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Story 2005-01: A new year and a new EBT

Published on 2 January 2005 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



A new fresh year has arrived and in the European bowling society it marks the beginning of a new European Bowling Tour as well.

The quality of the European Bowling Tour has increased a lot and the 2005 issue of the tour provides a total prize fund of close to 1 million Euros for all events in the 20 tournaments, the tour prize money and the players support for the World Ranking Masters.

It is going to be exiting to follow the tour, the development in entries and the reactions from players, organizers and the bowling press.

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Story 2005-02: EBT 2005-01

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The European Bowling Tour 2005 introduces a changed point system with points for top 50 for each sex (previously top 32) and double points for Major tournaments.

The first stop in the EBT 2005 - the rich in tradition Ballmaster Open - was conducted in Finnish Helsinki 1-9 January 2005 as a Major tournament.

In the men's division we got a new player in the lead - Mika Lahti from Finland, whom defeated Reija Lundén from Finland in the one game final match 237 vs. 229. Mika Lahti was awarded 100 points as the highest ranked man in the first stop of the EBT 2005.

The winner of the EBT 2004 - Paul Moor from England - is already located at the top of the 2005 ranking with 60 points at position 4.

As the runner up of the first stop in 2005, Reija Lundén from Finland is the new player in the lead of the women's division. Reija Lundén - qualified for the World Ranking Masters 2005, 3rd in the World Ranking Masters 2004 and 5th in the World Ranking Masters 2003 - is a very well-known player at the top of the women's ranking in Europe.

The winner of the EBT 2005 - Britt Brøndsted from Denmark - was awarded 10 points in Helsinki and is located at position 10 of the EBT 2005.

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Story 2005-03: Name change in Naples

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The organizer of the 19th stop in the European Bowling Tour 2005 has changed the name of the tournament from the 2nd Oltremare Championships to the 2nd Columbia Open - Oltremare Championships.

The 2nd Columbia Open - Oltremare Championships will be conducted (unchanged) in Naples, Italy in the period 7-13 November 2005.

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Story 2005-04: EBT 2005-02

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After only 2 stops of the European Bowling Tour 2004 Paul Moor from England; the winner of the European Bowling Tour 2004, is in the lead of the European Bowling Tour 2005 also.

Paul Moor won the second stop of the EBT 2005, the Irish Open Championships, by defeating Eoin McLoughlin from Ireland 279 vs. 227 in the stepladder final of the men's division.

In the women's division of the Irish Open Viktoria Sofkova from Sweden defeated Kamilla Kjeldsen from Denmark after two roll offs since the final match ended 211-211.

Viktoria Sofkova was awarded 50 points and is positioned as no. 5 in the ranking while Kamilla Kjeldsen, the EBT 2003 winner and the EBT 2004 no. 3, is positioned as no. 2 in the EBT 2005. Reija Lundén from Finland kept the leading position of the women's division in the EBT 2005.

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Story 2005-05: Brunswick Euro Challenge 2005

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Brunswick supports the European Tenpin Bowling Federation in 2005.

Support the Brunswick Euro Challenge 2005.

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Story 2005-06: New ETBF Website

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The European Tenpin Bowling Federation has published a second Website.

The new Website includes list of results from 22 different championships and major international events, in total more than 5.000 pages of material. This archive was previously distributed on CD's to a rather small group of interested people, but now it is available for all.

The provided material goes back to 1954 and presents the history of 50 years of elite bowling in Europe and Worldwide. The lists were collected in the period 1998-2003 and about 15 federations and 30 individuals have provided material for us from their private archives. The lists was all scanned and then returned to their owners.

The new site also includes most of the national anthems (in CD quality) of the ETBF member federations. Any host of championships in Europe can pick exactly the anthems they need from this site in the future.

The domain of the new Website is www.etbfarchives.dk

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Story 2005-07: EBT 2005-03

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For the very first time, Laurent Plantard from France was the highest ranked in a stop in the European Bowling Tour. Laurent Plantard won the 3rd stop of the EBT 2005 - the Hammer Bronzen Schietspoel Tournament 2005, conducted in Dutch Tilburg.

Laurent Plantard was awarded 50 points for his victory and he is now ranked at the 6th position in the men's division of the EBT 2005.

The highest ranked women in the tournament was the 2001 and 2002 winner of the tour, Bettina Lund from Denmark, who was highest ranked for the 10th time in the European Bowling Tour.

New at the top 8 ranking in the women's division is Anne Sofie Ardal from Denmark at position 8. Anne Sofie Ardal was ranked as the second best women in the tournament and awarded 40 points.

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Story 2005-08: CTBC 2005

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The 2nd Commonwealth Tenpin Bowling Championships was conducted in Paphos, Cyprus 13-20 February.

Malaysia became the overall successor with 6 out of 10 possible gold medals for the team consisting of Shalin Zulkifli, Wendy Chai, Zulmazran Zulkifli and Alex Liew.

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Story 2005-09: WRM player exchanged

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Due to many commitments in his home country, Petter Hansen from Norway has cancelled his participation in the World Ranking Masters 2005, which will be conducted at Kegels Place in Lake Wales, Florida in the period 25 April to 1 May.

Petter Hansen, whom was the 4th positioned in the European Bowling Tour 2004, will be replaced by the 9th positioned Menno van den Heuvel from The Netherlands.

We congratulate Menno van den Heuvel with his qualification to this prestigious World event.

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Story 2005-10: EBT 2006 Rules

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At the ETBF Presidium meeting 18-19 February in Paphos, Cyprus the rules for the European Bowling Tour 2006 was decided.

As a consequence of the changed point system and the introduction of two categories of tournaments (EBT Tournaments and EBT Majors) there is a big difference between the European Bowling Tour 2004 and the European Bowling Tour 2005.

The same number of changes will not be introduced for the European Bowling Tour 2006, where the following few adjustments will apply.

Clashes between tournaments in the tour

Possible clashes between tournaments in the tour were introduced for 2005. It was anyhow possible, during the application period, to avoid clashes and the EBT 2005 was composed with 20 tournaments and no clashes between any of these tournaments.

For the EBT 2006 clashes will in general not be accepted, though we are keeping a door open for a few clashes under special circumstances.

The "clash" rule is defined as follows:

Clashes between tournaments accepted in the EBT will in principle be avoided and if clashes is accepted it will only be in situations where the organizers with clashing tournaments agrees, where ETBF approves the clash and in a situation where the clash is evaluated as being for the benefit both for the EBT and for the organizers.

Demands for prize money pools

In the EBT 2005 the lowest possible prize money pool was € 25.000 for an EBT Tournament and € 40.000 for an EBT Major.

In the EBT 2006 the lowest prize money pool for an EBT Tournament will remain as € 25.000, while the lowest prize money pool for an EBT Major will increase to € 45.000.

A bit easier to become a Major

In the 2005 rules a tournament must have been included in the previous EBT to be granted the Major status (in addition of meeting the prize money and the entry value demands).

In the 2006 rules, the demand is changed in a way, where a tournament must have been included in one of the previous EBT's to be granted the Major status (still with the additional prize money and entry value demands).

Result service

The result and media service provided by each organizer will be observed systematically in 2005 and even more in 2006, with the purpose to reach a higher degree of uniformity in this area and for the benefit of the still increased internal as well as external attention on the EBT.

The 2006 rules

Besides the mentioned changes and some minor text corrections, the remaining part of the

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content of the rules for 2006 is the same as the rules for 2005.

The rules for the EBT 2006 are available under the item Publications.

The application deadline and the invitation

The deadline for tournament organizers to apply for adoption in the European Bowling Tour 2006 will be 1 July 2005, which is about a month earlier than normal.

The invitation for organizers to apply was previously distributed in May/June, while the invitation for applications to be submitted for the EBT 2006 will be issued in the second half of March.

The World Ranking Masters

The 8 highest ranked women and the 8 highest ranked men at the end of the EBT 2006 will qualify for the World Ranking Masters 2007 to be conducted in Qatar during the 2nd quarter of 2007.

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Story 2005-11: EBT 2005-04

Published on 1 March 2005 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



Kamilla Kjeldsen from Denmark, the winner of the European Bowling Tour 2000 and 2003, took over the lead in the women's division of the EBT 2005 by being awarded 35 points as the third highest ranked women in the 4th stop of the EBT 2005, III Catalonia Open - Trofeu Galasa.

New at the second position in the women's division is Nina Flack from Sweden, who was awarded 25 points in the tournament in Barcelona.

The highest ranked women in Barcelona was Martina Beckel from Germany, who - by being awarded 50 points - jumped into the top 8 standing at position 6.

Paul Moor from England, the winner of the European Bowling Tour 2004, kept his first position in the EBT 2005 without playing in Barcelona.

The winner of the III Catalonia Open - Trofeu Galasa, Osku Palermaa from Finland, is new in the men's division of the EBT 2005 at position 5 (50 points in Barcelona). The same is Chris van Damme from Belgium at position 6 (21 points in Barcelona) and Jari Ratia from Finland at position 7 (35 points in Barcelona).

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Story 2005-12: EBT 2005-05

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The performance of the long termed national team player from Germany, Jens Nickel, was outstanding in the 5th stop of the European Bowling Tour 2005, the Brunswick Euro Challenge, conducted in Thessalonica, Greece.

Jens Nickel was at the 4th position before the stepladder final and on his way to the top he defeated three Finnish players, first Petteri Salonen 206 vs. 203, then Pasi Uotila 258 vs. 212 and finally Jouni Helminen 213 vs. 192. It was the first victory of the German veteran in a stop in the European Bowling Tour.

Since the Brunswick Euro Challenge was a Major, Jens Nickel was awarded 100 points and he is now positioned as the second ranked in the men's division with a total of 112 points.

The lead of the men's division was taken over by another well-known veteran, Teemu Raatikainen from Finland with 122 points (42 points in Thessalonica).

The top 8 of the men's division is dominated by Finnish players with 6 out of the 8 positions and furthermore there are Finnish players at position 9, 10 and 11.

The highest ranked women in Thessalonica were Kamilla Kjeldsen from Denmark, who already was leading the EBT 2005 before the tournament. Kamilla Kjeldsen is with 221 points after 5 stops 71 points ahead of Martina Beckel from Germany on position 2 (150 points) and 81 points ahead of Reija Lundén from Finland at position 3 (140 points).

New in the top 8 of the women's division is Zara Glover from England at position 6 (110 points).

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Story 2005-13: EBT 2006 Invitation

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The invitation for tournaments to be adopted in the European Bowling Tour 2006 has been circulated by the ETBF Presidium to all ETBF member federations and all organizers of tournaments adopted in the European Bowling Tour 2005.

The deadline of submitting the application forms for the EBT 2006 is 1 July 2005.

The ETBF Presidium expects to be able to publish the composition of the European Bowling Tour 2006 mid July 2005.

We are looking forward to receive the application material from all interested organizers through their respective federations.

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Story 2005-14: EWC 2006 in Germany

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The German Bowling Federation has accepted to host the European Women Championships 2006.

The championships will be conducted in the period of 24 August to 3 September 2006, where Thursday 24 August is the last day of arrival and Sunday 3 September is the first day of departure.

The venue of the event will be a 22 lane centre in the City of Böblingen, which is situated near to Stuttgart.

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Story 2005-15: WYC 2006 not in Italy

Published on 6 April 2005 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen

The Italian Bowling Federation, who by the WTBA Congress in Kuala Lumpur 2003 was elected host of the World Youth Championships 2006, has announced that the federation, due to financial reasons, anyhow not will be able to host the championships.

It will be the duty of the WTBA Presidium to locate another host of the World Youth Championships 2006.

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Story 2005-16: EYC 2005 in Antwerp

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With a record number of 233 players and participants from 28 countries the European Youth Championships 2005 was concluded in Antwerp, Belgium on 9 April with the girl's and the boy's stepladder finals.

The Girls Masters title went to Finland's Jenni Mäkelä, who defeated the local hero Kirsten Horemans by 455 vs. 403 in the final two games match, while Kirsten Horemans defeated Becki Jolly from England 230 vs. 204 in the first one game match of the stepladder final.

The final of the Boys Masters was an internal Swedish affair, since Pontus Halvarsson defeated Patrick Bohn 421 vs. 362 in the final two games match, while Patrick Bohm defeated Bo Winter Pedersen from Denmark 209 vs. 190 in the first one game match of the stepladder final.

Finland was the best nation with 3 gold medals and one bronze medal. Denmark was the second best nation with 2 gold medals, 1 silver medal and 2 bronze medals. England, on the third position won most medals, 1 of gold, 3 of silver and 2 of bronze.

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Story 2005-17: EBT 2005-06

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After his victory in the 6th stop of the European Bowling Tour 2005 - the Championship Golden Bowl Trofeu Brunswick in Italian Turin - Paul Moor from England is back at the throne in the ranking of the men's division in the EBT 2005.

There are no new male players in the top 8 ranking or though some of the positions was exchanged between the players.

By being the second highest ranked in the women's division in Turin, Kamilla Kjeldsen from Denmark enlarged the points gap to second positioned Martina Beckel from Germany from 71 to 81 points.

The highest ranked women in Turin; Sweden's Anna Mattsson-Baard advanced from the 5th to the 3rd position in the women's division of the EBT 2005.

New in the top 8 ranking in the women's division is the winner of the EBT 2004, Britt Brøndsted from Denmark, at position 7.

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Story 2005-18: MCC 2005

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The 8th issue of the Mediterranean Challenge Cup was concluded Saturday 16 April in Maltese St. Julian's.

The gold medals for the 7 disciplines were divided between Spain (2), Malta (2), Greece (2) and Israel (1).

The high profiled players were Sue Abela from Malta (as always at the MCC) with two gold medals (Women Masters and Mixed Team), Anastasia Rovithaki from Greece with two gold medals (Women Singles and Women Doubles) and Marcial Ovide from Spain also with two gold medals (Men Singles and Men Masters).

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Story 2005-19: The Queen of the MCC

Published on 17 April 2005 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen

Since the very first issue of the Mediterranean Challenge Cup in 1998, the Queen of the championships has been Sue Abela from Malta, and the MCC 2005 was no exception.

As many times before Sue Abela took medals in 4 out of 4 disciplines, since she won with her team and won the Masters title, got a silver medal in the Singles and a bronze medal in the Doubles.

An overall MCC statistics through the 8 consecutive issues of the championships proves the achievements of Sue Abele. 16 gold medals, 7 silver medals and 5 bronze medals, in total 28 medals out of 32 possible in 8 years.

The fabulous list of Sue Abela's highlights in the MCC is presented below.

Year	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
1998	2	2	0	4
1999	2	1	1	4
2000	3	0	0	3
2001	0	1	1	2
2002	2	1	0	3
2003	2	0	2	4
2004	3	1	0	4
2005	2	1	1	4
All	16	7	5	28

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Story 2005-20: EBT 2005-07

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The two German veterans Peter Knopp and Achim Grabowski played an excellent two games final in the 7th stop of the European Bowling Tour 2005, the Istanbul Bowling Open, 509 to Peter Knopp (279 + 230) and 491 to the hard fighting Achim Grabowski (212 + 279).

Both finalists did anyhow not enter the top 8 ranking of the EBT 2005 or though they advanced in the table, Knopp now positioned as no. 10 with 87 points and Grabowski positioned as no. 13 with 69 points.

Paul Moor from England is still in the lead in the men's division with 160 points, but now only 7 points ahead of Jouni Helminen from Finland, who was awarded 21 points in Istanbul.

The highest ranked women in Istanbul, Tanya Petty from Germany, did not enter the top 8 ranking either, since she is positioned as no. 10 after being awarded 50 points.

Kamilla Kjeldsen from Denmark is still in the lead in the women's division, 51 points ahead of Martina Beckel from Germany who took 30 points in Istanbul and reduced the gap from the previous 81 points before the 7th stop.

There is no new players in the top 8 rankings of either the women's or the men's divisions after the conclusion of the Istanbul Bowling Open.

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Story 2005-21: WRM 2005

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The Finns topped the men's division in World Ranking Masters 2005, conducted 25 April to 1 May at Kegel's place in Lake Wales, Florida - USA.

The men's final was a pure Finnish affair with Kimmo Lehtonen and Jouni Helminen as opponents. The match went over three games with Kimmo Lehtonen as the winner 204 vs. 159, 216 vs. 253 and 202 vs. 151 in the three games.

Before the final Kimmo Lehtonen defeated Daniel Lim from Malaysia in one of the Semi Finals in a two games match 200 vs. 189 and 213 vs. 182, while Jouni Helminen in the other Semi Final defeated Stuart Williams from England in a three games match 182 vs. 176, 223 vs. 244 and 186 vs. 178.

The successor of the women division was Clara Juliana Guerrero from Colombia who in a final over three games defeated Malaysia's Wendy Chai 219 vs. 235, 214 vs. 195 and 223 vs. 157.

In the Semi Final Clara Juliana Guerrero defeated Kamilla Kjeldsen from Denmark in a three games match 182 vs. 207, 236 vs. 224 and 215 vs. 208. In the other Semi Final Wendy Chai defeated the 2004 World Ranking Masters Diandra Asbaty from USA in a three games match 215 vs. 234, 215 vs. 211 and 244 vs. 203.

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Story 2005-22: EBT 2005-08

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From position 9 in the 8th stop of the European Bowling Tour 2005 - The 7th Memorial Antonio Vendemini - Osku Palermaa from Finland took over the lead in the men's division of the European Bowling Tour 2005 with 181 points, closely followed by his fellow countryman Jouni Helminen on position 2 with 175 points.

New in the top 8 of the men's division is Peter Knopp from Germany at position 5 with 127 points and Jussi Lindgren from Finland at position 8 with 110 points.

The winner of The 7th Memorial Antonio Vendemini, Nicolay Schröder from Austria (who climbed from position 8 in the stepladder final to the first position in the tournament) is positioned just outside top 8 in the EBT 2005 at position 9 with 108 points.

In the women's division the gap between the two constantly leading women, Kamilla Kjeldsen from Denmark and Martina Beckel from Germany, was reduced to 35 points (291 for Kamilla Kjeldsen and 256 for Martina Beckel).

Jo Harries from England, the highest ranked woman in The 7th Memorial Antonio Vendemini, jumped into top 8 at position 5 with 160 points. New in the top 8 is also Tanya Petty from Germany at position 4 with 167 points.

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Story 2005-23: Changed EBT status

Published on 19 May 2005 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



As a consequence of an important sponsor pulling away from previous commitments the Dutch Brunswick Open is forced to reduce the prize pool from 40.000 € to 25.000 €.

Following the reduced prize pool the status of the tournament in the European Bowling Tour 2005 is changed from EBT Major to EBT Tournament.

The Dutch Brunswick Open is conducted 3-11 September 2005 in The Hague as Stop 14 in the EBT 2005.

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Story 2005-24: EGC 2005

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The 29th edition of the European Gold Cup was conducted 16-21 May in Rome Italy.

England won two of the three titles by Angie Brown in the Women's Singles and Angie Brown and Alex Christofi in the Mixed Doubles. The Men's singles was won by Paul McCauley from Northern Ireland

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Story 2005-25: EBT 2005-09

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Mika Koivuniemi from Finland came out as the successor after the final in Brunswick Aalborg International 2005 - the 9th stop of the European Bowling Tour 2005. Mika Koivuniemi won the two games final against Paul Moor from England 438 vs. 410 (203+235 vs. 225+185).

By the second position in the tournament and the 80 points awarded, Paul Moor came back again in the lead of the men's division of the European Bowling Tour 2005.

New in the top 8 in the men's division is Petteri Salonen from Finland at position 6 and Stuart Williams from England at position 8.

Nothing changed in the top of the women's division of the European Bowling Tour 2005 where the Dane Kamilla Kjeldsen and the German Martina Beckel keeps their long time ongoing internal fight of the 1st position alive. The actual points awarded for Kamilla Kjeldsen is 291 and for Martina Beckel 256.

The highest ranked women in Brunswick Aalborg International 2005 - Helen Johnsson from Sweden - is new in the top 8 of the women's division at position 8, which she shares with Zara Glover from England (also new in the top 8) and Jo Harries from England.

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Story 2005-26: New member federations

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Armenia and Croatia are, after a break in some years, back as member federations in the European Tenpin Bowling Federation.

Information about the two federations can be found at this site under the item Federations at the front page.

The adoption of Armenia and Croatia in ETBF brings the total of member federations in Europe to a record number of 47.

The number of member federations in the Asian Bowling Federation is 33 and the number of member federations in the American Zone is 27. The total number of member federations in the World Tenpin Bowling Association is 107.

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Story 2005-27: New ETBF Presidium

Published on 12 June 2005 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen

Addie Ophelders, President of the European Tenpin Bowling Federation, was re-elected for President for another 4 years term at the ETBF Congress, which was held at the Sports Complex Olympiski in Moscow, Russia on 2 June. Addie Ophelders was re-elected without opponents and with acclamation.

At the Congress there was furthermore an election for three positions as Presidium Members, where Sergey Lisitsyn from Russia had announced that he was running for re-election, while Aleksandrs Rihters from Latvia and Rune Widell from Sweden had announced that they was not running for re-election.

Re-elected as ETBF Presidium Member was Sergey Lisitsyn from Russia and new elected was Onder Gurkan from Turkey and Valgeir Gudbjartsson from Iceland. Rune Widell from Sweden continues as the ETBF Secretary General for another two years.

The composition of the ETBF Presidium is hereafter as follows:

Addie Ophelders (Netherlands), President (term ends in 2009)
Kim Thorsgaard Jensen (Denmark), Vice President (term ends in 2007)
Roni Ashkenazi (Israel), Presidium Member (term ends in 2007)
Sergey Lisitsyn (Russia), Presidium Member (term ends in 2009)
Leo Plum (Germany), Presidium Member (term ends in 2007)
Onder Gurkan (Turkey), Presidium Member (term ends in 2009)
Valgeir Gudbjartsson (Iceland), Presidium Member (term ends in 2009)

Rune Widell (Sweden), Secretary General

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Story 2005-28: Kegel-ETBF Agreement

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Kegel is announced as the Official Lane Maintenance Partner for ETBF.

A new agreement between Kegel and ETBF has been made with a number of positive consequences for the quality of lane maintenance at EBT Majors and ETBF Championships.

The fact that the new agreement is valid for three years (2006 - 2007 - 2008) proves that the partnership between Kegel and ETBF, where the first agreement was signed for 2005, is stable and well working for the benefit of tenpin bowling in Europe.

For 2006, 2007 and 2008 the agreement is valid for the following yearly events:

A maximum of 8 Majors in the European Bowling Tour

The European Men or Women Championships

The European Youth Championships

The European Champions Cup

The European Gold Cup

For all these events (including technical inspections in due time before championships) Kegel will provide the necessary technology and manpower for nearly no costs for the organizers, who only have to offer the Kegel staff food and refreshments during the events.

Lane maintenance provided by Kegel is an option for the organizers of EBT Majors, while lane maintenance provided by Kegel is mandatory for championship hosts.

In addition to the events listed above, organizers of other tournaments in the EBT can ask Kegel to take care of their lane maintenance by paying the airfare, the accommodation, meals and refreshments for the Kegel staff, while the necessary technology and the salary for the manpower still will be paid by Kegel also in these situations.

In a modern bowling environment, where even minor changes in oil patterns can change the situation in a tournament or a championship, it is vital for ETBF to deal with a professional partner to ensure a controlled maintenance and as fair conditions as possible for the sport.

We want to express our gratitude to Kegel for their interest in and contribution to the European Bowling Tour and European Championships in specific and bowling in Europe in general.

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Story 2005-29: ETBF Congress 2005

Published on 13 June 2005 by Rune Widell

The ordinary ETBF Congress was held on 2 June 2005 at the Olympic Sport Centre in Moscow, Russia.

There were delegates from 20 countries present, who among other things agreed upon the following important decisions, which will be in effect as of 2006.

Procedure for selecting championship hosts

Previously the Congress has confirmed the selections of hosts for ETBF championships. As of next year the ETBF Presidium will be responsible to evaluate applications and to select hosts for the championships.

Championship entry deadlines

The deadline for the federations to submit entry forms will be enforced. In reality this will mean that the host of a championship can refuse to accept an entry form, which has been received after the specified deadline.

Penalty for withdrawal from participation in a championship

In case, after the entry deadline, one or more players would be withdrawn from participation without being replaced by other players, the federation will have to pay a penalty equal to the double entry fee.

Tie breaking rules

The tie breaking rules have been simplified and standardized for all championships.

Masters format

A new Masters format will be introduced whereby the Round Robin between the top 16 players will be replaced by 6 games for the top 24 players, followed by 6 more games for the top 12, and then semi-finals for the top 4, followed by a Masters final for the winners of the semi-finals. All matches in the semi-finals and final will be played in best of 3 games.

European Champions Cup (ECC)

The name of the European Cup Individuals will be changed to European Champions Cup, in order to better reflect the status of this championship.

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Story 2005-30: EMC 2015 in Moscow

Published on 13 June 2005 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen

It is possible to name the European Men Championships in many ways; The One Anthem Championships, the Finnish Parade, The Open Finnish Championships, The Salonen Games etc.

No matter the possible nick name of the championships it is a pure fact that it was dominated totally and completely by 6 Finnish players, who were performing in a class of themselves.

Six gold medals in 6 disciplines and in addition two silver medals and two bronze medals, something never seen before and probably something we never will see again - a salute for one of the most fantastic national teams in the history.

In the Masters stepladder final where three Finns competed against each other, Petri Mannonen came out as the new European Champion. Probably the greatest win ever for the sympathetic and well known Finnish player.

In the first one game step of the final Lasse Lintilä defeated his fellow countryman Kimmo Lehtonen 278 vs. 211, while Petri Mannonen in the final two games match defeated Lasse Lintilä 476 (210+266) vs. 413 (187+226).

Petteri Salonen from Finland became the most winning player of the EMC 2005 by his gold medals in Doubles, Trios, Team and All Event.

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Story 2005-31: EBT 2005-10

Published on 21 June 2005 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



Martina Beckel from Germany climbed at position 1 in the women's division of the European Bowling Tour 2005 after her win in the women's division of Eden Leisure's Malta Open Championships - stop 10 of the EBT 2005. Martina Beckel is now 1 point ahead of Kamilla Kjeldsen from Denmark at the second position.

Martina Beckel was positioned as no. 6 in the EBT 2003 and the runner up in the EBT 2004. Martina Beckel's performance this year and her energy in taking part in many tour stops indicates that Martina is running for the high position of the 2005 issue of the tour.

Helen Johnsson from Sweden climbed from a shared position 8 to position 4 in the women's ranking, but besides that there are no new women in the top 8 ranking after the tournament in Malta.

The tour leader in the men's division - Paul Moor from England - was second positioned in Malta and he enlarged his lead to second positioned in the tour - Jouni Helminen from Finland - with 40 points. The distance between Paul Moor and Jouni Helminen is 280 - 191 after Malta.

Peter Knopp from Germany advanced to position 4 in the men's ranking by being awarded 23 points. There are no new men in the top 8 ranking after the conclusion of Eden Leisure's Malta Open Championships.

Chris van Damme won the men's division in Malta and advanced to position 14 in the tour.

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Story 2005-32: EBT 2006 composed

Published on 9 July 2005 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



The composition of the European Bowling Tour 2006 has been decided by the ETBF Presidium.

The EBT 2006 consists - as the EBT 2005 - of 20 tournaments, of which 7 have been granted the EBT Status and 13 have been granted the EBT Major status. The 20 tournaments will be conducted in 16 different countries in Europe.

For the first time in the history of the European Bowling Tour the total prize pool of the tour will pass 1 million Euro in 2006. The prize pool of the 20 tournaments is 987.000 Euro and the prize pool of the tour is self is 36.000 Euro (10.000 for each sex in the tour and 16.000 for the 16 WRM 2007 finalists), in total 1.023.000 Euro for the EBT 2006. The similar amount for the EBT 2005 is 974.000 Euro.

Two of the EBT 2005 tournaments - The Dutch Brunswick Open (Netherlands) and Championship Golden Bowl Trofeo Brunswick (Italy) - are not included in the EBT 2006. The Dutch Brunswick Open is conducted in 2005 for the last time and Championship Golden Bowl Trofeo Brunswick never applied for the EBT 2006.

New in the EBT 2006 is International Luxembourg Open (Luxembourg) and Husquarna International (Sweden). It is the first time a tournament from Luxembourg is included in the tour, while tournaments from Sweden has been including from year 1.

All 20 tournaments are approved by both ETBF and WTBA and all 20 tournaments are open for professionals. The EBT 2006 is therefore a 100 % open tour for all bowlers in the World and all bowlers can be awarded points no matter their nationality.

The 8 highest ranked women and the 8 highest ranked men after the 20 stops in the EBT 2006 will qualify for the World Ranking Masters 2007 to be conducted in Doha, Qatar 30 April - 6 May 2007.

The finalists from the ongoing EBT 2005 will qualify for the World Ranking Masters 2006 to be conducted in Kuwait 14-21 May 2006.

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Story 2005-33: EBT 2005-11

Published on 11 July 2005 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



The highest ranked in the 11th stop of the European Bowling Tour 2005 - 27 Trofeu Internacional Ciutat de Barcelona - was the American PBA player Brian Voss (the winner in Barcelona) in the men's division and Jo Harries from England (the runner up in Barcelona) in the women's division.

Nothing changed in the top of the two ranking standings after the conclusion of the tournament in Barcelona.

Martina Beckel from Germany (28 points in Barcelona) is still in the lead in the women's division 29 points ahead of Kamilla Kjeldsen from Denmark (not present in Barcelona). With her second 100 point score this year, the third positioned Jo Harris is beginning to look as a serious candidate to interfere in the internal Beckel-Kjeldsen competition, now 61 points behind Kjeldsen.

Paul Moor from England (46 points in Barcelona) continues to consolidate his lead in the men's division, 105 points ahead of second positioned Jouni Helminen from Finland, who was awarded 30 points in Barcelona.

New in the women's top 8 ranking is Jo Harries from England at position 3 and Britt Brøndsted from Denmark at position 5. New in the men's top 8 ranking is Jari Ratia from Finland at position 4.

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Story 2005-34: EBT 2005-12

Published on 26 July 2005 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



Peter Ljung and Helén Johnsson (both from Sweden) topped the men's respectively the women's ranking in the 12th stop of the European Bowling Tour 2005, the 2nd Hungarian Open; Peter Ljung as the winner of the tournament and Helén Johnsson at position 3.

By their win of 100 points in this Major Tournament, both Swedish players came from positions outside top 8 into two 4th positions.

Leading Paul Moor from England is still playing in his own class of the men's division in the European Bowling Tour 2005. Paul Moor was awarded 24 points in Budapest while the actual runner up, Jouni Helminen from Finland, was awarded 16 points. The point gap between Paul Moor and Jouni Helminen is now 113 points.

New in the top 8 of the men's division are, besides Peter Ljung, Darren Cundy from England and Pasi Uotila from Finland.

The fight in the top of the women's ranking is very intense, still with Martina Beckel from Germany in the lead with 398 points, but closely followed by Kamilla Kjeldsen from Denmark with 371 points, Tanya Petty from Germany with 322 points and Helén Johnsson from Sweden with 300 points.

Besides Helén Johnsson there were no new players in the top 8 of the women's division.

Story 2005-35: EBT 2005-13

Published on 23 August 2005 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



The 13 stop of the European Bowling Tour 2005 - Olympia Tournament in Helsingborg, Sweden, brought no new leaders in the top 8 standings, neither for women, nor for men, but indeed more excitement in the top of the standing in the women's division.

In the absence of the leading Martina Beckel from Germany, points were awarded for 4 of the top ranked women and it brought the field much closer to each other. Martina Beckel is only 3 points ahead of the 2003 tour winner Kamilla Kjeldsen from Denmark and also the 2004 tour winner Britt Brøndsted from Denmark is moving towards the top by her 50 points award as the highest ranked women in Helsingborg, now at position 4.

As it looks after stop 13 there are 6 women in the field for the final tour trophy, while only 88 points are in between Martina Beckel at position 1 and Anna Mattson-Baard from Sweden at position 6.

In the men's division - where Thomas Leandersson from Sweden were highest ranked in Helsingborg, but still far from the top 8 standing - nothing major happened in the top 8, where Paul Moor from England still is taking the throne with 350 points, 88 down to Jouni Helminen from Finland at position 2.

The Olympia Tournament did not bring any new players in the two top 8 standings.

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Story 2005-36: Name change in Vienna

Published on 23 August 2005 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



The 18th stop in the European Bowling Tour 2005 - Vienna Open - has changed its name to Columbia 300 Vienna Open as a consequence of a sponsorship.

The tournament will be conducted 19-23 October in the well-known Plus Bowling in Vienna.

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Story 2005-37: Championship dates

Published on 24 August 2005 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen

World Men Championships 2006

At the WTBA Congress, held on 1 August in Aalborg, Denmark, a majority of the congress voted in favour of changing the dates of the World Men Championships from the originally period 28 June - 9 July 2006.

Preliminary dates of the WMC 2006, which will be held in Pusan, Korea, are decided as 29 August to 9 September 2006. The duration might change slightly, but the championships will be held inside the mentioned period.

World Ranking Masters 2006

During the meetings in Aalborg a minor change of the dates of the World Ranking Masters 2006 was also decided. The period of the WRM 2006, which will be held in Kuwait City, Kuwait is changed from 14-21 May 2006 to 9-15 May 2006.

World Youth Championships 2006

The World Youth Championships 2006 will be held in Frankfurt, Germany in the period 19-30 July 2006. It is the first time this championship will be conducted in Europe.

European Men Championships 2007

ETBF has agreed with the Austrian federation that the European Men Championships 2007 will be held in Vienna in the period 30 June - 11 July 2007.

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Story 2005-38: History updated

Published on 27 August 2005 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen

The history section of this site has been updated with medallists, event standings and medal standings for the three events: Maccabiah Games 2005, World Games 2005 and Women's World Championships 2005.

Completed lists of results of the three events are also available at this site

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Story 2005-39: ETBF Constitution

Published on 31 August 2005 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen

The ETBF Constitution (previously ETBF Rules) is now updated with the many changes adopted at the Congress in Moscow early June.

The document is available in a Word and a PDF issue under the item Publications.

The content of the constitution is furthermore available at pages under the item ETBF Constitution in the left menu bar.

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Story 2005-40: Romania new member

Published on 1 September 2005 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen

ETBF welcomes Romania as the 48th member of ETBF. Romania was recently adopted in the tenpin family by FIQ.

Information about Romania is available at this site under the item Federations and under the item Links / Federations.

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Story 2005-41: Brunswick Ballmaster Open

Published on 8 September 2005 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



The 1st stop in the European Bowling Tour 2006 - Ballmaster Open - has changed its name to Brunswick Ballmaster Open as a consequence of a sponsorship.

The tournament will be conducted 6-15 January in the newly renovated Tali Bowl in Helsinki, Finland.

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Story 2005-42: EBT 2005-14

Published on 18 September 2005 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



The 14th Stop of the European Bowling Tour 2005 - The Dutch Brunswick Open - was concluded on Sunday 11 September in Netherlands Den Hague.

The leadership of the women's division changed since Kamilla Kjeldsen from Denmark, awarded 35 points in Den Hague, passed German Martina Beckel, who was awarded 14 points.

The standing among the long-time two combatants is 430 points to Kamilla Kjeldsen and 412 points to Martina Beckel. On position 3 in the ranking of the women's division is Britt Brøndsted from Denmark, who has been awarded high point numbers in the last 6 stops. Britt Brøndsted's total is 371 points after being awarded 40 points in Den Hague.

The Dutch Brunswick Open gave no new women in the top 8 ranking.

There were very few of the high ranked men present in Den Hague and leading Paul Moor from England kept his leading position and the same did the men on the following 4 positions.

New in the top 8 ranking of the men's division is Stuart Williams from England on a shared position 5 with 191 points. Stuart Williams was awarded 24 points in Den Hague.

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Story 2005-43: EBT 2005-15

Published on 20 September 2005 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



Stop 15 in EBT 2005, the 100.000 Euro Gutperle Anniversary, 1st Viernheim Open, became the best attended tournament in the EBT ever with 440 participants.

The fight in the women's division became further intense, since Britt Brøndsted from Denmark was awarded high points for the 7th time in a row, this time maximum 50 points in the tournament.

The battle of the EBT 2005 throne is now a through triangle affair between the leading Kamilla Kjeldsen from Denmark with 452 points, the 2nd positioned Martina Beckel from Germany with 424 points and then Britt Brøndsted at position 3 following closely after with 421 points.

New in the top 8 of the women's division is for the first time the very hard fighting Tatiana Smirnova from Russia with 248 points at position 8. It's the first time we see a Russian player in the top 8 ranking.

Seven of the top 8 ranked men were awarded points in Germany, but besides a few internal changes in position between the 8, nothing changed radically and no new men found their way to the top 8.

The men's division is continuously lead by sovereign Paul Moor from England with 374 points, now 100 points ahead of the actual runner up Jouni Helminen from Finland with 274 points.

The Gutperle Anniversary, 1st Viernheim Open was attended by a number of well-known PBA players and one of them, Michael Fagan from USA, won the tournament and was awarded 50 points, but since it was his first points in the EBT 2005 he is far from being able to influence the top ranking in the men's division.

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Story 2005-44: ETBF Presidium appointments

Published on 27 September 2005 by Rune Widell

At the Presidium meeting on 9-10 September 2005 the following appointments were confirmed:

Valgeir Gudbjartsson has been appointed to chair the ETBF Technical Committee.

Kim Thorsgaard Jensen continues to chair the ETBF Tournament Committee.

Roni Ashkenazi continues to be in charge of Youth Affairs.

Rune Widell is ex-officio member of the Presidium, and has been appointed as Secretary General.

Members of the Education Committee are Jack Groenenberg and Leo Klitte.

Members of the Technical Committee are René Exelmans, Axel Frehde, Pini HersHKovitz and Igor Rybkin.

Members of the Tournament Committee are Sergey Lisitsyn and Onder Gurkan.

Leo Plum, who chaired the ETBF Education Committee, announced on 23 September 2005 that with immediate effect he resigns as ETBF Presidium member.

Until a new chairman of the Education Committee has been appointed, the President, Addie Ophelders, will handle education matters.

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Story 2005-45: EBT 2005-16

Published on 3 October 2005 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



The best way to defend the lead of the men's division of the European Bowling Tour is to win a Major and that's what England's Paul Moor did, when he won Stop 16 - the Norwegian Open 2005.

With a total of 474 points Paul Moor is 156 points ahead of Jouni Helminen from Finland with 318 points at position 2 (awarded 44 points in Norway) and Osku Palermaa from Finland at position 3 with 284 points (awarded 30 points in Norway).

These 3 players has for a long period occupied the 3 prize positions in the EBT 2005, though Paul Moor seems to be untouchable at position 1 running towards his second overall tour win in a row.

New in the top 8 in the men's division is Or Aviram from Israel at position 5. Or Aviram was awarded 70 pints in Norway for his shared 3-4 position in the tournament.

The lead of the women's division changed again while the defeating winner of the EBT 2004, Britt Brøndsted from Denmark, climbed back in the lead after a very impressive series of high points in 8 consecutive stops in a row. Britt Brøndsted, who was awarded 70 points in Norway, has earned 491 points in the EBT 2005 so far.

Second positioned Martina Beckel from Germany was awarded 40 points in Norway and with 464 points she is keeping her position, while the leader after 15 stops, Kamilla Kjeldsen from Denmark, holds position 3 with 452 points. Kamilla Kjeldsen was not present in Norway.

The battle of the women's title is still very unclear and also Sweden's Helen Johnsson with 400 points (60 points in Norway) and Anna Mattsson-Baard with 390 points (48 points in Norway) have possibilities to find their way into the top 3 prize group of the EBT 2005.

Back in the top 8 of the women's ranking is Sweden's Nina Flack, who has 299 points at position 7. Nina Flack was awarded 80 points in Norway.

The highest ranked woman in Norway, Linda Haglund from Sweden, is still 106 points away from position 8 in the women's division.

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Story 2005-46: EBT 2005-17

Published on 9 October 2005 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



In the absence of Denmark's Britt Brøndsted and Kamilla Kjeldsen at the 17th stop of the European Bowling Tour 2005, the 1st San Marino Open, Martina Beckel from Germany climbed back in the lead of the EBT 2005 after she finished 9 in the tournament and 2nd among the women earning 40 points in San Marino.

The internal ranking in this still ongoing triangle battle is (1) Martina Beckel with 504 points, (2) Britt Brøndsted with 491 points and (3) Kamilla Kjeldsen with 452 points. Nothing is decided yet in the top of the women's ranking.

Tanya Petty from Germany was awarded 35 points in San Marino as the 3rd highest ranked woman and she kept her position as no. 6 in the tour. No other women in top 8 were awarded points and no new women entered top 8.

The highest ranked woman in San Marino, England's Zara Glover, moved one position up from 13 to 12, now 60 points from Jo Harries from England at position 8. Zara Glover is usually coming fast at the end of the European Bowling Tour and since she intends to take part in the three last stops (and Majors) in Vienna, Naples and Kungsbacka she will indeed be one of the players outside the actual top 8 claiming one of the top 8 positions at the end.

In the Men's division England's Paul Moor continued his long series of point harvest, since he added 30 points (4th among the men in San Marino) to his point sum.

Paul Moor is with 504 points way ahead of the 2nd ranked Jouni Helminen from Finland with 339 points (21 points in San Marino) and 3rd ranked Osku Palermaa From Finland with 307 points (23 points in San Marino).

The other 5 positions of the top 8 men's division seems still very open, beginning with Stuart Williams from England at position 4 with 240 points (35 points in San Marino) and many positions after top 8 still with realistic possibilities to make the top 8 cut for the World Ranking Masters 2006 in Kuwait.

Back in the top 8 ranking of the men's division is Peter Knopp from Germany at position 6. Peter Knopp was awarded 12 points in San Marino.

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Story 2005-47: New EBT Rules

Published on 20 October 2005 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen

As a consequence of recently observations the ETBF Presidium has decided to introduce a new Chapter of the European Bowling Tour Rules (EBT Rules).

The new chapter (13) is named **Special playing rules in effect for the EBT** and the chapter includes two sub-chapters, one to introduce a limitation in the number of re-racks and the other to stop un sportive pull outs of qualification squads just because the game might not work for a player for a while.

The sub chapters, as presented below, will be in effect as of stop 19 in the EBT 2005 (2nd Columbia Open - Oltremare Championships) in Naples, Italy and of course also in effect for the EBT 2006.

The rules are included in a new issue of the EBT 2005 Rules and the EBT 2006 Rules. Both can be found by clicking at the item Publications at the left menu bar.

13. Special playing rules in effect for the EBT

13.1:

A player is allowed maximum 2 re-racks per game without asking the tournament management for permission. Additional re-racks in the game can only be granted by the tournament management and should be limited to situations where it is obvious that the pin setting is clearly out of spots. If a player violates this rule the frame following the illegal re-rack will be set to zero.

13.2:

If a player, without permission from the tournament management, leaves a qualification squad or a final stage before he/she has completed all games in the squad/stage, all previous scores of the player will be counted as zero and the player cannot enter the tournament again at any later squad or final stage. In such cases eventually pre-paid entry fees for later squads will not be reimbursed.

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Story 2005-48: Hungarian Open is cancelled

Published on 22 October 2005 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen

During some weeks the ETBF Presidium has communicated with the organizer of the 3rd Hungarian Betonplasztika Open - the 12th stop of the European Bowling Tour 2006 - since the organizer intends to cancel the tournament.

Various options has been discussed and investigated, but unfortunately without any change in the situation as an outcome. Finally to day ETBF had to give up looking for further alternatives to keep the tournament in the EBT 2006 and it is therefore a fact that the 3rd Hungarian Betonplasztika Open is cancelled and removed from the EBT 2006.

Since the tournament is cancelled even before the beginning of the EBT 2006, the ETBF Presidium has decided to invite all ETBF Federations to investigate the possibility to locate an interested organizer to include a tournament in the EBT 2006, so to say in the last minute.

All ETBF member federations will later today receive an invitation to apply for a tournament in their jurisdiction to be adopted in the EBT 2006.

Since one and only one tournament organizer has decided to pull their tournament out of the EBT 2006, only one alternate tournament will be adopted in the EBT 2006. The selection of the one tournament will be based on the content of the incoming applications.

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Story 2005-49: EBT 2005-18

Published on 24 October 2005 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



After his second tournament victory in the EBT 2005 - the Colombia 300 Vienna Open, Osku Palermaa from Finland (100 points in Vienna) passed fellow countryman Jouni Helminen (28 points in Vienna) and climbed to the 2nd position in the overall standing in the EBT 2005.

The long-time EBT 2005 leader, and the reigning EBT Champion from 2004, Paul Moor from England (12 points in Vienna) is keeping his lead, still comfortable but theoretically still reachable, with 516 points followed by Palermaa with 407 points and Helminen with 367 points.

No new men managed to climb into the top 8 in Vienna, but from the top 8 ranked, Or Aviram from Israel with 214 points, there is only 32 points down to Thomas Gross from Austria on position 16 and with two Majors in Naples and Kungsbacka as the last two stops in 2005 and still a lot of points to fight for, the battle for the top 8 positions is more intense than ever for probably 4 of the positions in the top 8.

The ongoing triangle battle in the women's division between Germanys Martina Beckel and the two Danes Britt Brøndsted and Kamilla Kjeldsen brought no new standing and all kept their positions, Beckel is in the lead with 532 points (28 points in Vienna), Brøndsted is 2nd with 519 points (also 28 points in Vienna) and Kjeldsen is 3rd with 512 points (came closer with 60 points in Vienna). The distance between the three went in any case shorter and everything can happen in the last two stops of 2005.

Furthermore the highest ranked women in Vienna, Tanya Petty from Germany, came closer to the leading triplets by adding 100 points to her sum and with 468 points the well playing German might very well come from behind in a last minute attempt for one of the three prize positions in the EBT 2005.

Like in the men's division there were no new women entering the top 8 ranking in Vienna but also a number of women just outside the World Ranking Masters 2006 field from Europe is knocking at the door, keeping the excitement alive before the last two stops in Naples and Kungsbacka.

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Story 2005-50: Name change in Luxembourg

Published on 29 October 2005 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



As a consequence of a sponsorship, the name of Stop 04 in the European Bowling Tour 2006 has changed from International Luxembourg Open to Ebonite International Luxembourg Open.

The tournament will unchanged be conducted 22-26 February 2006 in Fötz, Luxembourg.

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Story 2005-51: Open letter to players

Published on 31 October 2005 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen

The European Bowling Tour has, since it started in 2000, developed from a small group of tournaments with rather low prize money to a much more business like tour with many new tournaments and much higher prize money.

Simplified in figures it can be expressed as follows: The tour has over seven years expanded from a tour with a total prize money of less than € 200.000 and an average prize money per tournament of about € 20.000 to a tour with a total prize money of about € 1.000.000 and an average prize money per tournament of about € 50.000.

The European Bowling Tour has become an important tool in the visibility of our sport and by that the development of our sport, it is recognized by the bowling industry, more sponsorships comes in and the tour is also recognized far outside the European area.

The ETBF Presidium is fully aware of the fact that it does not stop with this. In the coming years there is a lot more to do to further improve the tour, to create a higher degree of uniformity, to attract more media and TV coverage and last but not least to attract sponsorships outside our own bowling circles. This can only happen in close co-operation with the tournament organizers.

The tour would be nothing without the players and the tour would be nothing without the organizers. They are the ones taking higher and higher financial risks as the demands from ETBF and the players grows and they are the ones to work for hundreds of hours to ensure that each stop is running as ETBF and the players expect a high class international event to run.

Unfortunately, over the last couple of years, a very costly and inappropriate habit has arrived among an - also unfortunately - growing group of players: late cancellations at tournaments.

Late cancellations are defined as:

Cancellations two weeks or less prior to the tournament

Cancellations when the tournament is running

No shows without any notification

It adds up to more than 50 cancellations for one tournament in the worst examples, sometimes more than 25 % of the expected number of players entering. A few years ago this problem hardly existed.

The problem is now so widely spread that some organizers are considering to stop organizing; we all lose money as a consequence (also the players by getting lower prize funds) and in the long term it is a threat to the development of the tour and in worst case a threat to the existence of the tour.

The ETBF Presidium is therefore forced to introduce a system of penalty points, especially developed as a consequence of late cancellations. You can read more about this system at www.etbf.eu. In addition we are investigating a system for pre-payments at bookings and also considering further restrictions to bring this number of late cancellations down to a very low level.

The ETBF Presidium, however, does not want to introduce a situation where players are feeling controlled, penalised for nothing and restricted in their behaviour by adding stronger and stricter rules and regulations for participating in the coming years, at least not more than necessary to limit the problem.

We are therefore appealing to all players to co-operate with us, to change attitude as soon as possible and to understand that this is a very serious problem with a lot of negative effects,

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also for you. The better the problem can be solved by understanding and a changed attitude the fewer rules and penalty policies we need to introduce.

Therefore players;

(1)

Do not apply for spots in a tournament only if you think that you might want to participate. Order your spots when you know that you are going and that you indeed want to play in the tournament.

(2)

Should it, after booking, be impossible for you to participate, and then cancel your spots as early as possible and basically never late. In case of illness or injury make sure that you announce it to the organizer as soon as possible and make sure that you are getting another person (for instance a federation official) to confirm it, should there be any doubt or need for evidence.

Thank you in advance for your understanding, for your co-operation and for your time to read this message to all of you.

It is indeed a common interest for all of us to limit the problem of late cancellations!

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Story 2005-52: Late cancellations in tour stops

Published on 31 October 2005 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen

Late cancellations in tour stops have over the last couple of years developed from a rather marginal problem to a very serious problem with 40-50 late cancellations in the worst cases. The problem has become a real existential threat for many tournaments and might become an existential threat to the whole tour business if nothing is done.

The ETBF Presidium has had increased focus on the problem for many months and possible solutions, steps and actions have been discussed.

The most perfect solution will be a sophisticated and Internet based combined payment and booking system for all tournaments. We have therefore asked a company to investigate the possibility of developing such a system, its costs and its consequences. We can, however, not expect such a system to be up and running in the next couple of years.

In the meanwhile a new set of rules will be in effect as of stop 1 in 2006, including a system with penalty points, penalties and registration in cases of late cancellations.

Late cancellations are defined in three categories and penalty points are given as follows:

Late Cancellation Type A

Cancellation Type A happens if the organizer is notified by the player in a period of 14 days or less before the first day of the tournament until the day just before the first day of the tournament. The player will be given 1 penalty point and the organizer is allowed to issue a penalty invoice to the player with an amount of not more than half of the maximum fee for a primary entry.

Late Cancellation Type B

Cancellation Type B happens if the organizer is notified by the player during the tournament, but before the qualification squad in which the primary entry was ordered. The player will be given 2 penalty points and the organizer is allowed to issue a penalty invoice to the player with an amount of not more than the maximum fee for a primary entry.

Late Cancellation Type C

Cancellation Type C is defined as a "No Show", which happens when a player fails to appear without having notified the organizer or is notifying the organizer after the start of the qualification squad in which the primary entry was ordered. The player will be given 3 penalty points and the organizer is allowed to issue a penalty invoice to the player with an amount of not more than the maximum fee for a primary entry plus the maximum fee for a re-entry.

If an invoice (A-C) is not paid latest 30 days after it was issued, the player will be given 1 penalty point more, regardless whether the voucher is paid at a later moment.

For late cancellations penalty points will be given, but also 1 point for an illegal pull out in a tournament and furthermore from 0-4 penalty points to players presenting improper behaviour like attacking equipment, attacking other players or officials and other similar, fortunately not very often, occurring happenings. The level of action will decide the number of penalty points given.

Penalty points will be accumulated over a three year period, where after points from the oldest year will be removed.

Each time a player is at or passing 4 penalty points, a penalty number is added to the player's total of penalty numbers and a penalty will be issued as follows:

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If the penalty number is 1, the player will be suspended for 60 days from EBT stops, counting from the day the suspension letter is issued.

If the penalty number is 2, the player will be suspended for 90 days from EBT stops, counting from the day the suspension letter is issued. In addition the player will, through his federation, be invoiced by ETBF with a penalty fee of € 300.

For each time the penalty number is higher than 2, the suspension period will be 30 days higher than the suspension period of the previous penalty number. In addition the penalty fee will be € 300 higher than the penalty fee of the previous penalty number.

A suspension of a player from the EBT will in principle never end as long as a player has not paid the penalty fee to ETBF.

The EBT 2006 Rules are available under the item Publications at the left menu bar. In the chapters 13-15 of the rules you can find a detailed description of the penalty system and points given for late cancellations.

It is important for ETBF to underline that the whole situation and the unfortunate necessity to introduce the penalty system is caused by a minority of players. A vast majority of the players can meet the new rules in confidence, because they do not need to change the attitude they already have and most of them will most probably never get one single penalty point.

The penalty system is directed towards a group of players filling up the good and attractive squads for a long period, and by doing that preventing other players from entering and then ruin the economy for many organizers by cancelling their bookings (or even worst just stay away without notification), often with misrepresentation of the facts.

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Story 2005-53: One more squad in Tilburg

Published on 5 November 2005 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



The organizer of the 3rd stop in the EBT 2006, the Hammer Bronzen Schietspoel Tournament 2006 has announced that all previously scheduled squads are fully booked.

As a consequence the organizer has added yet another squad to the tournament and informed us accordingly in a newsletter as presented below.

Extra Squad

We have decided to have an extra squad on Monday 13 February 2006 at 19.00. This squad will have a discounted entry fee of € 100. Registrations for this squad can now be made through our website www.schietspoel.nl

We expect that a number of Dutch players will move their entry to the new squad, which means that additional spots will become available on Thursday and Friday squads. If you want to register for our tournament and there are no spots available just put your name on the waiting list, there's a good chance you'll get in.

Bowling ball

Hammer will introduce their new Road Hawg in February and you can be among the first to throw it. Order your Road Hawg through our website for just € 150, drilling is included. Denny Torgersen is there, and De Bowlingwinkel will set up a Hammer Head Pro Shop where you can have your ball drilled.

Hotel

We have a special offer from Hotel Van Der Valk, the official hotel for the Bronzen Schietspoel Tournament. Check out the rates and book your room through our website.

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Story 2005-54: New tournament in the EBT 2006

Published on 12 November 2005 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



As previously announced the organizer of the 3rd Hungarian Betonplasztika Open has decided to pull their tournament out of the European Bowling Tour 2006.

Since the situation occurred in due time before the beginning of next year's tour, the ETBF Presidium decided to open the tour again by a three weeks application period for the one open spot to be filled by an alternate tournament.

The deadline of the application period ended yesterday at midnight and since only one application was received, the choice was easy.

The one open spot will be filled by the tournament Danish Masters Classic, which is a well-known tournament in the European Bowling Tour. The tournament is one of the pioneers of the tour, since it has appeared in the tour calendar every year since the very beginning in 2000, with the exception of the EBT 2005. As the Danish Masters Classic is meeting all criteria to become a Major, the tournament is granted the Major status in the EBT 2006.

The Danish Masters Classic is organized by World Cup Hallen and its manager Gert Nielsen. The centre, which also will host the European Youth Championships in 2006, is situated in Rødovre, a community at the outskirts of Copenhagen.

The Danish Masters Classic will be conducted in the period of 29 July - 13 August as Stop 13 in the European Bowling Tour 2006. The stop number of the 28th Trofeu Internacional Ciutat de Barcelona will change from 13 to 12 as a consequence of the changed EBT 2006 Calendar.

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Story 2005-55: lane maintenance by Kegel

Published on 12 November 2005 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



The period for applying for the Kegel Sponsorship for lane maintenance in 2006 has ended and again there has been a serious interest among a majority of the organizers.

ETBF have received applications for the Kegel lane maintenance from the following 10 Majors:

- Stop 05: IV Catalonia Open - Trofeu Galasa
- Stop 08: 3rd Istanbul Bowling Open
- Stop 10: Brunswick Aalborg International 2006
- Stop 12: 28 Trofeu Internacional Ciutat de Barcelona
- Stop 13: Danish Masters Classic
- Stop 15: 2nd Gutperle Viernheim Open 2006
- Stop 17: 2nd San Marino Open
- Stop 18: Vienna Open 2006
- Stop 19: 3rd Oltremare Championships
- Stop 20: Kungsbacka International Tournament

The agreement between Kegel and ETBF is in principle limiting the number of Majors receiving the sponsorship to 8, but Kegel has looked very positively at the applications for 2006 and accepted to do all 10 tournaments, despite the original content of the agreement.

Once again we want to express our gratitude to Kegel for their dedication to the sport in general and to their support for ETBF and the European Bowling Tour in specific.

The extended agreement from 8 to 10 Majors will be in effect, only for the 2006 part of the three years agreement with Kegel.

Besides the 10 tournaments mentioned above, Kegel will do the lane maintenance at the Ebonite International Luxembourg Open (EBT 2006 Stop 04), which has ordered the Kegel lane maintenance by their own expenses. Finally yet another 2-3 tournaments are considering ordering the Kegel lane maintenance in 2006 as far as the information we have received until now.

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Story 2005-56: EBT 2005-19

Published on 14 November 2005 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



The 19th stop of the European Bowling Tour 2005 was concluded on 13 November in Oltremare Bowling Arena in Naples and the excitement in both divisions are still fully alive both for the top of the divisions and for the top 8 cut for the World Ranking Masters 2006 qualification.

In the women's division Denmark's Britt Brøndsted (60 points in Naples) took the lead from German Martina Beckel (40 points in Naples), but the distance between the two women is as small as 7 points (579 for Brøndsted and 572 for Beckel).

Closely following the two first positioned are Danish Kamilla Kjeldsen with 558 points and German Tanya petty with 538 points. The top battle for the final EBT 2005 trophy is completely open among these four women.

Further down the list at position 5 - and new in the top 8 - is Reija Lundén from Finland, who was awarded 100 points in Naples as the highest ranked women.

Helén Johnsson from Sweden is ending the top 8 field with 400 points; just outside the top 8 field is Nina Flack also from Sweden with 391 pints and from her to Tatiana Smirnova from Russia at position 10 with 339 points there is a big gap. It looks like the 8 masters finalists will be found among the 9 highest positioned after 19 stops.

In the men's division the leader Paul Moor was missing, since he had other obligations at the Weber Cup in England. In his absence the two Finns at the following positions took the opportunity to keep the fight for the EBT 2005 victory open until the end of the last stop in Kungsbacka, Sweden in December.

Paul Moor is in the lead with 516 points (0 points in Naples) followed by the successor of the tournament in Naples, Jouni Helminen with 467 points (100 points in Naples) and Osku Palermaa with 449 points (42 points in Naples).

The two Finns has still many points to win in Kungsbacka to beat Paul Moor, who then also must get zero or very few points at the same moment, but in any case the possibility for a last minute change of the 2005 tour winner exists.

New at the top 8 ranking in the men's division is Pasi Uotila from Finland at position 5 with 272 points (70 points in Naples), Darren Cundy from England at position 7 with 236 points (46 points in Naples) and Martin Larsen from Sweden at position 8 with 235 points (44 points in Naples).

From Darren Cundy and his 236 points there is only 31 points down to Robert Andersson from Sweden at position 15, giving a completely open ending in Kungsbacka with a lot of possible changes of the names to qualify for the World Ranking Masters 2006 in Kuwait.

It is going to be some very exiting days in Swedish Kungsbacka 12-18 December, when we are closing the tour season after the most active European Bowling Tour ever with expected about 4.500 participants in total in the 20 tournaments.

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Story 2005-57: Memorial Antonio Vendemini cancelled

Published on 18 November 2005 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



On 12 November it was announced that the 3rd Hungarian Betonplasztika Open was exchanged with the Danish Masters Classic in the European Bowling Tour 2006.

Unfortunately and regrettable we have to announce yet another cancellation, since the organizer of the 8th Memorial Antonio Vendemini has decided to cancel the tournament, originally scheduled for Oltremare Bowling in Naples 2-7 May 2006 as stop 09 in the EBT 2006.

It is indeed not acceptable with these cancellations and it is a matter which generally will be discussed by the ETBF Presidium later on. Right now we have to notice this second cancellation as a fact, followed by the necessary actions.

Since also this tournament is cancelled before the beginning of the EBT 2006, all ETBF member federations are invited to apply for a tournament in their jurisdiction to be adopted in the EBT 2006 as an alternate to the 8th Memorial Antonio Vendemini.

As in the previous situation earlier this year, only one alternate tournament will be adopted in the EBT 2006. The selection of this one tournament will be based on the content of the incoming applications.

The deadline for the application period is Friday 9 December.

Story 2005-58: Women handicap in tour stops

Published on 26 November 2005 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



The handicap awarded to women in EBT Tournaments with mixed divisions has over the years been discussed many times. The handicap has until now varied from tournament to tournament, but in the last few years most tournaments has adopted 8 pins per game as the most common used handicap.

Various calculations made by various individuals have proven that 8 - at least in these years - is the most accurate handicap when the number of women in tournaments is compared with the number of women qualified for the first final stage.

With the purpose of equalising the conditions for all players entering tournaments adopted in the European Bowling Tour, the size of the handicap has been discussed by the ETBF Presidium and the decision is to adopt 8 pins per game in handicap for women in tournaments with mixed divisions as a uniformed rule for the European Bowling Tour.

The handicap is described in a new EBT Rule 14.5 as follows:

In case of a mixed women and men division, women will be awarded 8 pins per game in handicap in all whole games played in the tournament.

A handicap is counted as a pin fall.

No handicap will be awarded in roll of shots and roll of frames.

The rule will be in effect as of the European Bowling Tour 2006.

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Story 2005-59: Changes in Naples

Published on 29 November 2005 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



Based on experiences and observations during the 2nd Columbia Open - Oltremare Championships, conducted in Naples 7-13 November 2005, a number of adjustments to the tournament format and tournament administration has been decided to be implemented at the 3rd Oltremare Championships, which will be conducted 13-19 November 2006 as Stop 19 in the European Bowling Tour 2006.

This story has been prepared in a co-operation between Stefano Coppa, organizer of the Oltremare Championships in Naples, Italy and Kim Thorsgaard Jensen, ETBF Vice President. We will refer to the following changed policies for the tournament:

Re-entry procedure

Before the tournament each player can pre-order one primary entry and one re-entry. This "two entries in the bank" procedure will be in effect during the whole duration of the tournament as well.

During the tournament each player can, from the conclusion of the first qualification squad and until the start of the last qualification squad, sign up for additional re-entries by filling in a small simple form. As stated a player can have not more than two entries in the bank and if a player is on the lanes for the first of these two squads, another re-entry cannot be ordered before the player has ended the squad.

Each valid order will be listed in priority number after the first-come-first-served method. If someone in a squad cancels his entry or re-entry, the first just outside the squad takes the free spot in the squad and so on.

No other method for deciding the players in the squads will be used and lists including the signed up players for the squads will frequently be published in the centre with the players presented and sorted by their priority number in the squads.

The time schedule

The time schedule has been adjusted, now with 3,5h in between shifts on the first days in the tournament (basically national) and with 4h in between the shifts on Friday and Saturday (basically international).

Furthermore the schedule for the final steps on Sunday has been adjusted and is now fitting with the changed format as presented in the Tournament Calendar on this site. These changes will ensure a smooth conduction of the tournaments with squads running on time.

Practise time

The practise time will be 10 minutes before each squad as requested by the EBT 2006 Rules.

Result service

A more comprehensive result service (internally and externally) will be provided, showing the results and standings of each squad, the qualification results and standing and the results and standing of each final step; all game scores will be presented together with the handicap and the total of each result.

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Referees just behind the players area

Dedicated referees (2-3 per squad) will be appointed and dressed in easy recognizable shirts; these referees will be positioned in or just behind the player' area for easy access for the players.

Various other changes

A number of other changes have been implemented for the format and the prize list etc. All the presented changes and other changes can be found at in the Tournament Calendar under the 3rd Oltremare Championships (2006) at this site.

We are convinced that the many adjustments and changes will improve the tournament and present a high international standard at Oltremare in 2006. We welcome all players previously taking part back to Naples and indeed all players not having visited the city and the tournament before.

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Story 2005-60: Changes in the EBT 2006

Published on 10 December 2005 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



As a consequence of a major clash with tournament activities in Italy, the dates of Stop 17 in the European Bowling Tour 2006 - The 2nd San Marino Open - is changed from 9-15 October to 2-8 October. The tournament will still be conducted at the beautiful 18 lanes Rose'n Bowl at the outskirts of San Marino.

As previously announced the organizer of the 8th Memorial Antonio Vendemini has decided to cancel the tournament in 2006. The tournament was originally adopted as Stop 09 in the EBT 2006.

As a consequence, the ETBF Presidium decided for the second time in a short period to re-open the tour for bids for the one open spot in 2006.

As the first time it was not difficult to locate an organizer with interest to alter the cancelled tournament. We got three bids and yesterday one of them was selected to join the EBT 2006.

New in the European Bowling Tour will be the new established tournament The Dutch Open 2006, which will be conducted 7-11 June in Scheveningen, a famous cost city a little outside Den Hague in The Netherlands. The 24 lanes big host centre - Dolfijn Bowling Scheveningen - has previously hosted international championships and will be well known to many bowlers.

The tournament offers, as a new comer, a very good prize fund of 50.000 Euro, which adds the total prize pool of the EBT 2006 (including the tour prize money it self) to a total of 1.040.000 Euro.

We are very grateful to the organizers Ronald Dol and Luc Jansen for their offer. It is the second stop of this group as they also host the 3rd stop of the EBT 2006 - The Hammer Bronzen Schietspoel Tournament 2006.

The stop number of The Dutch Open 2006 will be 10 and the stop number of The Brunswick Aalborg International 2006 will be changed from 10 to 09.

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Story 2005-61: Name change in Jönköping

Published on 13 December 2005 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



As a consequence of a sponsorship, the name of Stop 07 in the European Bowling Tour 2006 has changed from Husqvarna International to Husqvarna International by Ebonite.

The tournament will unchanged be conducted 10-16 April 2006 in Jönköping, Sweden.

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Story 2005-62: Senior bowling tours

Published on 14 December 2005 by Rune Widell

The ETBF Presidium has been made aware of the fact that two bowling tours for seniors (age 50+) have been initiated. One has been launched under the name "EBPA Seniors Bowling Tour" and one under the working name "International Seniors Bowling Tour".

The Presidium has no immediate intention to develop an ETBF Senior Bowling Tour, but might consider it at a later date. The item is on our agenda at the ETBF Presidium meeting in February 2006.

In the meantime we are welcoming the initiative taken by the two private enterprises, provided the following two requirements are met:

The separate tournaments in the tour must have the approval by the national federation and by the ETBF.

The tour name must not include the word "European" or a combination of the words "European" and "Tour".

In order to protect the names "European Bowling Tour" and "European Senior Bowling Tour" the Presidium has decided to include the following two paragraphs in the ETBF Constitution. The amendment will be presented for ratification at the next ETBF Congress.

ETBF Constitution 8.1.5

Approval shall not be granted to any tournament, which is included in a series of tournaments, where the word "European", or a combination of the words "European" and "Tour", is part of the name of the series of tournaments, or is used for official promotion or information about such a series of tournaments.

ETBF Constitution 8.1.6

If an ETBF approved tournament joins a tour or series of tournaments, which is in conflict with rule 8.1.5, the ETBF Presidium has the right to withdraw the original approval of the tournament.

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Story 2005-63: Championship format changes

Published on 14 December 2005 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen

On 1 November 2005 a letter including proposals of changed championship formats was issued to all ETBF member federations. An email ballot was deciding the voting of the proposals with 9 December 2005 as the deadline for voting.

The result of the voting, where 35 out of 46 federations took part, is that a vast majority of the member federations have accepted the changes proposed by the Presidium.

Below you will find a short explanation to each of the changes.

Replace the Singles event with 2 X 6 games in Doubles

The Single event will be eliminated.

There will be 12 games per player in the Doubles event, played in one short oil block of 6 games and one long oil block of 6 games.

There will be 6 games per player in the Trios event (unchanged), played in one short oil block of 3 games and one long oil block of 3 games.

There will be 6 games per player in the Team event (unchanged), played in one short oil block of 3 games and one long oil block of 3 games.

The All event will be unchanged and decided over 24 games, of which 12 games will be played on short oil and 12 games will be played on long oil.

This change will be in effect as of the European Women Championships 2006.

The European Youth Championships will still be played on a single lane condition in the events Doubles (6 games), Trios (6 games), Team (6 games) and All Events (18 games).

A new Masters format for European Championships

24 Players will qualify for the Masters (unchanged).

In all steps of the Masters the players will play best of three games matches in one pair of lanes, of which one dressed with short oil and the other one with long oil. The highest positioned player will choose the lane condition (short or long) for the first game.

In Step 1 players positioned 9-24 will play 8 matches.

In Step 2 players positioned 1-8 and the winners of the matches from Step 1 will play 8 matches.

In Step 3 the winners of the matches from Step 2 will play 4 matches.

In Step 4 the winners of the matches from Step 3 will play 2 matches (the Semi Finals).

In Step 5 the winners of the matches from Step 4 will play 1 match (the final).

This change will be in effect as of the European Women Championships 2006.

The same Masters format will be in effect as of the European Youth Championships 2006, but played on only one lane condition.

Semi Finals and finals in doubles, trios and team

There will be Semi Finals and finals in the doubles, the trios and the team events, all played as

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one game matches on one of the conditions as decided by the highest positioned double/trio/team.

This change will be in effect as of the European Women Championships 2006.

There will not be event Semi Finals and finals in the European Youth Championships.

Three qualification blocks of 8 instead of 4 blocks of 6 games in the ECC

In the European Champions Cup there will be three blocks of 8 games in the qualification (one block each day), one block played on the short condition, one block played on the long condition and one block played on the mixed condition (the short condition on one lane and the long condition on the other lane of the same pair).

This change will be in effect as of the European Champions Cup 2006.

Elimination over one pair and not two pair of lanes in the ECC

There will be one pair of lanes available for each match in the two top 8 eliminations in the European Champions Cup, one lane dressed with the short condition and one lane dressed with the long condition. Players will alter between the two lanes after each game and the highest positioned player after the qualification will decide on which lane to play the first game.

This change will be in effect as of the European Champions Cup 2006.

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Story 2005-64: WRM 2006 qualified

Published on 18 December 2005 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen

The European Bowling Tour 2005 has been concluded by the conclusion of Stop 20 in the tour, the Kungsbacka International Tournament, conducted in Swedish Kungsbacka on 11-18 December.

The EBT 2005 includes a lot of records, like 20 tournaments included, a total of 4.486 players taking part, an average number of players per tournament of 224 and approximately 960.000 Euro in prize money over the year. The similar numbers for 2004 was 17 tournaments, 3.306 players in total, 207 players in average per stop and approximately 625.000 Euro to play for.

The top 8 ranked women and the top 8 ranked men, as presented below, is qualified from Europe to participate in the World Ranking Masters 2006, to be conducted in Kuwait City, Kuwait on 9-15 May 2006.

For more information about the final ranking in Europe: Click at the European Bowling Tour at the front page.

European finalists for the women's division of the WRM 2006			
No	Name	Federation	Points
1	Britt Brøndsted	Denmark	629
2	Kamilla Kjeldsen	Denmark	598
3	Martina Beckel	Germany	594
4	Tanya Petty	Germany	538
5	Anna Mattsson-Baard	Sweden	506
6	Helén Johnsson	Sweden	500
7	Reija Lundén	Finland	456
8	Jo Harries	England	443
European substitutes for the women's division of the WRM 2006			
9	Nina Flack	Sweden	433
10	Zara Glover	England	377
11	Piritta Kantola	Finland	346
12	Tatiana Smirnova	Russia	339

European finalists for the men's division of the WRM 2006			
No	Name	Federation	Points
1	Paul Moor	England	596
2	Osku Palermaa	Finland	479
3	Jouni Helminen	Finland	479

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4	Pasi Uotila	Finland	296
5	Stuart Williams	England	290
6	Peter Ljung	Sweden	277
7	Jari Ratia	Finland	275
8	Robert Andersson	Sweden	265
European substitutes for the men's division of the WRM 2006			
9	Martin Larsen	Sweden	263
10	Jussi Lindgren	Finland	257
11	Or Aviram	Israel	242
12	Darren Cundy	England	238

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Story 2005-65: EBT 2005 prize winners

Published on 18 December 2005 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen

There were no changes at the thrones of the European Bowling Tour, while the two winners of the European Bowling Tour 2004, Britt Brøndsted from Denmark and Paul Moor from England both repeated their victory by winning the European Bowling Tour 2005.



The EBT 2005 Winners

Paul Moor from England
Britt Brøndsted from Denmark

Photo: Thord Lagercrantz

Paul More was awarded 596 points throughout the season while the runner up Osku Palermaa from Finland was awarded 479 points and the third positioned Jouni Helminen from Finland 479 points as well. The tie between the two Finns was broken by counting the highest number of stop positions in this year's tour (2 for Palermaa and 1 for Helminen).

For a long time the triangle Britt Brøndsted from Denmark, Kamilla Kjeldsen from Denmark and Martina Bickel from Germany has been fighting at the top of the women's division and at the end these three players also came out as the top three of the tour.

Britt Brøndsted concluded her EBT 2005 efforts at 629 points followed by Kamilla Kjeldsen at 598 points and Martina Beckel at 594 points, tight as it has been for a major part of the tour season.

Top three in both divisions of the European Bowling Tour 2005 was awarded € 5.000, € 3.000 and € 2.000 respectively.

The winner of the last stop in Kungsbacka was the young, and for most people unknown, Joonas Jähi from Finland, while the "King of the Tour", Paul Moor became the runner-up.