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### Story 2009-01: EBT 2009-01

Published on 13 January 2009 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



For the 10th time, in just as many possibilities, the European Bowling Tour took off in fantastic Tali Bowling Centre in Helsinki - Finland, where Brunswick Ballmaster Open was conducted for the 39th consecutive time.

The always very well organized tournament in Tali was attended by 382 players and not less than 825 entries were played.

The tournament has not had a non-Finnish winner since 1996 (Tore Torgersen from Norway) and 2009 became no exception.

For the third time in his career, Brunswick Ballmaster Open became a highlight for Pasi Uotila from Finland, who defeated England's Dominic Barrett 214-212 in a very exiting final. In the Semi Finals, Pasi Uotila defeated Dennis Eklund from Sweden 184-168, while Dominic Barrett defeated the organizer Kimmo Lehtonen 223-204.

Nicole Sanders from The Netherlands played a very good tournament against the many (not least Finnish) male players and she was even very close to reach the Semi Finals after a very close 2-3 match against Kimmo Lehtonen in the best of 5 games quarter final.

Obviously Nicole Sanders begins the tour season at position 1 in the women's ranking, followed by Patricia Luoto from Germany and Krista Pöllänen from Finland at the next positions.

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### Story 2009-02: EBT Masters 2009

Published on 17 January 2009 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



A short inquiry among the qualified players, concerning their wish to participate in the EBT Masters 2009, has taken place the last couple of weeks; and yesterday we received the last answer.

The result of the inquiry is very satisfying for ETBF and for bowling in Europe, since no excuses were received, i.e. the field of 32 athletes, who will play the EBT Masters 2009, is identical with the list of qualified players.

The EBT Masters 2009 will be conducted in Lovvang Bowling Centre, Aalborg - Denmark on 25-26 May 2009, just after the conclusion of the EBT 2009 Stop 07, the Brunswick Aalborg International 2009.

Find below a list of the 16 qualified women and the 16 qualified men for the EBT Masters 2009.

#### **Women qualified for the EBT Masters 2009:**

Nina Flack, Sweden  
Kirsten Penny, England  
Nicole Sanders, The Netherlands  
Ghislaine van der Tol, The Netherlands  
Patricia Luoto, Germany  
Britt Brøndsted, Denmark  
Marilyn Planchard, France  
Tina Hulsch, Germany  
Anne Lorraine Gales, Denmark  
Rikke Holm Rasmussen, Denmark  
Wendy Kok, The Netherlands  
Veronica Lantto, Sweden  
Lotte Houbo Pedersen, Denmark  
Krista Pöllänen, Finland  
Kamilla Kjeldsen, Denmark  
Anja Ginge Jensen, Denmark

#### **Men qualified for the EBT Masters 2009:**

Osku Palermaa, Finland  
Dominic Barrett, England  
Tore Torgersen, Norway  
Martin Larsen, Sweden  
Peter Ljung, Sweden  
Paul Moor, England  
Stuart Williams, England  
Robert Andersson, Sweden  
Pasi Uotila, Finland  
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### **Story 2009-03: WRM 2009 participants**

Published on 26 January 2009 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen

The World Ranking Masters, where each of the three zones in WTBA will send 8 women and 8 men, will be conducted in Oltremare Bowling Arena in Naples, Italy on 27 April - 3 May 2009.

The 8 women and the 8 men qualified from Europe, is identical with the highest ranked 8 players in each of the European Bowling Tour 2008 divisions, substituted by the next on the lists in case of excuses.

In the women's division, Britt Brøndsted from Denmark (ranked 6) has excused her participation, while Martin Larsen from Sweden (ranked 4), Peter Ljung from Sweden (ranked 5) and Pasi Uotila from Finland (ranked 9) have excused their participation in the men's division.

As a consequence, the two lists of European participants for the WRM 2009 looks as follows:

#### **Participating women from Europe in the WRM 2009:**

Nina Flack, Sweden  
Kirsten Penny, England  
Nicole Sanders, Netherlands  
Ghislaine van der Tol, Netherlands  
Patricia Luoto, Germany  
Marilyn Planchard, France  
Tina Hulsch, Germany  
Anne Lorraine Gales, Denmark

#### **Participating men from Europe in the WRM 2009:**

Osku Palermmaa, Finland  
Dominic Barrett, England  
Tore Torgersen, Norway  
Paul Moor, England  
Stuart Williams, England  
Robert Andersson, Sweden  
Thomas Gross, Austria  
Yoan Alix, France

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### **Story 2009-04: Changed WRM list**

Published on 1 February 2009 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen

After the list of European participants for the World Ranking Masters 2009 in Naples was published for a few days ago, Kirsten Penny from England unfortunately found that she is unable to attend the tournament. Also Rikke Holm Rasmussen from Denmark is unable to attend, but fortunately we have received accept from Wendy Kok from The Netherlands.

Besides Kirsten Penny (ranked 2) and Rikke Holm Rasmussen (ranked 10), also Britt Brøndsted from Denmark (ranked 6) have excused previously.

#### **The list of European participants in the women's division hereafter looks as follows:**

Nina Flack, Sweden  
Nicole Sanders, Netherlands  
Ghislaine van der Tol, Netherlands  
Patricia Luoto, Germany  
Marilyn Planchard, France  
Tina Hulsch, Germany  
Anne Lorraine Gales, Denmark  
Wendy Kok, Netherlands

In the men's division, where the situation is unchanged, we have previously received excuses from Martin Larsen from Sweden (ranked 4), Peter Ljung from Sweden (ranked 5) and Pasi Uotila from Finland (ranked 9).

#### **The list of European participants in the men's division looks as follows:**

Osku Palermmaa, Finland  
Dominic Barrett, England  
Tore Torgersen, Norway  
Paul Moor, England  
Stuart Williams, England  
Robert Andersson, Sweden  
Thomas Gross, Austria  
Yoan Alix, France



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### Story 2009-05: EBT Masters 2010 in Vienna

Published on 10 February 2009 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



The EBT Masters is the European Bowling Tour Final, including the 16 highest ranked women and the 16 highest ranked men by the conclusion of a tour. The EBT Masters 2010 is the final of the European Bowling Tour 2009.

The ETBF Presidium has, at its meeting on 6-7 February in Vienna, decided to accept an offer from Wolfgang Lohschmid, the organizer of the annual stop in the European Bowling Tour, the well-known Vienna Open, to organize the EBT Masters 2010.

The EBT Masters 2010 will be conducted on 3-4 May 2010 in Plus Bowling, Vienna - Austria.

Wolfgang Lohschmid will, in addition to the Vienna Open, in 2010 introduce a new stop in the European Bowling Tour, The Austrian Challenge, which will be conducted in the week leading up to the days of the EBT Masters 2010.

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### **Story 2009-06: EYC 2011 in Munich**

Published on 13 February 2009 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen

At a recently held meeting in Vienna, the ETBF Presidium has decided to award the hosting of the European Youth Championships 2011 to the German Bowling Federation.

The EYC 2011 will be conducted on 16-25 April 2011 in the 52 lane Dream Bowl Palace Munich, which is under construction and which will be ready during 2009.

The centre will host another international event already in 2010, where the World Men Championships will be played in Europe for the first time since 1987.

## Story 2009-07: EBT 2010 applications

Published on 14 February 2009 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



The ETBF Presidium has opened for applications from organizers, who want their tournaments adopted in the European Bowling Tour 2010.

The ultimate deadline for organizers to apply is Friday 19 June 2009. Shortly after the deadline, the composition of the EBT 2010 will be published.

As of the EBT 2010, it will be easier for new organizers to join the tour, since a new category named EBT Satellites, with a minimum prize pool of 20.000 €, is introduced. In addition the previous category names, EBT Challenger, EBT Major and EBT Premier, will change to EBT Silver, EBT Gold and EBT Platinum.

The details of the categories are presented below.

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**

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

### **EBT Silver Tournaments**

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**

The prize fund must be minimum € 60.000

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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**

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.

### Story 2009-08: EBT Masters 2011 in Ljubljana

Published on 17 February 2009 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



The EBT Masters is the European Bowling Tour Final, including the 16 highest ranked women and the 16 highest ranked men by the conclusion of a tour. The EBT Masters 2011 is the final of the European Bowling Tour 2010.

The ETBF Presidium has decided to accept an offer from Borut Knavs, the Technical Manager of Bowling Centre Gladiator in Ljubljana (Slovenia) and the organizer of the annual stop in the European Bowling Tour, the QubicaAMF Open, to organize the EBT Masters 2011.

The EBT Masters 2011 will be conducted in Bowling Centre Gladiator, most probably in April 2011, following the conduction of the 5th QubicaAMF Open 2011, which final dates will be decided latest early 2010.

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### Story 2009-09: EBT 2009-02

Published on 24 February 2009 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



Osku Palermaa, the tour winner in 2007 and 2008, took the lead of the EBT 2009 already after two stops, when he won the Hammer Bronzen Schietspoel Tournament 2009, concluded in Tilburg, The Netherlands a few days ago. It was Palermaa's 8th tour stop victory in his career.

The victory became a reality after Palermaa won the concluding 4 persons pool, where he scored 467 over the two games vs. the score of 442 to Peter Smits from The Netherlands at position 3, the score of 436 to Mads Sandbækken from Norway at position 3 and the score of 419 to Tobias Karlsson from Sweden at position 4.

In the tour standing, Palermaa is topping the ranking with 150 points, followed by Dominic Barrett from England at position 2 with 130 points and Dennis Eklund from Sweden at position 3 with 108 points.

The highest ranked women in Tilburg became Ghislaine van der Tol from The Netherlands; who became the highest ranked for the 5th time in her career.

The women's division is for the second stop in a row led by Nicole Sanders from The Netherlands, after the tournament in Tilburg with 142 points, followed by Ghislaine van der Tol at position 2 with her 100 points won in Tilburg and at a tied position 3 with 80 points, Nicki Ainge from England and Patricia Luoto from Germany.

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### Story 2009-10: EBT 2009-03

Published on 3 March 2009 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



Lucas Legnani from Argentina became the first player from his country to win a stop in the European Bowling Tour, when he won the EBT 2009 Stop 03, the VII Catalonia Open - Trofeu Galasa in Barcelona.

The victory brings Lucas Legnani into a very small exclusive club of only 9 non-European players having won each one tour stop out of the 135 tour stops played so far since 2000. The other non-European stop winners are Tim Mack (USA), Peter Weber (USA), Michael Fagan (USA), Brian Voss (USA), Bill Hoffman (USA), Remy Ong (Singapore), Wu Siu Hong (Hong Kong) and Jason Belmonte (Australia).

In the one game final Lucas Legnani scored 211 against 205 for England's Dominic Barrett, who for his sake took the lead of the tour with 210 points in front of Osku Palermaa from Finland at position 2 with 200 points (50 points in Barcelona) and Dennis Eklund from Sweden at position 3 with 132 Points (24 points in Barcelona).

It will be interesting to follow the two young players in the top of the tour, if they will play as many tour stops this year as they usually does. It could be a very tight top fight.

In the women's division Kirsten Penny became the highest ranked women for the 12 time in a tour stop ever, and it leaves her alone at the never ending list of highest ranked followed by the two Danes, Britt Brøndsted with 11 highest ranked positions and Bettina Lund with 10 highest ranked positions.

Without attending the tournament in Barcelona, Nicole Sanders from The Netherlands kept her leading position with 142 points, closely followed by the two Finns, Krista Pöllänen at position 2 with 140 points (70 points in Barcelona) and Piritta Kantola at position 3 with 128 points (80 points in Barcelona).

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### Story 2009-11: Name change in Lahti

Published on 13 March 2009 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



As a consequence of a sponsorship agreement, the name of Stop 12 in the European Bowling Tour 2009 has changed from Lahti Open to the Ebonite Lahti Open.

The organizer, Jouni Helminen, also announces a 4.000 € increase in the prize pool, from 45.200 € to 49.200 €, and finally the previous Semi Finals/final is replaced by a 4 persons stepladder final.

The tournament will unchanged be conducted in Lahti Bowl in the period of 10-18 October 2009.



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### Story 2009-12: EBT 2009-04

Published on 17 March 2009 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



The 6th issue of the Brunswick Euro Challenge was conducted in the French city St. Maximin (situated just outside Paris) on 6-13 March. The tournament was conducted in the Valcke owned centre, Le Plaza Bowling, for the second time in a row, while the tournament was conducted in Thessaloniki, Greece in its first four issues.

The final of the tournament became an internal PBA affair, where Mike Fagan from USA defeated his fellow countryman, the PBA veteran Brian Voss, 236-225 in the one game final.

The first match in the stepladder final was an internal Danish woman affair, where Mai Ginge Jensen defeated Kamilla Kjeldsen 210 - 190. In the second match Mai Ginge Jensen was defeated by Mike Fagan 214 - 218.

In the women's ranking of the tour, the 100 points awarded to Mai Ginge Jensen took her to a shared leading position with a 170 points total, together with Patricia Luoto from Germany, who was awarded 60 points in St. Maximin. At position 3 is the previous tour leader, Nicole Sanders from The Netherlands with 158 points (16 points in St. Maximin).

In the men's ranking, Osku Palermaa from Finland, although only awarded 12 points in St. Maximin, took back the leading position with 212 points from England's Dominic Barrett, who unfortunately was injured shortly before the tournament in St. Maximin and whom has excused also from the next tour stop in Istanbul. Dominic Barret has 210 points at position 3, while Danish Jesper Agerbo climbed to position 3 and 148 points, after being awarded 50 points in St. Maximin.

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### Story 2009-13: Agreement PBA-ETBF

Published on 31 March 2009 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen

The Professional Bowlers Association (PBA) and the European Tenpin Bowling Federation (ETBF) recently met and agreed to explore areas of common interest for both the short term and over the coming years.

We are indeed in the early stages of our considerations, but we are pleased to present the first visible step, which is establishing a link between the newly created PBA World Series of Bowling and the European Bowling Tour.

The link is established by qualifying one EBT player into the field of 72 bowlers during the five exempt tournaments in the World Series of Bowling. There are two more tournaments in the series (both open), which brings the total number to seven tournaments.

In order to give the highest ranked EBT player sufficient time to prepare for this exciting opportunity, the internal EBT competition for this exempt spot will be limited to the first seven stops on the EBT 2009.

The EBT player winning this spot will be the highest ranked player in the men's division of the European Bowling Tour after the Brunswick Aalborg International. If the highest ranked player declines this opportunity, the spot will be awarded to the 2nd ranked man etc.

There will be 3 international exemptions available in the field of 72 for the 5 exempt tournaments. EBT players, who don't earn the one spot guaranteed to the EBT through the agreement with PBA, but are interested in bowling in the World Series of Bowling, may apply directly to PBA for consideration for the other 2 spots. Information regarding this process will be made available at [www.pba.com](http://www.pba.com).

PBA's World Series of Bowling consists of the following tournaments:

**1: 2-6 August 2009 in Detroit, Michigan**

Motor City Open in Taylor Lanes, Taylor Michigan

**2: 8-12 August 2009 in Detroit, Michigan**

Cheetah Championship in Thunderbowl Lanes, Allen Park

**3: 14-16 August 2009 in Detroit, Michigan**

Viper Championship in Thunderbowl Lanes, Allen Park

**4: 18-20 August 2009 in Detroit, Michigan**

Chameleon Championship in Thunderbowl Lanes, Allen Park

**5: 22-24 August 2009 in Detroit, Michigan**

Scorpion Championship in Thunderbowl Lanes, Allen Park

**6: 27-29 August 2009 in Detroit, Michigan**

Shark Championship in Thunderbowl Lanes, Allen Park

**7: 30-29 August 2009 in Detroit, Michigan**

PBA World Championship in Thunderbowl Lanes, Allen Park

The finals for tournaments in the World Series of Bowling will take place from 5-7 September and will be shown on ESPN on a tape delayed basis.

The two tournaments marked with blue text are open tournaments, where any bowler can enter. The five other tournaments are the exempt tournaments. However, any EBT player, be-

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sides the player qualified directly from the EBT, will also have a chance to participate since there will be 11 Tournament Qualifying Round entries for each of the 5 exempt tournaments.

In addition to the 7 tournaments conducted as part of the World Series of Bowling, there will be side events such as sweepers conducted on a regular basis during the series. All entry fees in these side events will go directly to prize funds, without any charge for lineage or administration.

The PBA World Series of Bowling in Detroit was created so players can play in a series of top events, while keeping travel expenses to a minimum. The period of the World Series of Bowling fits perfectly with the break in the EBT schedule.

For the five exempt tournaments, the entry fee for non-PBA members is \$ 325 (\$ 350 if paid on the day of the tournament) per Tournament Qualifying Round, while the entry fee for each of the two open tournaments is \$ 600. If you are a PBA member, there is an entry fee reduction of \$ 25 for each of the Tournament Qualifying Rounds and \$ 100 for each of the opens.

The total prize fund for each of the five exempt tournaments is \$ 192.600 (\$ 25.000 first prize) and exempt players are guaranteed a minimum payment of \$ 1.400. The total prize funds for the two open tournaments still are to be published, but we can quote [www.pba.com](http://www.pba.com) as follows:

The inaugural series, which begins 2 August and runs through 7 September 2009, promises to be a revolutionary festival of competitive bowling boasting a \$ 2 million prize fund and seven ESPN telecasts.

We agree in ETBF that PBA's World Series of Bowling is going to be an exciting and attractive series of tournaments to go for in Detroit in August-September 2009.

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### Story 2009-14: EBT 2009-05

Published on 6 April 2009 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



Ghislaine van der Tol from The Netherlands performed outstanding when she defeated Sweden's Tomas Leandersson 453 - 403 in the two games final of the 6th Istanbul Bowling Open.

In the two Semi Final matches, Ghislaine van der Tol defeated Tobias Karlsson from Sweden 425 - 386, while Tomas Leandersson defeated Robert Andersson from Sweden 469 - 457.

Osku Palermaa from Finland kept the leading position of the men's division at 262 points (50 points in Istanbul), followed by the still injured Dominic Barrett from England with 210 points and the two Semi Finalists, Tobias Karlsson with 174 points (70 points in Istanbul) and Robert Andersson with 170 points (80 points in Istanbul), at the following positions.

Patricia Luoto from Germany, who had to withdraw from the first final step, took the leading position in the women's division with 212 points (42 points in Istanbul) followed by the tournament winner Ghislaine van der Tol from The Netherlands and Nina Flack from Sweden (70 points in Istanbul) at a shared runner up position with 204 points.

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### Story 2009-15: Approved training centres

Published on 11 April 2009 by Onder Gurkan

As a part of the Educational Programs and Certification Programs, the ETBF Presidium decided to give accreditation to Bowling Training Centres, who are helping to develop our sport and provide high standards of Bowling Education.



Kuortane Bowling Training and Education Centre in Finland became the first "ETBF Approved Bowling Training Centre" and their certificate is presented during EYC 2009 in Malmo by Onder Gurkan, Chairman of the ETBF Educational Committee and Jack Groenenberg, ETBF instructor to Piritta Kantola, well known Finnish National Team Member and Coach and who is the director of the Training Centre.

Located in Kuortane High Performance Olympic Training Centre, the training facility not only provides 6 lanes dedicated for education equipped with digital analysis systems but also classrooms, exercise facilities, accommodation and of course high performance sports education support for bowlers since 2005.

Gurkan says; "ETBF gives utmost importance to high level Bowling Training Centres as they are the main resources for our development. Kuortane is very important for us at that stage. It is not only their students they educated but the researches they made, the information they share is improving all of our knowledge. Locating a bowling training centre in an Olympic Training facility shows how bowling taken seriously in Finland.

ETBF Educational Committee is cooperating with Kuortane to improve our educational programs to a higher state which is equipped with high level of sports information. We are planning to use that great facility as an Official Education/Development Centre for our future central coaching clinics. We are working on Coaching Development Workshops in the future to provide latest information, research and developments in bowling world."

The evaluation process for approved bowling training centres is based on three major fields:

1. The facility includes the evaluation of the dedicated lanes for training centre, the condition of the lanes, lane machines, digital analysis hardware and software, classrooms and presentation opportunities. Extra possibilities within or around the centre such as fitness centres, leisure time facilities, food and accommodation options are seen as additional values for such a facility.
2. The coaches should have good level of bowling sports education and experience.
3. The facility should follow a defined educational program that has been approved by ETBF to provide consistency and high level of information.

The ETBF Presidium believes that supporting those facilities is utmost importance to develop our sport to higher levels. Bowling Training Centres are accepted as rare valuable assets because they are only dedicated for bowling education.

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### Story 2009-16: EYC 2009 in Malmoe

Published on 12 April 2009 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen

The 22<sup>nd</sup> European Youth Championships, conducted in Baltiska Hallen in Malmoe - Sweden, was concluded on 12 April 2009 with an overall sportive success for the team from the host federation.

Not least the 4 Swedish girls proved that they bowled in a separate category in these championships, while they took 3 out of 5 Gold medals (Singles, Doubles and All Event). Finland won the Girl's Team event and finally Netherlands, by Carmen Haandrikman (the all event gold medallists from 2008), won the prestigious Masters title.

In the Boy's Division, the gold medals was divided between 5 countries, since Latvia won the Gold medal in Singles, England won the Gold medal in Doubles, Greece won the Gold medal in Team, Denmark won the Gold medal in All Event, while the boys prestigious Masters title was won by Sweden's Mattias Jansson.

If anyone is finding the name Jansson familiar, we can confirm the relation. Raymond Jansson, one of the biggest names in Swedish bowling over a couple of decades, is the proud father of Mattias Jansson.

One player won 5 medals (which is a medal in each discipline), namely:

Elin Adolfsson from Sweden in the girl's division: Gold in Doubles, Gold in All Event, Silver in Masters, Bronze in Team and Bronze in Singles

Two players won 4 medals each, namely:

Arturs Livikins from Latvia in the boy's division: Gold in Singles, Silver in Masters, Silver in All Event and Bronze in Team

Mik Stampe from Denmark in the Boy's Division: Gold I All Event, Silver in Singles, Bronze in Doubles and Bronze in Team.

The new format with 4 girls and 4 boys in the teams, and including Singles, Doubles, Team, All Events and Maters as the five events for both genders, was played for the first time in Malmoe after it was decided at the ETBF Congress in 2007.

The number of players entering was as much as 76 girls and 108 boys, 184 players in total, which proves that the reduced number of team members and the changed format was a necessity to handle future issues of the EYC.

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### Story 2009-17: EBT 2009-06

Published on 20 April 2009 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



For the first time ever, a tour stop was conducted not only in the capital of Slovenia, Ljubljana, but also for the first time ever in Slovenia.

Reports back from the tournament informs about a very well organized stop for a first timer, which to a certain extend also was expected by the very active and dedicated organizer, Borut Knavs.

The tournament, which was conducted under the name the 3rd Qubica/AMF Open 2009 (Stop 06 of the EBT 2009), was hosted by Bowling Centre Gladiator in Ljubljana, famous for hosting the 41st 3rd Qubica/AMF World Cup in 2005.

Only 108 bowlers attended the tournament, a number we hope will be a lot higher next year and indeed there will be a 4th Qubica/AMF Open 2010, since the organizer already has applied for its adoption in the EBT 2010.

The tournament was won by Luca Osella from Italy after a 458-450 win over Hafthor Hardarsson from Iceland in the two games final.

It was the first highest ranked position in a tour stop for Luca Osella, which also counts for the highest ranked women in Ljubljana, Janine Gäbel from Germany.

### Story 2009-18: Sandbækken in the EBT Masters

Published on 21 April 2009 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



Stuart Williams from England has decided to test himself in the PBA trials, for which reason he is unable to attend the 2nd EBT Masters 2009.

It leaves a space open for Norway's Mads Sandbækken, who was ranked 17 in the final standing of the EBT 2008. It took Mads Sandbækken only a few hours to accept the offer to replace Stuart Williams in the EBT Masters.

The EBT Masters 2009 will be conducted in Lovvang Bowling Centre, Aalborg - Denmark on 25-26 May 2009, just after the conclusion of the EBT 2009 Stop 07, the Brunswick Aalborg International 2009.

#### **Women qualified for the EBT Masters 2009:**

Nina Flack, Sweden  
Kirsten Penny, England  
Nicole Sanders, The Netherlands  
Ghislaine van der Tol, The Netherlands  
Patricia Luoto, Germany  
Britt Brøndsted, Denmark  
Marilyn Planchard, France  
Tina Hulsch, Germany  
Anne Lorraine Gales, Denmark  
Rikke Holm Rasmussen, Denmark  
Wendy Kok, The Netherlands  
Veronica Lantto, Sweden  
Lotte Houbo Pedersen, Denmark  
Krista Pöllänen, Finland  
Kamilla Kjeldsen, Denmark  
Anja Ginge Jensen, Denmark

#### **Men qualified for the EBT Masters 2009:**

Osku Palermaa, Finland  
Dominic Barrett, England  
Tore Torgersen, Norway  
Martin Larsen, Sweden  
Peter Ljung, Sweden  
Paul Moor, England  
Robert Andersson, Sweden  
Pasi Uotila, Finland  
Thomas Gross, Austria  
Yoan Alix, France  
Dennis Eklund, Sweden  
Martin Paulsson, Sweden  
Jason Belmonte, Australia  
Jouni Helminen, Finland  
Mikael Kanold, Sweden  
Mads Sandbækken, Norway



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### **Story 2009-19: Four hosts appointed**

Published on 21 April 2009 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen

Hosts for not less than 4 coming championships in Europe have been appointed by the ETBF Presidium. The four championships are as follows:

#### **European Women Championships 2010**

The championships will be hosted by the Latvian Bowling Federation on 10-20 June 2010 in Riga, Latvia.

The 22 lane host centre, the Zelta Boulinga Centrs, has previously hosted the European Gold Cup in 2002 and the European Champions Cup in 2006.

#### **European Youth Championships 2012**

The championships will be hosted by Denmark's Bowling Federation on 31 March - 9 April 2012 in Aalborg, Denmark.

The 30 lane host centre, the Lovvang Bowling Centre, has previously hosted a number of international tournaments and championships.

#### **European Women Championships 2012**

The championships will be hosted by The Netherlands Bowling Federation on 7-17 June 2012 in Eindhoven, The Netherlands.

The 26 lane host centre, the Mega Bowling Woensel, has not yet previously hosted any international events.

#### **European Champions Cup 2012**

The championships will be hosted by The Netherlands Bowling Federation on 15-22 October 2012 in Den Hague, The Netherlands.

The 16 lane host centre, the Dolfijn Bowling and Event Centre, has not yet previously hosted any international championships, but 5 times a stop in the European Bowling Tour, namely over the years 2001-2005.

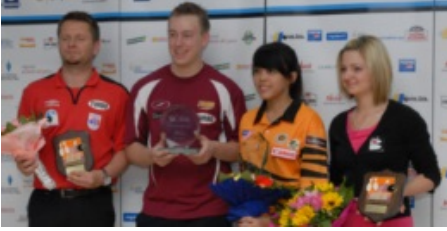
Netherlands Bowling Federation celebrates its 50 years anniversary in 2012 with, among other happenings, to conduct the two mentioned international Championships.

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### Story 2009-20: King of the Masters

Published on 3 May 2009 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



**The picture shows from the left:**

Men position 2: Tore Torgersen, Norway

Men position 1: Osku Palermaa, Finland

Women position 1: Siti Safiyah Amirah, Malaysia

Women position 2: Tina Hulsch, Germany

The World Ranking Masters 2009, which is a common tournament for the top 8 women and the top 8 men of the 2008 zone rankings for the Pan American Bowling Confederation, the Asian Bowling Federation and the European Tenpin Bowling Federation, was conducted in Naples, Italy on 27 April - 3 May 2009.

After the final in the men's division, which were won by Finland's Osku Palermaa 2-0, Palermaa is allowed to name him selves King of the Masters, since he also won the first EBT Masters (the final of the European Bowling Tour), which were conducted in Ankara in September 2008.

Palermaa won the final against his fellow club made Tore Torgersen from Norway after a very well-played match, where the game scores became as high as 159 vs. 234 and 248 vs. 238.

In the men's Semi Finals, Palermaa defeated Robert Andersson from Sweden 2-1 (158-198, 223-204 and 213-206), while Tore Torgersen defeated Stuart Williams from England 2-1 (179-280, 223-187 and 244-204).

Siti Safiyah Amirah from Malaysia became the Queen of the WRM, while she defeated Germany's Tina Hulsch 2-0 (215-199 and 175-166) in the final.

In the Semi Finals Siti Safiyah Amirah continued after a 2-1 game win (192-188, 215-277 and 213-174) over Ghislaine van der Tol from The Netherlands, while Tina Hulsch defeated the other Dutch Semi Finalist, Wendy Kok, by 2-1 as well (213-193, 190-200 and 246-195).

The WRM 2009 became a great success for the European player's, who took not less than 7 out of 8 positions in all four Semi Finals.

This was, as far as we are informed, the last WRM ever to be conducted.

For players taking part in the European Bowling Tour, the goal will each year be the EBT Masters, which will be conducted as follows in the coming years: The EBT Masters 2009 in Aalborg, the EBT Masters 2010 in Vienna and the EBT Masters 2011 in Ljubljana.

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### Story 2009-21: Remy Ong in the EBT Masters

Published on 5 May 2009 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



Pasi Uotila from Finland has been forced to pull out from the EBT Masters 2009 because of an unfortunate injury in his hand.

In his absence, I am happy to announce that the next on the list, Remy Ong, has decided to travel the whole way from Singapore to join us in the EBT Masters.

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Tina Hulsch, Germany  
Anne Lorraine Gales, Denmark  
Rikke Holm Rasmussen, Denmark  
Wendy Kok, The Netherlands  
Veronica Lantto, Sweden  
Lotte Houbo Pedersen, Denmark  
Krista Pöllänen, Finland  
Kamilla Kjeldsen, Denmark  
Anja Ginge Jensen, Denmark

#### **Men qualified for the EBT Masters 2009:**

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Peter Ljung, Sweden  
Paul Moor, England  
Robert Andersson, Sweden  
Thomas Gross, Austria  
Yoan Alix, France  
Dennis Eklund, Sweden  
Martin Paulsson, Sweden  
Jason Belmonte, Australia  
Jouni Helminen, Finland  
Mikael Kanold, Sweden  
Mads Sandbækken, Norway  
Remy Ong, Singapore

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### Story 2009-22: Masswinkel in the EBT Masters

Published on 14 May 2009 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



Marilyn Planchard from France has for personal reasons decided to pull of the EBT Masters 2009 and the next on the list, Zara Glover from England, was unable to jump in because of an important family gathering too close to the event.

It opened the door for Priscilla Maaswinkel from The Netherlands, who, after a few days needed to get everything to fit on the home field, just announced that she is ready to play.

The EBT Masters 2009 will be conducted in Lovvang Bowling Centre, Aalborg - Denmark on 25-26 May 2009, just after the conclusion of the EBT 2009 Stop 07, the Brunswick Aalborg International 2009. More details about the EBT Masters 2009 are available at [www.bai2009.dk](http://www.bai2009.dk).

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Patricia Luoto, Germany  
Britt Brøndsted, Denmark  
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Anne Lorraine Gales, Denmark  
Rikke Holm Rasmussen, Denmark  
Wendy Kok, The Netherlands  
Veronica Lantto, Sweden  
Lotte Houbo Pedersen, Denmark  
Krista Pöllänen, Finland  
Kamilla Kjeldsen, Denmark  
Anja Ginge Jensen, Denmark  
Priscilla Maaswinkel, The Netherlands

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Martin Paulsson, Sweden  
Jason Belmonte, Australia  
Jouni Helminen, Finland  
Mikael Kanold, Sweden  
Mads Sandbækken, Norway  
Remy Ong, Singapore

### Story 2009-23: Ballmaster shines Platinum

Published on 17 May 2009 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



The European Bowling Tour 2010 is not yet composed, but the composition period is in progress until 19 June and a number of applications for tournaments to be adopted in the EBT 2010 are received by ETBF in these weeks.

Today we received yet another application and what a fantastic kind of an application it was.

Brunswick Ballmaster Open, the longest lasting international tournament in Europe with an unbroken number of annual conductions, and the only tournament in the tour programme every year since the very beginning of the European Bowling Tour in 2000, celebrates its 40 years jubilee in 2010 and has decided to do the celebration with an extraordinary firework over bowling Helsinki.

The organization of Ballmaster was taken over by the well-known business man and excellent bowler, Kimmo Lehtonen, for some years ago, and his entrance on the scene brought new vitality, power and not least life back to this tournament, which is so rich of traditions.

Since 2004, where the prize fund of the tournament jumped to modern heights, the prize pool has constantly increased from 50.000 € to the 75.000 €, which was awarded this year. Despite this development, the prize pool increases to historical 105.000 € in 2010 and at the same moment Lehtonen announces a return to the roots for the final of the tournament, which will present a hyper classic 16 players Round Robin followed by a stepladder final.

We "caught" Kimmo Lehtonen in Helsinki for a few remarks to this fantastic jubilee issue of Ballmaster, and we asked him, among other things, about the reason for this initiative:

"I do not really know, I just am like this and I have always been like this", said Kimmo Lehtonen (41), while he was considering the reasons for this enormous level of prize money in the tournament.

"I think that Ballmaster Open deserves this, and time is right when the tournament reaches its 40 years jubilee. Furthermore, when the situation in the World is as it is right now, we just have to have courage to do something big and to do it together", said Lehtonen.

The winner of Brunswick Ballmaster Open 2010 will cash not less than 15.000 €. That is important to Kimmo Lehtonen, but even more important is that the lowest prizes, for the last positioned players in the 48 players final field, will be as high as 1.500 €. "It means a lot to me that also the last positioned finalists will get a good prize. I wish that many players from many different countries will come to Tali and together with us built and share the atmosphere of the 40th Ballmaster Open. We welcome bowlers from all levels to the 40th Brunswick Ballmaster Open", said Lehtonen

Finally Lehtonen ended with the following important view for our sport: "All of us, bowlers, organizers and people working with bowling, must work for the sport of bowling. Let's try to make tournaments, which are re-establishing respect for our sport!"

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The 105.000 € prize pool brings the tournament to the highest of the four categories in the European Bowling Tour, the EBT Platinum, which, among other characteristics, will ensure that all ranking points awarded in the tournament will be multiplied by a factor 5.

Ballmaster is only the second tournament with an EBT Platinum status in the history of the European Bowling Tour, where Ankara Open was the first tournament in this high category both in 2008 and again in September 2009.

The Presidium of ETBF is very grateful to initiatives like the one in Ankara and now in January 2010 in Helsinki, because it increases the credibility of our sport and takes us to higher levels.

One thing is for sure; it will be a great firework of a tournament when Brunswick Ballmaster Open turns 40 in January 2010, more vital than ever!

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### Story 2009-24: EBT 2009-07

Published on 25 May 2009 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



The top four battles in the Brunswick Aalborg International 2009 nearly became an internal Team Pergamon affair, with Osku Palermaa (Finland), Tore Torgersen (Norway) and Martin Larsen (Sweden) in the Semi Finals together with Joonas Jähi from Finland.

At the end of the battle, Martin Larsen stood back with his first victory in Aalborg after a 457 - 449 win over his fellow Pergamon club made, Tore Torgersen, in the two games final in Lovvang Bowling Centre.

In the foregoing Semi Finals, Martin Larsen defeated Joonas Jähi 472 - 424, while Tore Torgersen defeated Osku Palermaa 458 - 432.

Osku Palermaa stayed atop of the men's division in the European Bowling Tour with 322 points (60 points in Aalborg) followed by Dominic Barrett from England with 252 points (42 points in Aalborg) and Martin Larsen from Sweden with 238 points (100 points in Aalborg) at the following positions.

Krista Pöllänen from Finland became the highest ranked woman in Aalborg after she concluded her participation with a position 6 in the tournament, only 37 points away from one of the Semi Final spots.

New in the lead of the women's division of the European Bowling Tour, with a point total of 250, is Denmark's Mai Ginge Jensen, who was awarded 80 points in Aalborg for being the second highest ranked woman at position 11. Mai Ginge Jensen is followed by Nina Flack from Sweden with 244 points (40 points in Aalborg) and Krista Pöllänen from Finland with 240 points (100 points in Aalborg) at the next positions.

Late March this year we was with excitement introducing the first visible outcome of a beginning co-operation between PBA and the EBT in form of an exempt spot in the PBA World Series of Bowling for the highest ranked positioned player after 7 stops in the men's division of the EBT 2009. Without doubt this spots was expected to go to, and it went to, Finland's Osku Palermaa, the last two years king of the men's division of the tour.

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### Story 2009-25: EMC 2009

Published on 15 June 2009 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen

After a dramatic final in the Masters event, England's Dominic Barrett was crowned as the 14th European Masters Champion since Tauno Niemeinen from Finland became the first champion for 47 years ago in Besancon, France 1962.

Until the 8th frame in the second game, it looked like a clear win for Dominic Barrett's opponent, Petter Hansen from Norway, who was leading 1-0 (174 - 153) and whom had a comfortable lead in the second game.

Anyway, when Petter Hansen shot a 4 split followed by only one pin in the 8th frame (after two strikes in frame 6 and 7), it opened the door that much for Dominic Barrett, that he after a good finish suddenly found himself back in the match after a second game win of 204 vs. 187. Dominic Barrett never looked back from that moment on, and he won the title after an outstanding performance (269 vs. 185) in game 3.

It is obvious for all that many more titles in championships and tour stops will be in front of the young, talented and very ambitious young player, who became the first Englishman to claim the Masters title.

The other 4 titles were divided between Finland (gold in Doubles and Team), Sweden (gold in Trios) and Norway (gold in All Event).

Dominic Barrett took medals in all 5 disciplines, namely bronze in Doubles, bronze in Trios, bronze in Team, silver in All Event and finally the gold medal in the Masters event.

His opponent in the Masters final, Petter Hansen, took four medals, namely bronze in Doubles, silver in Trios, gold in All Event and silver in Masters.

The team event became an emotional good by for Finland's legendary Kimmo Lehtonen, who declared the EMC 2009 in Aalborg to be his last European Championships. And what a career; Lehtonen began a long journey by winning a gold medal in the Team event in 1985 and concluded the journey 22 years later by winning a gold medal in the team event again.



### Story 2009-26: Ankara changes to major

Published on 15 June 2009 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



As a consequence of the global sponsor situation, the organizer of Ankara Open has, after an agreement with the ETBF Presidium, announced a reduction of the prize fund of the tournament in 2009.

The General Manager of Rollhouse Bowling Centres, Sinem Aydin Devrim, is adding her comments to the situation as follows:

Since we believe that the European Bowling Tour is one of the greatest bowling events, we are honoured to participate with our tournament and to support it with all our efforts. But even we prefer to keep the tournament in the Premier category, it is unfortunately necessary for us to reduce this year's prize fund to € 70.000 because of certain sponsor issues. In 2009 the category of Ankara Open will therefore be Major.

We are looking forward to host the tournament and to provide all our services for you, so you can enjoy the tournament both in 2009 as well as in 2010, where we will host the tournament with the same format.

The ETBF Presidium is very satisfied that there is a solution to the unforeseen situation and we are, as always, looking forward to the continued co-operation with our organizer in Ankara.

The Ankara Open will be conducted on 5-13 September 2009 in hospitable Rollhouse Bowling Centre Bilkent.

### Story 2009-27: Oltremare is cancelled

Published on 18 June 2009 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



We have unfortunately received a message from the organizer of the 6<sup>th</sup> Oltremare Championships, announcing the tournament to be cancelled.

The 6<sup>th</sup> Oltremare Championships was originally scheduled to be conducted on 14-22 November 2009 in Naples, Italy.

The cancellation happens despite rules and regulations for the tour, and even the tournament is cancelled, the organizer is still obliged to meet all financial claims with relevance to the tournament - both from players with a documented entry order and from ETBF.

It is therefore essential, that players with documented non-refundable air tickets are contacting the organizer for a refunding of their expenses soonest possible.

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### Story 2009-28: Presentation of the EBT 2010

Published on 21 June 2009 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



It is a pleasure for the ETBF Presidium to present the 11th edition of the European Bowling Tour (The EBT 2010), including 21 stops as presented in the EBT 2010 Calendar at this site.

It is in many ways a tour introducing a lot of different news.

For the first time we are introducing 4 different categories in the tour and for the first time we are using the category names EBT Platinum (1 tournament in 2010), EBT Gold (7 tournaments in 2010), EBT Silver (9 tournaments in 2010) and EBT Satellite (4 tournaments in 2010).

The tour takes off early January with a firework of a Platinum Tournament in Helsinki, where rich of tradition Brunswick Ballmaster Open celebrates its 40 years jubilee, with for the very first time in the history of the tournament to present a prize pool higher than 100.000 Euro.

Six tournaments is included in the tour for the first time, namely the IV International Wroclaw Open in Poland (Satellite), the 1st Austria Challenge in Austria (Silver), the 1st Dream Bowl Palace Open in Germany (Silver), BNC Bratislava Open in Slovakia (Silver), the 1st Torneo Internazionale di Roma in Italy (Satellite) and the 1st Pavlovskiy Posad Open in Russia (Satellite).

For the first time a tour stop will be conducted in Poland, Slovakia and Russia.

The total prize fund (including tour prize money) in the EBT 2010 will be approximately 1.2 million €, with an average prize fund of approximately 55.000 € per stop.

It is in many ways a stormy period in the world economy, just like many domestic economies are facing numerous local challenges. In such a situation it has been fantastic to meet the many wishes to take part and to contribute to keep the EBT not only alive, but still dynamic and vital. We are very grateful to the many organizers, who are taking the risk and whom are showing their strong dedication to our sport. We hope all organizers and their tournaments will be well supported by players, federations, sponsors and media.

The 16 highest ranked women and the 16 highest ranked men by the conclusion of the EBT 2010 will qualify for the 4th EBT Masters 2011, which will be hosted by the organizer of the 5th Qubica/AMF Open 2011 in Ljubljana, most likely in April 2011.

The final of the ongoing EBT 2009, the 3rd EBT masters 2010, will be hosted by the organizer of the 1st Austria Challenge in Vienna on 3-4 May 2010.

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### **Story 2009-29: 2011 hosts appointed**

Published on 2 July 2009 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen

Hosts for 2 championships in 2011 have been appointed by the ETBF Presidium. The two championships are as follows:

#### **European Men Championships 2011**

The championships will be hosted by the German Bowling Federation on 10-19 June 2011 in Munich, Germany.

The 52 lane host centre, the Dream Bowl Palace Munich, will also host the World Men Championships in 2010 and the European Youth Championships in 2011.

#### **European Champions Cup 2011**

The championships will be hosted by the Finnish Bowling Federation on 15-22 August 2011 in Lahti, Finland.

The 20 lane host centre, Lahti Bowl, has previously hosted the bowling competition of the World Games in 1997 and the owner of the centre, Jouni Helminen, is a frequently organizer of stops in the European Bowling Tour.

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### Story 2009-30: San Marino Upgrade

Published on 12 July 2009 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



The organizer of the tour stop in San Marino, Adriano Santi, has decided to increase the prize pool from 55.000 to 60.000 € in the 2010 issue of the tournament.

The 6th San Marino Open will be conducted in beautiful and hospital Rose'n Bowl on 3-11 July 2010 in Serravalle, San Marino.

Adriano Santi further announces a category upgrade of the tournament from EBT Silver to EBT Gold in the EBT 2010.

After the upgrade in San Marino, next year's tour will consist of 1 EBT Platinum Tournament, 8 EBT Gold Tournaments, 8 EBT Silver Tournaments and 4 EBT Satellite Tournaments.

The qualification of this year's issue of San Marino Open was concluded yesterday with another successful entry of not less than 249 players, which are 29 players more than last year.

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### Story 2009-31: EBT 2009-08

Published on 12 July 2009 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



For the 5th consecutive time, hospitable Rose'n Bowl in San Marino hosted the Storm San Marino Open, the 8th stop in the European Bowling Tour 2009.

It became a very memorable meeting in the final, when the 4 times tour winner (2000-2003) Gery Verbruggen from Belgium met the 3 times tour winner (2004-2006) Paul Moor from England over 2 games. At the end Moor took the victory with 426 pins against the 395 pins knocked down by Verbruggen.

Another interesting aspect with the Verbruggen-Moor meeting is that the two players was sharing the position of being the most winning player in the tour ever (10 titles each since 2000), a position Moor obviously keeps alone with 11 titles after his win in San Marino.

In the men's division of the EBT 2009, Osku Palermaa from Finland kept his leading position with 334 points (12 points in San Marino), while Dominic Barrett from England with 282 points (30 points in San Marino) and Martin Larsen from Sweden with 264 points (26 points in San Marino) takes the two following positions.

The leader of the women's division of the EBT 2009 changed again; this time with the winner of the EBT 2008, Nina Flack from Sweden (70 points in San Marino), at the top position.

Nina Flack has with a total of 314 points after half of the stops in 2009, a comfortable distance of 64 and 69 points to the nearest competitors, Mai Ginge Jensen from Denmark with 250 points (no participation in San Marino) and Nicole Sanders from The Netherlands (40 points in San Marino). It might look like Nina Flack has a wish to repeat her 2008 tour victory.

Amanda Fagan from USA took her first tour points, when she became the highest ranked women in San Marino from a position 21 in the tournament.

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### Story 2009-32: EBT 2009-09

Published on 19 July 2009 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



Even Osku Palermaa from Finland decided not to attend the 9th stop of the European Bowling Tour 2009, the 31st Trofeu Internacional Ciutat de Barcelona, he kept the leading position of the men's division in the European Bowling tour 2009 with 334 points.

At the next positions are Martin Larsen from Sweden (60 points in Barcelona) and Dominic Barrett (42 points in Barcelona), both with 324 points.

The men's division of the EBT 2009 is indeed very open.

In the stepladder final of the tournament Stuart Williams from England was defeated by Mika Koivuniemi from Finland 192 vs. 227 in the first match, where after Koivuniemi continued his run towards the final victory by a 289-197 win against Josh Blanchard from USA.

Kirsten Penny from England became, from a position 5 in the final tournament standing, the highest ranked women in a tour stop for the 13th time in her career, and it leaves her in her own category in the women's division seen over time.

In the absence of leading Nina Flack from Sweden, the top of the women's division of the tour moved closely together and left a very open standing, where Nina Flack still leads the tour with 314 points followed by Nicole Sanders from the Netherlands at position 2 with 293 points (48 points in Barcelona) and Kirsten Penny at position 3 with 280 points.

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### Story 2009-33: EBT Stop on Eurosport 2

Published on 20 July 2009 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



Eurosport 2 will broadcast the stepladder final of the 31st Trofeu Internacional Ciutat de Barcelona, which were concluded yesterday.

We just received this wonderful information from the Catalan Bowling Federation some moments ago.

The stepladder final will be broadcasted this night, Monday 20 July, at 21.00 and presumably more times, or though we have not got the additional broadcasting times yet.

The broadcasting became possible due to the efforts of the organizer of the 31st Trofeu Internacional Ciutat de Barcelona, the Catalan Bowling Federation.



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### **Story 2009-34: World Games 2009**

Published on 22 July 2009 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen

The final of the Women's division in The 8th World Games, conducted in Kaohsiung in Chinese Taipei, became an all European affair between two well-known bowling names in Europe, Krista Pöllänen from Finland and Zara Glover from England.

Krista Pöllänen came out as the World Games Champion in this all European final, since she defeated Zara Glover 407-372 over the two games - even Pöllänen was down with 42 pins after the first game (172+235 vs. 214+164).

In the first step of the final in the women's division, Liza del Rosario from The Philippines was defeated by Krista Pöllänen only with 5 pins (215 vs. 210) in this one game match.

All other medals went to countries outside Europe; Colombia, Hong Kong and Malaysia in the men's division and Korea, Colombia and Malaysia in the Mixed Doubles competition.

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### Story 2009-35: WWC 2009 Web Streaming

Published on 24 July 2009 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen

USBC, the host of the World Women Championships in Las Vegas, is planning to present web live streaming from the upcoming championships.

We have received the following message from USBC:

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#### **Arlington, Texas**

Bowling fans around the world will be able to watch the finals and select Semi Finals of the World Tenpin Bowling Association World Women Championships on [www.bowl.com](http://www.bowl.com).

The United States Bowling Congress plans to live stream from Las Vegas, Nevada, portions of the event that will feature bowlers from 45 countries.

"We believe there is tremendous interest in watching this event both here in the United States and internationally," said USBC Vice President of Media Pete Tredwell. "Presenting the highest levels of bowling competition online can be a great way to gain additional exposure for the sport."

The live stream will be distributed using Ustream TV, a service that will insert advertisements over the video at times. USBC does not control the content or frequency of the advertisements.

"At this time, the ad-supported video stream is the financially responsible way for USBC to provide this content for free," Tredwell said. "I am confident fans would rather see a few pop-up ads than not see the action at all."

To view the live competition from the WTBA World Women's Championships, click on the link on the website of [www.bowl.com](http://www.bowl.com).

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The WWC 2009 live stream schedule is as follows:

#### **Thursday 30 July 2009**

08.30 pm EDT: Singles Semi Finals and final

10.00 pm EDT: Doubles Semi Finals and final

#### **Friday 31 July 2009**

09.30 pm EDT: Trios Semi Finals and final

#### **Saturday 1 August 2009**

09.30 pm EDT: Team Semi Finals and final

#### **Sunday 2 August 2009**

03.00 pm EDT: Masters Semi Finals and final

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### Story 2009-36: More Barcelona on Eurosport 2

Published on 26 July 2009 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



The organizer of the 31st Trofeu Internacional Ciutat de Barcelona has announced additional broadcastings of the stepladder final of the tournament on Eurosport 2.

The stepladder final was broadcasted first time on Eurosport 2 on Monday 20 July at 21.00 and further broadcastings are scheduled on Friday 7 August 23.00 - 24.00 CET and again on Sunday 9 August 12.15 - 13.15 CET.

The broadcastings are possible due to the efforts of the Catalan Bowling Federation.

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### Story 2009-37: PBA on Eurosport

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We have received the PBA schedule for Eurosport and Eurosport 2 for the remaining part of 2009.

Find all broadcastings, their dates and times below.

#### On Eurosport

Friday 28.08.2009 at 23.00-24.00: Bowling PBA Tour  
Friday 18.09.2009 at 18.10-19.10: Bowling PBA Tour  
Friday 16.10.2009 at 22.15-23.15: Bowling PBA Tour  
Friday 23.10.2009 at 22.00-23.00: Bowling PBA Tour  
Friday 06.11.2009 at 21.00-22.00: Bowling PBA Tour  
Friday 13.11.2009 at 19.00-20.00: Bowling PBA Tour  
Friday 20.11.2009 at 19.15-20.15: Bowling PBA Tour  
Friday 27.11.2009 at 22.00-23.00: Bowling PBA Tour  
Friday 18.12.2009 at 20.00-21.00: Bowling PBA Tour

#### On Eurosport 2

Thursday 27.08.2009 at 22.00-23.00: Bowling PBA Tour Cheektowaga  
Thursday 10.09.2009 at 22.00-23.00: Bowling PBA Tour Baltimore  
Thursday 17.09.2009 at 22.00-23.00: Bowling PBA Tour Reno  
Thursday 24.09.2009 at 22.00-23.00: Bowling PBA Tour Reno  
Thursday 01.10.2009 at 22.00-23.00: Bowling PBA Tour Medford  
Thursday 08.10.2009 at 22.00-23.00: Bowling PBA Tour Las Vegas  
Thursday 15.10.2009 at 22.00-23.00: Bowling PBA Tour Fountain Valley  
Thursday 22.10.2009 at 22.00-23.00: Bowling PBA Tour Las Vegas 2  
Thursday 29.10.2009 at 22.00-23.00: Bowling PBA Tour Wheat Ridge  
Thursday 05.11.2009 at 22.00-23.00: Bowling PBA Tour Indianapolis  
Thursday 12.11.2009 at 22.00-23.00: Bowling PBA Tour Columbus  
Thursday 19.11.2009 at 22.00-23.00: Bowling PBA Tour Norwich  
Thursday 26.11.2009 at 22.00-23.00: Bowling PBA Tour West Babylon  
Thursday 03.12.2009 at 22.00-23.00: Bowling PBA Tour Brunswick

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### **Story 2009-38: Updated ETBF Constitution**

Published on 28 August 2009 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen

The ETBF Constitution is updated according to decisions made at the ETBF Congress in June and a few changes derived from decisions made at the WTBA Congress early August.

The following main changes are included:

#### **Quorum at ETBF Congresses**

The quorum has been changed from at least half of the member federations (including proxies) to at least one third of the member federations (including proxies).

#### **Fees**

The annual ETBF membership fee for federations having less than 4.000 members is changed from € 800 to € 880.

The annual ETBF membership fee for federations having 4.000 or more members is changed from € 2.400 to € 2.640.

The champion fee for ETBF is changed from € 50 per member of the delegation to € 60 per member of the delegation.

The fee for congress delegates is changed from € 25 for the voting delegate and € 50 for each additional delegate to € 50 for each congress delegate.

#### **Ball control at championships**

Bowling balls will no longer be weighted at ETBF Championships and the ball check is here after limited to eligibility of balls as specified in the list of approved bowling balls, serial numbers and a minor visual inspections.

#### **Altering surfaces of bowling balls**

The WTBA Congress has decided that players in WTBA Championships, in addition to practise sessions before a block and in between blocks, are allowed to alter the surface of bowling balls also in between games.

This rule is only in effect for WTBA Championships and not for any tournaments approved by WTBA.

The new alteration rule is furthermore not adopted in the ETBF Constitution, which means that alterations of bowling balls surfaces are allowed during practise sessions before a block/squad and in between blocks/squads, but not in between games at any ETBF Championship or at any approved tournament in Europe, irrespective of the approved tournament is adopted in the European Bowling Tour or not.

If an organizer of an approved tournament outside the European Bowling Tour wants to adopt an option for players to alter the surface of bowling balls in between games, he/she must adopt such a rule in the tournament rules of that specific tournament.

#### **Frequency of Championships in WTBA and ETBF**

At the WTBA Congress it was decided to introduce World Championships for both genders with qualification. These combined championships will be held every fourth year, first time in 2013.

The decision influences the frequency of adult championships both in ETBF and in WTBA, where after a 4 years period looks as follows.

#### 2010

World Men Championships

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European Women Championships

### 2011

World Women Championships

European Men Championships

### 2012

European Men Championships

European Women Championships

Federations will qualify from these two championships to the World Championships in 2013  
Qualification rules for Europe will be decided at the ETBF Congress in 2011.

ETBF will open for bids for the EMC 2012 very soon.

### 2013

World Championships for both genders

The frequency of championships in the four years period 2010-2013 will be repeated for 2014-2017 etc.

The "window" for all European Championships will remain as weeks 23 and 24, except for the EMC 2012 and the EMC 2016 etc., where the "window" will be weeks 33 and 34.

The updated ETBF Constitution is available at this site under the item Publications.

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### Story 2009-39: EBT 2009-10

Published on 14 September 2009 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



A number of players from Team Malaysia had found their way to the 10th stop of the European Bowling Tour 2009, which is Ankara Open, conducted in beautiful Rollhouse Bowling Centre Bilkent on 5-13 September. And as it has happened one time before in the tour, one of the high class players of the team was crowned as winner of a stop in the EBT.

Adrian Ang from Malaysia got his title after a 476 - 424 win in the two games final over Finland's Pasi Uotila, whom earlier this year won the prestigious title in Ballmaster Open in Helsinki.

On their way to the final, Adrian Ang defeated Anja Ginge Jensen from Denmark 442 - 404 in the one Semi Final, while Pasi Uotila defeated his fellow countryman, Osku Palermaa, 469 - 421 in the other.

In the standing of the men's division in the European Bowling Tour, Osku Palermaa kept the leading position with 404 points (70 points in Ankara), followed by Dominic Barrett from England at position 2 with 354 points (30 points in Ankara) and Martin Larsen from Sweden at position 3 with 324 points (not present in Ankara).

Nina Flack from Sweden is continuously leading the women's division of the tour with a total of 364 points (50 points in Ankara), followed by Nicole Sanders from The Netherlands with 342 points (48 points in Ankara) and Mai Ginge Jensen, new at position 3, with 310 points (60 points in Ankara).

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### Story 2009-40: Two stops changes names

Published on 18 September 2009 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



As a consequence of a sponsorship agreement, the name of Stop 03 in the European Bowling Tour 2010 has changed from the IV International Wroclaw Open to the 4th International Wroclaw Open by Hammer.

The tournament will unchanged be conducted in Galeria Rozrywki Miraz in Wroclaw, Poland on 15-21 February 2010.

Also because of a sponsorship agreement, the name of Stop 08 in the European Bowling Tour 2010 has changed from the 1st Austria Challenge to the 1st Ebonite Austria Challenge.

The tournament will unchanged be conducted in Plus Halle in Vienna on 28 April - 2 May 2010 followed by the 3rd EBT Masters in the days just after the conclusion of the tournament.



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### Story 2009-41: ECC 2009

Published on 30 September 2009 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen

Giannis Stathatos, the local Greek hero, took the crowd to endless heights in the final of the 32<sup>nd</sup> European Champions Cup, when he defeated Michael Krämer from Germany 2-1 in a very exiting final, 168 - 199, 221 - 194 and 247 - 205.

The victory of the young Greek player transformed the fantastic situated and very hospitable Mega Place Bowling Club in Chania, Crete into an area of one big fiesta in the hour following the first international trophy of Giannis Stathatos.

In the Semi Finals, Giannis Stathatos defeated Sweden's favourite Martin Larsen 2-1 with a sublime finish (178 -242, 279 - 234 and 278 - 222), while Michael Krämer defeated Arturs Levikins from Latvia 2-1 (141 - 169, 212 - 190 and 199 - 189).

Kirsten Penny from England, a very well-known multi medallist at championships and multiple tour stop winner, took the title in the women's division after a 2-0 (238 - 216 and 225 - 209) victory over Norway's Ann Louise Haugen Andersen. Until then the very talented Norwegian player had performed fantastic at the ECC, but in the final she took the shortest draw against a more experienced player.

In the Semi Finals Kirsten Penny defeated Birgit Pöppler from Germany 2-1 (223 - 280, 230 - 204 and 205 - 198, while Ann Louise Haugen Andersen defeated Ghislaine van der from The Netherlands Tol 2-0 (228-227 and 287 - 167).

As usual in Greece, the championship was well organized by the Hellenic Bowling Federation and it went on in a great atmosphere in beautiful Chania.

The ECC stays in the region, since the next issue of the championships will be conducted in Turkish Mersin in October 2010.

### Story 2009-42: Name change in Munich

Published on 1 October 2009 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



As a consequence of a sponsorship agreement, the name of Stop 11 in the European Bowling Tour 2010 has changed from the 1st Dream Bowl Palace Open to the 1st Track Dream-Bowl Palace Open 2010.

The tournament will unchanged be conducted in Dream Bowl Palace, situated in Unterföhring just outside Munich, on 27 June - 4 July 2010.

The centre, which will be the biggest in Europe with its 52 lanes, is presently under an intense construction. The centre is expected to open in December this year.

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### Story 2009-43: EBT 2009-11

Published on 5 October 2009 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



For the first time out of 7 possible, a local hero won the annual Major tour stop in Vienna, the Columbia 300 Vienna Open, and of course the winner was Thomas Gross.

Thomas Gross defeated England's Stuart Williams 246 - 231 in the last and third one game match of the stepladder final, while Gross defeated Tobias Karlsson from Sweden 276 - 201 in the second step and Karlsson defeated Rob Thurlby from England (an until now unknown name in the tour) 186 - 166 in the first step.

It was the third tour stop win in the career of Thomas Gross and the 100 points awarded for his win brought him to a position 27 with 112 points in the actual standing of the men's division of the European Bowling Tour 2009.

In the absence of the three top ranked players, only a little happened in the top of the men's division, where Martin Larsen from Sweden dropped to position 4 with 324 points, Dennis Eklund from Sweden jumped to a 3rd position with 337 points (48 points in Vienna), Dominic Barrett from England kept position 2 with 354 points and Osku Palermaa from Finland unchanged leads the tour with 404 points.

Britt Brøndsted from Denmark became for not less than the 12th time, the highest ranked woman in a tour stop, and her 100 points brought her to a position 6 with 296 points in the actual standing of the women's division of the European Bowling Tour 2009.

The women's division is continuously very open, still with Nina Flack from Sweden at position 1 with 380 points (16 points in Vienna), Nicki Ainge from England (new at position 2) with 356 points (50 points in Vienna), Nicole Sanders from Netherlands at position 3 with 354 points (12 points in Vienna) and Mai Ginge Jensen from Denmark at position 4 with 338 points (28 points in Vienna).

A record number of not less than 327 players had found their way to Plus Halle and the hospitable Columbian 300 Vienna Open, organized by the always tired less Wolfgang Lohschmid.

Not less than 824 entries were plaid over the 17 squads, only one entry less than the year record so far, which was set already at Stop 01 in Helsinki at the Brunswick Ballmaster Open in January.

### Story 2009-44: EBT 2010 Rule changes

Published on 12 October 2009 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



At a meeting in the ETBF Presidium on 8 and 9 October, it was decided to change the EBT 2010 Rules in the following three areas.

#### **EBT Masters**

As of the EBT Masters 2010, the pin fall will be carried forward from the 18 games qualification (three squads of 6 games) to the 8 player's round robin final, which at the same moment is reduced to 7 matches (no longer any position round).

Detailed rules of the EBT Masters format, which is the same for both the women's and the men's divisions, can be found in the EBT 2010 Rules, Articles 10.6-7.

The EBT Masters 2010 will be conducted in Plus Halle in Vienna Austria on 3-4 May following the conduction of the 1st Ebonite Austria Challenge on 28 April - 2 May.

To improve the atmosphere of the EBT Masters, the schedule has also been revised, meaning that evenings will be in use both competition days. On Monday 3 May the first two qualification squads will be played at 14.00 and at 19.00, while the third qualification squad will be played at 14.00 and the final on 19.00 on Tuesday 4 May.

#### **Possibilities for cancellations in case of a reduced prize fund**

The rules covering a situation where the prize pool of a tour stop is reduced, has been amended to allow players to cancel their participation without penalty points will be added, and to give players the right to ask for a non-refundable flight ticket to be refunded by the organizer, if they want to cancel their participation after a reduced prize pool has been announced.

In both cases the cancellation and the refunding request must happen inside a three weeks window, beginning the day after the reduced prize fund has been published.

Detailed rules for situations with reduced prize funds can be found in the EBT 2010 Rules, Article 11.8.

#### **Bowling ball adjustments and alterations**

Tour stops are already, when it comes to adjusting and altering the surface of bowling balls, conducted in the same way as championships in Europe, namely without possibilities of adjusting and altering surfaces of bowling balls in between games.

To avoid any misunderstandings, rules ensuring all tour stops to be without a limitation in the number of bowling balls and rules limiting adjustments and alterations of bowling balls to be done only in between qualification squads and final steps, before qualification squads and final steps and during practice sessions before qualification squads and final steps, has been implemented in the EBT 2010 Rules.

Detailed rules for bowling balls in tour stops can be found in the EBT 2010 Rules, Chapter 30.

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### Story 2009-45: EBT 2009-12

Published on 18 October 2009 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



When the top 4 in the standing of the 12th stop in the EBT 2009, the Ebonite Lahti Open, entered the stepladder final on Sunday 18 October in the afternoon, they were all 4 found to be men and two of them were recognized as high profiled PBA players.

The first of the three matches was a battle between Lahti's own Jari Ratia and the PBA player Mike Wolfe, with Ratia as the winner 193 - 179.

Second match became a Finnish - Swedish affair, where Tomas Leandersson posted a 256 game to defeat Jari Ratia, who bowled 209.

It left the final to another Finnish - Swedish affair, this time between two bowlers, who have been in the very top of our sport for decades already. At the end, the laurel wreath was given to Sweden's Tomas Leandersson, who defeated Finland's Mika Koivuniemi 223 - 219 in a very tight final.

None of the top 4 players influenced the top standing of the men's division in the European Bowling Tour after 12/15 stops.

Osku Palermaa from Finland kept position 1 with 426 points (22 points in Lahti) and he enlarged the point gap with another 7 points to the long-time runner up, Dominic Barrett from England, who has collected 369 points (15 points in Lahti) so far and with another 17 points to third positioned Dennis Eklund from Sweden, who has 343 points (6 points in Lahti).

Osku Palermaa, the tour winner both in 2007 and 2008, seems to be unwilling to skip his option for a third tour victory in a row, and much begins indeed to points towards another victory for Palermaa.

Vanessa Timter from Germany became the highest ranked women in a tour stop for the first time in her career, and the 50 points awarded to her in Lahti was in any case her first tour points in 2009 at all. Previously Vanessa Timter only got points in one stop, namely 6 points awarded in the Vienna Open in 2005.

No changes occurred at the positions in the top of the women's division, where Nina Flack from Sweden is leading with 400 points (20 points in Lahti), Nicki Ainge from England is second with 391 points (35 points in Lahti) and Nicole Sanders from The Netherlands is third with 365 points (11 points in Lahti).

It is noted that Nicki Ainge lowered the point gap to Nina Flack to as little as 9, so who will be crowned as the 10th tour queen, when the last three stops in 2009 has been conducted, is still a very open question.

Like a number other tournaments this year, also the tournament in Lahti broke their participation records, since 225 players took part (216 in 2008) and 282 re-entries were played (196 in 2008), which in total is 507 entries in 2009 vs. 412 entries in 2008.

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### Story 2009-46: EBT 2009-13

Published on 26 October 2009 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



For the first time England's Nicki Ainge is topping the women's ranking of the European Bowling Tour 2009. Her move to the leading position came after being awarded 40 points at the 13th stop of the EBT 2009, the Ebonite International Luxembourg Open.

Also Nicole Sanders from the Netherlands moved up in the women's ranking, since she was awarded 50 points as the highest ranked women in the tournament, where she came as far as to the Semi Finals.

Nicki Ainge is topping the ranking with 431 points, followed by Nicole Sanders at position 2 with 415 points and the present tour leader, Nina Flack from Sweden, at position 3 with 400 points (Nina Flack was not present in Luxembourg). It is still a very exciting and open battle at the top of the women's division.

Nothing changed in the top of the men's division, where Osku Palermaa from Finland keeps the pole position with 437 points (11 points in Luxembourg) followed by Dominic Barrett from England with 381 points (12 points in Luxembourg) at position 2.

Paul Moor from England moved up to position 3 with 348 points after being awarded 21 points in Luxembourg.

Bill O'Neill from USA (one of the PBA players attending the stop in Luxembourg) took his first tour stop victory ever, after a final against Francois Louw from South Africa, who was defeated 504-452 in the two games final.

In the Semi Finals, Bill O'Neill defeated Nicole Sanders 494-412 and Francois Louw defeated Kent Doug from USA 396-377.

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### Story 2009-47: Name change in Luxembourg

Published on 28 October 2009 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



The organizer of the tour stop in Luxembourg, Claude Legrand, announces an extended sponsorship with Ebonite for the 2010 edition of the tournament.

In the picture you can see the handshake between Mike Quitter, Vice President of Ebonite, and Claude Legrand after the agreement is made.

The tournament, which is adopted in the European Bowling Tour 2010 as stop 06, changes name from International Luxembourg Open to Ebonite International Luxembourg Open as a consequence of the extended sponsorship.

Furthermore the total prize fund is increased from 25.500 € to 30.000 € and finally the tournament will begin one day earlier than previously announced, namely on 15 March 2010. The tournament will, as usual, be conducted in X-Treme Bowling & Billiard in Fötz, Luxembourg in the period 15-21 March 2010.

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### Story 2009-48: Name change in Aalborg

Published on 2 November 2009 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



As a consequence of a three years sponsorship agreement, the name of Stop 10 in the European Bowling Tour 2010 has changed from Aalborg International 2010 to Bowltech Aalborg International 2010.

The tournament will, as always, be conducted in Lovvang Bowling Centre, Aalborg - Denmark in week 21, which in 2010 is 24-30 May.



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### **Story 2009-49: II Federation Cup in Barcelona**

Published on 25 November 2009 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen

After the successful conduction of the biannual tournament, the I Federation Tenpin Bowling Cup in 2008, the second edition will be conducted in Barcelona on 12-14 July 2010 in conjunction with the EBT 2010 Stop 13, the 32 Trofeu Internacional Ciutat de Barcelona.

The II Federation Tenpin Bowling Cup 2010, which is an invitational tournament, will again be hosted by the Catalan Bowling Federation. The purpose of the tournament is a worldwide promotion of bowling, where the concept of bringing the best players from each Zone in WTBA together makes the tournament both unique and an event of a great prestige.

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, which, if not designated by the Zone before 1 June 2010, will be invited by the organizer.

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 II Federation Tenpin Bowling Cup 2010 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 9 stops in 2010. Stop 09 of the EBT 2010 is the 7th Istanbul Bowling 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 Monday 12 July until Thursday 15 July (3 nights) and all meals for the players in the bowling centre on 13 and 14 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 of course again supporting this great sportive initiative and we hope, like it happened in 2008, that it will be just as well met by the players, who will compete on a very high level against athletes from the other Zones.

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### Story 2009-50: EBT 2009-14

Published on 6 December 2009 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



The second last stop in the European Bowling Tour 2009, The Ebonite English Open, conducted in Nuneaton on 2-6 December 2009, only changed the top standing of the women's division in the European Bowling Tour marginally and it brought no final result.

The winner of the tour in 2008, Nina Flack from Sweden, was not playing in England and she stayed at position 3 with 400 points. Nicole Sanders from The Netherlands at position 2 was awarded 8 points and produced a total of 423 points, while leading Nicki Ainge from England was adding 14 points to her new total of 445 points.

Even Latvia's Diana Zavjalova can still win the tour (363 in total), if she gets maximum 100 points in Qatar and the three players above her gets zero or only a few points.

Vikki Burbridge from England, the later winner of the stop, was awarded 50 points and became the highest ranked women in a tour stop for the first time ever.

Vikki Burbridge won the tournament against Mads Sandbækken from Norway after a 2-0 win (190-143 and 251-205). In the foregoing Semi Finals Mads Sandbækken defeated Darren Cundy from England 2-0 (265-244 and 236-171), while Vikki Burbridge defeated Rob Thurlby from England 2-0 as well (308-256 and 231-188).

Also Mads Sandbækken was highest ranked in a tour stop ever.

Leading Osku Palermaa from Finland, the tour winner in 2007 and 2008, kept the pole position in the men's division of the tour, and even enlarged the gap to his always closely following opponent Dominic Barrett a little. Palermaa added 25 points to his new total of 462 points, while Barrett added 21 points to his new total of 402 points and third positioned Paul Moor from England added 15 points to his new total of 363 points.

It looks like the third tour victory for Palermaa, but theoretically Barrett and even Moore, the three times tour winner in 2004, 2005 and 2006, can still make it.

## Story 2009-51: Platinum status in Qatar

Published on 16 December 2009 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



Qatar Bowling Federation, the organizer of the 10th Qatar Bowling Open, which as Stop 21 is the last stop in the European Bowling Tour 2010, announces four changes in the tournament.

### 1. Category

The Qatar Bowling Federation entered their tournament in the EBT 2010, which have four categories (EBT Satellite, EBT Silver, EBT Gold and EBT Platinum), in the EBT Gold category. However, since the tournament (having a prize pool of 120.000 €) meets both the 100.000 € minimum demand and all other requirements for being positioned in the highest category, QBF have decided to upgrade the status of the tournament in 2010 to EBT Platinum.

### 2. Tournament name

For easy reference, the number in front of the tournament name will be removed as of 2010, where after the official name of the tournament will be Qatar Bowling Open.

### 3. Period

The tournament was originally scheduled to be conducted on 11-18 December 2010, but because of difficulties to attract media on 18 December, which is the National Day of Qatar, the tournament is extended with one day, so the changed duration will be 11-19 December 2010.

### 4. Composing top 48

2 X 3 final spots, awarded to the three highest ranked players in separate standings, each of the first two days in the tournament (11 and 12 December), has been changed to 3 X 2 final spots, awarded to the two highest ranked players in separate standings, each of the first three days in the tournament (11, 12 and 13 December).

### Brunswick Ballmaster Open 2-10 January 2010 in Helsinki, Finland

Concerning the magnitude of prize pools, the tournament in Qatar will in 2010 be closely followed by Brunswick Ballmaster Open, the first tournament to be conducted in 2010 with the new EBT Platinum status, and the only tournament with that status in 2010 besides the just upgraded Qatar Bowling Open.

The well-known top player and tour stop organizer, Kimmo Lehtonen, offers as much as 105.000 € in total for the fantastic 40 years jubilee of the tournament in Helsinki, and so far it seems to pay back, since it is expected that close to 500 players will find their way to Helsinki in January. If that's going to be the case, we will face a new high record of entering players in a tour stop since the very beginning of the tour in 2000.

A revised list presenting all stops in the EBT 2010 is presented at this site.

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### Story 2009-52: EBT 2009-15

Published on 19 December 2009 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



Three women entered the last stop of the European Bowling Tour 2009, the 9th Qatar Bowling Open, with a fair chance to become the final winner of the women division in the EBT 2009; leading Nicki Ainge from England with a tour total of 445 points, second positioned Nicole Sanders from The Netherlands with 423 points and third positioned Nina Flack from Sweden (the tour winner from 2008) with 400 points.

From the beginning it looked like an existing battle between the three ladies, but it ended up with a status quo rather early in the tournament. Nicole Sanders ended a little outside the qualification field of 48 players, positioned 9 among the women and for that awarded 42 points in Qatar, while both Nicki Ainge and Nina Flack left the tournament already after the first final step, being awarded 50 and 46 points respectively.

Finally England's Nicki Ainge could be crowned with the EBT 2009 women division title after a fantastic season and a tremendous achievement in her career, after having been ranked 47 in the tour in 2008 and 135 in the tour in 2007; a big applause for Nicki after a great season in the European Bowling Tour 2009.

Britt Brøndsted from Denmark became the highest ranked women in the tour for the 13th time in her glorious career, which, among many international medals, includes 3 tour titles in the 2004, 2005 and 2006 seasons. Britt Brøndsted shares with the 13 highest ranked positions the top position of high ranked women throughout all tours together with Kirsten Penny from England.

In the men's division Osku Palermaa from Finland started the tournament 60 points ahead of the long-time runner up, Dominic Barrett from England and it looked from the beginning to be very difficult for Barrett to catch up.

Anyway, Palermaa was send out of the tournament in the final step 2, for which he was awarded 16 points, ending at a total of 478 points, while Barrett had the chance until step 4, where he missed the cut, was awarded 50 points and completed the 2009 tour season with 452 points.

The tour kept its excitement till the end, but at last Osku Palermaa tripled his tour victory series by adding 2009 to the already won tours in 2007 and 2008.

Previously also Paul Moor (third in 2009 with 403 points) is a triple tour winner in 2004 - 2006, while Gery Verbruggen from Belgium won four times 2000 - 2004.

A 30.000 € prize check was awarded to Remy Ong from Singapore and a 15.000 € prize check to Peter Ljung from Sweden after the two games final, where Ong won a close race 416-414 (198-218 vs. 191+223).

In the Semi Finals Peter Ljung defeated Britt Brøndsted from Denmark 444 - 397 (254+190 vs. 221+176) and Remy Ong defeated Andrew Frawley from Australia 435 - 405 (200+235 vs. 217+188). For their 3-4 positions Brøndsted and Frawley was awarded 5.000 € each.

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### Story 2009-53: Qualified for the Masters

Published on 19 December 2009 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



By the conclusion of the last stop in the European Bowling Tour 2009 in Doha - Qatar, completed top rankings of both divisions are ready to present.

Top 16 in each division are qualified for the 3rd edition of the EBT Masters, which will be held in Vienna, Austria on 3-4 May 2010 after the conclusion of the 1st Austria Challenge.

Qualified for the women's division in the EBT Masters 2010			
1	Nicki Ainge	England	495
2	Nicole Sanders	Netherlands	465
3	Nina Flack	Sweden	446
4	Britt Brøndsted	Denmark	396
5	Mai Ginge Jensen	Denmark	378
6	Diana Zavjalova	Latvia	368
7	Kirsten Penny	England	364
8	Patricia Luoto	Germany	356
9	Ghislaine van der Tol	Netherlands	313
10	Veronica Lantto	Sweden	310
11	Kamilla Kjeldsen	Denmark	288
12	Priscilla Maaswinkel	Netherlands	281
13	Rikke Holm Rasmussen	Denmark	268
14	Lisanne Breeschoten	Netherlands	265
15	Krista Pöllänen	Finland	265
16	Anja Ginge Jensen	Denmark	264
The first substitutes			
17	Tina Hulsch	Germany	244
18	Wendy Kok	Netherlands	220
19	Heidi Thorstensen	Norway	201
20	Isabelle Sacco	France	198

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<b>Qualified for the men's division in the EBT Masters 2010</b>			
1	Osku Palermaa	Finland	478
2	Dominic Barrett	England	452
3	Paul Moor	England	403
4	Martin Larsen	Sweden	390
5	Mads Sandbækken	Norway	386
6	Stuart Williams	England	353
7	Dennis Eklund	Sweden	343
8	Robert Andersson	Sweden	322
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