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### Story 2008-01: Name change in Lahti

Published on 7 January 2008 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



As a consequence of a sponsorship agreement, the name of Stop 15 in the European Bowling Tour 2008 has changed from Lahti Open to the Ebonite Lahti Open.

The tournament will unchanged be conducted in Lahti Bowl in the period of 12-19 October 2008.

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### Story 2008-02: EBT 2008-01

Published on 15 January 2008 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



The European Bowling Tour 2008 is well under way after a record number of 397 players (the 2nd highest number in a tour stop ever) found their way to famous Tali Bowling Centre in Helsinki, where Brunswick Ballmaster Open as per tradition opened the tour season as the first stop.

The tournament was won by Jouni Helminen from Finland, a man who is all over in bowling. Jouni Helminen is a former Team Finland player, he has belonged to the absolutely top in Europe in many years, he was the President of the Finnish Bowling Federation for a short period, he is now a days one of the owners of Lahti Bowl and finally he makes his début as organizer, when he in October organizes Stop 15 of the European Bowling Tour 2008, the Ebonite Lahti Open.

The Ballmaster success of Jouni Helminen was his third highest ranked position in a tour stop ever, which brings him up to a position 9-16 at the ever running list of tour stop winners since 2000.

In the one game final Jouni Helminen won against renowned Tim Mack from USA 223 -189, which we welcome back at the tour and in good shape. Helminen won his one game Semi Final against Petteri Salonen from Finland 247 - 236, while Mack defeated Paul Moor from England 179 - 172 in the other Semi Final.

Krista Pöllänen became the highest ranked in the women's division for the fourth time in her career, which brings her to a position 8-10 in the women's overall ranking over the years.

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### **Story 2008-03: WRM 2008 participants**

Published on 29 January 2008 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen

When the European Tenpin Bowling Federation in the beginning of 2007 announced looser bands between the European Bowling Tour and the World Ranking System and at the same time announced the birth of a separate European ranking final (the coming EBT Masters), we was aware of that there could be some difficulties to attract 8 players for the World Ranking Masters 2008, especially because of the long trip to Jakarta and no financial travel support from ETBF any longer.

As a consequence, it took a while to establish the group of 8 players of each gender to represent Europe in the World Ranking Masters 2008, but yesterday the last pieces of the puzzle fell into place and we are able to present the 16 participants.

To those accepting our offer; thank you for taking the challenge and good luck in Jakarta in May!

#### **Women participants**

Kirsten Penny - England (1)  
Ghislaine van der Tol - The Netherlands (3)  
Tina Hulsch - Germany (5)  
Nicole Sanders - The Netherlands (8)  
Priscilla Maaswinkel - The Netherlands (10)  
Zara Glover - England (11)  
Krista Pöllänen - Finland (13)  
Piritta Kantola - Finland (15)

#### **Men participants**

Nikolay Ovchinnikov - Latvia (10)  
Leonidas Maragkos - Greece (12)  
Marcus Berndt - Sweden (14)  
Jesper Agerbo - Denmark (16)  
Wu Siu Hong - Hong Kong (17)  
Jimmy Dan Mortensen - Denmark (19)  
Sami Konsteri - Finland (22)  
Jari Ratia - Finland (23)

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### Story 2008-04: Name change in England

Published on 29 January 2008 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



As a consequence of a sponsorship agreement, the name of Stop 17 in the European Bowling Tour 2008 has changed from English Open to Ebonite English Open.

The tournament will unchanged be conducted in Lakeside Superbowl, Nuneaton - England in the period of 3-7 December 2008.

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### Story 2008-05: EBT 2008-02

Published on 4 February 2008 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



Sweden's Martin Larsen is flying in these months and after two Super Six victories back home in Sweden in December and January, he continued his row of high performances by winning Stop 02 of the European Bowling Tour 2008, the Ebonite International Luxembourg Open, in which he defeated Frederik Öhrgaard from Denmark 2-0 (203-189 and 193-179) in the best of three games final.

In the Semi Finals, Martin Larsen defeated Dominic Barrett from England 2-1 (200-238, 211-210 and 300-173), while Frederik Öhrgaard defeated Thomas Gross from Austria 2-0 (224-208 and 248 - 214).

It was the third tour stop win for Martin Larsen in the history of the EBT, while it was the first appearances that far in a tour stop for the young talented Frederik Öhrgaard.

In the women's division Marilyn Planchard from France took her first highest ranked position in a tour stop ever.



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### Story 2008-06: Comments to website story

Published on 6 February 2008 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen

This press release is prepared as a consequence of a story published at the website of the Ebonite International Luxembourg Open at the conclusion of the tournament on 3 February 2008.

Before commenting the content of the story I will confirm the following:

Both organizers of the Ebonite International Luxembourg Open and the Hammer Bronzen Schietspoel Tournament in Tilburg have addressed me with their wish of conducting their tournaments in the same week in February 2009.

Both organizers have a preference of the weekend in the period in the so called Carnival period. The Carnival period is not a fixed period, but moves around from year to year, most typically in the month of February.

When I received the second wish for the same week for conduction in 2009, I contacted both organizers with the purpose to search for a compromise. During the following email discussions it became clear to me, that it most certainly was impossible to expect a solution without interference from ETBF, but before any compromise (primary option) or decision (secondary option) was presented by me, the organizer of the tournament in Luxembourg decided not to include the tournament in the EBT 2009. After this message I considered the case for closed and no further actions were taken by me.

Then, to my absolute surprise, I found that the organizer of the Ebonite International Luxembourg Open, by the conclusion of his tournament on 3 February 2008, presented a website story including various view on the "date-clash-problem". I will comment the story in 3 items.

#### 1. Conduction in the Carnival period

The organizer presents the following opinion:

For the last 5 years, we have organised the Luxembourg Open during the Carnival weekend. Before we decided to take this risk, nobody had dared to organise such a big event at this time of the year, and we are proud to say that time and specially the growing popularity of the event have proved us right.

The correct view is that the Ebonite International Luxembourg Open appeared in the EBT 2006 for the first time and that the tournament therefore has been adopted 3 times in the tour.

In these years the two tournaments have been conducted in the carnival period as follows:

2006: Ebonite International Luxembourg Open

2007: Hammer Bronzen Schietspoel Tournament

2008: Ebonite International Luxembourg Open

Based on this list, it is not possible for just one organizer to claim any historical right of the carnival period and to me it looks more like a possible swap situation, where I would have proposed a continuation, by awarding the carnival period to Tilburg in 2009, to Luxembourg in 2010 etc.

But, as we now know, it was never proposed because the Ebonite International Luxembourg Open had its last tour appearance in 2008.

#### 2. The status of a side tournament in Tilburg

The organizer writes:

We would like to take the opportunity to point out that the same people organised a "Dolphins Tournament" to coincide with our EBT 2008. And what is the Dolphins Tournament? - A simple tournament, open to player's holders of a license issued by the Dutch Bowling Federation or the player's respective national federation (ETBF).

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In normal terms this would mean an international tournament approved by the ETBF, unfortunately we can't find any information on the ETBF Homepage. We understand this to mean that this tournament is not recognised by the ETBF, that it is an illegal tournament and a move to hinder participation here in Luxembourg with the aim to eventually make us stop our tournament.

According to the ETBF Constitution, a tournament is defined as a National Open Tournament, if it is open for players from not more than 4 ETBF federations. If the tournament is open for more than 4 ETBF federations, then ETBF approval is mandatory. In this case, the membership of a federation, and not the nationality, is the decisive factor for the relation player-federation.

In the Dolphins Tournament there were players from Netherlands, Belgium, Germany and Czech Republic and as such the Dolphins Tournament was legal.

Formally it was a minor mistake not in advance to present the federations, to which the tournament was open, but it is caused to a simple misunderstanding and has no real influence on the situation and furthermore, if the organizer in Tilburg had asked for an ETBF Approval, it would have been granted anyway, since no rules are against it.

The status of the side tournament in Tilburg must therefore be considered as irrelevant for the number of players taking part in the tournament in Luxembourg.

### **3. Number of participants in Luxembourg**

It became at a moment clear that two Dutch players cancelled their participation in Luxembourg because of the final of the side tournament in Tilburg. But due to some interference of the organizer in Tilburg, these players changed their spots in Luxembourg and the problem was solved. Besides this minor happening, no other clashing problem between the side tournament in Tilburg and the tournament in Luxembourg has been brought to my attention.

The number of participants in Luxembourg was 212 in 2008 and 224 in 2007, while the number of entries was 446 in 2008 and 428 in 2007. These differences are marginal and prove that the side tournament in Tilburg had no influence on the number of participants in Luxembourg.

### **My conclusion**

There have never been any previous disagreements between ETBF and the organizer of the Ebonite International Luxembourg Open, the organizer has always fulfilled all obligations and requirements, the organizer has been a dedicated contributor to the tour and in all aspects it was never the wish of ETBF that the co-operation should be terminated.

It is therefore not clear why it was necessary to go online with the website story in Luxembourg, since all mentioned problems could have been handled smoothly without making them to media issues. But, since the story was made and published, there were no other possibility than preparing this story to clarify the situation.

Left back is the following concluding statements:

The organizer of the Hammer Bronzen Schietspoel Tournament had and has an equal right to claim a conduction of their tournament in the carnival period.

No rule violations were made by the organizer in Tilburg.

No actions were taken to damage the tournament in Luxembourg.

The number of players taking part in Luxembourg looked normal and acceptable, compared with previous years.

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### Story 2008-07: EBT 2008-03

Published on 12 February 2008 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



Mikael Kanold from Sweden took his second tour stop victory in his career, when he by a total 2 games score of 482 defeated Tore Torgersen from Norway (448), Martin Larsen from Sweden (411) and Brian Voss from USA (366) in the 4 person's final of the Hammer Bronzen Schietspoel Tournament 2008 in Tilburg, the 3rd stop of the European Bowling Tour 2008.

A very impressive win by the young Swede, in this very strong and experienced field of international top players, which also took Kanold to an actual runner-up position in the ranking of the EBT 2008 after three stops.

Martin Larsen from Sweden, who seems to be in an extremely good shape these months, took the lead of the tour with 146 points ahead of Kanold at position 2 with 116 points and Dominic Barrett from England at position 3 with 108 points.

In the women's division, Wendy Kok from The Netherlands took her first highest ranked position ever and it also brought her to the absolute top of the ranking with 130 points, followed by Krista Pöllänen from Finland at position 2 with 100 points and Danielle van der Meer from The Netherlands at position 3 with 93 points.

For the 2nd time in a row, the Hammer Bronzen Schietspoel Tournament was conducted on a real dual lane condition (each pair of lanes dressed with both a short oiled lane and a long oiled lane) and for the first time the tournament had the Major status.

In total 257 players took part in the well visited tournament in Tilburg and by that the tour kept a very high average of 289 players per stop so far in 2008.

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### **Story 2008-08: 40 members in ETBF**

Published on 25 February 2008 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen

As a consequence of no bowling centres available at the moment, the Isle Of Man Tenpin Bowling Association has announced that their membership of FIQ, WTBA and ETBF is terminated.

As a consequence the total number of members in ETBF is reduced with 1, from 50 to 49.

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### **Story 2008-09: New tournament in Barcelona**

Published on 26 February 2008 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen

A new tournament, with the name "1 Federation Tenpin Bowling Cup 2008", will be held on 28 and 29 July 2008 in Barcelona - Catalonia, just after the conclusion of Stop 11 in the EBT 2008, the 30 Trofeu Internacional Ciutat de Barcelona.

The tournament, which is hosted by the Catalan Bowling Federation, is an invitational tournament, established to promote bowling in Catalonia and the city of Barcelona.

In the tournament there will be 3 women teams and 3 men teams, each representing one of the 3 WTBA Zones. Each team will consist of 4 players.

There will be 7 disciplines in the tournament, namely singles women, singles men, doubles women, doubles men, all event women, all event men and mixed team of five - bakers style.

The 4 women and the 4 men, who will represent ETBF in the 1<sup>st</sup> Federation Tenpin Bowling Cup 2008 in Barcelona, will be the 4 highest positioned players in the women's respectively the men's ranking of the European Bowling Tour after the first 8 stops in 2008. Stop 08 of the EBT 2008 is the Brunswick Belgian Open. If any excuses, we will continue down the list until 4 players of each gender has accepted to participate in Barcelona.

The organizer is offering a prize pool of 15.000 USD for each gender in the all event discipline. There will be a prize for each player and no player will be awarded a prize less than 800 USD. In the other disciplines various gifts and trophies will be awarded.

In addition to the above mentioned total prize pool of 30.000 USD, the organizer will pay for the hotel rooms of the players from Sunday 27 July until Wednesday 30 July (3 nights) and all meals for the players (either in the bowling centre or at the hotel) on 28 and 29 July.

Finally ETBF has managed to attract a sponsor for the event, which ensures that each of the 8 players will get 400 € in travel support for their participation.

The Presidium of the European Tenpin Bowling Federation is indeed supporting this promotional tournament and we hope most (if not all) of the players in the top of the EBT 2008 ranking for stop 1-8 will accept the offer to participate in the 1<sup>st</sup> Federation Tenpin Bowling Cup 2008 in Barcelona.

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### Story 2008-10: EBT 2009 invitation

Published on 28 February 2008 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



ETBF has opened for tournament organizers to apply for their tournaments to be adopted in the European Bowling Tour 2009, which is the 10th consecutive tour in Europe.

The ETBF Presidium has a strong believe, that the EBT 2009 will be yet another record breaking year for the tour in Europe.

#### News for 2009

The ETBF Presidium decided at its meeting, held in Barcelona for a few days ago, that only a few rule changes will be introduced for the EBT 2009.

#### Definition of who will be allowed to enter/stay in the player's area

To equalise the conditions for all players entering a tournament, to underline the individual nature of tour tournaments and to avoid an unnecessary (undefined) traffic in the player's area, the following definition and delimitation will be in use, as of the first stop in the EBT 2009.

For all stages of the tournament, only players, tournament officials and relevant centre staff members may be present in the player's area, which means that no coaching in the player's area may take place. It is the obligation of the organizer, if not physically obvious, to ensure that the player's area is properly marked out.

#### Open bowling during squads and final stages

The ETBF Presidium strongly recommends all organizers not to have open bowling during any tournament activities in tour stops. The following new rule is introduced for the EBT 2009:

During the final steps of the tournament open bowling is not permitted in the centre. It is also strongly recommended not to have open bowling during the qualification squads. Open bowling and /or other normal daily activities in the centre are permitted outside the periods of qualification squads and final steps.

#### Doubtful legal pull outs

It is obvious that the rules of illegal pull outs stopped a number of pull outs from ever occurring, but it is just as obvious that a number of the legal pull outs still are doubtful. A mild restriction related to legal pull outs are therefore introduces as of the EBT 2009.

In case of a legal pull out (permitted by the tournament management) the player is not permitted to play in any qualification squads the same day and until 11.00 o'clock the next day.

#### Category criteria for 2009

##### Basic definitions

The total prize fund of a tournament is defined as all prize money allocated for individual players in the international part of the tournament.

The Entry value is defined as a ratio used to evaluate the interrelation between the size of the prize fund and the maximum entry fee.

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### EBT Challengers, also adopted in the EBT 2007 (2009 is the last transition year)

The total prize fund must be minimum € 35.000

The entry value must be minimum 200

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

### EBT Challengers adopted for the first time in 2008 or 2009

The total prize fund must be minimum € 40.000

The entry value must be minimum 225

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

### EBT Majors

The total prize fund must be minimum € 55.000

The entry value must be minimum 325

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

The tournament must have been adopted in a previous EBT

### EBT Premiers

The total prize fund must be minimum € 100.000

The entry value must be minimum 500

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

The tournament must have been adopted in a previous EBT

In addition another number of detailed criteria for an EBT Premier exist, which all can be found in the EBT 2009 Rules - available at this site under the item Publications.

### **Bids for the EBT Masters 2010 and/or the EBT Masters 2011**

It is now possible to bid for hosting the 3rd EBT Masters in 2010 and/or the 4th EBT Masters in 2011. It will be possible to conduct the EBT Masters on Monday-Wednesday just after the conclusion of a tour stop, but the host of an EBT Masters can also be a federation or a company, whom ever is providing a good hosting bid.

The EBT Masters will, preferably, be conducted in the interval of February - July, but exceptional good bids from a host can influence the decision of the dates, which then might be different.

### **The deadline**

The deadline for organizers to apply for their tournaments to be adopted in the EBT 2009 as well as bids for organizing the EBT Masters 2010 and the EBT Masters 2011 is Monday 23 June 2008. No later deliveries will be accepted.

Soonest possible after the deadline, the composition of the EBT 2009 will be published and hopefully at the same time the hosts of the 3rd and the 4th EBT Masters can be announced.

### Story 2008-11: Shorter period in Qatar

Published on 3 March 2008 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



The organizer of the 8th Qatar International Open Bowling Tournament 2008 has decided to shorten the period of the tournament from 4-13 December to 6-13 December.

The number of squads is at the same time reduced from 22 to 18, but since there are 64 spots available in each squad, there are still plenty of spots available for the players.

The tournament appears for the first time in the European Bowling tour as Stop 18, which also is the last stop of the EBT 2008. The tournament opens its tour appearance with a total prize pool of not less than 120.000 €.



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### Story 2008-12: EBT 2008-04

Published on 3 March 2008 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



In an all Finnish affair Jari Ratia won the final of the EBT 2008 Stop 04, VI Catalonia Open - Trofeu Galasa - with one pin against Pasi Uotila 194 vs. 193. In the previous step of the final Remy Ong from Singapore was defeated by Pasi Uotila 184 - 177.

Jari Ratia has been an established national team player already for some years, but the victory in Barcelona was the first tour stop win for the young Finnish player.

By his victory in Barcelona Jari Ratia jumped from a position outside top 16 to position 4 in the tour ranking (122 points), which still has Martin Larsen from Sweden as the leader with 176 points, closely followed by Tore Torgersen from Norway with 161 points at position 2 and Dominic Barrett from England with 156 points at position 3.

From position 17 in the tournament, the winner of the EBT 2007, Kirsten Penny from England managed to match the two Danes, Bettina Lund and Britt Brøndsted with her 10th highest ranked position ever in a tour stop.

In the women's tour division Dutch Wendy Kok is still at the top with 178 points, now followed by her fellow countrywoman Ghislaine van der Tol at position 2 with 165 points, Krista Pöllänen from Finland at position 3 with 150 points and the high jumper at this stop, Kirsten Penny at position 4 with 140 points.

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### **Story 2008-13: WWC 2009 not in Australia**

Published on 10 March 2008 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen

The World Women Championships 2009, which were supposed to be hosted by Australia and conducted in Melbourne on 19-30 August 2009, is suddenly without host.

The federation in Australia has announced that they unfortunately are unable to host the championships.

WTBA is in a process to locate an alternate host to conduct the championships in the same period as the original decided period.

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### Story 2008-14: EBT 2008-05

Published on 18 March 2008 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



For the first time in its 5 years history, the Brunswick Euro Challenge, Stop 05 of the European Bowling Tour 2008, was conducted in Le Plaza Bowling in St. Maximin, some 40 km outside Paris in France.

Entered by 405 players, the tournament became the 2nd best visited in the history of the tour, only overtaken by the 1st Viernheim Open, which in 2005 had 440 players taking part. On the other side the Brunswick Euro Challenge in 2008 overtook the record for the highest number of entries ever played in one tournament, by the not less than 960 entries played in Le Plaza Bowling last week.

For the very experienced Swedish player, Peter Ljung, the Brunswick Euro Challenge became one of the truth highlights in his career, while he was fighting his way through the stepladder final by wins versus first Finland's Osku Palermaa 232 - 217, then versus Ronnie Russell from USA 194 - 160 and finally versus the PBA star Mike Fagan from USA 220 - 187.

After the win in France, Peter Ljung had been the highest ranked in a tour stop 4 times ever, which brings him up to a position 8 in the ever ongoing ranking of tour stop winners.

Martin Larsen from Sweden kept the actual tour crown with 204 points (28 points in France), while Peter Ljung took the runner up position with 187 points after his 100 points win and Tore Torgersen from Norway stepped one position down to position 3 with 185 points (24 points in France).

In the women's division Missy Bellinder from USA was highest ranked for the first time in a tour stop and by the 100 points awarded, she entered the tour ranking at position 13.

In the top of the ranking list the two Dutch players, Wendy Kok and Ghislaine van der Tol, switched positions, now with van der Tol as the tour leader with 225 points (60 points in France) and Kok as the runner up with 190 points (12 points in France). At position 3 is the 2007 tour winner Kirsten Penny from England with 186 points (46 points in France).

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## Story 2008-15: Education Committee programs

Published on 20 March 2008 by Onder Gurkan

ETBF Educational Committee provides coaching and technical clinics for all ETBF member federations.

It is our goal to follow ENSSSHE's (The European Network of Sport Sciences in Higher Education) 5-level structure for the recognition of coaching qualifications in EU. ETBF provides Level I, II and III Coaching programs for the member federations to create a coaching development base and we also will recognize other member federations' programs for equity levels.

The ETBF Educational Committee has completed material for level I and II coaching clinics and is working on Level III. All programs are continuously being updated by our committee following the worldwide developments in bowling sports.

Our Technical Clinics include two major programs:

Lane Certification Inspection Clinic

Lane Maintenance Workshop

The ETBF Technical Committee is also working on developing new educational programs for ball drilling and referee development, etc. If you are interested in those items please contact us.

### The levels program for coaching

Level I am for coaches who will coach beginner bowlers and children. It is quite important for the development of bowling in all countries, as those coaches will assist people interested in sports of bowling and create a basis for new bowlers. Level I coaches can also assist Level II and III coaches. There is no prerequisite for Level I.

All other levels require previous level program certification and member federation approval. ETBF will also convert approved previous Level A certificates to Level I and Level B certificates to Level II.

### Clinic levels and durations of clinics

<b>Levels for coaching clinics</b>	<b>Duration</b>
Level I	4 days, 24 hours (4 X 6 hours)
Level II	4 days, 24 hours (4 X 6 hours)
Level III	Not applicable yet
Level I + Level II	9 days with one day off in between

<b>Technical clinics</b>	<b>Duration</b>
Lane certification inspection clinic	2 days
Lane maintenance workshop	2 days

### Educational program fees

Federations who apply for the clinics have to pay a fee of € 300 to ETBF and a fee for the coaches, which are € 800 for a day clinics - and € 1.200 for 4 day clinics per instructor (the number of instructors depends on the number of students).

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The federations must also pay the travel, accommodation and food costs for the coaches during their stay.

All payments must be done to the ETBF Presidium.

### Approval of the coaching certificates

All coaching candidates must complete practical hours after the clinic to complete their education. These hours must be approved by their member federation.

Level	Minimum hours	Duration
Level I	150 hours	8 months
Level II	200 hours	8 months

### Requirements for the clinics

All clinics require theoretical and practical classes. Accordingly our instructors need a silent/quiet classroom for the theoretical parts. Our classes usually require a beamer-projector and a white board.

Our practical classes are on-the-lanes programs. Our coaching clinics require free lanes enough for the participants and a silent environment for a more efficient instruction/class.

Our technical classes need to have lanes and a lane machine (if possible) available and some tools depending on the instruction.

All necessary requirements will be sent to the federation before the clinic.

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### Story 2008-16: Name change in Vienna

Published on 23 March 2008 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



As a consequence of a sponsorship agreement, the name of Stop 14 in the European Bowling Tour 2008 has changed from the 6th Vienna Open to Columbia 300 Vienna Open.

The tournament will unchanged be conducted in the well-known Plus Halle in Vienna, Austria in the period of 30 September - 5 October 2008.

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### Story 2008-17: EYC 2008 in Helsinki

Published on 23 March 2008 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen

Not less than 249 talented bowlers, the crown of youth bowling in Europe, took part in the 21<sup>st</sup> European Youth Championships 2008, which were concluded on 23 March in famous Tali Bowl in Helsinki, Finland.

The number of players is the second highest in an EYC ever and only 7 players less than last year's record of 256 players in Thessaloniki Greece.

If the number of players was not 100% a record, then the number of records became a clear record of the championships, since not less than 12 out of 15 girls records were broken and not less than 11 out of 15 boys records were broken, among them two very old single records over 3 and 6 games from 1984 belonging to Swedish Ulf Hämnäs, which finally felt for higher scores 24 years after his at that time marvellous scores. The record lists are updated and available at this site under the item European Records.

A record was also the number of perfect games in the boys division, where not less than 5 players from Cyprus, Estonia, Germany, Greece and Latvia bowled each their perfect 300 in various events.

In the Semi Finals of the Girls Masters, Stephanie Huijden from the Netherlands defeated Diana Zavjalova from Latvia 2-1 (217-186, 204-235 and 235-234), while Emma Sandblom from Sweden defeated Daria Pajak from Poland 2-1 (222-213, 211-217 and 237-207). Stephanie Huijden became later the new EYC Masters Queen after her 2-1 victory over Emma Sandblom (200-180, 188-193 and 221-212) in the final match of the girls division.

In the Semi Finals of the Boys Masters, Perttu Jussila from Finland defeated Thomas Larsen from Denmark 2-1 (202-189, 203-248 and 269-218), while Arturs Levikins from Latvia defeated André Schröder from Germany 2-0 (212-193 and 251-170). In the final of the Boys Masters the host country Finland got the new King of the boy's division, since Perttu Jussila defeated Arturs Levikins 2-0 (209-177 and 279-254) in the last match of the championships.

The championships became a big success for one of Europe's still new federations, the Latvian Bowling Federation, since the very ambitious and systematically hard working federation took 5 medal sets (1 gold medal, 3 silver medals and 1 bronze medal).

In total the 32 medal sets were distributed among 10 different countries in this very successful European Youth Championships 2008.

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### Story 2008-18: Name change in Naples

Published on 31 March 2008 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



As a consequence of a sponsorship, the name of Stop 16 in the European Bowling Tour 2008 has changed from the 5th Oltremare Championships to the 5th Oltremare Columbia 300 Open.

The tournament will unchanged be conducted 15-23 November 2008 in Oltremare Bowling Arena in Naples, Italy.



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### **Story 2008-19: WRM 2008 participants**

Published on 7 April 2008 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen

Tina Hulsch from Germany cancelled her participation in the World Ranking Masters 2008 in Jakarta for a few days ago. Tina Hulsch will be replaced by Diana Zavjalova from Latvia.

The list of participants from Europe hereafter looks as follows:

#### **Women**

Kirsten Penny - England  
Ghislaine van der Tol - The Netherlands  
Nicole Sanders - The Netherlands  
Priscilla Maaswinkel - The Netherlands  
Zara Glover - England  
Krista Pöllänen - Finland  
Piritta Kantola - Finland  
Diana Zavjalova - Latvia

#### **Men**

Nikolay Ovchinnikov - Latvia  
Leonidas Maragkos - Greece  
Marcus Berndt - Sweden  
Jesper Agerbo - Denmark  
Jimmy Dan Mortensen - Denmark  
Sami Konsteri - Finland  
Jari Ratia - Finland

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### Story 2008-20: EBT 2008-06

Published on 14 April 2008 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



After a break of many months, the Finnish bowling phenomenon, Lasse Lintilä, finally entered a tour stop out of Finland, just to perform as outstanding and cold blooded, as we are used to see him before.

He came, he entered a few times and he won with a tremendous score of 566 pins in the last two games, first by defeating Sweden's Dennis Eklund 298 vs. 225 in the one Semi Final and then by defeating yet another Swede in the final, this time the recently winner from the Brunswick Euro Challenge in France, Peter Ljung 268 vs. 228. In the other Semi Final Ljung had defeated Stuart Williams from England 268 vs. 226.

All this happened in the warm, friendly and always very hospital Time Out Bowling Centre and its 5th Istanbul Bowling Open, where Lintilä took his 6th highest ranked position in a tour stop ever.

Peter Ljung's performance in the last two tour stops (180 points only in these two stops) brought him to the very top of the tour ranking with 267 points, followed by his fellow countryman Martin Larsen with 234 points and Norway's Tore Torgersen at position 3 with 227 points. The Swedes are really touring this year, not least Team Pergamon from Gothenburg, actually taking the first three tour positions in the men's division.

Tina Hulsch from Germany took the 4th highest ranked position in her career and for this young talented German player, there will be a lot more highlights to come.

In the absence of the Dutch crew of women players, the tour queen from 2007, Kirsten Penny from England, took back the lead of the tour with 246 points in front of Tina Hulsch with 238 points and the previous tour leader, Ghislaine van der Tol from the Netherlands at position 3 with the 225 points she had before the tournament in Istanbul.

A record number of 219 players entered the tournament in Istanbul and not less than 692 entries were played, which gives a re-entry ratio of 2.16 - a new tour record. As always the Istanbul Bowling Open was concluded with a dinner at a boat sailing in the illuminated and beautiful street of Bosphorus, a very poetic and special conclusion of a tournament.

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### **Story 2008-21: Stuart Williams in the WRM 2008**

Published on 30 April 2008 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen

At a very late moment, Stuart Williams got a possibility to re-consider his participation in the World Ranking masters 2008 and his previous no to participation was changed to a yes for a few days ago.

Stuart Williams is the defending champion in the men's division after his glorious victory in the World Ranking Masters 2007 at Kegels place in Lake Wales.

This means that Europe will be represented by both 8 men and 8 women when the World Ranking Masters 2008 opens tomorrow in Jakarta, Indonesia

#### **Women participants from Europe**

Kirsten Penny - England  
Ghislaine van der Tol - The Netherlands  
Nicole Sanders - The Netherlands  
Priscilla Maaswinkel - The Netherlands  
Zara Glover - England  
Krista Pöllänen - Finland  
Piritta Kantola - Finland  
Diana Zavjalova – Latvia

#### **Men participants from Europe**

Stuart Williams - England  
Nikolay Ovchinnikov - Latvia  
Leonidas Maragkos - Greece  
Marcus Berndt - Sweden  
Jesper Agerbo - Denmark  
Jimmy Dan Mortensen - Denmark  
Sami Konsteri - Finland  
Jari Ratia - Finland

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### **Story 2008-22: Jari Ratia won in Jakarta**

Published on 6 May 2008 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen

Even the 16 European players in the World Ranking Masters in Jakarta, Indonesia was substituted with many players, it was still a very strong contingent from Europe taking part and not less than 4 European players were among the last 8 players in the women's and the men's Semi Finals.

The major European success came in the men's division, where Finland's Jari Ratia took the crown after a 2-1 victory in the final against Malaysia's Zulmazran Zulkifli 248-191, 173-179 and 212-185.

In the Semi Finals Malaysia's Zulmazran Zulkifli defeated Ryan Lalisang from Indonesia 2-1, while Jari Ratia defeated his fellow countryman Sami Konsteri 2-0.

The final of the women's division became a Malaysian-Venezuelan affair, when Malaysia's Wendy Chai defeated Venezuela's Karen Marcano 2-1 (181-186, 200-160 and 220-201).

The two European women in the Semi Finals both lost their matches, Krista Pöllänen from Finland against Wendy Chai 2-0 and Latvia's young talented player Diana Zavjalova against Karen Marcano 2-1.

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### **Story 2008-23: Welcome to Serbia**

Published on 15 May 2008 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen

At a recently held meeting in the FIQ Presidium, Serbia was adopted as provisional member of FIQ and by that automatically also of WTBA and ETBF. Serbia will be adopted as a full member at the FIQ Congress in 2009.

The English name of the new bowling federation, which headquarter is situated in Belgrade, is the Serbian Bowling Federation.

The Presidium of ETBF welcomes Serbia in the European family of bowling federations.

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### **Story 2008-24: WWC 2009 in Las Vegas**

Published on 21 May 2008 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen

On 10 March it was announced that Australia withdraw their right to host the World Women Championships 2009 and a process of locating a new host was started by WTBA.

In a newsletter issued by WTBA a few days ago, it is announced that a new host is found and accepted by the WTBA Presidium.

The World Women Championships will be played in Las Vegas - USA, where a bowling arena will be built up with 56 lanes.

The WWC 2009 will be played in the period of 25 July (last day of arrival) until 3 August (first day of departure), while the WTBA Congress will be held on 3 August and the FIQ Congress on 4 August.

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### Story 2008-25: EBT 2008-07

Published on 26 May 2008 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



Finland's Osku Palermaa won his 6th European Bowling Tour stop in his career, when he defeated Bill O'Neill from USA 456 - 374 in the two games final of the Brunswick Aalborg International 2008, which were conducted in Lovvang Bowling Centre on 19-25 May.

In the foregoing Semi Finals, also played over a two games total pin fall, Bill O'Neill defeated Dominic Barrett from England 502 - 409 and Osku Palermaa defeated his fellow countryman Lasse Lintilä 431 - 426 in a very exciting match.

With a total of 313 points (46 points in Aalborg) Peter Ljung from Sweden kept his position as the highest ranked in the men's division of the tour, now closely followed by the EBT 2007 winner and the winner in Aalborg, Osku Palermaa with 302 points (100 points in Aalborg), Dominic Barrett from England with 282 points (70 points in Aalborg), Tore Torgersen from Norway with 277 points (50 points in Aalborg) and Martin Larsen from Sweden with 264 points (30 points in Aalborg).

From this group of 5 players there is a gap of 92 points down to the next player on the ranking list of the men's division.

Helén Johnsson from Sweden became the highest ranked women in a tour stop for the 9th time ever, and in the very strong 221 player's field she took a position as no. 6 in the overall tournament standing.

Kirsten Penny from England is still in the lead of the women's division of the EBT 2008 with 274 points (28 points in Aalborg), followed by Netherlands Ghislaine van der Tol at position 2 with 251 points (26 points in Aalborg) and Germany's Tina Hulsch, who did not play in Aalborg, at position 3 with 238 points.

### Story 2008-26: EBT Masters 2008

Published on 28 May 2008 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



The first EBT Masters, which is the final of the European Bowling Tour 2007, will be held in Rollhouse Bowling Centre in Ankara, just following the conclusion of the Ankara Open, the 1st ever held EBT Premier with a prize pool of not less than € 100.000.

The EBT Masters 2008, which will be conducted on 22-24 September, has a prize pool of € 40.000, divided equally with € 20.000 in the women's division and € 20.000 in the men's division.

The 16 highest ranked women and the 16 highest ranked men, at the end standings of the European Bowling Tour 2007, are qualified to participate in the EBT Masters 2008. The interest among the top players has been tremendously high and only two players among the originally qualified cannot play in Ankara and both were exchanged with no. 17 on the lists.

#### **The 16 women playing the 1st EBT Masters 2008 is:**

Kirsten Penny, England  
Britt Brøndsted, Denmark  
Ghislaine van der Tol, The Netherlands  
Mai Ginge Jensen, Denmark  
Tina Hulsch, Germany  
Rikke Holm Rasmussen, Denmark  
Martina Beckel, Germany  
Nicole Sanders, The Netherlands  
Kamilla Kjeldsen, Denmark  
Priscilla Maaswinkel, The Netherlands  
Zara Glover, England  
Isabelle Saldjian, France  
Krista Pöllänen, Finland  
Lotte Houbo Pedersen, Denmark  
Piritta Kantola, Finland  
Nina Flack, Sweden

#### **The 16 men playing the 1st EBT Masters 2008 is:**

Osku Palermaa, Finland  
Paul Moor, England  
Martin Larsen, Sweden  
Stuart Williams, England  
Robert Andersson, Sweden  
Pasi Uotila, Finland  
Yoan Alix, France  
Dominic Barret, England  
Nikolay Ovchinnikov, Latvia  
Jouni Helminen, Finland  
Leonidas Maragos, Greece  
Dennis Eklund, Sweden  
Marcus Berndt, Sweden  
Jean Marc Lebon, Belgium



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Jesper Agerbo, Denmark  
Wu Siu Hong, Hong Kong

### Story 2008-27: EBT 2008-08

Published on 3 June 2008 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



In the Brunswick Belgian Open, concluded in Gent on 1 June 2008, Martin Larsen from Sweden took his second tour stop victory this season and since 8 of the stops are played so far, the Swedish bowling phenomena has captured 25 % of the titles in the season until now.

The road to the victory became a dual handed battle for Larsen, since he won 487 - 448 over Osku Palermmaa from Finland in the two games Semi Final and 473 - 458 over Jason Belmonte from Australia in the two games final. In the other Semi Final Belmonte won 474 - 423 over Jouni Helminen from Finland.

Osku Palermmaa, the tour king from 2007, came back in the leading position of the EBT 2008 with 337 points (35 points in Gent) followed by Peter Ljung from Sweden at position 2 with 325 points (12 points in Gent) and the winner of the tournament, Martin Larsen from Sweden at position 3 with 314 points (50 points in Gent).

In the women's division Kirsten Penny, who was awarded 35 points in Gent, stayed at position 1 with 309 points, followed by the highest ranked women in Gent, Nina Flack from Sweden with 282 points (50 points in Gent) and Ghislaine van der Tol from The Netherlands with 275 points (24 points in Gent).

### **Story 2008-28: Europeans teams decided**

Published on 17 June 2008 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen

The 1st Federation Tenpin Bowling Cup 2008, will be held on 28 and 29 July 2008 in Barcelona - Catalonia, just after the conclusion of Stop 11 in the EBT 2008, the 30 Trofeu Internacional Ciutat de Barcelona.

The tournament, which is hosted by the Catalan Bowling Federation, is an invitational tournament, established to promote bowling in Catalonia and the city of Barcelona.

In the tournament there will be 3 women teams and 3 men teams, each representing one of the 3 WTBA Zones. Each team will consist of 4 players.

There will be 7 disciplines in the tournament, namely singles women, singles men, doubles women, doubles men, all event women, all event men and mixed team of five - bakers style. The following two very strong teams will represent Europe in the 1st Federation Tenpin Bowling Cup 2008.

#### **Women**

Kirsten Penny, England  
Nina Flack, Sweden  
Ghislaine van der Tol, The Netherlands  
Tina Hulsch, Germany

#### **Men**

Osku Palermmaa, Finland  
Peter Ljung, Sweden  
Martin Larsen, Sweden  
Tore Torgersen, Norway

All 4 players at the men's team are members of the same famous Swedish club, Team Pergamon from Gothenburg.

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### **Story 2008-29: EWC 2008 in Odense**

Published on 17 June 2008 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen

Sweden presented a young, a very talented and a very powerful team at the European Women Championships, which were conducted in Danish Odense on 5-15 June 2008.

The Swedish team took not less than 4 out of 5 titles and left one only title for the host federation Denmark.

Helén Johnsson became the most Gold winning women in the championships with 3 gold medals and 4 medals in total, the same amount which were awarded to the Masters Champion Nina Flack.

Many of the Swedish performances were outstanding during the championships and a number of records were broken during the intense days in Odense.

It must be presumed that the young Swedish team will be a strong and decisive team in the coming year's women bowling in Europe.

The Swedish team attracted a number of spectators from neighbour country Sweden and they contributed to a great atmosphere during the competition.

The same did the host federation Denmark, since they, together with VBS Bowling Sweden and Brunswick, provided a 2 lanes setting in a nearby situated sports centre, where the final of the Masters took place in an excellent atmosphere with about 600 spectators.

A special setting has previously in Europe been seen at the World Ranking Masters finals in 2004 in Moscow, but it was the first time a special setting was used in a European Championship. We can only hope that it will happen more often in the future - it was simply great!

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### Story 2008-30: EBT 2009 composed

Published on 24 June 2008 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



The composition of the European Bowling Tour 2009 (EBT 2009) has been decided by the Presidium of the European Tenpin Bowling Federation.

Like in 2007 and 2008, the EBT 2009 consists of 18 tournaments, of which 3 have been granted the EBT Challenger status and 15 have been granted the EBT Major status. The 18 tournaments will be conducted in 13 different countries. It is expected that 1-2 tournaments will be upgraded to EBT Premier Status in 2009 after their conduction in 2008.

The composition of the EBT 2009 - and detailed information of each stop - is presented under the item EBT Calendars at this site.

From the EBT 2008, the organizer of the International Luxembourg Open has decided not to re-apply for his tournament to be adopted in the EBT 2009, while the 2nd tour tournament in Slovenia, the 3rd Qubica/AMF Open 2009, is the newcomer of the tour in 2009.

For the second time we are welcoming a tournament from outside Europe and again it is the Qatar International Open, which continued offer the record breaking prize fund of 120.000 €.

The total prize fund (including tour prize money) for the 18 tournaments in the EBT 2009 will be a little more than 1.2 million €, with an average prize fund of not less than 65.000 € per stop.

The EBT 2009, which is the jubilee and 10th consecutive European Bowling Tour since the first tour was launched in 2000, is - as always - open for all bowlers in the World and all bowlers can be awarded points, no matter their nationality.

On top of the European Bowling Tour is the newly established EBT Masters, which is the final of the tour for the 16 highest ranked women and the 16 highest ranked men by the conclusion of a tour.

The first EBT Masters 2008 (the final of the EBT 2007) will be conducted in Ankara, Turkey on 22-24 September 2008, the second EBT Masters 2009 (the final of the EBT 2008) will be conducted in Aalborg, Denmark on 25-27 May 2008, while hosts for the EBT Masters 2010 and 2011 (the finals of the EBT 2009 and the EBT 2010 respectively) still are to be selected. Both the EBT Masters 2010 and the EBT Masters 2011 are open for bids from potential organizers.

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### Story 2008-31: EBT 2009 reduced

Published on 24 June 2008 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



When the EBT 2009 composition was published this morning, information was crossing from the two stop organizer of the Bronzen Schietspoel Tournament and the Dutch Open that they in 2009 want to concentrate on the Bronzen Schietspoel Tournament only.

As a consequence, the application to host the Dutch Open 2009 was withdrawn and as a further consequence the EBT 2009 consists of 17 tournaments and not as published earlier today of 18 tournaments.

The revised composition of the EBT 2009 - and detailed information of each stop - is presented under the item EBT Calendars at this site.

The up-coming issue of the Dutch Open, the Storm Dutch Open 2008, will indeed be conducted as scheduled on 25-29 June 2008 in Scheveningen.

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### Story 2008-32: EBT 2008-09

Published on 1 July 2008 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



There are new names at the top of both the women's and the men's divisions of the European Bowling Tour 2008 after the conclusion of Stop 09, the Storm Dutch Open 2008.

In the women's division, the European Masters Champion, Nina Flack from Sweden, took over the lead after three excellent tour performances in a row, first by being second ranked women in Stop 07 Aalborg, then by being highest ranked women in Stop 08 in Gent and latest by being highest ranked women in Stop 09 in Scheveningen.

Nina Flack has collected 382 points after half of the stops has been conducted in 2008, followed by Kirsten Penny from England at position 2 with 339 points (30 points in Scheveningen) and Ghislaine van der Tol from The Netherlands at position 3 with 315 points (40 points in Scheveningen).

In the men's division Dominic Barrett from England took the lead for the first time after he was awarded 70 points in Scheveningen. Dominic Barrett has a total of 375 points followed by Osku Palermaa from Finland at position 2 with 349 points (12 points in Scheveningen) and Martin Larsen from Sweden at position 3 with 342 points (28 points in Scheveningen).

The Storm Dutch Open was another excellent come back for the four times tour winner in the period 2000-2003, Gery Verbruggen from Belgium, who won the one game final 268 - 192 over Yoan Alix from France.

It was the 10th highest ranked position in a tour stop ever for Gery Verbruggen and it brings him back on level with the three times tour winner, Paul Moor from England, who also have achieved 10 highest ranked positions in tour stops over the years.

### **Story 2008-33: Kalle Asukas passed away**

Published on 5 July 2008 by Seija Lankinen

One of the Finnish bowling legends, Kalle Asukas, passed away on 30 June after a short illness. He became 88 years old.

Kalle Asukas was the first Finnish bowler, who won an individual gold medal in a World Championship. He achieved this highlight of his career 50 years ago in Helsingborg, Sweden at the 3rd World Championships 1958. In addition to the Masters gold medal, Asukas came home from Helsingborg with a gold medal in the 5-men team event.

Earlier, at the 1st World Championships 1954 in Helsinki, Asukas took a silver medal in the 8-men team and a bronze medal in the 5-men team event and Asukas' wonderful bowling career continued at the 4th World Championships 1960 in Hamburg, Germany, where he took a silver medal in the doubles and in the 5-men team event.

Kalle Asukas was one of the "grand old men" in Finnish bowling. His first national medals came already in 1948 and the last one in 1963. Some years ago, he was still at the bowling lanes in his home town, Lahti. He took very good care of his physical condition and was a really exceptional sportsman and gentleman.

In 2004 Kalle Asukas was selected to the Hall of Fame, only as the second Finnish bowler. In the Finnish bowling community, we will respect his memory and will remember his absolute style of playing and fighting on the lanes, always with respect to other players.



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### Story 2008-34: Teams for the 1<sup>st</sup> Federation Cup

Published on 17 July 2008 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen

The 1<sup>st</sup> Federation Tenpin Bowling Cup 2008, will be held on 28 and 29 July 2008 in Barcelona - Catalonia, just after the conclusion of Stop 11 in the EBT 2008, the 30 Trofeu Internacional Ciutat de Barcelona.

The tournament, which is hosted by the Catalan Bowling Federation, is an invitational tournament, established to promote bowling in Catalonia and the city of Barcelona.

In the tournament there will be 3 women teams and 3 men teams, each representing one of the 3 WTBA Zones. Each team will consist of 4 players.

There will be 7 disciplines in the tournament, namely singles women, singles men, doubles women, doubles men, all event women, all event men and mixed team of five - bakers style.

PABCON (American Bowling Confederation) will be represented by the following teams:

#### Women

Adriana Perez, Mexico  
Jessica Santiago, Puerto Rico  
Laura Fonnegra, Colombia  
Shannon O'Keefe, USA

#### Men

David Romero, Colombia  
Francisco Colon, Puerto Rico  
Francisco Sanchez, El Salvador  
John Janawicz, USA

ABF (Asian Bowling Federation) will be represented by the following teams:

#### Women

Esther Cheah, Malaysia  
Shalin Zulkifli, Malaysia  
Haruka Matsuda, Japan  
Jasmine Yeong, Singapore

#### Men

Chester King, Philippines  
Hussain Al-Suwaidi, UAE  
Mubarak Al-Muraikhi, Qatar  
Raoul Miranda, Philippines.

ETBF (European Tenpin Bowling Federation) will be represented by the following teams:

#### Women

Kirsten Penny, England  
Nina Flack, Sweden  
Ghislaine van der Tol, Netherlands  
Tina Hulsch, Germany

#### Men

Osku Palermaa, Finland  
Peter Ljung, Sweden  
Martin Larsen, Sweden  
Tore Torgersen, Norway

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### Story 2008-35: EBT 2008-10

Published on 24 July 2008 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



The two tour winners from 2007, Kirsten Penny from England and Osku Palermaa from Finland, both returned to the leading positions also in the European Bowling Tour 2008 after the conduction of Stop 10 in the EBT 2008, the 4th Storm San Marino Open.

Osku Palermaa, who was awarded 42 points in San Marino, overtook the leading position from England's Dominic Barrett, presently in Orlando to compete very successfully in the World Youth Championships. Dominic Barrett keeps his 375 points at position 2, while the 3rd position is held by Norway's Tore Torgersen with 359 points (48 points in San Marino).

The highest ranked man in San Marino - and the winner of the tournament - became Singapore's very disciplined and concentrated sportsman Remy Ong, who defeated the up-coming father Thomas Gross 466-437 in the two games final.

Kirsten penny climbed to the top of the women's division with 80 points and a new total of 419 points, in front of the runner up from Sweden, Nina Flack with 382 points (in Orlando during the tournament in San Marino) and the two 3rd positioned Dutch players with 315 points, Nicola Sanders (70 points in San Marino) and Ghislaine van der Tol (also in Orlando during the tournament in San Marino).

The highest ranked women in San Marino were Marilyn Planchard from France, who became the highest ranked women for the second time in a tour stop, both ever and in this season. The 100 points for Planchard brought her into top 16 at position 11 with 214 points.

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### **Story 2008-36: WYC 2008 in Orlando**

Published on 27 July 2008 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen

The World Youth Championships in Orlando, Florida became a true highlight for England's Dominic Barrett, when he took not less than two titles and 4 medals in total.

On his way through the championships, Dominic Barrett took off by winning the Boys Singles, followed by a silver medal in the Boys Doubles together with Matt Hann, a gold medal in the Boys All Event and finally a bronze medal in the Boys Masters.

Another two titles went to European players, both in the doubles, where Germany, represented by Tina Hulsch and Birgit Pöppler, took the double title in the girl's division and Sweden represented by Kim Bolleby and James Gruffman took the double title in boy's division.

In the girl's division, 3 out of 19 medal sets was won by European players (all from Germany), while 11 medal sets out of 19 possible sets was won by European players in the boy's division (England, Finland, Iceland, Norway and Sweden).

The medal For Iceland came in the Boys Doubles, where Robert Dan Sigurdsson and Hafthor Hardarson won a bronze medal, which is the first ever medal won by Icelandic players at the World level.

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### Story 2008-37: EBT 2008-11

Published on 28 July 2008 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



After a 3rd position in San Marino (Stop 10), PBA's Peter Weber continued to Barcelona to win Stop 11, the 30 Trofeu Internacional Ciutat de Barcelona.

The first EBT tour stop victory for Peter Weber came after a 214 - 211 win over Paul Moor from England in the one game final. In the foregoing match in the stepladder final Peter Weber defeated very talented Nicole Sanders from The Netherlands 236 - 211. Nicole Sanders did her first tour stop final ever.

By the 100 points awarded to Nicole Sanders in Barcelona, she advanced to a second position in the EBT 2008 women's division with a total of 415 points. The women's division still has Kirsten Penny from England in the lead with 499 points (80 points in Barcelona) and Nina Flack from Sweden at position 3 with 382 points (not present in Barcelona).

After being awarded 48 points in Barcelona, Finland's Osku Palermaa kept his leading position with 439 points, in front of advancing Tore Torgersen from Norway with 409 points (50 points in Barcelona) and Peter Ljung from Sweden with 383 points (28 points in Barcelona).

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### Story 2008-38: 1<sup>st</sup> Federation Cup 2008

Published on 30 July 2008 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen

The 1<sup>st</sup> Federation Tenpin Bowling Cup 2008 was held on 28 and 29 July 2008 in Barcelona - Catalonia, just after the conclusion of Stop 11 in the EBT 2008, the 30 Trofeu Internacional Ciutat de Barcelona.

This invitational tournament was hosted by the Catalan Bowling Federation with the purpose to promote bowling in Catalonia and the city of Barcelona.

3 women teams and 3 men teams, each representing one of the 3 WTBA Zones, took part in the tournament, which included the following 7 disciplines: Singles Women, Singles Men, Doubles Women, Doubles Men, All Event Women, All Event Men and Mixed Team of Five - Bakers Style.

The women team from ETBF consisting of Kirsten Penny (England), Ghislaine van der Tol (Netherlands), Tina Hulsch (Germany) and Nina Flack (Sweden) and the men team from ETBF consisting of Osku Palermaa (Finland), Martin Larsen (Sweden), Peter Ljung (Sweden) and Tore Torgersen (Norway) took 5 out of the 7 titles and in addition some silver and bronze medals. Concerning prize money, about half of the whole sum provided by the host went to players from the ETBF teams.

Find below a complete result presentation of the 1<sup>st</sup> Federation Tenpin Bowling Cup 2008.

<b>Singles Women</b>			
<b>Position</b>	<b>Player</b>	<b>Zone</b>	<b>Result</b>
1	Kirsten Penny	ETBF	1502
2	Ghislaine van der Tol	ETBF	1306
3	Vanessa Fung	ABF	1278
4	Jessica Santiago	PABCON	1271
5	Nina Flack	ETBF	1252
6	Shannon O'Keefe	PABCON	1251
7	Laura Fonnegra	PABCON	1218
8	Tina Hulsch	ETBF	1183
9	Milik Ng	ABF	1154
10	Adriana Perez	PABCON	1153
11	Chan Shuk Han	ABF	938

<b>Singles Men</b>			
<b>Position</b>	<b>Player</b>	<b>Zone</b>	<b>Result</b>
1	Osku Palermaa	ETBF	1474
2	Tore Torgersen	ETBF	1426
3	Martin Larsen	ETBF	1393

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4	Peter Ljung	ETBF	1366
5	Francisco Colon	PABCON	1345
6	John Janawicz	PABCON	1323
7	David Romero	PABCON	1309
8	Jason Belmonte	ABF	1287
9	Francisco Sanchez	PABCON	1224
10	Hussain Al-Suwaidi	ABF	1216
11	Wu Siu Hong	ABF	1165

### Doubles Women

Position	Player	Zone	Result
1	Kirsten Penny Ghislaine van der Tol	ETBF	2703
2	Adiana Perez Shannon O'Keefe	PABCON	2621
3	Nina Flack Tina Hulsch	ETBF	2490
4	Vanessa Fung Milik Ng	ABF	2480
5	Jessica Santiago Laura Fonnegra	PABCON	2414

### Doubles Men

Position	Player	Zone	Result
1	Jason Belmonte Hussain Al-Suwaidi	ABF	2853
2	Martin Larsen Peter Ljung	ETBF	2775
3	Osku Palermaa Tore Torgersen	ETBF	2623
4	John Janawicz Francisco Colon	PABCON	2616
5	David Romero Francisco Sanchez	PABCON	2388

### All Event Women

Position	Player	Zone	Result
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1	Kirsten Penny	ETBF	2913
2	Vanessa Fung	ABF	2632
3	Ghislaine van der Tol	ETBF	2598
4	Shannon O'Keefe	PABCON	2553
5	Nina Flack	ETBF	2525
6	Jessica Santiago	PABCON	2481
7	Adriana Perez	PABCON	2472
8	Laura Fonnegra	PABCON	2422
9	Tina Hulsch	ETBF	2400
10	Milik Ng	ABF	2280
11	Chan Shuk Han	ABF	2041

<b>All Event Women</b>			
<b>Position</b>	<b>Player</b>	<b>Zone</b>	<b>Result</b>
1	Osku Palermaa	ETBF	2826
2	Martin Larsen	ETBF	2792
3	John Janawicz	PABCON	2766
4	Peter Ljung	ETBF	2742
5	Jason Belmonte	ABF	2719
6	Tore Torgersen	ETBF	2697
7	Hussain Al-Suwaidi	ABF	2637
8	David Romero	PABCON	2562
9	Francisco Colon	PABCON	2518
10	Francisco Sanchez	PABCON	2359
11	Wu Siu Hong	ABF	2313

The tournament was completed by a mixed team of 5 competition, played the bakers style. The teams were ranked for a stepladder final (best of three games matches) after the two first disciplines in the order ETBF - PABCON - ABF.

In the first math the team from PABCON defeated the team from ABF 2-1 and also the second match was won by the team from PABCON, 2-0 against the team from ETBF. The whole team from PABCON received the beautiful trophy awarded by the host President of the Catalan Bowling Federation, Joan Ricart.

### Story 2008-39: Name change in Tilburg

Published on 9 August 2008 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



As a consequence of a sponsorship, the name of Stop 02 in the European Bowling Tour 2009 has changed from the Bronzen Schietspoel Tournament 2009 to the Hammer Bronzen Schietspoel Tournament 2009.

The tournament will unchanged be conducted 15-22 February 2009 in Dolfijn Bowling in Tilburg, The Netherlands.

Following the sponsor information, the organizer announces that the Hammer Bronzen Schietspoel Tournament 2009 for the third time in a row will be played on a combined dual lane condition.

In addition to the Hammer Bronzen Schietspoel Tournament 2009, also Brunswick Aalborg International 2009 (for the second time in a row) and the debuting tour tournament, the 3rd Qubica/AMF Open 2009 (Ljubljana, Slovenia) will be played on combined dual lane conditions.



### Story 2008-40: Increased prize fund in England

Published on 9 August 2008 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



Andy James, the organizer of the Ebonite English Open, Stop 17 in the European Bowling Tour 2008, has announced an increased prize fund from 22.940 £ to 26.800 £ (approximately 34.200 €). The prize fund is increased with not less than 3.860 £.

Furthermore some benefits have been introduced for the early birds as follows:

Players will get a discount for entering in the squads on Wednesday by paying 70 £ for a primary entry and 50 £ for a re-entry instead of 90 £, respectively 60 £, which is the fees for entering on Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

In the four squads schedule on Thursday, the winner of each squad will be awarded 100 £ and the highest scoring player of all 4 squads on Thursday will be awarded additional 200 £.

The Ebonite English Open will be conducted in Lakeside Superbowl in Nuneaton, England on 3-7 December 2008. The tournament is open for squad bookings.

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### **Story 2008-41: ECC 2009 on Crete**

Published on 13 August 2008 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen

The Presidium of the European Tenpin Bowling Federation has decided to award the hosting of the European Champions Cup 2009 to the Hellenic Bowling Federation, which in 2007 was hosting the European Youth Championships in Thessaloniki very successfully.

This time, the Hellenic Bowling Federation has chosen the very beautiful situated Mega Place Bowling Club in Crania on Create as the host centre of the ECC 2009. The 16 lane centre in Crania hosted the Mediterranean Challenge Cup earlier this year (in April 2008).

The European Champions Cup 2009 will be conducted in the period of 21-28 September 2009.

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### Story 2008-42: New ETBF website hosting

Published on 14 August 2008 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen

Saturday night (on 16 August 2008), starting at 21.00, the content of the ETBF Websites will be transferred from our present provider to a new provider. At the same moment the hosting of our email server will be transferred between the same two providers.

We expect the transfer to take only a few hours, but there might be some disturbance in both the websites and a few etbf.dk emails ([ph@etbf.dk](mailto:ph@etbf.dk), [ra@etbf.dk](mailto:ra@etbf.dk) and [ktj@etbf.dk](mailto:ktj@etbf.dk)) in until 24 hours after the transfer begins.

In the period from the completion of the transfer and until the end of 2008, a row of other changes will be introduced and implemented, such as:

(A)

All members of the ETBF Presidium, and some ETBF Committee members, will get etbf.eu email addresses in the coming few weeks. Their addresses will be published when all is technically in place.

(B)

The content of [www.etbfarchives.dk](http://www.etbfarchives.dk) (national anthems and list of results since 1954) will be integrated in the main ETBF Website, which later on this year will be [www.etbf.eu](http://www.etbf.eu) only. When that task has ended, the Archive Website ([www.etbfarchives.dk](http://www.etbfarchives.dk)) will be closed.

(C)

At the end of 2008, the very well-known domain [www.etbf.dk](http://www.etbf.dk) will be closed and only [www.etbf.eu](http://www.etbf.eu) will exist. The etbf.dk domain was bought in 2001 because all other (like etbf.com, etbf.org and etbf.net) all was unavailable. Later on we managed to buy the etbf.eu domain and it will end up being the only domain in use for ETBF.

For each of the actions related to, information will be circulated when changes are about to be implemented.

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### Story 2008-43: New ETBF email addresses

Published on 30 August 2008 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen

It has previously been announced that the main address of the ETBF website has changed to [www.etbf.eu](http://www.etbf.eu) and furthermore that the (previous - now additional) domain [www.etbf.dk](http://www.etbf.dk) no longer will be connected to the ETBF website as of 1 January 2009.

In continuation of the change to [www.etbf.eu](http://www.etbf.eu) for the website, all members of the ETBF Presidium have got a related email address as follows:

[ao@etbf.eu](mailto:ao@etbf.eu) - Addie Ophelders, President  
[ktj@etbf.eu](mailto:ktj@etbf.eu) - Kim Thorsgaard Jensen, Vice President  
[ra@etbf.eu](mailto:ra@etbf.eu) - Roni Ashkenazi, Presidium member  
[sl@etbf.eu](mailto:sl@etbf.eu) - Sergey Lisitsyn, Presidium member  
[og@etbf.eu](mailto:og@etbf.eu) - Onder Gurkan, Presidium member  
[vg@etbf.eu](mailto:vg@etbf.eu) - Valgeir Gudbjartsson, Presidium member  
[rw@etbf.eu](mailto:rw@etbf.eu) - Rune Widell, Secretary General

Furthermore and .eu email address has been opened for the ETBF Technical Delegate Pini Hershkoviz, namely [ph@etbf.eu](mailto:ph@etbf.eu).

The following email addresses will be closed as of 1 January 2009: [ktj@etbf.dk](mailto:ktj@etbf.dk) (Kim Thorsgaard Jensen), [ra@etbf.dk](mailto:ra@etbf.dk) (Roni Ashkenazi) and [ph@etbf.dk](mailto:ph@etbf.dk) (Pini Hershkoviz).

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### **Story 2008-44: WMC 2008 in Bangkok**

Published on 30 August 2008 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen

For the first time in the history a World Championships, namely the EMC 2008 in Bangkok - Thailand, were open for all members of WTBA member federations, also members who in addition are members of a professional organization like the PBA.

Indeed the USBC team with 5 PBA players dominated the championships in Bangkok by winning 4 out of 6 gold medals and furthermore 1 silver medal and 2 bronze medals. But in some of the disciplines, the US team only won with a few pins and in the team event the gold was not won until after a roll off.

There is no doubt that the US team will be competing in the top at the World level (with or without PBA players) and that PBA players at the team will increase the strength of the team even further, but there is no general signs of a permanent US domination and over time it will be more balanced.

The most winning player at the EMC 2008 became USA's Walter Ray Williams Jr., with gold medals in the team event, in singles and in masters.

Remarkable at the WMC was also the team from Korea, who took care of the last 2 gold medals and 1 silver medal in addition, mainly be an excellent performance of the All Event winner Bok-Eum Choi.

Europe was very visible and represented in all Semi Finals except the trios event and with a final outcome of 3 silver and 8 bronze medals as presented below.

Denmark's Jesper Agerbo performed excellent at the day of the Masters and he walked the whole way to the final towards the later champion Walter Ray Williams Jr., who won 3-0 with a score of 740 over the 3 games. The silver medal won by Jesper Agerbo was the first ever medal won by a Danish man in a World Championships.

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### Story 2008-45: Maribor Open 2008 cancelled

Published on 31 August 2008 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



The organizer of the 2nd Maribor Open Strike Tournament, originally scheduled to be conducted on 6-14 September 2008 in Maribor - Slovenia, has today, Sunday 31 August 2008, announced for us that they are cancelling the tournament due to a low number of entries. We have replied to the organizer, the Bowling Centre Strike in Maribor, that we deeply regret their action and that the cancellation will be met by financial claims.

From the player's perspective, Article 14.4 in the EBT 2008 Rules is important:

If a tournament is cancelled (regardless the moment), players, who have already entered, must be compensated in full for any incurred loss or damage, meaning for example that non-refundable tickets for air and/or surface transportation must be reimbursed by the organizer upon receipt of proven documentation.

In each case, where a player is meeting the requirements presented in Article 14.4, the player must send an electronically issue of the documentation to Wolfgang Lohschmid at the email address [wolfgang.lohschmid@chello.at](mailto:wolfgang.lohschmid@chello.at) together with relevant bank details. Wolfgang Lohschmid will then take care of collecting the claims and present them for the organizer.

It is essential to underline that the tournament is not organized by Wolfgang Lohschmid that the decision of cancelling the tournament is not taken by Wolfgang Lohschmid that Wolfgang Lohschmid in general is hired to manage the tournament only and that Wolfgang Lohschmid as a clear consequence has no financial obligations for the tournament.

Anyhow, Wolfgang Lohschmid will do his best to help players, with a documented financial loss occurred as a consequence of the cancellation, to be compensated according to Article 14.4 by the organizer, the Bowling Centre Strike in Maribor.

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### Story 2008-46: Maribor Open 2009 removed

Published on 31 August 2008 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



As a consequence of the very late cancellation of the 2nd Maribor Open Strike Tournament from the European Bowling Tour 2008, the 3rd Maribor Open Strike Tournament has been removed from the European Bowling Tour 2009.

It reduces the number of tournaments in the European Bowling Tour 2009 to 16 according to the EBT Calendar for 2009 presented at this site.

### Story 2008-47: EBT 2008-12

Published on 22 September 2008 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



The first ever held EBT Premier, where the organizer offers a minimum prize fund of 100.000 € and where players are awarded triple ranking points for the tour standings, was concluded on Sunday 21 September in the very beautiful, friendly and hospital Rollhouse Bowling Centre in Ankara, Turkey.

England's Dominic Barrett took the second tour victory in his career (and a huge prize check of 15.000 €), when he defeated Finland's Pasi Uotila 490 - 413 in the two games final on Sunday night in Rollhouse.

In the Semi Finals Barrett was defeating the rather unknown, but very well playing, Alexey Parshukov from Russia 482 - 426, while Uotila was defeating the tour leader and fellow countryman Osku Palermaa 493 - 435.

Osku Palermaa is in front at the men's tour ranking with 544 points (105 points in Ankara), closely followed by Dominic Barrett at position 2 with 525 points (150 points in Ankara) and Tore Torgersen from Norway at position 3 with (66 points in Ankara).

In the women's division, Britt Brøndsted from Denmark became the highest ranked women for the 11th time in her career, which leaves her alone as the female players with the highest number of highest ranked positions in tour stops (achieved 2004-2000). Two players have been highest ranked in tour stops 10 times each; namely Bettina Lund from Denmark 2000-2005 as well as the actual tour leader, Kirsten Penny from England, over the years 2000-2003 and again.2007-2008.

Kirsten Penny still leads the women's division with 523 points (24 points in Ankara), followed by Nina Flack from Sweden at position 2 with 454 points (72 points in Ankara) and Nicole Sanders from The Netherlands at position 3 with 448 points (33 points in Ankara).



### Story 2008-48: EBT Masters 2008

Published on 25 September 2008 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



The very first European Bowling Tour Masters was played in Rollhouse Bowling Centre in Ankara, Turkey on 22-24 September 2008.

The introduction of a tour final was very well met by the players and only 2 out of 32 players' excused their participation and in both cases they were immediately replaced by the next positioned player in the ranking.

The best of three games final in the women's division became an overall Danish affair between Britt Brøndsted (tour winner in 2004, 2005 and 2006) and Kamilla Kjeldsen (tour winner in 2000 and 2003) with Kjeldsen as the winner in two games (188 vs. 187 and 237 vs. 179).

Also the men's final became an internal national affair, in this case for Finland, since the battle was set up between Osku Palermaa (tour winner in 2007) and Pasi Uotila.

Pasi Uotila had a chance to beat Osku Palermaa 2-0, but the lack of the first strike in the 10th frame of the 2nd game brought Palermaa back in the match and he repaid by producing a couple of strikes and later by winning the 3rd game in a superior style. The scores of the 2-1 match were 180 vs. 212, 220 vs. 207 and 242 vs. 209.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> EBT Masters will be played in Lovvang Bowling Center in Aalborg following the conclusion of Brunswick Aalborg International in May 2009.

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### **Story 2008-49: ECC 2010 in Turkey**

Published on 2 October 2008 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen

The Presidium of the European Tenpin Bowling Federation has at recently held meeting decided to award the hosting of the European Champions Cup 2010 to Turkey.

The centre of the event will be the beautiful 16 lane Rollhouse Bowling Centre, situated at the coastline city of Mersin, which hosted the Mediterranean Challenge Cup in 2007.

The European Champions Cup 2010 will be conducted in the period of 25 October - 1 November 2010.

The Rollhouse Bowling Centre is a well-known name, since a centre of the same name in Ankara, also a property of the very bowling friendly Osman Aydin, just recently hosted two outstanding events; the very first Premier in the European Bowling Tour, the Ankara Open, followed by the very first EBT Masters.

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### **Story 2008-50: Kegel Agreement 2009-2011**

Published on 3 October 2008 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen

The first lane maintenance agreement between Kegel and ETBF was a one year agreement for 2005 and the second lane maintenance agreement between Kegel and ETBF is a three years agreement, terminating at the end of this year.

In the last months pleasant, constructive and progressive negotiations has taken place between Kegel and ETBF, with the purpose to enter into the third consecutive lane maintenance agreement between the two partners.

As expected, we succeeded and we are therefore able to present Kegel as the Official Lane Maintenance Partner for ETBF for yet another three years period, namely for 2009-2011.

The main objectives for the agreement is lane maintenance at ETBF Championships, lane maintenance at selected EBT Stops and in addition some other services provided by Kegel.

Lane maintenance provided by Kegel is mandatory for championship hosts and in the agreement period ETBF will conduct a total of 9 championships, which is 1 European Women Championships (2010), 2 European Men Championships (2009 and 2011), 3 European Youth Championships and 3 European Champion Cups.

Lane maintenance provided by Kegel is optional for the organizer of all categories of EBT Tournaments, but with different conditions for organizers of EBT Masters, Premiers and Majors on the one side and EBT Challengers on the other side.

In addition to the lane maintenance part of the agreement, Kegel will provide the ETBF Technical Committee with a new Kegel LaneMapper to efficiently and accurately inspect the bowling lanes in centres hosting ETBF Championships as well as any bowling centre wishing to obtain an official ETBF Centre Certification.

It was and it is essential for the ETBF Presidium to deal with a professional lane maintenance partner to ensure as fair conditions as possible for our sport. The ETBF Presidium is therefore very pleased and satisfied for the continued close partnership with Kegel for 2009-2011.

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### **Story 2008-51: Changed EBT Masters format**

Published on 5 October 2008 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen

After having studied the 1st EBT Masters on stage, after having discussed the format with some of the involved parties and after having evaluated the situation, the ETBF Presidium have decided to change the format of the Masters, already with effect for the EBT Masters 2009.

The format of the 1st EBT Masters 2009 was 3 X 8 games qualification on short oil, long oil and a combined dressing followed by the top 8 elimination in 3 rounds of best of 3 games matches. The duration of the 1st EBT Masters was 3 days.

The format of the 2nd EBT Masters 2009 will be 3 X 6 games qualification on short oil, long oil and a combined dressing followed by an 8 players Round Robin, including 7 one game matches (20 points for a win, 10 points for a tie) and a one game position round without bonus.

There might be a short 3 players stepladder final added to the Round Robin in some future masters, but from a starting point of view it is not expected to happen at the EBT Masters 2009.

By introducing the new EBT Masters format, it is possible to reduce the duration of the tournament to 2 days and furthermore it will end late afternoon of the 2nd day, so at least some of the participants will be able to leave already in the evening of day 2 of the tournament.

Because of a recently reduced number of stops in the European Bowling Tour, it has been necessary slightly to reduce the total prize fund for each gender at the coming two EBT Masters from 20.000 € to 18.000 €.

The reduction is 125 € per participant, which basically is compensated by the fact that each participant can shorten his/her stay at the site of the masters with 1-2 days and furthermore, if name sponsors later on are found, more money might be added to the prize pools.

### Story 2008-52: EBT 2008-13

Published on 7 October 2008 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



Patricia Luoto from Finland performed outstanding in the recently conducted European Bowling Tour tournament in Vienna, the Colombia 300 Vienna Open, when she won the tournament 244 vs. 201 against Martin Paulsson from Sweden in the one game final.

In the foregoing Semi Finals, two Germans left the tournament, Pascal Winterheimer after a 178-231 lost against Patricia Luoto and Lars Tangermann after a 142-226 lost against Martin Paulsson.

Patricia Luoto became in Vienna the highest ranked women in a tour tournament for the 4th time in her career, while Martin Paulsson was highest ranked for the first time in his.

Points awarded in the Vienna tournament did not change the top standing of the women's division in the European Bowling Tour, where we still finds Kirsten Penny from England at position 1 with 567 points (44 points in Vienna), Nina Flack from Sweden at position 2 with 504 points (50 points in Vienna) and Nicole Sanders from The Netherlands at position 3 with 478 points (30 points in Vienna).

In the men's division a number of the top ranked players were missing because of their obligations in the Weber Cup in England and as a consequence the top of the tour ranking remained unchanged Osku Palermaa from Finland at position 1 with 544 points, Dominic Barrett from England at position 2 with 525 points and Tore Torgersen from Norway at position 3 with 475 points.

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### **Story 2008-53: Reykjavik International is cancelled**

Published on 13 October 2008 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen

Due to the financial crises on Iceland, the organizers of Reykjavik International, originally scheduled to be conducted on 10-18 January 2009, have been forced to cancel the tournament.

The organizers have promised to re-fund players with eventually non-refundable flight tickets ordered, not that there has been any claims until now.

The organizer hopes to come back with Reykjavik International in 2010.

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### **Story 2008-54: Future World Championships**

Published on 18 October 2008 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen

The WTBA Presidium has decided that the World Men Championships 2010 will be played in Munich, Germany on 11-22 August 2010. The championships will be played in Dream Bowl Palace Munich, a new 52 lane centre opening in 2009.

At the same meeting it was decided to return to the capital of Malaysia, Kuala Lumpur, for the World Women Championships 2011. The championships will be played on 31 August - 11 September 2011 in the very well-known Pyramid Bowl, among many other events hosting the World Championships for both men and women in 2003.

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### Story 2008-55: Lane maintenance in 2009

Published on 19 October 2008 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



Kegel is by the ETBF Presidium appointed as the Official Lane Maintenance Partner for ETBF and as a consequence Kegel offers lane maintenance in the European Bowling tour as an option for the organizers of EBT Majors and Premiers.

In 2009, the lane maintenance will be done by Kegel in the following 9 tournaments:

#### **Stop 02: Hammer Bronzen Schietspoel Tournament 2009**

15-22 February 2009 in Dolfijn Bowling, Tilburg - The Netherlands

#### **Stop 03: VI Catalonia Open - Trofeu Galasa**

24 February - 1 March 2009 in Bowling Pedrables, Barcelona – Catalonia

#### **Stop 05: 6<sup>th</sup> Istanbul Bowling Open**

30 March - 5 April 2009 in Time Out Bowling Centre, Istanbul – Turkey

#### **Stop 07: Brunswick Aalborg International 2009**

18-24 May 2009 in Lovvang Bowling Centre, Aalborg – Denmark

#### **Stop 09: 5<sup>th</sup> Storm San Marino Open**

4-12 July 2009 in Rose'n Bowl, Serravalle - San Marino

#### **Stop 10: 31 Trofeu Internacional Ciutat de Barcelona**

14-19 July 2009 in Bowling Pedrables, Barcelona – Catalonia

#### **Stop 11: Ankara Open**

12-20 September 2009 in Rollhouse Bowling Centre, Ankara – Turkey

#### **Stop 12: 7<sup>th</sup> Vienna Open**

29 September - 4 October 2009 in Plus Bowling, Vienna – Austria

#### **Stop 14: 6<sup>th</sup> Oltremare Championships**

14-22 November 2009 in Oltremare Bowling Arena, Naples – Italy

In addition to tour stops, there will be Kegel lane maintenance at the following events in 2009:

#### **European Youth Championships 2009**

4-13 April 2009 in Baltiska Bowlinghallen, Malmoe – Sweden

#### **EBT Masters 2009**

25-26 May 2009 in Lovvang Bowling Centre, Aalborg – Denmark

#### **European Men Championships 2009**

4-14 June 2009 in Lovvang Bowling Centre, Aalborg – Denmark

#### **European Champions Cup 2009**

21-28 September 2009 in Mega Place Bowling Club, Chania (Crete) – Greece



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### Story 2008-56: EBT 2008-14

Published on 19 October 2008 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



Finland's Osku Palermaa took his second tour stop win this season, when he defeated his fellow countryman Petteri Salonen 235 - 227 in the one game final of the new stop of the European Bowling Tour, the Ebonite Lahti Open conducted in Joni Helminen's centre, Lahti Bowl.

In the foregoing one game Semi Finals Palermaa defeated Petri Mannonen with one pin 217 - 216 in another Finish-Finish battle, while Salonen defeated Patricia Luoto from Germany 203 - 184.

It was Patricia Luoto's second highest ranked position in the women's division after her win in Vienna for a few weeks ago.

Osku Palermaa is on his way to the absolute top of the ever running list of highest ranked, since his position in Lahti was the 7th in his career and that brings him to a position 3 at the list, just after Gery Verbruggen from Belgium and Paul Moor from England both with 10 in highest ranked positions in their pools.

In the absence of the most of the English tour crew in Lahti, Osku Palermaa took more distance to Dominic Barrett from England. Palermaa is in the lead with 594 points in front of Barrett with 525 points at position 2 and Tore Torgersen from Norway at position 3 with 490 points.

In the women's division, the gap between the two highest seeded went smaller, when Kirsten Penny from England in her absence stayed at 567 points, while second positioned Nina Flack from Sweden after 40 points in Lahti moved closer with a new total of 544 points and also third positioned Nicole Sanders from The Netherlands moved closer after 20 points in Lahti and a new total of 498 points.

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### Story 2008-57: Ankara Open Premier in 2009

Published on 22 October 2008 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



Ankara Open (2008) was the first tournament with a Premier status ever held in the European Bowling Tour. An EBT Premier tournament has a prize pool of at least 100.000 € and triple ranking points, among a lot of other qualities.

Just for a while ago we received the very good news that the organizer of Ankara Open, the Rollhouse Bowling Centre and its owner Osman Aydin, has decided to apply for an upgrade to Premier status also for the Ankara Open in 2009.

The request has indeed been met by ETBF and we are for the second consecutive year in a row proud to present an EBT Premier in the European Bowling Tour.

At the same moment the organizer announces a slight date change of one week, meaning that the conduction of the Ankara Open in beautiful and hospital Rollhouse Bowling Centre / Bilkent will be 5-13 September 2009 instead of 12-20 September 2009 as previously announced.

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### **Story 2008-58: ECC 2008 in Duisburg**

Published on 25 October 2008 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen

Zara Glover from England and Thomas Gross from Austria took each their title in the 31st issue of the European Champions Cup, conducted at Achim Grabowski's place in Duisburg.

Zara Glovers triumph came after a 2-0 win (206-203 and 233-186) over Krista Pöllänen from Finland in the final and after a 2-1 Semi Final win (259-248, 172-199 and 245-187) over Patricia Luoto from Germany, while Pöllänen came to the final after a Semi Final win over Ivonne Gross from Austria (234-269, 201-169 and 235-202).

Thomas Gross defeated Norway's Svein Roger Olsen 2-1 in the final (168-154, 201-192, 197-169) and Sweden's Mathias Aarup 2-0 in the Semi Final (257-238 and 237-196), while Svein Roger Olsen eliminated Finland's Sami Konsteri 2-0 (277-237 and 222-184) in the other Semi Final.

After an ECC silver medal in 2005 and another ECC silver medal in 2007, it was Thomas Gross' third ECC crown attempt in only 4 years and as such a much deserved triumph and indeed a great day for the Goss family with a gold medal to the husband and a bronze medal to wife Ivonne.

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### Story 2008-59: Claims to Maribor Open

Published on 27 October 2008 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



Late August we were unfortunately forced to announce the cancellations of the 2nd Maribor Open Strike Tournament from the European Bowling Tour 2008 and the 3rd Maribor Open Strike Tournament from the European Bowling Tour 2009.

Due to the late cancellation of Maribor Open this year, we expected a number of claims from players as a consequence of partly or full non-refundable flight tickets.

Since Wolfgang Lohschmid was hired to organize the Maribor Open (on conditions as employee, indeed not as a co-organizer), Wolfgang kindly accepted to collect players claims followed by a presentation of claims for the organizer in Maribor; with the goal that all players should be refunded 1:1 for all documented non-refundable expenses.

The task of collecting the claims (the number became 24 from players) ended for many weeks ago and since then Wolfgang has been trying to address the organizer with the claims from the players, with a 3.500 € claim from ETBF and with Wolfgang's own personal claims.

The efforts has, so far, not paid back and Wolfgang and ETBF has therefore agreed that time has come to release Wolfgang from seeking refunding of the player's and ETBF's expenses, which hereafter will be continued more formally by ETBF.

The organizer has, however, in an email from late August announced that he is aware of the existence of related costs when a tournament is cancelled. We must therefore presume, that the refunding will take place even we never are able to deliver any complete guarantee.

How long time we will need is not known, but we can ensure that we, if needed, will keep this case alive for a very long time, like we have done in similar cases back in the history.

In case of a break through or if just new information becomes available, all involved will be contacted directly by me and/or by another representative of ETBF.

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### **Story 2008-60: ETBF elections in 2009**

Published on 28 October 2008 by Addie Ophelders

We all know that next year in June 2009 we are getting together in Aalborg, Denmark. Not only for the European Men Championships in Lovvang Bowling Centre, of which the Opening ceremony is planned on 5 June 2009, but also for our bi-annual Congress of the ETBF.

The ETBF Presidium is meeting on 2 June 2009 and the Congress of ETBF will be on 3 June 2009. In due time you will all get a formal invitation to attend that congress and the Presidium sincerely hopes that a record number of delegates from our 49 member federations will attend (personally I would like to see you all).

Among the items on the agenda is election of officers. During our recent Presidium meeting we already discussed this.

In June 2009 the Congress will elect:  
President until the Congress in 2013  
Two Presidium members until the Congress in 2013  
One Presidium member until the Congress in 2011

The incumbent officers Addie Ophelders, Sergey Lisitsyn, Onder Gurkan and Valgeir Gudbjartsson have all made their intentions clear that they are prepared to run again. Addie Ophelders is running for President.

Kim Thorsgaard Jensen (Vice President) and Roni Ashkenazi (Presidium member) is not for election in 2009, since their terms ends in 2011.

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### **Story 2008-61: New ETBF Technical Delegate**

Published on 3 November 2008 by Addie Ophelders

The ETBF Presidium is proud to be able to announce that we have a new Technical Delegate. Marios Nicolaides from Cyprus completed just recently an intensive training to become a qualified ETBF technical delegate.

After the theoretical training he received from René Exelmans, he had his practical part under the supervision of Pini HersHKovitz. During the practical sessions he was also instructed by Kegel, the official lane maintenance partner of ETBF.

According to his teachers, Marios Nicolaides will be a great asset to the technical staff of ETBF.

It was with great pleasure that the certificate was presented to him by the President of ETBF, Addie Ophelders, on Saturday 25 October 2008 in Duisburg, Germany.

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### Story 2008-62: Belgian Open cancelled

Published on 8 November 2008 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



Due to unforeseen circumstances, the organizer of the Brunswick Belgian Open has been forced to cancel the tournament. The Brunswick Belgian Open was supposed to be conducted at the end of May 2009 in Gent as the 8th stop of the European Bowling Tour 2009.

The organizer has promised to pay all outstanding fees to ETBF and as a consequence of the early cancellation, no players is presumed to be left with non-refundable tickets, meaning that no other claims should occur as a result of the cancellation.

It reduces the number of tournaments in the European Bowling Tour 2009 to 15 according to the EBT Calendar for 2009.

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### Story 2008-63: EBT Masters 2010 and 2011

Published on 8 November 2008 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



The task of hosting the European Bowling Tour Masters 2010 and 2011 has been open for bits for a while, but so far we have not received any applications.

Please pay attention to the fact that you have a possibility to attract 2 X 16 top players from Europe to your country / centre for a very low cost.

The main conditions are as follows:

The prize money will be provided by ETBF.

It is an option for you to supplement the prize pool, but it is not demanded.

You need a centre free of other activities in two days from the morning until about 18.00 both days.

The costs for the organizer is, besides the lane fees (if any), transportation the day before, during and the day after the EBT Masters and in addition normal administration costs for organizing a tournament, such as costs for referees, result system etc.

For the sake of player's travel expenses, we prefer the masters to be connected to a tour stop in 2010 and in 2011, but depending of the offers from the organizer/host, other bids might be accepted.

If you are interested, please contact Kim Thorsgaard Jensen at [ktj@etbf.eu](mailto:ktj@etbf.eu) soonest convenient and latest on Friday 23 January 2009.

The ETBF Presidium will select the host of the EBT Masters 2010 and the EBT Masters 2011 at its meeting on 6-7 February 2009.



### Story 2008-64: EBT 2009 rule adjustments

Published on 10 November 2008 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



For about a week ago, a number of tour stop organizers were together for the 2<sup>nd</sup> EBT Symposium 2008 in Barcelona.

Many topics was discussed at the symposium, of which some will influence the rules of the EBT 2009, others will influence the rules of the EBT 2010.

In this press release we will present three changes in the EBT 2009 Rules. Changes in the EBT 2010 Rules will be published later on.

#### **Changed conditions for penalty invoices**

Any organizer has the right to issue a penalty invoice to players having got penalty points in the organizer's own tournament. The size of the penalty invoice depends on the number of penalty points (1, 2 or 3).

If the penalty invoice is not paid inside a 30 days period, the player will get another penalty point, while nothing happens if the penalty invoice is paid.

New as of Stop 01 in the EBT 2009 is, that all penalty points given in a tournament will be removed if the penalty invoice is fully paid inside the 30 days period.

#### **Warm up shots in case of machine break downs**

No rules exist for actions to be taken in case of machine break downs. The following two articles will be in effect as of Stop 01 in the EBT 2009:

The Tournament Manager will make all decisions regarding the continuation or rescheduling of games in the event of a mechanical breakdown.

If a breakdown requires players to move to an alternate pair, not previously used in the squad or final stage, each player required to move will be allowed two warm-up shots on each lane.

#### **Prizes lower than 600 € will be allowed in EBT Premiers**

In the highest category of tour tournaments, EBT Premiers, the international prize pool must be minimum 100.000 € and no prizes inside this amount can be lower than 600 €.

As of the EBT 2009, prizes of less than 600 € is permitted in EBT Premiers, but only for prizes exceeding the minimum prize pool of 100.000 € and for positions with number 49 or higher.

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### Story 2008-65: Luxembourg back in the EBT

Published on 11 November 2008 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



We are with pleasure welcoming Claude Legrand and his International Luxembourg Open, back in the European Bowling Tour as Stop 07 in the EBT 2009.

The International Luxembourg Open, which has been in the tour the last three years, will be conducted on 5-10 May 2009 in X-Treme Bowling & Billiard in Fötz, Luxembourg.

With the return of the International Luxembourg Open, we are back at 16 tournaments in the EBT 2009 according to the EBT Calendar for 2009, presented at this site.

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### Story 2008-66: Name change in Vienna

Published on 13 November 2008 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



As a consequence of a sponsorship, the name of Stop 12 in the European Bowling Tour 2009 has changed from the 7th Vienna Open to Columbia 300 Vienna Open.

The tournament will unchanged be conducted on 29 September to 4 October 2009 in Plus Bowling in Vienna, Austria.

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### Story 2008-67: Name change in Luxembourg

Published on 13 November 2008 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



As a consequence of a sponsorship, the name of Stop 07 in the European Bowling Tour 2009 has changed from the International Luxembourg Open to Ebonite International Luxembourg Open.

The tournament will, as published a few days ago, be conducted on 5-10 May 2009 in X-Treme Bowling & Billiard in Fötz, Luxembourg.

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### Story 2008-68: Four categories in the EBT 2010

Published on 17 November 2008 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



The ETBF Presidium has made two important decisions for the European Bowling Tour, which both will be in effect for the EBT 2010.

First of all we want to give more organizers, regions and federations opportunities to be visible in the EBT, because we believe that many tournaments can grow and develop better inside than outside the tour. We are therefore opening the tour for tournaments with a minimum prize pool of € 20.000.

Furthermore we have followed the debate and the use of the category names, and we have found that especially Majors often are misunderstood and associated with intentions and developments which never will materialize.

These misunderstandings and expectations most certainly exist because of the use of the name in other sports, where the history, the financial situation and the premises in general are completely different from the conditions for the sport of bowling.

Because the intention for the introduction of categories in the EBT was to establish various groups of tournaments with various characteristics, and not just to copy other sports or create unrealistic expectations, the ETBF Presidium has decided both to re-name all categories and to introduce another 4<sup>th</sup> category as of the EBT 2010.

*Definitions in use in the category presentations:*

#### Entry Value:

Sometimes the entry value is misunderstood as the entry fee, but it's not. The entry value is a ratio used to evaluate the interrelation between the size of the prize fund and the entry fee. It is calculated as the total prize fund divided with the maximum primary entry fee.

#### Prize fund:

All prize money allocated for individual players in the international part of the tournament.

#### Clash:

A tournament, ending in for instance the same weekend when another tournament is beginning its first squads, is an overlap and not a clash.

#### **EBT Satellite Tournaments (new category)**

The prize fund must be minimum € 20.000

The entry value must be minimum 150

An EBT Satellite Tournament cannot clash with tournaments in any of the other categories. EBT Satellite Tournaments can clash with each other, but normally only if they are scheduled with a suitable geographical distance and in each case after careful and complete investigations carried out by the ETBF Tournament Committee.

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

The organizers' EBT Fee will be € 1.500

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### **EBT Silver Tournaments (previously Challengers)**

The prize fund must be minimum € 40.000

The entry value must be minimum 225

An EBT Silver Tournament cannot clash with any other EBT Tournaments

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

The organizers' EBT Fee will be € 2.500

### **EBT Gold Tournaments (previously Majors)**

The prize fund must be minimum € 60.000

The entry value must be minimum 325

An EBT Gold Tournament cannot clash with any other EBT Tournaments

The ranking point table will be in use with a factor 3

The organizers' EBT Fee will be € 4.000

### **EBT Platinum Tournaments (previously Premiers)**

The prize fund must be minimum € 100.000

The entry value must be minimum 500

An EBT Platinum Tournament cannot clash with any other EBT Tournaments

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

The organizers' EBT Fee will be € 5.000

A tournament can enter for the first time in the tour only in the categories EBT Satellite or EBT Silver.

To achieve the EBT Gold or the EBT Platinum status, the tournament must have been adopted at least once in a previous EBT.

There will be a maximum of 3 tournaments from a federation in total for the categories EBT Platinum, EBT Gold and EBT Silver.

There is in principle no limit of the number of EBT Satellites from the same federation in the tour, but the number will, with considerations for the general tour calendar, be regulated by the ETBF Presidium from year to year.

The above presented characteristics will be implemented in the EBT 2010 Rules, which, together with the invitation for 2010 applications, will be published mid-February 2009.

The composition of the EBT 2010 will be published around 1 July 2009.

### Story 2008-69: EBT 2008-15

Published on 24 November 2008 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



Nina Flack from Sweden went into the lead of the women's division in the European Bowling Tour 2008, after being not only the highest ranked women in Stop 15 in Naples, but also after having won the tournament with a 234 - 216 victory over Norway's Tore Torgersen in the one game final.

After the 5th Oltremare Championships Columbia 300 Open, Nina Flack keeps a 644 points total, 51 points ahead of the EBT 2007 winner, Kirsten Penny from England at position 2 (593 points in total, 26 points in Naples) and 76 points ahead of Nicole Sanders from The Netherlands at position 3 (568 points in total, 70 points in Naples).

Nina Flack are heading towards a conclusion of a brilliant year, where she for sure, after her Master title in the European Women Championships in Odense only 5 months ago (including gold medals also in the double and the team events), looks like a very serious bit for the 2008 EBT women's division queen.

Tore Torgersen has been very active in the tour this year, and he has been in the top 4 of the ranking more or less the whole season. After the 100 points awarded in Naples, Torgersen jumped to a second position with 590 points, 74 points after leading Osku Palermaa from Finland and his total of 654 (60 points in Naples) points and 21 points ahead of Dominic Barrett from England at position 3 with 569 points (44 points in Naples).

The 2008 issue of the European Bowling Tour comes closer to its conclusion, where two stops remains; the Ebonite English Open to be conducted on 3-7 December in Nuneaton, England and finally the 8th Qatar International Open 2008, the first tour stop ever outside Europe, to be conducted on 6-13 December in Qatar's capital Doha.

With both leading players signed up for the last two tournaments in the EBT 2008, it looks like the actual leading players will be difficult to remove from their leading positions when the tour concludes in Doha on 13 December.

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### Story 2008-70: Luxembourg moved to October

Published on 1 December 2008 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



As a consequence of a serious clash with a national event in a neighbour country, the organizer of the Ebonite International Luxembourg Open has been forced to move the tournament to October.

The tournament, which recently was re-adopted in the tour, was scheduled for May 2009, but as a consequence of the clash, it is moved to 20-25 October 2009.

The tournament will be conducted in X-Treme Bowling & Billiard in Fötz, Luxembourg.



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### Story 2008-71: EBT 2008-16

Published on 8 December 2008 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



The final of the second last stop of the European Bowling Tour 2008, the Ebonite English Open, became an overall women affair between the no. 1 and the no. 2 ranked in the women's division of the tour, Nina Flack from Sweden and Kirsten Penny from England.

In this internal women's top battle, Kirsten Penny won 2-1 (232-234, 198-164 and 229-210) in the best of three games final. It was Kirsten Penny's 11th highest ranked position in a tour stop ever and it positions her at a shared 1-2 position of most won stops together with Britt Brøndsted from Denmark.

Kirsten Penny's victory prevented a situation, where Nina Flack already could have declared herself as the tour queen of 2008, but with a point gap of 41 between the two women it is still theoretical possible for Penny to catch up during the last tour stop in Doha, even it looks close to mission impossible.

Opposite to the situation in the women's division, the men's division has been decided by Osku Palermaa from Finland, who, after 21 points awarded in England, will be the winner of the tour for the second consecutive year in a row.

The tour is heading towards Doha in Qatar, where the first ever stop outside Europe, and the last stop of the EBT 2008, is held in the period of 6-13 December.

At the conclusion of the tournament in Doha, we will be able to publish the top 8 men and the top 8 women qualified for the very last World Ranking Masters, to be conducted in Naples, Italy on 27 April - 3 May 2009 and to publish the top 16 men and the top 16 women qualified for the 2nd EBT Masters, to be conducted in Aalborg, Denmark on 25-26 May 2009.

### Story 2008-72: EBT 2008 in numbers

Published on 14 December 2008 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



The total number of bowlers taking part in the EBT 2008 became 3.789 in 17 stops, which gives an average of 223 players per stop. The average number of players per stop in 2007 was 216.

The average number of re-entries per stop became record high in 2008, since not less than 351 re-entries was bought per stop, while 275 re-entries was bought per stop in 2007.

The average number of entries was increased from 491 per stop in 2007 to 574 per stop in 2008.

The highest number of player in a tour stop is still the 440 players taking part in the 1st Viernheim Open in 2005.

The highest number of re-entries in one stop occurred in 2008 in Qatar, where 561 re-entries were sold.

The highest number of entries in one tournament is 960, which happened during the Brunswick Euro Challenge in Paris in 2008.

In the first 8 tours 2000-2007, the re-entry ratio in one stop only passed 2 per player twice and both happened in Turkey in 2007, namely at the Istanbul Bowling Open (2.02) and at the Ankara Open (2.09). In 2008 it happened three times, again in Istanbul (2.12), again in Ankara (2.68) and then we got an overwhelming new record in Qatar, where a re-entry ratio of not less than 3.90 occurred.

The highest number of tournament conducted in one tour is 20, which happened both in 2005 and 2006.

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### Story 2008-73: EBT 2008-17

Published on 14 December 2008 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



The very first stop ever held outside Europe, the 8th Qatar International Open Tournament, concluded the 9th edition of the European Bowling Tour, the EBT 2008.

In the last half year, Nina Flack has been a dominating name in Europe, beginning with tripe gold at the European Women Championships in June, a tour stop victory in Naples in November, another tour stop victory in Qatar in December and finally a superb finish in the European Bowling Tour 2008 with the following series in the 6 last stops:

6ht highest ranked in Ankara in September  
5th highest ranked in Vienna in October  
2nd highest ranked in Lahti in October  
Highest ranked in Naples in November  
2nd highest ranked in Nuneaton in December  
Highest ranked in Doha in December

In Qatar, the tour stop victory, and a nice pay check of not less than 30.000 €, became a reality for Nina Flack after her 435-413 win over England's Dominic Barrett in the two games final.

In the Semi Finals Flack eliminated Jason Belmonte from Australia 472-363 and Barrett eliminated Remy Ong from Singapore 466-449.

Nina flack concluded a shining 2008 tour at the top with 734 points, followed by the 2007 tour winner Kirsten Penny from England with 678 points and Nicole Sanders with 588 points at the next positions in the women's division.

In the men's division, it has for a long time looked like a second tour victory for Finland's Osku Palermaa, and it became a reality when he concluded the tour at position 1 with 689 points, followed by Dominic Barrett from England with 644 points and Tore Torgersen from Norway with 623 points at the next positions.

The EBT 2009 is about to take off only a little month from now, when the tour is opened for the 10th time in a row with a real classic, the rich of traditions Brunswick Ballmaster Open in Helsinki, which have opened the tour ever since the tour was started in January 2000.

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### Story 2008-74: Qualified for the Masters

Published on 14 December 2008 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



By the conclusion of the last stop of the European Bowling Tour 2008 in Doha - Qatar, the top rankings of both divisions are ready to present as listed below.

The Top 8 ranked in each division are qualified for the last World Ranking Masters, which will be conducted in Naples, Italy on 27 April - 3 May 2009, while the Top 16 ranked in each division are qualified for the 2<sup>nd</sup> edition of the EBT Masters, which will be held in Aalborg, Denmark on 25-26 May 2009 after the conclusion of the Brunswick Aalborg International.

Qualified for the WRM 2009 and the EBT Masters 2009			
1	Nina Flack	Sweden	734
2	Kirsten Penny	England	678
3	Nicole Sanders	The Netherlands	588
4	Ghislaine van der Tol	The Netherlands	420
5	Patricia Luoto	Germany	419
6	Britt Brøndsted	Denmark	364
7	Marilyn Planchard	France	357
8	Tina Hulsch	Germany	342
Qualified for the EBT Masters 2009			
9	Rikke Holm Rasmussen	Denmark	312
10	Anne Lorraine Gales	Denmark	312
11	Wendy Kok	The Netherlands	300
12	Veronica Lantto	Sweden	298
13	Lotte Houbo Pedersen	Denmark	296
14	Krista Pöllänen	Finland	291
15	Kamilla Kjeldsen	Denmark	291
16	Anja Ginge Jensen	Denmark	280
The first substitutes			
17	Zara Glover	England	269

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18	Priscilla Maaswinkel	The Netherlands	249
19	Mai Ginge Jensen	Denmark	246
20	Isabelle Sacco	France	245

### Qualified for the WRM 2009 and the EBT Masters 2009

1	Osku Palermaa	Finland	689
2	Dominic Barrett	England	644
3	Tore Torgersen	Norway	623
4	Martin Larsen	Sweden	538
5	Peter Ljung	Sweden	459
6	Paul Moor	England	361
7	Stuart Williams	England	356
8	Robert Andersson	Sweden	345

### Qualified for the EBT Masters 2009

9	Pasi Uotila	Finland	322
10	Thomas Gross	Austria	298
11	Yoan Alix	France	283
12	Dennis Eklund	Sweden	276
13	Martin Paulsson	Sweden	272
14	Jason Belmonte	Australia	253
15	Jouni Helminen	Finland	240
16	Mikael Kanold	Sweden	222

### The first substitutes

17	Mads Sandbækken	Norway	218
18	Remy Ong	Singapore	210
19	Fredrik Öhrgaard	Denmark	195
20	Jesper Agerbo	Denmark	193

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### **Story 2008-75: ETBF Educational Programmes**

Published on 17 December 2008 by Addie Ophelders

The Education committee of ETBF, under the leadership of Onder Gurkan, has been working very hard to create a coaching program and a national development system.

It is our goal to follow ENSSSHE's (The European Network of Sport Sciences in Higher Education) 5-level structure for the recognition of coaching qualifications in EU.

Our existing Level Programs are:

Level I to educate coaches for beginning bowlers and youth.

Level II to educate coaches for training intermediate bowlers (Level I am prerequisite).

To create the Level I and Level II it took many years of hard work and experience; experience we got also from member federation countries that are very far developed already. Our programs are supported by Kegel, Ebonite and USBC.

As a result of the cooperation of the three mentioned before, the Education Committee of the European Tenpin Bowling Federation is also able to provide our member federations with clinics about lane maintenance and lane certification.

Our programs were, most of the time, held in the country that had sufficient candidates. For the year 2009 we are planning to have clinics at a central place in Europe, so that federations that only have a few candidates can send them to that central place. So, you can still organize a clinic in your own country, providing you have sufficient number of candidates (minimum 10) or you can send your potential candidates to the central place in Europe.

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### Story 2008-76: Changes in Qatar

Published on 29 December 2008 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



The organizer of Stop 16 in the European Bowling Tour 2009, Qatar Bowling Federation, has decided to change the name of the tournament from the "9th Qatar International Bowling Tournament 2009" to a shorter version, namely the "9th Qatar Bowling Open".

Furthermore, as a consequence of a clash with another event in the region, the organizer has decided to move the tournament one week, from 5-12 December to 12-19 December 2009.