimum of € 500, at this moment presumed as € 500 to the 8 lowest positioned players in each division.*

*ETBF expects a minimum prize pool for the first EBT Masters of not less than € 40.000, but hopefully higher, all depending on possible name sponsors and bids from potential organizers.*

The format of the EBT Masters will, from a starting point of view, be identical to the format of the European Champions Cup. This means for each gender / division; 3 X 8 games qualification (one long oil squad, one short oil squad and one mixed oil squad) followed by a top 8 elimination in best of 3 games matches.

A possibility is to conduct the EBT Masters on Monday-Wednesday just after the conclusion of one of the tour stops, but this is only **one** possibility. The host of an EBT Masters can, besides being one of the stop organizers, be a federation or a company, as decided by the ETBF Presidium.

The minimum mandatory requirements for an EBT Masters organizer are airport transportation service at arrival and departure, shuttle service hotel-centre-hotel during the event, normal

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host administration costs and all expenses related to a Technical Delegate, unless an external lane maintenance agreement covering the EBT Masters exists.

In addition (and optional) it is possible for the EBT Masters organizer, to offer additional prize money for an EBT Masters. Such additional prize money will be added to the minimum guaranteed prize money pool.

The EBT Masters will, preferably, be conducted in the interval of February - July, but exceptional good bids from a potential EBT Masters organizer can influence the decision of the dates of the EBT Masters.

When this press story is published, ETBF is ready to accept bids from organizers applying for hosting the first two EBT Masters in 2008 and 2009. An official invitation to apply for hosting these two events will be issued shortly from now.

The revised EBT Rules for both 2007 and 2008 are available at this site under the item Publications.

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### **Story 2007-09: Gerard van Dam passed away**

Published on 11February 2007 by Addie Ophelders

The Presidium of the European Tenpin Bowling Federation was shocked to hear that Gerard van Dam, board member of the Netherlands Bowling Federation had died on Sunday morning.

Gerard was a colourful person and always with a great sense of humour. He had his heart at the right spot for his family and also for his and our sport: bowling.

In Europe, Gerard was especially known among colleagues in championship press rooms for his catching mood and helpful attitude to all having any kind of technical problems, for which Gerard had a lot of knowledge and of which he shared unconditional with everyone needing his help.

Gerard was only 49 years old. He will be deeply missed by his family and by all his many friends in the international world of bowling.

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### Story 2007-10: EBT 2008 Invitation

Published on 12 February 2007 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



ETBF has opened for tournament organizers to apply for their tournaments to be adopted in the European Bowling Tour 2008, which is the 9th consecutive tour in Europe.

The ETBF Presidium has a strong believe, that the EBT 2008 will be another record breaking year for the tour in Europe.

Some news for 2008, previously announced

#### EBT Masters

The top 16 in the women's and the top 16 in the men's end standings of an EBT will qualify for the following year's EBT Masters, which will be conducted for the first time in 2008 based on the end standings of the EBT 2007. The EBT 2008 will count as qualification for the EBT Masters 2009.

#### EBT Premier

As of 2008 there will be three categories of tournaments in a tour, since the ETBF Presidium has introduced an EBT Premier category with many high class criteria to be met.

#### Tournaments from outside Europe

The ETBF Presidium has decided that tournaments conducted in countries outside the jurisdiction of ETBF might be adopted in an EBT. This, anyhow, does not necessarily happen already in 2008.

Category criteria for 2008, also previously announced

#### Two already existing definitions

The total prize fund of a tournament is defined as all prize money allocated for individual players in the international part of the tournament.

The Entry value is defined as a ratio used to evaluate the interrelation between the size of the prize fund and the maximum entry fee.

#### EBT Challengers, also adopted in the EBT 2007

The total prize fund must be minimum € 30.000

The entry value must be minimum 175

The number of players per pair of lanes in qualification squads can be 2-6

#### EBT Challengers, not previously adopted

The total prize fund must be minimum € 40.000

The entry value must be minimum 225

The number of players per pair of lanes in qualification squads can be 2-4

#### EBT Majors

The total prize fund must be minimum € 55.000

The entry value must be minimum 325

The number of players per pair of lanes in qualification squads can be 2-4

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The tournament must have been adopted in a previous EBT

### EBT Premiers

The total prize fund must be minimum € 100.000

The entry value must be minimum 500

The number of players per pair of lanes in qualification squads can be 2-4

The tournament must have been adopted in a previous EBT

In addition a lot more special criteria exist for an EBT Premier, which all can be found in the EBT 2008 Rules - available at [www.etbf.dk](http://www.etbf.dk) under the item Publications.

### Three important deadlines

In addition to opening for applications for tournament adoptions in the EBT 2008, the ETBF Presidium opens for bids from organizers, who are interested in hosting the first EBT Masters in 2008 and the second EBT Masters in 2009.

### Applications for adoption in the EBT 2008

The deadline for tournament organizers to apply for adoption in the European Bowling Tour 2008 will be 30 April 2007 and shortly after the composition of the EBT 2008 will be published. Applications for hosting the EBT Masters 2008

The deadline of applications for hosting the EBT Masters 2008 is 1 July 2007.

Applications for hosting the EBT Masters 2009

The deadline of applications for hosting the EBT Masters 2009 is 1 October 2007.

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### Story 2007-11: EBT 2007-02

Published on 20 February 2007 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



Already after two stops in the European Bowling Tour 2007, Paul Moor from England is back in lead of the tour, which he won already three consecutive times in 2004, 2005 and 2006.

In the 2nd stop of the EBT 2007, the Hammer Bronzen Schietspoel Tournament 2007 - conducted in Dolfijn Bowling in Tilburg, Paul Moor won the 4 person final in a superior style with 515 over the two games against Osku Palermaa from Finland with 435, Peter Smits from The Netherlands with 430 and Maarten Pittens from the Netherlands with 360.

This was the 9th highest ranked position in a tour stop for Paul More and by that he broke another tour record, since he passed the 8 highest ranked tour stops for legendary Gery Verbruggen from Belgium, which held the record before the tournament in Tilburg.

Martina Beckel from Germany became the highest ranked women (her 5<sup>th</sup> highest ranked position ever) in Tilburg, which brought her in a shared tour lead together with Piritta Kantola from Finland.

Paul Moor leads the men's division with 130 points, while Piritta Kantola and Martina Beckel have 100 points each in the women's division.



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### Story 2007-12: Name change in San Marino

Published on 20 February 2007 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



As a consequence of a sponsorship, the name of Stop 12 in the European Bowling Tour 2007 has changed from the 3rd San Marino Open to the 3rd Storm San Marino Open.

At the same moment the period of the tournament is shortened with one day and the tournament will be conducted 14-22 July 2007 instead of 13-22 July 2007.

The tournament will unchanged be conducted in Rosen Bowl in San Marino.

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### **Story 2007-13: Welcome to Albania**

Published on 25

The ETBF Presidium is welcoming Albanian Federation of Bowling as the 49<sup>th</sup> member federation in the ETBF family. On 24 February 2007 Albania was accepted by the FIQ Presidium as a provisional member.

In Albania there are 3 bowling centres with a total of 28 lanes. The federation has a little bit over 160 individual members.

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### Story 2007-14: EBT 2007-03

Published on 26 February 2007 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



Paul Moor from England continues his high class performances by repeating his win in Tilburg by another win in the EBT 2007 Stop 03, the Ebonite International Luxembourg Open.

This, the 10th highest ranked tour stop position for Paul Moor in this and the last three tour seasons, became a reality after a superior win in the two games final against Osku Palermaa from Finland 503 vs. 362. Paul Moors score in the last two tour stop finals is 1018 over 4 games, average 254.

Paul Moor is topping the men's division in the EBT 2007 with 180 points, while the actual runner up is Osku Palermaa with 120 points, both identical with the winner and the runner up by the conclusion of the EBT 2006. On position 3 is Kimmo Lehtonen from Finland, the winner of this seasons Stop 01 in Helsinki, with 100 points.

Nicole Sanders from The Netherlands took her first highest ranked position in a tour stop ever, while her 12th position in the tournament came out to be enough to be the highest ranked women in the Ebonite International Luxembourg Open.

Martina Beckel from Germany is in the lead of the women's division of the EBT 2007 with 106 points, Ghislaine van der Tol from the Netherlands is just after with 103 points, followed by Piritta Kantola from Finland with 100 points at position 3 and the highest ranked in Luxembourg, Nicole Sanders, at position 4 with 98 points.

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### **Story 2007-15: Thanks from Bianca van Dam**

Published on 27 February 2007 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen

We have received these words from Bianca van Dam:

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On behalf of my family, I want to thank you all for your messages, emails and postcards after the death of my husband, Gerard. It does not bring him back, but knowing so many people had respect for him helped us a lot.

Unfortunately, I am not able to continue Gerard's Bowlthings. I want to thank everybody for their trust in us.

Thanks again  
Bianca van Dam

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### Story 2007-16: Long and short oil

Published on 28 February 2007 by Ted Thompson

The "Long and the Short of It" is now reality; is it also the future?

An ultramodern proprietor, Ronald Dol of Bowling Dolfijn, along with avant-garde event organizer Luc Jansen of The Netherlands, and the forward thinking European Bowling Tour (EBT) have just completed a major bowling tour event which employed lane conditions like never before, at least on purpose.

During the entire 2007 EBT Bronzen Hammer Schietspoel Open, every left lane was conditioned with a 45' oil pattern designed to play more towards the inside part of the lane and every right lane was conditioned with a 35' oil pattern designed to play towards the outside part of the lane. Paul Moor, the reigning three times defending European Bowling Tour Ranking Champion proved those titles are well deserved as he defeated Osku Palermaa, Peter Smits and Maarten Pittens in a final two games shootout of this ground-breaking major event.

In the year 2000, then WTBA President PS Nathan called for a World Symposium in Malaysia to address many perceived problems related to the sport of bowling. Out of the symposium the WTBA Technical Committee, which was headed by Sid Allen at the time, concluded "that a single condition format was unfair, since it favoured a particular style of play regardless of how the lane was oiled."

Until now both the EBT and the PBA Tour formats make use of a single oil pattern for all rounds of competition. With these single condition events at times come social acceptance if the outcome is perceived fair by the bowling public but far too often the opposite is true. This social unrest comes as the winner of the event is perceived to have "matched up" because of their dominant style of play instead of just plainly performing better than the rest.

During that symposium in Malaysia the WTBA Technical Committee also felt the question of "who is the best bowler?" needed to be further examined. Through discussion and digging deeper into the question, the WTBA defined what they feel the traits that make up a World Class bowling player should be. The committee created what is known as VPARK; Versatility, Power, Accuracy, Repeatability and Knowledge. There was one trait however that was at the very top of each members list, Versatility.

The members felt that "the ability to bowl over a wide range of conditions elevated a player from one of quality to that of greatness" and therefore led to the conclusion "that WTBA's present oiling procedures were not conducive to identifying and rewarding great players, but instead only identified the specialists." Then committee member Craig Woodhouse suggested the concept of multiple conditions and it was unanimously agreed that this is the path for all future World Championships.

An over whelming majority of single condition events employ conditions in the thirty-seven to forty-two foot range. The WTBA dual condition events however use oil patterns thirty-five feet or shorter and forty-three feet or longer. So where does that leave the bowling players of the world to prepare for these World Championship events? The answer is you either need to own or have parents that own a bowling centre or have a federation that supports such training. Not many participants have either.

For the EBT Tilburg dual condition tournament to be successful and socially accepted, it was evident that during the event some educational seminars dedicated to playing the short and long patterns were needed. With the help of Hammer's Mike Quitter and bowling ball expert Denny Torgersen, material about what bowling ball types and layouts should be used was presented. With the help of Kegel and this writer, material about the bowling lane, oil patterns and keys to play those patterns, was also presented. With almost ninety tournament partici-

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pants attending the seminars, the tournament players and coaches got a head start of what to expect.

Fully realizing "baby steps" needed to be taken, the design of the patterns were on the forgiving side and such that the widest variety of bowling balls could be used. In contrast to some of the early dual condition Championship events, it was refreshing to see the players in Tilburg clearly understood how the patterns needed to be attacked.

The feedback from the players according to Ronald Dol confirmed what Sid Allen's group had concluded in that year 2000 symposium, that "dual lane conditions are fairer than a single condition event." Will dual conditions be a thing of the future? Ronald Dol sure believes it will and he felt "they had a tremendous event with a great deal of enthusiasm from the players and spectators." Dol and Jansen have already confirmed the 2008 EBT event in Tilburg will be dual lane conditions again.

It's only a matter of time before more tournament organizers follow the lead of the innovative group in The Netherlands. Dual conditions may not be the answer the sporting players are looking for at each and every event or might it? After all it does satisfy the most essential criteria of becoming a world class bowling player...VERSATILITY.

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### **Story 2007-17: WRM 2007 in Lake Wales**

Published on 28 February 2007 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen

Earlier today we were informed by WTBA that USBC and Kegel in a partnership has offered WTBA to host the World Ranking Masters 2007 and that WTBA has accepted the offer.

The World Ranking Masters will be held for the 3rd time at Kegels place in Lake Wales Florida, where the tournament previously was hosted in 2003 and in 2005.

The World Ranking Masters 2007 will be conducted in the period of 2-8 May 2007, where 2 May is the last day of arrival and 8 May is the first day of departure. The dates are only changed marginal from the original Qatar dates, which were 30 April - 6 May.

At the moment there are not any known hosts for the WRM after 2007.

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### Story 2007-18: EBT 2007 reduced

Published on 28 February 2007 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



During the last week we have unfortunately received 2 cancellations from tournaments adopted in the European Bowling Tour 2007.

For some days ago the organizer of Kungsbacka International Tournament (EBT 2007-21) notified us about a cancellation of his tournament and today we received another cancellation from the organizer of Gutperle Viernheim Open (EBT 2007-15).

The organizer of Kungsbacka International Tournament announced the EBT Rules 2007 to be the reason for his wish to cancel. To this we will state that all central parts of the EBT Rules for 2007 has been unchanged since they were published for a year ago, which also indicates that all premises for the organizer in Kungsbacka would have been exactly the same, when the tournament should have been conducted in December this year, as they were when the organizer in June 2006 applied for his tournament to be adopted in the EBT 2007. In general ETBF never changes the central rules and premises for one year's tour, after the tour has been published.

Adding a very good attendance of 261 players in the 2006 issue of the tournament, it is hard for ETBF to understand the real rational behind the cancellation, but it is anyhow a fact that the organizer do not want to conduct the tournament in 2007.

Concerning the Gutperle Viernheim Open, the organizer is announcing the German tax rules, and indeed a very though interpretation of these rules in 2006, to be the main reason for the cancellation. We have no reason to doubt in this factual information from the organizer, but anyhow we regret very much the loose of Gutperle Viernheim Open in the EBT 2007.

According to the general EBT Rules, it is de facto not possible for any tournament to leave the tour after the composition of the tour is published. The two tournaments will therefore keep their tour stop numbers (15 and 21); no matter they will not be conducted.

The tournaments are furthermore obliged to pay their EBT fees, exactly as it is the case for the previously cancelled Olympia Tournament in Helsingborg, for the purpose to contribute financially to the EBT 2007 thy once joined and for the benefit of the players in the tour. We indeed expect all three organizers to fulfil their obligations concerning the EBT 2007 fees.

Despite this hick up's in the ongoing tour, there is still many more excellent tour stops to enter for all interested bowlers from all over the World and ETBF will continue unabated to develop its EBT products over the coming years for the benefit of bowling in Europe.



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### **Story 2007-19: Bowling in Special Olympics World Games**

Published on 1 March 2007 by Rune Widell

The 2007 Special Olympics World Summer Games will be held on 2-10 October 2007 in Shanghai, China. The Summer Games are held every fourth year for athletes with intellectual disability.

More than 80 bowlers from 21 of the ETBF member federations will participate in Shanghai.

More information about the Special Olympics Organisation can be found on the website [www.specialolympics.org](http://www.specialolympics.org)

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### Story 2007-20: EBT 2007-04

Published on 6 March 2007 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



The reigning World Champion in Double, Martin Larsen from Sweden, took his second tour stop win in his career, when he defeated Rodrigo Hermes from Brazil 208 - 196 in the one game final in the 4th stop of the EBT 2007 in Barcelona, V Catalonia Open - Trofeu Galasa.

For his victory in the Major tournament in Barcelona, Martin Larsen was awarded 100 points and by that he jumped to an actual runner up position in the EBT 2007 with 180 points, 44 points behind leading Paul Moor from England (44 points in Barcelona) at 224 points.

In the women's division Kirsten Penny was highest ranked for her 7<sup>th</sup> position in the tournament, which also were her 7<sup>th</sup> highest ranked position in a tour stop ever.

By the 100 points awarded for Kirsten Penny in Barcelona, she took over the lead of the women's division in the tour with 178 points followed by the 2nd ranked women in Barcelona, Krista Pöllänen from Finland with 160 points (80 points in Barcelona).

After 4 stops in the European Bowling Tour 2007 we have had 944 first starters, which is an average of 236 entering players per stop.

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### Story 2007-21: EBT 2007-05

Published on 20 March 2007 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



For the second year in a row, Osku Palermaa from Finland entered the final match of the Brunswick Euro Challenge (EBT 2007 Stop 05), but this year with a better result than last year, where he lost against his dual handed colleague from Australia, Jason Belmonte.

In this year's tournament in Thessaloniki, Osku Palermaa did not leave any doubt open and he delivered an outstanding game of 268 vs. a 215 game bowled by his opponent, the 2004 winner of the Brunswick Euro Challenge, Britt Brøndsted from Denmark.

By the victory in Thessaloniki, Osku Palermaa has been highest ranked in the men's division 4 times in the tour, while Britt Brøndsted has been highest ranked in a tour stop in the women's division 9 times, coming closer and closer to the record 10 highest ranked positions, achieved by her fellow countrywomen, Bettina Lund in the years 2001-2005.

The triple tour winner and also actual tour leader, Paul Moor from England, earned 44 points in Thessaloniki, accumulating his season total to 268, but Paul Moor can feel the breath of Osku Palermaa (100 points in Thessaloniki) with 262 points and Martin Larsen from Sweden with 240 points (60 points in Thessaloniki), just behind him.

In the women's division, Kirsten Penny from England kept her top position by being awarded 60 points in Thessaloniki (238 points in 2007), but also Kirsten Penny can feel the nearest by positioned pursuers just behind her, since the triple tour queen Britt Brøndsted has collected 216 points and Piritta Kantola from Finland 208 points in 2007 so far.

After 5 stops in the European Bowling Tour 2007 we have had 1.265 first starters, which is an average of 253 entering players per stop.

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### Story 2007-22: Name change in Naples

Published on 27 March 2007 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



As a consequence of a changed agreement with the sponsor, the name of Stop 19 in the European Bowling Tour 2007 has changed from the 4th Oltremare Ebonite Championships to the 4th Oltremare Columbia 300 Open.

The tournament will unchanged be conducted in Oltremare Bowling Arena in Naples, Italy in the period of 12-18 November 2007.

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### **Story 2007-23: MCC 2007 in Turkey**

Published on 1 April 2007 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen

The 10th Mediterranean Challenge Cup was conducted in Turkish Mersin on 27 March - 1 April and this jubilee year of the MCC was also a record breaking year with not less than 11 countries taking part.

At the lanes in Mersin were players from Cyprus, France, Gibraltar, Greece, Israel, Italy, Malta, Morocco, San Marino, Spain and Turkey.

Italy became the successor with 3 titles, while the other titles went to Malta, France, Greece and Israel (one each).

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### Story 2007-24: EBT deadlines

Published on 4 April 2007 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



As a consequence of a situation, where applications are coming in rather slow, the ETBF Presidium has decided to postpone the deadline for applications from tournament organizers, who wants their tournaments adopted in the EBT 2008.

The deadline was 30 April and it is two months earlier than last year, which apparently does not work well for the organizers, for which reason we are returning to the previous deadline of 30 June. The interest from organizers hosting both existing tournaments and new possible tour stops are undiminished and the changed deadline has therefore nothing to do with any recessive interest.

Applications from organizers / federations / companies who want to bid for hosting the first EBT Masters 2008 or the second EBT Masters 2009 are unchanged as presented below.

The actual EBT Deadlines are as follows:

Applications for tournament adoptions in the EBT 2008: 30 June 2007

Applications for hosting the EBT Masters 2008: 1 July 2007

Applications for hosting the EBT Masters 2009: 1 October 2007

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### Story 2007-25: EBT 2007-06

Published on 11 April 2007 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



Martin Larsen from Sweden took over the lead in the men's division of the European Bowling Tour 2007 after being awarded 46 points in Stop 06, Husqvarna International, conducted in Jönköping, Sweden.

Martin Larsen has collected 286 points in the tour so far, which is only 2 more than Paul Moor from England at position 2 (16 points in Jönköping) and 16 points more than Osku Palermaa from Finland at position 3 (8 points in Jönköping).

The tournament in Jönköping was won by Robert Andersson from Sweden, who defeated his fellow countryman Magnus Andersson 213 vs. 194 in the one game final. With the 100 points awarded in Jönköping, Robert Andersson jumped into position 5 in the tour with a total of 172 points.

In the women's division, the three times tour winner, Britt Brøndsted from Denmark, took over the lead after being awarded 48 points in Jönköping, where after Brøndsted has a total of 264 points.

At position 2 in the women's division is Kirsten Penny from England with a total of 238 points (Penny did not play in Jönköping) and at position 3, Zara Glover from England, who became the highest ranked women in Jönköping, with a total of 222 points.

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### **Story 2007-26: EYC 2007 in Greece**

Published on 16 April 2007 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen

The 20th European Youth Championships was concluded on 14 April in Strike Bowling Club in Thessaloniki, Greece.

The EYC 2007 became a record breaking event with not less than 256 players, representing 28 different countries in Europe.

The championships were very well orchestrated by a 100% dedicated host in form of the Hellenic Bowling Federation and its dynamic leadership, chaired by the HBF President, Alex Tzounis.

A couple of hundred supporters were following the teams making the event colourful, noisy, exiting and indeed fantastic, which, together with the Greek expertise in show settings and atmosphere adding events, created a unique scenery in the centre.

In the best of three games Masters, the girls division was won by Bianca Wiekeraad from the Netherlands in 2 games 184 vs. 159 and 225 vs. 197 against Victoria Johansson from Sweden, while the boys division was won by Israel's Aviv Alfital, also over two games 191 vs. 173 and 223 vs. 215 against Norway's Svein Aake Ek.

The total of 32 medal sets distributed among 13 different countries proves that bowling in Europe is getting wider and more and more countries can compete at a high level, which long termed is benefiting the sport and increasing the quality of the game.



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### Story 2007-27: EBT 2007-07

Published on 8 May 2007 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



In an overall dual handed affair, Osku Palermaa from Finland took his 5th EBT stop title ever, when he defeated Jason Belmonte from Australia 258 - 195 in the one game final of the 4th Istanbul Bowling Open.

The top position of the tournament brought Osku Palermaa on top of the EBT ranking in the men's division with 370 point in front of Paul Moor from England with 354 points and Martin Larsen from Sweden with 286 points at position 3.

In the women's division Kirsten Penny from England was highest ranked for the 8th time in a tour stop and also her high ranked position moved her to the first position in the EBT ranking with 338 points in front of Britt Brøndsted from Denmark with 264 points and Martina Beckel from Germany and Zara Glover from England and a tied position 3-4 with 222 points.

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### **Story 2007-28: WRM 2007 in Lake Wales**

Published on 8 May 2007 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen

For the third time ever the World Ranking Masters, which is the final of the three rankings in Europe, Asia and the American Zone, was conducted at Kegel's place in Lake Wales, Florida.

Throughout the whole tournament, USA's Diandra Asbaty was performing outstanding and the final match against England's Zara Glover became no difference, when Zara Glover was defeated 223-148 and 235-220 in the best of three games final match.

Diandra Asbaty became the first player to win the World Ranking Masters twice, since she also won the final in 2004, when the WRM was conducted in Moscow.

The men's division of the WRM 2007 was dominated by players qualified from the European Bowling Tour, since not less than 7/8 players qualified from Europe, also qualified for the quarter finals in Lake Wales after the 24 games long qualification.

At the end of the tournament, Stuart Williams from England and Peter Ljung from Sweden was scheduled for the final in the overall European affair, and it became a very exciting and see worthy affair.

The first game became Peter Ljung's after a 236-233 win, while the two last games went to Stuart Williams 234-224 and 269-240. A very see worthy and well played final, where Stuart Williams was entitled to put the first WRM Crown on his head after a week's competition in Lake Wales.

The date and venue of the next WRM is not decided, but it IS given that we in 2008 will witness the first pure final of the European Bowling Tour, when the EBT Masters will be conducted.

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### **Story 2007-29: EGC 2007 in Paphos**

Published on 17 May 2007 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen

Impressing Moldova, a brand new member of the European bowling family from this year, impressed on Cyprus at the 31st European Gold Cup, when Sergei Babiuc took the gold medal in the best of three games final 161-166, 195-166 and 196-189 against David Horvath from Hungary.

Also Poland impressed, when they got their first 3 Gold Cup medals ever, when Patrycja Suszczewicz and Jakub Antoniak took the gold medal in the mix doubles event, Patrycja Suszczewicz took the gold medal in the women singles and Jakub Antoniak took the bronze medal in the men singles.

The European Gold Cup 2007 was conducted 7-13 May in Paphos, Cyprus.

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### Story 2007-30: EBT 2007-08

Published on 27 May 2007 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



The tour king from 2000-2003, Gery Verbruggen from Belgium, was back in the winners role, when he defeated PBA player Michael Fagan from USA 236 - 201 in the one game final of the 2nd Paraske Cup in Belgium, which did its first entry as a stop of the European Bowling Tour.

By the 50 points awarded to Gery Verbruggen, he jumped into the top 16 field of the men's division of the tour at position 13 with 112 points.

The men's division is still lead by Finland's Osku Palermaa with 383 points (15 points in Belgium), 27 points ahead of the triple tour winner 2004-2006, Paul Moor from England (2 points in Belgium).

Kirsten Penny from England kept her leading position in the women's division after being awarded 40 points in Belgium (total 378 points), while the 2004-2006 tour queen Britt Brøndsted from Demark kept her runner-up position in the women's division after being awarded 35 points in Belgium (total 299 points).

Martina Beckel from Germany was awarded 50 points for being the highest ranked women in the 2nd Paraske Cup and it brought her to a third position in the women's division with a total of 272 points in this season so far.

New in the women's top 16 is Jaana Puhakka from Finland with 110 points at position 15 (12 points awarded in Belgium).

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### Story 2007-31: EBT 2007-09

Published on 28 May 2007 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



Sami Konsteri from Finland repeated his 2002 victory in Aalborg, when he in the 2007 edition of Brunswick Aalborg International defeated PBA player Sean Rash 432 - 416 in the two games final of this 9th stop in the European Bowling Tour 2007.

By the 100 points awarded for Konsteri, he entered top 16 of the tour ranking, at position 13 with a 115 points season total so far. Konsteri became the only new player in the men's top 16 after the tournament in Aalborg.

The constantly ongoing top battle between Osku Palermaa from Finland and Paul Moor from England became even tighter after Aalborg, when the point gap between the two players was reduced to 3 points.

Palermaa is still in the lead with 429 points (46 points in Aalborg), while Moor is second with 426 points (70 points in Aalborg).

A similar two player's tour fight is ongoing in the women's division between Denmark's Britt Brøndsted and England's Kirsten Penny.

Brøndsted became the highest ranked women in a tour stop for the 10th time ever in Aalborg and by this excellent achievement she repeated the record number of highest ranked positions actually hold by her fellow countrywomen Bettina Lund, who became highest ranked in 10 tour stops in the years 2001-2005.

Even awarded 100 points in Aalborg, Britt Brøndsted only took 20 points of the point difference to still leading Kirsten Penny, who earned 80 points for being the second highest positioned women player in Aalborg. The women tour battle shows an actual standing of 458 points for Penny and 399 points for Brøndsted.

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### Story 2007-32: EBT 2007-10

Published on 12 June 2007 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



Pasi Uotila from Finland has been in top 4 in many tour stops over the last years, but every time missing the last few centimetres to end at the very top of the podium.

In Scheveningen there was no doubt, when Pasi Uotila took his third tour stop title (but the first since 2004) in the one game final 202 - 195 vs. the local player Maarten Pittens in the 2nd issue of the Storm Dutch Open..

In the top of the tour ranking Osku Palermaa from Finland (eliminated from the tournament in the Semi Finals by Maarten Pittens) added 70 ranking points to his season total and with 499 points after 10 stops he enlarged the gap to Paul Moor from England at 452 points (26 points in Scheveningen).

New at the top 16 in the men's division of the EBT 2007 are Peter Smits from The Netherlands at position 12 with 154 points (60 points in Scheveningen), Maarten Pittens from The Netherlands at position 14 with 140 points (80 points in Scheveningen) and Jean Marc Lebon from Belgium at position 16 with 135 points (48 points in Scheveningen).

Kamilla Kjeldsen from Denmark took her 8th highest ranked position in the women's division ever, when she in Scheveningen became the only women entering the quarter final of the tournament, where she had to see her beaten by 2-1 by the later winner Pasi Uotila.

Not much happened in the top of the women's ranking, where Kirsten Penny from England kept the lead with 482 points (24 points in Scheveningen) in front of Denmark's Britt Brøndsted at position 2 with 411 points (12 points in Scheveningen).

New at the top 16 in the women's division of the EBT 2007 are Lotte Houbo Pedersen from Denmark at position 14 with 150 points (80 points in Scheveningen) and Pia Burkal from Denmark at position 16 with 130 points (40 points in Scheveningen).

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### **Story 2007-33: WRM 2008 and 2009**

Published on 13 June 2007 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen

At a meeting in the WTBA Presidium held in Amsterdam on 8-9 June 2007, it was decided to accept two host applications for the World Ranking Masters.

The World Ranking Masters 2008 will be held in Jakarta, Indonesia on 30 April - 6 May 2008. The WRM 2008 will be conducted in the 30 lane Senayan Bowling Sportainment Centre.

The World Ranking Masters 2009 will be held in Naples, Italy on 27 April - 3 May 2009. The WRM 2009 will be conducted in the well-known Oltremare Bowling Arena in Naples (20 lanes), which has hosted stops in the European Bowling Tour since 2004.

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### **Story 2007-34: EYC 2007 on Satellite TV**

Published on 21 June 2007 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen

From the office of the Hellenic Bowling Federation we have received the message below.

We do of course bring our sincere congratulation to HBF for this unique achievement, which only can benefit all of us and the sport of bowling in general.

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We are excited to announce a world satellite presentation of the EYC 2007!

The Greek free-to-air satellite channel ERT world will have a 30 minute TV special with highlights of the tournament as part of the Hellenic Panorama show on Monday 25 June 2007 at 21.00 (GMT).

Hellenic Bowling Federation



### Story 2007-35: Danish Masters is cancelled

Published on 25 June 2007 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



Gert Nielsen, the organizer of the Danish Masters Classic, has announced that the tournament is cancelled.

The Danish Masters Classic, which should have been conducted on 3-12 August in Rödovre, Denmark is cancelled because of a lack of entries.

Gert Nielsen has announced that he, despite the cancellation, will fulfil all financial obligations towards ETBF, which will give the organizer an option for having other tournaments internationally approved in the future.

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### Story 2007-36: EBT 2007-11

Published on 26 June 2007 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



Ghislaine van der Tol from The Netherlands won the women division in Stop 11 of the European Bowling Tour 2007, Eden Leisure's Malta Open Championships, after a 7 pin win (198-191) over Mai Ginge Jensen from Denmark in the final of the women's division.

It was the 3rd time Ghislaine van der Tol became the highest ranked women in a tour stop and the first time it happened for her outside The Netherlands.

Tour leading Kirsten Penny from England was awarded 20 points on Malta and she enlarged the gap to the Danish runner up Britt Brøndsted 502 vs. 411 so far in the season.

Therese Forsell from Sweden (35 points on Malta) became the only new women in top 16 at position 14.

In the men's division the recently crowned World Ranking Masters Stuart Williams from England succeeded with a 1 pin victory against his fellow countryman Nick Froggatt 225 vs. 224 in the final of the men's division. It was William's first tour stop win in 2007 and the 4th time ever he became the highest ranked in a stop.

Stuart Williams took one position (from 7 to 6) in the men's division of the EBT 2007, while Nikolay Ovchinnikov from Latvia took one position from 10 to 9 with the 6 points he was awarded on Malta. No other male player's in top 16 was awarded points on Malta and no new players entered the top 16 of the men's division.

The men's division of the EBT 2007 is still led by Finland's Osku Palermaa with 499 points in front of England's Paul Moor with 452 points.

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### Story 2007-37: EBT 2008 composed

Published on 6 July 2007 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



At an ETBF Presidium meeting, held on 5 July 2008 in Vienna - Austria, the composition of the European Bowling Tour 2008 was decided.

The EBT 2008 consists of 18 tournaments, of which 6 have been granted the EBT Challenger status and 12 have been granted the EBT Major status. The 18 tournaments will be conducted in 14 different countries. The composition of the EBT 2008 and detailed information of each stop is presented in the EBT 2008 Calendar on this site.

Of the 18 tournaments to be conducted in the EBT 2008, the organizers of Husqvarna International (Sweden), Malta Open and Norwegian Open has decided not to re-apply for adoption in the EBT 2008, while a similar number of new tournaments (three) is adopted in the EBT 2008, namely the 2nd Maribor Open Strike Tournament (Slovenia), Lahti Open (Finland) and the 7th Qatar International Open Bowling Tournament 2008.

It is the first time a tournament from Slovenia is adopted, it is the first time two tournaments from Finland is adopted and it is indeed the first time a tournament from Qatar is adopted. The adoption of the tournament from Qatar introduces a new era of the European Bowling Tour, since it is the first time we are going outside the traditional European area for a tournament adoption.

The possibility to adopt one or more high class tournaments from outside Europe were published by the introduction of the EBT 2008 Rules on 30 October 2006 and we are very proud and satisfied, already from the first possible year, to be able to present the tournament in Qatar as the first non-European tournament in the tour - a tournament which also will be the richest ever in the history of the EBT, since a tremendous prize pool of not less than 120.000 € is offered by the organizer.

The total prize pool (including tour prize money) for the 18 tournaments in the EBT 2007 will be 1.000.000 €, while the total prize pool for the 18 tournaments in the EBT 2008 will be 1.175.000 €. This very visible improvement does indeed also influence the average prize pool per tournament, which increases from 52.000 € in 2007 to 62.000 € in 2008.

The top 16 women and the top 16 men after the 18 stops in the EBT 2008 will qualify for the EBT Masters 2009, while the top 8 women and the top 8 men in addition will qualify for the WRM 2009.

The EBT 2008 is - as always - open for all bowlers in the World and all bowlers can be awarded points, no matter their nationality.

Kegel is, for the fourth consecutive year, appointed as the official lane maintenance partner for ETBF, meaning that Kegel staff will be at the sites and Kegel equipment will be in use in a number of stops throughout the 2008 season.

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### **Story 2007-38: ETBF Congress in Vienna**

Published on 13 July 2007 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen

On 7 July the ordinary Congress of ETBF was held at the Ibis Hotel Mariahilf in Vienna, Austria. The Congress was, like in many previous years, constructive, positive and not the least efficient. The Congress lasted no longer than 5 hours including lunch break.

Below you will find a presentation of the most important decisions for the coming years:

#### **European Youth Championships**

As a consequence of the continued increasing number of participants in the EYC, the Congress decided as follows:

Each federation will be allowed to be represented by a maximum of 4 girls and 4 boys instead of 6 girls and 6 boys.

The events will be Singles - Doubles - Team of Four - All Event - Masters. The Singles event and the Team of Four are new events, which replace the Trios and the Team of Five events.

There will, in the same way as for the European Men Championships and the European Women Championships, be one game Semi Finals and a one game final in four of the events. The All Event standing will be decided after the 18 games pin fall.

The EYC Masters qualification will still be played over 18 games and on a single lane condition, since the Congress decided not to introduce dual lane conditions for the youth.

The changes will be in effect as of the EYC 2009 in Sweden, while the EYC 2008 in Helsinki will be the last youth championships played according to the present rules.

#### **European Gold Cup**

After years of discussions and problems with handicap calculations because of different registration systems from country to country and in addition problems to locate hosts for the event, the Congress decided to terminate the European Gold Cup as of 2008.

This means that the recently conducted Gold Cup in Cyprus became the last of its kind.

#### **PBA members in European Championships**

It was decided to open European Championships for all individual members of our federations, no matter if they are members of other clubs, tours or organizations in addition to a federation membership.

This means that PBA members, previous as well as present, can participate in European Championships as of 2008, under the premise that they are selected by their federations to their respectively national teams.

#### **Limited ball check at championships**

In effect already as of the next championship in Europe, which is the European Champions Cup in Luxembourg in September this year, the massive and complete check of all bowling balls of all participating players will not be done any longer.

Prior to the start of the championship there will be no mandatory inspection of the balls, only registration of those to be used during competition. Immediately prior to the start of the Semi Finals of the doubles, trios and team events, as well as prior to the start of Step 4 in the Masters event the bowling balls of the players who have qualified for the Semi Finals will be completely inspected. If an "illegal" ball is found at that inspection, the player will be disqualified and all scores declared null and void.

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### **Reduced number of presidium members**

Shortly after the Congress in 2005 one of the Presidium members decided to resign, and accordingly during the past two years 6 instead of 7 persons have carried out the work.

It was therefore proposed by the Presidium to permanently reduce the number of Presidium members to 6, which was accepted by the Congress to be effective immediately.

### **The Presidium for the coming two years**

Kim Thorsgaard Jensen was re-elected as Vice President of ETBF for a 4 years term and Roni Ashkenazi was re-elected as ETBF Presidium member, also for a 4 years term. Both were elected by acclamation.

Until the next Congress the Presidium consists of:

Addie Ophelders (The Netherlands), President

Kim Thorsgaard Jensen (Denmark), Vice President

Roni Ashkenazi (Israel), Presidium member

Sergey Lisitsyn (Russia), Presidium member

Onder Gurkan (Turkey), Presidium member

Valgeir Gudbjartsson (Iceland), Presidium member

Secretary General of the ETBF is Rune Widell (Sweden)

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### **Story 2007-39: EMC 2007 in Vienna**

Published on 16 July 2007 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen

What a year for Norway's super talented Mads Sandbækken; World Youth Masters Champion in July 2006, Runner up in the European Champions Cup in September 2006 and then as the latest trophy the crown of the Masters title at the recently conducted European Men Championships in Vienna, Austria.

Mads Sandbækken defeated Finland's Petteri Salonen 2-0 (230-225 and 229-209) in the best of three games final in the well-known Plus Halle in Vienna. In the two Semi Finals, Mads Sandbækken defeated Dennis Eklund from Sweden 2-0, while Petri Salonen defeated Mike Quarry from England (2-1).

Since 1962 the European Masters title has been bowled 13 times and after Sandbækken's victory Norway is, by 4 titles, the most winning nation of the European Men Masters title ever. Besides Sandbækken's 2007 title, the history book proves titles for Arne Svein Ström in 1973 and 1981 and for Tore Torgersen in 1997.

The All Event gold went to Finland's Osku Palermaa, the Team gold went to Sweden, the Trios gold went to Finland and the Double gold went, in an inferno of noise, excitement and emotions, to two players from the Austrian host country - Thomas Tybl and Thomas Gross.

A record number of 207 male players took part in this 2nd European Championships only for men (the previous record was 161 men players in the EMC 2005), which for the first time (like for the women in 2006) included Semi Finals and a final in the Doubles event, the Trios event and the Team event.

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### **Story 2007-40: ECC 2008 in Germany**

Published on 21 July 2007 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen

The ETBF Presidium has decided to accept an offer from the German Bowling Federation to host the European Champions Cup 2008.

The 31st ECC 2008 will take place in the 24 lane centre, Bowling Treff Duisburg, in the period of 20-26 October 2008.

As always the reigning national woman and man champion from each ETBF member federation plus the women and the man champions of the last ECC (in this case the champions of the ECC 2007 in Luxembourg), can participate in the championships.

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### Story 2007-41: EBT Masters 2008 in Ankara

Published on 21 July 2007 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



The organizer of Ankara Open has offered to organize the 1st EBT Masters, which will include the Top 16 women and the Top 16 men at the end standings of the European Bowling Tour 2007. The ETBF Presidium has decided to accept the offer from the organizer.

The 1st EBT Masters will be bowled in Rollhouse Bowling Centre in Ankara, Turkey in the days following the conclusion of the Ankara Open on Sunday 21 September 2008. The 1st EBT Masters will be played over three days, which is Monday-Wednesday 22-24 September 2008 and departure on Thursday 25 September 2008.

The format of the 1<sup>st</sup> EBT Masters is 3 qualification squads of 8 games each (one squad at short oil, one squad at long oil and one squad at mixed oil) followed by a Top 8 Elimination in best of three games matches, until the 1st EBT Men Masters and the 1st EBT Women Masters is found.

A minimum prize pool of 40.000 € will be provided (20.000 € for each gender) and no player taking part will win less than 500 €.

The deadline for organizers / federations / companies, who wants to apply for hosting the 2nd EBT Masters 2009 (based on the EBT 2008 end standings), is 1 September 2007.



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### Story 2007-42: EBT 2007-12

Published on 22 July 2007 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



The 12<sup>th</sup> stop of the European Bowling Tour 2007, the 3rd Storm San Marino Open conducted in beautiful and hospital Rosen' Bowl, became an nearly all Malaysian affair.

When the tournament turned into head-to-head matches 7 of the 16 bowlers represented Team Malaysia, at the quarter finals 3 of the 8 bowlers represented Team Malaysia and the same was the case when 4 bowlers were left back for the Semi Finals.

In the first Semi Final Aaron Kong from Malaysia defeated Sharon Koh from Malaysia 502 - 499 in the 2 games match, while Ghislaine Tol from The Netherlands defeated Shalin Zulkifli from Malaysia 464 - 399 in the other Semi Final.

In the Malaysian - Dutch final the outcome of the 2 games match became a tie of 477-477, where after Ghislaine van der Tol became the winner of the tournament with the highest last game 267 - 255.

Aaron Kong became the first man from Malaysia to be highest ranked in a tour stop in Europe, while Ghislaine van der Tol became the highest ranked women in a tour stop for the fourth time ever, for the second time this season, for the second time in a row and for the second time in a row Ghislaine van der Tol won a tour stop; a fantastic achievement of the young and very talented Dutch player.

In the women's division of the European Bowling Tour the gap between leading Kirsten Penny from England and the runner up Britt Brøndsted from Denmark was reduced a little in the absence of Kirsten Penny, but the gap is still 67 points since no more than 24 points were awarded to Britt Brøndsted in San Marino.

Ivonne Gross from Austria entered the Top 16 in the women's division at position 14 (28 points in San Marino), and the same did Veronica Lantto from Sweden at position 16 (48 points in San Marino).

In the men's division the gap between leading Osku Palermaa and the runner up Paul Moor was reduced to 15 points, when Palermaa was awarded 48 points in San Marino and Moor 80 points. Besides that, not much happened in the ranking of the men's division and no new players entered the Top 16 ranking.

The tournament in San Marino have had a really remarkable development in the number of players entering in its only 3 years history so far; 134 players in 2005, 187 players in 2006 and not less than 270 players in 2007, a big applause to the organizers for a job very well done.

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### Story 2007-43: EBT 2007-13

Published on 29 July 2007 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



The 29th Internacional Ciutat de Barcelona, the 13th stop of the European Bowling Tour 2007, was as always conducted in well-known Bowling Pedrables in Barcelona.

Robert Andersson from Sweden won the 2 matches stepladder final of the tournament, first by defeating his partner in the Swedish super double, Martin Larsen, with 208 vs. 174 and then by defeating Krista Pöllänen from Finland 218 vs. 206.

Robert Andersson was highest ranked in the men's division for the 4th time in his career and for the 2nd time this season.

The top three in the men's division of the EBT 2007 is still Osku Palermaa from Finland with 617 points (70 points in Barcelona), Paul Moor from England with 582 points (50 points in Barcelona) and Martin Larsen from Sweden with 444 points (80 points in Barcelona).

In the women's division Krista Pöllänen became the highest ranked women in a tour stop for the first time since 2003 and the 100 points awarded brought her from a position 15 to position 10 in the standing with a total of 260 points.

The constantly ongoing top battle in the EBT 2007 between England's Kirsten Penny and Denmark's Britt Brøndsted became a little more intense, since the gap was reduced with another 34 points after Penny was awarded 16 points (total 518 points) and Brøndsted 50 points (total 485 points) in Barcelona.

The two top ranked women are now closely followed by Netherlands's Ghislaine van der Tol with a total of 421 points, who have had a fantastic series of positions 5, 1, 1 and 3 in the ranking standings of the last 4 stops.

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### **Story 2007-44: First European Sport Games 2007**

Published on 3 August 2007 by Rune Widell

The First European Sport Games were held on 19 – 24 July 2007 in Kiev, Ukraine.

Approximately 800 athletes from 46 countries participated in the 15 non-Olympic sports that were included in the Games.

The bowling competition took place in the bowling centre, which is part of the “5 Element Sport Complex”.

Originally bowlers from 16 European federations were invited to participate by the Ukrainian Bowling Federation and the Ukrainian Ministry of Sports. Bowlers from Belarus, Belgium, England, Germany, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Moldova and Ukraine had accepted the invitation.

The final standings after the stepladder finals were for men

1. Andriy Vazhentsev, Ukraine
2. Mark Spiteri, Malta
3. Matthew Hann, England

The final standings after the stepladder finals were for women

1. Jenny Billingham, England.
2. Olena Mishchenko, Ukraine.
3. Sue Abela, Malta.

The Second European Sport Games will be held in 2011 in the city of Siaulia, Lithuania.

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### Story 2007-45: Name change in Vienna

Published on 23 August 2007 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



As a consequence of a sponsorship agreement, the name of Stop 18 in the European Bowling Tour 2007 has changed from Vienna Open to Columbia 300 Vienna Open.

The tournament will unchanged be conducted in the well-known Plus Halle in Vienna, Austria in the period of 16-21 October 2007.

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### Story 2007-46: Name change in San Marino

Published on 17 September 2007 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



As a consequence of a sponsorship agreement, the name of Stop 10 in the European Bowling Tour 2008 has changed from the 4th San Marino Open to the 4th Storm San Marino Open.

The tournament will unchanged be conducted in beautiful Rose'n Bowl in Serravalle, San Marino in the period of 12-20 July 2008.

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### **Story 2007-47: Kegel lane maintenance in 2008**

Published on 18 September 2007 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen

ETBF has signed a three years contract with Kegel in the years 2006-2008. In the contract period Kegel is announced as the official lane maintenance partner for ETBF.

Among other elements in the contract, Kegel offers lane maintenance for Majors in the European Bowling tour as an option for the organizers (Kegel Sponsorship A). The following 10 tournaments have accepted the offer from Kegel:

#### **Stop 03: Hammer Bronzen Schietspoel Tournament 2008**

3-10 February 2008 in Dolfijn Bowling, Tilburg - The Netherlands

#### **Stop 04: VI Catalonia Open - Trofeu Galasa**

27 February - 2 March 2008 in Bowling Pedrables, Barcelona – Spain

#### **Stop 06: 5<sup>th</sup> Istanbul Bowling Open**

07-13 April 2008 in Time Out Bowling Centre, Istanbul – Turkey

#### **Stop 07: Brunswick Aalborg International 2008**

19-25 May 2008 in Lovvang Bowling Centre, Aalborg – Denmark

#### **Stop 09: Storm Dutch Open 2008**

25-29 June 2008 in Dolfijn Bowling, Scheveningen - The Netherlands

#### **Stop 10: 4<sup>th</sup> Storm San Marino Open**

12-20 July 2008 in Rose'n Bowl, Serravalle - San Marino

#### **Stop 11: 30 Trofeu Internacional Ciutat de Barcelona**

22-27 July 2008 in Bowling Pedrables, Barcelona – Spain

#### **Stop 13: Ankara Open**

13-21 September 2008 in Rollhouse Bowling Centre, Ankara – Turkey

#### **Stop 15: 6<sup>th</sup> Vienna Open**

14-19 October 2008 in Plus Bowling, Vienna – Austria

#### **Stop 16: 5<sup>th</sup> Oltremare Columbia 300 Open**

15-23 November 2008 in Oltremare Bowling Arena, Naples – Italy

In addition Kegel is doing the lane maintenance at the following 2 tournaments (Kegel Sponsorship B):

#### **Stop 02: Ebonite International Luxembourg Open**

30 January - 3 February 2008 in Inter Bowling, Fötz – Luxembourg

#### **Stop 17: Storm English Open**

3-7 December 2008 in Lakeside Superbowl, Nuneaton - England

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### **Story 2007-48: Congress decisions**

Published on 19 September 2007 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen

At the Congress of World Tenpin Bowling Federation, held in Monterrey, Mexico on 29 August 2007, the following important decisions for the sport were made:

#### **The concepts of professionals and amateurs deleted**

After years of discussions of deleting the concepts of professionals and amateurs from the rules, it finally materialized at the 2007 WTBA Congress in Mexico.

As of 2008 any bowler, regardless if he holds a memberships of a professional organisation (e.g. PBA), can represent his/her country as long as the player is a member of the national federation of the country he/she represents.

#### **Semi Finals and finals in disciplines**

In all World Championships there will be Semi Finals and finals in singles, doubles, trios and team in addition to the masters, where Semi Finals and finals already exist. Top four in each event will play two Semi Finals, both losers of the Semi Finals will be awarded bronze medals and the two winners will play a final. All matches will be played over 1 game. The highest ranked player/team in each match chooses the lane pattern (short oil or long oil) of the match.

#### **Dual lane condition still not completely implemented**

A proposal to delete the single event and increase the amount of games in the double event to 12 (6 games on short oil and 6 games on long oil), just like the doubles in the European Championships, failed and a full implementation of the dual lane conditions in World Championships is still outstanding.

#### **No players exchange in the team event during a block**

The possibility of exchanging a player during a 3 games block in the team event, in case of illness or injury, was removed and in the future it is only possible to exchange a player in between blocks in the team event, no longer during a block.

#### **Age limit in the World Youth Championships**

The age limit for WYC will be lowered from 23 years to 21 years, effective as of the WYC 2010.

#### **Altering the surface of bowling balls**

Altering the surface of bowling balls is in the future allowed during practice sessions before a competition round and between competition rounds.

#### **Elections**

The WTBA Presidium consists of 9 persons: a President, a 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President and a 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President (all elected at a WTBA Congress) and two representatives from each of the three zones.

All three elected at the WTBA Congress were exchanged, where after the WTBA Presidium consists of the following 9 persons:

Kevin Dornberger (USA), President  
Alex Popov (Australia), 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President  
Bernard Pujol (France), 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President  
Addie Ophelders (Netherlands), ETBF President  
Kim Thorsgaard Jensen (Denmark), ETBF Vice President  
Jose Guandique (El Salvador), PABCON President  
Veronica Rajii (Chile), PABCON Vice President  
Sheikh Talal (Kuwait), ABF President  
*2<sup>nd</sup> ABF delegate, not named.*

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### **The Congress of Fédération Internationale des Quilleurs**

On 30 August, the day after the WTBA Congress, FIQ held its Congress, also in Monterrey, Mexico.

Not much happened at the Congress and the only important decisions taken by the congress was that the often discussed 70 years rule was removed. This means that no age limitation for elected officials exists and that the congress again is in full control of who they want to elect and who they do not want to elect.

The FIQ Presidium consists of 11 persons: a President, a 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President and a 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President (all elected at a FIQ Congress), the WTBA and the WNBA Presidents, the Presidents of each tenpin zone and the President of each ninepin section.

All three elected at the FIQ Congress were exchanged, where after the FIQ Presidium consists of the following 11 persons:

Jessie Phua (Singapore), President  
Joan Ricart (Catalonia), 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President  
Gustavo Lopez (Guatemala), 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President  
Kevin Dornberger (USA), WTBA President  
Freddy Klahold (Germany), WNBA President  
Addie Ophelders (Netherlands), ETBF President  
Jose Guandique (El Salvador), PABCON President  
Sheikh Talal (Kuwait), ABF President  
Niels Nasser (Denmark), WNBA Section Bohle  
Siegfried Schweikardt (Germany), WNBA Section Classic  
Rosemarie Kerres (Germany), WNBA Section Schere



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### **Story 2007-49: MCC 2008 moved a week**

Published on 20 September 2007 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen

The Hellenic Bowling Federation has announced a change in the dates of the Mediterranean Challenge Cup 2008 from 8-13 April to 15-20 April 2008.

The reason for the change is a clash with Stop 06 of the European Bowling Tour 2008, the 5th Istanbul Bowling Open. The clash is, by moving the period of the MCC 2008 one week, avoided.

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### **Story 2007-50: EC 2007 in Luxembourg**

Published on 22 September 2007 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen

Italy's Marco Reviglio came out as the successor in the final of the European Champions Cup 2007, conducted in Inter Bowling in Luxembourg, when he defeated Austria's Thomas Gross 2-0, 244-235 and 235-203.

Thomas Gross has had a remarkable year so far with a Semi Final position in the World Ranking Masters in May, a European championship in doubles together with Thomas Tybl in July and now a runner up position in the ECC 2007 in September.

In the a pure Nordic final between Norway's Ingunn Öyen and Sweden's Therese Forsell, Ingunn Öyen defeated Therese Forsell 2-0, 245-182 and 223-192.

Ingunn Öyen has previously been way up the list in the ECC, since she took a bronze medal in the ECC 2004 in Ankara, Turkey.

### Story 2007-51: EBT 2007-14

Published on 24 September 2007 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



Kirsten Penny from England took her third highest ranked position in 2007 in the women's division in the 14th stop of the European Bowling Tour 2007, Ankara Open conducted in Roll-house Bowling Centre.

By the 50 points awarded to Kirsten Penny, she enlarged the gap to her nearest rival of the tour throne in 2007, the three times tour champion from Denmark, Britt Brøndsted, to 48 points. Brøndsted was awarded 35 points in Ankara.

No new players entered top 16 of the women's standing of the EBT 2007.

The tournament was won by Nick Froggatt from England, who defeated Osku Palermaa from Finland 441-423 in the two games final.

Similar to the women's division, the last three years tour winner in the men's division, Paul Moor from England, is the actual runner up in this year's tour and Moor (15 points in Ankara) lost another 25 points to leading Osku Palermaa (40 points in Ankara). The actual standing is 657 points to Palermaa and 597 points to Moor, a difference of 60 points.

Only one new player entered the top 16 of the men's division, when Jari Ratia from Finland squeezed him selves into a position 16 with 22 points in Ankara.

### Story 2007-52: EBT 2007-15

Published on 9 October 2007 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



Tobias Karlsson from Sweden took his second victory in a Norwegian Open, when he defeated Mads Sandbækken from Norway 223 vs. 209 in the one game final of stop 15 in the European Bowling Tour 2007, the Norwegian Open 2007. Tobias Karlsson from Sweden was also highest at the podium at the Norwegian Open 2006.

By the 50 points awarded in Norway, Tobias Karlsson just managed to enter the top 16 of the men's division of the EBT 2007 at position 16 with 151 points. Also Denmark's Jesper Agerbo entered top 16, while he with 23 points in Norway landed at position 12 in the EBT 2007 so far.

The top of the tour ranking in the men's division remained unchanged with Osku Palermaa from Finland at position 1 with 657 points, Paul Moor from England at position 2 with 597 points and Martin Larsen from Sweden at position 3 with 470 points (12 points in Norway).

Ingunn Öien from Norway continued her series of excellent performances, latest she won the European Champions Cup in Luxembourg in September, when she came as far as the Semi Final in the Norwegian Open 2007. By that she took her first highest ranked women position in a tour stop ever.

No new women entered the top 16 of the women's tour ranking, where we still finds Kirsten Penny from England at position 1 with 568 points, Britt Brøndsted from Denmark at position 2 with 520 points and Ghislaine van der Tol from The Netherlands at position 3 with 461 points (40 points in Norway).

This was, so far, the last appearance of the Norwegian Open in the European Bowling Tour, since the board of the Norwegian Bowling Federation has decided to continue the tournament in the coming years, but outside the tour. We want to thank the Norwegian Bowling Federation for their contribution to the European Bowling Tour. The Norwegian Open was adopted in the European Bowling Tour 4 times in the period 2004-2007.

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### Story 2007-53: EBT Masters 2009 in Aalborg

Published on 15 October 2007 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



The ETBF Presidium decided at its meeting in Barcelona on 11-12 October 2007, to accept an offer from Lovvang Bowling Centre to organize the EBT Master 2009. There were no other bids received from organizers before the bid deadline, which was 1 October 2007.

This, the 2nd EBT Masters, will include the Top 16 women and the Top 16 men at the end standings of the European Bowling Tour 2008.

The EBT Masters 2009 will be bowled in Lovvang Bowling Centre in Aalborg, Denmark in the days following the conclusion of the Brunswick Aalborg International on Sunday 24 May 2009. The EBT Masters 2009 will be played over three days, which is Monday-Wednesday 25-27 May 2009 and departure on Thursday 28 May 2009.

The format of the EBT Masters 2009 is 3 qualification squads of 8 games each (one squad at short oil, one squad at long oil and one squad at mixed oil) followed by a Top 8 Elimination in best of three games matches, until the EBT Men Masters 2009 and the EBT Women Masters 2009 is found.

A minimum prize pool of 40.000 € will be provided (20.000 € for each gender) and no player taking part will win less than 500 €.

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### **Story 2007-54: EYC 2009 in France**

Published on 16 October 2007 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen

The ETBF Presidium has decided to accept an offer from Tenpin Bowling Federation of France to host the European Youth Championships 2010.

The 23rd EYC 2010 will take place in Crystal Bowling in Wittelsheim, which is situated 10 km from Mulhouse, not far from Basel in Switzerland and close to the German border. The 36 lane centre will house the championships in the period of 26 March - 4 April 2010.

The EYC 2008 will be played in Helsinki, Finland with the present format, which is 6 boys and 6 girls from each country, playing doubles, trios, team of 5, all event and masters.

The EYC 2009 will be played in Malmoe, Sweden with the newly decided format, which is 4 boys and 4 girls from each country, playing singles, doubles, team of 4, all event and masters. In singles, doubles and team of 4 there will be Semi Finals and finals. This format will be in use also at the EYC 2010 in Wittelsheim, France.

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### **Story 2007-55: ETBF Centre Certification**

Published on 18 October 2007 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen

The first centres have been certified under the ETBF Centre Certification Programme.

As a consequence, a new section has been established on this site, of which you can see a list of centres certified under the ETBF Centre Certification Programme.

Just click at Centre certification at the left menu bar.

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### Story 2007-56: Domains of ETBF websites

Published on 19 October 2007 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen

The ETBF Presidium has purchased [www.etbf.eu](http://www.etbf.eu) and [www.etbfarchives.eu](http://www.etbfarchives.eu) as additional domains for our websites.

Technically [www.etbf.eu](http://www.etbf.eu) is pointing at [www.etbf.dk](http://www.etbf.dk) and both domains can be used equally when you want access to the main ETBF website.

Since [www.etbf.dk](http://www.etbf.dk) has been used for years, and the use of the domain name is widely spread all over the World, we will continuously, and until other vice informed, use [www.etbf.dk](http://www.etbf.dk) when we are referring to the site. Furthermore there are still ETBF officials using the etbf.dk name for their email addresses.

For the second ETBF website, which includes championship list of results since 1954 and national anthems of European federations, [www.etbfarchives.eu](http://www.etbfarchives.eu) is pointing at [www.etbfarchives.dk](http://www.etbfarchives.dk), while the previously alternative domain name for this site - [www.etbfarchives.dk](http://www.etbfarchives.dk) - no longer are in use.



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### **Story 2007-57: Adjusted tie rules**

Published on 20 October 2007 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen

The ETBF Presidium has decided to adjust the tie rules in the EBT 2008 Rules as follows:

#### **Article 22.1 (before)**

Squads and final stages where a total of a multiple number of games is counting:

#### **Article 22.1 (adjusted)**

Squads and final stages, except head to head matches, where a total of a multiple number of games is counting:

#### **Article 22.3.a (before)**

In case of a tie in a game, a one ball roll off on a full set of pins will be played, repeated until the tie is broken.

#### **Article 22.3.a (adjusted)**

The final result of a head to head match can be based either on number of games won, or on the total pin fall of multiple games. In case of a tie in a game when the number of games won count, or a tie in a match when total pin fall counts, a one ball roll off on a full set of pins will be played, repeated until the tie is broken.

As the previous articles were written, the highest last game / highest second last game etc. principle was deciding a tie even in a head to head match over for instance two games total pin fall. As a consequence we have seen a final in a tour stop, where the winner of a tied two games total pin fall match was found by comparing the last games of the final.

In the future the highest last game / highest second last game etc. principle still will be in effect for ties in all kinds of competition where a multiple number of players are competing in for instance a qualification round or in final steps with many participants in the same pool, but ties in head to head matches will as of 2008 always be broken by a roll off shot, no matter the format of the match.

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### Story 2007-58: EBT 2007-16

Published on 24 October 2007 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



A record was broken in Vienna when the organizer Wolfgang Lohschmid, for the first time since the tournament was conducted for the first time since 2003, could see his tournament attract more than 300 players, more precisely 312 players; the thirds highest number in a tour stop in 2007.

The tournament, which was conducted as the 16th stop in the European Bowling Tour 2007 under the name Columbia 300 Vienna Open, was won by Dennis Eklund from Sweden 235-199 against Yoan Alix from France in the one game final on Sunday 21 October in famous Plus Halle.

In the top battle of the women's tour ranking Kirsten Penny from England increased the point gap to Britt Brøndsted from Denmark with 10 points, while Penny was awarded 70 points in Vienna (now at 638 points after 16 stops) and Brøndsted 60 points in Vienna (now at 580 points after 16 stops).

Far most of the top ranked women attended the tournament in Vienna, no new players entered top 16 and not less than 14 of these 16 players was awarded points in Vienna.

In the absence of the two players in front of the men's tour division, Osku Palermaa from Finland (657 points) and Paul Moor from England (597 points), nothing changed in the top of the ranking.

The winner of the tournament Dennis Eklund (100 points in Vienna) entered top 16 at position 13 with 183 points, the same did Dominic Barrett from England (30 points in Vienna) at position 14 with 176 points and Jimmy Dan Mortensen from Denmark (70 points in Vienna) at position 15 with 171 points.

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### **Story 2007-59: Catalonia member no. 50**

Published on 24 October 2007 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen

At the ordinary congress of FIQ held on 30 August 2007 just before the World Women Championships in Monterey - Mexico, Catalonia was accepted as a member of FIQ and by that automatically also as a member of WTBA and ETBF.

The English name of the new bowling federation, which head quarter is situated in Barcelona, is the Catalan Bowling Federation.

The Presidium of ETBF welcomes the Catalan Bowling Federation in the European family of bowling federations. The Catalan Bowling Federation is the 50th member of ETBF.

You can find additional information of the Catalan Bowling Federation under the item Federations / Catalonia or at the website of the federation: [www.tbowling.cat](http://www.tbowling.cat).

### Story 2007-60: The first EBT Premier

Published on 1 November 2007 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



The ETBF Presidium is, in co-operation with the Rollhouse Bowling Centre and its owner Osman Aydin, proud to announce the very first tournament with an EBT Premier status in the European Bowling Tour.

The Rollhouse Bowling Centre is hosting Stop 13 of the European Bowling Tour 2008, which is the 2nd edition of the Ankara Open to be conducted in the period of 13-21 September 2008.

The organizer has decided to increase the prize pool from 70.000 € to 100.000 € and are, among other favourable progresses, able to keep a maximum entry fee of 150 € and to offer a 700 € minimum for players qualified for the final.

The revised application has been evaluated by the ETBF Presidium, all criteria for an upgrade from EBT Major to EBT Premier is met and the upgrade therefore granted by the Presidium.

We are looking forward to present the first EBT Premier in hospitable Rollhouse Bowling Centre in just as hospitable Ankara, where there, besides the huge increased prize pool, also will be triple ranking points for the top 50 competitors of each sex and the 1st EBT Masters 2008 to present just after the conclusion of the open tournament.

We do indeed have some very exiting weeks in September next year to look forward to; weeks, where Ankara for a period will be the bowling capital of Europe.

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### Story 2007-61: EBT 2007-17

Published on 20 November 2007 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



England's Dominic Barrett took his first tour stop victory, when he won stop 17 in the European Bowling Tour 2007, the 4th Oltremare Columbia 300 Open, conducted in Oltremare Bowling Arena in Naples, Italy.

On his way to the victory, Dominic Barrett went through all 4 steps of the final, first by defeating Wu Siu Hong from Hong Kong 211 vs. 199, then by defeating Robert Andersson from Sweden 211 vs. 171, then by defeating Osku Palermaa from Finland 243 vs. 180 and finally by defeating the no. 1 seeded Timo Ahlo from Finland twice, first 182 vs. 181 and then 206 vs. 161.

One stop is missing in the EBT 2007, the Storm English Open (Challenger), but it is a fact that we already are able to congratulate Osku Palermaa from Finland with his first overall tour victory in front of the last three year's tour winner, Paul Moor from Finland at position 2 and Sweden's Martin Larsen at position 3.

In the women's division, Isabelle Saldjian from France took her 3rd highest ranked position ever from a position 9 in the tournament.

Like for the men, we are, one stop ahead of the tour conclusion, able to congratulate Kirsten Penny from England with his first overall tour victory in front of the last three year's tour winner, Britt Brøndsted from Denmark at position 2 and Ghislaine van der Tol from The Netherlands at position 3.

In the men's division Marcus Berndt from Sweden is new in the top 16 at position 14, while Nina Flack from Sweden is new at the women's top 16 at position 16.

No matter the point distribution in England, the top 3 in both divisions has been decided, but there are still a number of positions at the top 16 to fight for in the last stop in England.

### Story 2007-62: New players at the tour thrones

Published on 20 November 2007 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



Even one stop still remains in the European Bowling Tour 2007, the top 3 of each division has been decided and in both divisions there is a new player at the throne.

After three year's ruling of Paul Moor from England in the men's division, the last two years runner up, Osku Palermaa from Finland, is overtaking the throne after a high performance season.

The same happened in the women's division, where the last three years tour queen, Britt Brøndsted from Denmark, must leave the sceptre to England's Kirsten Penny, who was 3<sup>rd</sup> positioned three times in the EBT 2001, 2002 and 2003.

The two winners will be awarded 2.500 € each, latest in conjunction with the last tour stop of the year, the 1<sup>st</sup> issue of the Storm English Open to be conducted in Lakeside Superbowl in Nuneaton on 5-9 December.

The top 3 of the Women's Divisions in 2007 will be:

1. Kirsten Penny, England
2. Britt Brøndsted, Denmark
3. Ghislaine van der Tol, The Netherlands

The top 3 of the Men's Divisions in 2007 will be:

1. Osku Palermaa, Finland
2. Paul Moor, England
3. Martin Larsen, Sweden

### Story 2007-63: Changes in the EBT 2008

Published on 22 November 2007 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



A number of major and minor changes have been introduced to the European Bowling Tour 2008, all influencing 6 different stops as presented below.

#### **Stop 03: Hammer Bronzen Schietspoel Tournament 2008**

An extra squad (10A) has been added to Friday 8 February 2008 in the morning.

#### **Stop 04: VI Catalonia Open - Trofeu Galasa**

The host federation of the tournament has been changed to Catalonia.

#### **Stop 09: Storm Dutch Open 2008**

Two Extra squads has been added, one on Wednesday 25 June at noon and one on Thursday 26 June at noon. Three of the squads will not be opened unless it is necessary.

#### **Stop 11: 30 Trofeu Internacional Ciutat de Barcelona**

The host federation of the tournament has been changed to Catalonia.

Because of problems with the number of hotel rooms available in both Vienna and Lahti, the organizer of the 6<sup>th</sup> Vienna Open, the organizer of Lahti Open and ETBF has decided to switch the periods of the two tournaments.

#### **Stop 14: 6<sup>th</sup> Vienna Open**

The period of the tournament is changed from 14.10 - 19.10 to 30.09 - 05.10.

The stop number is changed from 15 to 14.

#### **Stop 15: Lahti Open**

The period of the tournament is changed from 27.09 - 05.10 to 12.10 - 19.10, which is a one day shorter period than before.

The stop number is changed from 14 to 15.

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### **Story 2007-64: WYC 2010 in Helsinki**

Published on 23 November 2007 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen

Helsinki, Finland has been appointed host of the World Youth Championships 2010 by the Presidium of the World Tenpin Bowling Association.

The championships will take place 23 July - 1 August in the famous 36 lanes Tali Bowling Centre, previously hosting another World event, the World Championships 1987.



### Story 2007-65: Dual lane conditions in Aalborg

Published on 3 December 2007 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



The organizer of Brunswick Aalborg International 2008 has announced that the tournament for the first time in the history will be conducted at lanes dressed with a combined dual lane condition, and this throughout the entire duration of the tournament.

The first tournament with a combined dual lane condition was the Hammer Bronzen Schietspoel Tournament 2007 and in Tilburg they will continue to conduct the tournament with a combined dual lane condition also in the Hammer Bronzen Schietspoel Tournament 2008, which is included in the EBT 2008 as Stop 03.

Brunswick Aalborg International 2008, included in the EBT 2008 as Stop 07, will be the second tournament in the tour conducted with a combined dual lane condition.

In a combined dual lane condition one lane at a pair will be dressed with short oil and the other lane on the pair will be dressed with long oil.

### Story 2007-66: EBT 2007-18

Published on 10 December 2007 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



One of the most supportive and frequently participating players in the European Bowling Tour, Stuart Williams from England, took for the 5th time in the tour history the highest position in the men's division, when he in the first issue of Storm English Open won the tournament by defeating his fellow countryman Robert Kendall 2-0 (243-234, 242-233) in the best of three games final.

The Storm English Open was the last stop of the European Bowling Tour 2007.

Jean Marc Lebon from Belgium, who reached as far as the Semi Finals, where he lost towards Stuart Williams in an existing three games match (201-202, 209-196, 249-259) jumped into top 16 of the men's division of the EBT 2007 at position 15, and by that he ensured him selves a spot in the 1st EBT Masters.

The top three of the men's division in the EBT 2007 was decided already after stop 17:

1. Osku Palermaa, Finland - 727 points
2. Paul Moor, England - 635 points
3. Martin Larsen, Sweden - 534 points

Isabelle Saldjian from France became the highest ranked women in Storm English Open and by that she advanced from a position outside top 16 to position 12 in the women's division of the European Bowling Tour 2007. It was Isabelle Saldjian's 4th highest position in the tour history.

Isabelle Saldjian was the only women left back in the quarter finals of the Storm English Open, where she lost a very tight three games match to Robert Kendall 222-195, 190-224 and 232-233.

Also the top three of the women's division in the EBT 2007 was decided already after stop 17:

1. Kirsten Penny, England - 726 points
2. Britt Brøndsted, Denmark - 580 points
3. Ghislaine van der Tol, Netherlands - 555 points

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### Story 2007-67: Qualified for the EBT Masters

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Below you will find the 16 women and 16 men (plus 4 substitutes in each division) qualified for the 1st European Bowling Tour Masters, which will take place in Rollhouse Bowling Centre in Ankara, Turkey on 22-24 September 2008.

The top 8 of each division is furthermore qualified for the World Ranking Masters, which will take place in Jakarta, Indonesia on 30 April - 6 May 2008.

The ETBF Presidium congratulates the players with their qualification(s).

<b>Top 16 in the Women's Division of the EBT 2007</b>			
<b>Pos.</b>	<b>Player</b>	<b>Country</b>	<b>Points</b>
1	Kirsten Penny	England	726
2	Britt Brøndsted	Denmark	580
3	Ghislaine van der Tol	Netherlands	555
4	Mai Ginge Jensen	Denmark	426
5	Tina Hulsch	Germany	408
6	Rikke Holm Rasmussen	Denmark	397
7	Martina Beckel	Germany	391
8	Nicole Sanders	Netherlands	362
9	Kamilla Kjeldsen	Denmark	361
10	Priscilla Maaswinkel	Netherlands	343
11	Zara Glover	England	301
12	Isabelle Saldjian	France	290
13	Krista Pöllänen	Finland	260
14	Lotte Houbo Pedersen	Denmark	257
15	Piritta Kantola	Finland	252
16	Ivonne Gross	Austria	246
<b>SUBSTITUTES</b>			
17	Nina Flack	Sweden	243
18	Diana Zavjalova	Latvia	226
19	Reija Lundén	Finland	208
20	Daniëlle van der Meer	Netherlands	184

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<b>Pos.</b>	<b>Player</b>	<b>Country</b>	<b>Points</b>
1	Osku Palermaa	Finland	727
2	Paul Moor	England	635
3	Martin Larsen	Sweden	534
4	Stuart Williams	England	452
5	Robert Andersson	Sweden	435
6	Pasi Uotila	Finland	381
7	Alix Yoan	France	336
8	Dominic Barrett	England	301
9	Kimmo Lehtonen	Finland	284
10	Nikolay Ovchinnikov	Latvia	239
11	Jouni Helminen	Finland	236
12	Leonidas Maragos	Greece	227
13	Dennis Eklund	Sweden	223
14	Marcus Berndt	Sweden	201
15	Jean Marc Lebon	Belgium	193
16	Jesper Agerbo	Denmark	193
<b>SUBSTITUTES</b>			
17	Wu Siu Hong	Hong Kong	187
18	Petteri Salonen	Finland	187
19	Jimmy Dan Mortensen	Denmark	181
20	Peter Smits	Netherlands	168