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### Story 2003-01: EBT 2003 Stop 1

Published on 13 January 2003 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



Lasse Lintilä from Finland played as so many times before an excellent final at an international event, this time by winning Ballmaster Open 2003 conducted in Helsinki, Finland. Ballmaster Open 2003 was the first stop in the European Bowling Tour 2003.

In the second last game Lasse Lintilä won against Stefan Yngström from Sweden 239 vs. 182 and in the final match Jouko Kuossari from Finland were defeated 270 against 173.

The standing after the 1st stop is as follows:

#### **EBT 2003 Women**

Patricia Schwarz, Germany - 30 points

Ann-Mari Liljankoski, Finland - 21 points

Reija Lundén, Finland - 18 points

#### **EBT 2003 Men**

Lasse Lintilä, Finland - 30 points

Jouko Kuossari, Finland - 21 points

Stefan Yngström, Sweden - 18 points

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### **Story 2003-02: ETBF Congress**

Published on 26 January 2003 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen

It is a pleasure for the ETBF Presidium to announce that the 2003 Congress will be held on 9 May 2003 at Hotel Polonez in Poznan, Poland.

Bulletin 1 and 2 about the European Gold Cup will be published very soon. The EGC will be held from 05 - 11 May 2003 also in Poznan, Poland.

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### Story 2003-03: EBT 2003 Stop 2

Published on 4 February 2003 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



Belgium's Gery Verbruggen is back on the top after his success in the 2nd stop of the European Bowling Tour 2003 - The 6th Brunswick Open in Lomme, France.

Gery Verbruggen won the men's division in the tournament by defeating Phill Scammell from England 227 - 192 in the final stepladder match. In the second last match Phil Scammell defeated Nick Froggatt from England 258 - 186.

Also Kamilla Kjeldsen from Denmark is back on the top in the women's division by her victory in The 6th Brunswick Open in Lomme.

In the final stepladder match Kamilla Kjeldsen defeated Paula van Hemert from The Netherlands 214 - 204. In the second last match in the women's stepladder final Paula van Hemert defeated Kirsten Penny from England 234 - 221.

The standing after the 2nd stop in the European Bowling Tour 2003 is as follows.

#### **EBT 2003 Women**

Kamilla Kjeldsen, Denmark - 30 points

Patricia Schwarz, Germany - 30 points

Ann-Mari Liljankoski, Finland - 21 points

Paula van Hemert, The Netherlands - 21 points

#### **EBT 2003 Men**

Lasse Lintilä, Finland - 30 points

Gery Verbruggen, Belgium - 30 points

Jouko Kuossari, Finland - 21 points

Phill Scammell, England - 21 points

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### **Story 2003-04: Message from the President**

Published on 5 February 2003 by Addie Ophelders

The Presidium of the European Tenpin Bowling Federation (ETBF) held its meeting on 31 January and 1 February 2003 in Veghel, The Netherlands. All members of the Presidium were present as well as the two elected auditors Mr. Bengt E. Lindbergh from Sweden and Mr. Jan Edvardsen from Norway.

The auditors inspected the presented financial statements over the year 2002. The inspection over the year 2001 was already done in Brussels, Belgium on 8 and 9 February 2002. The results/report will be delivered to the Congress of ETBF when it meets on Friday 9 May 2003 in Poznan, Poland. More details about the venue will be published soon.

I will try to report about the Presidium meeting as brief and yet complete as possible. Should there be any questions/remarks, please do not hesitate to call or write me.

The number of pages viewed of the website [www.etbf.dk](http://www.etbf.dk) was in 2002 again higher than last year. Considering it is NOT a newspaper, but an information page for the member federations, the Presidium is happy with the results.

The Presidium prepared a number of changes to the chapters 1 thru 5 of our rules. They will be presented to the Congress in May 2003. Proposals shall be sent latest 8 April 2003 to the member federations.

Thanks to the efforts of our Vice President Mr. Kim Thorsgaard Jensen, the Presidium is proud to be able to give to the hosts of ETBF Championships a CD Rom with the National anthems and a complete set of two national flags per country.

The national flags are the property of the ETBF and will be sent to the next host immediately after the event has been completed. During the championships the flags are the responsibility of the host federation. The flags will be used for the first time during the European Youth Cup Teams in Schiedam, The Netherlands.

The Presidium also discussed the ETBF Championships for the period 2004-2006.

A formal application has been received from Germany to host the EYC in 2004 in the city of Augsburg. Formal applications are still to be received from Ukraine for the EGC 2004, from Greece for the ECT 2004 and from Hungary for the ECI 2004.

During the Congress in May 2003 we will discuss the applications for the Champion ships in 2005 and 2006. We are also expecting applications for the European Women Championships in 2007.

The next ETBF Presidium meeting will be held on 7 May 2003 in Poznan, Poland during the European Gold Cup. The ETBF Congress will be held on 9 May 2003 also in Poznan, Poland. More information will be sent as soon as possible.

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### **Story 2003-05: Message from the President**

Published on 9 February 2003 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen

The 17<sup>th</sup> Nordic Youth Championships - just concluded in the Swedish capital Stockholm - introduced a brand new and existing format, primarily based on round robins in all disciplines. In the NYC 2003 three disciplines was played in each sex; Doubles, Team and Masters. In each of the disciplines the standings was decided based on points won instead of pin fall and the pin fall only to be used in case of ties in the point standings.

In addition to the three girl's disciplines and the three boy's disciplines a new Nations Event was introduced (common for both sexes). The Nations Event was decided by adding all points won in the two Double Events and the two Team Events together with points given for the 12 players ranked after the conclusion of the two Round Robins and the following two Stepladder Finals.

In total 7 medal sets to play for in the NYC 2003.

Sweden was - as many times before in the Nordic region - the major successor with 5 gold medals, 4 silver medals and 2 bronze medals. Finland won 1 gold medal, 2 silver medals and 2 bronze medals while Denmark won 1 gold medal, 1 silver medal and 3 bronze medals. No medals were won by the Norwegian and the Icelandic team.

A very sovereign Swedish girls' team was the driving force behind the Swedish success by winning the Girl's Team Event and all three medal-sets in the Girl's Doubles and in the Girl's Masters as well.

The new individual Nordic Youth Champions is Martina Haakansson and Mikael Kanold, both from Sweden



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### **Story 2003-06: WRM 2003 period decided**

Published on 18 February 2003 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen

The period of the World Ranking Masters 2003 has been announced by Kegel to be 19 July to 24 July.

The World Ranking Masters 2003 will take place at the brand new World head quarter of Kegel in Lake Wales, Florida.

The schedule in headlines will be arrival 19 July, 24 games of qualification 20, 21 and 22 July and Single Elimination finals on 23 July.

Immediately following the WRM an invitational tournament, The Foundation Games will be held in the same centre on 24-28 July.

From WTBA the highest ranked woman and the highest ranked man at the end of the 2002 rankings will be invited from each of the three Zones. Also invited will be the male and the female winners of the 2003 World Ranking Masters. In total 8 invited from WTBA.

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## Story 2003-07: EYCT revised ball check rule

Published on 18 February 2003 by Rune Widell

The WTBA Rule 308 was amended in 2002 to replace the obligation to have all bowling balls inspected prior to the Official Practise with a requirement of random inspection during the competition. However, at the WTTC 2003 in Odense, Denmark it was revealed that the amended WTBA Rule 308 could not be used to the full extent.

In order not to face the same problem at the European Youth Cup Teams 2003 in Schiedam, The Netherlands, the ETBF Presidium has decided that the following shall apply instead of the Rule 308 of the WTBA Playing Rules.

### **Bowling Ball Procedure**

Only bowling balls that are included on the ABC/WIBC Approved Bowling Ball list may be used in competition.

Altering the surface of bowling balls is permitted during the Official Practice and between the blocks of games. It is not allowed during the practice session before a block of games or during a block of games.

Prior to the start of the Official Practise the bowling balls to be used during competition shall be inspected. Each player will be allowed to have a maximum of 6 bowling balls inspected.

The inspection shall be limited to:

- Eligibility of the ball
- Serial Number
- Weight and balance
- Hardness
- Number of balls

In case, immediately after the Official Practice, a player wants to exchange one or more of the inspected bowling balls, he/she will be allowed to do that provided the balls are inspected prior to registration of the ones to be used in competition.

Immediately following the Official Practice registration shall be made of the bowling balls to be used during the championship events. Each player will be permitted to register maximum 6 bowling balls. No replacements or additions will be allowed once the first event has started.

Each day during the events random inspection of the bowling balls shall be performed. The Tournament Technical Committee shall decide on the number of balls and the players, which shall be randomly selected. The inspection shall be limited to the serial number of the balls.

#### Note:

The official list of approved bowling balls is published on the Internet website [www.bowl.com](http://www.bowl.com).

#### Note:

In very special circumstances the Tournament Technical Committee may allow a replacement of a registered bowling ball.

#### Note:

A maximum of five gripping holes are allowed in a bowling ball. The player must be able to reach each set of finger holes (not all four simultaneously) while using the thumb hole. Any hole, which cannot be reached, is considered a vent hole. The ball must be balanced twice when one set of finger-holes are for fingertip and the other set for conventional grip.

Note: When delivering the ball the player must have his/her thumb in or over the thumb hole. It may not be 180 degrees away from the thumb hole.

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### **Story 2003-08: WTTC 2003**

Published on 23 February 2003 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen

Coming from the third position in the women's division Malaysia took their first gold medal ever in a World Championship by defeating USA in the Semi Final 413 (167+244) vs. 391 (174+217) and England in the final 409 (218+191) vs. 329 (173+156).

In the men's division Sweden defeated Australia 439 (236+203) vs. 423 (212+211) in the Semi Final, while the Swedes met their superior in an exciting and excellent plaid final, where Malaysia came out as the winner with a score of 492 (223+269) vs. 464 (210+254).

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### **Story 2003-09: The Nordic Championships 2003**

Published on 2 March 2003 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen

In the 21st Nordic Championships 2003, conducted in Finnish Tampere, three disciplines was played in each sex; Doubles, Team and Masters. In each of the disciplines the standings was decided based on points won instead of pin fall and the pin fall only to be used in case of ties in the point standings.

In addition to the three women and the three men disciplines a new Nations Event was introduced (common for both sexes). The Nations Event was decided by adding all points won in the two Double Events and the two Team Events together with points given for the 12 players ranked after the conclusion of the two Round Robins and the following two Stepladder Finals.

In total 7 medal sets to play for in the NC 2003.

After the conclusion of the World Tenpin Team Cup last week, where the Finnish teams returned back home without medals, Finland was back at the top of the podium by winning 5 gold medals, 4 silver medals and 1 bronze medal. Sweden took 2 silver medals, 2 gold medals and 3 bronze medals, while the Norwegian team took 1 silver medal and 3 bronze medals.

The Women Masters of the NC 2003 was won by Piritta Kantola - Finland, whom defeated Minna Mäkelä - Finland 417-349 in the Final. In the second last match Piritta Kantola defeated Jessica Haakansson - Sweden 423-378.

Petteri Salonen from Finland came out as the winner of the Men Masters by defeating Osku Paalmaa from Finland 495-480 in the final and Joonas Houlman from Finland 393-356 in the second last match.

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### **Story 2003-10: World Cup 2003 in Honduras**

Published on 5 March 2003 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen

In a press release from the AMF World Cup office, AMF announces the 39th World Cup to be organized in Tegucigalpa, Honduras 27 September - 4 October 2003 at the 24-lane Planeta Sipango Centre.

Honduras is the first-ever Central American/Caribbean nation to host the AMF World Cup.

Planeta Sipango Centre, located in southeast Tegucigalpa, opened in November 1999, with a Central American championship tournament.

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### **Story 2003-11: European WRM 2003 players**

Published on 9 March 2003 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen

All European players qualified for the World Ranking Masters 2003 have now confirmed their participation in this very prestigious event for the 2002 top 8 ranked women and men from the American Zone, the Asian Bowling Federation and the European Tenpin Bowling Federation, in total 24 players of each sex.

#### **From Europe the following women will participate:**

Bettina Lund, Denmark  
Tanya Petty, Germany  
Kirsten Penny, England  
Britt Brøndsted, Denmark  
Annemiek van den Boogart, The Netherlands  
Helen Johnsson, Sweden  
Patricia Schwarz, Germany  
Krista Pöllänen, Finland (substitution Iben Tchu from Denmark)

#### **From Europe the following men will participate:**

Gery Verbruggen, Belgium  
Anders Öhman, Sweden  
Mika Luoto, Finland  
Martin Larsen, Sweden  
Göran Carlsson, Sweden  
Thomas Gross, Austria  
Sami Konsteri, Finland  
Robert Andersson, Sweden

In the men's division there were no excuses.

The World Ranking Masters 2003 will take place 19-24 July at the brand new World head quarter of Kegel in Lake Wales, Florida.

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### **Story 2003-12: EYCT gold for Sweden and Italy**

Published on 13 March 2003 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen

At the European Youth Cup Teams in Schiedam The Netherlands, Sweden took the gold medal in the Girl's Division by defeating England in the final 447 vs. 359 (213+234 vs. 207+152).

In the first match in the stepladder final Sweden won against The Netherlands 400 vs. 389 (235-165 vs. 196+193). The Swedish girls were at the top of the podium in the EYCT 2001 in Berlin as well.

In the Boy's Division the gold medal went for the first time to Italy. In the final Italy defeated Denmark 411 vs. 318 (204+207 vs. 158+160)

In the first match in the stepladder final Italy defeated Sweden 452 vs. 443 (205+247 vs. 228+215).

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### **Story 2003-13: World Championships 2003 news**

Published on 14 March 2003 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen

The Malaysian Tenpin Bowling Congress, the host of the 15th World Championships, has released Bulletin no. 2 of this highlight of events in 2003. A resume of the bulletin content will be presented in this story.

The World Championships 2003 will be held in two bowling centres in the Malaysian capital Kuala Lumpur in the period 9-20 September 2003.

#### **Pyramid Megalanes, Sunway Pyramid Shopping Centre**

The 48 lanes AMF wood surface bowling centre will host the Men's competitions. The centre is located in Sunway Pyramid, an eight-store shopping mall adjacent to one of the official hotels, The Sunway Lagoon Resort Hotel.

The centre was built in 1997 and was the venue for the highly successful 1998 Commonwealth Games.

#### **Ampang Superbowl, the Summit, Subang USJ**

The 32 lane AMF synthetic surface bowling centre will host the women's competition. The centre is located in the Summit USJ, a four-store shopping mall adjacent to one another of the official hotels, The Summit Hotel. The centre is only 10 - 15 minutes driving time from Sunway Pyramid.

The centre was built in 1999 and was a venue which hosted many international tournaments including the 21st KL International and the 5th Gentling International in 1999 and 2000.

#### **Official hotels**

There are five official hotels for the World Championships 2003.

##### Sunway Lagoon Resort

Sunway Lagoon Resort Hotel, is a deluxe five star hotel complex adjacent to Sunway Pyramid Shopping Mall where the Pyramid Megalanes is located and is within 5 minutes walking distance. In addition to the excellent hotel facilities, the centre also offers unrivalled and distinctive convention, business and leisure facilities all under one roof.

The Hotel is close to Kuala Lumpur, the nation's capital city and 35 minutes from the Kuala Lumpur International Airport.

The hotel will house the main tournament secretariat, the team managers meeting and the World Championships 2003 victory banquet.

##### The Summit Hotel

The Summit Hotel is adjacent to The Summit USJ Shopping Centre where Ampang Superbowl is located and is within 3 minutes walking distance. In addition to the many hotel facilities, the shopping centre features Cineplex, food courts and a supermarket are within the complex.

##### Hotel Sheraton Subang

Hotel Sheraton Subang is located in between the two bowling centres and approximately 5 km from both Pyramid Megalanes and Ampang Superbowl Summit USJ. In addition to the many hotel facilities, the hotel is approximately 10 minutes' walk to Subang Parade shopping centre which features shops, food courts and a supermarket.

##### Hotel PJ Hilton

Hotel PJ Hilton is located approximately 5km to Pyramid Megalanes and a further 5km to Ampang Superbowl Summit USJ. In addition to the many hotel facilities, the hotel is approximate-



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ly 10 minutes' walk to Petaling Jaya (PJ) new town which features banks, shops, Chinese, Indian, Italian, MacDonald's, and KFC restaurants, and a several pubs.

### Hotel Holiday Villa

Hotel Holiday Villa is located approximately 5 km to Ampang Superbowl Summit USJ and a further 5 km to Pyramid Megalanes. In addition to the many hotel facilities, the hotel is next to Hotel Sheraton Subang and approximately 15 minutes' walk to Subang Parade shopping centre which features shops, food courts and a supermarket.

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### **Story 2003-14: EYCT 2003 list of results**

Published on 17 March 2003 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen

A completed EYCT 2003 list of results, presenting results from all matches played and the final standings, is now available at this Site.

A lot of thanks to Gerard van Dam for producing the completed list of results from the 5th European Youth Cup Teams concluded in Schiedam, The Netherlands last week.

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### **Story 2003-15: New WRM 2003 player**

Published on 19 March 2003 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen

For personal reasons Krista Pöllänen from Finland has excused her participation in the World Ranking Masters 2003. In her place Reija Lundén from Finland will participate.

#### **From Europe the following 8 women will participate:**

Bettina Lund, Denmark  
Tanya Petty, Germany  
Kirsten Penny, England  
Britt Brøndsted, Denmark  
Annemiek van den Boogart, The Netherlands  
Helen Johnsson, Sweden  
Patricia Schwarz, Germany  
Reija Lundén, Finland

#### **From Europe the following 8 men will participate:**

Gery Verbruggen, Belgium  
Anders Öhman, Sweden  
Mika Luoto, Finland  
Martin Larsen, Sweden  
Göran Carlsson, Sweden  
Thomas Gross, Austria  
Sami Konsteri, Finland  
Robert Andersson, Sweden

The World Ranking Masters 2003 will take place 19-24 July at the brand new World head quarter of Kegel in Lake Wales, Florida.

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### **Story 2003-16: CTBF established**

Published on 22 March 2003 by Lynne Clay

The city of Stirling, Scotland has been the site of many history making events - from Bannockburn to Stirling Bridge and the towering castle that dominates the skyline; the region has hosted royal celebrations, and witnessed battles royal, including some of Scotland's most inspiring feats of courage and heroism.

Stirling's role in a significant milestone for the sport of tenpin bowling is therefore no surprise. At a specially convened Forum of representatives of Commonwealth nations participating in the inaugural Commonwealth Tenpin Bowling Championships, a momentous decision was made: the establishment of the Commonwealth Tenpin Bowling Federation.

Goals and plans were discussed, consensus was reached to establish a dedicated entity, elections were held and, in the words of WTBA President, Dato Dr. P.S. Nathan, "a sterling baby has been born". The new Federation will affiliate to the sport's international governing body, the WTBA, with its prime focus being to successfully stage biennial Commonwealth Championships that will ultimately meld into the official Commonwealth Games program.

The Executive Board, headed by Malta's Julian Pace-Bonello, was elected and preliminary work has begun to formalise the structure and operations of this important new Federation. Vice-President Peter Hutton from Scotland and Executive Board members from each of the three WTBA Zones were proposed, and ratified by the Commonwealth country representatives. Pat White from England and Sidney Tung from Malaysia were elected by their peers to represent Europe and Asia, whilst the American Zone representatives opted to consult absent Federations before electing their Zone representative. Lynne Clay from Australia was nominated and ratified as Secretary General of the new Federation.

One of the first proposals adopted by the Forum was the creation of a "Rotating" Vice-President position acknowledging the role of the Federation that will host the next Commonwealth Tenpin Bowling Championships. Mr. Roger Christofides will consequently hold this pivotal position from 2002-2004, with the next Commonwealth Tenpin Bowling Championships to be staged in Cyprus in 2004.

The success of the inaugural Commonwealth Tenpin Bowling Championship in Stirling has guaranteed the continuation of this popular international Championship. In coming weeks, the CTBF will formally announce the venue and further details of the 2004 event in Cyprus and subsequent venues for 2006 and onwards for this innovative biennial Championship.

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### **Story 2003-17: Bowling in Commonwealth Youth**

Published on 22 March 2003 by Lynne Clay

The sport of Tenpin Bowling is one of ten popular sports named by the Australian Commonwealth Games Association this week as part of the program for the II Commonwealth Youth Games, to be held in Bendigo Victoria from 29 November to 4 December 2004.

The national governing body of the sport, Tenpin Bowling Australia, today received official notification from the ACGA that its Board has endorsed the Sports Program recommended by the Commonwealth Youth Games Organising Committee.

The sports on the program will be: - Athletics, Badminton, Boxing, Cycling, Gymnastics, Lawn Bowls, Rugby 7's, Swimming, Tenpin Bowling and Weightlifting.

"The selected sports have strong youth competitions both in Australia and in other Commonwealth countries. We are confident that this program of sports will provide an excellent opportunity for athletes from a number of Commonwealth nations to gain international competition experience in a multi-sport event through taking part in this second Commonwealth Youth Games" said ACGA President, Sam Coffa.

"There cannot be any more important element than our young athletes...we immediately put our hand up to hold this event following the first Youth Games in Edinburgh, in August 2000" he added.

Reflecting this focus on its youth athletes by Tenpin Bowling and other major sports, up to 1,000 athletes and officials are expected to participate in Bendigo in 2004 - almost double the size of the inaugural Youth Games.

Event formats for each sport will be finalised in close consultation with the Commonwealth Youth Games Organising Committee, which is currently seeking expressions of interest from all 72 Commonwealth (and/or Olympic) Games Associations (CGA's) for participation in the ten sports chosen.

The CTBF will coordinate the planning and staging of the tenpin bowling tournament in Bendigo, in conjunction with the host NSO, Tenpin Bowling Australia. Tenpin Bowling has proposed a tournament program based on two male and two female bowlers from each nation competing in a total of ten medal events (Singles, Doubles, Mixed Doubles, Teams, All Events and Masters).

"News of our sport's inclusion in this prestigious event has set the bowling world buzzing" said President of the Commonwealth Tenpin Bowling Federation, Julian Pace-Bonello from Malta today. "Our Federation was established following the Commonwealth Tenpin Bowling Championships in Scotland, with its primary focus being to stage biennial Commonwealth Championships that will ultimately meld into the official Commonwealth Games program. The announcement of our sport's inclusion in the Youth Games in Bendigo is the fulfilment of one of its goals" he said.

### Story 2003-18: EBT 2003 Stop 3

Published on 4 April 2003 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



Danish Kamilla Kjeldsen and Belgium's Gery Verbruggen kept their first positions in the European Bowling Tour 2003 after the conclusion of the 3rd stop - Athens Brunswick Open; Kjeldsen by her 3rd position in the tournament and Verbruggen by his 9th position.

#### Athens Brunswick Open - Top 3

1. Tanya Petty, Germany
2. Bjarne Thomsen, Denmark
3. Kamilla Kjeldsen, Denmark

The standing after the 3rd stop in the European Bowling Tour 2003 is as follows:

#### EBT 2003 Women

Kamilla Kjeldsen, Denmark - 51 points

Tanya Petty, Germany - 31 points

Patricia Schwarz, Germany - 30 points

#### EBT 2003 Men

Gery Verbruggen, Belgium - 36 points

Nick Froggatt, England - 36 points

Lasse Lintilä, Finland - 30 points

Amadeo Spada, Italy - 30 points

Bjarne Thomsen, Denmark - 30 points

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### **Story 2003-19: Mediterranean Championships postponed**

Published on 17 April 2003 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen

The Mediterranean Challenge Cup, scheduled to run in Istanbul, Turkey 9-13 April 2003, has been postponed until further decision to re-schedule the event has been taken by the bowling federations surrounding the Mediterranean see.

The postponement of the MCC 2003 is decided as a consequence of the situation in Iraq.

### Story 2003-20: EBT 2003 Stop 4

Published on 24 April 2003 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



After the conclusion of the 4th stop in the European Bowling Tour 2003 - Swedish Les Lion Cup held in Norrköping 18-21 April - Kamilla Kjeldsen from Denmark and Gery Verbruggen from Belgium is still in the leading positions in the European Ranking.

#### Les Lion Cup 2003 - Top 3

1. Peter Hellström, Sweden
2. Pasi Uotila, Finland
3. Sami Konsteri, Finland

The standing after Stop 4 in the European Bowling Tour 2003 is as follows:

#### EBT 2003 Women

Kamilla Kjeldsen, Denmark - 72 points  
Bettina Lund, Denmark - 58 points  
Patricia Schwarz, Germany - 40 points

#### EBT 2003 Men

Gery Verbruggen, Belgium - 48 points  
Nick Froggatt, England - 36 points  
Lasse Lintilä, Finland - 30 points  
Amadeo Spada, Italy - 30 points  
Bjarne Thomsen, Denmark - 30 points  
Pasi Uotila, Finland - 30 points  
Peter Hellström, Sweden - 30 points



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### **Story 2003-21: The period of the EYC 2004**

Published on 14 May 2003 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen

At the ETBF Congress held 9 May 2003 in Poznan, Poland the German Bowling Federation announced the dates of the next European Youth Championships to be 9-18 April 2004.

The championships will be held in Augsburg, Germany.

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### **Story 2003-22: EGC 2003 in Poznan**

Published on 14 May 2003 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen

The record of 26 participating federations from the EGC 2002 in Riga Latvia was repeated in the 27th European Gold Cup just concluded in Polish Poznan.

The two players from England came out as the overall successors in the EGC 2003 by winning two gold medals and one silver medal.

#### **Top 3 in Mix Doubles**

Mary Williams / Ben Frost - England

Roberta Ferina / Alessandro Santu - Italy

Karina Maslova / Nikolay Ovchinnikovs – Latvia

#### **Top 3 in Women's Singles**

Christelle Hannecart - France

Mary Williams - England

Karina Maslova - Latvia

#### **Top 3 in Men's Singles**

Ben Frost - England

Didier van den Bergh - Belgium

Christo Korosis - Greece

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### Story 2003-23: ETBF Congress in Poznan

Published on 14 May 2003 by Addie Ophelders

Some two years ago (in 2001) the Congress decided to hold the next ETBF Congress at the same time as the European Gold Cup. Poznan, Poland was the venue for the EGC 2003 and the Congress.

On 9 May 2003 at 09.00 hours, 22 delegates from the member federations had reported to the Congress room.

On a more or less normal agenda, two items were special (1) the report from Mr. Oostdam about the meetings of the FIQ restructuring committee and (2) Dato Dr. P.S. Nathan about (a) SARS in Malaysia, (b) the World Championships and (c) the Future of WTBA. Before the delegates could listen to the reports from the two gentlemen, they had to work their way through the agenda. Important changes were adopted.

An application to host an ETBF Championship has to be accompanied by an application fee of € 2.000.

The entry fee for ETBF Championships will be decided between the host and the ETBF Presidium. € 40 per participant and official has to be paid to the ETBF.

The host federation does not have to pay the expenses for the ETBF Tournament Director and for the ETBF Technical Delegate anymore.

The membership fees for the member federations remain unchanged: less than 4.000 members = € 800 and more than 4.000 members = € 2.200.

Our Vice President Mr. Kim Thorsgaard Jensen was for re-election and (of course) the Congress agreed. He was re-elected for a term of four years.

As you all know our dear friend Jacky Felsenstein passed away in April 2002; his place in the presidium had to be replaced. Mrs. Pat White had told the presidium that she wanted to retire. Also her position was vacant.

The Presidium elected Mr. Leo Plum from Germany and Mr. Aleksandrs Rihters from Latvia as new members of the ETBF Presidium. Welcome and we look forward to a positive and fruitful cooperation. Mr. Rune Widell and Mr. Roni Ashkenazi were re-elected.

The ETBF Presidium is hereafter composed as follows:

Addie Ophelders (The Netherlands), President  
Kim Thorsgaard Jensen (Denmark), Vice President  
Rune Widell (Sweden), General Secretary  
Roni Ashkenazi (Israel), Presidium member  
Sergey Lisitsyn (Russia), Presidium member  
Leo Plum (Germany), Presidium member  
Aleksandrs Rihters (Latvia), Presidium member

FIQ restructuring: Mr. Oostdam presented a clear picture of the present situation and of the new situation (if accepted by the FIQ Congress in September 2003 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia). All member federations of ETBF present at the Congress agreed with the unanimously taken decision of the FIQ restructuring committee to adopt the ETBF proposal.

Dato Dr. P.S. Nathan, president of the WTBA had taken the time to visit our Congress and to inform the delegates about the things that keep them busy. Dr. Nathan assured all of us that we need not fear SARS in Malaysia. Also the WHO (World Health Organisation) has never declared Malaysia as a "do not visit" country.

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The president of WTBA came also at no cost to ETBF to inform us about the World Championships. More than 30 countries have already registered and if you have not done so, we advise you to do that as soon as possible.

Last but not least, he informed us about his plans on the future of WTBA. It was very much respected by the members of the Congress.

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### **Story 2003-24: Mediterranean Challenge Cup period**

Published on 26 May 2003 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen

The Mediterranean Challenge Cup 2003, postponed from the originally dates in April 2003, is re-scheduled to be conducted 16-20 July in Turkish Istanbul.

Countries surrounding the Mediterranean Sea are invited to the MCC 2003.

### Story 2003-25: EBT 2003 Stop 5

Published on 26 May 2003 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



After the conclusion of the 5th stop in the European Bowling Tour 2003 - Aalborg International 2003 held in Aalborg, Denmark 21-25 May - Kamilla Kjeldsen from Denmark and Gery Verbruggen from Belgium is still in the leading positions in the European Ranking.

The tournament was won by Daniel Falconi from Mexico after an existing final, where Falconi succeeded with a score of 227 against 193 scored by Bill Hoffman from USA, in the tournament representing Swedish Team Pergamon.

#### **Aalborg International 2003**

1. Daniel Falconi, Mexico
2. Bill Hoffman, Sweden
3. Pasi Uotila, Finland
3. Andrew Cain, USA

The standing after the 5th stop in the European Bowling Tour 2003 is as follows:

#### **EBT 2003 Women**

Kamilla Kjeldsen, Denmark - 72 points  
Bettina Lund, Denmark - 58 points  
Tanya Petty, Germany - 49 points

#### **EBT 2003 Men**

Gery Verbruggen, Belgium - 60 points  
Pasi Uotila, Finland - 51 points  
Lasse Lintilä, Finland - 45 points

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### Story 2003-26: EBT 2004 invitation

Published on 15 June 2003 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



The invitation for tournaments to apply for the European Bowling Tour 2004 has been distributed among the 43 ETBF member federations and the organizers of EBT 2003 Tournaments.

The European Bowling Tour 2003 consists of 12 tournament spread over the calendar year and spread geographically over Europe. The ETBF Presidium expects the number of tournaments to be included in the EBT 2004 to be higher than previous years, since the interest is growing from year to year - both from players and organizers.

The European Bowling Tour forms the European part of the World Ranking System, where the top 8 women and men of the ranking standings as of 31 December 2004 will qualify for the World Ranking Masters 2005.

Among others the following criteria will be used in the evaluation of tournaments to be adopted in the tour:

- Written preliminary TV-transmission contract
- Stepladder final or finals included in the tournament format
- The magnitude of the total sum of prize money
- The sum of prize money must be higher than € 22.000
- Previous EBT status
- Previous observance of the EBT Rules
- The distribution of tournaments over the calendar year
- The distribution of tournaments geographically

To apply for the adoption in the EBT 2004, three documents must be sent by email to the Chairman of the ETBF Tournament Committee:

- A filled in Tournament Sanction Application
- A filled in European Bowling Tour Application
- A completed issue of the tournament rules

All filled in documents must go through the national federation of the organizer, since each federation decides which of their tournaments they want to accept as candidates for the EBT 2004.

The following deadlines apply for selection round for the EBT 2004:

- Before 15 August 2003 the selection round at each federation must be concluded.
- Latest 15 August 2003 the EBT Application for each potential EBT 2004 Tournament in your federation must be received by the Chairman of the ETBF Tournament Committee Kim Thorsgaard Jensen.

At the latest 1 September 2003 the federations and the tournament organizers will receive a letter including the final outcome of the selection round for the EBT 2004.

At the latest 1 September 2003 the list of tournaments adopted in the EBT 2004 will be presented at this Site.

### Story 2003-27: EBT 2003 Stop 6

Published on 1 July 2003 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



After the conclusion of the 6<sup>th</sup> stop in the European Bowling Tour 2003, Edlen Super Bowl Malta Open held in St. Julian's, Malta on 18-22 June, Kamilla Kjeldsen from Denmark and Gery Verbruggen from Belgium is still in the leading positions in the European Ranking.

The two leading players in the European Bowling Tour 2003 both consolidated their positions by winning their respective divisions of Edlen Super Bowl Malta Open.

#### **Eden Super Bowl Malta Open, Women**

1. Kamilla Kjeldsen, Denmark
2. Michaela Göbel, Germany
3. Isabelle Saldjian, France
4. Britt Brøndsted, Denmark

#### **Eden Super Bowl Malta Open, Men**

1. Gery Verbruggen, Belgium
2. Chris van Damme, Belgium
3. Martin Blixt, Sweden
4. Martin Larsen, Sweden

The standing after the 6<sup>th</sup> stop in the European Bowling Tour 2003 is as follows:

#### **EBT 2003 Women**

Kamilla Kjeldsen, Denmark - 102 points  
Bettina Lund, Denmark - 58 points  
Michaela Göbel, Germany - 52 points

#### **EBT 2003 Men**

Gery Verbruggen, Belgium - 90 points  
Pasi Uotila, Finland - 51 points  
Nick Froggatt, England - 48 points



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### **Story 2003-28: ESBC 2003 in Bergen**

Published on 7 July 2003 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen

As in the ESBC 2002 Finland was the overall successor in the ESBC 2003, recently conducted in Norwegian Bergen. Finland took 14 out of 20 possible titles with a total of 33 out of 60 possible medals.

The most successful player at the ESBC in Bergen was Finnish Sirkka Häyhä winning 4 out of 4 possible gold medals, namely in the disciplines Women's Singles Category A, Women's Masters Category A, Women's Doubles Category A and Women's Trios.

Among the other Finnish successors was legendary Eija Krogerus whom won the Doubles in Women's group C together with Seija Nurmi. Eija Krogerus took her first international titles at the European Championships 1962 in Besancon, France by winning gold medals in Women's Doubles, Women's Four Team European style and Women's Four Team American style.

ESBC is, besides being a major social event for the veterans in Europe, also an event presenting a row of the big stars of the bowling sport, such as the former World Champion Roger Pieters from Belgium and the former European Champion and World Cup winner Arne Svein Ström from Norway. Both still winning medals, while Roger Pieters won 1 silver medal and two bronze medals and Arne Svein Ström one silver medal in Bergen.

The next issue of the ESBC - one of the largest veteran events Worldwide - will be conducted in Helsinki Finland in the period 26 June - 3 July 2003.

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### **Story 2003-29: American Zone website**

Published on 8 July 2003 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen

A brand new Website of the American Zone of the World Tenpin Bowling Association has just been launched. The address of the Site is [www.wtbaaz.bowlingcolombia.org](http://www.wtbaaz.bowlingcolombia.org).

With the implementation of the American Zone Website the information structure of the whole WTBA family is now completed with 4 Websites existing, one for the mother body and one for each of the three affiliated Zones.

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### Story 2003-30: Changed schedule in Kuala Lumpur

Published on 8 July 2003 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen

The host of the 15th World Championships - Malaysian Tenpin Bowling Congress - have just announced, that the lanes of the centre where the women's competitions were scheduled to be conducted, The Ampang Superbowl, were found to be not approved by the WTBA Technical Delegate.

As a consequence the women's competition has been moved to be bowled in the same centre as the men's competition - The Pyramid Megalanes, Sunway.

Malaysian Tenpin Bowling Congress furthermore announces, that the teams booked at Summit Hotel may continue to stay there, since an hourly shuttle service will be operated to and from the hotel. The teams may also choose to move to stay at the Sunway Lagoon Resort as an alternative.

Pyramid Megalanes will be open for booking at their normal business rate prior to the official practice 10 September 10. The bookings may be limited to certain time frame per country depending on the number of countries registered for practice on the day.

The total number of days for the 15<sup>th</sup> World Championships will remain unchanged, though the schedule will be changed as follows:

#### **10 September 2003**

Official Practise

#### **11 September 2003**

Men's Singles

#### **12 September 2003**

Women's Singles

#### **13 September 2003**

Men's Doubles

#### **14 September 2003**

Women's Doubles

#### **15 September 2003**

Men's Trios 1<sup>st</sup> block (first part of the day)

Women's Trios 1<sup>st</sup> block (second part of the day)

#### **16 September 2003**

Men's Trios 2<sup>nd</sup> block (first part of the day)

Women's Trios 2<sup>nd</sup> block (second part of the day)

#### **17 September 2003**

Men's Team 1<sup>st</sup> block (first part of the day)

Women's Team 1<sup>st</sup> block (second part of the day)

#### **18 September 2003**

Men's Team 2<sup>nd</sup> block (first part of the day)

Women's Team 2<sup>nd</sup> block (second part of the day)

#### **19 September 2003**

Round Robin Men in 2 blocks

Round Robin Women in 2 blocks

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**20 September 2003**

Stepladder Final Women

Stepladder Final Men

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### **Story 2003-31: Updated ETBF Rules**

Published on 9 July 2003 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen

The ETBF Rules has been updated with all changes adopted at the ETBF Congress held 9 May 2003 in Poznan, Poland.

The rule changes influences another four ETBF Publications, which has been changed as well.

ETBF101-004: ETBF Rules

ETBF402-003: Championship Application

ETBF403-002: Championship Agreement

ETBF404-003: Checklist for verification visits

ETBF405-003: Championship Manual

### Story 2003-32: EBT 2003 Stop 7

Published on 14 July 2003 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



The 7th Stop in the European Bowling Tour 2003, 25 Trofeu Internacional Ciutat de Barcelona, was concluded 13 July.

The top three of the tournament came, after the stepladder final, out as follows:

1. Stuart Williams, England
2. Bettina Lund, Denmark
3. Nick Froggatt, England

The EBT 2003 Stop in Barcelona brought no new leaders in the European Bowling Tour 2003, where Kamilla Kjeldsen from Denmark and Gery Verbruggen from Belgium are in the leading positions in the women's respectively men's division, though Nick Froggatt from England and Pasi Uotila from Finland changed positions at the second and third place in the men's ranking.

The standing after the 7th stop in the European Bowling Tour 2003 is as follows:

#### **EBT 2003 Women**

Kamilla Kjeldsen, Denmark - 123 points  
Bettina Lund, Denmark - 88 points  
Michaela Göbel, Germany - 52 points

#### **EBT 2003 Men**

Gery Verbruggen, Belgium - 102 points  
Nick Froggatt, England - 69 points  
Pasi Uotila, Finland - 51 points

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### Story 2003-33: WRM 2003 in Lake Wales

Published on 16 July 2003 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen

The 3<sup>rd</sup> World Ranking Masters will take place at Kegels place in Lake Wales, Florida - beginning with the first 6 out of 24 qualifying games in both the women's and the men's division Sunday 20 July ending with two times Top 8 Single Eliminations Wednesday 23 July.

A summary of the results will be available at this site updated daily. For detailed results we will refer to the official tournament website [www.kegel.net](http://www.kegel.net).

The participants will be 24 high class players of each sex all qualified from the ranking standings as of 31<sup>st</sup> December 2002 in Asia, Europe and America (8 from each zone).

The 48 qualified players are presented below.

<b>Women's Division</b>		
<b>Name</b>	<b>Country</b>	<b>Zone</b>
Clara Juliana Guerrero	Columbia	America
Sara Vargas	Columbia	
Aumi Guerra	Dominican Republic	
Aida Granillo Braerro	El Salvador	
Sofia Granda	Guatemala	
Diandra Hyman	USA	
Ingelimar Contreras	Venezuela	
Margalit Mizrachi	Venezuela	
Lai Kin Ngoh	Malaysia	Asia
Sarah Yap	Malaysia	
Shalin Zulkifli	Malaysia	
Wendy Chai	Malaysia	
Liza del Rosario	Philippines	
Jennifer Tan	Singapore	
Jesmine Ho	Singapore	
Valerie Teo	Singapore	
Bettina Lund	Denmark	Europe
Britt Brøndsted	Denmark	
Kirsten Penny	England	
Reija Lundén	Finland	
Patricia Schwarz	Germany	

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Tanya Petty	Germany	
Helen Johnsson	Sweden	
Annemiek van den Boogart	Netherlands	

<b>Men's Division</b>		
<b>Name</b>	<b>Country</b>	<b>Zone</b>
David Romero	Colombia	America
Andres Gomez	Columbia	
Rolando A. Sebelen	Dominican Republic	
Daniel Falconi	Mexico	
Marcos Baeza	Mexico	
Bill Hoffman	USA	
Arturo Hernandez	Venezuela	
Jose Ferreira	Venezuela	
Ben Heng	Malaysia	Asia
Chester King	Philippines	
Biboy Rivera	Philippines	
Ahmed Shaheen	Qatar	
Bandar Al Shafi	Qatar	
Saeed Al Hajri	Qatar	
Remy Ong	Singapore	
Shaker Ali Al Hassan	UAE	Europe
Thomas Gross	Austria	
Gery Verbruggen	Belgium	
Mika Luoto	Finland	
Sami Konsteri	Finland	
Anders Öhman	Sweden	
Göran Carlsson	Sweden	
Martin Larsen	Sweden	
Robert Andersson	Sweden	



### Story 2003-34: EBT 2004 applications

Published on 16 July 2003 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



The deadline for applications from tournament organizers (through their federations) to participate in the selection round for the European Bowling Tour 2004 is 15 August 2003. The deadline to apply for EBT 2004 status is ultimate and no applications received after 15 August will be accepted.

The European Bowling Tour forms the European part of the World Ranking System, where the top 8 women and men of the ranking standings as of 31 December 2004 will qualify for the World Ranking Masters 2005.

To apply for the adoption in the EBT 2004, three documents must be sent by email to the Chairman of the ETBF Tournament Committee Kim Thorsgaard Jensen:

- A filled in Tournament Sanction Application
- A filled in European Bowling Tour Application
- A completed issue of the tournament rules

Before the 1<sup>st</sup> September the composition of the European Bowling Tour 2004 will be published.

The European Bowling Tour 2003 consists of 12 tournament and we expect more tournaments to form the European Bowling Tour 2004.

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### Story 2003-35: WRM 2003 players changed

Published on 20 July 2003 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen

Latest from Lake Wales (Florida), where the first qualifying squads in the World Ranking Masters 2003 will be plaid later this evening, is a few changes in the field of the 24 male players due to visa problems. The final list of participants is presented below.

<b>Women's Division</b>		
<b>Name</b>	<b>Country</b>	<b>Zone</b>
Clara Juliana Guerrero	Columbia	America
Sara Vargas	Columbia	
Aumi Guerra	Dominican Republic	
Aida Granillo Braerro	El Salvador	
Sofia Granda	Guatemala	
Diandra Hyman	USA	
Ingelimar Contreras	Venezuela	
Margalit Mizrachi	Venezuela	
Lai Kin Ngoh	Malaysia	Asia
Sarah Yap	Malaysia	
Shalin Zulkifli	Malaysia	
Wendy Chai	Malaysia	
Liza del Rosario	Philippines	
Jennifer Tan	Singapore	
Jesmine Ho	Singapore	
Valerie Teo	Singapore	
Bettina Lund	Denmark	Europe
Britt Brøndsted	Denmark	
Kirsten Penny	England	
Reija Lundén	Finland	
Patricia Schwarz	Germany	
Tanya Petty	Germany	
Helen Johnsson	Sweden	
Annemiek van den Boogart	Netherlands	

### **Men's Division**

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Name	Country	Zone
David Romero	Colombia	America
Andres Gomez	Columbia	
Rolando A. Sebelen	Dominican Republic	
Daniel Falconi	Mexico	
Marcos Baeza	Mexico	
Bill Hoffman	USA	
Arturo Hernandez	Venezuela	
Jose Ferreira	Venezuela	
Andrew Frawley	Australia	Asia
Chester King	Philippines	
Biboy Rivera	Philippines	
Ahmed Shaheen	Qatar	
Bandar Al Shafi	Qatar	
Mubarak Ali Al-Muraikhi	Qatar	
Remy Ong	Singapore	
Paeng Nepomuceno	Philippines	Europe
Thomas Gross	Austria	
Gery Verbruggen	Belgium	
Mika Luoto	Finland	
Sami Konsteri	Finland	
Anders Öhman	Sweden	
Göran Carlsson	Sweden	
Martin Larsen	Sweden	
Robert Andersson	Sweden	

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### **Story 2003-36: WRM 2003 in Lake Wales**

Published on 25 July 2003 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen

The World Ranking Masters 2003 was held 19-23 July 2003 in Florida, USA. More specific at Kegels new established place in Lake Wales.

In the women's division a new star at the international scene was borne when the 22 year old Danish player Britt Brøndsted defeated her 23 female opponents representing countries all over the World, among them many established names in the sport.

Britt Brøndsted qualified as the 1st ranked after the 24 qualification games with a score of 5087 pins (average 211), more than 100 pins over the 2nd qualified Patricia Schwarz from Germany scoring 4968 (average 207).

Britt Brøndsted continued her top games in the top 8 three step final defeating Aumi Guerra from The Dominican Republic 2-0 (198-183 and 236-179) in the quarter final, Margalit Mizrachi from Venezuela 2-0 (221-176 and 210-158) in the Semi Final and Patricia Schwarz from Germany 2-0 (224-165 and 224-215) in the final. As presented an excellent performance by Britt Brøndsted throughout the whole tournament.

In the men's division the winner was an already established player, namely the runner up at the World Ranking Masters 2002 Anders Öhman from Sweden.

Anders Öhman qualified as 2nd after the 24 qualifying games with a pin fall of 5103 (average 212), while the 1st qualified was his later opponent in the Final Bill Hoffman from USA scoring 5170 (average 215).

Anders Öhman played 3 excellent matches in the final steps by defeating Marcos Baeza from Mexico 2-0 (238-211 and 256-225) in the quarter final, Ahmed Shaheen 2-1 (268-197, 207-236 and 213-209) in the Semi Final and Bill Hoffman 2-1 (237-223, 199-211 and 220-179) in the final.

#### **The WRM 2003 women medallists**

Britt Brøndsted, Denmark - Gold

Patricia Schwarz, Germany - Silver

Margalit Mizrachi, Venezuela - Bronze

Kirsten Penny, England - Bronze

#### **The WRM 2003 men medallists**

Anders Öhman, Sweden - Gold

Bill Hoffman, USA - Silver

Ahmed Shaheen, Qatar - Bronze

Daniel Falconi, Mexico - Bronze

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### **Story 2003-37: MCC 2003 in Istanbul**

Published on 25 July 2003 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen

The 6<sup>th</sup> Mediterranean Challenge Cup, the championships including countries with coast-lines at the Mediterranean Sea, was conducted 17-21 July in Turkish Istanbul. The first international event hosted by the Turkish federation.

The seven titles of the championships was divided between 4 countries, three by Spain winning the Men's Masters, the Men's Doubles and the Mixed Four Team, two by Malta winning the Women's Masters and the Women's doubles, one by Israel by winning the Women's Singles and one by the host country Turkey by winning the Men's Singles.

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### **Story 2003-38: WRM 2004 in Moscow**

Published on 2 August 2003 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen

At the Victory Banquet of the World Ranking Masters 2003 in Lake Wales, Florida - USA, the flag of the World Tenpin Bowling Association were handed over by the WTBA President Dr. P. S. Nathan to the Vice President of Federation of Sports Bowling of Russia - Sergey Lisitsyn.

The reason for the ceremony was the fact that the next World Ranking Masters will take place in the Russian capital Moscow in the period 22-27 June 2004.

Among the already published plans for this highly estimated World final for the top 8 male and female players from The European Bowling Tour 2003, The Asian Bowling Tour 2003 and the ranking system in the American Zone as of 2003 will be all Semi Finals and finals to be played at 4 special installed lanes at the Olympic Stadium in Moscow.

Being familiar with the Russian capacity in organizing and promoting events there is no doubt that a great experience for the life time is waiting the athletes participating in the 4<sup>th</sup> World Ranking Masters in Moscow.

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### Story 2003-39: World Championships 2003 participation

Published on 2 August 2003 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen

Following the development in results the last many years, a number of records at the upcoming World Championships in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia (KL) must be expected. Though already a month before the first disciplines will be conducted the first records are broken.

The total number of athletes is 628, which is a new record. The second highest number of athletes came at the World Championships 1995 in Reno, Nevada - USA where 611 athletes were present.

Both the number of female and male athletes is the highest ever. 260 participating female athletes will be on the lanes in KL, while 255 female athletes were participating at the World Championships 1999 in Abu Dhabi, UAE. In KL there will be 368 male athletes at the lanes, while 358 male athletes were participating at the World Championships 1995 in Reno.

The total number of countries participating in KL will be 66, though not a record since 67 countries was present at the World Championships 1995 in Reno.

There will probably be no doubt that the number of bowling balls to be used will be higher than ever. If for instance each player will bring 6 bowling balls to KL the total number of balls to be used can easily pass 3.500.

The total number of games to be played in KL will be 15.588 (excluding practise). In 1995 at the World Championships in Reno 15.180 games was played (excluding practise).

The Secretary General of the host federation (The Malaysian Tenpin Bowling Congress) Sidney Tung is of the opinion that a few changes in the final number of participants still might come in but that the number basically has stabilised.

Below some views from a European angle:

Players from European member federations are making up 299 of the 628 participants, which correspond to 48% of all participants. In the women division the percentage of European players is 51% and in the men division the percentage is 45%.

At the lanes in KL we will find athletes from 30 European countries - a number of European participating countries never seen higher at any international championship, including all previous conducted European Championships, where the record of participating countries are 26. The number of European athletes in KL - 299 as mentioned earlier - has never been higher before either, since 288 athletes came at the lanes at the European Championships 1997 in Nottingham, England (the until now highest number of European athletes at any previously conducted international championship).

The following federations from Europe will send athletes to the 16<sup>th</sup> World Championships 2003 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia: Armenia, Belgium, Bulgaria, Denmark, England, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Guernsey, Hungary, Iceland, Italy, Jersey, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, The Netherlands, Northern Ireland, Norway, Poland, Russia, Scotland, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Ukraine and Wales.

The opening ceremony of the 16<sup>th</sup> World Championships 2003 will take place 9 September at the championships will continue until 20 September, ending with the women's and the men's step ladder finals in the Masters.

There will be a total of 12 medal sets to compete for in KL - 6 medal sets for each sex - in the disciplines Singles, Doubles, Trios, Team, All Event and Masters.

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### **Story 2003-40: Four ETBF Championships in 2004**

Published on 2 August 2003 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen

Dates and venues for the four ETBF championships to be arranged in 2004 are decided by the ETBF Presidium to be conducted as follows:

#### **European Youth Championships 2004**

9 April - 18 April 2004 in Augsburg, Germany

#### **European Gold Cup 2004**

17 May - 23 May 2004 in Kiev, Ukraine

#### **European Cup Teams 2004**

28 May - 6 June 2004 in Norwich, England

#### **European Cup Individuals 2004**

30 August - 5 September 2004 in Ankara, Turkey

In addition dates and venues for other major international events in 2004 have been announced. Find an overview of international championships to be conducted in 2004 by clicking at [Championships / Coming / 2004](#) at the left menu bar.



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### Story 2003-41: Press in action

Published on 3 August 2003 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen

An interesting happening took place during the recently held World Ranking Masters in Lake Wales, Florida. The happening included two members of the press corps, namely the European Editor of Bowlers Journal Keith Hale from England and the Editor of [www.bowlingdigital.com](http://www.bowlingdigital.com) Herbert Bickel from Germany.

Both gentlemen are well known in the sport of tenpin bowling as highly estimated press officials, dedicated and with a lot of passion to the sport and often seen all over the World as soon as something important is ongoing.

They are representing each their media and as a natural part of the business they are competitors as well as colleagues and therefore normally not observed in more relaxing common activities.

One early morning during the World Ranking Masters they were however (by a hidden camera) shot together in something as extraordinary as a croquet match at a lane connected to a peaceful country side hotel situated a little outside Lake Wales.

Below you will find a few reflections to the remarkable scenery.



#### Divided

In the beginning they were separated and obviously having the same thought: I better be careful (very careful) staying a bit away from him, maybe he will copy my style and use it for his own benefit.

Pay attention to the stripes at the lane. They are indicating a wet lane in the dewy morning in Florida.



#### Maybe a bit more relaxed

After a few rounds the atmosphere was losing up and both gentlemen of the press seemed to be more relaxed.

It is interesting to observe, that they are not any longer playing at the same time, though still not in any kind of conversation.



#### Unified

At the end of the match they were seen in something which must be a deep and confidential conversation.

Rumours among the few spectators told, that they were unified in their view to the lane: How can that Technical Delegate make the lane like that; impossible!



#### I am tired of these guys

The well-known CEO of Kegel, John Davis, was appointed Technical Delegate of the match. He was obviously not satisfied with the reaction of the players and was calling for help:

"They do as usual not like the lane even it was very well prepared and made very wet for this morning squad."

During the recently years many discussions of possibilities in multiple lane conditions the Swedish coach Magnus Jonsson came up with the idea of making the two lanes at each pair of lanes different, meaning one short oil and one long oil at each pair. The concept is known as the MMP, which is a shortening of Magnus Multiple Pattern.

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The MMP was tried out at the International Foundation Games Final (following the World Ranking Masters) with a successful outcome. Another reason for the phone call from John Davis, whom is known to think far ahead of most individuals, could also be: I have already lost my interest of this croquet match and instead I am concentrating on the interesting question: How do we reach the next step in the development of tenpin bowling? To dress a pair of lanes with three different conditions; it seems to be a very big challenge filled with a lot of complexity. But such a rumour could also be based on a very loose guess.

Back to the croquet match itself I would like to quote one of the competitors in the match; Keith Hale in the World Letter Plus as of 31 July)

"I very much regret to announce that in the International Media Croquet Championships, held in Lake Wales, Florida in conjunction with the World Ranking Masters and the International Foundation Games, the final standings were: England 1, Germany 6. Unfortunately, I represented England and the superbly victorious German was none other than Herbert Bickel of [bowlingdigital.com](http://bowlingdigital.com). Four of the games were played on a long pattern (the grass was dry), three on short (the grass was wet). I shall find some other way of getting even in Malaysia during the WTBA World Championships; Laptops at dawn?"

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## Story 2003-42: After FIQ restructuring

Published on 6 August 2003 by Addie Ophelders

Although it is not my task to explain to all of you in simple words what the intention of the ETBF proposal is, I take the liberty as President of the European Tenpin Bowling Federation (ETBF) to do that.

### A little history

FIQ consists now of 126 member federations: 101 federations are WTBA members: the American Zone consists of 27 member federations, the Asian Bowling federation has 31 member federations and the European Tenpin Bowling Federation has 43 member federations. The WNBA has 25 member federations divided over 3 Sections: Classic, Schere and Bohle.

Already back in 1998 I presented to the FIQ Presidium my ideas of changing the organisation of FIQ. It was already then clear that the financial situation of FIQ without the help from "outside" would be very difficult.

The FIQ Presidium then decided to wait until after the Congress in 1999 (Abu Dhabi, UAE), but concluded that there was a lot of merit in the ideas.

In 2000, I presented the proposal of the ETBF Presidium again to the Presidia of FIQ, WNBA and WTBA. They all agreed to the proposal and agreed for it to be presented to the Congress in 2001.

In Aalborg, Denmark in June 2001 the FIQ Congress decided to form a committee to look into the various proposals before it and to return with the recommendations as to which to adopt. The committee to consist of 3 elected members, one from each Zone and the Presidents of FIQ, WTBA and WNBA and also 3 IOC members.

The Committee met twice: on 15 February 2002 in Salt Lake City, USA and on 13 December 2002 in Duisburg, Germany.

### Result

The Committee accepted **unanimously** and **without objection** to adopt the ETBF proposal. In short the ETBF proposal

FIQ will **not** be dissolved, but it will be **restructured**.

There will always be a communicating liaison between WNBA/WTBA on one hand and IOC on the other hand.

The re-structured FIQ will be composed by the Presidia of WTBA (10) and WNBA (5); they will elect from themselves the new President/Chairman.

The new FIQ will **no** longer be a membership organisation; WTBA will deal with Tenpin membership and WNBA will deal with Ninepin membership.

**No dues** will be collected anymore by FIQ.

FIQ Congresses are NOT necessary anymore.

The new FIQ will be represented at the International level (IOC, IWGA etc.) by President WTBA, President WNBA, Secretary General and the President of the re-structured FIQ. The expenses for the re-structured FIQ will be met at 1:3 ratio; 1 for WNBA and 3 for WTBA.

IOC is informed about the re-structured organisation.

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### **Conclusion**

As one of the initiators of the proposal I must say that the Committee appointed by the Congress of FIQ in June 2001 did a very efficient job.

I sincerely hope that the FIQ Congress in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia accepts the unanimous decision of the committee.

During the recent ETBF Congress in May 2003 in Poznan, Poland, we had a presentation from Mr. B.A.M. Oostdam, member of the committee. The member federations of ETBF present were all in favour of the proposal.

I trust that the Congress in Malaysia will endorse the decision of the committee which is to adopt the ETBF proposal as summarized above.

### Story 2003-43: EBT 2003 Stop 8

Published on 17 August 2003 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



Stop 8 in the European Bowling Tour 2003, the Danish Masters conducted in Copenhagen – Denmark, was concluded on 10 August.

#### **The top three of the tournament:**

1. Gery Verbruggen, Belgium
2. Anders Öhman, Sweden
3. Arturo Quinter, Mexico

In the men's division of the European Bowling Tour 2003 Gery Verbruggen extended his gap of points to the next in line by receiving 30 points, which is the maximum number of points.

In the women's division of the European Bowling Tour 2003 Kamilla Kjeldsen from Denmark kept her 1<sup>st</sup> position, though the gap of points between her and her fellow countryman Bettina Lund from Denmark was reduced to 20 points. Bettina Lund was awarded 18 points in Danish Masters and Kamilla Kjeldsen 3 points.

With 4 tournaments left in this year's issue of the European Bowling Tour Gery Verbruggen seems very difficult to reach in the men's division, since he is leading with a difference of as much as 62 points to the second ranked Nick Froggatt from England. In the women's division of the 2003 tour the outcome of the internal Danish competition between Kamilla Kjeldsen and Bettina Lund will be interesting to follow in the coming months.

The standing after the 8<sup>th</sup> stop in the European Bowling Tour 2003 is as follows:

#### **EBT 2003 Women**

Kamilla Kjeldsen, Denmark - 126 points  
Bettina Lund, Denmark - 106 points  
Michaela Göbel, Germany - 55 points

#### **EBT 2003 Men**

Gery Verbruggen, Belgium - 132 points  
Nick Froggatt, England - 70 points  
Lasse Lintilä, Finland - 63 points

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### **Story 2003-44: ECT 2004 period changed**

Published on 18 August 2003 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen

Primarily due to school holidays it has been necessary to change the originally dates (28 May - 6 June 2004) of the European Cup Teams 2004 to 4-13 June 2004. June 4 is the last day of arrival and June 13 is the first day of departure.

The 18<sup>th</sup> European Cup Teams will take place in Norwich, England.

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### Story 2003-45: European Bowling Tour 2004

Published on 22 August 2003 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen

The composition of the European Bowling Tour 2004 has been decided by the ETBF Presidium. The European Bowling Tour 2004 is a part of the World Ranking System 2004.

A strong field of not less than 17 tournaments - as listed below - conducted in 13 different countries will form the European Bowling Tour 2004.

Stop	Period	Country	Tournament
1	01.01 - 06.01	Finland	Ballmaster Open
2	29.01 - 08.02	France	7 <sup>th</sup> Brunswick Open
3	10.02 - 15.02	Netherlands	Bronzen Schietspoel Tournament
4	08.03 - 14.03	Greece	Athens Open
5	08.04 - 12.04	Sweden	Sweden Les Lion Cup 2004
6	03.05 - 09.05	Italy	Memorial Antonio Vendemini
7	19.05 - 23.05	Denmark	Aalborg International 2004
8	16.06 - 20.06	Malta	Malta Open Championships 2004
9	12.07 - 18.07	Spain	26 Trofeo Ciutat de Barcelona
10	20.07 - 25.07	Hungary	1st Hungarian Open
11	04.08 - 08.08	Denmark	Danish Masters
12	26.08 - 29.08	Netherlands	Dutch Brunswick Open 2004
13	18.09 - 26.09	England	British Open Championships 2004
14	25.09 - 03.10	Norway	Norwegian Open 2004
15	18.10 - 24.10	Austria	Vienna Open
16	08.11 - 14.11	Italy	1st Oltremare Championships
17	06.12 - 12.12	Sweden	Kungsbacka International Tournament

### Story 2003-46: EBT 2003 Stop 9

Published on 1 September 2003 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



The 9th Stop in the European Bowling Tour 2003, the Dutch Brunswick Open in The Netherlands, was concluded 31 August.

With the maximum 30 points the reigning European Champion Kirsten Penny from England took her way into the top 8 in the women's division. At the top of the women's standing the battle between Kamilla Kjeldsen and Bettina Lund (both from Denmark) continued with an ongoing strength, while Kamilla was awarded 21 points and Bettina 15 points. Both women will still be able to win the European Bowling Tour 2003.

With 21 points in the men's division Tore Torgersen from Norway came into top 8, but besides the new top 8 position for Tore Torgersen the top standing in the men's division was only influenced marginally by the outcome of the 9th stop in the European Bowling Tour 2003.

The standing after the 9th stop in the European Bowling Tour 2003 is as follows:

#### **EBT 2003 Women**

Kamilla Kjeldsen, Denmark - 147 points

Bettina Lund, Denmark - 121 points

Kirsten Penny, England - 63 points

#### **EBT 2003 Men**

Gery Verbruggen, Belgium - 132 points

Nick Froggatt, England - 76 points

Lasse Lintilä, Finland - 63 points



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### Story 2003-47: Name change in Naples

Published on 24 September 2003 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



The organizer of the 16th stop in the European Bowling Tour 2004 has changed the name of the tournament from Naples Championships to 1st Oltremare Championships.

The dates of the EBT 2004 stop will remain unchanged as 8-14 November 2004 in Naples, Italy.

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### **Story 2003-48: New ETBF member federations**

Published on 24 September 2003 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen

At the FIQ Congress - held 9 September at the Sunway Pyramid Lagoon Resort in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia - Slovakia and Morocco was adopted as new member federations.

By the adoption of the two federations the total number of member federations under the umbrella of the European Tenpin Bowling Federation is 45.

As soon as address and other information related to the two federations are available it will be presented at this site.

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### **Story 2003-49: World Championships 2003**

Published on 24 September 2003 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen

The 15th World Championships 2003 in Kuala Lumpur was concluded 21 September after two weeks of an overwhelming event conducted in a great atmosphere and very well organized by the host - The Malaysian Tenpin Bowling Congress.

The Women Master of the World Championships became Diandra Hyman of USA with Liza Clutario from The Philippines as the silver medallist and Lee Eun Ock from Korea as the bronze medallist,

In the men's division Michael Little from Australia came out as the Men Master with Tim Mack from USA as the silver medallist and Mohammed Al-Qubaisi from United Arab Emirates as the bronze medallist.

By three gold medals in the women's division Zara Glover from England became the women winning most titles in the World Championships 2003. Zara Glover won her gold medals in the Singles Event, in the Doubles Event and in the All Event.

In the men's division Anders Öhman from Sweden repeated the success of Zara Glover, since Anders Öhman took three gold medals as well, namely in the Doubles Event, in the Team Event and in the All Event.

Most medals in the World Championships 2003 was won by USA's Tim Mack with 5 medals; silver in the Singles Event, gold in the Trios Event, silver in the Team Event, silver in the All Event and silver in the Masters Event.

Find the World Championships 2003 medal standing and all medallists listed at this site under the item Medal History / World level at the left menu bar.

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### **Story 2003-50: Future World Championships**

Published on 24 September 2003 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen

At the Congress of World Tenpin Bowling Association - held 7, 8 and 10 September at the Sunway Pyramid Lagoon Resort in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia - the future landscape of World Championships was discussed.

The WTBA Congress decided to eliminate the World Tenpin Team Cup, meaning that the WTTC 2004 to be conducted in The Netherlands will be the last of its kind. The reason behind the decision is the lack of interest from many federations to take part in the championships.

To keep the amount of World events at an unchanged level the WTBA Congress furthermore decided to conduct the World Championships each year with women and men alternating each second year as of 2005.

The hosts of the coming World Championships was decided as follows:

2005: Women's World Championships in Aalborg, Denmark (was decided in 2001)

2006: Men's World Championships in Korea

2007: Women's World Championships in Mexico

The hosts of the World Championships as of 2008 will be decided by the 2005 Congress. At the moment both Russia and Hong Kong are biting for the Men's World Championships in 2008.

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### Story 2003-51: EBT 2003 Stop 10 Women

Published on 30 September 2003 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



The top ranked women in the 10th stop in the European Bowling Tour 2003, the British Open Championships in England, was Lotte Houbo Pedersen from Denmark (30 points), Kirsten Penny from England (21 points) and Tali Itzhak from Israel (18 points).

By being awarded 30 points Lotte Houbo Pedersen from Denmark went into the top 8 ranked in the women's division (the top 8 ranked will qualify for the World Ranking Masters 2004 in Moscow).

Before the last two stops in the EBT 2003, Vienna Open in Austria 7-12 October and Kungsbacka International Tournament in Sweden 8-14 December, Kamilla Kjeldsen from Denmark takes the leading position with 147 points followed by Bettina Lund from Denmark with 121 points and Kirsten Penny from England with 84 points at the next positions.

Only Bettina Lund has a chance to remove her fellow countryman, Kamilla Kjeldsen, from the first position in the women's division. The winner of the EBT 2003 will be awarded 2.000 €.

No	Name	Federation	Points
1	Kamilla Kjeldsen	Denmark	147
2	Bettina Lund	Denmark	121
3	Kirsten Penny	England	84
4	Lotte Houbo Pedersen	Denmark	65
5	Martina Beckel	Germany	59
6	Michaela Göbel	Germany	58
7	Tanya Petty	Germany	51
8	Patricia Schwarz	Germany	49

The runner up's for the top 8 standing are as follows:

9	Isabelle Saldjian	France	48
10	Reija Lundén	Finland	39
11	Aasa Wetterlund	Sweden	36
12	Krista Pöllänen	Finland	34

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### Story 2003-52: EBT 2003 Stop 10 Men

Published on 30 September 2003 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



The top ranked men in the 10th stop in the European Bowling Tour 2003, the British Open Championships in England, was Nick Froggatt from England (30 points), Paul Moor from England (21 points) and Paul Evans from England (18 points).

By being awarded 30 points Nick Froggatt strengthen his second position in the overall ranking, but no other changes in the top 8 ranked in the men's division occurred (the top 8 ranked will qualify for the World Ranking Masters 2004 in Moscow).

Before the last two stops in the EBT 2003, Vienna Open in Austria 7-12 October and Kungsbacka International Tournament in Sweden 8-14 December, Gery Verbruggen from Belgium takes the leading position with 132 points followed by Nick Froggatt from England with 106 points and Lasse Lintilä from Finland with 63 points at the next positions.

Only Nick Froggatt has a chance to remove Gery Verbruggen from the first position in the men's division. The winner of the EBT 2003 will be awarded 2.000 Euro.

The actual top 8 standing in the EBT 2003 men division is as follows:

No	Name	Federation	Points
1	Gery Verbruggen	Belgium	132
2	Nick Froggatt	England	106
3	Lasse Lintilä	Finland	63
4	Pasi Uotila	Finland	55
5	Tore Torgersen	Norway	49
6	Chris van Damme	Belgium	47
7	Amadeo Spada	Italy	46
8	Anders Öhman	Sweden	46

The runner up's for the top 8 standing are as follows:

9	Martin Blixt	Sweden	44
10	Sami Konsteri	Finland	41
11	Paul Moor	England	40
12	Stuart Williams	England	34

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### **Story 2003-53: World Cup 2003**

Published on 5 October 2003 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen

The 39<sup>th</sup> World Cup held in Tegucigalpa, Honduras is completed. After some very exiting finals Kerrie Ryan-Ciach from Canada and CJ Suarez from The Philippines came out as the successors of the 2003 issue of the World Cup.

#### **Women's Top 4**

1. Kerrie Ryan-Ciach, Canada
2. Shannon Pluhowsky, USA
3. Jojo Canare, The Philippines
3. Marie Ramirez, Costa Rica

#### **Men's Top 4**

1. CJ Suarez, The Philippines
2. Marcel van den Bosch
3. Mika Luoto, Finland
3. Bill Hoffman

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### Story 2003-54: Name change in Greece

Published on 5 October 2003 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



The name of the 4<sup>th</sup> stop in the European Bowling Tour 2004 is changed from Athens Open to Brunswick Euro Challenge.

The dates of the tournament will remain unchanged as 8-14 March 2004.



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### **Story 2003-55: World Cup 2004**

Published on 6 October 2003 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen

At the banquet of the World Cup 2003 in Tegucigalpa, Honduras AMF announced the World Cup 2004 to be conducted 1-10 October 2004 in Singapore.

The host centre will be Superbowl, which hosted the World Championships 1991.

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### **Story 2003-56: WTTC 2004 period announced**

Published on 13 October 2003 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen

The host of the World Tenpin Team Cup 2004, The Netherlands Bowling Federation, has announced the dates and venue of the 6th World Tenpin Team Cup to be 16-25 November 2004 in Hoofddorp, The Netherlands.

The last day of arrival will be 16 November and the first day of departure 25 November. The WTTC 2004 Bulletin no. 1 will be released later this year.

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### Story 2003-57: EBT 2003 Stop 11 Women

Published on 13 October 2003 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



The second last stop in The European Bowling Tour 2003, Vienna Open, has been concluded with Tanya Petty from Germany as the highest ranked woman in the tournament.

The tournament was visited by many of the highest ranked women in the EBT 2003 and many of them were awarded points. The outcome of the well-visited tournament is a new and very exciting standing before the 12<sup>th</sup> and last stop, The Kungsbacka International Tournament, to be conducted 9-14 December in Sweden.

The top battle fight between the two Danes, Kamilla Kjeldsen and Bettina Lund, became more intense since only 11 points differ the two women before the last stop. The fight to be honoured as the highest ranked woman in Europe in 2003 is definitely not over yet.

At the moment Kamilla Kjeldsen (Denmark), Bettina Lund (Denmark), Kirsten Penny (England), Tanya Petty (Germany), Martina Beckel (Germany) and Lotte Houbo Pedersen (Denmark) are qualified for the World Ranking Masters 2004 in Moscow, Russia.

Michaela Göbel (Germany) positioned 7 and Isabelle Saldjian (France) positioned 8 in the actual standing can still be reached by the players at positions below top 8.

The actual top 8 standing in the EBT 2003 women division is as follows:

No	Name	Federation	Points
1	Kamilla Kjeldsen	Denmark	147
2	Bettina Lund	Denmark	136
3	Kirsten Penny	England	84
4	Tanya Petty	Germany	81
5	Martina Beckel	Germany	80
6	Lotte Houbo Pedersen	Denmark	77
7	Michaela Göbel	Germany	64
8	Isabelle Saldjian	France	53

The runner up's for the top 8 standing are as follows:

9	Patricia Schwarz	Germany	49
10	Reija Lundén	Finland	44
11	Aasa Wetterlund	Sweden	36
12	Britt Brøndsted	Denmark	35

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### Story 2003-58: EBT 2003 Stop 11 Men

Published on 13 October 2003 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



The second last stop in The European Bowling Tour 2003, Vienna Open, has been concluded with Anders Öhman from Sweden (photo by Herbert Bickel) as the highest ranked man in - and the winner of - the tournament.

By his victory in Vienna Open the winner of the World Ranking Masters 2003 - Anders Öhman from Sweden - moved from position 7 to position 3 in the ranking and by that he has points enough to be qualified for the World Ranking Masters 2004.

The winner of the EBT 2000, 2001 and 2002 - Gery Verbruggen from Belgium - is still in the leading position of the EBT 2003, but not with a safe victory yet.

Should he be without points in the last EBT 2003 stop he can be passed by Nick Froggatt, if Nick Froggatt wins the stop. In case of a second position for Nick Froggatt, and no points for Gery Verbruggen, there will be a tie for the first position and a shared EBT 2003 victory.

At the moment Gery Verbruggen (Belgium), Nick Froggatt (England) and Anders Öhman (Sweden) are qualified for the World Ranking Masters 2004 in Moscow, Russia.

Some of the players positioned 4-8 at the actual standing might still be exchanged by players ranked below top 8, all depending of the outcome of the 12<sup>th</sup> and last stop, The Kungsbacka International Tournament, to be conducted 9-14 December in Sweden.

The actual top 8 standing in the EBT 2003 men division is as follows:

No	Name	Federation	Points
1	Gery Verbruggen	Belgium	132
2	Nick Froggatt	England	111
3	Anders Öhman	Sweden	76
4	Amadeo Spada	Italy	67
5	Lasse Lintilä	Finland	67
6	Pasi Uotila	Finland	67
7	Tore Torgersen	Norway	55
8	Chris van Damme	Belgium	47

The runner up's for the top 8 standing are as follows:

9	Martin Blixt	Sweden	44
10	Sami Konsteri	Finland	43
11	Paul Moor	England	40
12	Petri Mannonen	Finland	38

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### **Story 2003-59: ECI 2003 Women**

Published on 18 October 2003 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen

The ECI 2003 was a big success for the Finnish veteran Heta-Maija Allen, whom in the final defeated the reigning ECI champion, Tanya Petty from Germany, 2-1.

The final was tight as the following game results came up (Heta-Maija first) 191-176, 246-255, 236-191. Even the 246 loss in the second game of the match was not enough to stop Heta-Maija Allen from preventing Tanya Petty to repeat her gold success from the ECI 2002 in The Netherlands.

In the foregoing Semi Finals Heta-Maija Allen defeated Eva Jönsson from Sweden 2-1 and Tanya Petty defeated the 2003 World Ranking Master Britt Brøndsted from Denmark 2-1 as well.

#### **Women's medallists**

1. Heta-Maija Allen, Finland
2. Tanya Petty, Germany
3. Britt Brøndsted, Denmark
3. Eva Jönsson, Sweden

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### **Story 2003-60: ECI 2003 Men**

Published on 18 October 2003 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen

Anders Öhman from Sweden seems to be able to pick down the stars from the heaven in 2003.

Since July it has been an ongoing row of successes for Anders Öhman with victories in the World Ranking Masters 2003 in USA, Three gold medals in the World Championships 2003 in Malaysia (Single, Team and All Event) and during the last 8 days in Vienna yet another three victories, first in the Vienna Open Eliminator, then in The Vienna Open Tournament (EBT 2003 Stop 11) and finally in the ECI 2003 after an existing final.

In the final Sven van Eyken from Belgium was defeated 2-1. The Silver medal for Sven Van Eyken was the first ECI medal to Belgium ever. In the foregoing Semi Finals Anders Öhman defeated Francois Sacco from France 2-1 and Sven van Eyken defeated Achim Grabowski from Germany 2-0.

#### **Men's medallists**

1. Anders Öhman, Sweden
2. Sven van Eyken, Belgium
3. Achim Grabowski, Germany
3. Francois Sacco, France

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### **Story 2003-61: Honour to Anders Öhman**

Published on 18 October 2003 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen

Sweden is a country with a lot of great and international known sportsmen and to be honoured as the top of the top sportsmen and sportswomen in Sweden is indeed a very special event.

It has now happened for a bowler, since the readers of the Website of the Swedish Sports Federation voted in favour of Anders Öhman to be honoured with the title "Sportsman of September".

Anders Öhman is the reigning European Champion from 2001 and furthermore the year of 2003 has been filled with Anders Öhman in the headlines while the big bowling events have been conducted throughout the year. Anders Öhman is the 2003 World Ranking Master, Anders Öhman won three gold medals at the World Championships in Kuala Lumpur and in addition Anders Öhman has been on the top of the podium in a number of big international tournaments in 2003.

The sportsman of September is a national Swedish award, but it happens so seldom in any country that a bowler is ranked as the highest athlete among athletes from all sports that Anders Öhman's achievement must be characterized as important far outside the borders of Sweden. We in ETBF hurry with a big and warm CONGRATULATION to Anders Öhman and to our sport.

The source of this story is the Website of the Swedish Bowling Federation [www.swebowl.se](http://www.swebowl.se).

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### **Story 2003-62: Tournament approval procedure**

Published on 9 November 2003 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen

At the WTBA Congress in September in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia it was decided to introduce a changed approval procedure for international tournaments by implementing a WTBA approval in addition to the already existing Zone approval as of 1 January 2004.

As a consequence of the changed approval procedure the following will apply for tournaments in Europe.

#### **ETBF Approved International Tournaments**

The tournaments will be open only for players whom are members of ETBF member federations. The ETBF approval fee is unchanged € 75.

#### **WTBA Approved International Tournaments**

The tournaments will be open for players from other federations than ETBF member federations. The WTBA approval fee is € 95 in addition to the ETBF approval fee.

#### **For tournaments not yet in the calendar as of 1 January 2004**

Please use a new issue of the ETBF Tournament Application (ETBF302-002), which is available at this site under the item Publications.

#### **For tournaments already in the calendar for 2004 and 2005**

The following is only in effect if the organizer wants to achieve WTBA Approval in addition to the ETBF Approval already granted. If no such wish exists, no action is necessary.

For the pass over period, and only for tournaments already adopted in the calendar, it is not necessary to fill in a new form to receive the WTBA approval. What you need to do is to contact your federation and your federation will then notify ETBF with your wish of upgrading the tournament classification.

The additional fee of € 95 for the WTBA approval will be invoiced your federation from ETBF and, together with other fees for WTBA approvals, send to WTBA from ETBF at regular intervals.



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### **Story 2003-63: EBT 2003 and 2004 prize money**

Published on 9 November 2003 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen

At the ETBF Presidium meeting in Veghel, The Netherlands 31 October and 1 November 2003 the following was decided concerning prize money and financial support for the WRM finalists in relation to the EBT 2003 and the EBT 2004.

#### **EBT 2003**

As already previously decided and announced, the sum of prize money for the EBT 2003 is € 4.000, distributed as € 2.000 for each of the winners in the women and the men division.

The financial support for the WRM 2004 will be € 600 (€ 500 for the WRM 2003) for each of the 16 qualified finalists from Europe.

#### **EBT 2004**

The total prize sum for the EBT 2004 will be € 10.000, distributed as € 2.500 for the winner, € 1.500 for the runner up and € 1.000 for the second runner up in both divisions.

The financial support for the WRM 2005 is expected to be € 800 for each of the 16 qualified finalists from Europe, but the amount might change depending of the total number of participants in the 17 stops forming the EBT 2004.

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### **Story 2003-64: World Cup 2004 period changed**

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The dates of the World Cup 2004 are changed from early October to 4-11 December 2004.

The site of the event is still a brand new constructed centre in Singapore.

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### **Story 2003-65: Öhman and Torgersen in PBA**

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Anders Öhman from Sweden and Tore Torgersen from Norway have joined PBA and are now full members of the ongoing PBA Tour. We wish them good luck with their new challenges.

According to the WTBA Playing Rules, their adoption in the PBA Tour as full members will influence their possibilities to be awarded ranking points in future stops of the European Bowling Tour and they will not be able to participate in the World Ranking Masters 2004.

Anders Öhman is at the moment at the 3rd position and Tore Torgersen is at the 7th position in the EBT 2003. They cannot be awarded points in the last stop of the EBT 2003; Kungsbacka International Tournament as a consequence of the above mentioned.

Should they remain in the top 8 after Kungsbacka International Tournament the players at positions 9 and 10 will be offered to take over their spots in the World Ranking Masters 2004.

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### Story 2003-66: Changed period in Kungsbacka

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As a consequence of the changed period of the World Cup 2004, the Period of Stop 17 in the European Bowling Tour 2004, Kungsbacka International Tournament, is changed from 6-12 December 2004 to 13-19 December 2004.

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### Story 2003-67: EBT 2003 winners

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The 12<sup>th</sup> and last stop in the European Bowling Tour 2003 - Kungsbacka International Tournament - was concluded earlier today, where after the European Tenpin Bowling Federation can announce the tour winners of 2003.

Kamilla Kjeldsen won the EBT 2003 women's division with a total of 153 points before the 2001 and 2002 tour winner Bettina Lund from Denmark awarded 136 points and with Kirsten Penny from England awarded 84 points at the third position. Kamilla Kjeldsen won the tour in 2000.

The men's division was - as previous years - dominated by Belgium's Gery Verbruggen in most of the season. Gery Verbruggen (not present in Kungsbacka) won the EBT 2003 with 132 points before Nick Froggatt from England with 111 points at the second position and Lasse Lintilä from Finland with 85 points at the third position. Gery Verbruggen's EBT victory was the fourth in a row; a fantastic series produced by the sympathy Belgian.

Each of the winner's, Kamilla Kjeldsen and Gery Verbruggen, was awarded a prize of 2.000 Euro.

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### Story 2003-68: WRM 2004 qualified

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After the conclusion of Kungsbacka International Tournament the European Bowling Tour 2003 is completed and the 8 women and the 8 men qualified from Europe for the World Ranking Masters 2004 are found.

The World Ranking Masters will take place in Moscow, Russia 22-27 June 2004.

<b>The 8 women finalists for the WRM 2004</b>			
No	Name	Federation	Points
1	Kamilla Kjeldsen	Denmark	153
2	Bettina Lund	Denmark	136
3	Kirsten Penny	England	84
4	Lotte Houbo Pedersen	Denmark	83
5	Tanya Petty	Germany	81
6	Martina Beckel	Germany	80
7	Michaela Göbel	Germany	68
8	Reija Lundén	Finland	54
<b>The first three women substitutes for WRM 2004</b>			
9	Isabelle Saldjian	France	53
10	Patricia Schwarz	Germany	52
11	Helen Jonsson	Sweden	42

<b>The 8 men finalists for the WRM 2004</b>			
No	Name	Federation	Points
1	Gery Verbruggen	Belgium	132
2	Nick Froggatt	England	111
3	Lasse Lintilä	Finland	85
4	Petri Mannonen	Finland	68
5	Pasi Uotila	Finland	68
6	Amadeo Spada	Italy	67
7	Chris van Damme	Belgium	47
8	Martin Blixt	Sweden	46
<b>The first three men substitutes for WRM 2004</b>			
9	Sami Konsteri	Finland	43
10	Paul Moor	England	40
11	Karl Peter Greulich	Germany	35

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### Story 2003-69: EBT 2004 to begin

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The first stop in the European Bowling Tour 2004 will take place in Finnish Helsinki in the famous Tali Bowling Stadium 1-6 January 2004.

The European Bowling Tour 2004 is composed by 17 tournaments as listed below.

Stop	Date	Country	Tournament
1	01.01 - 06.01	Finland	Ballmaster Open
2	29.01 - 08.02	France	7 <sup>th</sup> Brunswick Open
3	10.02 - 15.02	Netherlands	Bronzen Schietspoel Tournament
4	08.03 - 14.03	Greece	Brunswick Euro Challenge
5	08.04 - 12.04	Sweden	Sweden Les Lion Cup 2004
6	03.05 - 09.05	Italy	Memorial Antonio Vendemini
7	17.05 - 23.05	Denmark	Brunswick Aalborg International 2004
8	16.06 - 20.06	Malta	Malta Open Championships 2004
9	12.07 - 18.07	Spain	26 Trofeu Ciutat de Barcelona
10	20.07 - 25.07	Hungary	1st Hungarian Open
11	04.08 - 08.08	Denmark	Danish Masters
12	26.08 - 29.08	Netherlands	Dutch Brunswick Open 2004
13	18.09 - 26.09	England	British Open Championships 2004
14	25.09 - 03.10	Norway	Norwegian Open 2004
15	18.10 - 24.10	Austria	Vienna Open
16	08.11 - 14.11	Italy	1st Oltremare Championships
17	13.12 - 19.12	Sweden	Kungsbacka International Tournament

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### Story 2003-70: Changes in Aalborg

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The name of the Stop 7 in the European Bowling Tour 2004 is changed to Brunswick Aalborg International 2004.

The period of the tournament is furthermore extended from 19-23 May 2004 to 17-23 May 2004.