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# Story 2013-01: EBT 2013-01

Published on 13 January 2013 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



As much as 476 players, playing a total of 959 entries, opened the 14th season of the European Bowling Tour, The EBT 2013, with a firework of fantastic bowling in Tali Bowling Centre, situated in the Finnish capital Helsinki.

The object for the attendance of the many players was the conduction of the classic tournament Brunswick Ballmaster Open, which were held for the 43rd time

Again this year, the tournament was loaded with good bowlers, of which 48 continued to the final Sunday morning to play 8 games from scratch, followed by a round robin consisting of 16 players, where the pin fall from the first 8 games was carried forward.

The top 4 after the round robin continued to a stepladder final, where the matches ended as follows.

#### Match 1

Peter Hellström, Sweden - 180 Pasi Uotila, Finland - 213

#### Match 2

Pasi Uotila, Finland - 237 Bill O'Neill, USA - 233

#### Match 3

Pasi Uotila, Finland - 163 Jesper Svensson, Sweden - 206

It was the first tour win for the young and powerful dual handed Swedish bowler, who less than a year ago won the Masters at the European Youth Championships 2012. I am sure we will see and hear a lot more about Jesper Svensson in the future.

Pasi Uotila could have written him selves into the history book as the first player winning the tournament 4 times, but he must still share the dignity of having won the tournament 3 times with three other Finnish players, since Simo Vähä-Korpela won in 1983, 1984 and 1993, Lasse Lintilä won in 1988, 2003 and 2006, Mika Koivuniemi won in 1998, 2010 and 2011, while Pasi Uotila won in 2000, 2004 and 2009.

The men's division of the EBT 2013 is topped by Jesper Svensson from Sweden with 150 points, followed by Pasi Uotila from Finland with 120 points at position 2 and Bill O'Neill from USA with 105 points at position 3.

Britt Bröndsted from Denmark, being one of only two women qualified for the final, became the highest ranked women in the tournament from position 31 in the final step 1. Britt Bröndsted is leading the tour with 150 points in front of Pia Burkal from Denmark at position 2 with 120 points and Ida Andersson from Sweden at position 3 with 105 points.

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Britt Bröndsted became highest ranked for the 16th time in the history of the tour, a record no other female bowler is near to challenge.

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# Story 2013-02: John Davis passed away

Published on 26 January 2013 by Addie Ophelders

Our vice president Kim and I were yesterday around noon informed by Ted Thompson, that our dear friend John Davis had passed away. We are still in deep shock, and I am sure that goes for many of us that have known John.

John was a great and wonderful man, with his heart at the right place. He loved the game of bowling and he dedicated his life to improve the sport of bowling.

John not only did that, he was also a true friend, and we from ETBF had a special place in his enormous bowling heart. ETBF could grow in the last decade also because of John; to whom we never fell on deaf ears when we addressed him or his company Kegel.

John has contributed to the sport of bowling sport in a tremendous way, not only by increasing the quality of our championships, but certainly also to the creation of a strong European Bowling Tour, where his great staff has been offering lane maintenance services and professional guidance to many tour stop organizers over a decade.

John was a man that cannot be replaced: he will always have a special place in our hearts. He will be missed by his lovely wife Linda, their two sons, their daughter and the entire family.

Thank you dear friend for your friendship, camaraderie and support! May you rest in peace!

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Story 2013-03: EBT 2013-02

Published on 11 February 2013 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



A pool of four players were left back to play the two games final of one of the truth tour classics, the Hammer Bronzen Schietspoel Tournament 2013, as always conducted in Dolfijn Bowling in Tilburg, The Netherlands.

The pool included the very strong veteran from Germany, Achim Grabowski, the young local hero Joshua Schuurman from The Netherlands and the two Danish players, Carsten W. Hansen and Thomas Larsen.

After the first game all was more or less equal, with young Schuurman in the lead with a score of 245, but the other three players following just after with scores of 234, 226 and 223; in other words a completely open field when the players entered the lanes for the last game.

At the end Thomas Larsen, or though still only 24, but already very experienced, performed very stable and ended atop of the podium with a score of 469 (223+246) in front of Joshua Schuurman with a score of 449 (245+204), Achim Grabowski with a score of 429 (226+203) and Carsten W. Hansen with a score of 416 (234+182) at the following positions.

Thomas Larsen became the highest ranked male player in a stop for the 4th time in his career, while the 2012 tour winner, Birgit Pöppler from Germany, became the highest ranked female player in a stop for the 3rd time in her career. Birgit Pöppler reached step 3 of the tournament, which included 4 pools of 4 players.

Jesper Svensson from Sweden is leading the men's division of tour with 150 points, in front of Thomas Larsen from Denmark with 145 points at position 2 and Pasi Uotila from Finland with 120 points at position 3.

In the women's division Britt Bröndsted from Denmark is topping the list with 150 points, in front of Pia Burkal from Denmark with 120 points at position 2 and Ida Andersson from Sweden with 105 points at position 3.

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# Story 2013-04: Roland Mück passed away

Published on 16 February 2013 by Addie Ophelders

On Thursday 14 February 2013 the ETBF Presidium was informed about the passing away of our valuable and dear friend Roland Muck.

Roland, who was the President of the Deutsche Bowling Union, passed away after a very short illness.

Roland had many friends within the bowling family and also outside the bowling world. He was a true friend for many of us and for me personally a great human being, with tremendous qualities. It will be difficult to fill the empty spot he leaves us with.

Roland will be missed by his wife, children and grandchildren.

We, in the European Tenpin Bowling Federation, will miss him a lot and can only hope that his beloved will find the strength to cooperate with this enormous loss.

Dear friend, rest in peace and thank you for everything you did for us and for your friendship.

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Story 2013-05: EBT 2013-03

Published on 18 February 2013 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



Anze Grabrijan from Slovenia performed excellent, when he became the first male tour stop winner from his country after his victory at the 7th International Wroclaw Open by Hammer, conducted in Galeria Rozrywki Miraz in Wroclaw, Poland.

The fantastic victory became a reality after Anze Grabrijan defeated the new shining young star at the bowling scene, Jesper Svensson from Sweden, with only two pins in the two games final.

Jesper Svensson won the classic Brunswick Ballmaster Open recently, by defeating a number of top ranked players, and he was indeed very close to do it again in Wroclaw, but Anze Grabrijan proved a strong will by picking up a huge 50 pins lead for Svensson in game 2.

Jesper Svensson was leading with not less than 50 pins after game 1 (256 vs. 206), but Anze Grabrijan stroke back with 246 vs. 194 and won the match 452 vs. 450.

In the foregoing step of the final, Anze Grabrijan defeated Krizinis Vagelis from Greece 212 vs. 187, while Krizinis Vagelis defeated Gutsche Falco from Germany 211 vs. 159 in the first step.

Anze Grabrijan became obviously the highest ranked man in a tour stop for the first time in his career, while the same happened to Sweden's young female talent, Jenny Wegner, who won a 6th position in the tournament.

Jesper Svensson from Sweden is leading the men's division of tour with 190 points (40 points in Wroclaw), in front of Thomas Larsen from Denmark with 145 points (not present in Wroclaw) at position 2 and Peter Hellström from Sweden with 120 points (21 points in Wroclaw) at position 3.

The standing in the top of the women's division remained unchanged after Wroclaw as follows: Britt Bröndsted from Denmark is topping the list with 150 points, followed by Pia Burkal from Denmark with 120 points at position 2 and Ida Andersson from Sweden with 105 points at position 3.

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# Story 2013-06: EYC 2014 in Odense

Published on 19 February 2013 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen

The EYC 2014 will be hosted by the Danish Bowling Federation in a co-operation with Odense Bowling Centre, as decided by the ETBF Presidium at a meeting last week in Barcelona.

The European Youth Championships will be held on 12-21 April 2014 in Odense Bowling Centre, situated at the Danish island Funen.

Odense Bowling Centre has previously hosted the European Champions Cup in 1998, the World Tenpin Team Cup in 2003 and the European Women Championships in 2008.

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### Story 2013-07: EBT 2014 in process

Published on 19 February 2013 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



The rules of the 15th issue of the European Bowling Tour, the EBT 2014, has been prepared and decided upon by the ETBF Presidium. The rules are published at this site under the item Publications.

There are no changes in between the rules of the EBT 2013 and the EBT 2014, which means that it has been decided to keep the delimitations for the four categories in the tour and their well-known names; EBT Satellites, EBT Silvers, EBT Gold and EBT Platinum Tournaments.

Today the official invitation for organizers to apply for their tournaments to be adopted in the EBT 2014 has been circulated to a wide range of receivers, which is all ETBF member federations, all organizers with tournaments adopted in the EBT 2013 and other organizers, seriously intending to present a new stop in 2014.

Organizers of existing stops must apply by making changes in a form already received by each of them, while organizers of new stops must fill in a Tournament Application from scratch. This application is published at this site under the item Publications.

There are three deadlines for organizers, wanting their tournaments included in the EBT 2014:

#### New stops

Organizers of tournaments, not adopted in the EBT 2013, must have started the application process latest on Friday 31 May 2013. A delivery after this deadline will not be accepted.

#### **Existing stops**

Organizers with tournaments adopted in the EBT 2013 must, if they want to avoid an additional EBT Fee of 500 €, have delivered their application latest on Friday 7 June 2013.

#### Late deliveries

Organizers delivering their applications in the period from Saturday 8 June until Friday 14 June must pay an additional EBT Fee of 500 €, irrespectively of the tournament category.

#### Deliveries from any organizer after 14 June 2013 will not be accepted.

The composition of the EBT 2014 is expected to be published on 15 June 2013.

During the application period of the EBT 2014, we are accepting bids for organizing the EBT Masters 2016, which is a one day event, normally played at the first day after a tour stop.

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# Story 2013-08: Changes in Florence

Published on 28 February 2013 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



The organizer of the 2nd Florence International has decided a very mice increase of the prize pool; from 29.960 € to 32.640 €.

At the same time the organizer introduces changes in the format, adjustment of the squad timing, where after it corresponds with the tour standards, and some other changes; all for the betterment of the quality of the tournament in Florence.

The tournament will unchanged be conducted on 2-10 November 2013 in Crazy Bowling, situated in Florence, Italy.

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# Story 2013-09: Barcelona removed from the EBT

Published on 1 March 2013 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



Due to the local financial situation, it has unfortunately been necessary for the Catalan Bowling Federation to remove the 35 Trofeu Internacional Ciutat de Barcelona from the European Bowling Tour 2013.

The tournament has been an important part of the European Bowling Tour since 2001, where the tournament was included in the tour for the first time. The tournament has been with us ever since this 2nd edition of the tour, so we are for a period saying good bye to one of the real classic stops with a big historical depth.

We want to express our appreciation for the many years, where the Catalan Bowling Federation has contributed actively and positively to the development of the European Bowling Tour. We hope that we later will be able to present EBT stops in Barcelona again.

Investigations are at the moment on-going concerning a continuation of a changed 2013 issue of the tournament outside the European Bowling Tour.

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

06 / 20.05-26.05: Bowltech Aalborg International 2013 in Denmark (Silver)

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

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10 / 06.07-14.07: 9th Storm San Marino Open in San Marino (Gold)

11 / 20.07-28.07: Track Dream-Bowl Palace Open 2013 in Germany (Gold)

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19 / 04.12-10.12: Qatar Bowling Open in Qatar (Platinum)

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### Story 2013-10: ETBF's iCoach 2013 in Kuortane

Published on 6 March 2013 by Onder Gurkan

The registration of the 2nd ETBF International Coaching Conference (iCoach) has started. With a great success in 2011, we are happy to invite all coaches, bowlers and bowling friends to our 2013 event.

The iCoach 2013 will be held on 27-29 September in Kuortane Finland. Kuortane High Performance Training Centre, the official training and development centre of ETBF, will host the event.

The schedule of the iCoach 2013 is, based on demands from our guests in 2011, extended to three days and we provide more speakers and topics this year.

ETBF's Educational Committee also wishes to create an opportunity for our Level I and Level II coaches to upgrade their coaching levels with the latest ETBF programs by joining the conference. Accordingly Kuortane will also host a Level II clinic before (23-26 September) and a Level III clinic after (30 September-5 October) the iCoach conference. There will be combined fees for those who wish to attend more events.

You can read about the tentative schedule, the speakers, the topics, the fees, the registration and the travel options at the iCoach web site: <a href="https://www.bowlingconference.com">www.bowlingconference.com</a>.

Please join us again, to take our sport to a higher level!

Should you have any question, please do not hesitate to contact me, the chairman of our Education Committee, Mr. Onder Gurkan.

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# Story 2013-11: Name change in Munich

Published on 15 March 2013 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



As a consequence of a changed agreement with the sponsors, the name of the tournament of the 2nd tour stop in Munich this season has finally been decided to be Track Dream-Bowl Palace Open by Erdinger.

The website address of the tournament is <a href="www.trackopen.de">www.trackopen.de</a>.

The tournament will unchanged be conducted on 20-28 July 2013 in Dream-Bowl Palace in Unterföhring, situated near Munich in Germany.

#### Tournaments in the EBT 2013:

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

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19 / 04.12-10.12: Qatar Bowling Open in Qatar (Platinum)

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# Story 2013-12: Thanks from Roland's family

Published on 21 March 2013 by Roland Mück's Family

Thanks for all condolences which we have received after the pass away of Roland.

We would like to thank all who have shown their friendship, appreciation and respect in giving words of solace, flowers and donations.

Thanks are given to all who have escorted him on his final journey.

It is good to know that we are not alone in our mourning.

Christine, Stephanie, Annika and Benjamin Mück with families

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# Story 2013-13: Changes in Chandra Open

Published on 22 March 2013 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



The organizer of Chandra Open 2013, Chandra Bowling in Nieuwegein - The Netherlands, announces the following changes in the tournament:

One additional day, Sunday 15 September 2013, is added to the duration of the tournament, which will run in the period of 15 to 22 September 2013.

Two more players are added to the Early Bird qualifiers, increasing the number of players qualified to the final steps from 38 to 40.

The prize pool is increased from 24.600 € to 25.600 €.

Further details of the tournament are available in the Tournament Calendar at this site and at the website of the tournament <a href="https://www.chandra-open.nl">www.chandra-open.nl</a>.

The entry registration for the tournament will open on 3 April at 12.00.

#### 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 NL (Silver)
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# Story 2013-14: EBT 2013-04

Published on 24 March 2013 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



After being conducted 4 years in Thessaloniki (Greece) and 5 years in St. Maximin (France), Brunswick Euro Challenge celebrated its 10 years anniversary by being conducted in the bowling metropolis of Europe, Dream-Bowl Palace, which is situated in Unterföhring near Munich in Germany.

In squad 9, conducted on Friday 22 March at 13.00, we passed 100 players in a squad for the first time in the history of the tour, since 103 players and 1 pacer played the squad.

Already the day after, on Saturday 23 March, the record were broken both in Squad 13 at 12.00 and in Squad 14 at 16.00, where a total of 104 players twice were filling up the 52 lanes in Dream-Bowl Palace, providing a fantastic bowling scenery with a huge amount of top players, representing all corners of the World, performing at the lanes.

356 players had found their way to Dream-Bowl Palace, which is less than the 476 players, who took part in Brunswick Ballmaster Open in Helsinki in January. But while 959 entries were played in Helsinki, 973 entries were played in Munich, meaning that Brunswick Euro Challenge most likely again will be the tournament with the highest number of played entries in a year, like it happened also in 2012 (982 entries) and in 2011 (998 entries).

The high class field of players taking part in the tournament included a star parade of players from USA, Asia and Europe, all in all guaranteeing an extremely high quality and very competitive event.

In the second last step of the tournament we were down to a top 8 round robin, consisting of 7 one game matches, ending with a top 3 including Ronnie Russell from USA, Dominic Barrett from England and James Gruffman from Sweden, playing two stepladder matches to finally decide the winner, the runner up and the 3rd positioned player.

The matches went on as follows:

#### Match 1

Dominic Barrett, England - 207 James Gruffman, Sweden - 210

#### Match 2

Ronnie Russell, USA - 224 James Gruffman, Sweden - 210

Ronnie Russell from USA became the highest man in a tour stop for the first time in his career, and the same did Jazreel Tan from Singapore from position 17 in the tournament.

Ronnie Russell from USA is leading the men's division of the tour with 292 points (250 points in Munich), with Dominic Barrett from England at position 2 with 239 points (175 points in Munich) and James Gruffman from Sweden at position 3 with 200 points (all awarded in Munich).

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Mai Ginge Jensen From Denmark is leading the women's division of the tour with 290 points (200 points in Munich), with Jazreel Tan from Singapore at position 2 with 250 points (all awarded in Munich) and Britt Bröndsted from Denmark at position 3 with 190 points (40 points in Munich).

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# Story 2013-15: BNC Open upgrades to Gold

Published on 28 March 2013 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



The organizer of the BNC Open (EBT 2013 Stop 14) announces a significant increase of the prize pool with not less than 20.000 €; from the original prize pool of 42.000 € to the new prize pool of 62.000 €.

The organizer also announces an upgrade of the category of the tournament from EBT Silver to EBT Gold, which ensures more points (3 times points in the basic point list) to be awarded for the standings in the women's and the men's European Bowling Tour rankings.

The organizer finally announces a changed format, including more games in the final steps and a stepladder final including three steps with three players in the first two steps.

The BNC Open will, unchanged, be conducted on 23-29 September 2013 in Bratislava - Slovakia in bowling entre BNC, where also the EBT Masters 2013 will be conducted on 30 September, immediately followed by Vienna Open (EBT 2013 Stop 15) to be conducted on 1-6 October 2013 in Plus Bowling in Vienna.

Further details of the BNC Open are available in the Tournament Calendar at this site and at the website of the tournament <a href="https://www.bncopen.eu">www.bncopen.eu</a>.

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#### Story 2013-16: EYC 2013 in Vienna

Published on 31 March 2013 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen

In the European Youth Championships, conducted in Plus Halle in Vienna - Austria, Denmark took the first title, when Pernille Rasmussen and Pernille Nielsen won the Gold medal in Girls Doubles.

Hereafter it was an all English-Swedish affair in the next seven events.

England took the following four titles: Keira Reay in Girls Singles Keira Reay in Girls All Event Hadley Morgan in Boys Singles Hadley Morgan and Curtis Hooper in Boys Doubles

Sweden took the following three titles:

Annie Thorell, Lisa Björklund, Sandra Jonasson and Fanny Lindahl in Girls Team Jesper Svensson, Filip Wilhelmsson, Emil Nilsson and Pontus Andersson in Boys team Jesper Svensson in Boys All Event

When the players for the two Masters Finals were signed up, the scenery had changed to completely different countries and numerous of the favourites were eliminated over the day, like Sweden's Jesper Svensson (the Masters Champion in 2012) and Denmark's Pernille Rasmussen (the Masters runner-up in 2012).

In the Girls division, Amanda Larkin from Ireland came up against Andrea Hansen from Norway, with Amanda Larkin as the winner over 2 games, 215 vs. 177 and 207 vs. 162.

The match in the Boys division between Michail Tsimplakakis from Greece and David Vitek from Czech Republic ran over three games, with Michail Tsimplakakis as the winner 211 vs. 209, 208 vs. 215 and 248 vs. 229 in this extremely exiting match.

Congratulations to the two new European Youth Champions: Amanda Larkin from Ireland Michail Tsimplakakis from Greece

As much as 9 European Youth Championship records were broken in Vienna. Check the item Championships / Records / Girls or Boys at this site to see the records.

A total of 171 players (68 girls and 103 boys) had found their way to the 26th edition of the European Youth Championships in tenpin bowling.

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# Story 2013-17: Changes in Vienna

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Due to a sponsorship agreement, the organizer of the tournament in Vienna announces a name change from the 11th Vienna Open to the 11th Columbia 300 Vienna Open.

The duration of the tournament is extended with one day, so the tournament will start one day earlier; the tournament runs from 30 September until 6 October 2013.

The prize pool for the Singles Mixed competition in the tournament has been increased with  $4.500 \in$ , from  $60.400 \in$  to  $64.900 \in$ , while the tournament still keeps a prize pool of  $10.230 \in$  for the Doubles Mixed competition.

The organizer finally announces some minor changes in the format, where 9 players, previously 6, will qualify directly for the Final Step 2; even the total number of players qualified for the final steps remains the same as before, namely 64.

Further details of the 11th Columbia 300 Vienna Open are available in the Tournament Calendar at this site and at the website of the tournament <a href="https://www.viennaopen.com">www.viennaopen.com</a>.

#### Tournaments in the EBT 2013:

02 / 03.02-10.02:	Hammer Bronzen Schietspoel Tour. 2013 in NL (Silver)
03 / 11.02-17.02:	7th Internat. Wroclaw Open by Hammer in Poland (Satellite)
04 / 19.03-24.03:	Brunswick Euro Challenge in Germany (Platinum)
05 / 20.04-28.04:	QubicaAMF German Open 2013 in Germany (Gold)
06 / 20.05-26.05:	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)
10 / 06.07-14.07:	9th Storm San Marino Open in San Marino (Gold)
11 / 20.07-28.07:	Track Dream-Bowl Palace Open by Erdinger in Germany (Gold)
12 / 10.09-14.09:	Russian Open in Russia (Satellite)
13 / 15.09-22.09:	Chandra Open 2013 in Netherlands (Satellite)
14 / 23.09-29.09:	BNC Open in Slovakia (Gold)
15 / 01.10-06.10:	11th Columbia 300 Vienna Open in Austria (Gold)
16 / 04.10-13.10:	Norwegian Open 2013 in Norway (Satellite)
17 / 12.10-20.10:	Brunswick Etna Open in Italy (Satellite)

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

18 / 02.11-10.11: 2nd Florence International in Italy (Satellite) 19 / 04.12-10.12: Qatar Bowling Open in Qatar (Platinum)

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# Story 2013-18: Changes in Norwegian Open

Published on 12 April 2013 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



Due to a sponsorship agreement, the organizer of the tournament in Norway announces a name change from Norwegian Open 2013 to Norwegian Open 2013 by Brunswick.

The prize fund of the tournament is increased with 30.000 NOK (approx. 4.000 €), from 194.000 NOK (approx. 26.000 €) to 224.000 NOK (approx. 30.000 €).

The organizer introduces two Semi Final steps to be conducted on Saturday before the Final steps the following day. The highest positioned 12 players from the 2nd step of the Semi Final will qualify together with top 28 from the general standing to the final steps on Sunday.

The number of prizes has increased from 40 to 60, meaning that all players qualified for both the Semi Final and the Final will be awarded a prize.

Norwegian Open 2013 by Brunswick is conducted on 4-13 October 2013 in Veitvet Bowling Centre in Oslo.

Further details of Norwegian Open 2013 by Brunswick are available in the Tournament Calendar at this site and at the website of the tournament <a href="http://no.bowling.no">http://no.bowling.no</a>.

#### 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 NL (Silver)
03 / 11.02-17.02: 7th Internat. Wroclaw Open by Hammer in Poland (Satellite)
04 / 19.03-24.03: Brunswick Euro Challenge in Germany (Platinum)
05 / 20.04-28.04: QubicaAMF German Open 2013 in Germany (Gold)
06 / 20.05-26.05: 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)
10 / 06.07-14.07: 9th Storm San Marino Open in San Marino (Gold)
11 / 20.07-28.07: Track Dream-Bowl Palace Open by Erdinger in Germany (Gold)
12 / 10.09-14.09: Russian Open in Russia (Satellite)
13 / 15.09-22.09: Chandra Open 2013 in Netherlands (Satellite)
14 / 23.09-29.09: BNC Open in Slovakia (Gold)
15 / 01.10-06.10: 11th Columbia 300 Vienna Open in Austria (Gold)
16 / 04.10-13.10: Norwegian Open 2013 by Brunswick in Norway (Satellite)
17 / 12.10-20.10: Brunswick Etna Open in Italy (Satellite)
18 / 02.11-10.11: 2nd Florence International in Italy (Satellite)
19 / 04.12-10.12: Qatar Bowling Open in Qatar (Platinum)

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# Story 2013-19: EBT 2013-05

Published on 28 April 2013 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



The QubicaAMF German Open 2013 was conducted for the first time, when the A10 Bowling, situated in Wildau, a suburb of Berlin, opened its doors for the tournaments late April 2013.

The tournament, which is one of the new Gold tournaments on the tour, was well visited by 269 players, playing a total of 679 entries.

The final of the tournament became a women only affair between the home field favourite Lisa Kabowski and Sweden's Joline Persson Planefors. The tournament became a great success for a very well playing Joline Persson-Planefors who defeated Lisa Kabowski 488 (266+222) vs. 412 (190+222) in the two games final.

In the foregoing semi-finals, Lisa Kabowski defeated Mattias Olsson from Sweden 456 (201+255) vs. 420 (165+255), while Joline Persson-Planefors defeated Pasi Uotila from Finland 499 (252+247) vs. 458 (253+205).

Pasi Uotila became the highest man in a tour stop for the 5th time in his career, while Joline Persson-Planefors from Sweden became the highest ranked women in a tour stop for the 2nd time in her career.

Ronnie Russell from USA is leading the men's division of the tour with 292 points (not present in Berlin), with Pasi Uotila from Finland at position 2 with 285 points (150 points in Berlin) and Dominic Barrett from England at position 3 with 239 points (not present in Berlin).

Joline Persson-Planefors from Sweden is leading the women's division of the tour with 300 points (150 points in Berlin), with Mai Ginge Jensen from Denmark at position 2 (not present in Berlin) and Lisa Kabowski from Germany at position 3 with 260 points (120 points in Berlin).

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# **Story 2013-20: ECC 2015 in San Marino**

Published on 2 May 2013 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen

The ETBF Presidium has decided to appoint Federazione Sammarinese Bowling (San Marino Bowling Association) as host of the European Champions Cup 2015.

The championships, which will be conducted on 19-26 October 2015, will be held in the famous Rose'n Bowl, situated in Serravalle in San Marino.

The centre, which is housing and hosting the annual tour stop, San Marino Open, adopted in the European Bowling Tour since 2005, is well known for a very friendly attitude to top bowling and a very hospitable attitude to all guests attending.

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# Story 2013-21: NOC President from bowling

Published on 8 May 2013 by Addie Ophelders

Just recently our friend Julian Pace Bonello was elected as President of the Maltese Olympic Committee. To the best of our knowledge, Julian is the first official from the bowling family worldwide, who has been elected to that position; a well-deserved congratulations!

Because of being elected into that position, Julian had to give up his position as president of the Maltese Tenpin Bowling Association. Julian served in that position for 38(!!) years. Julian, however, stays as president of the Commonwealth Tenpin Bowling Federation.

We wish Julian all the best in his new position, and we are sure that he always will talk positive about our sport.

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# Story 2013-22: EBT Masters 2013 participants

Published on 24 May 2013 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



12 women and 12 men will participate in the 6th edition of the EBT Masters, which will be held in Bratislava, Slovakia on 30 September 2013 in Bowling Centre BNC.

The EBT Masters 2013 will be held just after the conclusion of the BNC Open (EBT 2013 Stop 14), which will be held in the same centre on 23-29 September 2013.

In each division of the EBT Masters, there will be 11 round robin matches, each over one game, followed by a three persons stepladder final, in which 2 one game matches is played to determine the winner in the men's respectively the women's division.

Players participating in the EBT Masters 2013 are the highest ranked bowlers in each division by the conclusion of the European Bowling Tour 2012.

No excuses have been received in the men's division, while two players in the women's division have been replaced; Rebecka Larsen from Sweden by Lisanne Breeschoten from The Netherlands and Cassie Staudinger from Australia by Ida Andersson from Sweden.

The following players will attend the EBT Masters 2013 in Bratislava.

#### **EBT Masters 2013 Women's Division**

Birgit Pöppler, Germany (1)
Sandra Andersson, Sweden (2)
Britt Bröndsted, Denmark (3)
Krista Pöllänen, Finland (4)
Nina Flack, Sweden (5)
Heidi Thorstensen, Norway (6)
Josefine Linderoth, Sweden (7)
Nicole Sanders, Netherlands (10)
Sascha Wedel, Denmark (11)
Joline Persson-Planefors, Sweden (12)
Lisanne Breeschoten, Netherlands (13)
Ida Andersson, Sweden (14)

#### EBT Masters 2013 Men's Division

Dominic Barrett, England (1)
Mika Koivuniemi, Finland (2)
Martin Larsen, Sweden (3)
Mike Fagan, USA (4)
Stuart Williams, England (5)
Thomas Larsen, Denmark (6)
Dennis Eklund, Sweden (7)
Osku Palermaa, Finland (8)
Sean Rash, USA (9)
Tommy Jones, USA (10)
Tony Ranta, Finland (11)
Paul Moor, England (12)

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# Story 2013-23: EBT 2013-06

Published on 27 May 2013 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



Björn Einar Rudshagen from Norway presented excellent bowling during Bowltech Aalborg International 2013, making it possible for him to capture the title in front of two Swedish players, Daniel Fransson and Dennis Eklund, at position 2 and 3. It was the first tour stop victory ever for Björn Einar Rudshagen.

In the 3rd step of the final, 18 players were playing 6 games starting from scratch, while 8 players continued to step 4, playing another 4 games to determine the final standing over a total of 10 games.

After the first 6 games, Björn Einar Rudshagen was leading with a total of 1435 pins in front of Daniel Fransson with 1382 pins, but the standing changed after the first game in step 4, where Daniel Fransson added a 279 game to his score, while the score of Björn Einar Rudshagen became 219.

Björn Einar Rudshagen continued, however, his high class performance with 218, 246 and 208 in the last three games, where the score of Daniel Fransson became 223, 169 and 221; producing a final standing with Björn Einar Rudshagen atop of the list with 2326 pins in front of Daniel Fransson with 2274 pins at position 2 and Dennis Eklund with 2229 pins at position 3.

Denmark's Britt Bröndsted became, via position 11 in the tournament, the highest ranked women for the 17th time in her career, nothing any other player is just near to match.

Ronnie Russell from USA is leading the men's division of the tour with 292 points (not playing in Aalborg), with Pasi Uotila from Finland at position 2 with 285 points (not playing in Aalborg) and Martin Larsen from Sweden at position 3 with 247 points (42 points in Aalborg).

Joline Persson-Planefors from Sweden is leading the women's division of the tour with 342 points (42 points in Aalborg), with Mai Ginge Jensen From Denmark at position 2 with 340 points (50 points in Aalborg) and Britt Bröndsted from Denmark with 290 points (100 points in Aalborg) at position 3.

The next stop, Odense International (26 May - 2 June) has already started in Odense Bowling Centre.

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# Story 2013-24: EBT 2013-07

Published on 2 June 2013 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



Odense Bowling Centre opened its doors for the 3rd consecutive issue of Odense International, when the tournament was conducted on 25 May - 2 June 2013.

103 players had found their way to Odense, which is the local capital of the Danish island Funen and the home town of the famous fairy tale poet Hans Christian Andersen.

32 players were qualified for the final, in which the 10 highest positioned players were starting step 1 with an advantage of awarded pins; 140 pins for the highest ranked, 120 pins for the second highest ranked down to 10 pins for the player rankled 10.

Top 16 after step 1 continued into step 2 with all awarded and knocked down pins from step 1 carried forward, while a final field of 8 players concluded the tournament by playing 7 one game round robin matches in step 3 of the final, carrying all pins from the two previous steps with them.

The final round robin was dominated by national Danish team players, with Frederik Öhrgaard in front most of the day, until Thomas Larsen and Mik Stampe begun to produce high class games in the middle of the round robin, giving a very tight standing at the end.

When the tournament was completed, Mik Stampe were left back as the successor with 4056 pins (246 excl. bonus in the last game) vs. 4056 to Thomas Larsen (212 excl. bonus in the last game) and 4026 to Frederik Öhrgaard at the following positions.

It was, as the scores are telling, a very exciting afternoon in Odense Bowling Centre, including a lot of good bowling.

Mik Stampe, who won Odense International in 2011, became the winner in Odense for the 2nd time in his career and the highest ranked man in a stop for the 2nd time, while Kamilla Kjeldsen from Denmark, from position 4 in the tournament, became the highest ranked women for the 12th time in her long and fantastic career.

The top of the men's ranking remained unchanged after the stop in Odense, with Ronnie Russell from USA in the lead with 292 points, followed by Pasi Uotila from Finland at position 2 with 285 points and Martin Larsen from Sweden at position 3 with 247 points.

Mai Ginge Jensen From Denmark is leading the women's division of the tour with 380 points (40 points in Odense), followed by Joline Persson-Planefors from Sweden at position 2 with 342 points (not playing in Odense) and Britt Bröndsted from Denmark at position 3 with 314 points (24 points in Odense).

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# Story 2013-25: European Bowling Tour 2014

Published on 9 June 2013 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



The schedule of the next tour in Europe, known as the European Bowling Tour 2014, has been decided by the ETBF Presidium. The schedule is presented below.

The EBT 2014, which is the 15th consecutive tour since the tour was organized for the first time in 2000, consists of 21 tournaments, conducted in 14 different member federations.

The tournament in Barcelona was earlier this year removed from the EBT 2013 as a consequence of the local financial situation; a situation which unfortunately also prevents the tournament from being included in the EBT 2014. We hope to see the tournament in Barcelona back in the European Bowling Tour at a later moment.

Missing in the tour schedule for 2014 is also the BNC Open in Bratislava; in 2013 conducted with a Gold status, followed by hosting the EBT Masters, but unfortunately not included in the EBT 2014. Also the BNC Open will hopefully be welcomed back at a later moment.

On a very positive page, we can report the come-back of Istanbul Bowling Open in the EBT schedule; made possible by Serdar Erdis, the new and also the first owner of the well-known Timeout Bowling Centre. The tournament in Istanbul is one of the classic events in the tour.

We are also warmly welcoming two completely new tournaments in the EBT 2014, namely Ekaterinburg Open 2014 (Russia) to be organized by the Bowling Federation of Sverdlovsk Region Ten Pin, and Gibraltar Open 2014 to be organized by the UK based company Matchpoint Tours.

The 21 tournaments in the EBT 2014 are divided in 4 categories:

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), 4 tournaments

EBT Satellite (minimum 20.000 € prize fund), 9 tournaments

The total prize fund in the EBT 2014 is approximately 1.1 million €; giving an average prize fund of approximately 51.000 € per stop.

The 12 highest ranked women and the 12 highest ranked men after 21 stops are qualified for the 8th EBT Masters; hosted on 6 July 2015 by the organizer of Brunswick Italy Challenge.

#### Tournaments in the EBT 2014:

01 / 03.01-12.01: Brunswick Ballmaster Open (FIN) - Gold

02 / 10.02-16.02: 8th International Wroclaw Open by Hammer (POL) - Satellite

03 / 23.02-02.03: Hammer Bronzen Schietspoel Tournament 2014 (NED) - Silver

04 / 15.03-23.03: Brunswick Euro Challenge (GER) - Platinum

05 / 24.03-29.03: Ekaterinburg Open 2014 (RUS) - Satellite

06 / 03.05-11.05: 9th Istanbul Bowling Open (TUR) - Gold

07 / 19.05-25.05: Bowling Aalborg International 2014 (DEN) - Silver

08 / 25.05-01.06: Odense International (DEN) - Satellite

09 / 21.06-29.06: II Brunswick Madrid Challenge (ESP) - Silver

10 / 28.06-06.07: Brunswick Italia Challenge (ITA) - Silver

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11 / 05.07-13.07: 10th San Marino Open (SMR) - Gold
12 / 15.07-20.07: QubicaAMF German Open 2014 (GER) - Gold
13 / 19.07-27.07: Track Dream-Bowl Palace Open by Erdinger (GER) - Gold
14 / 09.09-13.09: Russian Open (RUS) - Satellite
15 / 14.09-21.09: Chandra Open 2014 (NED) - Satellite
16 / 29.09-05.10: 12th Vienna Open (AUT) - Gold
17 / 03.10-12.10: Norwegian Open 2014 by Brunswick (NOR) - Satellite
18 / 04.10-12.10: Brunswick Etna Open (ITA) - Satellite
19 / 20.10-26.10: Gibraltar Open 2014 (GIB) - Satellite
20 / 01.11-09.11: 3rd Florence International (ITA) - Satellite
21 / 07.12-13.12: Qatar Bowling Open (QAT) - Platinum

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Story 2013-26: EBT 2013-08

Published on 30 June 2013 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



For the first time in the history of the European Bowling Tour, a stop was held in the Spanish Capital, Madrid.

156 players had found their way to the 20 lane host centre, Bowling Chamartín in Madrid, where the tournament was conducted under the name; the I Brunswick Madrid Challenge.

The final of the tournament introduced 7 steps, of which step 1 included 30 players, playing 4 games from scratch, while step 2 and step 3 included 20 players, in each step playing 4 games from scratch.

10 players continued into step 4, playing yet another 4 games with the pin fall from step 3 carried forward and the highest 6 players continuing to the next steps as follows: the highest positioned directly to step 7, the second highest positioned directly to step 6 and the 4 other players to step 5.

In Step 5, 4 players, seeded 3-6 in step 4, were meeting over one game and only the winner continued to the next step. The players scored as followed: Pasi Uotila from Finland 258, Osku Palermaa from Finland 237, Sandra Andersson from Sweden 227 and Perttu Jussila from Finland 180.

In Step 6 we were faced with another one game match, bowled between the winner of the foregoing step Pasi Uotila from Finland and the second positioned in step 4, Stuart Williams from England, with Pasi Uotila as the successor with 213 pins against William's 190.

Finally in step 7, the final of the tournament, we had Pasi Uotila up against Paul Moor from England and Moor became a clear winner with 212 against Uotila's 161.

Sandra Andersson became the highest ranked in the women's division for the 2nd time in her career, while Paul Moor became the highest ranked in the men's division of not less than the 12th time in his fantastic career.

Paul Moor's last win is dated back to 2009, so it is obvious that Paul must be very excited about this particular win, which proves his comeback atop of the international scene.

Pasi Uotila from Finland is leading the men's division of the tour with 365 points (80 points in Madrid), with Ronnie Russell from USA at position 2 with 292 points (not attending the tournament in Madrid) and Dominic Barrett from England at position 3 with 285 points (46 points in Madrid).

Joline Persson-Planefors from Sweden is leading the women's division of the tour with 422 points (80 points in Madrid), with Mai Ginge Jensen from Denmark at position 2 with 380 points (not attending the tournament in Madrid) and Sandra Andersson from Sweden at position 3 with 357 points (100 points in Madrid).

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# Story 2013-27: EBT 2013-09

Published on 7 July 2013 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



Riccardo Piunti's Brunswick Italia Challenge was conducted in Bowling Red and Black in Asti, Italy on 29 June - 7 July 2013.

254 players had found their way to the tournament, which were conducted for the 3rd time in total and for the second time as a stop in the European Bowling Tour

52 players was qualified for the final, of which top 8 was waiting until step 3, before they entered the lanes in Asti.

The format of the final opened with 44 players, bowling 4 games starting from scratch, continuing into step 2 with top 24 from step 1 playing another 4 games with half of the pin fall from step 1 carried forward.

In step 3, top 8 from step 2 was joined by top 8 from the qualification, adding the remaining total up to 16 players. These 16 players were divided in 4 pools of each 4 players, playing 3 rounds, where the lowest scoring player over 2 games total was leaving the tournament after each round.

The 4 pool winners were then brought together in a 3 games round robin final, in which Yoan Alix from France, Robert Andersson from Sweden, Marek Talpa from Czech Republic and Reyna Alejandro from Costa Rica were taking part.

Marek Talpa had in many ways a great tournament and became the first winner of a tour stop from the Czech Republic ever. In the final his score became 745 including bonus, followed by Robert Andersson from Sweden with 666 at position 2, Alejandro Reyna from Costa Rica (a first timer on the tour) with 639 at position 3 and finally Yoan Alix from France with 574 at position 4.

This was a fantastic achievement of the young bowler from Olomouc in the Czech Republic and for bowling in his country as well. Huge congratulations for that great victory!

It was obviously the first high ranked position in the men's division of the European Bowling Tour for Marek Talpa, while Mai Ginge Jensen, who came as far as the last round in step 3 of the final, became the highest ranked in the women's division for the 6th time in her career.

Pasi Uotila from Finland is leading the men's division of the tour with 365 points (not attending the tournament in Asti), with Dominic Barrett from England at position 2 with 329 points (44 points in Asti) and Ronnie Russell from USA at position 3 with 292 points (not attending the tournament in Asti).

Mai Ginge Jensen from Denmark is leading the women's division of the tour with 480 points (100 points in Asti), with Joline Persson-Planefors from Sweden at position 2 with 466 points (44 points in Asti) and Sandra Andersson from Sweden at position 3 with 407 points (50 points in Asti).

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### Story 2013-28: EBT 2013-10

Published on 14 July 2013 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



In fantastic Rose'n Bowl, situated in Serravalle - San Marino, the 9th San Marino Open was conducted on 6-14 July 2013, as the 10th stop of the European Bowling Tour 2013.

48 players was qualified for the final, of which players positioned 1-8 in the qualification was qualified directly to step 3, while players positioned 9-16 was qualified directly to step 2.

32 players bowled 4 games from scratch in the first step, while top 16 continued together with players positioned 9-16 in the qualification, playing another 4 games from scratch in step 2.

Top 8 from step 2 was joined by top 8 from the qualification, playing yet another 4 games from scratch, delivering 4 players to three one game stepladder matches in step 4.

The matches went on as follows:

#### Match 1

Martin Larsen, Sweden, 250 Dominic Barrett, England, 215

#### Match 2

Martin Larsen, Sweden, 213 Osku Palermaa, Finland, 199

#### Match 3

Martin Larsen, Sweden, 235 Petteri Salonen, Finland, 207

It was the first win for Martin Larsen in the EBT in about two years. Marin Larsen won last time the 33 Trofeu Internacional Ciutat de Barcelona in July 2011.

From a position 9 in the tournament, Rebecka Larsen from Sweden became the highest ranked in the women's division for the 3rd time in her career, while Martin Larsen became the highest ranked in the men's division for the 7th time in his career.

Martin Larsen from Sweden is leading the men's division of the tour with 423 points (150 points in San Marino), with Dominic Barrett from England at position 2 with 419 points (90 points in San Marino) and Osku Palermaa from Finland at position 3 with 389 points (105 points in San Marino)

Joline Persson-Planefors from Sweden is leading the women's division of the tour with 556 points (90 points in San Marino), with Mai Ginge Jensen from Denmark at position 2 with 480 points (not attending the tournament in San Marino) and Sandra Andersson from Sweden at position 3 with 407 points (not attending the tournament in San Marino).

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### Story 2013-29: EBT 2013-11

Published on 28 July 2013 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



Dream Bowl Palace in Unterföhring near Munich in Germany is still a young bowling centre, but it has already housed several championships and stops in the European Bowling Tour.

Late July 2013 the beautiful 52 lane centre conducted Stop 11 of the EBT 2011, the Track Dream-Bowl Palace Open by Erdinger, hosted by EMAX Bowling Service and Dream-Bowl Palace with 183 players taking part.

64 players was qualified for the final, of which players positioned 1-8 in the qualification was qualified directly to step 3, while players positioned 9-16 was qualified directly to step 2.

48 players bowled 4 games from scratch in the first step, while top 24 continued together with players positioned 9-16 in the qualification, playing another 4 games from scratch in step 2.

Top 16 from step 2 was joined by top 8 from the qualification, playing yet another 4 games from scratch, providing 12 players to the following three elimination steps, each consisting of 3 games with the pin fall from each preceding step carried into the step.

By the conclusion of the 3 games played in Step 4 (7 games in total), we said good bye to Richard Teece from England at position 9 with 1509 pins, the local Munich player Hansi Glasl at position 10 with 1492 pins, Bodo Konieczny from Germany at position 11 with 1469 pins and Timo Schröder from Germany at position 12 with 1453 pins.

By the end of Step 5, after 10 games in total, another 4 players left the final, namely Tobias Börding from Germany at position 5 with 2214 pins, Chris Klerk from USA at position 6 with 2171 pins, Thomas Larsen from Denmark at position 7 with 2156 pins and Sascha Wedel from Denmark at position 8 with 2139 pins.

Left back, to play the last 3 games, were the following 4 players:

- 1. Joonas Jehkinen from Finland, 2332 pins
- 2. Mai Ginge Jensen from Denmark, 2281 pins
- 3. Björn Einar Rudshagen from Norway, 2251 pins
- 4. Daniel Fransson from Sweden, 2236 pins

And the standing remained the same after the last three games:

- 1. Joonas Jehkinen from Finland, 3086 pins
- 2. Mai Ginge Jensen from Denmark, 3031 pins
- 3. Björn Einar Rudshagen from Norway, 2885 pins
- 4. Daniel Fransson from Sweden, 2835 pins

Mai Ginge Jensen became the highest ranked women in a tour stop for the 7th time in her career, while Joonas Jehkinen became the highest ranked in the men's division for the first time in his career.

Martin Larsen from Sweden is leading the men's division of the tour with 423 points (not attending the tournament in Munich), with Dominic Barrett from England at position 2 with 419

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points (not attending the tournament in Munich) and Thomas Larsen from Denmark at position 3 with 411 points (72 points in Munich)

Mai Ginge Jensen from Denmark is leading the women's division of the tour with 630 points (150 points in Munich), with Joline Persson-Planefors from Sweden at position 2 with 556 points (not attending the tournament in Munich) and Rebecka Larsen from Sweden at position 3 with 416 points (105 points in Munich).

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#### Story 2013-30: World Games in Colombia

Published on 6 August 2013 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen

Two European players claimed the singles titles during the bowling competition of the World Games, which were held in Cali, Colombia in the first days of August 2013.

The World Games is a multi-sports event for many different sports, not actually at the Olympic program. Bowling has been at the World Games program since 1981.

In the bowling competition of the games, 24 federations, 8 from each zone, are allowed to send one male and one female player. In Europe the 8 federations are qualified according to a point system in use during the preceding European Champions Cup. In this case, the 8 European federations were qualified during the ECC 2012 in Den Hague, The Netherlands.

Europe was at the World Games 2013 represented by England, Finland, France, Germany, Italy, Malta, Norway and Ukraine.

The bowling competitions of the World Games consist of three events, namely Singles Women, Singles Men and Mix Doubles.

The young Ukrainian player, Daria Kovalova, who already has numerous international titles on her list of merits, claimed the singles title by a glorious win over Kelly Kulick from USA with a very small margin 428 (218+210) vs. 425 (238+187) in the two games final of the women's singles competition.

In the foregoing one game Semi Final, Daria Kovalova defeated Karen Marcano from Venezuela 257 vs. 225.

The men's final became an all European affair, where Finland's well known Osku Palermaa met Norway's Mads Sandbäkken over two games; and even Sandbäkken played well, he had with a score of 441 (217+224) no chance against Palermaa's fantastic 537 (259+278).

In the foregoing one game Semi Final, Palermaa had another superior win over Hwang Dongjun from Korea, 267 vs. 182.

The medals in the Mix Doubles event were taken by USA (gold), Canada (silver) and Mexico (bronze).

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#### **Story 2013-31: World Senior Championships**

Published on 17 August 2013 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen

The first ever held WTBA World Senior Championships (50+) were conducted in Red Rock Lanes in Las Vegas - Nevada (USA) on 9–16 August 2013.

The championships were attended by 90 women and 123 men, representing 33 different federations in the World.

Each team consisted of a maximum of 4 players, competing in Singles, Doubles, Team of Four, All Event and Masters.

The championships were to a very high degree dominated by the host federation USA and Sweden, since the two countries took 9 out of 10 titles and in total 28 out of 38 medal sets.

Team USA took 6 titles as follows: Singles Women: Lucy Sandelin All Event Women: Robin Romeo Masters Women: Robin Romeo

Doubles Men: Hugh Miller and Ron Mohr

All Event Men: Ron Mohr Masters Men: Hugh Miller

Team Sweden took 3 titles as follows:

Team of Four Women: Lena Sulkanen, Christel Carlsson, Ann-Ki Larsson and Susanne Olsson

Singles Men: Christer Danielsson

Team of Four Men: Jan Nordberg, Christer Pettersson, Stefan Yngström, Christer Danielsson

The 10th titles went to Mexico by Veronica Berumen and Teresa Piccini, who captured the gold medal in the women's doubles.

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#### Story 2013-32: Russian Open in 2013

Published on 26 August 2013 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



Due to a sponsorship agreement, the organizer of the tournament in Russia announces a name change from Russian Open to RedExpress Russian Open 2013.

The tournament will unchanged be conducted on 10-14 September 2013 in the bowling centre "Cosmik Belaya Dacha", which is situated in Moscow.

Further details of the RedExpress Russian Open 2013 are available in the Tournament Calendar at this site and at the website of the tournament <a href="https://www.russianopenbowling.ru">www.russianopenbowling.ru</a>.

#### Tournaments in the EBT 2013:

18 / 02.11-10.11: 2nd Florence International (ITA) - Satellite 19 / 04.12-10.12: Qatar Bowling Open (QAT) - Platinum

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#### Story 2013-33: Russian Open in 2014

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#### Tournaments in the EBT 2014:

01 / 03.01-12.01:	Brunswick Ballmaster Open (FIN) - Gold
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02 / 10.02-16.02: 8th International Wroclaw Open by Hammer (POL) - Satellite

03 / 23.02-02.03: Hammer Bronzen Schietspoel Tournament 2014 (NED) - Silver

04 / 15.03-23.03: Brunswick Euro Challenge (GER) - Platinum

05 / 24.03-29.03: Ekaterinburg Open 2014 (RUS) - Satellite

06 / 03.05-11.05: 9th Istanbul Bowling Open (TUR) - Gold

07 / 19.05-25.05: Bowling Aalborg International 2014 (DEN) - Silver

08 / 25.05-01.06: Odense International (DEN) - Satellite

09 / 21.06-29.06: II Brunswick Madrid Challenge (ESP) - Silver

10 / 28.06-06.07: Brunswick Italia Challenge (ITA) - Silver

11 / 05.07-13.07: 10th San Marino Open (SMR) - Gold

12 / 15.07-20.07: QubicaAMF German Open 2014 (GER) - Gold

13 / 19.07-27.07: Track Dream-Bowl Palace Open by Erdinger (GER) - Gold

14 / 09.09-13.09: RedExpress Russian Open 2014 (RUS) - Satellite

15 / 14.09-21.09: Chandra Open 2014 (NED) - Satellite

16 / 29.09-05.10: 12th Vienna Open (AUT) - Gold

17 / 03.10-12.10: Norwegian Open 2014 by Brunswick (NOR) - Satellite

18 / 04.10-12.10: Brunswick Etna Open (ITA) - Satellite

19 / 20.10-26.10: Gibraltar Open 2014 (GIB) - Satellite

20 / 01.11-09.11: 3rd Florence International (ITA) - Satellite

21 / 07.12-13.12: Qatar Bowling Open (QAT) - Platinum

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#### Story 2013-34: World Championships 2013

Published on 1 September 2013 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen

Team Finland was outstanding at the very last event, the men's team event, of the World Championships, held in the last part of August 2013 in Henderson (situated near to Las Vegas) in Nevada, USA.

In a very exciting and very well played final, the team from Finland was defeating the team from USA 1183 vs. 1126. The team from Finland consisted of Perttu Jussila (206), Tony Ranta (236), Petteri Salonen (258), Pasi Uotila (279) and Osku Palermaa (204).

This fantastic team final was a repetition of the team final from the WMC 2010, where the team from USA was defeating the team from Finland 1073 vs. 1057.

For the men's team event in Henderson, it is also important to mention the Danish bronze medal for a team consisting of Jimmy Mortensen, Frederik Öhrgaard, Mik Stampe, Carsten W. Hansen and Thomas Larsen.

Another 6 European medal sets were won as follows:

<u>Women's Trios: Bronze for England</u> Autum Chamberlain, Hayley Rumkee and Lisa John

<u>Women's All Event: Bronze for Latvia</u> Diana Zavjalova

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Men's Singles: Silver for Germany Bodo Konieczny

Men's Singles: Bronze for Sweden

Martin Larsen

Men's Doubles: Bronze and Silver for Finland Pasi Uotila and Osku Palermaa (Silver) Joonas Jehkinen and Petteri Salonen (Bronze)

No more medal sets than these eight were won by players from Europe,

Korea became the best nation at the championships with 5 gold, 4 silver and 5 bronze medals, while USA followed very closely after; by winning 5 gold, 4 silver and 4 bronze medals. The two countries won not less than 27 out of 46 medal sets.

36 federations qualified for the championships and 36 federations attended; a very impressive number, where only 4 female players were missing, meaning that the contingent of players became as high as 216 men and 212 women.

The championships were the first combined World Championships held since 2003 in Kuala Lumpur. The next combined World Championships will be held in 2017; host still to be found.

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#### Story 2013-35: EBT 2013-12

Published on 15 September 2013 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



The young and very talented Maria Bulanova from Russia took her first tour stop title, when she at the RedExpress Russian Open 2013 defeated Mykhaylo Kalika from Ukraine 420 (220+200) vs. 413 (183+230) in a tight 2 games final.

In the semi-finals, where Mykhaylo Kalika was accompanied by three Russian women, Mykhaylo Kalika defeated Varvara Korobkova 448 (236+212) vs. 398 (200+198), while Maria Bulanova defeated Alena Korobkova 458 (211+247) vs. 381 (175+206).

The tournament also included a match for position 3 and 4, in which Alena Korobkova defeated Varvara Korobkova 425 (222+203) vs. 413 (184+229).

152 players had found their way to the RedExpress Russian Open 2013, which were conducted in Cosmik Belay Dacha in Moscow.

Maria Bulanova became the highest ranked women in a tour stop for the first time in her career, while Mykhaylo Kalika became the highest ranked man for the second time in his career. The tournament in Moscow did not provide any new players in the two top 12 standings.

Martin Larsen from Sweden is leading the men's division of the tour with 423 points in front of Dominic Barrett from England at position 2 with 419 points and Thomas Larsen from Denmark at position 3 with 411 points.

Mai Ginge Jensen from Denmark is leading the women's division of the tour with 630 points in front of Joline Persson-Planefors from Sweden at position 2 with 556 points and Rebecka Larsen from Sweden at position 3 with 416 points.

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## Story 2013-36: EBT Masters 2016

Published on 16 September 2013 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



The ETBF Presidium announces the venue of the EBT Masters 2016 to be Rose'n Bowl in Serravalle, San Marino.

The EBT Masters 2016 will be conducted on Monday 18 July 2016, following the conclusion of the 12th San Marino Open.

The EBT Masters 2016 is the final of the European Bowling Tour 2015.

The EBT Masters will in the coming years be conducted as follows: On 30 September 2013 in Bowling Centre BNC in Bratislava, Slovakia On 3 March 2014 in Dolfijn Bowling in Tilburg, The Netherlands On 6 July 2015 in Bowling Red & Black in Asti, Italy

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## Story 2013-37: QubicaAMF German Open 2014

Published on 17 September 2013 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



The organizer of the QubicaAMF German Open 2014 has decided to move their tournament from 15-20 July 2014 to 23-28 September 2014.

The tournament will unchanged be conducted in A10 Bowling, situated in Wildau, a suburb to the German capital Berlin.

Further details of the QubicaAMF German Open 2014 are available in the Tournament Calendar at this site and at the website of the tournament www.qubicaamf-german-open.de.

#### Tournaments in the EBT 2014:

01 / 03.01-12.01:	Brunswick	Ballmaster	Open (	(FIN	) - Gold
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- 02 / 10.02-16.02: 8th International Wroclaw Open by Hammer (POL) Satellite
- 03 / 23.02-02.03: Hammer Bronzen Schietspoel Tournament 2014 (NED) Silver
- 04 / 15.03-23.03: Brunswick Euro Challenge (GER) Platinum
- 05 / 24.03-29.03: Ekaterinburg Open 2014 (RUS) Satellite
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- 07 / 19.05-25.05: Bowling Aalborg International 2014 (DEN) Silver
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- 09 / 21.06-29.06: II Brunswick Madrid Challenge (ESP) Silver
- 10 / 28.06-06.07: Brunswick Italia Challenge (ITA) Silver
- 11 / 05.07-13.07: 10th San Marino Open (SMR) Gold
- 12 / 19.07-27.07: Track Dream-Bowl Palace Open by Erdinger (GER) Gold
- 13 / 09.09-13.09: RedExpress Russian Open 2014 (RUS) Satellite
- 14 / 14.09-21.09: Chandra Open 2014 (NED) Satellite
- 15 / 23.09-28.09: QubicaAMF German Open 2014 (GER) Gold
- 16 / 29.09-05.10: 12th Vienna Open (AUT) Gold
- 17 / 03.10-12.10: Norwegian Open 2014 by Brunswick (NOR) Satellite
- 18 / 04.10-12.10: Brunswick Etna Open (ITA) Satellite
- 19 / 20.10-26.10: Gibraltar Open 2014 (GIB) Satellite
- 20 / 01.11-09.11: 3rd Florence International (ITA) Satellite
- 21 / 07.12-13.12: Qatar Bowling Open (QAT) Platinum

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#### Story 2013-38: EBT 2013-13

Published on 22 September 2013 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



For the third time Chandra Bowling in Nieuwegein - The Netherlands organized the Chandra Open, and for the third time the tournament was included in the program of the European Bowling Tour, this time as Stop 13 of the EBT 2013.

125 players had found their way to Nieuwegein, where the following format was offered for the final day:

32 players, which were player's positioned 9-30 in the qualification, 6 players from an early bird qualification and 4 players from the desperado squad, took off in Sunday morning with 4 games starting from scratch.

In stop 2, top 16 from step 1 was joined by top 8 from the qualification, forming a field of 24 players playing another 4 games starting from scratch.

In step 3, top 12 from step 2 was playing additionally 6 games with the pin fall from step 2 carried forward, concluding the tournament with a standing including a 10 games total.

Dominic Barrett from England was leading over the last many games of the final, but Richard Teece, also from England, played fabulously in the last two games, with game scores of 267 and 249, ending only 8 pins behind Dominic Barrett, so it became extremely exiting until the very last throw.

Top 4 in the tournament over the concluding 10 games:

2230: Dominic Barrett, England2222: Richard Teece, England2144: Tanner Spacey, USA2140: Stuart Williams, England

From a position 19, Lisanne Breeschoten from the Netherlands became the highest ranked women in a tour stop for the 4th time in her career, while Dominic Barrett became the highest ranked man in a tour stop for the 7th time in his career.

In the men's division of the tour the leadership changed, since Dominic Barrett from England captured the actual leading position with 469 points (50 points in Nieuwegein) with Martin Larsen from Sweden at position 2 with 423 points (not present in Nieuwegein) and Thomas Larsen from Denmark at position 3 with 411 points (not present in Nieuwegein).

Nothing changed at the top 12 in the women's division of the tour, where Mai Ginge Jensen from Denmark is leading with 630 points in front of Joline Persson-Planefors from Sweden with 556 points at position 2 and Rebecka Larsen from Sweden with 416 points at position 3.

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## Story 2013-39: WMC 2014

Published on 26 September 2013 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen

As a consequence of a clash between the Central American and Caribbean Games 2014, in which bowling is on the programme, and the World Men Championships 2014 in Abu Dhabi - UAE, the host and WTBA have agreed upon a slightly changed conduction period of the World Men Championships 2014.

Originally the World Men Championships 2014 was scheduled for 18-29 November 2014, but the championships will instead be conducted on 8-19 November 2014.

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#### Story 2013-40: EBT 2013-14

Published on 29 September 2013 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



A massive hosting is going on in Bratislava's Bowling Centre BNC these months, beginning with the BNC Open on 22-29 September, the EBT Masters 2013 on 30 September and the European Champions Cup 2013 on 21-28 October.

The first of this trio's of events, the BNC Open, was for the first time conducted as a Gold Tournament this week. The tournament was the 14th stop in the European Bowling Tour 2013.

In a combination of the higher tournament status, the 24 players from the EBT Masters all being signed up for the tournament, and the new twin-tournament status with Vienna Open, a much higher number of top players had found their way to Bratislava, than the previous years.

As a matter of fact, not less than 216 players, from as much as 25 different member federations, was visiting the very hospitable Bowling Centre BNC and not least the hard working and dynamic duo behind the tournament; Radek Pospisil and Dasa Pospisilova.

The tournament was concluded by three steps in a stepladder final, including 6 players, where players positioned 4, 5 and 6 in the previous step met in the first match, the winner of this step and players positioned 2 and 3 met in the second step and finally the winner of step 1 and the player positioned 1 met in the last step, all matches over one game.

In the first step of the final Tobias Börding from Germany (239) won against Dominic Barrett from England (206) and Pontus Andersson from Sweden (165).

In the first step of the final Joonas Jehkinen from Finland (235) won against Tobias Börding from Germeny (219) and Mika Koivuniemi from Finland (196).

Two players were left back for the final one game match ending with USA's Parker Bone III as the winner 255 vs. 218 for Joonas Jehkinen.

From a position 15 in the tournament, Martina Schütz from Germany became the highest ranked women in a tour stop for the 1st time in her career, which also was the case for Parker Bone III in the men's division.

Dominic Barrett from England is leading the men's division of the tour with 541 points (72 points in Bratislava), with Joonas Jehkinen from Finland at position 2 with 522 points (120 points in Bratislava) and Osku Palermaa from Finland at position 3 with 448 points (45 points in Bratislava).

Joline Persson-Planefors is leading the women's division of the tour with 676 points (120 points in Bratislava), with Mai Ginge Jensen from Denmark at position 2 with 630 points (not attending the tournament in Bratislava) and Sandra Andersson from Sweden at position 3 with 482 points (75 points in Bratislava).

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## Story 2013-41: EBT Masters 2013

Published on 30 September 2013 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



The EBT Masters was conducted in its 6th edition, when Bowling Centre BNC in Bratislava offered its facilities for the event on 30 September 2013.

The EBT Masters 2013 was available for the 12 highest men and the 12 highest women by the conclusion at the European Bowling Tour 2012.

The format of the EBT Masters was 12 games qualification, divided over 2 blocks of 6 games, concluded by a 3 person's stepladder final in each division.

In the women's division the first match of the stepladder final was won by Ida Andersson from Sweden with 256 vs. 198 for Birgit Pöppler from Germany, while the final and decisive title match gave Lisanne Breeschoten from Netherlands a win over Ida Andersen 178 vs. 176.

In the men's division Martin Larsen, the winner of the EBT Masters 2012, captured the win in the first match with a score of 192 vs. 179 for Stuart Williams from England, while the title finally went to Tony Ranta from Finland, who defeated Martin Larsen 253 vs. 179 in the final match.

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#### Story 2013-42: Florence International in 2013

Published on 3 October 2013 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



Due to a sponsorship agreement, the organizer of the tournament in Florence has announced a name change from the 2nd Florence International to the 2nd Florence Ebonite International. The tournament, which is included in the EBT 2013 as Stop 18, will unchanged be conducted on 2-10 November 2013 in Crazy Bowling in Florence.

Further details of the 2nd Florence Ebonite International are available in the Tournament Calendar at this site and at the website of the tournament <a href="https://www.florenceopen.org">www.florenceopen.org</a>.

#### Tournaments in the EBT 2013:

01 / 04.01-13.01:	Brunswick	Ballmaster (	Open (	(FIN)	) -	Gold
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- 02 / 03.02-10.02: Hammer Bronzen Schietspoel Tournament 2014 (NED) Silver
- 03 / 11.02-17.02: 7th Internat. Wroclaw Open by Hammer (POL) Satellite
- 04 / 19.03-24.03: Brunswick Euro Challenge (GER) Platinum
- 05 / 20.04-28.04: QubicaAMF German Open 2013 (GER) Gold
- 06 / 20.05-26.05: Bowltech Aalborg International (DEN) Silver
- 07 / 26.05-02.06: Odense International (DEN) Satellite
- 08 / 22.06-30.06: I Brunswick Madrid Challenge (ESP) Silver
- 09 / 29.06-07.07: Brunswick Italia Challenge (ITA) Silver
- 10 / 06.07-14.07: 9th Storm San Marino Open (SMR) Gold
- 11 / 20.07-28.07: Track Dream-Bowl Palace Open by Erdinger (GER) Gold
- 12 / 10.09-14.09: RedExpress Russian Open 2013 (RUS) Satellite
- 13 / 15.09-22.09: Chandra Open 2013 (NED) Satellite
- 14 / 23.09-29.09: BNC Open (SVK) Gold
- 15 / 01.10-06.10: 11th Columbia 300 Vienna Open (AUT) Gold
- 16 / 04.10-13.10: Norwegian Open 2013 by Brunswick (NOR) Satellite
- 17 / 12.10-20.10: Brunswick Etna Open (ITA) Satellite
- 18 / 02.11-10.11: 2nd Florence Ebonite International (ITA) Satellite
- 19 / 04.12-10.12: Qatar Bowling Open (QAT) Platinum

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#### Story 2013-43: EBT 2013-15

Published on 6 October 2013 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



The 11th issue of the Vienna Open was as always played in the well-known Plus Halle, this year conducted under the name "the 11th Columbia 300 Vienna Open".

271 players had found their way to the tournament, which presented a number of tremendous high scores, among them a new all-time EBT record over the 6 games qualification; a score as high as 1614 pins, made by Finland's Osku Palermaa after the following fantastic series of games:

#### 279 + 247 + 257 + 273 + 279 + 279 = 1614.

After three steps of the final, we were left back with 4 top names for the stepladder final, mentioned in the seeded order:

Mika Koivuniemi, Finland Dominic Barrett, England Pasi Uotila, Finland Mike Fagan, USA

In the first step of the final, Pasi Uotila defeated Mike Fagan 242 vs. 207.

In the second step of the final, Pasi Uotila defeated Dominic Barrett 272 vs. 187.

In the third step of the final, which became a pure Finnish affair, Mika Koivuniemi defeated Pasi Uotila 258 vs. 237.

Kelly Kulick from USA became the highest ranked women for the second time, both in total and in Vienna (Kulick was positioned 28 in the tournament), while Mika Koivuniemi became the highest ranked man for the 8th time in his career.

Dominic Barrett from England is leading the men's division of the tour with 646 points (105 points in Vienna), with Joonas Jehkinen from Finland at position 2 with 522 points (0 points in Vienna) and Pasi Uotila from Finland at position 3 with 521 points (120 points in Vienna).

Joline Persson-Planefors is leading the women's division of the tour with 766 points (90 points in Vienna), with Mai Ginge Jensen from Denmark at position 2 with 696 points (66 points in Vienna) and Sandra Andersson from Sweden at position 3 with 542 points (60 points in Vienna).

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## Story 2013-44: Florence International in 2014

Published on 7 October 2013 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



As a consequence of a clash with the World Men Championships 2014, which period recently was moved to earlier in November than previously announced, the organizer of the 3rd Florence International has decided to move their tournament away from November 2014.

The 3rd Florence International will instead be conducted on 5-13 April 2014; still in in Crazy Bowling in Florence.

It is important to mention, that the period of the 2nd Florence Ebonite International WILL be conducted as previously announced, namely on 2-10 November 2013.

#### Tournaments in the EBT 2014:

18 / 03.10-12.10: Norwegian Open 2014 by Brunswick (NOR) - Satellite

19 / 04.10-12.10: Brunswick Etna Open (ITA) - Satellite 20 / 20.10-26.10: Gibraltar Open 2014 (GIB) - Satellite 21 / 07.12-13.12: Qatar Bowling Open (QAT) - Platinum

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Story 2013-45: EBT 2013-16

Published on 14 October 2013 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



James Gruffman from Sweden won his first tour stop title, when he in Oslo, during the Norwegian Open 2013 by Brunswick, produced a score of 1355 pins in the last decisive 6 games, only 2 games ahead of Svein Aake Ek from Norway at position 2 with 1353 pins and Osku Palermaa from Finland at position 3 with 1321 pins.

James Gruffman, who won the European Champions Cup in 2012 in The Netherlands, will defend his ECC Title the coming weeks, when the European Champions Cup in 2013 will be held in Bowling Centre BNC in Bratislava.

The tournament in Oslo presented, for the first time in the tour, two Semi Final steps on Saturday evening, from where Top 12 was qualified to the final Step 1 on Sunday morning.

Each of the final Steps 1-4 included 16 players, playing 3 games from scratch, while the last decisive Step 5 included 8 players, playing another 3 games with the pin fall from Step 4 carried forward.

James Gruffman's win is even more phenomenal, when it is taken into consideration that he started his final appearance already in the first step of the Semi Final Saturday evening; in other words: he was "walking" the whole way through 7 steps to claim the victory.

James Gruffman became the highest ranked in the men's division of the European Bowling Tour for the first time in his career, and the same happened for Annie Thorell from Sweden in the women's division of the tour. Annie Thorell ended her tournament participation at position 16 of the Final Step 4.

Dominic Barrett from England is leading the men's division of the tour with 646 points (not playing in Oslo), with Osku Palermaa from Finland at position 2 with 555 points (35 points in Oslo) and Joonas Jehkinen from Finland at position 3 with 522 points (not playing in Oslo).

Joline Persson-Planefors is leading the women's division of the tour with 766 points (not playing in Oslo), with Mai Ginge Jensen from Denmark at position 2 with 710 points (14 points in Oslo) and Sandra Andersson from Sweden at position 3 with 542 points (not playing in Oslo).

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Story 2013-46: EBT 2013-17

Published on 22 October 2013 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



Paul Moor from England took his second tour stop victory of the season, when he defeated three other players in the final round robin competition of the Brunswick Etna Open, conducted last week in Catania, which is situated at the southern part of Italy on the islands of Sicily.

It was the first time ever a tour stop was conducted in that part of Europe.

Paul Moor, who's score over the three games was 647 + 40 bonus points = 687, defeated Robert Anderson from Sweden (631 + 20 bonus points = 651), Ronnie Russell from USA (617 + 20 bonus points = 637) and Conti Giovanni from Italy (588 + 40 bonus points = 628).

By the victory in Catania, Paul Moor have been the highest ranked man in a tour stop not less than 13 times in his career, an honour he shares with Gery Verbruggen from Belgium and Osku Palermaa from Finland.

Giada Di Martino, from Italy, who only was missing 5 pins to reach the final top 4 battle, became the highest ranked women in a tour stop for the first time in her career.

None of the top rankings changed as a consequence of the tournament on Sicily.

Dominic Barrett from England is leading the men's division of the tour with 646 points in front of Osku Palermaa from Finland with 555 points at position 2 and Joonas Jehkinen from Finland with 522 points at position 3.

Joline Persson-Planefors from Sweden is leading the women's division of the tour with 766 points in front of Mai Ginge Jensen from Denmark with 710 points at position 2 and Sandra Andersson from Sweden with 542 points at position 3.

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#### Story 2013-47: ETBF Congress in Bratislava

Published on 25 October 2013 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen

The ordinary ETBF Congress was held on 20 October 2013 at Hotel Chopin in Bratislava, Slovakia.

At the congress the President of ETBF, Addie Ophelders, was re-elected for a new 4 year period, while Valgeir Gudbjartsson and Onder Gurkan were re-elected as Presidium members also for a 4 year period.

#### After these elections, the ETBF Presidium consists unchanged of:

Addie Ophelders, The Netherlands - President Kim Thorsgaard Jensen, Denmark - Vice President Valgeir Gudbjartsson, Iceland - Presidium member and Secretary General Roni Ashkenazi, Bulgaria - Presidium member Sergey Lisitsyn, Russia - Presidium member Onder Gurkan, Turkey - Presidium member

The congress adopted the following changes to the ETBF Constitution, all effective as of 1 January 2014.

#### No longer dual lane condition in championships

The European Women Championships, the European Men Championships and the European Champions Cup will be single lane condition championships as of 1 January 2014. The European Youth Championships was never a dual lane condition championship and will of course continue to be a single lane condition championship.

The changed lane condition policy for ETBF Championships also means that the Singles competition will return as the 6th medal event at the European Women Championships and the European Men Championships.

#### Hosts of championships in Europe

In future bid rounds for ETBF Championships, it will be possible to send the bid material to bowling centres, other companies, city organizations, event secretariats etc., and of course continuously and mandatorily to our member federations.

In cases where the ETBF Presidium wants to award the hosting right of a championship to another entity than a national member federation in Europe, the relevant federation must approve the decision or present a motivated objection.

#### Administration of scores and standings at championships

As a consequence of increased demands to the speed and the quality of the presentation of results and standings from ETBF's championships, followed by increased demands to a very detailed technical knowledge from each host organization, it was decided to move the responsibility of these tasks from the host organizers to ETBF.

Following this decision, ETBF will enter into a long term agreement with an external company, which will provide the necessary score system knowledge, result system software and web hosting for scores and standings.

In addition to the above, ETBF will increase its staff at championships from 3 to 4: the Championship Director, the Technical Delegate, a Kegel technician - and as of 2014 also an IT Delegate.

#### Unified rules for coaches and players at championships

ETBF's policies for uniforms, smoking and drinking, will as of 1 January 2014 also apply for coaches, working at ETBF Championships.

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These changes are in line with similar decisions taken recently at the Congress of the World Tenpin Bowling Association, for World Championships (women, men and combined), for World Youth Championships and for World Singles Championships.

It will hereafter be necessary for organizers to be able to identify a coach for each player, double, trio or team, which furthermore means that coaches must be signed up for competitions in entry forms just as players are.

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## Story 2013-48: ETBF Congress in Bratislava

Published on 27 October 2013 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen

It became a double Finnish triumph, when the 36th European Champions Cup was conducted in very friendly Bowling Centre BNC in Bratislava, under the leadership of the well-known organizers of BNC Open; Radek Pospisil and Dasa Pospisilova.

The ECC 2013 was the first bowling championships ever conducted in Slovakia, but it was surely one of the very well-organized of its kind.

Sanna Pasanen from Finland crowned the women's division by a 2-0 victory over Lisa John from England (215-201 and 237-192).

In the semi-finals of the women's division Sanna Pasanen defeated Isabella Hultin from Sweden 2-0 (226-211 and 217-166), while Lisa John defeated the ECC 2012 Champion, Daria Kovalova from Ukraine, 2-0 (235-181 and 194-179).

The other Finnish victory was made by up by the very well-known Kimmo Lehtonen, who defeated Richard Teece from England in the final 2-1 (181-238, 235-215 and 235-224).

In the semi-finals of the men's division Kimmo Lehtonen defeated Mads Sandbäkken from Norway 2-0 (243-189 and 226-201), while Richard Teece defeated Dennis Eklund from Sweden 2-0 (245-239 and 221-197).

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#### Story 2013-49: EBT 2013-18

Published on 12 November 2013 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



Kevin Karlsson from Sweden took his first tour stop title, when he defeated his fellow countryman Jesper Larsen 230 vs. 194 in the one game final of the 2nd Florence Ebonite International.

The tournament, which was conducted on 2-10 November in Crazy Bowling in Florence Italy, attracted 208 players.

In the second last step of the tournament (Step 5), a group of 4 was competing over 2 games, total pin fall, in which Kevin Karlsson scored 479, Jesper Larsen, 435, Jaroslav Lorenc from the Czech Republic 421 and Frederik Öhrgaard from Denmark 375.

Joline Persson-Planefors from Sweden, who qualified as the only women to Step 3 of the tournament, in which she became no. 3 in her group, became the highest ranked women in a tour stop for the 3rd time in her career.

None of the top rankings changed as a consequence of the tournament in Florence, other that Joline Persson-Planefors enlarged the gap to no 2 in the women's standing.

Dominic Barrett from England is leading the men's division of the tour with 646 points in front of Osku Palermaa from Finland with 555 points at position 2 and Joonas Jehkinen from Finland with 522 points at position 3.

Joline Persson-Planefors from Sweden is leading the women's division of the tour with 816 points in front of Mai Ginge Jensen from Denmark with 710 points at position 2 and Sandra Andersson from Sweden with 542 points at position 3.

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# Story 2013-50: EMC 2016 in Belgium

Published on 22 November 2013 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen

The ETBF Presidium has decided to award the hosting of the European Men Championships 2016 to Belgium.

The championships will be held on 17-28 August 2016 in Bowlingstones Bowling Centre, which is situated in the City of Wemmel; a suburb to the Belgian capital Brussels.

The centre, which keeps 36 lanes, was delivered by QubicaAMF, was opened in 2007.

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#### Story 2013-51: Changes in Italy

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The conduction period of Brunswick Etna Open, which will be played in Bowling La Plaja in Catania, situated on the South Italian Island Sicily, is changed from 4-12 October 2014 to 30 August - 7 September 2014.

The conduction period of the 3rd Florence International, which will be played in Crazy Bowling in Florence, is changed from 5-13 April 2014 to 11-19 October 2014.

#### Tournaments in the EBT 2014:

01 / 03.01-12.01: Brunswick Ballmaster Open (FII	IIN) - Gold
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- 02 / 10.02-16.02: 8th International Wroclaw Open by Hammer (POL) Satellite
- 03 / 23.02-02.03: Hammer Bronzen Schietspoel Tournament 2014 (NED) Silver
- 04 / 15.03-23.03: Brunswick Euro Challenge (GER) Platinum
- 05 / 24.03-29.03: Ekaterinburg Open 2014 (RUS) Satellite
- 06 / 03.05-11.05: 9th Istanbul Bowling Open (TUR) Gold
- 07 / 19.05-25.05: Bowling Aalborg International 2014 (DEN) Silver
- 08 / 25.05-01.06: Odense International (DEN) Satellite
- 09 / 21.06-29.06: II Brunswick Madrid Challenge (ESP) Silver
- 10 / 28.06-06.07: Brunswick Italia Challenge (ITA) Silver
- 11 / 05.07-13.07: 10th San Marino Open (SMR) Gold
- 12 / 19.07-27.07: Track Dream-Bowl Palace Open by Erdinger (GER) Gold
- 13 / 30.08-07.09: Brunswick Etna Open (ITA) Satellite
- 14 / 09.09-13.09: RedExpress Russian Open 2014 (RUS) Satellite
- 15 / 14.09-21.09: Chandra Open 2014 (NED) Satellite
- 16 / 23.09-28.09: QubicaAMF German Open 2014 (GER) Gold
- 17 / 29.09-05.10: 12th Vienna Open (AUT) Gold
- 18 / 03.10-12.10: Norwegian Open 2014 by Brunswick (NOR) Satellite
- 19 / 11.10-19.10: 3rd Florence International (ITA) Satellite
- 20 / 20.10-26.10: Gibraltar Open 2014 (GIB) Satellite
- 21 / 07.12-13.12: Qatar Bowling Open (QAT) Platinum

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# Story 2013-52: Changed period in Qatar

Published on 9 December 2013 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



The organizer of the tournament in Qatar, the Qatar Bowling Federation, has decided to change the period of Qatar Bowling Open from 7-13 December 2014 to 5-11 December 2014.

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

#### Tournaments in the FRT 2014:

Tournaments in	the EBT 2014:
01 / 03.01-12.01:	Brunswick Ballmaster Open (FIN) - Gold
02 / 10.02-16.02:	8th International Wroclaw Open by Hammer (POL) - Satellite
03 / 23.02-02.03:	Hammer Bronzen Schietspoel Tournament 2014 (NED) - Silver
04 / 15.03-23.03:	Brunswick Euro Challenge (GER) - Platinum
05 / 24.03-29.03:	Ekaterinburg Open 2014 (RUS) - Satellite
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12 / 19.07-27.07:	Track Dream-Bowl Palace Open by Erdinger (GER) - Gold
13 / 30.08-07.09:	Brunswick Etna Open (ITA) - Satellite
14 / 09.09-13.09:	RedExpress Russian Open 2014 (RUS) - Satellite
15 / 14.09-21.09:	Chandra Open 2014 (NED) - Satellite
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18 / 03.10-12.10:	Norwegian Open 2014 by Brunswick (NOR) - Satellite
19 / 11.10-19.10:	3rd Florence International (ITA) - Satellite
20 / 20.10-26.10:	Gibraltar Open 2014 (GIB) - Satellite
21 / 05.12-11.12:	Qatar Bowling Open (QAT) - Platinum

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## Story 2013-53: EBT 2013-19

Published on 10 December 2013 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



One of the two annual Platinum tournaments in the tour, the Qatar Bowling Open, concluded the European Bowling Tour 2013, as the tournament has done for numerous years already.

The tournament was, as always, conducted in Qatar Bowling Centre, situated in Doha; the capital of Qatar.

Before the tournament in Qatar, Joline Persson-Planefors from Sweden was 106 points ahead of Mai Ginge Jensen from Denmark, while third positioner Sandra Andersson from Sweden was more than 250 points away, so only two women had the opportunity to win the tour, but in the absence of Mai Ginge Jensen, the tour crown was awarded, for the second time in her career, to Joline Persson-Planefors already in advance.

Joline Persson Planefors' tour total became 936 points (120 points in Doha), Mai Ginge Jensen became the runner up with 710 points (not present in Doha) while Ida Andersson from Sweden took position three with 700 points (250 points in Doha).

Ida Andersson, who ended the tournament as the best women at position 9, became the highest ranked women in a tour stop for the first time in her career.

In the men's division, not less than six men had a chance to capture the title of the tour, which were headed by Dominic Barrett from England with a gap of 91 pins down to the nearest opponent. But despite the possibilities, the tour battle never became exiting, since Dominic Barrett kept played well, also in this tournament.

Dominic Barrett won the tour for the third time in his career (2010, 2012 and 2013) with 896 points (250 points in Doha) in front of Osku Palermaa with 675 points (120 points in Doha) and Thomas Larsen from Denmark with 615 points (150 points in Doha). Dominic Barrett from England won the tournament for the second time by defeating Mattias Olsson from Sweden after a very well-played final, 515 (257+258) vs. 467 (269+198).

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## Story 2013-54: Qualified for the Masters

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By the conclusion of the last stop in the European Bowling Tour 2013, the Qatar Bowling Open, the top ranked of both divisions can be presented.

Top 12 in each division are qualified for the 7th edition of the EBT Masters, which will be held in Tilburg, The Netherlands on 3 March 2014 after the conclusion of the Hammer Bronzen Schietspoel Tournament 2014.

Both tournaments will be conducted in the well-known Dolfijn Bowling in Tilburg.

Qualified for the women's division in the EBT Masters 2014						
1	Joline Persson-Planefors	Sweden	936			
2	Mai Ginge Jensen	Denmark	710			
3	Ida Andersson	Sweden	700			
4	Sandra Andersson	Sweden	652			
5	Jenny Wegner	Sweden	564			
6	Britt Bröndsted	Denmark	456			
7	Rebecka Larsen	Sweden	416			
8	Isabelle Hultin	Sweden	385			
9	Sascha Wedel	Denmark	354			
10	Lisa Kabowski	Germany	350			
11	Birgit Pöppler	Germany	344			
12	Martina Schütz	Germany	327			
	The first substitut	es				
13	Cheska Tomas	Netherlands	325			
14	Caroline Jonsson	Sweden	322			
15	Marjo Pöntinen	Finland	294			
16	Lisanne Breeschoten	Netherlands	277			

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Qualified for the men's division in the EBT Masters 2014							
1	Dominic Barrett	England	896				
2	Osku Palermaa	Finland	675				
3	Thomas Larsen	Denmark	615				
4	Martin Larsen	Sweden	530				
5	Joonas Jehkinen	Finland	522				
6	Pasi Uotila	Finland	521				
7	Paul Moor	England	513				
8	Daniel Fransson	Sweden	460				
9	Mika Koivuniemi	Finland	454				
10	Robert Andersson	Sweden	434				
11	Björn Einar Rudshagen	Norway	396				
12	Mattias Olsson	Sweden	380				
	The first substitute	es					
13	Jesper Svensson	Sweden	355				
14	Richard Teece	England	349				
15	Martin Paulsson	Sweden	328				
16	Ronnie Russell	USA	327				

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## Story 2013-55: Name change in Aalborg

Published on 27 December 2013 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



As a consequence of a sponsor agreement, the organizer of the tournament in Aalborg has decided to change the name of Stop 07 in the European Bowling Tour 2014; from Bowling Aalborg International to Kegel Aalborg International.

The tournament will unchanged be conducted on 19-25 May 2014 in Lovvang Bowling Centre in Aalborg, Denmark.

#### Tournaments in the EBT 2014:

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- 21 / 05.12-11.12: Qatar Bowling Open (QAT) Platinum

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## Story 2013-56: San Marino moves a week

Published on 28 December 2013 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



The organizer of the tournament in San Marino has decided to change the period of the 10th San Marino Open from 5-13 July 2014 to 12-20 July 2014.

The tournament, which is adopted in the EBT 2014 as Stop 11, will as always be conducted in the well-known Rose'n Bowl, situated in Serravalle in San Marino.

#### Tournaments in the EBT 2014:

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	h International Wroclaw Open by Hammer (POL) - Satellite
	immer Bronzen Schietspoel Tournament 2014 (NED) - Silver
	unswick Euro Challenge (GER) - Platinum
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