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Story 2006-01: WRM qualification confirmed

Published on 13 January 2006 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen

All 16 players from Europe qualified for the World Ranking Masters 2006 have confirmed their participation and no substitutes from Europe will be needed.

The World Ranking Masters 2006 will be conducted in Kuwait City, Kuwait 9-15 May in Cozmo Bowling Centre.

The following 8 female players are qualified from Europe:

Britt Brøndsted, Denmark
Kamilla Kjeldsen, Denmark
Martina Beckel, Germany
Tanya Petty, Germany
Anna Mattsson-Baard, Sweden
Helén Johnsson, Sweden
Reija Lundén, Finland
Jo Harries, England

The following 8 male players are qualified from Europe:

Paul Moor, England
Osku Palermaa, Finland
Jouni Helminen, Finland
Pasi Uotila, Finland
Stuart Williams, England
Peter Ljung, Sweden
Jari Ratia, Finland
Robert Andersson, Sweden

It is a very strong field of top players from Europe and we are looking forward with excitement to follow their performances in Kuwait. Good luck to the players.

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Story 2006-02: EBT 2006-01

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The European Bowling Tour 2006 took off in Helsinki for the seventh (in just as many possible) times with the Ballmaster Open, this year under the name Brunswick Ballmaster Open.

It became a great beginning of the tour with 328 participants in the tournament, as much as 47 players more than last year in Helsinki.

The tournament was won by legendary Lasse Lintilä from Finland who defeated his fellow countryman Kai Virtanen after an extremely exiting match 256-256 and then 10-8 in the favour of Lintilä in the one ball roll off. Lintilä was awarded 100 ranking points for his victory, while Virtanen was awarded 80 ranking points for his runner-up position.

The highest ranked women became Patricia Schwarz from Germany at position 24 in the tournament, awarded 100 ranking points in the women's division.

Story 2006-03: EBT 2006-02

Published on 1 February 2006 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



The second stop of the European Bowling Tour 2006, the classic Irish Open Championships, was concluded on Sunday 29 January with Svein Roger Olsen from Norway and Laura Rhoney from Scotland as the winners of the men's respectively the women's division.

In the men's division Lasse Lintilä from Finland kept his leading position with Kai Virtanen from Finland and Jason Belmonte from Australia also unchanged at position 2 and 3.

New in the top 8 ranking of the men's division is the 2004 and 2005 tour winner Paul Moor from England at position 4 with 62 points (40 points for his runner-up position in Dublin) and the stop winner Svein Roger Olsen at position 6 with the 50 points he was awarded in Dublin.

In the women's division the top three is also unchanged after the Irish Open Championships, with Patricia Schwarz from Germany, Krista Pöllänen from Finland and Reija Lundén from Finland at the three high positions.

New in the top 8 ranking of the women's division is Nina Flack from Sweden at position 4 (24 points in Dublin) and the stop winner Laura Rhoney at position 7 with the 50 points she was awarded in Dublin.

Another high tour stop entry became the reality in Dublin as 262 players attended the tournament. The total number of participants after the first 2/20 stops in 2006 is 590, average 295.

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Story 2006-04: EBT 2007 invitation

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After two very successful application periods for the EBT 2005 and the EBT 2006, where 20 tournaments in both cases applied and the total prize money in the tour passed 1.000.000 €, the ETBF presidium has decided to open the EBT 2007 for organizers to apply for adoption. We do indeed expect to see another row of strong tournaments forming the European Bowling Tour 2007, which will be the 8th consecutive ranking year in Europe.

Changed name of one of the categories

The expression "EBT Tournament" is often used for any tournament adopted in the EBT, but it has also been the name of one of the tournament categories. As of 2007 the expression "EBT Tournament" will therefore be used only as a general reference to all tournaments adopted in the tour, while the two categories of tournaments will be named **EBT Challenger** and **EBT Major**.

Category definitions

The definition of an EBT Challenger (in 2006 EBT Tournament) is unchanged while the definition of an EBT Major is changed. Both definitions are presented below.

EBT Challenger

The total prize fund minimum, defined as all prize money allocated for individual players in the international part of the tournament, is 25.000

The Entry Value minimum is 175

The number of players per pair of lanes in qualification squads can be 2-6

The fee for an EBT Challenger is € 2.000

EBT Majors

The total prize fund minimum, defined as all prize money allocated for individual players in the international part of the tournament, is changed from 45.000 € to € 50.000

The Entry Value minimum is changed from 275 to 300

The tournament must have been accepted in a previous EBT (unchanged)

The number of players per pair of lanes in qualification squads can be 2-4 (new)

The fee for an EBT Major is changed from € 3.000 to € 3.500

Other changes

Besides the changed category name (EBT Challenger) and the changed definition of an EBT Major, a number of other changes will be introduced for the European Bowling Tour 2007.

A few of the other changes will be presented below, but in general we will recommend you to study the EBT 2007 Rules, which can be found at this site under the item Publications, to get a complete overview of the EBT 2007 concept.

Result services and media facilities

Detailed specifications for presentation of standings and results are implemented in the rules to improve the visibility and the uniformity of presentations. Working in the same direction is a new rule chapter introducing minimum requirements for media and VIP facilities during the stops.

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Entry policy

A two entry policy for pre-orders (one entry and one re-entry) will be in effect for all stops in 2007 and the same will be a two entry policy during tournaments, meaning that another re-entry can't be ordered before the first of the two ordered entries in "the bank" is played.

Standardised squad times

Standardised squad times are implemented in the rules to ensure an equalized tour standard and squads running on time.

Lane assignments and lane movements

Players must be assigned to lanes by a draw in due time before each squad/final stage. The draw might be manual or computerized, but in all cases witnessed by a neutral person or notary public.

In EBT Majors there must never be more than 4 players per pair of lanes in qualification squads, while until 6 players per pair of lanes will be permitted in EBT Challengers or though there is a clear recommendation not to have more than 4 players per pair of lanes also in challengers.

In all stops, lanes must be changed after each game, moving left/right (if the centre score system supports such movements) and over as big a part of the house as possible.

Standardised tie rules

Tie rules for the most common formats will be standardised as of 2007, meaning (1) the size of the last game in the qualification/final stages will break ties and (2) one ball roll offs will break ties in head to head matches.

Tour prize money and players support

The tour prize pool is 20.000 €, distributed as 5.000 €, 3.000 € and 2.000 € for the first three tour positions in each division at the end of 2007. Each of the 16 players qualified for the World Ranking Masters 2007 will be supported by 1.000 € each.

Deadline for applying for adoption in the EBT 2007

The deadline for tournament organizers to apply for adoption in the European Bowling Tour 2007 will be 30 June 2006 and shortly after the composition of the EBT 2007 will be published.

The World Ranking Masters 2008

The 8 highest ranked women and the 8 highest ranked men at the end of the EBT 2007 will qualify for the World Ranking Masters 2008 to be conducted at Kegels place in Lake Wales, Florida in the period of 28 April to 4 May 2008.

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Story 2006-05: Kegel and the EBT 2007

Published on 18 February 2006 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



As a consequence of the three years agreement between Kegel and ETBF for 2006, 2007 and 2008 Kegel will also provide lane maintenance at tour stops in the European Bowling Tour 2007.

The basic content of the agreement is as follows:

For 8 EBT Majors

For up till 8 EBT 2007 Majors Kegel will provide lane maintenance and the necessary technology and manpower for nearly no costs for the organizers, who only have to offer Kegel's staff food and refreshments during the tournaments.

For all other tournaments adopted in the EBT

In addition to the 8 Majors, organizers of other tournaments in the EBT 2007 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 for these tournaments.

Lane maintenance provided by Kegel is an option for the organizers of EBT stops. - When the composition of the EBT 2007 is published in July, ETBF will investigate the wishes from the organizers with tournaments adopted.

In a modern bowling environment, where even minor changes in oil patterns can change the situation in a tournament, 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 2006-06: Name change in Naples

Published on 19 February 2006 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



As a consequence of a sponsorship, the name of Stop 19 in the European Bowling Tour 2006 has changed from 3rd Oltremare Championships to 3rd Oltremare Ebonite Championships.

The tournament will unchanged be conducted 13-19 November 2006 in Naples, Italy.

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Story 2006-07: ETBF Presidium tasks

Published on 20 February 2006 by Addie Ophelders

At the recently held ETBF Presidium meeting in Barcelona, the ETBF Presidium decided to re-organize the tasks among its Presidium members as presented below:

Addie Ophelders, President

Leadership - Finances - Development - WTBA Presidium - FIQ Presidium

Kim Thorsgaard Jensen, Vice President

Tournament Committee - Webmaster - WTBA Presidium

Roni Ashkenazi, Presidium member

Technical Committee

Sergey Lisitsyn, Presidium member

Tournament Committee

Valgeir Gudbjartsson, Presidium member

Tournament Committee

Onder Gurkan, Presidium member

Education Committee

The ETBF Presidium is assisted by **Rune Widell** as Secretary General.

The three committees of ETBF are composed as follows:

Tournament Committee

Kim Thorsgaard Jensen, Chairman - EBT Director - EBT Consultant

Sergey Lisitsyn, Committee member - EBT Consultant

Valgeir Gudbjartsson, Committee member - EBT Consultant

Technical Committee

Roni Ashkenazi, Chairman

René Exelmans, Senior Technical Delegate

Axel Frehde, Senior Technical Delegate

Pini Hershkoviz, Technical Delegate

Education Committee

Onder Gurkan, Chairman

Leo Klitte, Senior Coaching Instructor

Jack Groenenberg, Senior Coaching Instructor

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Story 2006-08: EBT 2006-03

Published on 21 February 2006 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



Long-time international Achim Grabowski from Germany won his first title in the European Bowling Tour when he won stop 3 of the EBT 2006, the Hammer Bronzen Schietspoel Tournament 2006 in Dutch Tilburg. The 50 points awarded to Achim Grabowski brings him directly into the top 8 of the men's ranking at position 6.

In the top of the men's ranking Kai Virtanen from Finland, who was awarded 23 points in Tilburg, switched position with his fellow countryman Lasse Lintilä, Virtanen now at position 1 with 103 points and Lintilä at position 2 with 100 points.

In the women's division the two top ranked Patricia Schwarz from Germany and Krista Pöllänen from Finland kept their positions with 100 respectively 80 points.

The top ranked women in Tilburg, Ghislaine van der Tol from The Netherlands, is new in the top 8 ranking of the women's division with 64 points and also the two times tour winner (2000 and 2003), Kamilla Kjeldsen from Denmark, is new in the top 8 ranking with 75 points at position 4.

Yet another high tour stop entry became the reality in Tilburg as 257 players attended the tournament. The total number of participants after the first 3/20 stops in 2006 is 847, average as much as 282.

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Story 2006-09: EBT 2006-04

Published on 28 February 2006 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



One of the most active tour players the last years, Stuart Williams from England, won his third title in a stop in the European Bowling Tour in the Ebonite International Luxembourg Open, which has its début as a tour stop late February 2006. Stuart Williams previously won the 25th Trofeu Internacional Ciutat de Barcelona (EBT 2003 Stop 07) and the Brunswick Aalborg International 2004 (EBT 2004 Stop 07).

In the final two games match in Luxembourg, Stuart Williams defeated another frequently seen tour player Osku Palermaa from Finland 444 vs. 415. In the one game match before the final, Osku Palermaa defeated yet another frequently seen tour player, Paul Moor from England 242 vs. 233.

By his 3rd position in Luxembourg, the two times tour winner (2004 and 2005) Paul Moor both switched his previously 4th ranking position to a 3rd position with a total of 97 points and came closer to the two Finns at the top of the ranking, Lasse Lintilä at position 2 with 100 points and the top ranked Kai Virtanen with 103 points.

New in the top 8 ranking of the men's division are the 2005 tour runner up and the runner up in Luxembourg, Osku Palermaa from Finland at position 4 with 84 points and Nick Plommen from The Netherlands at position 7 with 68 points. The stop winner Stuart Williams is positioned just outside the top 8 field at position 9 with 56 points.

Tina Hulch from Germany took her first maximum points in a tour stop ever as she became the highest ranked women in Luxembourg at position 6 in the tournament. The 50 points for Tina Hulch was though not enough for a top position as she for now is at position 13 in the ranking of the women's division.

Patricia Schwarz from Germany is still leading the women's ranking with 100 points, now followed closely by the previous multiple World Champion Zara Glover from England, who is the runner up in the women's ranking with 99 points.

New in the top 8 ranking of the women's division are the two times tour winner (2004 and 2005), Britt Brøndsted from Denmark with 78 points at position 5 and Wendy van der List from The Netherlands with 72 points at position 7.

In general for both divisions there seems to be more and more tour players (players who are entering many stops over the year) which indeed are great for the tour and which will increase the excitement and insensitivity over the year.

As a first timer in the European Bowling Tour, the Ebonite International Luxembourg Open took off with not less than 224 entering players, which is a very good number.

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Story 2006-10: EBT 2006-05

Published on 7 March 2006 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



The ranking in the Women's division of the European Bowling Tour 2006 is completely rearranged after the conclusion of the 5th stop in 2006, the 4th Catalonia Open - Trofeu Galasa, conducted in Barcelona early March.

New at the top of the women's ranking is the multiple 2003 World Champion Zara Glover with 159 points (60 points in Barcelona), while the two times tour champion Britt Brøndsted from Denmark advanced to a runner up position in the women's division with 120 points (42 points in Barcelona).

Not less than 4 women are new in the top 8; first of all the highest ranked woman in Barcelona, Helén Johnsson from Sweden at a shared position 5-6 with the 100 points she was awarded in the Catalonian capital. This is the 7th time Helén Johnsson is highest ranked in a tour stop since 2003 and in the overall ranking of all tours since 2000 she advanced to a shared position 2-3 among the women, a really impressive series of the well-known Swedish player.

The other new women in the top 8 ranking of the women's division are Isabelle Saldjian from France at position 3 with 110 points (80 points in Barcelona), Nina Flack from Sweden with 108 points (44 points in Barcelona) and finally the European Youth Master Champion from 2005, Jenni Mäkelä from Finland at position 7 with 100 points (40 points in Barcelona). Frederico Rossi from Italy won his first tour title ever when he in Barcelona defeated Nickolay Ovchinnikovs from Latvia 220 vs. 182 in the one game final.

Kai Virtanen from Finland was awarded 44 points in Barcelona and he kept his top position in the men's division with 147 points, now closely followed by his fellow countryman Osku Palermaa with 134 points, who advanced 2 positions in the ranking by the 50 points he was awarded in Barcelona.

Also in the men's division 4 players was exchanged in the top 8 ranking, while Nickolay Ovchinnikovs from Latvia (one of the newest names in the tour) entered at position 3 with 113 points (80 points in Barcelona) together with the tour stop winner Frederico Rossi at position 5 with 108 points (100 points in Barcelona), Stuart Williams from England at position 6 with 102 points (46 points in Barcelona) and Jari Ratia from Finland at position 8 with 86 points (40 points in Barcelona).

The participation in the 4th Catalonia Open - Trofeu Galasa progressed as all other tour stops in 2006 so far. 178 players took part in the 4th Catalonia Open - Trofeu Galasa in 2006, while 139 players took part in 2005.

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Story 2006-11: EYC 2007 in Greece

Published on 21 March 2006 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen

At the conclusion of the 3rd Brunswick Euro Challenge in Thessaloniki Greece, it was announced that the European Youth Championships 2007 will be hosted by the Hellenic Bowling Federation at the same 24 lane centre in Thessaloniki.

This is the first major European Championships to be hosted in Greece and the news was met by a long applause and a lot of excitement from the huge Greek crowd in Strike Bowling Club in Thessaloniki.

The last negotiations between representatives from the European Tenpin Bowling Federation and the Hellenic Bowling Federation took place in Thessaloniki and ended very successfully.

The European Youth Championships will be conducted 31 March - 9 April 2007 and we are convinced that another excellent experience is to be expected by the young European top players next year in Greece.

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Story 2006-12: EBT 2006-06

Published on 21 March 2006 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



The 6th Stop of the European Bowling Tour 2006, the Brunswick Euro Challenge in Greek Thessaloniki, became another record stop with not least than 369 participants and 883 entries in total. With these numbers the Brunswick Euro Challenge 2006 became the next highest tournament visit in the history of the European Bowling Tour.

The final of the tournament became a memorable battle between the two dual handed players Jason Belmonte from Australia and Osku Palermaa from Finland with Belmonte as the winner with a score of 256 against Palermaa's 222.

The final will be remembered for the excellent performance of Belmonte but indeed also for a great show performed by Palermaa when he gave the audience a show in frame 9 and 10, when the match in reality was decided. In the first two of the last four shots Palermaa once of a sudden bowled a couple of regular one handed shots and made two strikes, then a very hard straight shot and another strike and finally a kind of dual handed back up shot with yet another strike. The crowd was exited for these successful trick shots by this multitalented young Finnish player. Indeed a final with two winners in Thessaloniki.

By his runner up position in Thessaloniki and the 80 points awarded, Osku Palermaa took over the lead in the men's division of the EBT 2006 (214 points in total). Jason Belmonte climbed to a position two in the men's division with 170 points (100 points in Thessaloniki). It could be the first year where a non-European player will qualify for the World Ranking Master from Europe.

Jason Belmonte is new in the top 8 ranking in the men's division of the EBT 2006 and the same is Kimmo Lehtonen from Finland at position 7 with 108 points (48 points in Thessaloniki).

Britt Brøndsted from Denmark took her 7th highest ranked title in the women's division, when she, after a tight match, was defeated by the later 4th positioned Tobias Gäbler from Germany in the last 3 game elimination match before the stepladder final.

By the 100 points awarded to Britt Brøndsted, the 2004 and 2005 tour winner took over the lead of the women's division of the EBT 2006.

New in the women's top 8 ranking is Melissa Bellinder from USA with 120 points (50 points in Thessaloniki) and Martina Beckel from Germany at position 8 with 114 points (70 points in Thessaloniki).

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Story 2006-13: Name change in Vienna

Published on 28 March 2006 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



As a consequence of a sponsorship, the name of Stop 18 in the European Bowling Tour 2006 has changed from Vienna Open 2006 to Columbia 300 Vienna Open.

The tournament will unchanged be conducted 17-22 October 2006 in Vienna, Austria.

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Story 2006-14: MCC 2006

Published on 31 March 2006 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen

The 9th issue of the Mediterranean Challenge Cup was concluded on 26 March in San Marino. The gold medals for the 7 disciplines were divided between Malta (3), Greece (2), Israel (1) and Italy (1).

The high profiled player was as always the MCC Queen Sue Abela from Malta with three gold medals and one silver medal.

Since 1998 the MCC performance of Sue Abela has been outstanding. The 4 medals at the MCC 2006 brings her total of medals won at all MCC's up to fantastic and fabulous numbers of 19 gold medals, 8 silver medals and 5 bronze medals won over only 9 years.

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Story 2006-15: Period for Kungsbacka changed

Published on 15 April 2006 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



The period of Stop 20 in the European Bowling Tour 2006 - Kungsbacka International Tournament - was wrongly listed as 11-18 December 2006 (18 December 2006 is a Monday).

The period of Kungsbacka International Tournament is changed to 10-17 December 2006.

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Story 2006-16: EYC 2006

Published on 18 April 2006 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen

The 19th European Youth Championships was concluded on 16 April in World Cup Hallen in Copenhagen after some very exiting matches in the new Masters format, consisting only of knock out matches.

The leading federations in this year's issue of the EYC were Sweden in the boys division with 4 out of 5 possible gold medals and The Netherlands in the girls division with 3 out of 5 possible gold medals.

Pontus Halvarsson from Sweden became without competition the King of the EYC 2006, since he was involved in all 4 Swedish gold medals in doubles, trios, teams and all events. Since Pontus Halvarsson won the Masters in the EYC 2005 in Belgium, he won actually 5 EYC events in a row - a very unique presentation.

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Story 2006-17: EBT 2006-07

Published on 19 April 2006 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



The leaders of the European Bowling Tour 2006, Britt Brøndsted from Denmark in the women's division and Osku Palermaa From Finland in the men's division, kept their leading positions after the 7th stop of the EBT 2006, Husqvarna International by Ebonite, conducted in Swedish Jönköping during the Eastern period.

Britt Brøndsted was awarded 30 points in Jönköping by being the 4th highest ranked women in the tournament, while Osku Palermaa was awarded 35 points by being the 3rd highest ranked man.

Husqvarna International by Ebonite was won by the frequently attending tour player Peter Ljung from Sweden, who defeated another tour player, Stuart Williams from England, 246 vs. 158 in the one game televised final.

By his win in Jönköping and the 50 points awarded, Peter Ljung moved into the top 8 ranking at position 7 with 116 points, while Stuart Williams, by his 40 points awarded for his runner-up position, advanced from position 8 to position 5 with a total of 142 points after the 7 stops. Another new player in the top 8 of the men's ranking is Martin Larsen from Sweden at position 8 with 112 points (20 points in Jönköping).

The highest ranked women in Husqvarna International by Ebonite became Diana Alfredsson from Sweden, who took her first highest ranked position in a tour stop (position 21 in the tournament). The 50 points for Diana Alfredsson was the first points for her in the season and so far not enough to bring her into the top 8 of the women's ranking.

New in the top 8 of the women's ranking is Helen Johnsson from Sweden at position 5 with 135 points (35 points in Jönköping for being the third highest positioned women in the tournament).

Story 2006-18: San Marino Open changes

Published on 28 April 2006 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



The period of Stop 17 in the European Bowling Tour 2006 - the 2nd San Marino Open - has been extended, where after the tournament will begin on 29 September instead of 2 October. The whole extended duration of the tournament will be 29 September to 8 October 2006.

At the same time the organizer of the 2nd San Marino Open announces an increase in the prize pool of not less than 6.000 € (from the previous pool of 46.700 € to the new pool of 52.700 €), followed by a changed prize structure, indeed benefiting the lower prizes in the list, which makes it even more attractive just to qualify to the final steps in San Marino.

Furthermore the organizer introduces a changed format and other minor corrections in the tournament set up, which all can be found in the Tournament Calendar at this site.

Story 2006-19: EBT 2006-08

Published on 3 May 2006 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



The double tour winner (2004 and 2005), Paul Moor from England, is back in the lead of the European Bowling Tour after his win in stop 8 of the EBT 2006, the 3rd Istanbul Bowling Open.

Paul Moor won the tournament in Istanbul after a very worth seeing and well played final against the Australian player Jason Belmonte 490 - 422 in the two games final match.

In the absence of the previous tour leader, Osku Palermaa from Finland, both Moor and Belmonte passed the Finnish player, but the top 3 of the tour ranking in the men's division is as tight as it can be with Moor on 251 points, Belmonte on 250 points and Palermaa on 249 points.

New in the top 8 of the men's ranking is Achim Grabowski from Germany at position 6 with 150 points.

The highest ranked in the women's division, Danish Britt Brøndsted, became the second highest women in Istanbul (80 points) and she enlarged the gap to the second ranked Zara Glover from England (48 points in Istanbul) to 57 points (330 vs. 273 points in the table).

New in the top 8 of the women's ranking are Martina Beckel from Germany at position 4 with 164 points (50 points in Istanbul) and Sonja Uhlich from Germany at position 7 with 144 points (40 points in Istanbul)

The young and very talented Mor Aviram from Israel (recently participating in the European Youth Championships 2006) became the highest ranked women in Istanbul, jumping directly into the ranking list at position 14 with 100 points. It was the first highest position for Mor Aviram and the first highest position for a player from Israel ever.

The 3rd Istanbul Bowling Open was well conducted in a great atmosphere surrounded by the endless and famous Turkish hospitality.

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Story 2006-20: EGC 2006

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42 players from 21 countries took part in the 30th European Gold Cup in Fötz, Luxembourg.

Players from Cyprus, France and Malta came out as the successors, while Eleni Lazarou and Michalis Perikleous from Cyprus took the gold medal in the mixed doubles event, Eugenie Celma from France took the gold medal in the women's division and Philippe Vancell from Malta took the gold medal in the men's division.

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Story 2006-21: WRM 2006

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The host nation, Kuwait, succeeded in the World Ranking Masters, when local Khalid Al Dubyan won 2-0 against Finland's Pasi Uotila in the final of the men's division, Sunday 14 May in Kuwait City.

For the second time in a row the women's final was won by Colombia, this time by Sara Vargas, who defeated Putty Armein from Indonesia 2-1 in the best of three games final.

The two WRM 2006 Masters was awarded 10.000 USD each for their victories, while the two runner ups were awarded 5.000 USD each.

The next World Ranking Masters will be conducted in Doha, Qatar 30 April - 6 May 2007, for which the 8 highest ranked women and the 8 highest ranked men at the end of the EBT 2006 will qualify.

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Story 2006-22: EMC 2009 to Denmark

Published on 16 May 2006 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen

The ETBF Presidium has announced that the European Men Championships 2009 will be held in Denmark and hosted by the Danish Bowling Federation.

The championships will be held in Lovvang Bowling Centre in Aalborg in the period 4-14 June 2009.

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Story 2006-23: EBT 2006-09

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For the first time in the history of the European Bowling Tour, a non-European is in top of the ranking, which happened when Jason Belmonte from Australia was awarded 60 points for his 4th position in the 9th stop of the EBT 2007, the Brunswick Aalborg International 2006. Belmonte's total is 310 points.

Osku Palermaa from Finland is positioned 2nd after being awarded 44 points in Aalborg with a total of 293 points, while the previous leader of the men's division, Paul Moor from England, is positioned 3rd with a total of 251 points.

The successor of Brunswick Aalborg International, Lasse Lintilä from Finland, who defeated his fellow countryman Jouni Helminen 225 - 192 in the one game final in Lovvang Bowling Centre, jumped from a position outside the top 8 field to position 4 in the men's division with a total of 208 points.

The leader of the women's division of the EBT 2006, Brit Brøndsted from Denmark, enlarged the point gap to second positioned Zara Glover from England to 77 points. Brøndsted's total is 400 points (70 points in Aalborg), while Glovers total is 323 points (50 points in Aalborg).

Anja Ginge Jensen from Denmark became the highest ranked in an EBT stop ever, as she from her 6th position in the overall tournament standing was awarded 100 points in the women's division. This brought the young Dane close to the top 8 field from a position 11 and a total of 139 points.

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Story 2006-24: EBT 2006-10

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The first issue of the Dutch Open was conducted in Scheveningen 7-11 June as the 10th stop in the European Bowling Tour 2006.

The winner of the tournament, Michael Kanold from Sweden, got his first highest position in the tour ever, after his victory in the one game final against Ahmed Shaheen 198 - 139. The 50 points awarded for Kanold brought him up at position 18 in the tour ranking, but still 62 points after one of the attractive top 8 positions.

In the absence of Jason Belmonte, now back in Australia after a successful series of performances in Europe, 12 points awarded for second positioned Osku Palermaa from Finland, brought the Finn closer to Belmonte, as the top ranked has earned 310 respectively 305 points in the tour so far.

No new male players entered the top 8 after the stop in Scheveningen.

In the women's division Isabelle Saldjian from France got her first highest ranked position in the tour, and the 50 points awarded for her performance in Scheveningen made Saldjian jump to a third position in the ranking with a total of 230 points.

The gap between top ranked Britt Brøndsted from Denmark and the actual runner-up, Zara Glover from England, was reduced with 19 points (406 for Brøndsted and 348 for Glover) as Brøndsted was awarded 6 points in Scheveningen, while Glover was awarded 25 points.

New in the top 8 ranking of the women's division is Anja Ginge Jensen from Denmark at a shared position 8 (together with Sonja Uhlich from Germany). Anja Ginge Jensen was awarded 21 points in Scheveningen.

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Story 2006-25: EBT 2006-11

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Stop 11 in the European Bowling Tour 2007, Eden Leisure's Malta Open Championships, was conducted 14-18 June in Eden Superbowl, as usual in good hands of the hard working centre manager Neil Dent.

Defeating 2005 champion, Chris van Damme from Belgium met Thomas Gross from Austria in the one game match in the men's division, and again Chris van Damme came out as the successor with a 228 - 186 win over Thomas Gross. It was Chris van Damme's 3rd highest position in a tour stop ever.

The 50 points awarded for Chris van Damme and the 40 points awarded for Thomas Gross did not bring any of the finalists into the top 8 ranked. Thomas Gross is now at position 15 with 133 points and Chris van Damme at position 32 with 74 points.

The top 8 ranking in the men's division is completely unchanged as no new players entered the top 8 and only one player from the top 8 standing after stop 10 in Scheveningen took part in the tournament, namely Nickolay Ovchinnikovs from Latvia, who was awarded 14 points, but it did not bring him any further up from the position 7, which he already had before Malta.

Jason Belmonte from Australia is still in the lead of the men's division with 310 points, closely followed by his fellow dual handed player, Osku Palermaa from Finland with 305 points.

Tanya Petty from Germany won, after an excellent performance, the women's division in the one game final against Helén Johnsson from Sweden 276 vs. 181. It was Tanya Petty's 7th highest ranked position in the European Bowling Tour since 2000.

The 50 points awarded to Tanya Petty brought her total point sum in 2006 up to 117, but Petty is still 43 points away from the top 8 ranked.

Zara Glover from England took the third position in the women's division in Malta and added another 35 points to her point total, now at 383 points and only 27 points after the tour leader Britt Brøndsted from Denmark (406 points), who did not play in Malta.

There were no new women in the top 8 ranking.

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Story 2006-26: EBT 2007 composed

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The composition of the 8th European Bowling Tour - the European Bowling Tour 2007 - has been decided by the ETBF Presidium.

The EBT 2007 consists of 22 tournaments, of which 9 have been granted the EBT Challenger status and 13 have been granted the EBT Major status. The 22 tournaments will be conducted in 16 different countries in Europe. See the list of tournaments included in the EBT 2007 by clicking at the EBT Calendars at the front page of this Site.

The EBT 2006 represented a record breaking year, since we for the first time passed 1 million € in total prize fund in the tour. For the EBT 2007 we can present another fantastic record, since we will pass 1.2 million € in the total tour prize fund. At the moment the total prize fund for 2007 is 1.232.000 € including tour prize money and some tournaments are in addition supposed to increase their prize funds later on.

From the 20 tournament field in 2006, the organizer of the Irish Open Championships has decided not to join the tour in 2007. The traditional tournament in Dublin will anyhow continue to exist with its well-known format and still be conducted in January.

We are adding three new tournaments to the European Bowling Tour in 2007, namely Ankara Open in Turkey, Storm English Open in England and the 2nd Paraske Cup in Belgium. This is the first time a Belgian Tournament joins the European Bowling Tour.

ETBF also introduces another innovation in 2007, since the Hammer Bronzen Schietspoel Tournament 2007 (Tilburg, The Netherlands) will be conducted with a real dual lane condition which is the left lane of a pair dressed with long oil and the right lane of a pair dressed with short oil throughout the whole tournament. We are excited to see how this will be met by the players and by the media.

As a consequence of the effort of the organizers in Tilburg and because of their willingness to try this out in a tour tournament, the ETBF Presidium has defined the tournament as a test event and double ranking points will be awarded to the players, even the status of the tournament is Challenger. There is no intention to introduce double points for test events in general in the future.

All 22 tournaments in the EBT 2007 are approved by both ETBF and WTBA and all 22 tournaments are open for professionals. The EBT 2007 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 22 stops in the EBT 2007 will qualify for the World Ranking Masters 2008, to be conducted 28 April - 4 May 2008 in Lake Wales, Florida - USA, also known as Kegels place, who will host the WRM for the third time.

Kegel is also, for the third year in a row, appointed as the official lane maintenance partner for ETBF, meaning that Kegel staff will be at the sites and Kegel equipment will be in use in a number of stops in 2007.

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Story 2006-27: EBT 2006-12

Published on 24 July 2006 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



Paul Moor from England won his 7th tour tournament ever and the second this year when he defeated his fellow countryman Stuart Williams 221 vs. 178 in the one game final match of the EBT 2006 Stop 12 - the 28th Trofeu Internacional Ciutat de Barcelona. In the previous match of the 3 player's stepladder final, Paul Moor defeated Austria's Thomas Gross 268 vs. 242.

By his victory in Barcelona, Paul Moor, who took the men's tour title both in 2004 and 2005, took back the lead also in this year's tour. Paul Moor is leading with 375 points in front of Jason Belmonte from Australia with 310 points and Osku Palermmaa from Finland with 305 points. At position 4 is Stuart Williams, who by the 80 points awarded for his runner up position in Barcelona, came closer to the top field, now at 291 points.

New in the top 8 ranking of the men's division is Thomas Gross (70 points in Barcelona) with 203 points at a shared position 7-8 with Peter Ljung from Sweden (44 points in Barcelona), who also is new in the top 8 ranking of the men's division.

Britt Brøndsted from Denmark kept her leading position of the women's division with 432 points (26 points in Barcelona), but she is only 5 points ahead of Zara Glover from England, who took 44 points in Barcelona.

Isabelle Saldjian France continued her achievements in this year's tour, while she for the second time in the EBT 2006 became the highest ranked women. Isabelle Saldjian is third in the women's ranking with 330 points after the 100 points won in Barcelona was added.

No new women entered the top 8 standing after the well-organized tournament in Bowling Pedrables in Barcelona, which is situated near to the famous soccer stadium of FC Barcelona.

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Story 2006-28: WYC 2006

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A record breaking 9th World Youth Championships 2006 was concluded to day in the German capital Berlin. Not less than 266 players attended the championships, which is 81 players more than the last conducted WYC in 2004 and 46 players more than the previous record from 2000.

The players from Malaysia became, without any competition, the successor of the championships with not less than 4 gold medals, 1 silver medal and 3 bronze medals. The other 6 titles were divided between 6 different countries, namely Australia, Canada, Kuwait, Netherlands, Norway and Singapore.

The championships became also an Asian parade, since 7 gold medals, 4 silver medals and 5 bronze medals went to countries affiliated to the Asian Bowling Federation, while countries affiliated to European Tenpin Bowling Federation took 2 gold medals, 1 silver medal and 5 bronze medals and countries affiliated to the American Zone took 1 gold medal, 5 silver medals and 2 bronze medals.

The Masters title in the Girls Division went to Sharon Koh from Malaysia, who defeated Sweden's Therese Forsell in a 5 games long match 188-166, 181-196, 205-178, 189-243 and 233-181.

The Boys Masters title went to Mads Sandbækken from Norway, who defeated Canada's Dan MacLelland 191-202, 202-202 (X-X vs. X-8 in the two roll off shots), 219-192 and 247-189 in the four games match.

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Story 2006-29: Major status for BEC 2007

Published on 2 August 2006 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



The organizers of the 5th stop in the European Bowling Tour 2007, the Brunswick Euro Challenge, have adjusted the tournament rules in accordance with the regulations for an EBT Major.

As a consequence of the changes, the status of the tournament is changed from EBT Challenger to EBT Major in the European Bowling Tour 2007. At the same moment the organizer announces an increase in the prize fund from 85.000 € to 90.000 €.

ETBF is very pleased to see this well attended tournament in Thessaloniki back among the Majors and we want to express our gratitude to Brunswick and Strike Bowling Club for their continued support and contribution to the European Bowling Tour.

Brunswick Euro Challenge will be conducted in Thessaloniki, Greece on 9-18 March 2007 in Strike Bowling Centre, which a few weeks later (6-15 April 2007) in addition will host the 20th European Youth Championships in a co-operation with the Hellenic Bowling Federation.

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Story 2006-30: EYC 2008 to Finland

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The ETBF Presidium has announced that the European Youth Championships 2008 will be held in Finland and hosted by the Finnish Bowling Federation.

The championships will be held in the newly renovated and famous 36 lanes Tali Bowling Centre in Helsinki in the period 15-24 March 2008.

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Story 2006-31: EBT 2006-13

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Paul Moor from England enlarged his gap in the men's division of the European Bowling Tour 2006, when he became the runner up in stop 13 - the Danish Masters Classic, conducted in World Cup Hallen in Copenhagen, Denmark. Paul Moor is 114 points ahead of the second positioned Stuart Williams, also from England.

The winner of the Danish Masters Classic, Thomas Gross from Austria, who defeated Paul Moor 199 - 193 in the one game final, established him selves at position 5 in the men's ranking, now at 303 points. Thomas Gross has been very well playing lately at the tour.

New in the men's ranking is Martin Larsen from Sweden with 257 points at position 6.

Britt Brøndsted from Denmark kept her leading tour position by being awarded 30 points in Copenhagen. Britt Brøndsted has collected 462 points so far, while Zara Glover from England, who was absent in Copenhagen, has collected 427 points.

The highest ranked women in Copenhagen was for the second time this year and the 8th time ever at the tour, Sweden's Helén Johnsson, who took over position 3 in the women's ranking with 355 points.

New in the women's ranking is Reija Lundén from Finland at position 8 with 240 points.

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Story 2006-32: EBT 2017 and Kegel

Published on 20 August 2006 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



ETBF has signed a three years contract with Kegel in effect for the years 2006, 2007 and 2008. In the contract period Kegel is announced as the official lane maintenance partner for ETBF.

Among other elements in the contract, Kegel offers lane maintenance for Majors in the European Bowling tour as an option for the organizers (Kegel Sponsorship A). The following 11 tournaments with Major status have accepted the offer from Kegel:

Stop 04: V Catalonia Open - Trofeu Galasa

28 February - 4 March 2007 in Planet Bowling, Barcelona – Spain

Stop 06: Husqvarna International

2-8 April 2008 in Jönköping Bowling Arena, Jönköping – Sweden

Stop 07: 4th Istanbul Bowling Open

23-29 April 2007 in Timeout Bowling Centre, Istanbul – Turkey

Stop 09: Brunswick Aalborg International 2007

21-27 May 2007 in Lovvang Bowling Centre, Aalborg – Denmark

Stop 10: Storm Dutch Open 2007

6-10 June 2007 in Dolfijn Bowling, Scheveningen - The Netherlands

Stop 12: 3rd San Marino Open

13-22 July 2007 in Rose'n Bowl, Serravalle- San Marino

Stop 13: 29 Trofeu Internacional Ciutat de Barcelona

24-29 July 2007 in Bowling Pedrables, Barcelona – Spain

Stop 14: Danish Masters Classic

3-12 August 2007 in World Cup Hallen, Copenhagen – Denmark

Stop 16: 3rd Gutperle Viernheim Open 2007

8-16 September 2007 in Bowling Gutperle Viernheim, Viernheim – Germany

Stop 19: Vienna Open

16-21 October 2007 in Plus Bowling, Vienna – Austria

Stop 20: 4th Oltremare Open

12-18 November 2007 in Oltremare Bowling Arena, Naples – Italy

The agreement between Kegel and ETBF is in principle limiting the number of Majors receiving the sponsorship to 8, but Kegel has, as previously, interpreted the contract text very flexible and accepted to do all 11 tournaments in 2007, for which reason we are very grateful to Kegel

In addition to the 11 Majors, Kegel is, based on separate agreements or the Kegel Sponsorship B, doing the lane maintenance at the following 4 EBT Challengers in 2007:

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Stop 02: Hammer Bronzen Schietspoel Tournament 2007

7-11 February 2007 in Dolfijn Bowling, Tilburg - The Netherlands

Stop 03: Ebonite International Luxembourg Open

21-25 February 2007 in Inter Bowling, Fötz – Luxembourg

Stop 08: 2nd Paraske Cup

12-20 May 2007 in Paraske Bowl, Haine-St-Paul / La Louviere – Belgium

Stop 21: Storm English Open

5-9 December 2007 in Lakeside Superbowl, Nuneaton - England

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Story 2006-33: EBT 2006-14

Published on 23 August 2006 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



Peter Ljung from Sweden won his second tour stop this year (and the third ever) by defeating Tim Mack from USA 236 - 180 in the one game final of the 14th stop of the European Bowling Tour 2006, Olympia Tournament in Helsingborg, Sweden.

In the Semi Finals Ljung defeated Martin Larsen from Sweden 226-194, while Mack defeated Lasse Lintilä from Finland 176 vs. 152.

By the 100 points awarded to Peter Ljung, he stabilised his position in the top 8 ranking of the men's division, when he jumped from position 7 to position 4. Ljung seems to be a serious bit for one of the top three positions this year.

Paul Moor from England (48 points in Helsingborg) is still the sovereign leader of the men's division with 503 points, still followed by his fellow countryman Stuart Williams with 385 points (44 points in Helsingborg).

Lasse Lintilä is back in the top 8 of the men's division at position 8 with 268 points (60 points in Helsingborg).

Sweden's Anna Mattsson-Baard too the first high women ranking position in a tour stop this year and the second in her career. Mattsson-Baard went into the top 8 of the women's division at position 8 by adding the 100 points to her sum, bringing her season total up to 248.

Britt Brøndsted from Denmark (44 points in Helsingborg) is still in the lead with 506 points followed by Zara Glover from England with 427 points (absent in Helsingborg) and Helén Johnsson from Sweden at position 3 with 401 points (46 point in Helsingborg).

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Story 2006-34: ECC 2008 to Luxembourg

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The ETBF Presidium has announced that the European Championships Cup 2008 will be held in Luxembourg.

The championships will be held in the 20 lanes Inter Bowling in Fötz in the period 21-27 September 2008.

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Story 2006-35: EWC 2006 in Böblingen

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A very successful European Women Championships was conducted in Böblingen, Germany 24 August - 3 September 2006 in a very nice setting in beautiful, friendly and efficient Dream Bowl, which previously has hosted the European Champions Cup in 2005.

For the first time the new format for European Championships was in use, meaning dual lane conditions in all disciplines, a 12 games doubles, Semi Finals and finals in all disciplines (excepts the All event) and a new Masters format only including knock out matches.

The many Semi Finals, finals and Masters knock-out matches influenced the atmosphere exactly in the way they were meant, namely creating a number of very exiting highlights throughout the whole duration of the championships and adding a lot of value to the visibility and promotion of our sport.

The best of three games Masters final between Sweden's Helén Johnsson and Denmark's Britt Brøndsted was very well played and also at a moment very dramatic. In the first game Helén Johnsson defeated Britt Brøndsted 268 vs. 214 on the short oil condition and in the second game on the long oil condition, Britt Brøndsted stroked back with a 230 vs. Helén Johnsson's 224. One-One was the standing and yet another exiting game was in front of the crowd in Dream Bowl.

Back on the short oil condition Helén Johnsson seemed unbeatable and after the first 8 frames and 8 strikes after 8 straight pocket shots she had a comfortable lead over Britt Brøndsted, who in frame 8 had 178 and a strike in the 9th frame, with a possible score of 238 with another three strikes in frame 10, but already beaten after Helén Johnsson's 8 strikes in a row (at least it seemed to be).

Helén Johnsson went on the approach for strike no. 9, but just before her delivery, the heel of her shoe broke and she fell on the approach over the foul line, was noted for a foul and the match was open again. After a short break where the shoe was fixed, Helén Johnsson went back on the approach followed by a long applause and then she spared the frame by another 9th pocket shot. The match was anyhow over before frame 10 and the applause for Helén Johnsson's performance went on for a long time.

An extremely exciting and well played Masters Final with a great performance from both finalists and a score of 670 to Britt Brøndsted and 740 to Helén Johnsson over the three games. Probably the best final in a European Championships ever played.

Find below a list of medallists at the 1st European Women Championships and further below a medal standing, which proves England to be the highest ranked nation with 2 gold medals and 1 bronze medal and Denmark to be the most medal winning nation with 1 gold medal, 4 silver medals and 1 bronze medal.

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Story 2006-36: European women records

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Five European records were broken during the 1st European Women Championships in Böblingen Germany, one record was repeated twice and four new records were established as a consequence of the changed format for European Championships.

Find below an updated list of European women records.

Women's Singles 1 game / 300

Bowled by Sweden at the EC 2001 in Aalborg, Denmark

Linda Haglund

Bowled by Germany at the EWC 2006 in Böblingen, Germany

Patricia Schwarz

Bowled by Denmark at the EWC 2006 in Böblingen, Germany

Mai Ginge Jensen

Women's Singles 3 games / 751

Bowled by Germany at the EWC 2006 in Böblingen, Germany

Patricia Schwarz

Women's Singles 6 games / 1477

Bowled by Germany at the EWC 2006 in Böblingen, Germany

Patricia Schwarz

Women's Doubles 1 game / 546

Bowled by Germany at the EWC 2006 in Böblingen, Germany

Patricia Schwarz, Tanya Patty

Women's Doubles 3 games / 1400

Bowled by France at the EC 2001 in Aalborg, Denmark

Isabelle Saldjian, Valerie Mourgues

Women's Doubles 6 games / 2697

Bowled by England at the EC 2001 in Aalborg, Denmark

Lisa John, Kirsten Penny

Women's Doubles 12 games / 5205

Bowled by Denmark at the EWC 2006 in Böblingen, Germany

Mai Ginge Jensen, Anja Ginge Jensen

Women's Trios 1 game / 748

Bowled by England at the EC 2001 in Aalborg, Denmark

Lisa John, Zara Glover, Kirsten Penny

Women's Trios 3 games / 2170

Bowled by England at the EC 2001 in Aalborg, Denmark

Lisa John, Zara Glover, Kirsten Penny

Women's Trios 6 games / 4061

Bowled by England at the EC 2001 in Aalborg, Denmark

Lisa John, Zara Glover, Kirsten Penny

Women's Team 1 game / 1164

Bowled by Sweden at the EC 2001 in Aalborg, Denmark

Catharina Blixt Jeppsson, Ulrika Nordberg, Linda Haglund, Helen Johnsson, Elisabeth Jansson, Jessica Olsson

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Women's Team 3 games / 3253

Bowled by Sweden at the EC 2001 in Aalborg, Denmark

Catharina Blixt Jeppsson, Ulrika Nordberg, Linda Haglund, Helen Johnsson, Elisabeth Jansson, Jessica Olsson

Women's Team 6 games / 6371

Bowled by Sweden at the EWC 2006 in Böblingen, Germany

Anna Mattsson-Baard, Christel Karlsson, Helén Johnsson, Malin Glendert, Nina Flack

Women's All Event 24 games / 5443

Bowled by England at the EWC 2006 in Böblingen, Germany

Fiona Banks

Women's Masters 1 game / 279

Bowled by Germany at the EWC 2006 in Böblingen, Germany

Martina Beckel

Bowled by Netherlands at the EWC 2006 in Böblingen, Germany

Priscilla Maaswinkel

Women's Masters 3 games / 748

Bowled by Denmark at the EWC 2006 in Böblingen, Germany

Britt Brøndsted

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Story 2006-37: Olympia 2007 is cancelled

Published on 7 September 2006 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



The ETBF Presidium was recently informed that Olympia Tournament, to be conducted 13-19 August 2007 in Helsingborg, Sweden as stop 15 in the EBT 2007, is cancelled.

Since the tournament is cancelled before the beginning of the EBT 2007, all ETBF member federations are invited to apply for a tournament in their jurisdiction to be adopted in the EBT 2007, as an alternate to Olympia Tournament.

Only one alternate tournament will be adopted in the EBT 2007 and the selection of this one tournament will be based on the content of the incoming applications.

The deadline for the application period is Friday 29 September 2006 where after the outcome of the inquiry will be published.

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Story 2006-38: WMC 2006 in Korea

Published on 8 September 2006 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen

The 1st World Men Championships, conducted in Pusan - Korea, was conclude just as perfect as it is possible in our sport, namely by a perfect game in the 5th game of the Masters Final, bowled by the new World Masters Champion, Biboy Rivera from The Philippines, who left his opponent, the German veteran Achim Grabowski, without any win possibility as a consequence of the 12 strikes performance in the last and deciding game of the championships.

In the best of 5 games final Rivera took the lead 1-0 with a first game win 232-223 and 2-0 by a second game win 225-223. Grabowski stroke back 2-1 by a third game win 175-204 and Grabowski also tied the match after 4 games by a 193-220 win over Rivera. As the scores proves the match was very tight so far, until Rivera rolled his perfect game against Grabowski's 212 in the 5th and last game.

The championships became a very Asian affair with 4 titles and one title each to Europe and USA. In total Asian players took 11 out of 19 medal sets, while 4 medal sets went to Europe and 4 medal sets went to USA.

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Story 2006-39: EBT 2006-15

Published on 20 September 2006 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



Liz Johnson became the first US women player, not only to be the highest ranked women in a tour stop but also to win a stop in the European Bowling Tour.

At the 2nd Gutperle Viernheim Open in Germany (EBT 2006 Stop 15), Liz Johnson was fighting her way up to the elimination matches by beating strong male players such as Jason Belmonte from Australia, Jesper Agerbo from Denmark and Sean Rash from USA. Finally in the best of three games final, Liz Jonson met Yoan Alix from France, who also was defeated as the 4th male player in a row, even only over to games 239 vs. 215 and 221 vs. 211.

The 2nd Gutperle Viernheim Open offers the highest prize fund in the tour (100.000 €) and the prize fund attracted a lot of good players from all over the World (372 players from 28 different countries were represented in Viernheim), which puts the performance both from Liz Johnson and from Yoan Alix in a very strong light.

Nothing much changed in the two top 8 rankings and the tour leaders are still Britt Brøndsted from Denmark in the women's division and Paul Moor from England in the men's division.

Martina Beckel from Germany in the women's division and Kai Virtanen from Finland in the men's division both managed to come back in the top 8 rankings at 8th positions after a period just out of the top 8.

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Story 2006-40: ECC 2006 in Riga

Published on 1 October 2006 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen

Israel got their first major title in Europe, when Or Aviram defeated Norway's new young star Mads Sandbækken 2-1 (180-217, 234-204 and 235-225) in the best of three games final of the 29th European Champions Cup in Riga Latvia.

Or Aviram is already an established player with a number of achievements in the European Bowling Tour the latest years, while Mads Sandbækken became widely known for the bowling World, when he won the Masters title and in addition 2 bronze medals in the World Youth Championships, recently conducted in Berlin.

In the Semi Finals Or Aviram eliminated England's Dominic Barrett 2-0 and Mads Sandbækken eliminated the reigning ECC Champion Anders Öhman from Sweden, also 2.0.

In the women's division the final became a pure Nordic affair, with Annika Kilander from Sweden as the successor with a 2-0 win (170-162 and 231-221) over Norway's Heidi Thorstensen.

In the Semi Finals Annika Kilander defeated Patricia Klug from Austria 2-0 and the same destiny became a reality for Natassa Rovithaki from Greece when she was defeated 2-0 by Heidi Thorstensen.

Both Patricia Klug and Natassa Rovithaki are newcomers at the international scene and it is the first women medals in the ECC both for Austria and Greece ever.

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Story 2006-41: EBT 2006-16

Published on 2 October 2006 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



The final of stop 16 in the European Bowling Tour 2006, Norwegian Open 2006 conducted in Oslo, became an internal Swedish affair, when Tobias Karlsson from Sweden defeated his fellow countryman Magnus Andersson 234 - 202 in the one game telecasted final.

Also the Semi Finals of the tournament were all Swedish affairs; where Tobias Karlsson on his way to his victory defeated Nina Flack 187 - 165 and Magnus Andersson defeated Dennis Eklund 241 - 210.

For both Tobias Karlsson and Nina Flack, it was their first highest ranked position in a stop in the European Bowling Tour ever.

No points were awarded to any of the players in the top 8 ranking of the men's division and the standing remained unchanged with the already two times EBT Champion Paul Moor from England in the lead with 503 points, followed by Osku Palermaa from Finland with 417 points and Stuart Williams from England with 391 points at the next positions.

In the women's division, Britt Brøndsted from Denmark (also two times EBT Champion) is in the lead with 575 points (21 points in Oslo) followed by Zara Glover from England with 487 points (not present in Oslo) and Helén Johnsson from Sweden with 436 points (35 points in Oslo) at position 2 and 3.

Nina Flack from Sweden exchanged her 5th position to a 4th position by the 50 points she was awarded in Oslo, now at 376 points in total. There were no new women in the top 8 ranking after the tournament in Oslo.

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Story 2006-42: Welcome to Moldova

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The ETBF Presidium is welcoming the National Federation of Sports Bowling in the Republic of Moldova as the 48th member federation in the ETBF family. On 27 September 2006 Moldova was accepted by the FIQ Presidium as a provisional member.

Geographically Moldova is located between Romania and Ukraine. The country has a population of about 4.5 million.

There are 6 bowling centres with a total of 30 lanes. The federation has a little bit over 1.100 individual members.

Information related to the new federation is available at this site under the item Federations / Moldova.

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Story 2006-43: EBT 2006-17

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Zara Glover from England defended her title in beautiful Rosen Bowl, when she defeated countryman Nick Froggatt 483 - 447 in the two games final of the 2nd San Marino Open. Zara Glover is so far the only winner of the tournament, while she also won the 1st San Marino Open in 2005.

The 2nd San Marino Open hosted the 17th stop of the European Bowling Tour 2006, and in the absence of Denmark's Britt Brøndsted, Zara Glover managed to push the Dane down to a second position in the ranking so far. The points for Glover and Brøndsted are 587 and 575 and the two players are way ahead of the third positioned Helén Johnsson from Sweden with 436 points.

It's going to be a very exiting conclusion of the tour season where three stops remains; Vienna Open in Austria later in October, Oltremare Championships in Naples in November and Kungsbacka International Tournament in December.

New in the top 8 of the women's ranking is Ivonne Gross from Austria at position 8.

In the men's division the double tour winner (2004 and 2005), Paul Moor from England, kept his leading position after the stop in San Marino, where he was awarded 50 points.

Stuart Williams from England, who was defeated by Zara Glover in the Semi Final 411 vs. 373, switched his long time 3rd tour position to a runner up position by adding 80 points to his new season total of 471 points vs. Moors 553 points. The previous 2nd positioned, Osku Palermaa from Finland, was awarded 24 points in San Marino, which brings his season total up to 441 points, 30 points behind Williams and 112 points behind leading Moor.

The second Semi Final of the tournament was played between Nick Froggatt and Pasi Uotila from Finland and with a clear 474-378 victory to Froggatt as the outcome. Pasi Uotila added 70 points to his season total, which brought him up to 306 points and a 9th position, 27 points behind 8th positioned Thomas Gross.

No new male players entered the top 8 as a result of the tournament in San Marino.

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Story 2006-44: EGC 2007 in Cyprus

Published on 15 October 2006 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen

At the ETBF Presidium meeting, held in Barcelona on 12 and 13 October, it was decided to grant Cyprus Bowling Federation the right to host the 31st European Gold Cup 2007.

The championships will be held in Cosmic Bowling Centre in Paphos, Cyprus on 7-13 May 2007.

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Story 2006-45: Changed host of the ECC 2007

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The Spanish Government has instructed its sports federations not to participate in Championships where players from Gibraltar also participate.

As a consequence of this, it is not possible for Spain to host the European Champions Cup 2007. Fortunately we have found the Luxembourg Federation prepared to take over. It was the intention from Luxembourg to host the ECC 2008, but fortunately for all of us they were able and willing to do it already in 2007.

The ECC 2007 will be conducted in Inter Bowling in Fötz, Luxemburg from 17-23 September 2007, which is one week earlier than the original scheduled period in Spain.

The ETBF Presidium is very grateful to the Luxembourg federation for their willingness to take over at such a short notice.

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Story 2006-46: EBT 2007 Stop 02 in Tilburg

Published on 17 October 2006 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



As a consequence of unfortunate clashes with tournaments and activities outside the tour, ETBF has accepted to move the period of Stop 02 in 2007, the Hammer Bronzen Schietspoel Tournament 2007, one week forward.

The tournament, which will be conducted in Dolfijn Bowling Tilburg, was originally scheduled in the period of 7-11 February 2007. The tournament will instead be scheduled in the period of 14-18 February 2007.

As previously published, the Hammer Bronzen Schietspoel Tournament 2007 is introducing real dual lane conditions, which is one lane on a pair of lanes dressed with short oil and the other lane on the pair dressed with long oil. This will be in effect throughout the whole duration and in all stages of the tournament.

As a consequence, the ETBF Presidium has defined the tournament as a test event and double ranking points will exceptionally be awarded to the players, even the status of the tournament is Challenger.

The tour calendar for all stops included in the EBT 2007 can be found at this site under the item EBT Calendars (the bottom red button at the front page).

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Story 2006-47: EBT 2006-18

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Wu Siu Hong became the first player from Hong Kong China to win a stop of the European Bowling Tour, when he defeated Osku Palermaa from Finland 223 vs. 200 in the one game final of Stop 18 of the EBT 2006, Columbia 300 Vienna Open.

The 80 points awarded for Osku Palermaa brought the excitement back in the top of the men's ranking, since Paul Moor from England was without points in Vienna because of his absence from the tournament. The point gap between the two players is reduced to 32 points, with still leading Paul Moor at 553 points and Osku Palermaa at 521 points. The battle of the tour crown in the men's division is very open before the last two stops in 2006.

Stuart Williams from England is positioned third with 493 points (22 points in Vienna), while the two Swedish players Peter Ljung at position 4 with 405 points (42 points in Vienna) and Martin Larsen at position 5 with 399 points (26 points in Vienna) switched positions.

No new men entered the top 8 ranking after Columbia 300 Vienna Open.

The first and second position in the women's division switched again after the stop in Vienna, since Britt Brøndsted from Denmark at 635 points (60 points in Vienna) took back the lead from England's Zara Glover at 599 points (12 points in Vienna). Also the battle of the women's tour crown looks very open before the last two stops.

Nina Flack from Sweden with 448 points (50 points in Vienna) overtook position 3 from fellow countrywomen Helén Johnsson (absent in Vienna) and also Isabelle Saldjian from France at position 4 with 444 points (24 points in Vienna) passed Helén Johnsson, who in the new ranking is at position 5 with 436 points.

There are no new women in the top 8 ranking after the tournament in Vienna, but Sweden's Anna Mattsson-Baard came very close to the top 8 field at position 9 with 318 points (70 points in Vienna), only 8 points up to Austria's Ivonne Gross at position 8 with 326 points (46 points in Vienna).

Young and talented Tina Hulch from Germany took her 2nd highest ranked women position in Vienna and added 100 points to her season total of 220 points at position 15. But she is probably too far away from the top 8 field, when only Stop 19 in Naples (3rd Oltremare Ebonite Championships 13-19 November) and Stop 20 in Kungsbacka (Kungsbacka International Tournament 10-17 December) remains to be conducted in the 2006 tour.

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Story 2006-48: Championship oil-patterns

Published on 23 October 2006 by Addie Ophelders

In co-operation between the ETBF Presidium and Kegel, which is the official lane maintenance partner for ETBF, a changed procedure for deciding and publishing oil-patterns before championships has been evolved.

The changed procedure is as follows:

1. A Technical Delegate from ETBF will inspect the host championship centre 6-12 months prior to a championship. The product of the technical inspection is a technical report.
2. Based on the technical report, the ETBF Technical Delegate and Kegel will decide the length of the oil-pattern in single lane condition championships or the length of both oil-patterns in dual lane condition championships.
3. In due time before a championship, and latest when the championship bulletin 2 is circulated, the length of the oil-pattern(s) will be published.
4. Some days prior to a championship, the amount of oil and profile of the pattern(s) will be decided by the ETBF Technical Delegate and a representative from Kegel at the championship site.
5. The oil-pattern(s) will be published latest at the team managers meeting.

The main elements of the changed procedure is, that only the length of the oil-patterns will be published before the championships, while the oil-patterns will be published only shortly before the official practise of a championship. The length of the oil-patterns would be sufficient information for coaches and players to decide which equipment to bring to a championship.

The previous procedure allowed federations, coaches and players to obtain the oil-patterns in advance. These oil-patterns might have been applied with substandard or different lane maintenance equipment, by entirely different chemicals and played and practiced on completely different lane surfaces in different environments. The players practiced at home on the oil-patterns for hours on the same lanes and then they went to the championship centre and played only a few shots on each lane before it was time to switch pairs. Because of all these differences, the oil-patterns will play different at the championship site, than they did back home.

The previously published oil-patterns ahead of time did not explain the different topography of each lane, the friction of the lane surface, the standard of the lane installations in the host championship centre, the centre maintenance or even how good or bad the pin carry may be. All these factors are all equally as important as the oil-patterns.

The changed procedure will eliminate any preconceived notions of how the pattern will play or should be played and it will eliminate the perceived or real advantage of the host players by being able to practice and prepare months in advance in the host championship centre on the announced oil-patterns.

By only announcing the length of the oil-patterns, it will in essence create a more level playing field and a more socially acceptable playing environment.

The changed procedure will be in effect as of the first ETBF Championship in 2007, which is the European Youth Championship to be conducted in Thessaloniki, Greece on 6-15 April 2007.

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Story 2006-49: EBT penalty points and penalties

Published on 23 October 2006 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen

Unfortunately we have, despite the introduction of rules for late cancellations in tour stops, the introductions of penalty points and the introduction of suspensions and fines, faced a still growing number of late cancellations in the 2006 tour season.

The ETBF Presidium has a constantly focus on late cancellations and will over the coming years from time to time adjust the rules with the clear purpose to get the cancellation business brought to an end. At the same moment we are appealing to the group of players cancelling late, to understand that their behaviour is seriously damaging the tour. Those players never cancelling late, and that is fortunately a big group of players, do not have to fear any sanctions or penalties.

As of the first stop in 2007, the following changes for the deadline of cancelling will apply:

Cancellation Type A

Valid for 2006

Type A means that the organizer is notified by the player in the period of 14 days or less before the first day of the tournament until the day just before the first day of the tournament.

Valid for 2007

Type A means that the organizer is notified by the player in the period of 30 days before the first day of the tournament until 8 days before the first day of the tournament.

Cancellation Type B

Valid for 2006

Type B means that the organizer is notified by the player during the tournament, but before the qualification squad in which the primary entry was ordered.

Valid for 2007

Type B means that the organizer is notified by the player in the period of 7 days before the first day of the tournament until and including the last qualification day of the tournament, but before the qualification squad in which the primary entry was ordered.

Cancellation Type C

Valid for both 2006 and 2007

Type C is defined as a "No Show", which means that a player fails to appear without having notified the organizer or if the player notifies the organizer after the start of the qualification squad in which the primary entry was ordered.

As of the first stop in 2007 the following changes for penalties will apply:

Penalty Number = 1 (4 penalty points)

Valid for 2006

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

Valid for 2007

If the penalty number is 1, the player will be suspended from participation in 4 EBT stops.

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Penalty Number = 2 (8 penalty points)

Valid for 2006

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

Valid for 2007

If the penalty number is 2, the player will be suspended from participation in 6 EBT stops and in addition the player will, through his federation, pay a penalty fee of € 300 to ETBF.

Penalty Number is higher than 2 (12 penalty points or higher)

Valid for 2006

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.

Valid for 2007

For each time the penalty number is higher than 2, the number of EBT stops, the player will be suspended from, is 2 higher than the number of stops of the previous penalty number. In addition the penalty fee to be paid to ETBF will be € 300 higher than the penalty fee of the previous penalty number.

Spots ordered are personal

It should be obvious that spots ordered are personal, that they cannot be cancelled by others and that they cannot be given to others, but apparently it has been understood and also administrated different at some tournaments from time to time. The following rules are therefore introduced.

A player cannot, regardless the moment of cancellation, cancel on behalf of another player, i.e. a player must cancel in person.

A player cannot give pre-booked spots to another player. A player not coming is a player cancelling. The other player must be considered as a new player and that player will be placed at the bottom of the priority list in the squads where he signs up. The only exception from this rule will be in cases, where an organizer has accepted a group booking from a national team.

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Story 2006-50: EBT 2008 rules

Published on 30 October 2006 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



The 1st issue of the EBT 2008 Rules has been prepared by the ETBF Presidium at its meeting in October in Barcelona. The rules are available at this site under the item Publications / European Bowling Tour Rules 2008.

In this story we will introduce the following extract of the new rules:

Definition of Entry Value

Changed criteria for EBT Challengers

Transition period for tournaments adopted in the EBT 2007

Changed criteria for EBT Majors

EBT Premier, at new third category in the tour

Possible rejections of new tournaments to be adopted

Payment of the organizers fee

Invitation for organizers and the application deadline

Definition of Entry Value

A couple of years ago, the concept **Entry Value** were evolved. The concept, which is a ratio defining the value of the total prize money related to the highest entry fee, has not changed in the EBT 2008 Rules, but it is explained in this press release for easy reference.

The Entry value is calculated as $EV=PF/EF$, where EV = the entry value, PF = the prize fund, defined as all prize money allocated for individual players in the international part of a tournament, and EF = the maximum entry fee of a tournament.

Changed criteria for EBT Challengers

For tournaments, not adopted in the EBT 2007 (new tournaments), the minimum international and individual prize fund has been raised from € 25.000 to € 40.000.

The minimum Entry Value is for new tournaments changed from 175 to 225.

The maximum number of players per pair of lanes (regardless the category), is for new tournaments changed from 6 to 4.

The minimum organizers fee is for new tournaments raised from € 2.000 to € 2.500.

Transition period for tournaments adopted in the EBT 2007

For tournaments adopted in the EBT 2007, a two year transition period will be introduced.

In 2008, the minimum international and individual prize fund is € 30.000, the minimum Entry Value is 175, the maximum number of players per pair of lanes is 6 and the organizers fee is € 2.000.

In 2009, the minimum international and individual prize fund is € 35.000, the minimum Entry Value is 200, the maximum number of players per pair of lanes is 6 and the organizers fee is € 2.000.

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All tournaments must meet the minimum criteria, as they will be defined in the EBT Rules 2010.

Changed criteria for EBT Majors

The minimum international and individual prize fund is raised from € 50.000 to € 55.000.

The minimum Entry Value is changed from 300 to 325.

The maximum number of players per pair of lanes (regardless the category) is unchanged 4. The organizers fee is unchanged € 3.500.

The previous rule of a maximum of 2 EBT Majors from the same country is changed to a maximum of 3 tournaments from the same country, regardless of their category.

EBT Premier, at new third category in the tour

As of 2008, the ETBF Presidium introduces a third tournament category, named EBT Premier, in which the 50 highest ranked women and the 50 highest men will be awarded triple ranking points.

The minimum international and individual prize fund of an EBT Premier is € 100.000, the minimum Entry Value is 500, the maximum number of players per pair of lanes is 4 and the organizers fee is € 4.500.

In addition to the general category limits, the ETBF Presidium introduces a number of other criteria and evaluations to ensure that an EBT Premier will be a high class event in all aspects. The list of additional areas is as follows:

There must be at least 48 international prizes, the lowest prize must not be less than € 600 and furthermore ETBF Presidium might influence the prize list as a whole, with the purpose to ensure a balanced distribution from the first to the last prize.

The host tournament centre must have a status as an ETBF Certified Centre. The organizer must apply for the certification latest 6 months prior to the tournament and the certificate must have been received latest 3 months prior to the tournament. The concept of ETBF centre certification will be published soon.

Latest two months before a tournament is conducted in 2007, it must apply for the EBT Premier status in 2008.

When a tournament is applying for EBT Premier Status in 2008, an EBT Consultant will attend the tournament during the whole duration of the tournament in 2007. The EBT Consultant will continuously communicate with the organizer during the tournament in 2007 and furthermore an EBT Premier Evaluation Form will be filled.

The outcome of the visit of the EBT Consultant might be (1) the tournament will get the EBT Premier Status in 2008 without remarks, (2) the organizer must sign a letter of necessary improvements or (3) the application for the EBT Premier status is rejected.

When a tournament is conducted as an EBT Premier, an EBT Consultant will attend the tournament during the whole duration of the tournament in 2008 and another EBT Premier Evaluation Form will be filled.

The lane maintenance at an EBT Premier will either be done by the official ETBF lane maintenance partner or by one of ETBF's Technical Delegates.

Expenses related to the presence of the EBT Consultant during the tournament in 2007, expenses related to the presence of the EBT Consultant during the tournament in 2008 and ex-

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penses related to the presence of the ETBF Technical Delegate during the tournament in 2008, will, unless the organizer of the EBT Premier accepts to receive the sponsorship from the official ETBF lane maintenance partner, be paid by the organizer.

Possible rejections of new tournaments to be adopted

For reasons such as too many tournaments to be adopted, bad position in the tour calendar or a very weak and slow communication etc., the ETBF Presidium has the right to reject an application of a new tournament even if it meets all criteria for adoption.

Payment of the organizers fee

To ensure all EBT fees to be paid, even if tournaments are downgraded or cancelled at a later moment, the ETBF Presidium introduces a "pay by application" policy in two steps. For the EBT 2008, 50% of the relevant EBT fee must be paid at the moment of applying and for the EBT 2009 the full EBT fee must be paid at the moment of applying.

An application for adoption in the EBT 2008 is not valid until at least half of the EBT fee has been paid and an application for adoption in the EBT 2009 is not valid until the full EBT fee has been paid.

In cases, where an application is rejected, 10% of the full EBT fee will not be reimbursed.

Invitation for organizers and the application deadline

To ensure a better possibility for federations to adjust their national activity calendars to the tour activities, as much as possible and wanted by each federation, the deadline for applications to be received for adoption will be changed in two steps.

The deadline for applications to be received for adoption in the EBT 2008 will be 1 May 2007 and the deadline for applications to be received for adoption in the EBT 2009 will be 1 March 2008.

The official invitation for organizers to apply for adoption in the EBT 2008 will be circulated to all federations and organizers with stops in the EBT 2007, during the month of January 2007.

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Story 2006-51: EBT 2007 – 21 stops

Published on 30 October 2006 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



In September, the ETBF Presidium was opening for one stop to alter Olympia Tournament 2007 in Sweden, which was cancelled shortly after its last conduction in August 2006. Since then no application for another stop to be adopted in the EBT 2007 has been received, the application deadline is passed and no new tournament will be adopted.

As a consequence the number of tournaments in the EBT 2007 is reduced from 22 to 21 tournaments, which still is a record high number and which still is fully satisfying for the ETBF Presidium.

Tournaments conducted in September to December 2007 (Stop 15 - Stop 21) are all renumbered. The tour calendar for 2007 and detailed information of each stop is available at this site.

Furthermore the organizer of Ankara Open, to be conducted 15-23 September 2007 in Rollhouse Bowling Centre in Ankara - Turkey, announces an increase in the total prize fund from 66.000 € to 70.000 € and at the same moment the maximum entry fee has went down from 180 € to 150 €. The additional 4.000 € is dedicated to the 5 highest ranked women in the tournament.

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Story 2006-52: WWC 2009 in Australia

Published on 9 November 2006 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen

At the meeting in the WTBA Presidium, held in Caracas, Venezuela on 7-8 November 2006, it was decided to grant Australia the right to host the World Women Championships 2009.

The championships will be held in the 24 lane Oz Tenpin Bowling Centre in Melbourne in the last part of August 2009. The precise period will be announced soonest possible.

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Story 2006-53: World Cup 2006 in Caracas

Published on 13 November 2006 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen

USA's successful Diandra Asbaty is collection world titles (among a lot of other titles). The 2003 World Masters Champion and the 2004 World Ranking Master added another World title to her collection when she took the World Cup title in Venezuela's capital Caracas on Friday 10 November.

In the best of three games final Lisa John from England was defeated by Diandra Asbaty 2-0 (232 vs. 214 and 226 vs. 199), while Lisa John defeated Denmark's Mai Ginge Jensen 2-1 (227 vs. 179, 182 vs. 246 and 230 vs. 164) in the first stepladder match.

Diandra Asbaty's title was the third consecutive title in a row and the fourth out of the last five for USA, while Linda Barnes took the title in 2005 and Shannon Pluhowsky took the title in 2002 and 2004.

In the men's division the Finns has been dominating in the last five years by Mika Luoto's victory in 2002, Kai Virtanen's victory in 2004 and the fresh victory by the very talented and young dual handed player Osku Palermaa's win in 2006 after an outstanding performance throughout the whole tournament, where none of his opponents came even close to his scores.

In the final Osku Palermaa defeated the 2004 World Cup runner up Petter Hansen from Norway 2-1 (258 vs. 182, 183 vs. 216 and 221 vs. 204), while Petter Hansen defeated the 2005 World Cup Champion Michael Schmidt from Canada 2-0 (289 vs. 241 and 183 vs. 179) in the first stepladder match.

USA in the women's division and Finland in the men's division are indeed dominating in the World Cup series of this century so far.

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Story 2006-54: EBT 2006-19

Published on 20 November 2006 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



Paul Moor from England did it again, won a tour stop in the European Bowling Tour, this time Stop 19 in the EBT 2006, the 3rd Oltremare Ebonite Championships, conducted in Italian Naples. In the one game final of the tournament Paul Moor defeated Tony Fransson from Sweden 226 vs. 221.

It was the third win of Paul Moor in the 2006 tour season and the 8th highest ranked position for the English player in the tour ever. It equalizes Paul Moor with the 4 times tour winner (2000-2003) Gery Verbruggen from Belgium, who was highest ranked in 8 tour stops in the EBT 2000-2003, while all Paul Moors 8 highest tour positions has been achieved in the EBT 2004-2006.

By the 100 points awarded to Paul Moor in Naples, his season total went to 653 points, 92 points more than the recently QubicaAMF World Cup winner, Osku Palermaa from Finland at position 2 with 561 points. There is still a theoretical possibility that Osku Palermaa can prevent Paul Moor from winning his third consecutive tour title, but it demands that Osku Palermaa will be the highest ranked man in the last 2006 tour stop in Kungsbacka, while Paul Moor only gets a few points. It looks indeed like a triple tour crown for Paul Moor at the end of the EBT 2006.

Stop 19 in Naples brought no new men into the Top 8 ranking, where Kai Virtanen from Finland still closes the field with 336 points. Just outside the field of 8, and still with a fair chance to enter the top 8 ranking, is Pasi Uotila from Finland at position 9 with 334 points, while Lasse Lintilä from Finland at position 10 with 268 points, Robert Andersson from Sweden at position 11 with 258 points and Jouni Helminen from Finland at position 12 with 240 points still has theoretical possibilities to enter. No players, other than these 4, have a chance to enter the top 8 ranking of the men's division in the EBT 2006.

In the absence of the double tour winner in the women's division, Britt Brøndsted from Denmark, Zara Glover from England (70 points in Naples) took over the tour lead with a total of 669 points, 34 points more than Brøndsted's 635 points. Whether a point gap of 34 will be enough for Zara Glover to keep Britt Brøndsted behind her, and by that being the first English women to win the European Bowling Tour, is impossible to say. The performance of the two top bowlers in Kungsbacka will decide their internal battle.

Sweden's Anna Mattsson-Baard became the highest ranked women in a tour stop for the third time ever, and the 100 points awarded to her brought her into the top 8 of the women's ranking at position 6 with a season total of 418 points.

Anja Ginge Jensen from Denmark ends the top 8 field with 368 points and just outside the top 8 field is Austria's Ivonne Gross with 366 points at position 9. Ivonne Gross is the only player with a possibility to enter the top 8 ranking, since the 10th positioned Martina Beckel from Germany has collected only 253 points in the tour so far.

Story 2006-55: Changed host centre in Barcelona

Published on 23 November 2006 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



Catalonian Bowling Federation, the organizer of Stop 4 in the EBT 2007, the V Catalonia Open Trofeu Galasa, has announced a change in the host centre of the tournament.

The tournament was scheduled to be played in Planet Bowling, but instead the tournament will be played in Bowling Pedralbes, the centre which also hosts Stop 13 in the EBT 2007, the 29th Trofeu Internacional Ciutat de Barcelona.

The V Catalonia Open Trofeu Galasa will, unchanged, be conducted 28 February - 4 March 2007.

As a consequence of the changed host centre, the format of the tournament is changed. The details of the format are presented in the Tournament Calendar at this site.

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Story 2006-56: Meetings and congresses in 2007

Published on 23 November 2006 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen

At the recently held Presidia meetings of FIQ, WTBA and ETBF, a number of meetings and congresses have been scheduled for the first 8 months of 2007.

The schedule looks as follows:

26-27 January 2007

ETBF Presidium meeting in Barcelona, Spain

24-25 February 2007

FIQ Presidium meeting in Barcelona, Spain

8-9 June 2007

WTBA Presidium meeting in Amsterdam, Netherlands

5 July 2007

ETBF Presidium meeting in Vienna, Austria

7 July 2007

ETBF Congress in Vienna, Austria

27 August 2007

WTBA Presidium meeting in Monterrey, Mexico

28 August 2007

FIQ Presidium meeting in Monterrey, Mexico

29 August 2007

WTBA Congress in Monterrey, Mexico

30 August 2007

FIQ Congress in Monterrey, Mexico

The ETBF Congress 2007 will be held in conjunction with the European Men Championships 2007 in Vienna, Austria, while the WTBA Congress 2007 and the FIQ Congress 2007 will be held in conjunction with the World Women Championships 2007 in Monterrey, Mexico.

Detailed information related to the three congresses will be circulated to the federations by the respective General Secretaries in due time before the congresses.

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Story 2006-57: WRM 2007 qualified

Published on 19 December 2006 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen

The European Bowling Tour 2006 has ended by the conclusion of Stop 20 of the tour - Kungsbacka International Tournament - conducted in Swedish Kungsbacka on 10-17 December.

A total of 4.516 players took part in the EBT 2006, which is an average participation per tournament of 226 players. A little more than 1 million Euros in prize money were awarded over the year.

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 2007, which will be conducted in Doha, Qatar on 30 April - 6 May 2007.

For more information about the final ranking in Europe, click at the red EBT buttons at the top of the front page.

European finalists for the women's division of the WRM 2007			
No	Name	Federation	Points
1	Britt Brøndsted	Denmark	735
2	Zara Glover	England	699
3	Nina Flack	Sweden	558
4	Isabelle Saldjian	France	492
5	Helén Johnsson	Sweden	480
6	Anna Mattsson-Baard	Sweden	434
7	Patricia Schwarz	Germany	404
8	Ivonne Gross	Austria	394
European substitutes for the women's division of the WRM 2007			
9	Anja Ginge Jensen	Denmark	384
10	Ghislaine van der Tol	Netherlands	317
11	Kamilla Kjeldsen	Denmark	287
12	Rikke Holm Rasmussen	Denmark	254

European finalists for the men's division of the WRM 2007			
No	Name	Federation	Points
1	Paul Moor	England	677
2	Osku Palermaa	Finland	661
3	Peter Ljung	Sweden	527
4	Stuart Williams	England	493

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5	Martin Larsen	Sweden	477
6	Thomas Gross	Austria	413
7	Jason Belmonte	Australia	403
8	Kai Virtanen	Finland	338
European substitutes for the men's division of the WRM 2007			
9	Pasi Uotila	Finland	334
10	Lasse Lintilä	Finland	316
11	Robert Andersson	Sweden	270
12	Jouni Helminen	Finland	240

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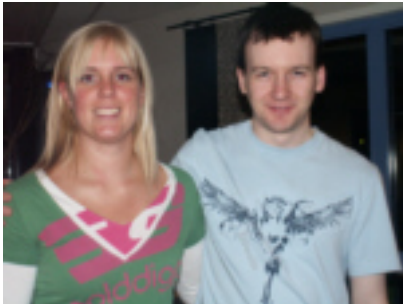
Story 2006-58: Two times Triple Crown

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The 2004 and 2005 European Bowling Tour winner in the men's division, Paul Moor from England, became also the 2006 European Bowling Tour winner; A Triple Crown for him.

The 2004 and 2005 European Bowling Tour winner in the women's division, Britt Brøndsted from Denmark, became also the 2006 European Bowling Tour winner; A Triple Crown for her.

It is high class performance even to win the tour and it is of course even higher class performance to win it three times in a row. A fantastic achievement for both players!



The EBT 2006 Winners
Paul Moor from England
Britt Brøndsted from Denmark

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Paul More was awarded 677 ranking points throughout the season, while the runner up Osku Palermaa from Finland was awarded 661 ranking points and the third positioned Peter Ljung from Sweden was awarded 527 ranking points.

Before the last stop in Kungsbacka, Zara Glover from England was in the lead with 34 points ahead of Britt Brøndsted, but a 12th position (30 ranking points) in Kungsbacka for Glover and a 1st position (100 ranking points) in Kungsbacka for Brøndsted, the positions switched again between the two players, as it has done a number of times this season.

Britt Brøndsted was awarded a record number of 735 ranking points, Zara Glover was awarded 699 ranking points and the third positioned Nina Flack was awarded 558 ranking points in the 2006 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 Osku Palermaa from Finland.

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As a consequence of a sponsorship, the name of Stop 19 in the European Bowling Tour 2007 has changed from the 4th Oltremare Championships to the 4th Oltremare Ebonite Championships.

The tournament will unchanged be conducted 12-18 November 2007 in Naples, Italy.