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### Story 2012-01: EBT 2012-01

Published on 15 January 2012 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



The European Bowling Tour is on the road again for the 13th time, and as always it took off in the Finnish capital Helsinki, where the 42nd edition of Brunswick Ballmaster Open was conducted on 6-15 January.

The tournament was attended by 425 players, who played as much as 872 entries, which in both occasions is the second highest for Ballmaster Open over the 13 years in the European Bowling Tour.

Many top players from USA and numerous European countries had found their way to the tournament in 2012 and the complete field of competitive bowlers was most likely one of the finest ever seen in a tournament in Europe.

A field of 48 players entered the final Sunday morning to play 8 games from scratch, continuing with a round robin consisting of 16 players, where the pin fall from the first 8 games was carried forward.

The top 4 after these accumulated 23 games and bonuses from the round robin matches entered into a stepladder final, where the matches ended as follows.

#### Match 1

Mike Fagan, USA - 232

Dominic Barrett, England – 214

#### Match 2

Mike Fagan, USA -251

Mika Koivuniemi, Finland - 233

#### Match 3

Bill O'Neill, USA - 236

Mike Fagan, USA - 224

Bill O'Neill from USA became only the second non-European player to win the tournament in its entire history. Previously it only happened in 1985, when legendary Paeng Nepomuceno from The Philippines won the tournament.

In total only 13 non-Finnish players have won the tournament since its beginning in 1971, and besides this year, we must go as much back as to 1996 to find a non- Finnish winner, namely Tore Torgersen from Norway in 1996.

Four Finnish players have won the tournament three times:

Simo Vähä-Korpela in 1983, 1984 and 1993

Lasse Lintilä in 1988, 2003 and 2006

Mika Koivuniemi in 1998, 2010 and 2011

Pasi Uotila in 2000, 2004 and 2009

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The men's division of the EBT 2012 is topped by Bill O'Neill from USA with 150 points, followed by Mike Fagan from USA with 120 points at position 2 and Mika Koivuniemi from Finland with 105 points at position 3.

Krista Pöllänen from Finland, being one of only two women qualified for the final, became the highest ranked women in the tournament from a position 40 in the final step 1. Krista Pöllänen is leading the tour with 150 points in front of Sandra Andersson from Sweden at position 2 with 120 points and Veronica Lantto from Sweden at position 3 with 105 points.

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### Story 2012-02: EBT Masters 2012 participants

Published on 27 January 2012 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



16 women and 16 men will participate in the 5th edition of the EBT Masters, which will be held in Munich, Germany on 30 April and 1 May 2012 in Dream Bowl Palace.

The EBT Masters 2012 will be held after the conclusion of the 3rd Track Dream-Bowl Palace Open 2012 (EBT 2012 Stop 07), which will be held in the same centre on 25-29 April 2012.

In each division of the EBT Masters, there will be 18 games of qualification, divided in 3 squads of 6 games. The field will then be reduced to 8 players, continuing with the pin fall from the qualification carried forward into a 7 games round robin final. The two Masters will be crowned after a total of 25 games, including bonuses from the 7 final matches.

Players participating in the EBT Masters 2012 are the highest ranked bowlers in each division by the conclusion of the European Bowling Tour 2011. No excuses have been received in the men's division, while only one player in the women's division has been replaced.

The following players will attend the EBT Masters 2012 in Munich.

#### **EBT Masters 2012 Women's Division**

Joline Persson-Planefors, Sweden (1)  
Mai Ginge Jensen, Denmark (2)  
Lisanne Breeschoten, The Netherlands (3)  
Heidi Thorstensen, Norway (4)  
Krista Pöllänen, Finland (5)  
Clara Guerrero, Colombia (6)  
Wendy Kok, Netherlands (7)  
Sascha Wedel, Denmark (8)  
Nicole Sanders, The Netherlands (9)  
Rikke Holm Agerbo, Denmark (10)  
Nina Flack, Sweden (11)  
Zandra Aziela Malaysia (12)  
Britt Brøndsted, Denmark (13)  
Rebecka Larsen, Sweden (15)  
Bianca Wiekeraad, The Netherlands (16)  
Nadine Geissler, Germany (17)

#### **EBT Masters 2012 Men's Division**

Osku Palermaa, Finland (1)  
Mika Koivuniemi, Finland (2)  
Thomas Larsen, Denmark (3)  
Dominic Barrett, England (4)  
Martin Larsen, Sweden (5)  
Paul Moor, England (6)  
Robert Andersson, Sweden (7)  
Stuart Williams, England (8)  
Mik Stampe, Denmark (9)  
Perttu Jussila, Finland (10)

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Dennis Eklund, Sweden (11)  
Syafiq Ridhwan, Malaysia (12)  
Gery Verbruggen, Belgium (13)  
Jesper Agerbo, Denmark (14)  
Sean Rash, USA (15)  
Karl Wahlgren, Sweden (16)

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### Story 2012-03: EBT 2013 Invitation Released

Published on 10 February 2012 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



The ETBF Presidium has opened for applications from organizers, who want their tournaments adopted in the European Bowling Tour 2013, the 14th consecutive year of the tour.

The ultimate deadline for organizers to apply is Monday 11 June 2012. Shortly after the deadline, the composition of the EBT 2013 will be published.

The ETBF Presidium has decided to continue with the 4 known categories, namely EBT Satellites, EBT Silver, EBT Gold and EBT Platinum, all detailed below.

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Various definitions in use in the category presentations:

#### Entry Value:

The entry value is a ratio used to evaluate the interrelation between the size of the prize fund and the entry fee. It is calculated as the total prize fund divided with the maximum primary entry fee.

#### Prize fund:

All prize money allocated for individual players in the international part of the tournament.

#### Clash:

A tournament, ending in for instance the same weekend when another tournament is beginning its first squads, is an overlap and not a clash.

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#### **EBT Satellite Tournaments**

The prize fund must be minimum € 20.000

The entry value must be minimum 150

An EBT Satellite Tournament cannot clash with tournaments in any of the other categories

EBT Satellite Tournaments can clash with each other, but normally only if they are scheduled with a suitable geographical distance

The ranking point table will be in use with a factor 1

The organizers' EBT Fee is € 1.500

#### **EBT Silver Tournaments**

The prize fund must be minimum € 40.000

The entry value must be minimum 225

An EBT Silver Tournament cannot clash with any other EBT Tournament

The ranking point table will be in use with a factor 2

The organizers' EBT Fee is € 2.500

#### **EBT Gold Tournaments**

The prize fund must be minimum € 60.000

The entry value must be minimum 325



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An EBT Gold Tournament cannot clash with any other EBT Tournament  
The ranking point table will be in use with a factor 3  
The organizers' EBT Fee is € 4.000

### **EBT Platinum Tournaments**

The prize fund must be minimum € 100.000  
The entry value must be minimum 500  
An EBT Platinum Tournament cannot clash with any other EBT Tournament  
The ranking point table will be in use with a factor 5  
The organizers' EBT Fee is € 5.000

A tournament can enter for the first time in the tour, only in the categories EBT Satellite or EBT Silver.

To achieve the EBT Gold or the EBT Platinum status, the tournament must have been adopted at least once in a previous EBT.

There will be a maximum of 3 tournaments from a federation in total for the categories EBT Platinum, EBT Gold and EBT Silver.

There is in principle no limit of the number of EBT Satellites from the same federation in the tour, but the number will, with considerations for the general tour calendar, be regulated by the ETBF Presidium from year to year.

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### Story 2012-04: EBT 2012-02

Published on 14 February 2012 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



The PBA veteran, Brian Voss is still going strong, which was proved when he won the three stepladder matches en route to claim the title of during the second stop of the European Bowling Tour 2012, the 6th International Wroclaw Open by Hammer.

The match results became as follows:

#### Match 1

Brian Voss, USA - 236

Jouni Helminen, Finland – 206

#### Match 2

Brian Voss, USA - 265

Mikael Kanold, Sweden - 234

#### Match 3

Brian Voss, USA - 246

Daniel Vezis, Latvia - 222

The title was the 3<sup>rd</sup> for Brian Voss in the European Bowling Tour, while Maja Debenec from Slovenia, from position 22 in the tournament, became the highest ranked women in a tour stop for the first time in her career.

The standing in the top three of the women's division as well as the men division is unchanged according to the below presented standings.

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### Story 2012-05: EBT Masters 2012 participants

Published on 18 February 2012 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



Unfortunately Rikke Holm Agerbo from Denmark had to withdraw from the EBT Masters 2012, and, since also her fellow countrywomen Kamilla Kjeldsen is unable to attend, the free spot went to Jacqueline Sijore from Malaysia, who fortunately accepted to attend.

16 women and 16 men will participate in the EBT Masters 2012, which will be held on 30 April and 1 May in Dream Bowl Palace in Munich – Germany, where also the 3rd Track Dream-Bowl Palace Open 2012 (EBT 2012 Stop 07) will be held on 25-29 April.

The following players will attend the EBT Masters 2012 in Munich.

#### **EBT Masters 2012 Women's Division**

Joline Persson-Planefors, Sweden (1)  
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Lisanne Breeschoten, The Netherlands (3)  
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Wendy Kok, The Netherlands (7)  
Sascha Wedel, Denmark (8)  
Nicole Sanders, The Netherlands (9)  
Nina Flack, Sweden (11)  
Zandra Aziela, Malaysia (12)  
Britt Brøndsted, Denmark (13)  
Rebecka Larsen, Sweden (15)  
Bianca Wiekeraad, The Netherlands (16)  
Nadine Geissler, Germany (17)  
Jacqueline Sijore, Malaysia (19)

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Thomas Larsen, Denmark (3)  
Dominic Barrett, England (4)  
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Jesper Agerbo, Denmark (14)  
Sean Rash, USA (15)  
Karl Wahlgren, Sweden (16)

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### Story 2012-06: EBT 2012-03

Published on 21 February 2012 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



At the 3<sup>rd</sup> stop in the EBT 2012, the Hammer Bronzen Schietspoel Tournament 2012, it became a ladies dominated affair, while Thomas Larsen from Denmark met three ladies in the final round of 4 persons, playing two games for the victory of the tournament.

It became a tight affair, with Sandra Andersson, one of the many young Swedish talents, scoring highest with 434 pins, followed by Thomas Larsen with 413 pins, Krista Pöllänen from Finland with 408 pins and Ghislaine van der Tol from The Netherlands with 397 pins.

Sandra Andersson became the highest ranked women in a tour stop in her career, while it was the second time for Thomas Larsen in the men's division.

Krista Pöllänen kept the leading position in the ranking of the women's division with 230 points, followed closely by Sandra Andersson with 220 points at position 2, while Veronica Lantto from Sweden occupies position 3 with 105 points.

The top of the men's ranking is unchanged, with Bill O'Neil from USA at position 1 with 150 points, Mike Fagan from USA at position 2 with 120 points and Mika Koivuniemi from Finland at position 3 with 105 points.

A good number of 236 players had found their way to Tilburg, naturally with many high class female bowlers entering, since the European Women Championships 2012 will be played in the same Dolfijn Bowling Tilburg in June.

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### Story 2012-07: Istanbul Open is cancelled

Published on 1 March 2012 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



The organizer of Istanbul Bowling Open has unfortunately announced a cancellation of the tournament, due to lost sponsors.

The tournament, which were supposed to be held early May in the well know Timeout Bowling Centre, had become one of the classic EBT Stops and we are naturally regretting this serious loss for the tour.

#### **Tournaments in the EBT 2012:**

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- 09 / 27.05-03.06: Odense International in Denmark (Satellite)
- 10 / 23.06-01.07: Brunswick Italia Challenge in Italy (Silver)
- 11 / 07.07-15.07: 8th Storm San Marino Open in San Marino (Gold)
- 12 / 17.07-22.07: 34 Trofeu Internacional Ciutat de Barcelona in Catalonia (Gold)
- 13 / 03.09-09.09: BNC Open in Slovakia (Silver)
- 14 / 11.09-16.09: Russian Open in Russia (Satellite)
- 15 / 24.09-30.09: Chandra Open 2012 in Netherlands (Satellite)
- 16 / 02.10-07.10: 10th Columbia 300 Vienna Open in Austria (Gold)
- 17 / 05.10-14.10: Norwegian Open 2012 in Norway (Satellite)
- 18 / 19.10-28.10: Brunswick French Open in France (Silver)
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- 20 / 13.11-18.11: X Catalonia Open - Trofeu Galasa in Catalonia (Silver)
- 21 / 09.12-15.12: Qatar Bowling Open in Qatar (Platinum)

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### **Story 2012-08: EMC 2015 in Aalborg**

Published on 22 March 2012 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen

The ETBF Presidium has, at a recently held meeting, decided to award Denmark the right to host the European Men Championships 2015.

The championships will be held on 4-14 June 2015 in Lovvang Bowling Centre in Aalborg Denmark, where several international championships has been held over the last 4 decades.

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### Story 2012-09: EBT 2012-04

Published on 26 March 2012 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



Mike Fagan from USA repeated his 2009 victory at one of the real season highlights in the European Bowling Tour, the Brunswick Euro Challenge in French St. Maximin, which again attracted a high number of players from all over the World; this time not less than 399 players, who played as much as 982 entries in total.

Brunswick Euro Challenge was the first of two tournaments in 2012, conducted in the elite division of the tour, the Platinum tournaments.

Mike Fagan's triumph became a reality after a 279-193 win over Finland's Joonas Jehkinen in the one game stepladder final and after another Finn, Mika Koivuniemi, was defeated by Fagan 222-199 in the first stepladder match.

In the extremely strong field in St. Maximin, maybe one of the strongest ever seen in a tour stop in Europe, the performance of the young runner-up, Jehkinen from Finland, must be evaluated as absolutely outstanding.

Mike Fagan's 250 points won in St. Maximin brought him into a sovereign leading position in the EBT 2012 with 370 points, in front of Mika Koivuniemi with 280 points (175 in St. Maximin) at position 2 and Joonas Jehkinen at position 3 with the 200 points he won in St. Maximin.

In the women's division the first lady changed to Birgit Pöppler from Germany with 279 points (200 points won in St. Maximin), in front of USA's Carolyn Dorin-Ballard with the 250 points she won in St. Maximin for being the highest ranked women in the stop at position 17 and Sandra Andersson from Sweden at position 3 with 235 points (15 points won in St. Maximin).

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### **Story 2012-10: EWC 2014 in Berlin**

Published on 4 April 2012 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen

The EWC 2014 will be hosted by the German Bowling Federation, as decided recently by the ETBF Presidium.

The European Women Championships will be held on 5-15 June 2014 in the 28 lane centre, Neue City Bowling Hasenheide, situated in Berlin.

Providing excellent facilities for bowlers and spectators, Bowling Hasenheide has been the site of many national competitions over the last years.



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### **Story 2012-11: Bowling on Eurosport**

Published on 9 April 2012 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen

A 52 minutes highlight program of the "VIII European Women Masters 2012, President Samaranch Trophy's", conducted in Bowling Pedralbes in Barcelona on 18 March, will be broadcasted on Eurosport 2 on Thursday 12 April at 23.00, CET time.

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### Story 2012-12: EYC 2012 in Aalborg

Published on 9 April 2012 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen

Daria Kovalova from Ukraine continued her strong performances at the European youth bowling arena, when she at the EYC 2012 in Aalborg, Denmark, added another two gold medals to the two she already won at the EYC 2011 in Munich, Germany.

In 2011 it became gold in singles and All Event for Kovalova, while she in 2012 repeated the all event gold medal and exchanged the singles title with the Masters title, but in both cases with performances leaving her in a one girl division, completely of her own.

At a rather challenging pattern, she managed a score of not less than 3994 over the 18 games, which not only brought her in front of the competition with 206 pins ahead of the silver medallist, Jenny Wegner from Sweden, but also gave her a new European Championship Record in the Girl's Division.

In the Masters final, Daria Kovalova left no single chance to the upcoming Danish talent, Pernille Rasmussen, since a fast two games final was won 258 vs. 192 in the first game and 289 vs. 191 in the second game; an outstanding and extraordinary performance, which furthermore gave Kovalova her second European Championship record over 1 game in the master's event.

The master's final in the Boy's Division became a very exiting affair, while Jesper Svensson from Sweden defeated Germanys Dominic Buchmann 207 vs. 175 in the first game and 188 vs. 186 in the second game, a final, where nothing, as the scores are indicating, was decided before the very last through of the second game.

The only one perfect game in the championships came in the Girls Singles event by the hands of Verity Crawley.

62 girls and 101 boys form 29 member federations of ETBF had found their way to Lovvang Bowling Centre in Aalborg.

The centre was packed with spectators from all corners of Europe; each day from the first second of the morning practise to the last tones of the anthems ended a ceremony and concluded a day, always in a fantastic atmosphere, where one needs to be present to be able to understand its strength.

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### Story 2012-13: EBT Masters 2012 participants

Published on 11 April 2012 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



Unfortunately Nadine Geissler from Germany had to withdraw from the EBT Masters 2012, due to an injury. The free spot went to the next on the list, Patricia Luoto, also from Germany, who fortunately accepted to attend.

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Jesper Agerbo, Denmark (14)  
Sean Rash, USA (15)  
Karl Wahlgren, Sweden (16)

## Story 2012-14: Changed period in Russia

Published on 15 April 2012 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



The organizer of Russian Open has announced the duration of the tournament to be reduced with one day.

The tournament, which will be held in Cosmik Belay Dacha in Moscow, will be held from 11-15 September instead of 11-16 September.

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### Story 2012-15: More prize money in Norway

Published on 17 April 2012 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



The organizer of Norwegian Open 2012 has announced an increase in the prize pool from 160.000 NOK to 194.000 NOK, which in Euro can be expressed as an increase from about 20.500 € to about 25.700 €.

At the same time, the organizer announces a change of the format, so no player, irrespectively of the step he/she enters the final, will play less than 3 games in the final.

The final of Norwegian Open will in the future consist of 5 steps of 3 games, total pin fall to count. You can read more about the format and other details related to Norwegian Open in the Tournament Calendar of this site.

The tournament period and venue is unchanged, namely 5-14 October 2012 in Veitvet Bowling Centre in Oslo.

### Story 2012-16: First registration day

Published on 17 April 2012 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



Due to situations occurred in the last months, the ETBF Presidium has decided to introduce a minimum requirement for the date, when a tournament, adopted in the European Bowling Tour, at the latest must open for their registration.

The requirement will be in effect as of the EBT 2013, as Article 11.5:

Any EBT tournament must open for their entry registration, latest four months before the first day of the tournament. If an organizer fails to meet this requirement, the tournament may, after a warning, be removed from the EBT, but the EBT fee must still be paid, i.e. the fee will not be reimbursed if already paid.

Even the rule is in effect for the EBT 2013, we are recommending organizers, both to follow the rule already in 2012, and furthermore to open for registration even 5-6 months ahead of time or earlier, in all cases where it is possible.

The ETBF Presidium will follow the development closely in 2012 and 2013 and eventually increase the demand to a higher minimum, if needed.

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### **Story 2012-17: Lane Topography Reports**

Published on 17 April 2012 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen, Ted Thompson and John Davis

The ETBF Presidium introduces presentations of topographical conditions of bowling lanes, as a natural part of the modern game at championships in Europe.

Since lanes generally are oiled identically, differences between lanes in ball reaction will be a function of differences in gravitational forces "under" the conditioner.

Technology is evolving all the time, and via reports and graphs produced by Kegel's Lane-Mapper, it has become possible to study topographical conditions of bowling lanes in an easy understandable and readable way.

Like oil conditions for lanes in championship centres (the oil patterns), for years have been published at Team Managers meetings and afterwards made available at championship websites, graphical presentations of lane topographies will in the future be published shortly before the beginning of championships in Europe.

All championship lanes in Europe are measured with Kegel's LaneMapper a few days before the first competition days, and one of the visual outcomes of the mapping is the LaneMap Guide, which graphically presents the topographical conditions of bowling lanes.

The ETBF presidium has, in cooperation with ETBF's lane maintenance partner Kegel, decided that LaneMap Guides will be presented at championship websites along with the oil pattern report, starting with the European Women Championships 2012 in Tilburg.

A LaneMap Guide, prepared during technical inspections, normally taking place at least half a year prior to a championship, might optionally be published by an organizer, hosting a championship in a certified bowling centre, while it is mandatory for the organizers to publish the final release of the LaneMap Guide, made in the days just prior to the championships.

It is furthermore permitted, and indeed also recommended, for centres hosting tour stops and also other centres, where the lanes have been mapped, to publish the LaneMap Guides at tournament and centre websites.

### Story 2012-18: EBT 2012-05

Published on 18 April 2012 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



A stop in the European Bowling Tour was for the first time conducted in Croatia, when Bowling Centre 300 in Zagreb was housing Croatia Open 2012.

89 bowlers had found their way to Zagreb and among them a minor group of Swedish players, of which two were meeting each other in the final, namely Dennis Eklund and James Gruffman, with Dennis Eklund as the final winner with a score of 247 vs. 181 to Gruffman.

Also a minor group of Russian players were in Zagreb, and two of them came as far as to the semi-finals, where Alexander Medveditskov lost against Dennis Eklund 182 – 193 and Andrey Suslov lost against James Gruffman 178 – 222.

It was Dennis Eklund's third highest ranked position in the men's division in his career, while Maja Debenec from Slovenia became the highest ranked woman in a tour stop for the second time in her career. Maja Debenec reached the second step of the final in Zagreb, where she lost against the later winner, Dennis Eklund.

Nothing changed in the Top 12 rankings of the tour, other than Dennis Eklund moved from position 12 to position 4 by the 50 points he was awarded in Zagreb.

Mike Fagan's from USA is atop of the men's division with 370 points, in front of Mika Koiniemi from Finland with 280 points at position 2 and Joonas Jehkinen from Finland with 200 points at position 3.

In the women's division, the first lady is unchanged Birgit Pöppler from Germany with 279 points, in front of USA's Carolyn Dorin-Ballard with the 250 at position 2 and Sandra Andersson from Sweden with 235 points at position 3.



### Story 2012-19: EBT 2012-06

Published on 23 April 2012 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



117 players had found their way to the Slovenian capital Ljubljana, where the well-known Bowling Centre Gladiator Arena hosted the 6th Qubica/AMF Open 2012, Stop 6 of the European Bowling Tour 2012.

At the end of the tournament, it became a very Scandinavian affair, since 8 out of 10 players in the second last step of the final came from Sweden, Finland or Denmark and finally, when the four players for the stepladder final were found, one Swedish, two Finnish and 1 Danish player were left back for the 3 stepladder matches.

The three matches went on as follows: In the first match, Thomas Larsen from Denmark defeated Mattias Olsson from Sweden 213-205. In the second match, Jarmo Ahokas from Finland defeated Thomas Larsen 191-185, which then turned the 3rd and final match of the final into an internal Finnish affair, where Osku Palermaa defeated Jarmo Ahokas 214-196.

Osku Palermaa became the highest ranked man in a tour stop for the 12th time in his career, by which he passed Paul Moor from England with one win. Palermaa is here after second in the overall tour standing since 2000, only one win after Gery Verbruggen from Belgium.

Nicole Sanders from The Netherlands became, from position 15 in the tournament, the highest ranked women in a tour stop for the 7th time in her career.

Mike Fagan from USA is still atop of the men's ranking with 370 points (not in Ljubljana), in front of Mika Koivuniemi from Finland with 280 points at position 2 (not in Ljubljana) and Osku Palermaa from Finland with 236 points at position 3 (100 points in Ljubljana).

In the women's division, the first lady is unchanged Birgit Pöppler from Germany with 279 points, in front of USA's Carolyn Dorin-Ballard with 250 points at position 2 and Sandra Andersson from Sweden with 235 points at position 3. None of these three players attended the tournament in Ljubljana.

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### Story 2012-20: EBT 2012-07

Published on 29 April 2012 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



The 3rd edition of the Track Dream Bowl Palace Open was conducted late April in the fantastic 52 lane bowling arena with nearly the same name, situated in German Unterföhring, just at the edge of the Municipality of Munich.

The tournament, which attracted 219 players from all over the World, was conducted as the 7th stop of the European Bowling Tour 2012.

The tournament attracted many top players, which indeed was reflected in the Semi Finals, where Mike Fagan from USA met his fellow countryman Sean Rash, with Fagan as the winner 502 (250+252) vs. 425 (213+212), while Clara Guerrero from Colombia won against Stuart Williams from England 476 (222+254) vs. 441 (226+215) in the other Semi Final.

In the final, also played over two games total pin fall, Mike Fagan defeated Clara Guerrero 469 (243+226) vs. 446 (225+221).

In Munich Mike Fagan became the highest ranked in the men's division for the 5th time, while it for Clara Guerrero became the 3rd time for her in the women's division. For both players it is great achievements, especially taken their relative few annual tournament attendances in Europe in consideration.

In the men's division of the tour, Mike Fagan from USA is leading with 470 points (100 points in Munich), in front of Mika Koivuniemi from Finland with 330 points at position 2 (50 points in Munich) and Osku Palermaa from Finland with 264 points at position 3 (28 points in Munich).

The top of the women's division consists of Birgit Pöppler from Germany with 325 points (46 points in Munich) at position 1, Krista Pöllänen from Finland with 300 points (70 points in Munich) at position 2 and Cassie Staudinger from Australia with 260 points (60 points in Munich) at position 3.

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### Story 2012-21: EBT Masters 2012

Published on 1 May 2012 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



The 5th edition of the EBT Masters was conducted on 30 April and 1 May in Dream Bowl Palace in Unterföhring, situated just outside Munich in Germany.

The EBT Masters was played just after the conclusion of the 3rd Track Dream Bowl Palace Open 2012, conducted in the centre with the same name.

The EBT Masters 2012, which is the final of the European Bowling Tour 2011, includes the 16 highest ranked women and the 16 highest ranked men by the conclusion of the EBT 2011, or the next in the rankings in cases of withdrawals, of which there were none in the men's division and only a few in the women's division.

The format for each division was 3 qualifying squads of 6 games and a 7 games round robin for top 8 in addition; in total 25 decisive games incl. bonus for won (20) and tied (10) games in the last 7 games.

It became the day for the Swedish Larsen's, since we got a Larsen atop of the podium in both divisions and after two perfect finals.

In the women's division, Rebecka Larsen from Sweden (ranked 1 after 24 games) was meeting Clara Guerrero from Colombia (ranked 2 after 24 games) in the last match, and everything were open, since only 36 pins was between them before they started.

None of the two fantastic bowlers wanted to give in and strike was following strike until Rebecka Larsen got an 8 spare in the middle of the game, while Clara Guerrero continued striking. Anyway, Rebecka Larsen was striking to the end of the game after her 8 spare, ending up with a score of 278. Clara Guerrero, on her side, had the first 9 strikes and could, with another two strikes and 5 pins have passed Rebecka Larsen. Unfortunately for Clara Guerrero, she left 3 pins in the first shot in frame 10 and ended with a score of 277.

Rebecka Larsen won the EBT Masters 2012 with a total sum of 5663 in front of Clara Guerrero with 5606 and Patricia Luoto from Germany at position 3 with 5538.

At the EBT Masters 2011 in Ljubljana, Mika Koivuniemi from Finland and Martin Larsen from Sweden were following each other like two Siamese twins from game 1 to game 25, with Mika Koivuniemi as the final winner at the end of the day.

The two gentlemen delivered exactly the same show at the EBT Masters 2012 in Munich, though this time with Martin Larsen at the winner.

Mika Koivuniemi and Martin Larsen met each other in the last game, but with an advantage of not less than 84 pins, Larsen looked by far as the winner from the beginning of the game.

But it became just as exciting as it could be; for while Koivuniemi was hitting, Larsen was not, and at the end of the game Larsen had 180 and Koivuniemi had 244 + 20 bonus points, meaning that we after 25 games had a tie, which then was broken by a 9th and 10th frame roll off, in which Larsen scored 49 and Koivuniemi 40.

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Martin Larsen won the EBT Masters 2012 with a total sum of 5819 (+49 for the tie shots), in front of Mika Koivuniemi with 5819 (+40 for the tie shots) and Sean rash from USA with 5796 at position 3.

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### Story 2012-22: EBT 2012-08

Published on 28 May 2012 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



For the first time in the modern history of Aalborg International, the tournament was won by a Danish player, which happened when Thomas Larsen won the 2012 issue of Bowltech Aalborg International, conducted in Lovvang Bowling centre on 21-27 May as Stop 08 of the European Bowling Tour 2012.

In the last two steps of the final, 20, respectively 10, players were playing 5 games in each step, with the pin fall from the first 5 games carried forward into the final step.

After the first 5 games, Sweden's Martin Larsen was, after an outstanding performance, atop of the field with 1226 pins, in front of Dennis Eklund from Sweden with 1180 pins and Thomas Larsen from Denmark with 1126 pins. So at that time it was not written in stones, that the one Larsen should pass the other at the end of the tournament.

The first two games of the last step was not opening for any other views of whom should win, while Martin Larsen produced of 211 and 290 and Thomas Larsen produced 234 and 266, leaving the standing between the two basically unchanged.

But with a finish of 713 (254, 224 and 235) to Thomas Larsen and 608 (205, 209 and 194) to Martin Larsen, Thomas Larsen managed to win with as less as 4 pins at the only moment, where he was leading the tournament during the whole week,

The final standing of the tournament became (1) Thomas Larsen from Denmark 2339 pins, (2) Martin Larsen from Sweden 2335 pins (winner in 2009), (3) Dominic Barrett from England 2229 pins (winner in 2010) and (4) Britt Brøndsted from Denmark 2190 pins.

It was the second tour stop victory for Thomas Larsen and the third time he became the highest ranked man in a stop, while Britt Brøndsted became the highest ranked women in a tour stop for the 14th time in her career, bring her alone in the top of the list of highest ranked women in stops since the very beginning of the tour in 2000, in front of Kirsten Penny from England, recorded with 13 highest ranked positions.

In the men's division of the tour, Mike Fagan from USA is leading with 470 points (not present in Aalborg), in front of Mika Koivuniemi from Finland with 330 points at position 2 (not present in Aalborg) and Thomas Larsen from Denmark with 318 points at position 3 (100 points in Aalborg).

In the women's division, the leading position was overtaken by Britt Brøndsted from Denmark with 344 points (100 points in Aalborg), in front of Birgit Pöppler from Germany with 325 points (not present in Aalborg) at position 2 and Sandra Andersson from Sweden with 315 points (80 points in Aalborg) at position 3.

## Story 2012-23: Changed period in France

Published on 31 May 2012 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



The organizer of Brunswick French Open has announced the duration of the tournament to be reduced with one day.

The tournament, which will be held in Plaza Grand Quevilly in Grand Quevilly - France, will be held from 20-28 October instead of 19-28 October.

### Tournaments in the EBT 2012:

- 01 / 06.01-15.01: Brunswick Ballmaster Open in Finland (Gold)
- 02 / 06.02-12.02: 6th Internat. Wroclaw Open by Hammer in Poland (Satellite)
- 03 / 12.02-19.02: Hammer Bronzen Schietspoel Tour. 2012 in Netherlands (Silver)
- 04 / 16.03-25.03: Brunswick Euro Challenge in France (Platinum)
- 05 / 09.04-15.04: Croatia Open 2012 in Croatia (Satellite)
- 06 / 17.04-22.04: 6th Qubica/AMF Open 2012 in Slovenia (Silver)
- 07 / 25.04-29.04: 3rd Track Dream-Bowl Palace Open 2012 in Germany (Silver)
- 08 / 21.05-27.05: Bowltech Aalborg International 2012 in Denmark (Silver)
- 09 / 27.05-03.06: Odense International in Denmark (Satellite)
- 10 / 23.06-01.07: Brunswick Italia Challenge in Italy (Silver)
- 11 / 07.07-15.07: 8th Storm San Marino Open in San Marino (Gold)
- 12 / 17.07-22.07: 34 Trofeu Internacional Ciutat de Barcelona in Catalonia (Gold)
- 13 / 03.09-09.09: BNC Open in Slovakia (Silver)
- 14 / 11.09-15.09: Russian Open in Russia (Satellite)
- 15 / 24.09-30.09: Chandra Open 2012 in Netherlands (Satellite)
- 16 / 02.10-07.10: 10th Columbia 300 Vienna Open in Austria (Gold)
- 17 / 05.10-14.10: Norwegian Open 2012 in Norway (Satellite)
- 18 / 20.10-28.10: Brunswick French Open in France (Silver)
- 19 / 03.11-11.11: 3rd Roma International in Italy (Satellite)
- 20 / 13.11-18.11: X Catalonia Open - Trofeu Galasa in Catalonia (Silver)
- 21 / 09.12-15.12: Qatar Bowling Open in Qatar (Platinum)

### Story 2012-24: EBT 2012-09

Published on 4 June 2012 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



Marcus Tidbeck from Sweden took his first tour stop victory, when he won in Odense at the 2nd issue of Odense International, Stop 08 of the European Bowling Tour 2012; an EBT Satellite tournament conducted in Odense Bowling Centre in the last part of May / first part of June.

8 players was qualified for the last step of the final, where they played a 7 games round robin with bonus pins for the highest ranked of the qualification and scores from 10 games played in the preceding 2 final steps carried forward.

Marcus Tidbeck was only starting from position 6 in the last step, but via a fantastic series of 234, 257, 246, 278, 257, 237 and 193, he passed everybody during his way up through the tournament ranking, ending 57 pins ahead of Perttu Jussila from Finland at position 2, who in his case was 39 pins ahead of James Gruffman from Sweden at position 3.

While Marcus Tidbeck became the highest ranked man in a tour stop for the first time in his career, it happened for the 3rd time for Netherland's Lisanne Breeschoten, who became the highest ranked women being no. 7 in the final and the only female player qualified for the top 8 round robin.

In the men's division of the tour, Mike Fagan from USA is leading with 470 points (not present in Odense), in front of Thomas Larsen from Denmark with 333 points at position 2 (15 points in Odense) and Mika Koivuniemi from Finland with 330 points at position 3 (not present in Odense).

In the women's division, the leading position was overtaken by Sandra Andersson from Sweden with 345 points (30 points in Odense), in front of Britt Brøndsted from Denmark with 344 points (not present in Odense) and position 2 and Birgit Pöpler from Germany with 325 points (not present in Odense) at position 3.

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### **Story 2012-25: ECC 2014 to Iceland**

Published on 6 June 2012 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen

The ECC 2014 will be hosted by the Icelandic Bowling Federation, as decided recently by the ETBF Presidium.

The European Champions Cup will be held on 13-20 October 2014 in the 22 lane centre, Keiluhöllin, which is situated in the Icelandic capital Reykjavik.

The ETBF presidium congratulates the Icelandic Bowling Federation for hosting their first ETBF Championships ever.



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### Story 2012-26: EBT 2013 presented

Published on 12 June 2012 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



The ETBF Presidium hereby presents the European Bowling Tour 2013, which again is a very strong tour, this time consisting of 20 great tournaments, conducted in 15 different federations.

The EBT 2013, which is the 14th consecutive tour, since the EBT was organized for the first time in 2000, is presented below.

From the EBT 2012, we are saying good bye to Croatia Open from Zagreb (only organized in 2012), QubicaAMF Open from Ljubljana (organized 4 times in the period 2009-2012) and Catalonia Open from Barcelona (organized 8 times in the period 2005-2012).

Of new comers, we are welcoming the I Brunswick Madrid Challenge (Silver), to be conducted in Madrid, Spain in June 2013.

In Germany, the German Bowling Federation has decided to move their tournament from Munich to Berlin under the name QubicaAMF German Open 2013 (Gold), to be conducted in April 2013, while the centre management in Munich are establishing a new Track Dream Bowl Palace Open 2013 (Gold), to be conducted in July 2013.

The 20 tournaments adopted in the EBT 2013 are divided in 4 categories as follows:

EBT Platinum (minimum 100.000 € prize fund): 2 tournaments

EBT Gold (minimum 60.000 € prize fund): 6 tournaments

EBT Silver (minimum 40.000 € prize fund): 6 tournaments

EBT Satellite (minimum 20.000 € prize fund): 6 tournaments

The total prize fund in the EBT 2013, including tour prize money, will be approximately 1.1 million €; an average prize fund of approximately 55.000 € per stop.

The 12 highest ranked women and the 12 highest ranked men, by the conclusion of the ongoing EBT 2012, will qualify for the 6th EBT Masters, which will be hosted by the organizer of the BNC Open in Bratislava, Slovakia on 30 September 2013.

The 12 highest ranked women and the 12 highest ranked men, by the conclusion of the EBT 2013, will qualify for the 7th EBT Masters, which will be hosted by the organizer of the Hammer Bronzen Schietspoel Tournament 2013 in Tilburg, The Netherlands on 3 March 2014.

#### Tournaments in the EBT 2013:

01 / 04.01-13.01: Brunswick Ballmaster Open in Finland (Gold)

02 / 03.02-10.02: Hammer Bronzen Schietspoel Tour. 2013 in Netherlands (Silver)

03 / 11.02-17.02: 7th Internat. Wroclaw Open by Hammer in Poland (Satellite)

04 / 15.03-24.03: Brunswick Euro Challenge in France (Platinum)

05 / 20.04-28.04: QubicaAMF German Open 2013 in Germany (Gold)

06 / 21.05-26.05: Bowltech Aalborg International 2013 in Denmark (Silver)

07 / 26.05-02.06: Odense International in Denmark (Satellite)

08 / 22.06-30.06: I Brunswick Madrid Challenge in Spain (Silver)

09 / 29.06-07.07: Brunswick Italia Challenge in Italy (Silver)

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- 10 / 06.07-14.07: 9th Storm San Marino Open in San Marino (Gold)
- 11 / 16.07-21.07: 35 Trofeu Internacional Ciutat de Barcelona in Catalonia (Gold)
- 12 / 20.07-28.07: Track Dream-Bowl Palace Open 2013 in Germany (Gold)
- 13 / 10.09-14.09: Russian Open in Russia (Satellite)
- 14 / 16.09-22.09: Chandra Open 2013 in Netherlands (Satellite)
- 15 / 23.09-29.09: BNC Open in Slovakia (Silver)
- 16 / 01.10-06.10: 11th Vienna Open in Austria (Gold)
- 17 / 04.10-13.10: Norwegian Open 2013 in Norway (Satellite)
- 18 / 19.10-27.10: Brunswick French Open in France (Silver)
- 19 / 02.11-10.11: 4th Roma International in Italy (Satellite)
- 20 / 08.12-14.12: Qatar Bowling Open in Qatar (Platinum)

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### Story 2012-27: EWC 2012 in Tilburg

Published on 16 June 2012 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen

A record number of 153 women had found their way to Dolfijn Bowling in Tilburg - The Netherlands, where NBF, The Netherlands Bowling Federation, hosted the European Women Championships in the first weeks of June.

Sweden came to the championships with a very young and talented team, but anyway including a number of already established names. AND WHAT A TEAM!

The first gold to Sweden came already in the doubles event, where Ida Anderson and Joline Persson-Planefors defeated Autum Chamberlain and Hayley Rumkee from England 406 vs. 316.

The doubles gold were followed by another Swedish gold medal in the trios event, won by Sandra Andersson, Rebecka Larsen and Joline Persson-Planefors with a score of 713 vs. 615 to the German team, consisting of Birgit Pöppler, Patricia Luoto and Janine Gäbler.

The third Swedish Gold came in All Event, where an outstanding performance from Rebecka Larsen gave a total score of 5422 over 24 games, vs. 5341 to Krista Pöllänen from Finland at position 2 and 5322 to Joline Persson-Planefors at position 3.

Things started to change after the first three events, while the team from England was defeated the team from Sweden in an excellent 1146 vs. 1114 match in the first semi-final match of the team event. In the other semi-final match, Germany defeated Denmark 1030 vs. 1021 in a very tight match, decided in the very last shots.

The Netherlands Bowling Federation celebrates its 50 years anniversary in 2012, and one of the ways to celebrate the jubilee has been planned for a long time, namely hosting the team final and the semi-finals and the final of the Masters event of the EWC 2012 in the fantastic Efteling Theatre, where QubicaAMF installed two lanes in a great setting.

The final of the team event ended with yet a strong bowling lesson from England, who defeated Germany 1049 vs. 919.

And then it turned very local, when The Netherlands own Sophie van der Meer entered the arena in Efteling Theatre for the last matches in the Masters event, where she was met by a several hundred person's big, mainly local, audience, who contributed enthusiastically to create a unique framework for the conclusion of the EWC 2012.

In the first semi-final, Birgit Pöppler defeated Joline Persson-Planefors 2-0 (258 vs. 177 and 259 vs. 186), while Sophie van der Meer defeated Rebecka Larsen 2-1 (209 vs. 257, 224 vs. 216 and 207 vs. 200) in a very exiting match.

Left back was the final, where Sophie van der Meer again was met by a very enthusiastic audience, giving her a great back up to capture the title by a 2-1 win (235 vs. 181, 194 vs. 203 and 210 vs. 160) over Birgit Pöppler.

It was the first time since 1997, and only the second time in the history, the Masters title went to a player from The Netherlands.

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### **Story 2012-28: Qualified teams from Europe**

Published on 16 June 2012 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen

After the conclusion of the European Women Championships 2012, the following 15 women teams are qualified for the World Championships 2013, which will be held in Henderson (just outside Las Vegas) in Nevada, USA in the second part of August next year.

- 01: Sweden - 1.616 points
- 02: Germany - 1.218 points
- 03: England - 1.109 points
- 04: Denmark - 916 points
- 05: Netherlands - 891 points
- 06: Finland - 640 points
- 07: Latvia - 384 points
- 08: Ukraine 382 points
- 09: Russia - 310 points
- 10: Israel - 242 points
- 11: Italy - 211 points
- 12: France - 210 points
- 13: Poland - 204 points
- 14: Catalonia - 159 points
- 15: Lithuania - 75 points

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### **Story 2012-29: WTBA Championships**

Published on 27 June 2012 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen

WTBA announces hosts to be decided for the following championships:

#### **World Youth Championships 2014**

The championships will be held in Hong Kong in the first half of August 2014

The venue will be the Hong Kong Bowling City

The championships will be hosted by the Hong Kong Tenpin Bowling Congress

#### **World Men Championships 2014**

The championships will be held in Abu Dhabi, UAE late August / early September 2014

The venue will be the Khalifa International Bowling Centre

The championships will be hosted by the Zayed Sports City and the Bid Committee of Abu Dhabi

#### **World Women Championships 2015**

The championships will be held in Abu Dhabi, UAE late August / early September 2015

The venue will be the Khalifa International Bowling Centre

The championships will be hosted by the Zayed Sports City and the Bid Committee of Abu Dhabi

#### **World Youth Championships 2016**

The championships will be held in Lincoln, Nebraska - USA in July 2016

The venue will be the Sun Valley lanes

The championships will be hosted by Lincoln Convention and Visitor's Bureau in a partnership with Lincoln Bowling Association and Sun Valley Lanes

### Story 2012-30: EBT 2012-10

Published on 1 July 2012 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



284 players, including a number of top players from US and Europe, had found their way to Asti in Italy, where the Brunswick Italia Challenge had its very successful first entry in the European Bowling Tour. The number of entries played became as high as 702.

The format was the usual 6 games qualification squads in EBT Tournaments, of which 58 players continued to Sundays final steps, where 48 players bowled 4 games starting from scratch in the first step, 24 players bowled 4 games starting from scratch in the second step and step 3 brought 10 players on the lanes, bowling a 9 games round robin with the pin fall from step 2 carried forward.

At the end of the 13 games final, including bonus points for won and tied games, Chris Loschetter from USA won with a total of 3155 pins, in front of Sean Rash from USA with 3100 pins at position 2 and Dominic Barrett from England with 3026 pins at position 3.

By his victory in Asti, Chris Loschetter became the highest ranked man in a tour stop for the 2 time, while Nina Flack, being the only women among the 58 qualified players for the final steps, became the highest ranked women in a tour stop for the 8th time in her career.

In the men's division of the tour, Mike Fagan from USA is leading with 470 points (not present in Asti), in front of Dominic Barrett from England with 355 points at position 2 (70 points in Asti) and Thomas Larsen from Denmark with 341 points at position 3 (8 points in Asti).

The top of the ranking in the women's division is unchanged Sandra Andersson from Sweden with 345 points at position 1, followed by Britt Brøndsted from Denmark with 344 points at position 2 and Birgit Pöppler from Germany with 325 points at position 3; none of these players attended the tournament in Asti.

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### **Story 2012-31: WYC 2012 in Bangkok**

Published on 3 July 2012 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen

Daniel Fransson defended the Swedish and European honour, when he in the very last final of the World Youth Championships 2012, which took place in Bangkok – Thailand, took the one and only title for the continent, by defeating USA's Chris Via 206 vs. 198 in the title match of the Boys Masters.

In the semi-final of the Boys Masters, Daniel Fransson defeated Marshall Kent from USA 242 vs. 202, while Chris Via defeated the Sam Cooley from Australia 246 vs. 180.

The Girls Masters title went to Hwang Yeon-Ju from Korea, who defeated Jacqueline Sijore from Malaysia 226 vs. 215 in the final, while Hwang Yeon-Ju defeated Dayang Khairuniza from Malaysia 223 vs. 181 and Jacqueline Sijore defeated Bernice Lim from Singapore 228 vs. 171 in the two semi-finals.

Besides the gold medal for David Fransson, another 6 medals, all of bronze, went to European countries as follows: bronze in Boy's Doubles to England (Christopher Lam and Elliot Crosby), bronze in Boys Doubles to Sweden (Kim Bolleby and Magnus Johnson), bronze in Boys Team to Germany (André Schröder, Dominic Buchmann, Christian Birlinger and Tobias Börding), bronze in Boys Team to Sweden (Kim Bolleby, Magnus Johnson, Daniel Fransson, Johan Heldén), bronze in Boys All Event to Sweden (Daniel Fransson) and bronze in Girls Team to England (Danielle Hopcroft, Katrina Maciver, Bethany Hedley, Autum Chamberlain).

Korea became the best country in the championships with 5 titles; USA took 3 titles, Australia 1 title and then finally the one title to Sweden, signed by Daniel Fransson in Boys Masters.

### Story 2012-32: EBT 2012-11

Published on 15 July 2012 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



For the 8th consecutive time, Rose'n Bowl in San Marino opened its doors for a tournament in the European Bowling Tour, since the 8th San Marino Open was conducted on 7-15 July in the very hospitable centre, situated in the oldest republic of the world.

Even only 15 women had found their way to San Marino, the total number of participants became as high as 242 and the number of played entries as high as 660, which represents one of the best attendances in the tournament over its eight years of history.

The tournament was won by Stavros Parasakis from Greece, who defeated Stuart Williams from England 466 (242+224) vs. 456 (203+253) in the two games final. A fantastic victory for the Greek player, furthermore underlined by the fact that it was the first tour stop victory for a Greek player ever in the nearly 200 tour stops played since 2000.

A larger Greek group took part in the tournament and they had a great success, not only by winning the tournament, but also by having another player in top 8 and additionally a third player among the 48 finalists.

In the Semi Finals of the tournament, Stuart Williams defeated his fellow countryman Dominic Barrett 559 (280+279) vs. 433 (206+227), while Stavros Parasakis defeated Martin Larsen from Sweden 469 (435+234) vs. 445 (197+248).

Stavros Parasakis became obviously the highest ranked man in a tour stop for the first time, in his career, just as Laurence Gaillard from France, being the only women who qualified for the final steps, became the highest ranked women in a tour stop for the first time in her career.

In the men's division of the tour, Mike Fagan from USA is leading with 470 points (not present in San Marino), in front of Dominic Barrett from England with 445 points at position 2 (90 points in San Marino) and Stuart Williams from England with 364 points at position 3 (120 points in San Marino).

The top of the ranking in the women's division is unchanged Sandra Andersson from Sweden with 345 points at position 1, followed by Britt Brøndsted from Denmark with 344 points at position 2 and Birgit Pöppler from Germany with 325 points at position 3; none of these players attended the tournament in San Marino.



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### **Story 2012-33: EYC 2015 in Leipzig**

Published on 18 July 2012 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen

The EYC 2015 will be hosted by the German Bowling Federation, as decided recently by the ETBF Presidium.

The European Youth Championships will be held on 27 March - 6 April 2015 in the 30 lane centre, Bowlplay, which is located in the northern part of Leipzig.

The centre has been the site of many national competitions over the last years and it provides excellent facilities for bowlers and spectators.

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### Story 2012-34: EBT 2012-12

Published on 22 July 2012 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



Osku Palermaa from Finland became the highest ranked player in a tour stop for the 13th time in his career, when he, in the last step of the final in the 34 Trofeu Internacional Ciutat de Barcelona, defeated Dominic Barrett from England 227-207.

In the foregoing step of the final, Dominic Barrett defeated Ildemaro Ruiz from Venezuela 235-202.

Being highest ranked in a tour stop for the 13th time, brings Palermaa into a shared top position with another tour legend, Gery Verbruggen from Belgium, in the list of highest ranked men over the entire history of the tour.

Osku Palermaa and Gery Verbruggen have each won the European Bowling Tour four times, Palermaa in 2007, 2008, 2009 and 2011, Verbruggen in 2000, 2001, 2002 and 2003.

Among the women taking part in Barcelona, the double gold medallist from the recently conducted European Women Championships in Tilburg, Rebecka Larsen from Sweden, became the highest ranked women for the second time in her rather short, but very promising career. Rebecka Larsen ended with a good 6th position in the strong tournament field.

With a total of 565 points (120 points in Barcelona), Dominic Barrett from England overtook the leading position of the men's tour standing, followed by Mike Fagan from USA at position 2 with 470 points (not attending the tournament in Barcelona) and Osku Palermaa from Finland at position 3 with 450 points (150 points in Barcelona).

In the women's division of the tour, Sandra Andersson from Sweden kept the leading position with 435 points (90 points in Barcelona), followed by Krista Pöllänen from Finland at position 2 with 420 points (120 points in Barcelona) and Nina Flack from Sweden at position 3 with 370 points (69 points in Barcelona).

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### Story 2012-35: Catalonia Open is cancelled

Published on 31 July 2012 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



The organizer of the X Catalonia Open - Trofeu Galasa has unfortunately announced a cancellation of the tournament, primarily due to the general financial situation.

The tournament, which was supposed to be held in November in Barcelona, was fortunately not yet opened for registrations, so the cancellation will not have negative impacts for any individuals.

In many years, the European Bowling Tour has included two tournaments in Barcelona, and fortunately we can announce the other Barcelona based tournament, Trofeu Internacional Ciutat de Barcelona, to continue in the tour, in the future even with a stronger involvement from the Municipality of Barcelona.

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### Story 2012-36: Changed location in Italy

Published on 24 August 2012 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



The organizer of the tour stop in Rome, Federazione Italiana Sport Bowling, announces a move of their annual tour stop from Rome to Florence due to increased organizing costs in Rome. Florence is furthermore a very good choice of host city, since the city is announced as Sports City of the year by the European Commission.

The tournament, which name will be changed from the 3rd Roma International to the 1st Florence International, will unchanged be conducted in the period of 3-11 November 2012.

In addition to the changed location, the organizer announces a higher prize pool, which will increase from 25.900 € to 29.960 €; a very nice increase of about 4.000 €.

The move of the tournament is permanent, so also the 2013 edition of the tournament will be organized in Florence under the name the 2nd Florence International, conducted unchanged in the period of 2-10 November 2013.

#### Tournaments in the EBT 2012:

- 01 / 06.01-15.01: Brunswick Ballmaster Open in Finland (Gold)
- 02 / 06.02-12.02: 6th Internat. Wroclaw Open by Hammer in Poland (Satellite)
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### **Story 2012-37: EMC 2012 in Vienna**

Published on 25 August 2012 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen

The well-known Plus Halle in Vienna accommodated 202 players from 34 different countries, when the European Men Championships were conducted in the last part of August 2012.

The Danish team was shining in the first part of the championships with titles in the doubles by Thomas Larsen and Mik Stampe and in trios by Thomas Larsen, Mik Stampe and Jesper Agerbo.

Later in the championships, the Finns took over atop of the podiums, first by an All Event title to the young talent Joonas Jehkinen and then by a team victory by Joonas Jehkinen, Perttu Jussila, Osku Palermaa, Joonas Jähi, Petteri Salonen and Jarmo Ahokas.

It was actually the 7th team title, out of 16 possible, for a Finnish men team since the first European Championships back in 1962; an extremely impressive achievement.

At the final Masters event, the Danes stroke back in a dedicated way, ending with two players in each their Semi Final and winning both, Jesper Agerbo by defeating Kim Bolleby from Sweden 2-0 (244-224 and 226-222) and Thomas Larsen by defeating Svein Roger Olsen from Norway 2-1 (201-180, 210-229 and 233-225).

In the final of the Masters event, the Danish-Danish affair ended with a 2-1 victory to Jesper Agerbo against Thomas Larsen, in one of the best played finals ever seen; 179-202, 267-199 and 276-267.

Denmark became the best nation in the EMC 2012 by winning 3 Gold, 1 Silver and 2 Bronze medals, while Finland took 2 Gold and 1 Silver medal.

### **Story 2012-38: Qualified teams from Europe**

Published on 25 August 2012 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen

After the conclusion of the European Men Championships 2012, the following 15 men teams are qualified for the World Championships 2013, which will be held in Henderson (just outside Las Vegas) in Nevada, USA in the second part of August next year.

- 01: England - 1.268 points
- 02: Sweden - 1.206 points
- 03: Denmark - 1.155 points
- 04: Finland - 1.095 points
- 05: Norway - 974 points
- 06: Germany - 790 points
- 07: Belgium - 333 points
- 08: Netherlands 285 points
- 09: France - 266 points
- 10: Austria - 254 points
- 11: Greece - 210 points
- 12: Israel - 210 points
- 13: Switzerland - 165 points
- 14: South Africa - 136 points
- 15: Poland - 105 points

## Story 2012-39: name change in Norway

Published on 29 August 2012 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



Due to a sponsorship agreement, the Norwegian Bowling Federation announces a change in the name of their annual tour stop in 2012; from Norwegian Open 2012 to Norwegian Open 2012 by Brunswick.

The tournament will unchanged be organized from 5-14 October 2012 in Veitvet Bowling Centre in Oslo.

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### Story 2012-40: EBT 2012-13

Published on 9 September 2012 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



The BNC Complex in the Slovakian capital Bratislava, including 16 bowling lanes, numerous hotel rooms and a well working restaurant, opened for the 3rd time its doors for their annual stop in the European Bowling Tour, the BNC Open.

209 bowlers from many areas of Europe had found their way to the hospitable bowling centre, which in 2013 will host not less than three international events, namely the BNC Open, the EBT Masters 2013 and finally the ECC 2013.

The final of this year's tournament in Bratislava became an all-German affair between Bodo Konieczny and Birgit Pöppler, with Bodo Konieczny as the winner 436 (211+225) vs. 373 (173+200) in the two games final.

In the semi-finals, Bodo Konieczny defeated Dennis Eklund from Sweden 428 (212+216) vs. 397 (187+210) and Birgit Pöppler defeated Thomas Gross from Austria 437 (216+221) vs. 356 (188+168).

Both Bodo Konieczny and Birgit Pöppler became the highest ranked man, respectively women in a tour stop for the first time in their careers.

The men's division of the European Bowling Tour has Dominic Barrett from England as the leader with 595 points (30 points in Bratislava), in front of Osku Palermaa from Finland with 496 points (46 points in Bratislava) at position 2 and Mike Fagan from USA with 470 points (not attending the tournament in Bratislava) at position 3.

In the women's division of the European Bowling Tour, Sandra Andersson from Sweden is leading with 505 points (70 points in Bratislava), followed by Birgit Pöppler from Germany with 425 points (100 points in Bratislava) at position 2 and Krista Pöllänen from Finland with 420 points (not attending the tournament in Bratislava) at position 3.



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### Story 2012-41: EBT 2012-14

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Marshall Kent from USA took his first tour title, when he in Stop 14 of the European Bowling Tour 2012, Russian Open conducted in Cosmik Belay Dacha in Moscow, won the title by defeating Oleksandr Kalika from Ukraine.

Marshall Kent defeated Oleksandr Kalika 419 (220+199) – 323 (167+156) in the two games final, while the match for position 3-4 was won by the brother of Oleksandr, Mykhaylo Kalika, against Andrey Suslov from Russia 391 (214+177) – 355 (152+203).

In the foregoing semi-finals, Marshall Kent was defeating Mykhaylo Kalika 507 (249+258) – 400 (224+176), while Oleksandr Kalika was defeating Andrey Suslov 379 (244+135) – 373 (157+216).

Like Marshall Kent, who became the highest ranked man in a tour stop for the first time, also Evgeniya Smirnova from Russia, who reached the quarter-finals of the tournament, became the highest ranked women in a tour stop for the first time.

The top of the rankings in both divisions remained unchanged as follows:

In the men's division of the European Bowling Tour, Dominic Barrett from England is topping the list with 595 points, in front of Osku Palermaa from Finland with 496 points at position 2 and Mike Fagan from USA with 470 points at position 3.

In the women's division of the European Bowling Tour, Sandra Andersson from Sweden is leading with 505 points, followed by Birgit Pöppler from Germany with 425 points at position 2 and Krista Pöllänen from Finland with 420 points at position 3.

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### Story 2012-42: French Open is cancelled

Published on 25 September 2012 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



The organizer of Brunswick French Open has announced that the tournament is cancelled due to an insufficient number of entries. The tournament should have been conducted on 20-28 October 2012 in Grand Quevilly, France.

Players with documented partly or fully non-refundable expenses related to the tournament, and with confirmed entries, will be refunded by the organizer. The organizer will contact all entered players individually in a few days.

It is essential for the organizer, and for the European Tenpin Bowling Federation, to underline, that the annually conducted Brunswick Euro Challenge WILL be conducted on 15-24 March 2013 in Saint Maximin - France, as previously announced.

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### **Story 2012-43: WSC 2012 in Limassol**

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The first ever conducted World Singles Championships was held in hospitable and beautiful Limassol in Cyprus, orchestrated by Cyprus Bowling Federation and its hard working crew of dedicated officials, headed by Marios Nicolaides. Being on Cyprus, the championships were naturally held in a friendly and great atmosphere.

Both divisions were mostly dominated by players from USA, or though the men's more than the women's, even both titles went to USA,

The one game final in the women's division between Kelly Kulick from USA and Diana Zavjalova from Latvia was not decided until the very last moment. Kulick needed two strikes in the 10th frame to take the gold and she got the first strike after a solid pocket shot. The second shot, however, left pin no. 4 rocking forth and back until it finally slowly, indeed very slowly, felt just before it was reached by the pinsetter. Kulick won the tight and extremely exiting match 228 - 226.

What a final and so close for Diana to capture the title, even the championships in Limassol became a great event for the young and very talented Latvian player.

In the foregoing semi-finals, Kelly Kulick defeated Esther Cheah from Malaysia 212 - 207, while Diana Zavjalova defeated Aseret Zetter from Mexico 237 - 212.

The final in the men's division became an internal affair for USA, where Chris Barnes at the end repeated his Masters title from the WMC 2010 in Munich, by defeating his team mate Tommy Jones 212 - 198.

In the foregoing semi-finals, Chris Barnes defeated Andrés Gomez from Colombia 246 - 244, while Tommy Jones defeated Osku Palermaa from Finland 259 - 199.

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### Story 2012-44: EBT 2012-15

Published on 1 October 2012 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



The 2nd issue of Chandra Open was conducted in Chandra Bowling Nieuwegein, Netherlands on 24-30 September 2012.

Eight players entered the last final step, having their 6 games score from the previous final step with them, playing for a total of 12 games to decide the winner.

Daniel Vezis from Latvia entered the final atop of the field with 1310 pins, followed by Perttu Jussila from Finland (1298), Tony Ranta from Finland (1296) and Ghislaine van der Tol from The Netherlands (1288) at the following three positions.

These four players was still atop of the list after the last through, but the order had changed, since Tony Ranta came out with a final score of 1358 (2654 in total) and became the winner of a tour stop for the first time in his career.

Daniel Vezis became second with a total of 2633, Ghislaine van der Tol third with a total of 2615 and Perttu Jussila fourth with a total of 2606.

Ghislaine van der Tol became the highest ranked in the women's division for the 8th time in her career.

The top of the ranking in the men's division remained unchanged as follows: Dominic Barrett from England is topping the list with 595 points, in front of Osku Palermaa from Finland with 496 points at position 2 and Mike Fagan from USA with 470 points at position 3.

The top of the ranking in the women's division did not change, or though Birgit Pöppler from Germany moved 40 points closer to Sandra Anderson from Sweden, who continues to keep the pole position with 505 points, followed by Birgit Pöppler from Germany with 465 points at position 2 and Krista Pöllänen from Finland with 420 points at position 3.

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### Story 2012-45: EBT 2012-16

Published on 7 October 2012 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



Vienna Open, this year conducted under the name "10th Columbia 300 Vienna Open", celebrated its 10 years anniversary by an entry of not less than 303 players, playing as much as 830 entries in total.

The tournament, which ended on Sunday 7 October with a 4 person's stepladder final, was, as always, conducted in the well-known Plus Halle, situated in the Austrian capital Vienna.

The tournament has, over the years, developed to be one of the classic events on the European Bowling Tour, where numerous top players from all over the Globe are taking part.

Especially this year, where the tournament was conducted time vice close to the conclusion of the 1st World Singles Championships, held in Limassol on Cyprus late September, many overseas players had decided to stay in Europe, which indeed was noticed when the tournament ended with the stepladder final on Sunday afternoon.

Sean Rash from USA met the sole European player in the first match of the stepladder final, Stuart Williams from England, with Rash as the winner 191 vs. 181. It left 3 US players back for the last two matches, who besides Sean Rash were Tommy Jones and Chris Barnes.

In the second stepladder match Sean Rash defeated Tommy Jones 189 vs. 158, while Chris Barnes came out with numerous very fine shots in the final, which he won against Rash 257 vs. 214.

Chris Barnes is really atop in Plus Halle, having won the title in 2010, being the runner up in 2011 and now again ending atop of the podium in 2012. Besides that Barnes became the first World Singles Champion in Limassol less than two weeks ago.

Chris Barnes became the highest ranked in the men's division of the tour for the second time, while Kelley Kulick from USA, who ended 9 in the final tournament standing, became the highest ranked women in a tour stop for the first time.

The top of the ranking in the men's division consists of the tour leader Dominic Barrett from England with 595 points (not present in Vienna), Stuart Williams from England with 547 points (90 points in Vienna) at position 2 and Dennis Eklund from Sweden with 505 points (42 points in Vienna) at a shared position 3 with Osku Palermaa from Finland (9 points in Vienna).

The top of the ranking in the women's division consists of the tour leader Birgit Pöppler from Germany with 570 points (105 points in Vienna) followed by Sandra Anderson from Sweden with 538 points (33 points in Vienna) and Krista Pöllänen from Finland with 420 points (not present in Vienna) at position 2 and 3.

### Story 2012-46: EBT 2012-17

Published on 15 October 2012 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



Peter Hellström from Sweden won his first tour stop title in 2003 and nine years later the second, since Hellström after an outstanding performance won Norwegian Open 2012 by Brunswick, which, as the 17th of 19 stops in the EBT 2013, was conducted in Veitvet Bowling Centre in Oslo - Norway.

16 players bowled 3 games from scratch in the 4th and second last step of the final, where after top 8 continued to the 5th and final step, adding another 3 games to their scores from the 3 games in step 4.

Peter Hellström bowled great and delivered a 6 games series of 217, 278, 247, 234, 243 and 275 ending at 1494, in a good distance to Denmark's runner up, Britt Brøndsted, who accumulated a score of 1413 in another good distance to the player at position 3, Mikael Roos from Sweden with a total of 1352 pins.

Britt Brøndsted became the highest ranked in a tour stop in the women's division for the 15th time in her career, a fantastic number not overtaken by any other player. Kirsten Penny from England is 2nd at the over time running list with 13 highest ranked positions. The top of the ranking in the two divisions remained unchanged as follows:

#### Men's division

1. Dominic Barrett, England - 595 points
2. Stuart Williams, England - 547 points
3. Dennis Eklund, Sweden - 505 points
3. Osku Palermaa, Finland – 505 points

#### Women's division

1. Birgit Pöppler, Germany - 570 points
2. Sandra Anderson, Sweden - 538 points
3. Krista Pöllänen, Finland – 420 points

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### Story 2012-47: ECC 2012 in The Netherlands

Published on 21 October 2012 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen

36 women and 42 men took part in the 35th European Champions Cup, which were conducted in Bowling Centre Dekker Zoetermeer, situated in Zoetermeer - The Netherlands.

Defending women champions from 2010 and 2011, Krista Pöllänen from Finland and defending men champions from 2011, Thomas Gross from Austria, was both at the lanes in Centre Dekker, but Pöllänen left the tournament in the Quarter Final after a 2-0 loss against Carmen Haandrikman from the host federation and Gross ended at position 11, 114 pins from being qualified to the Top 8 Quarter finalists, so two new champions had to be announced.

One of the Semi Finals in The Women's Division became an internal Eastern European affair, more precisely a match between the two young and very talented players, Alena Korobkova from Russia and Daria Kovalova from Ukraine, which Kovalova won 2-1 (223 vs. 235, 248 vs. 227 and 204 vs. 159).

The other Semi Final was played between Carmen Haandrikman from The Netherlands and Birgit Pöppler from Germany, who dominated the qualification by scoring 399 pins more than the second ranked in the 24 qualifying games, and who continued the winning style by defeating Sandra Andersson from Swede 2-0 in her Quarter Final. In the Semi Final, Pöppler continued with yet another win, since Haandrikman was defeated 2-1 (252 vs. 183, 205 vs. 234 and 226 vs. 179).

Then to the final and the meeting between Daria Kovalova and Birgit Pöppler, which became a very exciting match. The first game went to Pöppler 221 vs. 188 and the second went to Kovalova 226 vs. 199; the standing was 1-1 and a third game had to be played.

In the 3rd and ultimately deciding game, Pöppler, who ended the match, had a strike in frame 9 and needed two more strikes in frame 10 to prevent Kovalova from taking the title, no matter the outcome of her last throws. Pöppler got the first strike, but not the second, even it was a pocket shot, but pin no. 10 was stubbornly standing at its position, so 211 for Pöppler. In frame 10 Kovalova, who had strikes in frame 7, 8 and 9, needed another two strikes and 6 pins or higher and she did it! Kovalova simply performed three good shots, she got three strikes, she made 216 and she took her first adult title in her career.

The last half year has been fantastic for the young Ukrainian player, winning not less than three titles, namely the European Youth 2012 All Event and Masters titles, both won in Aalborg for half a year ago, and now today this third title, the ECC 2012 champion title. This young player can foresee a great future at the international bowling scene.

Also Pöppler has presented numerous high class performances in the last 12 months:

In September 2011, at the World Women Championships in Hong Kong, she won a Team bronze medal and she also reached the Quarter Finals of the Masters event.

In June 2012, at the European Women Championships, she won a Team silver medal and an individual silver medal in the Masters event.

Then this ECC 2012 silver medal, so close to the final target.

And finally Pöppler are leading the women's division of the European Bowling Tour, with good opportunities to be the first German tour winner.

The Men's Division was dominated by James Gruffman from Sweden from the very beginning of the qualification, where Gruffman posted series of 1927, 1932 and 1788, scoring as much as 5647 pins over the 24 games, averaging 235.

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James Gruffman continued his overwhelming performance by defeating Achim Grabowski from Germany 2-0 in the Quarter Final and Habib Dogan from Turkey 2-0 in the Semi Final (279 vs. 218 and 258 vs. 163).

The other Semi Final between Yoan Alix from France and Raymond Teece from England was much tighter, with Alix as the winner 2-1 at the end (204 vs. 198, 191 vs. 206 and 236 vs.204).

The final of the men's division provided a meeting between Yoan Alix from France and James Gruffman from Sweden, and Gruffman just continued his high class performance in the first game, which he won 265 vs. 184, while the score became much more moderate in game 2, but anyway with Gruffman as the winner 194 vs. 189, even Gruffman needed the make two strikes in frame 10, which he naturally did.

James Gruffman was the champion from the first to the last throw in his 30 ECC games. He made 489 pins more than the second ranked in the 24 qualifying games and he won all three elimination matches 2-0, only under a little pressure in the very last game.

The bowling map of Europe is fortunately still developing towards more diversity.

The medal for Turkey was only the second adult medal in the history for the country, since the same Dogan won a bronze medal at the ECC 2004 in Ankara. The medal for Russia was also the second adult medal in the history for them, since Ivan Semenov won a silver medal at the ECC 2011. And Ukraine won their first international adult medal ever by the gold medal for Daria Kovalova in the ECC 2012.

The ECC 2012 competition was also the qualification competition for the 8 European federations, which will represent Europe in the World Games 2013, to be conducted in Cali, Colombia:

The following 8 federations are qualified for the World Games 2013: Sweden, Germany, Finland, Ukraine, Norway, Italy, France and England.



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### Story 2012-48: EBT 2012-18

Published on 11 November 2012 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



For the first time a stop the European Bowling Tour came to the historical Italian city of Florence, where the 1st Florence International was conducted on 3-11 November.

The entries of the tournament proved a great success, since not less than 296 players, playing as much as 671 entries, took part in the tournament.

The tournament attracted naturally many native Italians, but at the end of the day, Martin Paulsson was left back with the victory palms in his hand, while Jesper Larsen became the runner up after a pure Swedish-Swedish final.

On his way to the final, Martin Paulsson defeated Konstantin Matvienko from Russia 457-398 in Step 4, Stavroa Parasakis from Greece 422-406 in Step 5 and Samuli Tiainen from Finland 213-204 in Step 6.

Jesper Larsson, on his side, defeated Heidi Thorstensen from Norway 447-434 in Step 4, Marek Talpa from Czech Republic 404-403 in Step 5 and Daniel Vezis from Latvia 211-208 in Step 6.

In the final match Martin Paulsson defeated Jesper Larsen as close as 206 vs. 203.

Martin Paulsson and Heidi Thorstensen became the highest ranked men respectively the highest ranked women for the 2nd time in their career.

The top of the ranking in the two divisions remained unchanged as follows:

#### Men's division

1. Dominic Barrett, England - 595 points
2. Stuart Williams, England - 547 points
3. Dennis Eklund, Sweden - 505 points
3. Osku Palermaa, Finland – 505 points

#### Women's division

1. Birgit Pöppler, Germany - 570 points
2. Sandra Anderson, Sweden - 538 points
3. Krista Pöllänen, Finland – 420 points

### Story 2012-49: EBT 2014 Rules

Published on 17 November 2012 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



The rules of the 15th issue of the European Bowling Tour, the EBT 2014, have been prepared by the ETBF Presidium.

The EBT 2014 will, as previous years, consist of four categories, namely EBT Satellites, EBT Silvers, EBT Gold and EBT Platinum Tournaments.

The prize pool limits are continuously as follows:

EBT Satellite: Minimum 20.000 €

EBT Silver: Minimum 40.000 €

EBT Gold: Minimum 60.000 €

EBT Platinum: Minimum 100.000 €

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

The new EBT 2014 Rules are available at the Publication section at this site.

Applications from organizers, wanting their tournaments adopted in the EBT 2014, will be received from mid-February 2013.

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### Story 2012-50: Changed EBT 2013

Published on 20 November 2012 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



When the cancellation of French Brunswick Open in 2012 was announced on 25 September, it was naturally also valid for French Brunswick Open in 2013, even not announced at that time.

The reason for the delayed announcement of a revised list of tournaments adopted in the EBT 2013 was that we at that time were negotiating with various interested parties for a replacement, expected to be announced simultaneously.

We are, however, not yet able to publish the replacement, for which reason we have decided to publish the revised list of tournaments adopted in the EBT 2013 anyway, primarily to avoid any kind of possible misunderstandings.

We are still, for a period, keeping a door open for an additional inclusion of 1-2 tournaments in the EBT 2013, which eventually later will be reported in a separate press release.

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### Story 2012-51: BEC changes location

Published on 30 November 2012 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



To highlight the continued success of Brunswick Euro Challenge over the past years, Valcke Bowling and Brunswick has decided to move the 10th anniversary issue of the tournament to the 52 lanes Dream-Bowl Palace, situated in Unterföhring near Munich in Germany.

As a consequence of the many lanes available in Dream Bowl Palace, it has been possible to shorten the period of the tournament from 15-24 March to 19-24 March 2013.

The Brunswick Euro Challenge is one of only two Platinum Tournaments in the European Bowling Tour, a status which will continue unchanged after the move.

The excellent high prize pool of 106.000 €, and the well-known format of the tournament, will also be kept unchanged.

You can find more details about the tournament in the Tournament Calendar at this site and at the website of the tournament: [www.brunswickeurochallenge.com](http://www.brunswickeurochallenge.com).

The other tour stop conducted in Dream Bowl Palace on 20-28 July, the Track Dream Bowl Palace Open 2013, will be conducted irrespectively of the move of Brunswick Euro Challenge.

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### Story 2012-52: EBT 2012-19

Published on 15 December 2012 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



Both battles for the tour thrones of 2012 were still open, when the last stop of the season, the Qatar Bowling Open, took off in Doha on 9 December.

In the women's division two players had realistically chances to capture the title, namely Germany's Birgit Pöppler with 570 points and Sweden's Sandra Andersson with 538 points, since the Platinum status of the last stop gives so many points that only one position's difference atop of the ranking in Doha could swap the standing between the two players.

But at the end, the battle never became a real battle, since Birgit Pöppler qualified directly to the 2nd final step, while Sandra Andersson did not qualify for the final steps at all.

Birgit Pöppler won the tour with 820 points (250 points in Doha), while Sandra Anderson became second with 648 points (110 points in Doha) and Britt Brøndsted from Denmark became third with 514 points (120 points in Doha)

Birgit Pöppler, who has had a fantastic season with runner up positions in the Masters of the European Women Championships in June and the European Champions Cup in October, became the tour winner for the first time in her career.

In the men's division not less than 7 players was in line for a possible tour victory, all inside about a bit more than 100 points difference, namely Dominic Barrett from England with 595 points, Stuart Williams from England with 547 points, Dennis Eklund from Sweden with 505 points, Osku Palermaa from Finland with 505 points, Thomas Larsen from Denmark with 481 points, Mike Fagan from USA with 470 points and Martin Larsen from Sweden with 464 points.

Dominic Barrett ended at position 10, and the 100 points awarded for that position became enough to keep all opponents behind him, ensuring his second tour victory in his career. Dominic Barrett won with a total of 695 points in front of Mika Koivuniemi with 655 points (250 points in Doha) at position 2 and Martin Larsen with 614 points (150 points in Doha) at position 3.

Mika Koivuniemi became the winner of Qatar Bowling Open after an extremely excellent performance in the 2 games final, where he defeated his young and very talented countryman Tony Ranta 544 (278+266) vs. 471 (246+225).

In the foregoing Semi Finals, Mika Koivuniemi defeated Martin Larsen 442 (208+234) vs. 385 (184+201), while Tony Ranta defeated Tommy Jones from USA 389 (157+232) vs. 361 (169+192).

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### Story 2012-53: Qualified for the Masters

Published on 15 December 2012 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



By the conclusion of the last stop in the European Bowling Tour 2012, Qatar Bowling Open, the top ranked of both divisions are ready to be presented.

Top 12 in each division are qualified for the 6th edition of the EBT Masters, which will be held in Bratislava, Slovakia on 30 September 2013 after the conclusion of the BNC Open, both to be conducted in the Bowling National Centre in Bratislava.

Qualified for the women's division in the EBT Masters 2013			
1	Birgit Pöppler	Germany	820
2	Sandra Andersson	Sweden	648
3	Britt Bröndsted	Denmark	514
4	Krista Pöllänen	Finland	420
5	Nina Flack	Sweden	391
6	Heidi Thorstensen	Norway	358
7	Josefine Linderoth	Sweden	348
8	Rebecka Larsen	Sweden	336
9	Cassie Staudinger	Australia	326
10	Nicole Sanders	Netherlands	297
11	Sascha Wedel	Denmark	294
12	Joline Persson-Planefors	Sweden	291
The first substitutes			
13	Lisanne Breeschoten	Netherlands	266
14	Ida Andersson	Sweden	255
15	Carolyn Dorin-Ballard	USA	250
16	Clara Guerrero	Colombia	250

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### Qualified for the men's division in the EBT Masters 2013

1	Dominic Barrett	England	695
2	Mika Koivuniemi	Finland	655
3	Martin Larsen	Sweden	614
4	Mika Fagan	USA	595
5	Stuart Williams	England	577
6	Thomas Larsen	Denmark	546
7	Dennis Eklund	Sweden	510
8	Osku Palermaa	Finland	505
9	Tommy Jones	USA	438
10	Sean Rash	USA	438
11	Tony Ranta	Finland	379
12	Paul Moor	England	374
<b>The first substitutes</b>			
13	Chris Barnes	USA	357
14	Perttu Jussila	Finland	300
15	Daniel Vezis	Latvia	285
16	Joonas Jehkinen	Finland	281

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### Story 2012-54: EBT 2013 changes

Published on 21 December 2012 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



As a consequence of a previous cancellation of a Silver tournament in the EBT 2013, the ETBF Presidium has decided to include a new tournament in the tour as a replacement.

We can with pleasure announce a tournament in Sicilia to join us, namely the Brunswick Etna Open, which will be conducted in Bowling La Playa in Catania, Italy on 12-20 October 2013. The tournament will enter the tour with a Satellite status.

We can also announce an upgrade of the prize pool in the tournament Brunswick Italia Challenge, which unchanged will be conducted on 29 June - 7 July 2013 in the well-known Bowling Red & Black in Asti, Italy.

Both the prize pool, which is increased from 47.150 € to 51.600 €, and the tournament format is changed. For more details check the Tournament Calendar at this site and the website of the tournament [www.brunswickitaliachallenge.com](http://www.brunswickitaliachallenge.com).

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## Story 2012-55: Changed period in Qatar

Published on 25 December 2012 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



As a consequence of the hotel situation during the original period of Qatar Bowling Open in 2013, the organizer of the tournament, the Qatar Bowling Federation, has decided to change the period of conduction from 8-14 December 2013 to 4-10 December 2013.

The tournament will unchanged be conducted in Qatar Bowling Centre, situated in Doha; the capital of Qatar.

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