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Story 2015-01: Name change in Vienna

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Due to a sponsorship agreement, the organizer of the tournament in Vienna announces a name change from the 13th Vienna Open to the 13th Columbia 300 Vienna Open.

The tournament will unchanged be conducted in the very well-known Plus Bowling in Vienna on 28 September - 4 October 2015.

Further details of the 13th Columbia 300 Vienna Open are available in the Tournament Calendar at this site and at the website of the tournament www.viennaopen.com.

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- 03 / 08.02-15.02: Hammer Bronzen Schietspoel Tournament 2015 (NED) – Silver
- 04 / 18.02-22.02: 9th International Wroclaw Open by Hammer (POL) – Satellite
- 05 / 04.03-08.03: Gibraltar Open 2015 (GIB) – Satellite
- 06 / 10.03-14.03: Ekaterinburg Open 2015 (RUS) – Satellite
- 07 / 14.03-22.03: Brunswick Euro Challenge (GER) – Platinum
- 08 / 02.05-10.05: 10th Istanbul Bowling Open (TUR) – Gold
- 09 / 18.05-24.05: Kegel Aalborg International 2015 (DEN) – Silver
- 10 / 24.05-31.05: Odense International (DEN) – Satellite
- 11 / 22.06-28.06: Polish Open (POL) – Satellite
- 12 / 27.06-05.07: III Brunswick Madrid Challenge (ESP) – Silver
- 13 / 11.07-19.07: 11th San Marino Open (SMR) – Gold
- 14 / 18.07-26.07: Track Dream-Bowl Palace Open by Erdinger (GER) – Gold
- 15 / 29.08-06.09: Brunswick Etna Open (ITA) – Satellite
- 16 / 11.09-13.09: Russian Open (RUS) – Satellite
- 17 / 13.09-20.09: Chandra Open 2015 (NED) – Satellite
- 18 / 28.09-04.10: 13th Columbia 300 Vienna Open (AUT) – Gold
- 19 / 02.10-11.10: Norwegian Open 2015 by Brunswick (NOR) – Satellite
- 20 / 31.10-08.11: 4th Florence International (ITA) – Satellite
- 21 / 23.11-29.11: Qatar Bowling Open (QAT) - Platinum

Story 2015-02: EBT 2015-01

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One of the top tournaments in Europe, and indeed one of the most famous, Brunswick Ballmaster Open, had this year upgrade its EBT status to Platinum, which among other characteristics indicates a prize pool higher than 100.000 €.

Brunswick Ballmaster Open was conducted in just as famous Tali Bowl, situated in Finland's capital Helsinki, on 2-11 January 2015.

The number of participants in Helsinki is always outstanding, and the 2015 issue of the tournament was no exception; as much as 494 players, playing as many as 968 entries, had found their way to this beautiful bowling alley.

The beginning of Brunswick Ballmaster Open on 2 January marked for the 16th time in a row the beginning of a new European Bowling Tour, this time the EBT 2015.

48 players continued to the first step of 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 into totals of 23 games including bonus points (30/15) won in the round robin.

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

Match 1

Kimmo Lehtonen, Finland – 233

Joonas Jehkinen, Finland – 238

Match 2

Joonas Jehkinen, Finland – 243

Martin Larsen, Sweden – 183

Match 3

Joonas Jehkinen, Finland – 204

Paul Moor, England – 225

Paul Moors tour career is outstanding, and his win in Helsinki is not less than his 16th EBT title since he took his first title back in 2004 in Malta. No other player is near to Paul More's series, while Osku Palermaa from Finland and Gery Verbruggen from Belgium are nearest with 13 highest ranked positions each.

Paul Moor's victory in Helsinki is his first win in Brunswick Ballmaster Open.

The men's division of the EBT 2013 is topped by Paul Moor from England with 250 points, followed by Joonas Jehkinen from Finland with 200 points at position 2 and Martin Larsen from Sweden with 175 points at position 3.

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Shayna Ng from Singapore, who was the only women qualified for the round robin final, in which she ended at position 6, was highest ranked in the women's division for the first time.

Shayna Ng from Singapore is leading the women's division of the tour with 250 points in front of Isabell Hultin from Sweden at position 2 with 200 points and Ida Andersson from Sweden at position 3 with 175 points.

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Story 2015-03: Two Tournaments less

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For different domestic reasons, we are unfortunately forced to say good bye to two of the tournaments adopted in the European Bowling Tour 2015.

The two tournaments are the Ekaterinburg Open 2015, originally scheduled for 10-14 March 2015 in Ekaterinburg, Russia and the Brunswick Etna Open, originally scheduled for 29 August - 6 September 2015 in Catania, Italy.

We want to express our appreciation to the organizers of both tournaments for their willingness to invest time, energy and money in the European Bowling Tour. We hope one day to be able to welcome the tournaments back in the tour.

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- 04 / 18.02-22.02: 9th International Wroclaw Open by Hammer (POL) – Satellite
- 05 / 04.03-08.03: Gibraltar Open 2015 (GIB) – Satellite
- 06 / 14.03-22.03: Brunswick Euro Challenge (GER) – Platinum
- 07 / 02.05-10.05: 10th Istanbul Bowling Open (TUR) – Gold
- 08 / 18.05-24.05: Kegel Aalborg International 2015 (DEN) – Silver
- 09 / 24.05-31.05: Odense International (DEN) – Satellite
- 10 / 22.06-28.06: Polish Open (POL) – Satellite
- 11 / 27.06-05.07: III Brunswick Madrid Challenge (ESP) – Silver
- 12 / 11.07-19.07: 11th San Marino Open (SMR) – Gold
- 13 / 18.07-26.07: Track Dream-Bowl Palace Open by Erdinger (GER) – Gold
- 14 / 11.09-13.09: Russian Open (RUS) – Satellite
- 15 / 13.09-20.09: Chandra Open 2015 (NED) – Satellite
- 16 / 28.09-04.10: 13th Columbia 300 Vienna Open (AUT) – Gold
- 17 / 02.10-11.10: Norwegian Open 2015 by Brunswick (NOR) – Satellite
- 18 / 31.10-08.11: 4th Florence International (ITA) – Satellite
- 19 / 23.11-29.11: Qatar Bowling Open (QAT) - Platinum

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Story 2015-04: EBT 2015-02

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After an absence of 9 years from the tour, the Irish Open was back in the European Bowling Tour, in its 2015 issue under the name: the 27th Irish Open Championships by Seismic.

The tournament was conducted in the well-known Stillorgan Bowl, situated in Ireland's capital, Dublin.

187 players had found their way to Dublin to compete for the 92 spots available for the first steps of the final, ending with a single elimination for top 16 competing in two games matches in step 4-7.

In the one Semi Final of the tournament, Ron Hurt from USA defeated the local heroin Amanda Larkin with 469 (256+213) vs. 405 (192+213), while Brian Voss from USA defeated Steven Gill from Scotland 400 (208+192) vs. 385 (167+218) in the other Semi Final.

In the overall USA Final, Brian Voss came out as the title holder with a score of 439 (248+191) vs. a score of 386 (172+214) to Ron Hurt.

Amanda Larkin became the highest ranked women in a tour stop for the first time in her career, while Brian Voss became the highest ranked man for the 4th time.

The top of the tour rankings was not influenced by the tournament in Dublin. The situation is therefore unchanged as follows.

Paul Moor from England is leading the men's division of the tour with 250 points, in front of Joonas Jehkinen from Finland at position 2 with 200 points and Martin Larsen from Sweden at position 3 with 175 points.

Shayna Ng from Singapore is leading the women's division of the tour with 250 points in front of Isabell Hultin from Sweden at position 2 with 200 points and Ida Andersson from Sweden at position 3 with 175 points.

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Story 2015-05: Name change in San Marino

Published on 25 January 2015 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



As a consequence of a sponsorship agreement, the name of Stop 12 in the European Bowling Tour 2015 will change from the 11th San Marino Open to the 11th Storm San Marino Open.

The tournament will unchanged be conducted in beautiful Rose'n Bowl in San Marino on 11-19 July 2015.

Further details of the 11th Storm San Marino Open are available in the Tournament Calendar at this site and will be available at the website of the tournament www.sanmarinoopen.com.

Tournaments in the EBT 2015:

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- 03 / 08.02-15.02: Hammer Bronzen Schietspoel Tournament 2015 (NED) – Silver
- 04 / 18.02-22.02: 9th International Wroclaw Open by Hammer (POL) – Satellite
- 05 / 04.03-08.03: Gibraltar Open 2015 (GIB) – Satellite
- 06 / 14.03-22.03: Brunswick Euro Challenge (GER) – Platinum
- 07 / 02.05-10.05: 10th Istanbul Bowling Open (TUR) – Gold
- 08 / 18.05-24.05: Kegel Aalborg International 2015 (DEN) – Silver
- 09 / 24.05-31.05: Odense International (DEN) – Satellite
- 10 / 22.06-28.06: Polish Open (POL) – Satellite
- 11 / 27.06-05.07: III Brunswick Madrid Challenge (ESP) – Silver
- 12 / 11.07-19.07: 11th Storm San Marino Open (SMR) – Gold
- 13 / 18.07-26.07: Track Dream-Bowl Palace Open by Erdinger (GER) – Gold
- 14 / 11.09-13.09: Russian Open (RUS) – Satellite
- 15 / 13.09-20.09: Chandra Open 2015 (NED) – Satellite
- 16 / 28.09-04.10: 13th Columbia 300 Vienna Open (AUT) – Gold
- 17 / 02.10-11.10: Norwegian Open 2015 by Brunswick (NOR) – Satellite
- 18 / 31.10-08.11: 4th Florence International (ITA) – Satellite
- 19 / 23.11-29.11: Qatar Bowling Open (QAT) - Platinum

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Story 2015-06: One year's brake in Istanbul

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The well-known Timeout Bowling Centre in Istanbul, which so far has hosted 9 issues of the Istanbul Bowling Open, was last week caught by fire at the entrance, in which many cables at the attic was damaged.

The centre it selves was not damaged more, than it will be renovated and brought back into good shape again, but the damaged cables creates here and now problems in numerous areas, of which one of them is an unstable and unreliable score system.

A huge renovation, also including new lane surfaces, was already scheduled for the period just after the Istanbul Bowling Open in May 2015, but the damages caused by the fire forces the management to move the whole renovation of the centre forward.

As a consequence, it is impossible for Timeout Bowling Centre to host the 10th issue of Istanbul Bowling Open in Timeout Bowling Centre in 2015.

The ETBF Presidium do of course regret the loss of one of our Gold Tournaments in 2015, but we understand the situation in Istanbul and accept that the conclusion cannot be anything else than the tournament must be cancelled in 2015.

It is important to mention, that we are talking about a one year's brake only. The 10th issue of Istanbul Bowling Open **will** be hosted in 2016 and conducted in a renovated and top tuned Timeout Bowling Centre at that time.

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- 03 / 08.02-15.02: Hammer Bronzen Schietspoel Tournament 2015 (NED) – Silver
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- 05 / 04.03-08.03: Gibraltar Open 2015 (GIB) – Satellite
- 06 / 14.03-22.03: Brunswick Euro Challenge (GER) – Platinum
- 07 / 18.05-24.05: Kegel Aalborg International 2015 (DEN) – Silver
- 08 / 24.05-31.05: Odense International (DEN) – Satellite
- 09 / 22.06-28.06: Polish Open (POL) – Satellite
- 10 / 27.06-05.07: III Brunswick Madrid Challenge (ESP) – Silver
- 11 / 11.07-19.07: 11th Storm San Marino Open (SMR) – Gold
- 12 / 18.07-26.07: Track Dream-Bowl Palace Open by Erdinger (GER) – Gold
- 13 / 11.09-13.09: Russian Open (RUS) – Satellite
- 14 / 13.09-20.09: Chandra Open 2015 (NED) – Satellite
- 15 / 28.09-04.10: 13th Columbia 300 Vienna Open (AUT) – Gold
- 16 / 02.10-11.10: Norwegian Open 2015 by Brunswick (NOR) – Satellite
- 17 / 31.10-08.11: 4th Florence International (ITA) – Satellite
- 18 / 23.11-29.11: Qatar Bowling Open (QAT) - Platinum

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Story 2015-07: EBT 2016 application period

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The European Tenpin Bowling Federation has opened for applications from organizers, who want to adopt their tournaments in the European Bowling Tour 2016.

There are two important application deadlines:

Organizers of tournaments, not adopted in the EBT 2015, must have started the application process latest on **Friday 22 May 2015**.

Organizers with tournaments adopted in the EBT 2015 must, if they want to avoid an additional EBT Fee of 500 €, have delivered their application latest on **Friday 29 May 2015**.

A delivery from an organizer with a new stop after 29 May 2015 is not possible.

All organizers with tournaments adopted in the EBT 2015 have received all necessary material.

If an organizer of a new tournament is interested in the European Bowling Tour, please contact Kim Thorsgaard Jensen at ktj@etbf.eu and you will be properly informed about the necessary procedure and the documents you need to work with.

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Story 2015-08: EBT 2015-03

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The Hammer Bronzen Schietspoel Tournament 2015, one of the classic tournaments in the tour, was conducted in Dolfijn Bowling in Tilburg on 8-15 February as the third stop in the European Bowling Tour 2015.

The tournament was concluded with 2 games played by 4 players, namely the local Player Peter Smits, Kimmo Lehtonen from Finland and the two young Swedish talents, Markus Jansson and Jesper Svensson.

After a very exiting final, the winner of the tournament became Marcus Jansson from Sweden with 492 pins (223+269), followed by Kimmo Lehtonen from Finland with 469 pins (224+245) at position 2, Jesper Svensson from Sweden with 448 pins (233+215) at position 3 and Peter Smits from The Netherlands with 430 pins (215+215) at position 4.

Both Marcus Jansson and Laura Beuthner from Germany, who left the tournament after the Final Step 3; became the highest ranked players for 1st time in their career in the men's respectively the women's division.

Paul Moor from England is leading the men's division of the tour with 250 points (not playing in Tilburg), in front of Kimmo Lehtonen from Finland at position 2 with 230 points (80 points in Tilburg) and Joonas Jehkinen from Finland at position 3 with 200 points (not playing in Tilburg).

Shayna Ng from Singapore is leading the women's division of the tour with 250 points (not playing in Tilburg) in front of Isabell Hultin from Sweden at position 2 with 200 points (not playing in Tilburg) and Birgit Pöppler from Germany at position 3 with 190 points (70 points in Tilburg).

Story 2015-09: EBT 2015-04

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Kamilla Kjeldsen from Denmark became the highest ranked women in a tour stop for the 18th time in her long career, when she won the 4th tour stop in 2015, the 9th International Wroclaw Open by Hammer.

Kamilla Kjeldsen, who became the highest ranked women already in year one of the tour back in 2000, is the only player, men and women all together, listed for such achievements over the entire 16 years history of the tour.

Being highest ranked 18 times is positioning Kamilla Kjeldsen atop of the ever running list of highest ranked women in the tour, followed by her fellow countrywomen Britt Brøndsted, who have been highest ranked 17 times.

The final of the tournament in Wroclaw was a repetition of last year's final where Kamilla Kjeldsen also defeated Jaroslav Lorenc from Czech Republic. In this year's issue of the tournament Kamilla Kjeldsen won 508 (287 + 221) vs. 410 (217 + 193) over Lorenc, who in Wroclaw became the highest ranked man for the second time in his career.

In the foregoing match of the stepladder final, Kamilla Kjeldsen defeated Mattias Wetterberg from Sweden 251 vs. 211, while Kamilla Kjeldsen defeated Markus Bergendorff from Denmark 201 vs. 193 in the first match of the stepladder final.

The top of the tour rankings was not influenced by the tournament in Wroclaw.

Paul Moor from England is leading the men's division of the tour with 250 points, in front of Kimmo Lehtonen from Finland at position 2 with 230 points and Joonas Jehkinen from Finland at position 3 with 200 points.

Shayna Ng from Singapore is leading the women's division of the tour with 250 points in front of Isabell Hultin from Sweden at position 2 with 200 points and Birgit Pöppler from Germany at position 3 with 190 points.

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Story 2015-10: EBT 2015-05

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For the very first time of the tour history, a tour stop was conducted in Gibraltar, namely the Gibraltar Open 2015, conducted in King's Bastion Leisure Centre.

The format of the final day introduced 3 steps of 18 bowlers, playing 4 games starting from scratch ending with two Semi Finals and a Final, all matches over 2 games.

It became a fantastic conclusion of the tournament for the locals, since Gibraltar's Adam Shrubbs was up against England's Paul Moor in the 2 games final, where most would have said that the very experienced Moore, who by far is the most winning player in the European Bowling Tour ever, should be the favourite of the match.

But at the end the local hero kept the first ever Gibraltar title in Gibraltar by defeating Paul Moor 436 (202+234) vs. 417 (181+236) after a very exiting final.

In the foregoing Semi Finals, Paul Moor defeated Peter Nordensen from Sweden 439 (237+202) vs. 403 (215+188), while Adam Shrubbs defeated Pontus Andersson from Sweden 357 (162+195) vs. 314 (171+170).

Adam Shrubbs became the highest ranked man in a tour stop for the first time in his career, while Heidi Thorstensen from Norway, from position 7 in the tournament, became the highest ranked women for the third time in her career.

Paul Moor from England is leading the men's division of the tour with 290 points (40 points in Gibraltar), in front of Kimmo Lehtonen from Finland at position 2 with 230 points (not playing in Gibraltar) and Joonas Jehkkinen from Finland at position 3 with 200 points (not playing in Gibraltar).

Shayna Ng from Singapore is leading the women's division of the tour with 250 points (not playing in Gibraltar) in front of Ida Andersson from Sweden at position 2 with 225 points (50 points in Gibraltar) and Isabell Hultin from Sweden at position 3 with 200 points (not playing in Gibraltar).

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Story 2015-11: EBT 2015-06

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The 12th consecutive issue of the famous Brunswick Euro Challenge, was conducted (for the fourth time) in the spectacular Dream-Bowl Palace, situated in German Unterföhring; a suburb to the Bavarian Capital - Munich.

317 players, among the a number of players from the other Zones, competed in Munich in one of the strongest and most competitive group of players gathered over the tour season.

The format of the final day included a step 1 with 52 players, bowling 6 games from scratch, continuing with step 2 consisting of 28 players, including top 16 from step 1 and top 12 from the qualification, bowling another 6 games starting from scratch.

From step 2, 8 players continued into a 7 games round robin with the pin fall from step 2 carried forward.

After step 3 the standing, including scores from 13 games and bonus points, was as follows:

1. Josh Blanchard, USA – 3135
2. Jesper Svensson, Sweden – 3104
3. Li Jane Sin, Malaysia – 3084
4. Kelly Kulick, USA – 3045
5. Magnus Johnson, Sweden – 2983
6. Jazreel Tan, Singapore – 2955
7. Syafiq Ridhwan, Malaysia – 2930
8. James Gruffman, Sweden – 2918

Finally top 3 continued into two stepladder matches in step 4, which ended as follows:

Match 1: Li Jane Sin - Jesper Svensson 225 vs. 214

Match 2: Li Jane Sin - Josh Blanchard 211 vs. 248

Li Jane sin became the highest ranked women in her career and the same happened for Josh Blanchard in the men's division.

Jesper Svensson from Sweden is leading the men's division of the tour with 351 points (200 points in Munich), in front of Joonas Jehkinen from Finland at position 2 with 315 points (110 points in Munich) and Martin Larsen from Sweden at position 3 with 298 points (115 points in Munich).

Ida Andersson from Sweden is leading the women's Division of the tour with 320 points (105 points in Munich) with Shayna Ng from Singapore at position 2 with 315 points (65 points in Munich) and Li Jane Sin from Singapore at position 3 with 250 points (250 points in Munich).

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Story 2015-12: EYC 2018 in Aalborg

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The ETBF Presidium has decided to award the hosting of the 31st European Youth Championships 2018 to Lovvang Bowling Centre.

The championships will be conducted on 24 March - 2 April 2018 in the well-known bowling centre, situated in Aalborg in the Northern part of Denmark. The centre will also host the European Men Championships in a few months.

Many international tournaments and championships have been hosted in Lovvang Bowling Centre over the last 4 decades, among them the 4th European Youth Championships in 1978 and the 25th European Youth Championships in 2012.

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Story 2015-13: Changed period in Qatar

Published on 30 March 2015 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



The Qatar Bowling Federation has announced a minor change in the period of Qatar Bowling Open; from 23-29 November to 26 November - 2 December 2015. The tournament will unchanged be conducted in Qatar Bowling Centre in Doha, the capital of Qatar.

Further details of the Qatar Bowling Open are available in the Tournament Calendar at this site and at the website of the tournament www.qatarbowlingfederation.com.

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- 17 / 31.10-08.11: 4th Florence International (ITA) – Satellite
- 18 / 26.11-02.12: Qatar Bowling Open (QAT) - Platinum

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Story 2015-14: EYC 2015 in Leipzig

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Sweden's Filippa Persson is the new strong name in international bowling.

In Germany, where the 28th European Youth Championships were hosted in "BowlPlay Leipzig", won the 18 years old Swedish girl not less than 4 Gold medals in Singles, Doubles, Team and All Event plus a bronze medal in Masters.

As always the European Youth Championships became a very lively event, conducted in a great atmosphere.

The Masters event of the Girls Division was won by Alida Molander from Sweden after a 2-1 victory over Maria Koshel from Russia (197-154, 168-208 and 224-181).

The Masters event of the Boy's Division was won by Valentin Saulnier from France over Lauri Sipilä from Finland, also 2-1 (201-182, 177-239 and 193-187).

Sweden became the best nation with 5 Gold, 2 Silver and 4 Bronze medals, all 5 titles won by the sovereign Swedish girls' team.

Despite only 2 girls and 2 boys attended the championships from France, they became anyway the second best nation with 2 Gold, 2 Silver and 2 Bronze medals.

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Story 2015-15: EBT Masters 2015 Participants

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12 women and 12 men will participate in the 8th edition of the EBT Masters, which will be held in Madrid, Spain on 6 July 2015 in Bowling Charmatin.

The EBT Masters 2015 will be held just after the conclusion of the III Brunswick Madrid Challenge (EBT 2015 Stop 10), which will be conducted on 27 June - 5 July 2015, also in Bowling Charmatin in Madrid.

In each division of the EBT Masters, there will be two blocks of six games, in total 12 games qualification, 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 2015 are the highest ranked bowlers in each division by the conclusion of the European Bowling Tour 2014.

We are only facing two excuses this year, one in each division; Liz Johnson from USA (position 9) has been exchanged by Victoria Johansson (position 13) and Stuart Williams from England (Position 8) has been exchanged by Brian Voss from USA (position 13).

EBT Masters 2015: Women's Division

Kamilla Kjeldsen, Denmark (1)
Ida Andersson, Sweden (2)
Joline Persson-Planefors, Sweden (3)
'Mai Ginge Jensen, Denmark (4)
Birgit Pöppler, Germany (5)
Jenny Wegner, Sweden (6)
Rebecka Larsen, Sweden (7)
Diana Zavjalova, Latvia (8)
Laura Beuthner, Germany (10)
Maxime de Rooij, Germany (11)
Sascha Wedel, Denmark (12)
Victoria Johansson, Sweden (13)

EBT Masters 2015: Men's Division

Thomas Larsen, Denmark (1)
Dominic Barrett, England (2)
Joonas Jehkinen, Finland (3)
Mika Koivuniemi, Finland (4)
Daniel Fransson, Sweden (5)
Paul Moor, England (6)
Jesper Svensson, Sweden (7)
Carsten W. Hansen, Denmark (9)
Osku Palermaa, Finland (10)
Martin Larsen, Sweden (11)
John Wells, England (12)
Brian Voss, USA (13)

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Story 2015-16: Portugal in ETBF

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The ETBF Presidium warmly welcomes Portugal as the 47th federation, affiliated to ETBF. The President of the federation is Cristina Soares.

The website of the Portuguese Bowling Association (Associação Portuguesa de Bowling) is www.apbowling.pt.

Information about the Portuguese Bowling Association is also available at this site under the item Federations.

Story 2015-17: EBT 2015-07

Published on 25 May 2015 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



Juhani Tonteri from Finland took his first tour title, when he defeated a row of top players in the all Nordic final of Kegel Aalborg International 2015.

Numerous national team players had found their way to Lovvang Bowling Centre as a consequence of the up-coming European Men Championships to begin in the same centre early June.

In the 3rd step of the final in Aalborg, 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.

The final standing became as follows:

1. Juhani Tonteri, Finland: 2325 (1325+951)
2. 2. Mattias Olsson, Sweden: 2266 (1428+838)
3. 3. Jesper Svensson, Sweden: 2253 (1351+902)
4. 4. Robert Andersson, Sweden: 2237 (1345+892)
5. 5. Björn Einar Rudshagen, Norway: 2161 (1296+865)
6. 6. Daniel Fransson, Sweden: 2124 (1273+851)
7. 7. Tore Torgersen, Norway: 2110 (1279+831)
8. 8. Cajsa Wegner, Sweden: 2109 (1308+769)

Both Cajsa Wegner and Juhani Tonteri became the highest ranked in the women's, respectively the men's, division of the European Bowling Tour for the first time in their career.

Jesper Svensson from Sweden is leading the men's division of the tour with 421 points (70 points in Aalborg), in front of Martin Larsen from Sweden at position 2 with 326 points (28 points in Aalborg) and Magnus Johnsson from Sweden at position 3 with 318 points (22 points in Aalborg).

Ida Andersson from Sweden is leading the women's Division of the tour with 350 points (30 points in Aalborg) with Shayna Ng from Singapore at position 2 with 315 points (not playing in Aalborg) and Jenny Wegner from Sweden at position 3 with 263 points (48 points in Aalborg).

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Story 2015-18: Florence International cancelled

Published on 27 May 2015 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen

We regret to inform that the organizer of the 4th Florence International, which should have been conducted in Crazy Bowling in Florence, Italy on 31 October – 8 November, has decided to cancel the tournament.

The cancellation happens due to unforeseen technical problems leading to a complete technical reconstruction of the centre. As a consequence, the organizer has also decided not to ask for an adoption of the tournament in the EBT 2016.

We want to express our gratitude for an excellent cooperation over the three years, where the Florence International was conducted as a part of the European Bowling Tour.

Tournaments in the EBT 2015:

- 01 / 02.01-11.01: Brunswick Ballmaster Open (FIN) – Platinum
- 02 / 11.01-18.01: 27th Irish Open Championships by Seismic (IRL) – Satellite
- 03 / 08.02-15.02: Hammer Bronzen Schietspoel Tourn. 2015 (NED) – Silver
- 04 / 18.02-22.02: 9th International Wroclaw Open by Hammer (POL) – Satellite
- 05 / 04.03-08.03: Gibraltar Open 2015 (GIB) – Satellite
- 06 / 14.03-22.03: Brunswick Euro Challenge (GER) – Platinum
- 07 / 18.05-24.05: Kegel Aalborg International 2015 (DEN) – Silver
- 08 / 24.05-31.05: Odense International (DEN) – Satellite
- 09 / 22.06-28.06: Polish Open (POL) – Satellite
- 10 / 27.06-05.07: III Brunswick Madrid Challenge (ESP) – Silver
- 11 / 11.07-19.07: 11th Storm San Marino Open (SMR) – Gold
- 12 / 18.07-26.07: Track Dream-Bowl Palace Open by Erdinger (GER) – Gold
- 13 / 11.09-13.09: Russian Open (RUS) – Satellite
- 14 / 13.09-20.09: Chandra Open 2015 (NED) – Satellite
- 15 / 28.09-04.10: 13th Columbia 300 Vienna Open (AUT) – Gold
- 16 / 02.10-11.10: Norwegian Open 2015 by Brunswick (NOR) – Satellite
- 17 / 26.11-02.12: Qatar Bowling Open (QAT) - Platinum

Story 2015-19: Markus Jansson in the Masters

Published on 29 May 2015 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



Markus Jansson from Sweden will replace Brian Voss from USA in the EBT Masters 2015, which will be conducted in Madrid, Spain on 6 July 2015 in Bowling Charmatin.

The EBT Masters 2015 will be held just after the conclusion of the III Brunswick Madrid Challenge (EBT 2015 Stop 10), which will be conducted on 27 June - 5 July 2015, also in Bowling Charmatin in Madrid.

The following players will attend the EBT Masters 2015:

EBT Masters 2015: Women's Division

Kamilla Kjeldsen, Denmark (1)
Ida Andersson, Sweden (2)
Joline Persson-Planefors, Sweden (3)
'Mai Ginge Jensen, Denmark (4)
Birgit Pöppler, Germany (5)
Jenny Wegner, Sweden (6)
Rebecka Larsen, Sweden (7)
Diana Zavjalova, Latvia (8)
Laura Beuthner, Germany (10)
Maxime de Rooij, Germany (11)
Sascha Wedel, Denmark (12)
Victoria Johansson, Sweden (13)

EBT Masters 2015: Men's Division

Thomas Larsen, Denmark (1)
Dominic Barrett, England (2)
Joonas Jehkinen, Finland (3)
Mika Koivuniemi, Finland (4)
Daniel Fransson, Sweden (5)
Paul Moor, England (6)
Jesper Svensson, Sweden (7)
Carsten W. Hansen, Denmark (9)
Osku Palermaa, Finland (10)
Martin Larsen, Sweden (11)
John Wells, England (12)
Markus Jansson, Sweden (14)

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Story 2015-20: EBT 2015-08

Published on 1 June 2015 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



Jeroen van Geel from The Netherlands and Kamilla Kjeldsen from Denmark took the final of Odense International, Stop 08 of the European Bowling Tour 2015, to the edge, when they tied the one game final 202-202, opening for a one shot roll-off to decide the match.

The roll-off ended with a 10-8 win to Jeroen van Geel, who took the first tour title in his career.

In the foregoing matches Jeroen van Geel had defeated Jimmy Mortensen from Denmark 214-193, while Kamilla Kjeldsen had defeated Mik Stampe from Denmark 188-187.

Kamilla Kjeldsen became the highest ranked women for the 19th time in her career, nothing any other bowler (male or female) has achieved.

None of the two ranking divisions of the European Bowling Tour was influenced by the tournament in Odense.

Jesper Svensson from Sweden is leading the men's division with 421 points, in front of Martin Larsen from Sweden at position 2 with 326 points and Magnus Johnsson from Sweden at position 3 with 318 points.

Ida Andersson from Sweden is leading the women's division with 350 points, with Shayna Ng from Singapore at position 2 with 315 points and Jenny Wegner from Sweden at position 3 with 263 points.

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Story 2015-21: European Bowling Tour 2016

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The program of the European Bowling Tour 2016 has been decided by the ETBF Presidium; the program is presented below.

The EBT 2016, which is the 17th consecutive tour since the tour was organized for the first time in 2000, consists of 18 tournaments, conducted in 13 different member federations.

New in the tour is the 1st Emax Open, organized by Manuel Mrosek, who also organizes the Track Dream-Bowl Palace Open by Erdinger in Munich, Germany.

We are furthermore able to welcome the Istanbul Bowling Open back in the tour after one year absence, caused by renovation activities in the well-known Timeout Bowling Centre.

The 18 tournaments in the EBT 2016 are divided in 4 categories:

EBT Platinum (minimum 100.000 € prize fund), 3 tournaments

EBT Gold (minimum 60.000 € prize fund), 4 tournaments

EBT Silver (minimum 40.000 € prize fund), 4 tournaments

EBT Satellite (minimum 20.000 € prize fund), 7 tournaments

The total prize fund in the EBT 2016 is 940.000 €; giving an average prize fund of 52.000 € per stop.

The 12 highest ranked women and the 12 highest ranked men after the 18 stops in the EBT 2016 are qualified for the 10th EBT Masters; hosted on 15 May 2017 by the organizer of the 10th Istanbul Bowling Open in Timeout Bowling Centre.

Tournaments in the EBT 2016:

01 / 29.12-10.01: Brunswick Ballmaster Open (FIN) – Platinum

02 / 10.01-17.01: 28th Irish Open Championships (IRL) – Satellite

03 / 31.01-07.02: Hammer Bronzen Schietspoel Tourn. 2016 (NED) – Silver

04 / 17.02-21.02: 10th International Wroclaw Open by Hammer (POL) – Satellite

05 / 13.03-20.03: Brunswick Euro Challenge (GER) – Platinum

06 / 07.05-15.05: Istanbul Bowling Open (TUR) – Gold

07 / 23.05-29.05: Kegel Aalborg International 2016 (DEN) – Silver

08 / 29.05-05.06: Odense International (DEN) – Satellite

09 / 27.06-03.07: Polish Open (POL) – Silver

10 / 02.06-10.07: IV Brunswick Madrid Challenge (ESP) – Silver

11 / 16.07-24.07: 12th Storm San Marino Open (SMR) – Gold

12 / 23.07-31.07: Track Dream-Bowl Palace Open by Erdinger (GER) – Gold

13 / 16.09-18.09: Russian Open (RUS) – Satellite

14 / 18.09-25.09: Chandra Open 2016 (NED) – Satellite

15 / 26.09-02.10: 14th Columbia 300 Vienna Open (AUT) – Gold

16 / 03.10-09.10: 1st Emax Open (GER) – Satellite

17 / 07.10-16.10: Norwegian Open 2015 by Brunswick (NOR) – Satellite

18 / 26.11-02.12: Qatar Bowling Open (QAT) - Platinum

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Story 2015-22: ETBF Championships 2017-2018

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The following three championship hosts was appointed at the ETBF Presidium meeting, which were held on 1 June in Aalborg in conjunction with the European Men Championships 2015.

European Youth Championships 2017

The hosting of the EYC 2017 is awarded to Tali Bowling Centre, Finland.

The championships will take place on 8-17 April 2017 in Helsinki.

European Champions Cup 2017

The hosting of the ECC 2017 is awarded to the Swedish Bowling Federation.

The championships will take place on 23-29 October 2017 in Gothenburg in Bowling Centre Strike & Co.

European Women Championships 2018

The hosting of the EWC 2018 is awarded to Odense Bowling Centre, Denmark.

The championships will take place on 6-17 June 2017 in Odense.

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Story 2015-23: ETBF Congress decisions

Published on 11 June 2015 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen

At the ETBF Congress, which was held in Aalborg prior to the beginning of the European Men Championships 2015, the following major changes to the ETBF Constitution were decided:

Approval fees for tournaments

ETBF's fee for a tournament approval was increased from 75 to 100 €. This decision has immediately effect.

Championship application fees

The previous application fee for ETBF Championships was 2.000 €.

As of 2019 the championship application fees will be as follows:

European Champions Cup, 2.000 €

European Women Championships, 4.000 €

European Youth Championships, 6.000 €

European Men Championships, 8.000 €

Out of competition practice in the championship centre

It is still optional for a centre, where a championship is held, to decide whether it will be open for bowling outside competition hours.

But **if** the centre provides open out of competition hours, it will in the future be permitted for teams to order lanes for additional practise for fees as decided by the centre. No special dressing for such lanes can be expected.

Number of re-racks in championships

A player is allowed a maximum of two re-racks per game without asking a referee for permission. This decision has immediately effect.

Tie breaking procedures for cut positions

In case of a tie for position 1 or 4 after the qualification in Singles, Doubles, Trios or Team, for a medal position in All Event or for position 8 or position 24 in All Event, a 9th and 10th frame roll of will be played, repeated until the tie is broken. The roll off shots will be played by each player involved.

In all other tie situations, the highest positioned will unchanged be the player/team with the highest last game score, then the highest second last game score etc.

This decision has immediately effect.

The use of pacers in championships

As of the EMC 2015, it will, in some situations, be permitted to assign one player less per pair of lanes than each discipline requires.

It means that there might be a few incomplete combined single pairs and doubles consisting of 1 player, a few incomplete combined trios consisting of 2 players and a few incomplete combined teams consisting of 4 players.

Pacers will only be used in a very few situations and only when the total number of players cannot be divided equally over an even number of lane pairs.

Changed format for the European Champions Cup

The original format included three 8 games qualification squads per player, followed by an eight persons' elimination consisting of best of three games matches.

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The congress decided a new format as follows:

Two eight games qualification squads

Top 16 qualifies for the Final Step 1, continuing with 8 games with the pin fall carried forward

Top 8 qualifies for the Final Step 2, continuing with 4 games with the pin fall carried forward

Top 4 after these 28 games are playing Semi Finals and a Final; all matches best of 3 games

The new format will be in use as of the ECC 2015 in San Marino.

World Games format and qualification

The International World Games Association (IWGA) has offered WTBA to increase the number of athletes from 48 to 64 (32 women and 32 men).

The Executive Board of WTBA has recently decided to accept the offer and has the same time decided to keep the single event, to add a double event and to remove the mix double event from the World Games format.

WTBA's Executive Board has furthermore decided to increase the number of players of each gender from a country from one to two, to reduce the number of qualified federations from each zone from 8 to 5 and to introduce different qualifications for men and women.

As a consequence, the ETBF Congress decided to use the All Event standing from the European Men Championships, respectively the European Women Championships, to create qualification rankings for future World Games instead of using the standings from the ECC.

It means that the All Event standings of the EWC 2016 and the EMC 2016 will be used to determine the qualified federations for the World Games 2017 and that the two championships in 2020 will be used to determine the qualified federations for the World Games in 2021 etc.

The All Event positions for the two highest ranked players from a country will be added together as position points, where after a country ranking will be established by positioning federations with the lowest number of position points highest.

Changes concerning approvals of EBT Stops

Tournaments adopted in the European Bowling Tour do in the future not necessarily need a national approval, the national approval fee for tour stops, if any, cannot exceed 200 € and finally it was decided to add for instance bowling centres as valid organizers of tour stops.

Elections

The ETBF Vice President, Kim Thorsgaard Jensen (Denmark) and the ETBF Presidium members Sergey Lisitsyn (Russia) and Roni Ashkenazi (Bulgaria) were re-elected for a new 4 years term.

Also re-elected was the two Auditors, Florian Fister (Germany) and Jan Edvardsen (Norway), both for two years term.

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Story 2015-24: EBT Masters 2018 in Aalborg

Published on 12 June 2015 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



It is a pleasure for the ETBF Presidium to announce the venue of the EBT Masters 2018 to be Lovvang Bowling Centre in Aalborg, Denmark.

The EBT Masters 2018 will be conducted on Monday 28 May 2018, following the conclusion of Kegel Aalborg International 2018.

The EBT Masters 2018 is the final of the European Bowling Tour 2017.

The EBT Masters will in the coming years be conducted as follows:

On 6 July 2015 in Bowling Chamartín in Madrid, Spain

On 25 July 2016 in Rose'n Bowl in Serravalle, San Marino

On 15 May 2017 in Timeout Bowling Centre in Istanbul, Turkey

On 28 May 2018 in Lovvang Bowling Centre in Aalborg, Denmark

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Story 2015-25: Name change in Poland

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As a consequence of a sponsor agreement, the organizer of the Polish Open has announced a name change of the tournament to the Roto Grip Polish Open. The tournament will unchanged be conducted in Wroclaw in the centre "Sky Bowling" on 22-28 June 2015.

Tournaments in the EBT 2015:

- 01 / 02.01-11.01: Brunswick Ballmaster Open (FIN) – Platinum
- 02 / 11.01-18.01: 27th Irish Open Championships by Seismic (IRL) – Satellite
- 03 / 08.02-15.02: Hammer Bronzen Schietspoel Tourn. 2015 (NED) – Silver
- 04 / 18.02-22.02: 9th International Wroclaw Open by Hammer (POL) – Satellite
- 05 / 04.03-08.03: Gibraltar Open 2015 (GIB) – Satellite
- 06 / 14.03-22.03: Brunswick Euro Challenge (GER) – Platinum
- 07 / 18.05-24.05: Kegel Aalborg International 2015 (DEN) – Silver
- 08 / 24.05-31.05: Odense International (DEN) – Satellite
- 09 / 22.06-28.06: Roto Grip Polish Open (POL) – Satellite
- 10 / 27.06-05.07: III Brunswick Madrid Challenge (ESP) – Silver
- 11 / 11.07-19.07: 11th Storm San Marino Open (SMR) – Gold
- 12 / 18.07-26.07: Track Dream-Bowl Palace Open by Erdinger (GER) – Gold
- 13 / 11.09-13.09: Russian Open (RUS) – Satellite
- 14 / 13.09-20.09: Chandra Open 2015 (NED) – Satellite
- 15 / 28.09-04.10: 13th Columbia 300 Vienna Open (AUT) – Gold
- 16 / 02.10-11.10: Norwegian Open 2015 by Brunswick (NOR) – Satellite
- 17 / 26.11-02.12: Qatar Bowling Open (QAT) - Platinum

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Story 2015-26: Name change in Ireland

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As a consequence of a sponsor agreement, the organizer of the 28th Irish Open Championships has announced a name change of the tournament to the 28th Irish Open Championships in association with Storm.

The tournament will unchanged be conducted in Dublin in the centre "Leisureplex Stillorgan" on 10-17 January 2016.

Tournaments in the EBT 2016:

- 01 / 29.12-10.01: Brunswick Ballmaster Open (FIN) – Platinum
- 02 / 10.01-17.01: 28th Irish Open Championships with Storm (IRL) – Satellite
- 03 / 31.01-07.02: Hammer Bronzen Schietspoel Tourn. 2016 (NED) – Silver
- 04 / 17.02-21.02: 10th International Wroclaw Open by Hammer (POL) – Satellite
- 05 / 13.03-20.03: Brunswick Euro Challenge (GER) – Platinum
- 06 / 07.05-15.05: Istanbul Bowling Open (TUR) – Gold
- 07 / 23.05-29.05: Kegel Aalborg International 2016 (DEN) – Silver
- 08 / 29.05-05.06: Odense International (DEN) – Satellite
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- 12 / 23.07-31.07: Track Dream-Bowl Palace Open by Erdinger (GER) – Gold
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- 14 / 18.09-25.09: Chandra Open 2016 (NED) – Satellite
- 15 / 26.09-02.10: 14th Columbia 300 Vienna Open (AUT) – Gold
- 16 / 03.10-09.10: 1st Emax Open (GER) – Satellite
- 17 / 07.10-16.10: Norwegian Open 2015 by Brunswick (NOR) – Satellite
- 18 / 26.11-02.12: Qatar Bowling Open (QAT) - Platinum

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Story 2015-27: EMC 2015 in Aalborg

Published on 14 June 2015 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen

Denmark became the best nation, when the European Men Championships 2015 was conducted in Lovvang Bowling Centre on 3-14 June 2015 in Aalborg, Denmark.

Denmark won three Gold medals and two Bronze medals, Finland won two Gold medals, one Silver medal and one Bronze medal, while Sweden won one Gold medal, one Silver medal and three Bronze medals.

The Danish titles came in the Singles event by Thomas Larsen, in the Doubles event by Frederik Öhrgaard and Jesper Agerbo and in the All Event by Frederik Öhrgaard.

The Finnish titles came in the Trios Event by Joonas Jehkinen, Osku Palermaa and Joonas Jehkinen and in the Team event by Osku Palermaa, Joonas Jähi, Kimmo Lehtonen, Juhani Tonteri and Joonas Jehkinen.

The Swedish title came in the Master event after a 2-0 win to Martin Larsen over Norway's veteran Tore Torgersen; 212 vs. 164 and 215 vs. 171.

Especially the Team final was one of the best and most exiting ever seen in a European Championships, since Finland and England were inside a few pins difference from the very first played frame till the last. And very symptomatic for the final, the very last throw became decisive. Finland won the final with the smallest possible margin 1100 vs. 1099.

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Story 2015-28: EBT 2015-09

Published on 28 June 2015 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



The first ever held issue of the Polish Open was conducted in Wroclaw on 22-28 June 2015 under the name: The Roto Grip Polish Open.

The tournament was attended by 93 players from a number of European federations and also players from as far away as Mexico, Costa Rica and Venezuela.

The second last step of the tournament included a 10 person's round robin competition starting from scratch. The standing of the competition became as follows:

- 01 Carsten W. Hansen / DEN / 2425
- 02 Daniel Fransson / SWE / 2176
- 03 Richard Teece / ENG / 2121
- 04 Benjamin Jonsson / SWE / 2106
- 05 Christopher Sloan / IRE / 2097
- 06 Markus Jansson / SWE / 2081
- 07 Thomas Larsen / DEN / 2081
- 08 Mari Lukkari / FIN / 2034
- 09 Anton Persson / SWE / 1999
- 10 Patryk Preuss / POL / 1943

The top 3 after the round robin continued to a stepladder final, where the outcome of the matches became as follows.

Match 1

Richard Teece / ENG / 221
Daniel Fransson / SWE / 278

Match 2

Daniel Fransson / SWE / 213
Carsten W. Hansen / DEN / 205

Both Mari Lukkari from Finland and Carsten W. Hansen from Denmark became the highest ranked in the women's, respectively the men's division for the first time in their career.

Jesper Svensson from Sweden is leading the men's division of the tour with 421 points (not playing in Wroclaw), in front of Paul Moor from England at position 2 with 328 points (14 points in Wroclaw) and Martin Larsen from Sweden at position 3 with 318 points (not playing in Wroclaw).

Ida Andersson from Sweden is leading the women's division of the tour with 350 points, with Shayna Ng from Singapore at position 2 with 315 points and Jenny Wegner from Sweden at position 3 with 263 points. None of the top ranked women played in Wroclaw.

[Click here to see the ranking in the Women's Division](#)

[Click here to see the ranking in the Men's Division](#)

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Story 2015-29: EBT 2015-10

Published on 5 July 2015 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



Players from many different countries had decided to visit the Spanish Capital Madrid, when the III Brunswick Madrid Challenge was conducted on 27 June - 5 July 2015.

The tournament became not only rich in the geographical representation, but also in the number of players attending, since a record number of 204 players took part, playing as much as 561 entries.

The big growth in participation becomes even clearer, when the numbers are compared with 2014; i.e. 166 players in 2014 v. 204 players in 2015 and 461 entries in 2014 vs. 561 entries in 2015. No need to mention, that it was a very proud, happy and satisfied organizer facing a very great event.

The event became also great because a tremendously high number of top players from many corners of the World; the competitive level of the tournament was therefore very high.

The second last step of the tournament included a pool of 10 persons adding another 4 games to the 4 games from the foregoing step. The standing of the step became as follows:

- 01 Jesper Svensson / SWE / 2035
- 02 Joonas Jehkinen / FIN / 1939
- 03 Jenny Wegner / SWE / 1868
- 04 John Wells / ENG / 1839
- 05 Martin Larsen / SWE / 1828
- 06 Diana Zavjalova / LAT / 1825
- 07 Britt Brøndsted / DEN / 1791
- 08 Jroen van Geel / NED / 1752
- 09 Ildemaro Ruiz / VEN / 1743
- 10 Richard Teece / ENG / 1717

The tournament was concluded by a top 3 stepladder final, where the outcome became as follows.

Match 1

Joonas Jehkinen / FIN / 204
Jenny Wegner / SWE / 212

Match 2

Jesper Svensson / SWE / 248
Jenny Wegner / SWE / 186

Jenny Wegner from Sweden became the highest ranked in the women's division for the second time in her career, while Jesper Svensson from Sweden became the highest ranked in the men's division of the tour for the fourth time in his career.

Jesper Svensson from Sweden is leading the men's division of the tour with 521 points (100 points in Madrid), in front of Joonas Jehkinen from Finland at position 2 with 403 points (80

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points in Madrid) and Martin Larsen from Sweden at position 3 with 386 points (60 points in Madrid).

Ida Andersson from Sweden is leading the women's division of the tour with 396 points (46 points in Madrid), with Jenny Wegner from Sweden at position 2 with 363 points (100 points in Madrid) and Shayna Ng from Singapore at position 3 with 315 points (not playing in Madrid).

Story 2015-30: EBT Masters 2015

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The EBT Masters 2015, which is the final of the European Bowling Tour 2014, was conducted in Bowling Chamartín in Madrid – Spain on 6 July. The EBT Masters 2015 is the 8th edition of the tour final.

The EBT Masters 2015 was open for the 12 highest men and the 12 highest women by the conclusion at the European Bowling Tour 2014.

The format of the EBT Masters 2015 was 12 games qualification, divided over 2 blocks of 6 games, concluded by a 3 person's stepladder final in each division.

The outcome of the matches became as follows:

Women Match 1

Birgit Pöppler / GER / 212

Laura Beuthner / GER / 220

Women Match 2

Laura Beuthner / GER / 191

Diana Zavjalova / LAT / 180

Men Match 1

Osku Palermaa / FIN / 217

Paul Moor / ENG / 257

Men Match 2

Jesper Svensson / SWE / 216

Paul Moor / ENG / 224

Final standing women

1. Laura Beuthner, Germany
2. Diana Zavjalova, Latvia
3. Birgit Pöppler, Germany
4. Rebecka Larsen, Sweden
5. Jenny Wegner, Sweden
6. Maxime de Rooij, Germany
7. Kamilla Kjeldsen, Denmark
8. Sascha Wedel, Denmark
9. Mai Ginge Jensen, Denmark
10. Ida Andersson, Sweden
11. Victoria Johansson, Sweden
12. Joline Persson-Planefors, Sweden

Final standing men

1. Paul Moor, England
2. Jesper Svensson, Sweden
3. Osku Palermaa, Finland

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4. John Wells, England
5. Daniel Fransson, Sweden
6. Joonas Jehkinen, Finland
7. Thomas Larsen, Denmark
8. Martin Larsen, Sweden
9. Markus Jansson, Sweden
10. Mika Koivuniemi, Finland
11. Dominic Barrett, England
12. Carsten W. Hansen, Denmark

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Story 2015-31: EBT 2015-11

Published on 19 July 2015 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



The 11th Storm San Marino Open was conducted in Rose'n Bowl in Serravalle on 11-19 July 2015 as Stop 11 in the European Bowling Tour 2015.

A successful number of 207 bowlers from a rich variation of countries took part in the very competitive tournament to enjoy both the competition and the Sammarinese hospitality.

48 players were qualified to the final steps of the tournament, which consisted of 3 steps including 32, 24 and 18 players, until the tournament was concluded by a 4 person's elimination final, where the lowest scoring player was eliminated after each game and the pin fall for remaining players carried forward to the next game to play.

The following four players were qualified after the 6 games in Step 3:

1466: Jesper Svensson, Sweden

1464: Dominic Barrett, England

1461: Stuart Williams, England

1442: Paul Moor, England

Stuart Williams was eliminated in Round 1 of Step 4, which ended as follows:

243: Dominic Barrett

228: Jesper Svensson

219: Paul Moor

199: Stuart William

Paul Moor was eliminated in Round 2 of Step 4, which ended as follows:

455: Dominic Barrett (243+212)

431: Jesper Svensson (228+203)

410: Paul Moor (219+191)

And finally Dominic Barrett became the winner of the tournament:

733: Dominic Barrett (243+212+278)

710: Jesper Svensson (228+203+279)

It became Dominic Barrett's second win in a row San Marino after he defeated Stuart Williams in 2014.

Jenny Wegner from Sweden became the highest ranked in the women's division for the 3rd time in her career and the 2nd time in a row. Dominic Barrett from England became the highest ranked in the men's division of the tour for the 12th time in his career.

Jesper Svensson from Sweden is leading the men's division of the tour with 641 points (120 points in San Marino), in front of Paul Moor from England at position 2 with 449 points (105 points in San Marino) and Martin Larsen from Sweden at position 3 with 404 points (18 points in San Marino).

Jenny Wegner from Sweden is leading the women's division of the tour with 513 points (150 points in San Marino), with Ida Andersson from Sweden at position 2 with 501 points (105

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points in San Marino) and Shayna Ng from Singapore at position 3 with 315 points (not playing in San Marino).

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Story 2015-32: Special Olympics World Games

Published on 23 July 2015 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen

ETBF is proud to support the 2015 Special Olympics World Summer Games taking place in Los Angeles from 25 July to 2 August.

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Story 2015-33: EBT 2015-12

Published on 26 July 2015 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



The Track Dream-Bowl Palace Open by Erdinger, was organized by the company EMAX and its owner Manuel Mrosek together with his family.

The tournament was conducted late July as Stop 12 of the European Bowling Tour 2012.

The tournament attracted 186 players, who competed for the 64 spots of the final steps on 26 July.

In step 3 of the final, 16 players met to play 4 games from scratch, with 4 players continuing to step 4 with their pin fall from step 3 carried forward.

The following four players were qualified after the 4 games in Step 3:

913: Richard Teece England

859: Tanner Spacey, USA

848: Joonas Jehkinen, Finland

838: Stuart Williams, England

Stuart Williams and Thomas Larsen from Denmark was tied 838-838 by the conclusion of step 3, where after a 9th and 10th frame roll off of 27-25 gave the 4th spot in the final step 4 to Williams.

Tanner Spacey was eliminated in Round 1 of Step 4, which ended as follows:

1112: Richard Teece (913+199)

1089: Joonas Jehkinen (848+241)

1061: Stuart Williams (838+223)

1038: Tanner Spacey (859+179)

Stuart Williams was eliminated in Round 2 of Step 4, which ended as follows:

1326: Richard Teece (1112+214)

1289: Joonas Jehkinen (1089+200)

1244: Stuart Williams (1061+183)

And finally Richard Teece became the winner of the tournament:

1506: Richard Teece (1326+180)

1448: Joonas Jehkinen (1289+159)

Joonas Jehkinen has a very special relation to the Track Dream-Bowl Palace Open by Erdinger, which he won in 2013 and in which he became the runner up both in 2014 and 2015.

Laura Beuthner from Germany became, from position 9 in the final step 3 of the tournament, the highest ranked women in a tour stop for the 2nd time in her career, while Richard Teece became highest ranked in the men's division for the first time in his career.

Jesper Svensson from Sweden is leading the men's division of the tour with 641 points (not playing in Munich), in front of Joonas Jehkinen from Finland at position 2 with 523 points (120

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points in Munich) and Paul Moor from England at position 3 with 473 points (24 points in Munich).

Jenny Wegner from Sweden is leading the women's division of the tour with 573 points (60 points in Munich), together with Ida Andersson from Sweden at position 2 with 572 points (72 points in Munich) and Rebecka Larsen from Sweden at position 3 with 412 points (105 points in Munich).

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Story 2015-34: World Senior Championships

Published on 31 August 2015 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen

The World Senior Championships (50+) were again conducted in Las Vegas - Nevada (USA), this time in the well-known Sam's Town.

The championships, which were conducted for the second time, were attended by 89 women and 102 men from all corners of the World.

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

The 10 titles were shared among 6 countries as follows: USA 4, Sweden 2, Australia 2, Canada 1 and Mexico 1.

The most shining European player became Susanne Olsson from Sweden, winning as much as 4 medals, among them one title.

In the women's division 7 medal sets were won by European Players as follows:

Singles

Gold to Sweden by Kristina Nordenson

Silver to Sweden by Susanne Olsson

Bronze to Finland by Tuula Tamminen

Doubles

Silver to Germany by Martina Beckel and Gisela Insinger

Team

Bronze to Sweden by Christel Carlsson, Lena Sulkanen, Kristina Nordenson and Susanne Olsson

All Event

Silver to Sweden by Susanne Olsson

Masters

Gold to Sweden by Susanne Olsson

In the men's division, Europe won two Bronze medals, in Singles by Alan Keddie from Scotland and in Team by Jan Nordberg, Peter Eriksson, Johan Aaberg and Christer Pettersson from Sweden.

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Story 2015-35: No Russian Open in the tour

Published on 9 September 2015 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



The organizers of Russian Open have for two reasons decided to lower the prize pool from 20.000 to 10.000 €: first of all because of a continued decreased value of the Rubbles compared to Euros, but also as a consequence of a very low number of participants.

As a consequence of the decision, the Russian Open, which unchanged will be conducted on 11-13 September in St. Petersburg, cannot keep its spot in the European Bowling Tour 2015.

All signed up players will be contacted today or latest early tomorrow by the organizers, concerning their rights to cancel their participation in the tournament, if that is what they want.

According to Article 8.6.5 in the ETBF Constitution, it is the obligation of the organizer to refund players with eventually expenses caused by parts of non-refundable flight tickets etc., if such players are deciding not to take part after a prize fund has been reduced.

We regret to issue this press release with this very late notice, but the decision was finally taken by the organizers only a few hours ago.

Following the exit of the Russian Open from the European Bowling Tour 2015, the tournament will not be a part of the European Bowling Tour in 2016 either. Separate information about this change will be circulated later.

Tournaments in the EBT 2015:

- 01 / 02.01-11.01: Brunswick Ballmaster Open (FIN) – Platinum
- 02 / 11.01-18.01: 27th Irish Open Championships by Seismic (IRL) – Satellite
- 03 / 08.02-15.02: Hammer Bronzen Schietspoel Tourn. 2015 (NED) – Silver
- 04 / 18.02-22.02: 9th International Wroclaw Open by Hammer (POL) – Satellite
- 05 / 04.03-08.03: Gibraltar Open 2015 (GIB) – Satellite
- 06 / 14.03-22.03: Brunswick Euro Challenge (GER) – Platinum
- 07 / 18.05-24.05: Kegel Aalborg International 2015 (DEN) – Silver
- 08 / 24.05-31.05: Odense International (DEN) – Satellite
- 09 / 22.06-28.06: Roto Grip Polish Open (POL) – Satellite
- 10 / 27.06-05.07: III Brunswick Madrid Challenge (ESP) – Silver
- 11 / 11.07-19.07: 11th Storm San Marino Open (SMR) – Gold
- 12 / 18.07-26.07: Track Dream-Bowl Palace Open by Erdinger (GER) – Gold
- 13 / 13.09-20.09: Chandra Open 2015 (NED) – Satellite
- 14 / 28.09-04.10: 13th Columbia 300 Vienna Open (AUT) – Gold
- 15 / 02.10-11.10: Norwegian Open 2015 by Brunswick (NOR) – Satellite
- 16 / 26.11-02.12: Qatar Bowling Open (QAT) - Platinum

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Story 2015-36: EBT 2015 Stop 13 in Nieuwegein

Published on 20 September 2015 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



112 players had found their way to Nieuwegein in The Netherlands, where Chandra open 2015 was conducted on 13-20 September in Chandra Bowling Nieuwegein.

The tournament included 3 final steps as follows:

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 the following standing over 10 games.

2344: Mik Stampe, Denmark
2282: Michell Stinissen, The Netherlands
2260: Johnny Spil, The Netherlands
2241: Alex de Vries, The Netherlands
2223: Jaroslav Lorenc, Czech Republic
2207: Eric Koning, The Netherlands
2181: Jimmy Ravez, Belgium
2178: Ghislaine Stigter van der Tol, The Netherlands
2116: Pontus Andersson, Sweden
2103: Tom van Vliet, The Netherlands
2039: Paul Moor, England
2003: Clement Dubus, Belgium

The winner of Chandra Open 2015, Mik Stampe from Denmark, became the highest ranked man in a tour stop for the 3rd time in his career

Ghislaine Stigter van der Tol from The Netherlands became the highest ranked women in a tour stop for the 9th time in her career, bringing her up to a position 5 in the overall list of women being highest ranked in tour stops over the last 16 years.

Jesper Svensson from Sweden is leading the men's division of the tour with 641 points (not playing in Nieuwegein), in front of Joonas Jehkinen from Finland at position 2 with 523 points (not playing in Nieuwegein) and Paul Moor from England at position 3 with 493 points (20 points in Nieuwegein).

The top standing of the women's division of the tour was not influenced by the tournament in Nieuwegein. Jenny Wegner from Sweden is leading with 573 points, together with Ida Andersson from Sweden at position 2 also with 573 points and Rebecka Larsen from Sweden at position 3 with 412 points.

Story 2015-37: EBT 2015 Stop 14 in Vienna

Published on 5 October 2015 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



Jesper Svensson took another tour title, when he won the 13th Columbia 300 Vienna Open, which was conducted in the well-known Plus Halle in Vienna as Sop 14 of the EBT 2015.

After three steps of the final, the following 4 players were left back for the stepladder final, mentioned in the seeded order:

Osku Palermaa, Finland
Thomas Larsen, Denmark
Stuart Williams, England
Jesper Svensson, Sweden

In the first step of the final, Osku Palermaa defeated Thomas Larsen 234 vs. 191.

In the second step of the final, Osku Palermaa defeated Stuart Williams 228 vs. 214.

In the third step of the final, Jesper Svensson defeated Osku Palermaa 223 vs. 209.

Jesper Svensson has, after his victory in Vienna, been the highest ranked in the men's division already 5 times, which is a lot; his young age taken in consideration. And there will be more such positions in the future for the young Svensson, no doubt about that.

Joline Persson-Planefors from Sweden, who missed the cut for the stepladder final with only one pin, became the highest ranked in the women's division for the 5th time in her career.

Jesper Svensson from Sweden is leading the men's division of the tour with 791 points (150 points in Vienna), in front of Joonas Jehkinen from Finland at position 2 with 535 points (12 points in Vienna) and Dominic Barrett from England at position 3 with 516 points (63 points in Vienna).

It is surely at this moment looking like a tour victory for Jesper Svensson in 2015.

Jenny Wegner from Sweden is leading the women's division of the tour with 618 points, (45 points in Vienna), together with Ida Andersson from Sweden at position also with 618 points (45 points in Vienna) and Laura Beuthner from Germany at position 3 with 495 points (90 points in Vienna).

Story 2015-38: EBT 2015 Stop 15 in Oslo

Published on 12 October 2015 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



Jimmy Dan Mortensen from Denmark took his first tour title after a superior victory in the 15th stop of the EBT 2015, the Norwegian Open 2015 by Brunswick.

The tournament was conducted from 2-11 October in Veitvet Bowling Centre in the Norwegian Capital, Oslo.

In the second last step of the final, 16 players were playing 3 games, starting from scratch, from where 8 players continued to the final step, playing another 3 games with the pin fall from the previous step carried forward.

Jimmy Dan Mortensen's victory was never seriously challenged and when the last ball was played in the tournament, he had won the tournament with a margin of 78 pins to the nearest opponent.

The scores of the top 4 the tournament became as follows:

1. Jimmy Dan Mortensen, Denmark: 1569 (781+788)
2. Roger Öberg, Sweden: 1491 (754+737)
3. James Gruffman, Sweden: 1485 (732+753)
4. Pontus Andersson, Sweden: 1423 (710+713)

Jimmy Dan Mortensen became the highest ranked in the men's division for the first time in his career, while Ida Andersson from Sweden became the highest ranked in the women's division for the fourth time in her career.

Ida Andersson was the only women in the last step of the final, where she became no 8 with a score of 1388 (743+645).

Jesper Svensson from Sweden is leading the men's division of the tour with 791 points, in front of Joonas Jehkinen from Finland at position 2 with 535 points and Dominic Barrett from England at position 3 with 516 points. None of these men bowled in Norway.

Since Jesper Svensson is leading by 256 points, it is, even a Platinum tournament still remains to be played, possible to congratulate the Swedish talent with his first victory of an entire tour season. No one will any longer be able to pass Jesper Svensson in the EBT 2015 ranking.

Ida Andersson from Sweden is leading the women's division of the tour with 668 points, (50 points in Oslo), in front of Jenny Wegner from Sweden at position 2 with 648 points (30 points in Oslo) and Laura Beuthner from Germany at position 3 with 495 points (not playing in Oslo).

Nothing is yet finally decided in the women's division.

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Story 2015-39: From players to athletes

Published on 21 October 2015 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen

A number of coaches, gathered recently in Finland for the ETBF iCoach Conference and the ETBF Level III Coaching Education, have recommended a general change of the term "Player" to the term "Athlete".

The ETBF Presidium decided, at its meeting held on 17 and 18 October in San Marino, to accept the wish from the coaches, which will influence ETBF's Publications, ETBF's Website, ETBF's software for scores and standings in championships and all future correspondence.

The many changes will be implemented over a period of time, although we have made the necessary changes in 14 ETBF Publications, among them the ETBF Constitution and the Tournament Application. All updated publications can be found at this site.

The term "player" will still appear many places in the Tournament Calendar and other places at www.etbf.eu, but since we are planning to implement a new modernized issue of the site in 2016, such pages will be adjusted one by one in the process of transferring pages from the old issue of the website to the new issue of the site.

ETBF's software for scores and standings in championships will be adjusted before the first ETBF Championships in 2016.

Story 2015-40: Five EBT Categories in the EBT 2017

Published on 24 October 2015 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



At a meeting in San Marino, held prior to the conduction of the European Champions Cup 2015, the EBT Rules 2017 was decided by the ETBF Presidium.

We have for a period observed that it is getting more difficult to attract new Satellites and also harder to keep the Satellites we have. We have also numerous times been told that the point gap (3X and 5X points) between Gold Tournaments and Platinum Tournaments is too big.

The Presidium has therefore decided to introduce a 5th EBT Category (EBT Bronze Tournaments) and to change various values in some of the categories.

For the categories of the tournament in the tour, it means as follows for 2017:

EBT Satellite Tournaments

The prize fund must be minimum € 15.000 (€ 20.000 until 2016)

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

The organizers' EBT Fee is € 1.000 (€ 1.500 until 2016)

EBT Bronze Tournaments (new category)

The prize fund must be minimum € 30.000

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

The organizers' EBT Fee is € 2.000

EBT Silver Tournaments

The prize fund must be minimum € 45.000 (€ 40.000 until 2016)

The ranking point table will be in use with a factor 3 (factor 2 until 2016)

The organizers' EBT Fee is € 3.000 (€ 2.500 until 2016)

EBT Gold Tournaments

The prize fund must be minimum € 60.000 (unchanged)

The ranking point table will be in use with a factor 4 (factor 3 until 2016)

The organizers' EBT Fee is € 4.000 (unchanged)

EBT Platinum Tournaments

The prize fund must be minimum € 100.000 (unchanged)

The ranking point table will be in use with a factor 5 (unchanged)

The organizers' EBT Fee is € 5.000 (unchanged)

The EBT 2017 Rules are available at the Publications page at this site.

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Story 2015-41: ECC 2015 in San Marino

Published on 25 October 2015 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen

For the first time in the history, a European bowling championship was conducted inside the borders of San Marino.

It happened when the 38th European Champions Cup was conducted in beautiful Rosen' Bowl, which is well known for the annual tour stop: Storm San Marino Open, which has been hosted by the very hospitable bowling centre over the last decade.

76 athletes, representing 37 member federations, attended the championships in San Marino, where a new format of the ECC was in use for the first time.

The format included 2 X 8 games qualification for all athletes, followed by another 8 games for top 16 and yet another 4 games for top 8, providing a standing for the 8 players over a total of 28 games. Top 4 continued into two Semi Finals, decided over best of three games, ending with a Final, also decided over best of three games.

Top 8 Women

6665: Joline Persson-Planefors, Sweden

6542: Maria Bulanova, Russia

6215: Ellen Jansen, The Netherlands

6212: Krista Pöllänen, Finland

6067: Birgit Pöppler, Germany

5966: Nicole Blase, Germany

5925: Giada Di Martino, Italy

5808: Adile Michajlow, Turkey

Top 8 Men

6418: Joonas Jähi, Finland

6407: Tom van der Vliet, The Netherlands

6338: Leopold Grundschober, Austria

6311: Jesper Agerbo, Denmark

6308: Magnus Johnson, Sweden

6153: Valentyn Kucherenko, Ukraine

6060: Marek Talpa, Czech Republic

5963: Michael Maccoll, Scotland

Women's Semi Final 1

Joline Persson-Planefors - Krista Pöllänen (2-1): 258-265, 231-221 and 247-180

Women's Semi Final 2

Maria Bulanova - Ellen Jansen (2-0): 213-195 and 269-237

Women's Final

Joline Persson-Planefors - Maria Bulanova (0-2): 200-256 and 220-236

The seventeen years old and very talented Maria Bulanova became the first Russian athlete to win a Gold medal in an adult championship.

Joline Persson-Planefors repeated her silver medal from the ECC 2011 in Lahti, Finland.

Men's Semi Final 1

Joonas Jähi - Jesper Agerbo (2-0): 237-225 and 258-211

Men's Semi Final 2

Tom van der Vliet - Leopold Grundschober (2-1): 226-230, 223-218 and 209-144

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Men's Final

Joonas Jähi - Tom van der Vliet (0-1): 245-279, 279-269 and 235-223

After a sublime final, which were decided as late as the second throw in the last game, Joonas Jähi could claim the win over last year's ECC Champion Tom van der Vliet.

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Story 2015-42: EBT 2016 Changes

Published on 31 October 2015 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



Lately we have received information about changes for the following four stops in the European Bowling Tour 2016.

12th Storm San Marino Open

The tournament will change its conduction period from 16-24 July to 9-17 July 2016.

Track Dream-Bowl Palace Open by Erdinger

The tournament will change its conduction period from 23-31 July to 16-24 July 2016.

Polish open

The tournament will change its conduction period from 27 June - 3 July to 25-31 July 2016.

Russian Open

Russian Open will, as it happened for the tournament in 2015, leave the European Bowling Tour 2016. The organizer informs that the tournament will be conducted in its original period, which is 16-18 September 2016, but with a reduced prize pool, among other changes. The final conditions for the tournament will be published later.

Tournaments in the EBT 2016:

- 01 / 29.12-10.01: Brunswick Ballmaster Open (FIN) – Platinum
- 02 / 10.01-17.01: 28th Irish Open Championships with Storm (IRL) – Satellite
- 03 / 31.01-07.02: Hammer Bronzen Schietspoel Tourn. 2016 (NED) – Silver
- 04 / 17.02-21.02: 10th International Wroclaw Open by Hammer (POL) – Satellite
- 05 / 13.03-20.03: Brunswick Euro Challenge (GER) – Platinum
- 06 / 07.05-15.05: Istanbul Bowling Open (TUR) – Gold
- 07 / 23.05-29.05: Kegel Aalborg International 2016 (DEN) – Silver
- 08 / 29.05-05.06: Odense International (DEN) – Satellite
- 09 / 02.06-10.07: IV Brunswick Madrid Challenge (ESP) – Silver
- 10 / 09.07-17.07: 12th Storm San Marino Open (SMR) – Gold
- 11 / 16.07-24.07: Track Dream-Bowl Palace Open by Erdinger (GER) – Gold
- 12 / 25.07-31.07: Polish Open (POL) – Silver
- 13 / 18.09-25.09: Chandra Open 2016 (NED) – Satellite
- 14 / 26.09-02.10: 14th Columbia 300 Vienna Open (AUT) – Gold
- 15 / 03.10-09.10: 1st Emax Open (GER) – Satellite
- 16 / 07.10-16.10: Norwegian Open 2015 by Brunswick (NOR) – Satellite
- 17 / 26.11-02.12: Qatar Bowling Open (QAT) - Platinum

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Story 2015-43: Welcome to Kosovo

Published on 4 November 2015 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen

It is e pleasure for the ETBF Presidium to welcome the Bowling Federation of Kosovo as the 48th member federation in Bowling-Europe.

Kosovo was accepted recently by the Executive Board of FIQ as a provisional member, with an expected transfer to full member at the FIQ Congress, which will be held next month in Abu Dhabi, UAE.

At this site you can find information about the Bowling Federation of Kosovo under the item Federations.

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Story 2015-44: No Istanbul Open in 2016

Published on 6 November 2015 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



The organizer of Istanbul Bowling Open, the Time Out Bowling Centre, has unfortunately announced that the tournament will be cancelled in 2016, due to the financial situation.

The organizer has paid all fees to ETBF and leaves the tour in good order, but we have at the moment no indications whether the tournament will return to the tour at a later moment.

As a consequence, the EBT Masters 2017 will not be conducted in Istanbul. We will return with information about an alternate host when an agreement has been made.

Tournaments in the EBT 2016:

- 01 / 29.12-10.01: Brunswick Ballmaster Open (FIN) – Platinum
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- 16 / 26.11-02.12: Qatar Bowling Open (QAT) - Platinum

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Story 2015-45: EBT Masters 2017 in Tilburg

Published on 11 November 2015 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



It is a pleasure for the ETBF Presidium to announce that the EBT Masters 2017 will be hosted by Dolfijn Bowling in Tilburg, The Netherlands.

The EBT Masters 2017 will be conducted on Monday 27 February 2017, following the conclusion of the Hammer Bronzen Schietspoel Tournament 2017.

The EBT Masters 2017 is the final of the European Bowling Tour 2016.

The EBT Masters will in the coming years be conducted as follows:

On 18 July 2016 in Rose'n Bowl in Serravalle, San Marino

On 27 February 2017 in Dolfijn Bowling in Tilburg, The Netherlands

On 28 May 2018 in Lovvang Bowling Centre in Aalborg, Denmark

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Story 2015-46: ECC 2017 and 2018 open for bids

Published on 13 November 2015 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen

Originally the European Champions Cup 2017 was scheduled to be conducted in Gothenburg Sweden in October 2017, but it has unfortunately been necessary for the Swedish Bowling Federation to withdraw their hosting of the championships.

The ECC 2017 is therefore open for bids again, which also is the situation for the ECC 2018, to which no one has been bidding yet.

The ECC 2017 must be conducted on 23-29 October in 2017, while the ECC 2018 must be conducted on 22-28 October in 2018.

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Story 2015-47: Minor period change in Qatar

Published on 28 November 2015 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



Qatar Bowling Federation has announced that the period of their annual tournament, the Qatar Bowling Open, in 2016 will change with one day.

The tournament, which previously was announced to be conducted on 26 November to 2 December 2016, will instead be conducted on 25 November to 1 December 2016.

The change is made to make a better match between the schedule of the tournament and the schedule of the World Singles Championships, which will begin a few days later in Qatar.

Qatar Bowling Centre in Doha will be the venue for the entire international November-December program in 2016, beginning with Qatar Bowling Open in the period of 25 November - 1 December, continuing with unofficial practise on 2 and 3 December and highlighted by the World Singles Championships to be conducted on 4-12 December.

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- 11 / 25.07-31.07: Polish Open (POL) – Silver
- 12 / 18.09-25.09: Chandra Open 2016 (NED) – Satellite
- 13 / 26.09-02.10: 14th Columbia 300 Vienna Open (AUT) – Gold
- 14 / 03.10-09.10: 1st Emax Open (GER) – Satellite
- 15 / 07.10-16.10: Norwegian Open 2015 by Brunswick (NOR) – Satellite
- 16 / 25.11-01.12: Qatar Bowling Open (QAT) - Platinum

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Story 2015-48: Name change in Poland

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The organizer of the 10th International Wroclaw Open by Hammer has announced a name change of the tournament to the 10th International Wroclaw Open.

The tournament will unchanged be conducted on 17-21 February in Galeria Rozrywki Miraz in Wroclaw, Poland.

Tournaments in the EBT 2016:

- 01 / 29.12-10.01: Brunswick Ballmaster Open (FIN) – Platinum
- 02 / 10.01-17.01: 28th Irish Open Championships with Storm (IRL) – Satellite
- 03 / 31.01-07.02: Hammer Bronzen Schietspoel Tourn. 2016 (NED) – Silver
- 04 / 17.02-21.02: 10th International Wroclaw Open (POL) – Satellite
- 05 / 13.03-20.03: Brunswick Euro Challenge (GER) – Platinum
- 06 / 23.05-29.05: Kegel Aalborg International 2016 (DEN) – Silver
- 07 / 29.05-05.06: Odense International (DEN) – Satellite
- 08 / 02.06-10.07: IV Brunswick Madrid Challenge (ESP) – Silver
- 09 / 09.07-17.07: 12th Storm San Marino Open (SMR) – Gold
- 10 / 16.07-24.07: Track Dream-Bowl Palace Open by Erdinger (GER) – Gold
- 11 / 25.07-31.07: Polish Open (POL) – Silver
- 12 / 18.09-25.09: Chandra Open 2016 (NED) – Satellite
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Story 2015-49: EBT 2015 Stop 16 in Doha

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The first appearance of Qatar Bowling Open in the European Bowling Tour was back in 2008 and ever since the conclusion of the tournament also concludes the tour season. This year in Doha was no exception.

156 athletes from many corners of the Globe had found their way to Qatar's National Bowling Stadium to compete for a great prize pool of 161.000 USD.

The tournament was concluded with two Semi Finals and a Final as follows:

Semi Final 1

481: Sean Rash, USA (267+214)

467: Thomas Larsen, Denmark (210-257)

Semi Final 2

542: Camron Weier, USA (264+278)

516: Marshall Kent, USA (258+258)

Final

431: Sean Rash, USA (197+2345)

453: Camron Weier, USA (218+235)

The victory in Doha became the first title and the first highest ranked position for Camron Weier in the European Bowling Tour.

Danielle McEwan from USA became the highest ranked women in a tour stop for the first time in her career. Danielle McEwan became no. 14 in the final tournament standing.

Story 2015-50: Two new tour winners

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Already before the last stop of the EBT 2015, the Qatar Bowling Open in Doha, it was known that the tour would get both a new King and a new Queen.

A new King, because Jesper Svensson from Sweden was that many points ahead of his nearest opponents, that no one could catch up at the last stop. A new Queen, because Jenny Wegner, also from Sweden, was playing in Doha while her nearest opponent was not.

ETBF congratulates the two young and very talented Swedish athletes for their fantastic tour seasons in 2015.

Jesper Svensson won the Men's Division of the EBT 2015 with 791 points (no points in Doha), in front of Dominic Barrett from England with 576 points (60 points in Doha) and Martin Larsen from Sweden at position 3 with 571 points (100 points in Doha).

Jenny Wegner won the Women's Division of the EBT 2015 with 823 points (175 points in Doha), in front of Ida Andersson from Sweden with 668 points (not present in Doha) and Laura Beuthner from Germany at position 3 with 495 points (not present in Doha).

Jesper Svensson and Jenny Wegner was each awarded 2.000 € for their tour victories.

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Story 2015-51: Qualified for the EBT Masters 2016

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By the conclusion of the EBT 2015 we are able to present the 12 women and 12 men, who have qualified for the EBT Masters 2016.

The EBT Masters 2016, which is the 9th consecutive final of a European Bowling Tour, will be held in Rosen' Bowl in San Marino on Monday 18 July, immediately following the conclusion of the 12th Storm San Marino Open, which will be conducted on 9-17 July in the same centre.

EBT Masters 2016: Qualified Women

1. Jenny Wegner, Sweden
2. Ida Andersson, Sweden
3. Laura Beuthner, Germany
4. Birgit Pöppler, Germany
5. Rebecka Larsen, Sweden
6. Danielle McEwan, USA
7. Kamilla Kjeldsen, Denmark
8. Victoria Johansson, Sweden
9. Maxime de Rooij, Germany
10. Shayna Ng, Singapore
11. Britt Brøndsted, Denmark
12. Joline Persson-Planefors, Sweden

And the first four reserves:

13. Cajsa Wegner, Sweden
14. Li Jane Sin, Malaysia
15. Jazreel Tan, Singapore
16. Mai Ginge Jensen, Denmark

EBT Masters 2016: Qualified Men

1. Jesper Svensson, Sweden
2. Dominic Barrett, England
3. Martin Larsen, Sweden
4. Richard Teece, England
5. Joonas Jehkinen, Finland
6. Paul Moor, England
7. Osku Palermaa, Finland
8. Magnus Johnsson, Sweden
9. Stuart Williams, England
10. Thomas Larsen, Denmark
11. Markus Jansson, Sweden
12. Christopher Sloan, Ireland

And the first four reserves:

13. Sean Rash, USA
14. Pontus Andersson, Sweden
15. Daniel Fransson, Sweden
16. Josh Blanchard, USA

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Story 2015-52: ETBF's Referee Training Program

Published on 4 December 2015 by Onder Gurkan

ETBF's Educational Committee has completed a new training program for referees. This is the first certification program presented by ETBF to championship and event referees, prepared with the purpose to make the approach from our referees to playing rules uniform.

The first clinic is expected to be held in Greece in January 2016 by our Instructor and Technical Delegate Marios Nicolaidis. Later in 2016 there will be more clinics around Europe.

All students/referees, who will pass the program, will be certified by ETBF.

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Onder Gurkan

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Story 2015-53: WWC 2015 in Abu Dhabi

Published on 13 December 2015 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen

Three bronze medals became the rather modest medal harvest for European countries at the World Women Championships 2015, which were conducted in excellent surroundings in Khalifa International Bowling Centre in Abu Dhabi, UAE.

Khalifa International Bowling Centre has previously housed the World Championships for both genders in 1999 and the World Men Championships in 2014.

The three European bronze medals was won by the Danish Double consisting of Mai Ginge Jensen and Britt Brøndsted, the English Trio consisting of Lisa John, Danni Hopcroft and Jo All-sebroek and the German Team consisting of Laura Beuthner, Martina Schütz, Patricia Luoto, Nadine Geissler, Birgit Pöppler and Lisa Kabowski.

The European representation in Abu Dhabi was generally weak, since only 11 ETBF Federations had send athletes to Abu Dhabi, of which three only had one athlete at the lanes.

A total of 147 athletes took part in the championships, which is the lowest representation of women athletes in a World Championship since 1979.

Irrespectively of the low representation, the top of the field was as strong as ever. And like the last World Championships for women, the competition was to a very high degree dominated by USA and Korea with Singapore followed closely after.

Korea took the Singles, the Doubles and the Masters titles. USA took the Trios and the Team titles and Singapore took the All Event title.

The Masters event became a mirror of the WWC 2015 as it progressed from the beginning till the end, namely with two athletes from USA and two athletes from Kora in the Top 4 after the second step of the Masters, qualified for two Semi Finals matches to be played over one game.

The one semifinal became an internal US affair between Liz Johnson and Danielle McEwan. The other Semi Final became an internal Korean affair between Eunhee Jeon and Dawun Jung. The matching of the athletes ensured the third consecutive Final in the championships between USA and Kores.

Liz Johnson defeated Danielle McEwan 238-213 in the one Semi Final, while Dawun Jung defeated Eunhee Jeon 208-193 in the other Semi Final. In the Final, and the very last game of the championships, Dawun Jung defeated Liz Johnson 256-183.

Korea became the best nation at the WWC 2015 in Abu Dhabi, followed by USA and Singapore at the following positions.

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Story 2015-54: World Congresses in Abu Dhabi

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It became a historical moment at the FIQ Congress in Abu Dhabi, when the congress with all votes, except two, voted in favour of a merge of the two organizations, Fédération Internationale des Quilleurs and World Tenpin Bowling Association, into a new organization under the name World Bowling.

As of 1st January 2016, there will be only one board for the World organization of our sport and only one congress will be held every second year. The ninepin sport will in the future be associated to World Bowling in a committee.

The last congress held under the name WTBA was held later the same day, Tuesday 15 December 2015, in the same meeting room in Abu Dhabi.

The WTBA Congress took a number of other decisions. Below are some of the more important decisions, spelled out for your convenience.

Semi Finals and Final in the Team event

In the future, the two Semi Finals and the Final of the Team event in World Championships, World Youth Championships and World Senior Championships will be played the Bakers Format, best of three games. This will reduce the playing time for each match with 40-60 %.

Changed format for the World Singles Championships

The qualification in the World Singles Championships included 2 X 6 games, when the championship was played for the first time in 2012. At the congress in 2013 the number of qualifying games was increased to 3 X 6 games, but at the congress in Abu Dhabi the format was again changed, this time to 3 X 4 games qualification.

The format of the final rounds was also changed in Abu Dhabi, this time to a system where the 32 best athletes after the 12 games will be divided in four pools of eight athletes, playing 8 games starting from scratch, where each of the eight games is a match between all eight athletes, where 7 points is awarded to the best athlete, 6 points to the second best athlete etc., down to 0 points to the last positioned athlete in the game.

The two athletes with the highest number of points after 8 games from each of the four groups will play in another group of eight athletes, competing with a similar system, as described above, for the three medal positions.

The new format will be in effect for the next edition of the World Singles Championships, which will be conducted in Qatar's Capital Doha in December 2016.

Changed Masters Format

The Masters event in World Championships, World Youth Championships and World Senior Championships, will in the future again start from scratch.

The format of the Masters will be similar to the format of championships in Europe, which includes best of 3 games matches in 5 steps. In the first step, athletes positioned 9-24 is playing 8 matches, in the second step the 8 winners of the first step will be matched with the athletes positioned 1-8. In the following three steps there will be four matches, two matches and finally one match to determine the Masters Champion.

From dual to single lane condition championships

The ETBF Presidium had, in line with a decision taken by the ETBF Congress in 2013, and valid for all ETBF's Championships conducted as of 2014, proposed to return to all single lane condition events in championships conducted under the wings of World Bowling.

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At the Executive Board meeting, held the day just prior to the congress, the board decided to follow the recommendation from ETBF; and so did the congress fortunately. So as of 1st January 2016, all international championships for European athletes (ETBF and World Bowling) will be played at one lane condition only.

The continuation of the Lausanne based office

The congress decided, upon recommendation from Kevin Dornberger, to continue to keep one of the organizations main offices in Lausanne, Switzerland, where also most other sports, and not least IOC, have their main offices.

Elections

The former President of WTBA, Kevin Dornberger from USA, had announced his resignation before the Congress in Abu Dhabi, and so had the Secretary General Christer Jonsson.

The Executive Board of World Bowling is composed as follows:

President Sheikh Talal, Kuwait

1st Vice President Suwalai Satrulee, Thailand

2nd Vice President Ulf Sjöblom, Sweden

Athletes Representative Mika Koivuniemi, Finland

ETBF President Addie Ophelders, The Netherlands

ETBF Delegate Kim Thorsgaard Jensen, Denmark

PABCON President Martin Faba, Costa Rica

PABCON Delegate Jorge Franco, Colombia

ABF President; Member so far unknown

ABF Delegate; Member so far unknown

So far no new Secretary General has been appointed, nor has any other persons for other positions, as well as chairs and members of various committees.

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Story 2015-55: New website from ETBF

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The first pieces of www.etbf.eu was created back in 2001, which means that much of the html code behind the site no longer was meeting modern standards of the code.

As a consequence, more and more pages were presented wrongly; typically with wrong fonts or with wrong font sizes, as the most visible outcomes of the outdated code.

Over the years, the site has grown from a few information pages to more than 2.000 pages; primarily because historical material, including medal winners and list of results from about 350 championships and major events held since 1954, was added to the site; secondly because of the European Bowling Tour, which has been organized 16 times since 2000.

It is obviously not possible simply to renew all pages of a site of these dimensions from one day to another, but for a couple of months ago we decided to begin a redesign of the pages one by one; with a goal to present the most central parts of the site before the end of 2015.

The ETBF Presidium is happy to announce, that we have reached the goal by the launch of a brand new release of www.etbf.eu today: Monday 28 December 2015.

We have left a major part of the historical material at a reduced version of the previous website, while everything else is presented at the new site. We estimate that about 1/3 of the total number of pages so far are presented at the new site.

Over the coming many months, more and more pages will be redesigned and transferred to the new website. The goal is to close the previous website during 2017, at the very latest.

The new release of www.etbf.eu is in many ways not a lot different from the previous release, but parts of the site are organized differently.

You will for instance find publications under the items, where they logically are belonging: the Constitution is presented under Organization, the Tournament Application is presented under Tournaments and the EBT Rules are presented under the European Bowling Tour etc.

Under the EBT item you will also find a number of pages presenting both new and extended statistical material related to all 258 stops conducted since 2000.

BUT, the very best way to get a full introduction to the new site is to explore it your selves. We hope you will enjoy the new release of www.etbf.eu.