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### Story 2004-01: EBT 2004 Stop 1

Published on 8 January 2004 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



Pasi Uotila won his second Ballmaster Open title by defeating Danish Britt Brøndsted in the final 233 - 187.

In the Semi Final Pasi Uotila defeated his countryman Mika Luoto 227-175, while Britt Brøndsted defeated Kirsten Penny from England 216-210.

Ballmaster Open was the first of seventeen stops in the European Bowling Tour 2004, why the two finalists came in as the leading player in the women's respectively the men's 2004 tour ranking.

The top standing after the 1st stop in the EBT 2004 is as follows

#### **EBT 2004 Women**

Britt Brøndsted, Denmark - 30 points

Kirsten Penny, England - 21 points

Heta-Maija Allen, Finland - 18 points

#### **EBT 2004 Men**

Pasi Uotila, Finland - 30 points

Mika Luoto, Finland - 21 points

Jouko Kuossari, Finland - 18 points

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### **Story 2004-02: Anders Öhman is back**

Published on 8 January 2004 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen

The PBA career for Swedish Anders Öhman was short. Anders Öhman joined PBA in November 2003 and a confirming letter from the PBA Office in Seattle proves the resignation of Anders Öhman from PBA to be effective as of 31 December 2003.

We found Anders Öhman in Tali Bowling Stadium where he took part in the 1st stop in the European Bowling Tour 2004 - Ballmaster Open in Helsinki. On enquiry for the reason for the fast resignation Anders Öhman answered: The atmosphere and the life surrounding the PBA Tour are not for me.

Anders took a fast decision and he is now back in the more social, friendly and warm atmosphere in the European Bowling Tour and other major tournaments in Europe.

According to the World Tenpin Bowling Association Playing Rules the short termed membership of PBA anyhow will bring Anders Öhman out of international championships in 2004, meaning that he is prevented from participating in the World Ranking Masters in Russia, the European Cup Teams in England, the European Cup Individuals in Turkey and the World Tenpin Team Cup in The Netherlands.

Anders Öhman is the ruling champion of the World Ranking Masters and the European Cup Individuals; both won in 2003 where the number of Anders Öhman's successes was many and his achievements unique and impressive. But there will be no Anders Öhman to defend the WRM and the ECI titles in 2004.

Anders Öhman will be eligible for all championships again as of 1 January 2005 and since it includes the World Ranking Masters 2005, Anders Öhman can be awarded points in all EBT Stops in 2004.

Anders Öhman will - by his fast decision to resign from PBA - furthermore be able to defend his title as European Champion at the European Men Championships 2005 in Moscow.

We wish Anders Öhman a very warm welcome back at the European arena and good luck in the coming years.

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### Story 2004-03: Championship frequency

Published on 11 January 2004 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen

In 2004 the last European Cup Teams will be conducted in June (England) and the last World Tenpin Team Cup will be conducted in November (The Netherlands). The last European Youth Cup Teams was conducted in 2003.

At the World level it has been decided to split the World Championships in the Women's World Championships and the Men's World Championships, each of them conducted every second year as of 2005.

In Europe a similar decision has been taken, namely to conduct a Women's European Championships every second year and a Men's European Championships every second year. Furthermore the European Youth Championships will be conducted every year as of 2005. Previously it was every second year. The European Cup Individuals and the European Gold Cup will be conducted unchanged every year.

The consequence of the above decisions is a future championship sequence as follows.

Year	Europe	World
2005	European Men Championships European Youth Championships European Cup Individuals European Gold Cup	World Women Championships World Ranking Masters
2006	European Women Championships European Youth Championships European Cup Individuals European Gold Cup	World Men Championships World Youth Championships World Ranking Masters
2007	European Men Championships European Youth Championships European Cup Individuals European Gold Cup	World Women Championships World Ranking Masters
2008	European Women Championships European Youth Championships European Cup Individuals European Gold Cup	World Men Championships World Youth Championships World Ranking Masters

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### Story 2004-04: EBT 2004 Stop 2 is cancelled

Published on 21 January 2004 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



The Organizer of the 2nd stop in the European Bowling Tour 2004 - The 7th Brunswick Open in Lomme, France to be conducted 29 January to 8 February, has announced the tournament to be cancelled.

The cancellation is out of the influence of the European Tenpin Bowling Federation. We excuse for any inconvenience the situation must create for the players.

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### Story 2004-05: WRM 2004 participants

Published on 25 January 2004 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen

The 4<sup>th</sup> World Ranking Masters will take place 22-27 June 2004 in Moscow, Russia.

The participants will be the top 8 ranked women and men from Asia, Europe and America as of 31. December 2003. In Addition one male and one female player, picked by the Russian federation, will participate.

The 48 qualified players from the three Zones are listed below.

<b>Women's Division</b>		
<b>Name</b>	<b>Country</b>	<b>Zone</b>
Diandra Asbaty	USA	America
Adriana Perez	Mexico	
Clara Juliana Guerrero	Columbia	
Patricia Ciotti	Venezuela	
Margalit Mizrachi	Venezuela	
Alicia Marcano	Venezuela	
Iliana Lomeli	Mexico	
Aumi Guerra	Dominican Republic	
Liza del Rosario	The Philippines	Asia
Liza Clutario	The Philippines	
Shalin Zulkifli	Malaysia	
Wendy Chai	Malaysia	
Choy Poh Lai	Malaysia	
Jennifer Tan	Singapore	
Cecilia Yap	Malaysia	
Lee Eun Ock	Korea	Europe
Kamilla Kjeldsen	Denmark	
Bettina Lund	Denmark	
Kirsten Penny	England	
Lotte Houbo Pedersen	Denmark	
Tanya Petty	Germany	
Martina Beckel	Germany	
Michaela Göbel	Germany	

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<i>To be announced</i>	<i>Russia</i>	<i>Host</i>

<b>Men's Division</b>		
<b>Name</b>	<b>Country</b>	<b>Zone</b>
Bill Hoffman	USA	America
Andres Gomez	Columbia	
Daniel Falconi	Mexico	
Alejandro Cruz	Mexico	
Marcos Baeza	Mexico	
Phil Scott Allen	USA	
Arturo Hernandez	Venezuela	
Benjamin Corona	Mexico	
Wu Siu Hong	Hong Kong	
Michael Little	Australia	
Ahmed Shaheen	Qatar	
Jason Belmonte	Australia	
Duana Camacho	Guam	
Mohammed Al-Qubaisi	UAE	
Azidi Ameran	Malaysia	
Saeed Al Hajri	Qatar	
Gery Verbruggen	Belgium	Europe
Nick Froggatt	England	
Lasse Lintilä	Finland	
Petri Mannonen	Finland	
Pasi Uotila	Finland	
Amadeo Spada	Italy	
Chris van Damme	Belgium	
Martin Blixt	Sweden	
<i>To be announced</i>	<i>Russia</i>	<i>Host</i>

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### Story 2004-06: EYC record number

Published on 25 January 2004 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen

The 17<sup>th</sup> European Youth Championships will include a record number of players and countries, since 227 players from 23 countries will participate. The present record was 189 players, participating in the last EYC 2002 in Rome, Italy.

Find below a list of participating countries in the EYC 2004, which will take place in Augsburg, Germany 10-18 April 2004.

Country	Girls	Boys	Total
Austria	2	6	8
Belgium	6	6	12
Denmark	6	6	12
England	6	6	12
Estonia	1	5	5
Finland	6	6	12
France	6	6	12
Germany	6	6	12
Greece	0	2	2
Hungary	3	6	9
Ireland	6	6	12
Israel	4	6	10
Italy	6	6	6
Latvia	2	6	8
The Netherlands	6	6	12
Norway	3	6	9
Poland	2	6	8
Russia	3	6	9
Scotland	6	6	12
South Africa	5	6	12
Sweden	6	6	12
Switzerland	3	6	9
Ukraine	0	6	12
<b>Total</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>133</b>	<b>227</b>

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### **Story 2004-07: WYC 2004 in Guam**

Published on 25 January 2004 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen

Detailed information related to the 8<sup>th</sup> World Youth Championship to be conducted in Agana, Guam in the period 29 July - 9 August 2004 is available at the Medal History section at [www.etbf.eu](http://www.etbf.eu).

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### **Story 2004-08: Dual lane condition in the ECI**

Published on 21 February 2004 by Rune Widell

The ETBF Presidium at its recent meeting decided to use the dual lane condition concept (short oil and long oil) during the ECI 2004.

This means that the qualification will consist of 4 squads of 6 games each played on two lane conditions, i.e. the 1st squad on short oil; the 2nd squad on long oil; the 3rd squad on short oil; and the 4th squad on long oil.

In the Top 8 Single Elimination the top seed of each match chooses which condition to start on. For example if the choice is to start on short oil and the match goes over 3 games, then the bowlers play on short oil - long oil - short oil.

### Story 2004-09: EBT 2004 Stop 3

Published on 21 February 2004 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



The Bronzen Schietspoel Tournament, conducted in Netherlands Tilburg 10-15 February, was the 3<sup>rd</sup> Stop in the European Bowling Tour 2004.

202 players took part in the tournament, rich in traditions (the 31st issue); although it was the first time the tournament was adopted in the tour.

The overall tournament successor was Carlo Greulich from Germany with Gery Verbruggen from Belgium and Martina Beckel from Germany at the next positions.

As presented below the two winners of the European Bowling Tour 2003 (Gery Verbruggen and Kamilla Kjeldsen) are back among the top positioned in the European Bowling Tour 2004 and both are expected to be highly competitive also in this year's tour.

The top standing after the 3rd stop in the EBT 2004 is as follows:

#### **EBT 2004 Women**

Britt Brøndsted, Denmark - 30 points  
Martina Beckel, Germany - 30 points  
Kamilla Kjeldsen, Denmark - 26 points

#### **EBT 2004 Men**

Pasi Uotila, Finland - 30 points  
Carlo Greulich, Germany - 30 points  
Mika Luoto, Finland - 21 points  
Gery Verbruggen, Belgium - 21 points

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### Story 2004-10: Changed period in The Netherlands

Published on 21 February 2004 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



The dates of the 12th stop in the European Bowling Tour 2004 - The Dutch Brunswick Open 2004 - are changed from 26-29 August 2004 to 14-22 August 2004.

The change is confirmed by the ETBF Presidium.

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### Story 2004-11: EBT 2005

Published on 25 February 2004 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



The interest of the European Bowling Tour is growing and the number of tournaments adopted in the European Bowling Tour is growing.

As a consequence the ETBF Presidium has decided to introduce a new tour concept as of the European Bowling Tour 2005, where two categories of tournaments - EBT Majors and EBT Tournaments - will be adopted in the tour.

The Entry value (as referred to in the following) is defined as the total prize money of the individual and international part of a tournament divided by the maximum entry fee of the tournament.

#### Criteria for an EBT Major

The total prize money of the international part of the tournament must not be less than € 40.000.

The Entry Value must not be less than 275.

The tournament must have been accepted in the previous EBT.

A maximum of two EBT Majors from each member federation is allowed.

An EBT Major cannot clash with another EBT Major.

An EBT Major cannot clash with the World Championships, the World Ranking Masters or the European Championships.

Double points according to a changed top 50 points table as presented below.

There will be a fixed EBT fee of € 3.000 to be pre-paid to ETBF.

#### Criteria for an EBT Tournament

The total prize money of the international part of the tournament must not be less than € 25.000.

The Entry Value must not be less than 175.

A maximum of three EBT Tournaments from each federation is allowed, unless an EBT Major is accepted from the federation as well, in which case the number of EBT Tournaments will be reduced.

An EBT Tournament can clash with another EBT Tournament and with an EBT Major.

An EBT Tournament cannot clash with the World Championships, the World Ranking Masters or the European Championships.

Points according to a changed top 50 points table as presented below.

There will be a fixed EBT fee of € 2.000 to be pre-paid to ETBF.

Besides introducing two categories of tournaments in the tour the total number of stops per country is enlarged from 2 to 3 and furthermore two or more stops might be conducted in the same period, though not more than on EBT Major.

#### The new point structure as of the EBT 2005

No. 1: 50 points

No. 2: 40 points

No. 3: 35 points

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No. 10: 20 points  
No. 11-12: 15 points  
No. 13-14: 14 points  
No. 15-16: 13 points  
No. 17-18: 12 points  
No. 19-20: 11 points  
No. 21-25: 8 points  
No. 26-30: 6 points  
No. 31-35: 4 points  
No. 36-40: 3 points  
No. 41-45: 2 points  
No. 46-50: 1 point

As mentioned there will be double points in EBT Majors and single points in EBT Tournaments, both according to the above presented top 50 list.

The invitation to the European Bowling Tour 2005 will be distributed to all federations and actual EBT 2004 Tournament Organizers, presumably during May/June.

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### **Story 2004-12: Updated ETBF Rules**

Published on 7 March 2004 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen

The European Championships will in the future be played every year, men in odd years and women in even years.

The European Youth Championships will be played every year.

The European Youth Cup Teams will not be played any more.

The European Cup Teams will be played for the last time in Norwich 4-13 June 2004.

The dual lane condition concept is introduced in the European Cup Individuals.

As a consequence of these changes an updated issue of the ETBF Rules has been prepared. Click at the item Publications / Documents at the left menu bar.

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### **Story 2004-13: Changed WRM status**

Published on 7 March 2004 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen

The WTBA Presidium decided at a meeting in Berlin late February to change the status of the World Ranking Masters from championship to tournament as of the 2005 issue of the event.

As a consequence of the decision professional bowlers can participate in the World Ranking Masters 2005.

Following the above it will be possible for professional bowlers to be awarded points in the remaining 14 stops of the European Bowling Tour 2004.

From a European point of view it means that top bowlers like Paulina Aalto, Mika Koivuniemi, Jouni Helminen, Sami Konsteri and Tore Torgersen can participate in the European Bowling Tour at the same conditions as all other European bowlers.

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### Story 2004-14: EBT 2004 Stop 4

Published on 16 March 2004 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



With the conclusion of the Brunswick Euro Challenge - conducted in Thessalonica, Greece 8-14 March 2004 - a new great and important tournament in Europe is born.

The tournament was hosted in a co-operation between Brunswick and Strike Bowling Inc., owned by the dynamic Bill Hartoffelis from Athens, Greece. At the victory ceremony Brunswick announced the tournament to run again in March 2005 in Athens.

The tournament ended up being dominated by Danish Britt Brøndsted entering her second final in the European Bowling Tour. Britt Brøndsted defeated not less than 6 opponents on her way to the final victory.

In the three stepladder matches Britt Brøndsted defeated Pasi Uotila from Finland 227 - 175, Menno van den Heuvel from The Netherlands 225 - 188 and finally in the last match (best of three games) Maarten Krull from The Netherlands 226 - 214, 184 - 224, 220 - 214.

Maarten Krull made a five bagger at the end of the last game forcing Britt Brøndsted to make a double, which she did. It was a fantastic final in a great atmosphere in Thessalonica and a fantastic performance of the 22 year old Dane.

By her victory Britt Brøndsted is alone at the top of the European women ranking with two times maximum points out of three possible. In the European men ranking Pasi Uotila is alone as the leader after his 4th place in Thessalonica.

The top standing after the 4th stop in the EBT 2004 is as follows:

#### **EBT 2004 Women**

Britt Brøndsted, Denmark - 60 points

Martina Beckel, Germany - 48 points

Heta-Maija Allen, Finland - 33 points

Kirsten Penny, England - 33 points

#### **EBT 2004 Men**

Pasi Uotila, Finland - 48 points

Maarten Krull, The Netherlands - 35 points

Mika Luoto, Finland - 33 points

Carlo Greulich, Germany - 30 points

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### **Story 2004-15: MCC 2004 concluded**

Published on 4 April 2004 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen

The 7<sup>th</sup> issue of the Mediterranean Challenge Cup was conducted in Rome, Italy 31 March - 4 April.

With the 6<sup>th</sup> All Event title out of 7 possible (she only missed in 2001) Sue Abela from Malta kept her crown as the Queen of the Mediterranean Challenge Cup, furthermore underlined by her title in the Women Singles and her title in the Women Doubles together with Melissa Anastasi - a fantastic and unique series of the well-known player from Malta.

The remaining 4 titles in the Mediterranean Challenge Cup 2004 were split between Italy and Spain with two titles each.

Italy took the gold medal in the Mixed Team Event by Daniela Pialino, Fabiana Baraldi, Loris Masetti and Marco Reviglio and furthermore Loris Masetti and Marco Reviglio took the gold medal in the Men Doubles.

Spain took the gold medal in the Men Singles by Moises Perez and in the Men All Event by Marcial Ovide.

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### Story 2004-16: Name change in Hungary

Published on 13 April 2004 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



The name of the Stop 10 in the European Bowling Tour 2004 is changed to 1st Hungarian Stella Open. The tournament will, unchanged, be conducted from 20-25 July 2004.

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### Story 2004-17: EBT 2004 Stop 5

Published on 15 April 2004 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



The Sweden Les Lion Cup 2004 was concluded 12 April in Norrköping, Sweden.

With his final victory (235 - 176) against Petter Hansen from Norway, Swedish Marcus Eriksson jumped in at the European Bowling Tour Top 8 standing by being awarded 30 points.

In the Men's Division Pasi Uotila from Finland enlarged his leading of the tour by being awarded 18 points for his 3rd place in the tournament. Pasi Uotila is now 31 points ahead of the second ranked in the Men's standing

Eva Jönsson from Sweden was the highest positioned women in the tournament (position 8), and adding her 30 new points to the 4 already being awarded in previous tour tournaments, she jumped into the Women's standing at position 4.

Also Danish Britt Brøndsted enlarged her leading of the European Bowling Tour 2004 by being awarded 18 points for her position as the 5th best women in the tournament. Britt Brøndsted is now 24 points ahead of the second ranked in the Women's standing.

The winner of the European Bowling Tour 2003 - Kamilla Kjeldsen from Denmark - is starting to move up in the table and with 15 points awarded in the Swedish Les Lions Cup she is now at the 3rd position in this year's tour.

The top standing after the 5th stop in the EBT 2004 is as follows

#### **EBT 2004 Women**

Britt Brøndsted, Denmark - 72 points  
Martina Beckel, Germany - 48 points  
Kamilla Kjeldsen, Denmark - 47 points

#### **EBT 2004 Men**

Pasi Uotila, Finland - 66 points  
Maarten Krull, The Netherlands - 35 points  
Mika Luoto, Finland - 33 points

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### **Story 2004-18: EYC 2004 concluded**

Published on 18 April 2004 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen

A record number of 226 players (92 girls and 134 boys) were participating in the 17th European Youth Championships 2004, conducted in German Augsburg 9-18 April 2004.

The successors of the championships were Netherlands with 3 gold medals, Sweden, England and Finland with 2 gold medals each and finally Germany with one gold medal.

The championships were also a break-through for Ukraine and Latvia, which took the first medals in a European Youth Championships ever.

In the first match of the Girls Masters Wendy Kok from The Netherlands defeated Jennifer Billingham from England 220 - 167. In the second and final two games match Wendy Kok continued her winning by defeating Tina Hulch from Germany 364 - 361 in a very exciting match, where the outcome was decided in the very last frame of the last game.

In the first match in the Boys Masters Sami Tolonen from Finland defeated Juriis Volceks from Latvia 207 - 201 and in the second two games match Mykhailo Kalika from Ukraine was defeated by Sami Tolonen 396 - 378. Both matches were, as the Girls Masters, very exciting and the outcome decided in the very last through.

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### Story 2004-19: EBT 2004 Stop 6

Published on 12 May 2004 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



The tournament Memorial Antonio Vendemini was concluded 9 May in Naples, Italy.

The first ranked in the women's division of the European Bowling Tour 2004 - Britt Brøndsted from Denmark, did not participate in Naples - and it opened the door for the 2nd positioned Martina Beckel from Germany, whom was awarded 21 points and the 3rd positioned Kamilla Kjeldsen from Denmark, whom was awarded 18 points.

Britt Brøndsted is still in the leading position of the EBT 2005, but after the tournament in Naples she is closely followed by her opponents. The distance between the first and the third positioned in the tour is now only 7 points and anything can happen in the standing in the coming steps.

Tanya Petty from Germany was the highest positioned women in the tournament and with the 30 points awarded she jumped into the Top 8 at a shared 4-5 position with Eva Jönsson from Sweden.

The leading player of the men's division of the European Bowling Tour 2004 - Pasi Uotila from Finland - was positioned 8 in the tournament and awarded 10 points as the 6th best male player. By that he enlarged the distance to the second positioned in the EBT 2004 and the gap for Pasi Uotila to Menno van den Heuvel from The Netherlands at the second position is now 34 points.

The tournament Antonio Memorial Vendemini was won by Alfonso Bottiglieri from Italy with Paul Moor from England and Giuliano Bulegato from Italy and the following positions. By the 30 points awarded Alfonso Bottiglieri jumped into the Top 8 in the men's division of the EBT 2004 at position 6.

The top standing after the 6th stop in the EBT 2004 is as follows:

#### **EBT 2004 Women**

Britt Brøndsted, Denmark - 72 points  
Martina Beckel, Germany - 69 points  
Kamilla Kjeldsen, Denmark - 65 points

#### **EBT 2004 Men**

Pasi Uotila, Finland - 76 points  
Menno van den Heuvel, The Netherlands - 42 points  
Maarten Krull, The Netherlands - 35 points

### Story 2004-20: EBT 2004 Stop 7

Published on 24 May 2004 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



Stuart Williams (England) won his first European ranking event ever by defeating Kimmo Lehtonen (Finland) in the final of the Brunswick Aalborg International 2004, conducted 17-23 May in Denmark. The final scores were 234 vs. 176 in Stuart Williams' favour.

In the Semi Final Stuart William defeated Tobias Karlsson in an excellent match where Stuart needed a triple in the tenth to tie Tobias Karlsson at his 256 high score. The tie came out as a strike for both in the first try and a strike for Stuart vs. nine pins for Tobias in the second tie shot.

In the other Semi Final Tomas Leandersson (Sweden) was defeated by Kimmo Lehtonen 223 vs. 263. As the scores proves the three televised matches was of an excellent quality.

The highest ranked women in Aalborg were Helen Jonsson from Sweden, whom left the tournament in the eight finals. Helen moved by her 30 points (and the previous 5 points awarded in the 2004 ranking) into position 7 at the EBT 2004 standing.

The results of the Brunswick Aalborg International 2004 did only influence the standing in the top of the EBT 2004 ranking marginally, since the top ranked only was awarded few or no points in this the seventh out of seventeen EBT tournaments this year.

The top standing after the 7th stop in the EBT 2004 is as follows:

#### **EBT 2004 Women**

Britt Brøndsted, Denmark - 77 points  
Martina Beckel, Germany - 75 points  
Kamilla Kjeldsen, Denmark - 70 points

#### **EBT 2004 Men**

Pasi Uotila, Finland - 76 points  
Menno van den Heuvel, The Netherlands - 42 points  
Kimmo Lehtonen, Finland - 37 points

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### **Story 2004-21: EGC 2004**

Published on 30 May 2004 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen

The 28<sup>th</sup> European Gold Cup was conducted 18-23 May in Kiev, Ukraine with a participation of 24 male players and 23 female players.

The successors of the championships were Israel (one gold and one silver medal) and Lithuania (also with one gold and one silver medal). The third gold medal was won by the host country Ukraine.

The next European Gold Cup will be held 17-25 May 2005 in Italy.

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### Story 2004-22: ECT 2004 participants

Published on 30 May 2004 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen

The last European Cup Teams will be conducted in Norwich, England 4-13 June 2004 with a participation of 23 men teams and 14 women teams.

The teams will basically arrive on Friday 4 June, the practise will take place on Saturday 5 June and the first matches in the competition will begin on Sunday 6 June - finals to take place on Saturday 12 June and the teams to depart Sunday 13 June.

The teams participating in the ECT 2004 are listed below.

<b>Federation</b>	<b>Men Teams</b>	<b>Women Teams</b>
Austria	1	1
Belgium	1	0
Belarus	1	0
Czech	1	0
Denmark	1	1
England	1	1
Finland	1	1
Germany	1	1
Greece	1	1
Hungary	1	1
Iceland	1	1
Israel	1	0
Italy	1	1
Netherlands	1	1
Norway	1	0
Poland	1	1
Russia	1	1
San Marino	1	0
Spain	1	1
Sweden	1	1
Turkey	1	0
Ukraine	1	0
Wales	1	0
<b>Total number of teams</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>14</b>

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### **Story 2004-23: Membership status**

Published on 30 May 2004 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen

From Fédération Internationale des Quilleurs we have received information of the adoption of Portugal as a new member of the international bowling family.

Welcome to Portugal as a new member of The European Tenpin Bowling Federation.

Fédération Internationale des Quilleurs furthermore announces the membership of Armenia and Georgia to be terminated.

The total number of ETBF member federations is hereafter 44. Find more information related to the member federations under the item ETBF Federations.

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### Story 2004-24: Period for the EMC

Published on 30 May 2004 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen

Federation of Sports bowling of Russia announces the dates of the European Men Championships to be 2-14 June 2005 to be conducted in Moscow, Russia. The host centre has not yet been appointed.

Russia / Moscow will furthermore host the 2005 ETBF Congress to be held in conjunction with the European Men Championships. The date of the ETBF Congress will be 2 June 2005.

The overall schedule of the 2005 events in Moscow is as follows:

01 June 2005	Last day of congress delegates to arrive
02 June 2005	ETBF Congress and last day of teams to arrive
03 June 2005	Official practise and opening
04 June 2005	Singles
05 June 2005	Singles
06 June 2005	Doubles
07 June 2005	Doubles
08 June 2005	Trios
09 June 2005	Trios
10 June 2005	Team
11 June 2005	Team
12 June 2005	Masters Round Robin
13 June 2005	Masters Stepladder Final
14 June 2005	Departure

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### Story 2004-25: EBT 2005 invitation

Published on 2 June 2004 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



The invitation for the European Bowling Tour 2005 is prepared and distributed to all ETBF member federations and the organizers of EBT 2004 Tournaments.

The relevant documents to be used in the application process are  
The EBT Rules  
The ETBF Tournament Application  
The European Bowling Tour Applications

The European Bowling Tour is open for up till three tournaments per federation of which two tournaments might be of the category Major.

New in the European Bowling Tour 2005 are two categories of tournaments which are EBT Tournaments and EBT Majors. In the EBT Majors players will be awarded double points.

Basic criteria for EBT Tournaments are a minimum prize money pool of € 25.000 and a minimum entry value of 175.

The ENTRY VALUE is a new concept of the EBT, representing a ratio of the international part of the prize money pool (cash money) divided by the maximum entry fee.

Basic criteria for EBT Majors are a minimum prize money pool of € 40.000 and a minimum entry value of 275. EBT Majors must furthermore have been adopted in the EBT 2004.

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### Story 2004-26: ECT 2004

Published on 12 June 2004 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen

The 18<sup>th</sup> and last European Cup Teams, conducted in Norwich - England, is concluded.

The stepladder matches in the women's division was both excellent and very exciting and both were decided in the very last shots.

In the first (2-3) match between England and Sweden, England came out as the winner with a score of 436 (204+232) against Sweden's 418 (211+207). Though down with 33 pins after the first game in the final match, England continued its success by defeating the last four times champion from Finland with 8 pins, 438 (224+214) against 430 (257+173).

The ECT 2004 gold medallists from England are Zara Glover, Jo Harries, Lisa Gardner, Fiona Banks, Donna Adams and Pauline Buck.

In the qualification of the men's division the team from Finland was dominating completely and ended up 25 points ahead of the second positioned, Germany. The match average of the Finnish Team was as high as 419.

In the final Finland continued its glorious performance on the lanes by defeating Germany 398 (227+171) vs. 367 (176+191) in the final stepladder match. In the first stepladder match Germany defeated Belgium 386 (176+219) vs. 336 (180+156).

The ECT 2004 gold medallists from Finland are Petteri Salonen, Osku Palermaa, Kimmo Lehtonen, Petri Mannonen, Lasse Lintilä and Pasi Uotila.

### Story 2004-27: EBT 2004 Stop 8

Published on 24 June 2004 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



The Women's Division in the 8th stop of the European Bowling Tour - The Malta Open Championships, was won by Iben Tchu from Denmark, while the Men's Division was won by Paul Moor from England.

In the EBT 2004 women standing Martina Beckel took over the lead by adding 6 points to the 75 points she had before the Malta Open Championships bringing her total to 81 points, a few points ahead of the two Danes Britt Brøndsted (77points) and Kamilla Kjeldsen (70 points) at the next positions.

The men standing remained unchanged in the top With Pasi Uotila from Finland leading with 76 points, though with the Malta Open Championships winner - Paul Moor - advancing to the second position with 56 points.

The top standing after the 8th stop in the EBT 2004 is as follows:

#### **EBT 2004 Women**

Martina Beckel, Germany - 81 points  
Britt Brøndsted, Denmark - 77 points  
Kamilla Kjeldsen, Denmark - 70 points

#### **EBT 2004 Men**

Pasi Uotila, Finland - 76 points  
Paul Moor, England - 56 points  
Menno van den Heuvel, The Netherlands - 47 points

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### **Story 2004-28: WRM 2004 in Moscow**

Published on 24 June 2004 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen

The finals of the World Ranking Masters 2004 were conducted in extraordinary surroundings provided by the Federation Sports Bowling of Russia and Brunswick.

The finals took place at the indoor arena of the 1980 Olympics in Moscow at Sport Complex Olympiski. Somewhere between 1.000 and 2.000 spectators was present during the finals, Saturday 26 June in the capital of Russia.

USA's Diandra Asbaty performed just as excellent at the lanes as the excellent surroundings with her two games total of 534 (257 and 277). Her opponent in the women's division Shalin Zulkifli from Malaysia was without opportunity to meet the extraordinary performance of her fellow finalist and the match ended 2-0.

The final in the men's division went to the third game, when UAE's Mohammed Al-Qubaisi defeated Finland's Lasse Lintilä 2-1, 188-244, 269-196 and 208-190.

Bronze medals were awarded to Kirsten Penny from England and Reija Lundén from Finland in the women's division and to Remy Ong from Singapore and Pasi Uotila from Finland in the men's division.

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### Story 2004-29: ESBC 2004 in Helsinki

Published on 9 July 2004 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen

Like many times before Finland came out as the major successor of the ESBC, which 13<sup>th</sup> issue was conducted in the Finnish capital, Helsinki.

The medal standing of after all 20 events in the ESBC 2004 is as follows.

<b>Medals</b>	<b>Gold</b>	<b>Silver</b>	<b>Bronze</b>
Finland	11	14	12
Belgium	3	1	1
Sweden	2	2	3
Germany	2	1	0
England	1	0	1
Switzerland	1	0	0
Italy	0	2	1
Netherlands	0	0	1
Norway	0	0	1

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### Story 2004-30: WRM 2005 host

Published on 14 July 2004 by Kim Thorsgaard Jens

John Davis, the CEO of Kegel, has announced his interest in hosting the World Ranking Masters 2005 and the WTBA Presidium has decided to accept the offer from Kegel.

The World Ranking Masters 2005 will be held at the Kegel Training Centre in Lake Wales Florida in the second half of April 2005. The exact dates will be published as soon as they are available.

The World Ranking Masters 2003 was also hosted by Kegel.

The World Ranking Masters 2005 is the 5th issue of the final of the annual ranking standings of the American Zone, the Asian Bowling Federation and the European Tenpin Bowling Federation. The winners of the first four issues of the WRM are as presented.

Issue	Host	Women	Men
WRM 2001	UAE	Jasmine Ho, Singapore	Sunny Hui, Hong Kong
WRM 2002	Denmark	Jennifer Tan, Singapore	Gery Verbruggen, Belgium
WRM 2003	USA	Britt Brøndsted, Denmark	Anders Öhman, Sweden
WRM 2004	Russia	Diandra Asbaty, USA	Mohammed Al-Qubaisi, UAE

### Story 2004-31: EBT 2004 Stop 9

Published on 21 July 2004 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



Fantastic Paul Moor from England won his second consecutive stop in the European Bowling Tour 2004 by defeating Gery Verbruggen from Belgium 257-204 in the second last match and Finland's Jouni Helminen 259 - 235 in the final match of the 26th Trofeo Internacional Ciutat de Barcelona, conducted 12-18 July in the Catalonian city.

By being awarded 30 points for the second time in a row Paul Moor removed Finland's Pasi Uotila from the first position in the men's division - a position Pasi Uotila has had since the very first stop this year.

Jouni Helminen (awarded 21 points in Barcelona) and Gery Verbruggen (awarded 18 points in Barcelona) is new in the top 8 standing. Gery Verbruggen is the winner of the European Bowling Tour the last four years.

In the women's division Martina Beckel from Germany increased the distance to second positioned Britt Brøndsted from Denmark from 4 to 13 points. Martina Beckel was awarded 15 points in Barcelona while Britt Brøndsted was awarded 6 points.

The highest positioned women in Barcelona were Bettina Lund from Denmark, now in the top 8 standing by her 30 points awarded. New in the top 8 standing is also Lotte Houbo Pedersen from Denmark, who was awarded 21 points in Barcelona for being the second best positioned women in the tournament.

#### **EBT 2004 Women**

Martina Beckel, Germany - 96 points  
Britt Brøndsted, Denmark - 83 points  
Kamilla Kjeldsen, Denmark - 70 points

#### **EBT 2004 Men**

Paul Moor, England - 86 points  
Pasi Uotila, Finland - 76 points  
Menno van den Heuvel, The Netherlands - 49 points

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### Story 2004-32: EBT 2004 Stop 10

Published on 27 July 2004 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



Britt Brøndsted from Denmark is back as the leader in the women's division of the European Bowling Tour 2004 by being awarded 30 points as the highest positioned women in the 1st Hungarian Stella Open conducted 20-25 July in the Hungarian capital Budapest.

The leader after 9 stops, Martina Beckel from Germany, was awarded points in Hungary (5), but not enough to keep the Danish players behind her.

New in the top 8 ranking in the women's division is Nina Flack from Sweden, whom has been awarded points in the last 4 stops (10, 10, 5 and 18 in Hungary).

In the men's division Petter Hansen, the winner of the 1st Hungarian Stella Open, is new in the top 8 ranking with his actual 4<sup>th</sup> position.

The leader of the men's division in the European Bowling Tour 2004, Paul Moor from England, was awarded 10 points in Hungary and enlarged the gap between him and the second ranked Pasi Uotila from Finland, with the same 10 points.

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### **Story 2004-33: WYC 2004**

Published on 8 August 2004 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen

Yannaphon Larpapharat from Thailand is the new World Youth Champion in the Boys Masters Event after his victory in the 2 games final against Jason Belmonte from Australia 415 vs. 392. Wu Siu Hong from Hong Kong earned the bronze medal after he lost the first match in the stepladder final against Yannaphon Larpapharat 219 vs. 224.

In the Girls Division of the Masters Event the final was an internal USA affair when Jennifer Petrick defeated her fellow team mate Stefanie L. Nation 414 vs. 404. Korea's Kang Hyun-Jin became the bronze medallist after she lost the first match in the stepladder final against Stefanie L. Nation 194 vs. 213.

The 8th World Youth Championships took place in Agana, Guam and was concluded 8 August.

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### Story 2004-34: EBT 2004 Stop 11

Published on 10 August 2004 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



The Copenhagen tournament Danish Masters, the 11th stop in the European Bowling Tour 2004, was won by Linda Haglund from Sweden and by her victory and the 30 points awarded she jumped into the top 8 standing at position 7 in the women's division of the EBT 2004.

Back in the top 8 standing in the women's division is another Swedish player - Eva Jönsson - at position 8. Eva Jönsson was awarded 10 points in Copenhagen.

The actual tour leader, Britt Brøndsted from Denmark, enlarged her lead to second positioned Martina Beckel from Germany by being awarded 21 points. The gap between the two first positioned is now as much as 33 points (134 vs. 101).

Close to the top is still Kamilla Kjeldsen from Denmark at position 3, now with her 100 points (18 points awarded in Copenhagen) only one points behind Martina Beckel.

Lasse Lintilä from Finland, the runner up in the Danish Masters, became the highest positioned male player in the tournament and by his win of 30 points he jumped into the top 8 standing in the men's division in the EBT 2004 at position 6.

By being awarded 10 points Maarten Krull from The Netherlands is back in the top 8 standing at position 7.

The leader of the men's division in the EBT 2004, English Paul Moor, was awarded 6 points and his lead to second positioned Pasi Uotila from Finland is now as much as 26 (102 vs. 76).

New at position 3 in the men's division in the EBT 2004 is the tour winner of 2000, 2001, 2002 and 2003, Gery Verbruggen from Belgium with 62 points (21 points awarded in Copenhagen).

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### **Story 2004-35: The period of WRM 2004**

Published on 23 August 2004 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen

The dates of the World Ranking Masters 2005 will be 25 April to 1 May 2005.

The World Ranking Masters 2005 will be hosted by John Davis in the 12 lanes Training Centre of Kegel in Lake Wales, Florida - USA. John Davis / Kegel hosted the successful World Ranking Masters 2003 at the same place.

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### **Story 2004-36: The end of the Nordic Championships**

Published on 24 August 2004 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen

At a meeting in the Nordic Bowling Federation, which includes Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway and Sweden, it was decided to terminate future Nordic Youth Championships and future Nordic Championships.

It is two very old and traditional championships which are closed, since The Nordic Youth Championships was conducted 17 times in the years 1973 - 2003 and the Nordic Championships 21 times in the years 1964 - 2003.

The Nordic Championships is close to be as old as the European Championships, conducted in 1963 for the very first time.

The Nordic Youth Championships is terminated because of the appearance of the European Youth Championships in the international calendar each year (as of 2005) and the Nordic Championships is terminated as a consequence of the many other activities and tournaments included in a modern international bowling calendar of today.

### Story 2004-37: EBT 2004 Stop 12

Published on 25 August 2004 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



Britt Brøndsted from Denmark was highest ranked for the 4th time in The European Bowling Tour 2004. Britt Brøndsted took the 30 points in the 12th Stop in the EBT 2004 - The Dutch Brunswick Open 2004, concluded 22 August in the Dutch capital Den Hague.

The second positioned in the women's division of the EBT 2004 - Martina Beckel from Germany - was awarded 18 points in The Dutch Brunswick Open 2004. By that the gap between Britt Brøndsted and Martina Beckel increased from 33 to 45 points.

By being awarded 6 points in the Dutch Brunswick Open 2004, Bettina Lund from Denmark is back in the top 8 standing in the women's division at position 7.

The winner of the Dutch Brunswick Open 2004, Jouni Helminen from Finland, was awarded 30 points in the men's division and he advanced to the 4th position in the EBT 2004.

The leading player of the EBT 2004, Paul Moor from England, was not awarded points in The Netherlands, but he kept his position as the highest ranked with 102 points. The distance to the 2nd position dropped with a few points when Petter Hansen took over the 2nd position (78 points) from Pasi Uotila from Finland (76 points), whom was without points in The Netherlands.

There were no new male players in the top 8 standing after the conclusion of the Dutch Brunswick Open 2004 even some of the players changed their positions internally.

### Story 2004-38: European Bowling Tour 2005

Published on 8 September 2004 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



The composition of the European Bowling Tour 2005 has been decided by the ETBF Presidium. A strong field of not less than 20 tournaments conducted in 15 different countries will form the European Bowling Tour 2005.

Of the 20 tournaments in the EBT 2005, 9 tournaments have been granted the EBT status and 11 tournaments have been granted the Major status.

The point list for each tournament has changed from 32 players being awarded points to 50 players being awarded points. There will be double points for the Majors. See the points table below.

The total tournament prize pool of the EBT 2004 was about 615.000 €, while the total prize pool of the EBT 2005 will be about 950.000 €. The average prize pool is increasing with about 11.000 € per tournament, from about 36.000 € in 2004 to about 47.000 € in 2005. The average entry fee is unchanged as about 140 € both in 2004 and in 2005.

There will be 7 new tournaments in the EBT 2005; The Irish Open Championships, (Ireland), The 3<sup>rd</sup> Catalonia Open - Trofeu Galasa (Spain), The Championship Golden Bowl (Italy), The 2<sup>nd</sup> Istanbul Bowling Open (Turkey), The Olympia Tournament (Sweden), The Gutperle Anniversary - 1<sup>st</sup> Viernheim Open (Germany) and The 1<sup>st</sup> San Marino Open (San Marino).

The prize money for the EBT 2005 itself are increased from 4.000 € in 2003 and 10.000 € in 2004 to 20.000 € in 2005. In each division the prize money for the EBT 2005 will be divided as 5.000 € for the winner, 3.000 € for the runner up and 2.000 € for the 3<sup>rd</sup> positioned.

The 8 highest ranked women and the 8 highest ranked men at the end of the EBT 2005 will qualify for the World Ranking Masters 2006 to be conducted in Kuwait during the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter of 2006.

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### Story 2004-39: ECI 2004

Published on 9 September 2004 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen

Tanya Petty from Germany is the queen of the European Cup Individuals in these years after gold in 2002, silver in 2003 and gold again in 2004.

In the final of this year's ECI, Tanya Petty defeated Italy's Roberta Ferina in two games, 195 vs. 176 and 224 vs. 202.

In the Semi Finals Tanya Petty won her match against Ingunn Öien from Norway in two games, 189 vs. 181 and 213 vs. 169, while Roberta Ferina won her match against Krista Pölänen in three games, 222 vs. 180, 174 vs. 209 and 210 vs. 178.

In the men's division the gold medal went to San Marino for the second time in the history, since Domenico Righi defeated Ives van Eyken in two games, 202 vs. 182 and 187 vs. 157.

In the Semi Finals Domenico Righi defeated Dimitris Karetzos from Greece in two games, 193 vs. 158 and 211 vs. 200, while Ives van Eyken defeated the local hero from Turkey Habib Dogan in an existing three games match, 243 vs. 182, 150 vs. 217 and 191 vs. 175. It was the first European medal for any Turkish player ever.

The 27th European Cup Individuals was conducted in an excellent way by The Turkish Bowling and Dart Federation and its Tournament Manager Onder Gurkan. The host centre was the very tempting Rollhouse Bowling Centre in Ankara, managed by Osman Aydin.

### Story 2004-40: EBT 2004 Stop 13

Published on 28 September 2004 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



Paul Moor from England strengthens his position at the top of the men's ranking in the European Bowling Tour 2004 by being the runner up in the 13 Stop - The British Open Championships 2004. Paul Moor is now 45 points ahead of the 2nd positioned Pasi Uotila from Finland.

Back in the men's Top 8 is Karl Peter Greulich from Germany, whom advanced to position 7 after being awarded 18 points in The British Open Championships 2004.

Tim Mack, representing Sweden in the European Bowling Tour, won the tournament in Nottingham and is now present at the European ranking standing with 30 points, though still 23 points away from the Top 8 cut.

In the women's division of the European Bowling Tour 2004 the top 8 ranking remained the same after The British Open Championships 2004. Only Martina Beckel from Germany at the 2nd position was awarded points in Nottingham (12). Martina Beckel is 33 points after the leading Dane Britt Brøndsted from Denmark.

The highest ranked women in The British Open Championships 2004 was Jo Harries and by that awarded 30 points for the European ranking standing, still 21 points away from the Top 8 cut.

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### **Story 2004-41: ECI 2004 dual lane condition**

Published on 29 September 2004 by Rune Widell

The ECI was held on 30 August - 4 September 2004 at the Rollhouse Bowling Centre, Ankara, Turkey. This was the first time the dual lane condition concept was used in a European championship. In order to gather information about the perception of players, coaches and officials a questionnaire was handed out at the Team Managers meeting.

There were players from 36 countries participating in the ECI 2004. Replies to the questionnaire have been received from 31 countries.

Despite the fact that only 35% of the players had competed on dual lane conditions prior to the ECI, 90% of them consider the concept to be fairer to the bowlers and promotes the versatility. 85% believe that the dual lane condition concept is good for selecting the best bowler as champion. Only 10% of the players are of the opinion that it favours a special type of bowler.

95% of the players looked at the oiling patterns that were published on the ECI website, but only 45% of them practiced on the conditions before travelling to the ECI. 90% of the players who had practiced on the conditions at home found a big difference in ball reaction on the lanes in Ankara.

40% of the players and 45% of the coaches are in favour of modifying the concept to use the short oil pattern on one lane and the long oil one on the other lane.

80% of the players consider that the limitation to 6 bowling balls per player is adequate.

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### Story 2004-42: EBT 2004 Stop 14

Published on 6 October 2004 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



Finland's Kimmo Lehtonen won Stop 14 in the European Bowling Tour 2004 - the Norwegian Open 2004 in Moss, Norway - and the 30 points he was awarded brought him in top 8 in the Men's EBT standing with 67 points at position 5.

Paul Moor from England kept his lead without being awarded points in Norway, while the second positioned Petter Hansen from Norway and the third positioned Pasi Uotila from Finland both was awarded points (6 respectively 4). Petter Hansen is at 84 points and Pasi Uotila at 80 points after Stop 14. Paul Moor is still in good shape at position 1 of this year's ranking.

In the women's division of the European Bowling Tour 2004 Britt Brøndsted - awarded 18 points in Norway - again enlarged the gap to second positioned Martina Beckel from Germany. Martina Beckel is now 51 points after the leading Dane and with only three stops to go, it seems to be difficult for Martina Beckel to catch up with the Danish winner of the World Ranking Masters 2003.

The highest ranked women in Norwegian Championships 2004 were Helen Jonsson from Sweden and by the 30 points awarded she jumped into the top 8 at position 4 with 71 points. Back in the top 8 is also Sweden's Eva Jönsson whom was awarded 15 points in Norway, now at position 7 with 61 points.

The last 4-5 positions in the top 8 standings for both sexes are still very open and it looks like three exiting stops in the EBT 2004, before we can announce the 16 finalists from Europe to be qualified for the World Ranking Masters 2005 at Kegels place in Lake Wales, USA.

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### Story 2004-43: EBT 2004 Stop 15

Published on 25 October 2004 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



Some of the spots for the top 8 positions in both divisions of the European Bowling Tour 2005, which is the key to the World Ranking Masters 2005, are still very open.

Spada Amedeo from Italy won the 15th stop of the EBT 2004 - Vienna Open in Austria - though still 15 points away from the magic line of the top 8 cut.

Leading Paul Moor from England was awarded 6 points in Vienna and he kept his position as the highest ranked in Europe. Pasi Uotila from Finland moved from his previous third position to position two by being awarded 15 points. The difference between Paul Moor and Pasi Uotila is 34 points with two stops still to go.

New at the top 8 ranking in the men's division is the former 2003 World Ranking Masters and the three times 2003 World Champion Anders Öhman from Sweden at position 8.

The last 4-5 positions in the top 8 ranking is still open since a number of very strong players are positioned just outside the top 8 field.

In the women's division none of the top 8 players was exchanged, but a number of players changed their position internally in the top 8 ranking.

Britt Brøndsted from Denmark is keeping her sovereign first position with 188 points (6 points in Vienna) and even the runner up, Martina Beckel from Germany, moved 12 points closer by being awarded 18 points in Vienna (now at 149 points), the gap is still 39 between the two players, who have dominated the women's division in the EBT 2004 since the beginning of the tour in January.

The highest ranked women in Vienna, Eva Jönsson from Sweden, jumped (from 61 points to 91 points) from an unsure position at the bottom of the women's top 8 ranking to a safe place at position 4. By her achievement Eva Jönsson is only 9 points after Kamilla Kjeldsen from Denmark at the third position and Eva Jönsson can now smell the top 3 prize money.

Britt Brøndsted, Martina Beckel, Kamilla Kjeldsen and Eva Jönsson must be considered as qualified for the WRM 2005 in Lake Wales, USA, while position 5-8 still is open.

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### Story 2004-44: EBT 2005 - An Open tour

Published on 4 November 2004 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



The last limitation for points to be awarded in the Zone rankings was removed by the World Tenpin Bowling Association, when the Presidium held its meeting 30-31 October 2004 in Milwaukee - Wisconsin, USA.

Previously non-European players could be awarded points if they were holding a license in one of the ETBF member federations, but not all non-European players taking part in EBT Stops did hold such licenses and furthermore it did create some confusion from time to time, because the license status of the non-European players not always was known for the EBT Administrators.

As of 1 January 2005 the situation is changed, since all players entering a stop in the European Bowling Tour will be awarded points, no matter their nationality and no matter an eventual membership of a professional organization (decided in March 2004).

Besides the administrative advantages, the decision made by WTBA is modernizing the tour, creating a simple situation which is easy to understand for all and finally it is adding new value and credibility to the still growing European Bowling Tour.

In the EBT 2005 there are still a few stops without WTBA approval and in these stops non-European players can still not be awarded points for the simple reason that they cannot enter these tournaments. Anyhow, it will be possible for the tournaments to upgrade their approval status before their stops are conducted.

With the growing prize money pools and the many new and strong tournaments in the European Bowling Tour, it is expected that more players from outside Europe, not least US players, will enter some of the tournaments in the European Bowling Tour.

By their appearances they are contributing to even more exiting tour stops and in general to a further strengthening of the European Bowling Tour in the years to come.

The European Bowling Tour 2005 will be an open and modern series of sports events, arranged by ETBF and strongly supported by the federations, the organizers, the host centres, many sponsors, the bowling press and not least the thousands of players taking part.

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### Story 2004-45: EBT 2005 - Kegel sponsorship

Published on 4 November 2004 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



Between the European Tenpin Bowling Federation and Kegel (Lake Wales - Florida - USA) a sponsorship contract has been signed for the European Bowling Tour 2005.

The basic content of the agreement between ETBF and Kegel is lane maintenance provided by Kegel in Majors included in the EBT 2005, for a very low cost for each organizer.

It has been an option for the organizers of a Major Tournaments whether they wanted the lane maintenance in their tournament to be done by Kegel. The lane maintenance will be done by Kegel at the following 8 EBT Majors in 2005:

- 7th Memorial Antonio Vendemini (Italy)
- Brunswick Aalborg International 2005 (Denmark)
- 27 Trofeu Internacional Ciutat de Barcelona (Spain)
- Dutch Brunswick Open (The Netherlands)
- Norwegian Open 2005 (Norway)
- Vienna Open (Austria)
- 2nd Oltremare Championships (Italy)
- Kungsbacka International Tournament (Sweden)

Kegel will appear at certain pages at this site as a major sponsor of the EBT 2005.

At the tournament sites Kegel will appear with posters and signs. Furthermore Kegel has the right to arrange a two days seminar at each stop receiving the Kegel sponsorship.

We want to express our gratitude to Kegel for their interest in and contribution to the European Bowling Tour 2005, a contribution which indeed will add additional quality to the tour.

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### Story 2004-46: Name change in Tilburg

Published on 5 November 2004 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



The 3rd stop in the European Bowling Tour 2005 - Bronzen Schietspoel Tournament 2005 - has changed its name to Hammer Bronzen Schietspoel Tournament 2005.

The tournament will be conducted 15-20 February 2005 in Tilburg, The Netherlands.

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### Story 2004-47: Name change in Turin

Published on 7 November 2004 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



Stop 6 in the European Bowling Tour 2005 - Championship Golden Bowl - has changed its name to Championship Golden Bowl - Trofeo Brunswick.

The tournament will be conducted 4-10 April 2005 in Turin, Italy.

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### **Story 2004-48: Tournament approvals**

Published on 13 November 2004 by Addie Ophelders

Yes, indeed, if you want to participate in a tournament, it has to be approved.

A tournament has to be approved by the national bowling organisation in the country. If players from 4 (four) or more different nationalities are participating, then the tournament also has to be approved by the European Tenpin Bowling Federation (ETBF). If players from other zones than the European Zone are taking part, an approval from the World Tenpin Bowling Association (WTBA) is required. Simple isn't it?

Nevertheless it sometimes happens that players are taking part in unapproved tournaments. This, ladies and gentlemen is prohibited! WTBA, ETBF and national rules forbid participation in unapproved tournaments.

A question we quite often hear is: How do I know, as a player, whether the tournament is approved? The answer is: All tournaments that have approval from ETBF and/or WTBA are mentioned on this website.

It would be an ideal situation if all national federations had their own website and if they would publish all tournaments that have been approved by them; this is not the case yet. The best thing to do is to contact the national federation concerned and ask them. Do not take the risk of participating in an unapproved tournament.

There is one more thing: The organizer of the tournament that you are participating in may ask for your valid license card or a certification letter provided by your national federation. Make sure that your name and license number appears on the list of participants of that tournament.

I wish you a lot of nice scores and most important: enjoy yourself.

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### Story 2004-49: EBT 2004 Stop 16

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Paul Moor from England is the winner of the men's division of the European Bowling Tour 2004. In the 16th stop of the tour - The 1st Oltremare Championships in Naples, Italy - he was awarded 12 points and since his nearest by positioned opponents did not play in Naples he became a sovereign winner, one stop before the conclusion of the tour. Paul Moor is awarded 149 points in total, 46 points ahead of Pasi Uotila from Finland at position 2 with 95 points.

Anders Öhman from Sweden was again proving that he is back among the top bowlers in Europe, when he was awarded 30 points as the highest ranked man in the tournament, where he was the runner up after England's Zara Glover. In the overall ranking Anders Öhman is at position 3 with 91 points.

The best eight players in the EBT 2004 are qualified for the World Ranking Masters 2005 in Lake Wales, Florida. At the actual standing in the men's division 3 players are sharing the positions 7, 8 and 9 with 67 points - it is going to be a very exiting last stop in Kungsbacka in December.

It is still not possible to declare the winner of the women's division of the EBT 2005, since leading Britt Bröndstedt did not play in Naples and in her absence the second positioned Martina Beckel from Germany came closer to the leader by being awarded 21 points as the second best female player in Naples. The gap between the two women is only 18 points before the last stop in Kungsbacka (188 vs. 170).

Zara Glover from England was awarded 30 points as the winner of the 1st Oltremare Championships and by her point improvements in the last two stops she is now at the 5th position in the EBT 2005 with 90 points.

Also in the women's division there is a tie for the top 8 cut since two women are sharing the positions 8 and 9 with 71 points.

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### **Story 2004-50: Welcome to Azerbaijan**

Published on 20 November 2004 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen

The ETBF Presidium welcomes Azerbaijan as the 45th member of the European Tenpin Bowling Federation.

Address and email information of the federation is available at this site, just click at Federations at the front page and then at Azerbaijan.

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### **Story 2004-51: EMC 2005**

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Federation of Sports bowling of Russia announces the dates of the European Men Championships to be 2-14 June 2005. The championships will be conducted in Moscow, Russia. The host centre will be the Bowling Palace Megasfera (24 AMF lanes) - a previous host of the ECI 2001.

Russia / Moscow will furthermore host the 2005 ETBF Congress to be held in conjunction with the European Men Championships. The date of the ETBF Congress will be 2 June 2005.

The overall schedule of the 2005 events in Moscow is as follows:

- 01 June 2005 Last day of congress delegates to arrive
- 02 June 2005 ETBF Congress and last day of teams to arrive
- 03 June 2005 Official practise and opening
- 04 June 2005 Singles
- 05 June 2005 Singles
- 06 June 2005 Doubles
- 07 June 2005 Doubles
- 08 June 2005 Trios
- 09 June 2005 Trios
- 10 June 2005 Team
- 11 June 2005 Team
- 12 June 2005 Masters Round Robin
- 13 June 2005 Masters Stepladder Final
- 14 June 2005 Departure

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### **Story 2004-52: WTTC 2004**

Published on 24 November 2004 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen

The ladies at the English team are the Queens of the Baker Cups. In June at their home field in Norwich, the English ladies won the last European Cup Teams and during the last World Tenpin Team Cup, conducted in Dutch Hoofddorp 16-23 November, the English ladies repeated their victory. Since no more baker cups (neither in Europe nor World-wide) will be conducted the English ladies will remain at their throne.

In the 2 games ladies final of the WTTC 2004, the English team defeated USA in a more exiting that well played final 354 (196+158) vs. 332 (175+157). In the first stepladder final the English team defeated Germany 439 (216+223) vs. 376 (179+196).

For the 2nd time in the history the team from USA won the men's division of the World Tenpin Team Cup.

In the men's final USA defeated The Netherlands 467 (233+234) vs. 426 (232+194) and in the first stepladder final The Netherlands defeated the team from Belgium 411 (237+174) vs. 390 (232+158).

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### **Story 2004-53: World Cup 2004**

Published on 12 December 2004 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen

Shannon Pluhowsky from USA did her third consecutive World Cup final in Singapore, where the 40th World Cup ever was concluded on 12 December.

Shannon Pluhowsky won in 2002 against Nikki Harvey from England, was the runner up in 2003 after losing against Canada's Kerrie Ryan-Ciach, where after the women's final in 2004 turned into a revenge match, though this time with Shannon Pluhowsky as the winner. In the two games match Shannon Pluhowsky out ranged Kerrie Ryan-Ciach with 236 vs. 200 and 234 vs. 185.

The men's final was a clear Nordic final with Finland's Kai Virtanen and Norway's Petter Hansen as the opponents. In the extremely well played three games match Kai Virtanen came out as the successor by defeating Petter Hansen 258 vs. 208, 216 vs. 233 and 258 vs. 242.

### Story 2004-54: EBT 2004 prize winners

Published on 19 December 2004 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



By being awarded 12 points in the last stop of the European Bowling Tour 2004, The Kungsbacka International Tournament in Sweden, Paul Moor from England became an even more sovereign winner of the men's division of the European Bowling Tour 2004.

Paul More was awarded 153 points throughout the season while the runner up Pasi Uotila was awarded 98 points and the third positioned Anders Öhman from Sweden 93 points.

The winner of the women's division was Britt Bröndsted from Denmark, whom has been leading the EBT 2004 most of the year. Britt Bröndsted was awarded as much as 189 points, followed by Martina Beckel from Germany with 170 points at the second position and Kamilla Kjeldsen from Denmark with 130 points at the third position.

Top three in both divisions of the European Bowling Tour 2004 was awarded € 2.500, € 1.500 and € 1.000 respectively.

The winner of the last stop in Kungsbacka was Oscar Broström from Sweden, winning his first EBT tournament ever.

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### Story 2004-55: WRM 2005 qualified

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The 17<sup>th</sup> and last stop in the European Bowling Tour 2004 - The Kungsbacka International Tournament - was concluded 19 December in the city Kungsbacka, situated some 25 km outside Gothenburg in Sweden.

After the conclusion of this last stop of the EBT 2004 we are able to present the 8 women and the 8 men qualified from Europe for the World Ranking Masters 2005, which will take place in Lake Wales, Florida - USA 24 April to 1 May.

<b>European finalists for the women's division of the WRM 2005</b>			
No	Name	Federation	Points
1	Britt Bröndsted	Denmark	189
2	Martina Beckel	Germany	170
3	Kamilla Kjeldsen	Denmark	130
4	Zara Glover	England	111
5	Nina Flack	Sweden	102
6	Eva Jönsson	Sweden	96
7	Reija Lundén	Finland	89
8	Helen Johnsson	Sweden	83
<b>European substitutes for the women's division of the WRM 2005</b>			
9	Tanya Petty	Germany	74
10	Linda Haglund	Sweden	58
11	Bettina Lund	Denmark	52

<b>European finalists for the men's division of the WRM 2005</b>			
No	Name	Federation	Points
1	Paul Moor	England	153
2	Pasi Uotila	Finland	98
3	Anders Öhman	Sweden	93
4	Petter Hansen	Norway	84
5	Gery Verbruggen	Belgium	80
6	Jouni Helminen	Finland	72
7	Stuart Williams	England	71
8	Kimmo Lehtonen	Finland	70
<b>European substitutes for the men's division of the WRM 2005</b>			

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