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Story 2010-01: EBT 2010 on the road

Published on 3 January 2010 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



The 11th season of the European Bowling Tour took off yesterday, when Brunswick Ballmaster Open presented two full squads in famous Tali Bowling Centre, the fully renovated 36 lane bowling centre, situated in the Finnish capital, Helsinki.

Brunswick Ballmaster Open is in more ways a unique tournament; it is the only tournament on the tour program in all 11 seasons, it is over time the longest unbrokenly conducted tournament in the tour, the 2010 issue is conducted in a shining 40 years jubilee celebration and it looks like this 40th issue of the tournament will brake all existing records of stop participation.

72 spots are available in each squad and 72 players were signed up both in Squad 1 and in Squad 2, conducted yesterday on 2 January 2010 in Helsinki. In total the tournament has been played by not less than 133 different players already after day 1.

The remaining 13 qualification squad's looks pretty packed and the organizer reports up to 500 players taking part, with a fair possibility to pass the magic 1.000 entries line, at the end of the qualification on Saturday 9 January.

The previous participation records belongs to the 1st Viernheim Open (Gutperle Anniversary), which attracted 440 players in 2005 in Germany and to Brunswick Euro Challenge, which had a total of 960 played entries in 2008 in France. So as it looks by now, both records are seriously attacked by the tremendous number of players heading towards Helsinki in the coming days.

Like the Brunswick Ballmaster Open, which by it selves is a classic, is the final of this year's jubilee issue a real classic, introducing 8 games in the final step 1 for all 48 qualified players, reducing it to a 16 players round robin in step 2, topped by a 4 persons stepladder final at the end; televised in Finland and with additional 3 transmissions later at Eurosport.

Other tournaments, with a high number of appearances in the tour program, since the tour took off with its first issue in 2000, is Trofeu Internacional Ciutat de Barcelona with 10 appearances, Bowltech Aalborg International with 9 appearances and Columbia 300 Vienna Open with 8 appearances. Opposite to the first more turbulent years in the early stages of the tour, many tournaments are, in the later stages of the tour, returning to the tour program year after year.

The first year in the second decade of the European Bowling Tour indicates, in more ways, a new beginning of the tour.

The EBT 2010 includes for the first time 4 categories, namely EBT Satellites with a minimum prize fund of 20.000 €, EBT Silver Tournaments with a minimum prize fund of 40.000 €, EBT Gold Tournaments with a minimum prize fund of 60.000 € and EBT Platinum Tournaments with a minimum prize fund of 100.000 €.

Not less than 21 tournaments are included in the EBT 2010 program, distributed over the 4 categories as follows: 2 Platinum Tournaments (Brunswick Ballmaster Open and Qatar Bowling Open), 7 EBT Gold Tournaments, 8 EBT Silver Tournaments and 4 EBT Satellites.

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The tour passes during its 2010 season through 17 different federations (the highest number ever), which is Austria, Catalonia, Denmark, England, Finland, France, Germany, Italy, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Poland, Qatar, Russia, San Marino, Slovakia, Slovenia and Turkey. In Poland, Russia and Slovakia a tour stop is conducted for the first time.

The total sum of 2010 prize money in the 21 stops will, together with the EBT Masters prize money, be 1.2 million €, which is the highest amount so far in the European Bowling Tour.

As of 2007, the European Bowling Tour got its own independent final, named the EBT Masters, conducted so far twice, namely in 2008 in Ankara, Turkey as the final of the EBT 2007 and in 2009 in Aalborg, Denmark as the final of the EBT 2008.

EBT Masters winners in the men's division has so far been Osku Palermaa from Finland in 2008 and Paul Moor from England in 2009, while Kamilla Kjeldsen from Denmark won the EBT Masters titles in the women's division both in 2008 and 2009. Palermaa is a three times tour titleholder (2007, 2008 and 2009), Moor also holds three tour titles (2004, 2005 and 2006), while Kjeldsen holds two tour titles in the women's division (2000 and 2003).

The EBT Masters 2010 (the final of the EBT 2009) will be conducted in Vienna, Austria on 3-4 May in conjunction with the conduction of the 1st Ebonite Austria Challenge (EBT 2010 Stop 08). Furthermore we are in these weeks receiving applications for hosting the EBT Masters 2011 and the host of the EBT Masters 2012 will be found later this year.

In July 2008 the Catalan Bowling Federation opened the I Federation Tenpin Bowling Cup 2008 in Barcelona and recently we announced the II Federation Tenpin Bowling Cup 2010 to be scheduled in July 2010, again on the initiative of the Catalan Bowling Federation and again in Barcelona.

The Federation Tenpin Bowling Cup is indeed unique, since it is a competition between zone teams (one 4 person's male team and one 4 person's female team) from Pan American Bowling Confederation, Asian Bowling Federation and European Tenpin Bowling Federation.

The four men and the four women representing ETBF in the II Federation Tenpin Bowling Cup 2010 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.

Also on initiative of the Catalan Bowling Federation, we witnessed the first tour stop in Eurosport transmissions, when the final of the 31st Trofeu Internacional Ciutat de Barcelona was aired three times in July and August 2009 on Eurosport 2.

As presented above, the final of Brunswick Ballmaster Open will be transmitted in Eurosport in January and finals of more stops are expected to be transmitted at Eurosport over the season. Negotiations are presently ongoing and more news will be published soonest possible.

EBT on Eurosport; that introduces a new area and the same did the first stages of a co-operation between PBA and ETBF, when Osku Palermaa qualified for the 2009 PBA World Series in Detroit, because of his leading position in the European Bowling Tour. We expect a continued co-operation with PBA and will return with more news after a period of negotiations.

A great beginning of the new tour season with the massively attended Brunswick Ballmaster Open, a new tour with 21 stops spread over 17 different federations and an increased external interest for the European Bowling Tour, indicates a healthy tour. Still on the right track despite of the challenging financial period the World is facing at the moment.

The official invitation for organizers to apply for adoption of their tournaments in the EBT 2011 is, together with an opening for bids of hosting the EBT Masters 2012, circulated early March,

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with an expected deadline mid-June. We hope to see more federations being able to join with at least satellite stops for a beginning, so the tour can be spread even more widely for the benefit of the development of the sport of bowling.

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Story 2010-02: ETBF Educational Programs

Published on 4 January 2010 by Onder Gurkan

2009 was a productive year for ETBF Educational Committee and for Federations. ETBF EC has completed many projects that will support high level of Bowling Education throughout Europe.

Official Training and Development Centre

As being the first ETBF Approved Bowling Centre, Kuortane Bowling Training Centre in Kuortane High Performance Olympic Training Centre in Finland became "Official Training and Development Centre" for ETBF.

ETBF was searching for a strong partner to support our International Clinics and Educational Programs and Kuortane was the best candidate as they provide an environment of High Level Bowling Education and Sport Sciences. With the support of Kuortane Training Centre and Olympic Facilities our programs are improved with Biomechanics, Athlete Development Programs, Nutrition, Sports Psychology programs. Kuortane facilities also provide high level of accommodation options, classrooms and sports facilities for hands-on training.

While ETBF Educational Committee will keep on doing National Clinics, Kuortane will host our International Clinics, scheduled and special events besides our research and development projects.

You can learn more about Kuortane Bowling Training Centre from www.bowlingtrainingcenter.com.

New Clinics

ETBF provided National Clinics in 2009 for many federations in 2009.

In September, Cyprus Bowling Federation had Level I and Level II clinics together to improve their bowling development programs with 15 coaches. The clinic was held by well-known ETBF instructor Jack Groenenberg and completed with great success.

In October, Polish Tenpin Association had Level I clinic with 18 coaching students. The clinic was held by ETBF EC Chairman Onder Gurkan. ETBF EC has presented the version II of Level I clinic in Poland and clinic completed with great success. Polish Tenpin Association and ETBF scheduled Level I and Level II clinics in 2010.

In December, Czech Tenpin Bowling Federation has asked to use ETBF programs in their coaching Education. Accordingly Czech Republic had their Level I clinic with ETBF Level I content and they integrated to ETBF Coaching programs.

Integrated Federations are automatically updated by ETBF Educational Committee when a new program is released.

Approved Bowling Training Centres

As a new program in 2009, ETBF started to investigate Bowling Training Centres who asked to be certified and certify them as "ETBF Approved Bowling Training Centres" if they fulfil the required criteria for the development of our sport.

Kuortane Bowling Training centre became the first approved bowling training centre in Europe and followed by Kegel Training centre in USA.

Bowling Academy Olomouc in Czech Republic – established in 2008, became the third "ETBF Approved Bowling Training Centre" in 2009. Olomouc provides a strong program, dedicated centre and experienced coaches for the bowling education.

You can get more information from: www.bowlingacademy.eu/en/

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New Updated Coaching Programs

With the hard work of Educational Committee and support from Kuortane Bowling Training Centre and Finnish Bowling Federation, ETBF Coaching Programs are extended to 30 hours from 24 hours. They are more improved with Biomechanics, Athlete Development Programs, Nutrition and Sports Psychology programs. New updated programs will be ready in January 2010 and will be presented in the new clinics.

ETBF educational programs are also supported by USBC, Kegel Training Centre, Ebonite and European Federation's Programs. Our programs are also integrated with WTBA educational programs.

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Story 2010-03: EBT 2010-01

Published on 10 January 2010 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



Brunswick Ballmaster Open celebrated its 40 years jubilee in a cascade of records.

Already on Thursday evening in the tournament week, when yet 7 squads was left to play, 396 players had played at least one squad, a number which already was positioning the tournament as the 4th most attended tournament in the 11 year long history of the European Bowling Tour.

Nothing could prevent the success from continuing, since squad after squad was reported packed with the maximum 72 players on the lanes and after Saturdays 4 squads and the concluding desperado squad, we were facing three fantastic new participation records, namely:

507 players took part in the tournament (previous record 440)

1.056 entries was played (previous record 960)

102 players entered the desperado squad (previous record 100)

Naturally a huge number of top players from all three WTBA Zones played in Helsinki, and in the 16 players round robin we witnessed some of the best seen bowling in Europe for a long time, leading up to the following 4 persons stepladder final.

Match 1

Tomas Leandersson, Sweden - 199

Mika Koivuniemi, Finland - 210

Match 2

Cherie Shi Hua Tan, Singapore - 187

Mika Koivuniemi, Finland - 270

Match 3

Parker Bohn III, USA - 203

Mika Koivuniemi, Finland - 248

The tournament was the first ever held EBT Platinum tournament, which in the EBT 2010 gives five times the regular ranking points.

The men's division is topped by Mika Koivuniemi from Finland with 250 points, followed by Parker Bohn III from USA with 200 points at position 2 and Tomas Leandersson from Sweden with 175 points at position 3.

Being the only women in the top 16 of the tournament, Cherie Tan from Singapore is leading the women's division with 250 points, followed by Nina Manninen from Finland with 200 points at position 2 and Joline Persson-Planefors from Sweden with 175 points at position 3.

In addition to a very good participation, this 40th issue of Brunswick Ballmaster Open became what it was meant to be; a fantastic celebration of both this classic tournament it selves and bowling as a great competitive sport; thanks to its dynamic organizer, Kimmo Lehtonen.

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Story 2010-04: Changes in Lahti

Published on 13 January 2010 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



As a consequence of a sponsorship agreement, the name of Stop 19 in the European Bowling Tour 2010 has changed from Lahti Open to Ebonite Lahti Open.

The organizer announces furthermore the prize fund to be increased with 6.500 €, from 45.700 € to 52.200 €, and finally the pickup service for players arriving to Helsinki Airport is announced to be free of charge.

The tournament will, unchanged, be conducted in Lahti Bowl on 9-17 October 2010.

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Story 2010-05: Lane Mappers for ETBF

Published on 25 January 2010 by Addie Ophelders

The President of ETBF, Addie Ophelders, met with Kegel's John Davis and the ETBF Technical Committee in Munich, Germany on 22-24 January 2010.

By a special agreement with ETBF, Kegel donated 2 Lane Mappers for charting the lanes in European bowling centres; centres which will be hosts to ETBF Championships or centres, who want to benefit from the ETBF Centre Certification Program.

Addie Ophelders and John Davis also agreed on the continued cooperation between ETBF and Kegel.

The meeting took place in the new and fantastic Dream Bowl Palace, situated in Unterföhring near Munich in Germany. The centre will host a new stop in the European Bowling tour in 2010, the World Men Championships in 2010, the European Youth Championships in 2011 and the European Men Championships in 2011.

The centre already benefited from the training of the ETBF Technical Delegates, being trained on the Mapper, by being the first centre in Europe certified with the new equipment.



Present at the meetings were (from the left):

René Exelmans, Member of the ETBF Education Committee

Mario Nicolaides, ETBF Technical Delegate

Addie Ophelders, ETBF President

Pini Hershkovitz, ETBF Technical Delegate

John Davis, CEO Kegel

Harri Kalliokoski, ETBF Technical Delegate

Roni Ashkenazi, Chairman of ETBF's Technical Committee

In addition, but not present at the picture, Bill Mongeau and Herman Glenn, inventors of the Lane Mapper and Ted Thompson, all from Kegel, attended the meeting.

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Story 2010-06: EBT Masters 2010 Confirmations

Published on 28 January 2010 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



The 3rd EBT Masters will be conducted in Vienna, Austria on 3-4 May 2010 after the conclusion of the 1st Austria Challenge in the very well-known Plus Halle.

The 32 qualified players (16 women and 16 men) have been asked to confirm their participation over the month of January and all qualified have accepted to play in Vienna.

The format of the EBT Masters 2010 is, for each division separated, 18 games qualification, divided as follows: Squad 1 over 6 games at pattern 1, Squad 2 over 6 games at pattern 2 and squad 3 over 6 games combined dual lane conditions, using pattern 1 and 2.

The field is here after reduced to 8 players continuing with the pin fall from the 18 games qualification carried forward into a 7 games round robin final, played on combined dual lane conditions, to decide the two Masters of 2010 over a 23 games total including bonuses from the 7 final matches.

The 32 qualified for the EBT Masters 2010 is as follows:

Women's Division

Nicki Ainge, England
Nicole Sanders, The Netherlands
Nina Flack, Sweden
Britt Brøndsted, Denmark
Mai Ginge Jensen, Denmark
Diana Zavjalova, Latvia
Kirsten Penny, England
Patricia Luoto, Germany
Ghislaine van der Tol, The Netherlands
Veronica Lantto, Sweden
Kamilla Kjeldsen, Denmark
Priscilla Maaswinkel, The Netherlands
Rikke Holm Rasmussen, Denmark
Lisanne Breeschoten, The Netherlands
Krista Pöllänen, Finland
Anja Ginge Jensen, Denmark

Men's Division

Osku Palermaa, Finland
Dominic Barrett, England
Paul Moor, England
Martin Larsen, Sweden
Mads Sandbækken, Norway
Stuart Williams, England
Dennis Eklund, Sweden
Robert Andersson, Sweden
Tore Torgersen, Norway
Tobias Karlsson, Sweden

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Thomas Larsen, Denmark
Jesper Agerbo, Denmark
Mathias Aarup, Sweden
Peter Ljung, Sweden
Pasi Uotila, Finland
Gery Verbruggen, Belgium

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Story 2010-07: EBT 2011 invitation released

Published on 31 January 2010 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



The ETBF Presidium has opened for applications from organizers, who want their tournaments adopted in the European Bowling Tour 2011, the 12th consecutive year of the tour.

The ultimate deadline for organizers to apply is Friday 18 June 2010. Shortly after the deadline, the composition of the EBT 2011 will be published.

The ETBF Presidium has decided to continue with the 4 categories introduced in 2010, namely EBT Satellites, EBT Silver, EBT Gold and EBT Platinum, all detailed below.

Various definitions in use in the category presentations:

Entry Value:

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 is € 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 Tournament

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

The organizers' EBT Fee is € 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 Tournament

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

The organizers' EBT Fee is € 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 Tournament

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

The organizers' EBT Fee is € 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.

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Story 2010-08: EBT Masters 2011 host

Published on 10 February 2010 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 Bowling Centre Gladiator Arena in Ljubljana - Slovenia, 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 Arena on 11-12 April 2011, following the conduction of the 5th QubicaAMF Open 2011.

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Story 2010-09: First level one clinic from ETBF

Published on 11 February 2010 by Onder Gurkan

ETBF Education Committee proudly announces that we will have our first International Coaching Clinic for Level One Coaches between 7 and 12 May 2010. After running many National Clinics in different countries, ETBF cooperates with its Official Training Centre; Kuortane Bowling Training Centre to host the first scheduled International Clinic for all of our Federations.

Our instructors will present you the latest updated ETBF Level One coaching program in 30 hours during 4 days.

If you have any candidates for our programs please contact Onder Gurkan atog@etbf.eu for registration and more detailed information.

Information about the Level One Clinic

Clinic Program

ETBF Level One

Clinic Dates

7-12 May. (7 May check in, 8-11 May clinics, 12 May check out)

Place

Kuortane Bowling Training Centre (ETBF Official Training Centre) in Kuortane High Performance Olympic Training Centre in Kuortane, Finland. All accommodation, clinics and meals will be held within the same facility.

Language

English

Clinic Fee

The fee, which is € 700 per person, includes Clinic Fee, 5 days of Hotel Accommodation and 3 Meals a day (breakfast-lunch-dinner). It also includes all fees related to use facilities within the Kuortane High Performance Olympic Training Centre (such as classrooms, gym, etc.). All payments will be done to ETBF.

Last Day of Registration

15 April 2010

Arrival

The nearest domestic Airport is Seinäjoki (55 km / 40 min. by car from Kuortane) and the nearest international airport is Vaasa (120 km / 1.5 hours by car from Kuortane).

You can also fly to Helsinki and get the train to Seinäjoki (approximately 3 hours from Helsinki to Seinäjoki).

There are many trains and flights daily from Helsinki to Seinäjoki and back.

Our guests may be taken from Seinäjoki and group pick-up may be organized from Helsinki by demand.

More about our Clinics

In 2010, ETBF will be providing Level One and Level Two programs for our federations. Our programs are updated with the latest information of modern bowling sport and they are supported by our partners Kuortane Bowling Training Centre, USBC, Kegel Training Centre and Ebonite.

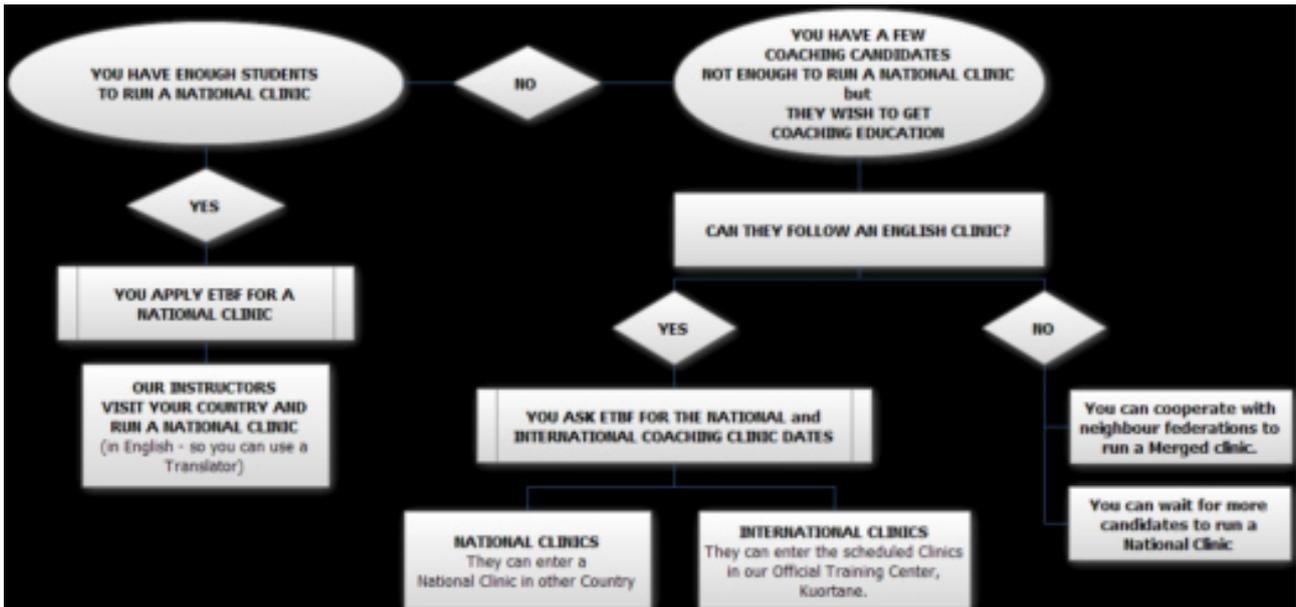
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ETBF provides two types of coaching clinics for the federations; National and International. If you wish to host a clinic nationally our instructors visit your country and run the clinic. We also started to provide scheduled International Clinics where your Coaching candidates can visit our Official Training Centre, Kuortane and enter the clinics.

If you wish to have a clinic in your country please follow the guide below for your options and feel free to contact Onder Gurkan at og@etbf.eu for all details.

ETBF Coaching Program Guide for Our Federations



Story 2010-10: EBT 2010-02

Published on 15 February 2010 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



Dennis Eklund from Sweden took his first tour stop victory since 2007, when he won the 2nd stop of the European Bowling Tour 2010, the Hammer Bronzen Schietspoel Tournament 2010.

In the final pool of four players, all playing two games in the last step, Dennis Eklund won the tournament with 510 pins (251+259) and directed Dominic Barrett from England with 504 pins (244+260), Tobias Karlsson from Sweden with 413 pins (202+211) and Martina Beckel from Germany with 368 pins (191+177) to the following three positions.

Long-time international Martina Beckel has not been seen so much in the tour the last couple of years, but in Tilburg she came back with a 4th position in the tournament and a 1st position among the women taking part, when she for the 7th time in her career became the highest ranked women in a tour stop.

In the men's division of the tour, where we still find Mika Koivuniemi from Finland (250 points) and Parker Bohn III from USA (200 points) at the first two positions, the last two years runner up from England, Dominic Barrett, jumped to a third position with 195 points.

The top of the women's tour division is unchanged occupied by Cherie Shi Hua from Singapore at position 1 with 250 points, Nina Manninen from Finland at position 2 with 200 points and Joline Persson Planefors from Sweden at position 3 with 175 points.

236 players visited Tilburg over the week of the tournament and they played 550 entries in total, which, for the organizer, is a clear improvement compared with the 466 entries played in the 2009 issue of the tournament.

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Story 2010-11: EBT 2010-03

Published on 25 February 2010 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



The very first EBT Satellite tournament, the 4th International Wroclaw Open by Hammer, was conducted as the 3rd stop of the European Bowling Tour last week.

The 4th International Wroclaw Open by Hammer was also the first tour stop ever hosted in Poland and it was, according to an excited organizer, a great event and a great experience to host a tour stop for the first time.

The reigning European Champion, Dominic Barrett from England, took the first tour title ever available in Wroclaw, when he from a position 4 in the foregoing round robin step, went the whole way in the stepladder final by defeating 3 Swedish players, first Dennis Eklund 264-243, then Mikael Kanold 237-197 and finally Tobias Karlsson 530-405 over 2 games.

The victory in Wroclaw became the 4th tour stop victory for Barrett, while Diana Zavjalova from Latvia, from a position 14 in the tournament, became the highest woman in a tour stop for the first time in her career.

Cherie Shi Hua Tan from Singapore, Nina Manninen from Finland and Joline Persson Planefors from Sweden stayed atop of the ranking in the women's division with 250, 200 and 175 points respectively.

In the men's division, Dominic Barrett referred Parker Bohn III from USA to a position 3 with 200 points, Barrett has collected 245 points at position 2 and Finland's Mika Koivuniemi keeps his pole position with 250 points, only 5 points ahead of Barrett.

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Story 2010-12: Changes in the Tour

Published on 27 February 2010 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



Due to the financial situation, the organizer of Ankara Open, originally scheduled to be conducted on 18-26 September 2010, has decided to cancel the tournament in 2010 and additionally decided not to continue the tournament in the coming years.

Since the cancellation happens in due time, we do not expect any players to be damaged financially because of non-refundable flight tickets, just like all fees to ETBF has been paid, for which reasons the organizer is withdrawing the tournament from the tour with all demands well taken care of.

Due to a late scheduled reconstruction of the centre in Rome, the organizer of the 1st Torneo Internazionale di Roma, has requested and received permission to move the tournament from its original dates, 11-19 September 2010, to its new period of 6-14 November 2010.

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Story 2010-13: EBT 2010-04

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Thomas Larsen from Denmark took his first tour stop victory, when he defeated Dominic Barrett from England 235 - 229 in a very exiting one game final of the VIII Catalonia Open - Trofeu Galasa, concluded in Barcelona on Sunday 28 February.

In the forgoing step of the final in this the 4th step of the European Bowling Tour 2010; Dominic Barrett defeated Luz Adriana Leal from Colombia 287 - 193.

The 80 points awarded to Dominic Barrett brought him to a leading position in the men's division of the European Bowling Tour with 325 points, followed by Mika Koivuniemi from Finland with 250 points and Parker Bohn III from USA with 200 points.

Osku Palermaa from Finland, the last three years winner of the European Bowling Tour and the constant rival to Dominic Barrett at the top of the tour, is 4th with 177 points after being awarded 42 points in Barcelona, while Thomas Larsen climbed to a position 7 with 140 points after being awarded 100 points for his victory.

Cherie Shi Hua Tan from Singapore is still leading the women's division of the European Bowling Tour with the 250 points she was awarded in Helsinki early January. Tina Hulsch from Germany is at position 2 with 215 points after being awarded 60 points in Barcelona, while Nina Manninen from Finland is at position 3 with 200 points.

Luz Adriana Leal was awarded 100 points for being the highest ranked women in Barcelona and the highest ranked women for the first time in a tour stop.

Story 2010-14: Austria Challenge cancelled

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We have unfortunately received information from the organizer of the 1st Austria Challenge, originally scheduled to be conducted on 28 April - 2 May 2010 in Vienna, Austria, that the tournament is cancelled as a consequence of too few entries booked.

Furthermore, by the cancellation of the 1st Austria Challenge, the reason for conducting the 3rd EBT Masters 2010 in Vienna late April / early May is no longer existing, so the ETBF Presidium have decided to move the Masters to Aalborg, where it will be conducted on 31 May and 1 June, which is just after the conclusion of Bowltech Aalborg International 2010.

The organizer of the 1st Austria Challenge have promised and underlined, that all full or partly non-refundable flight tickets, lost as a consequence of the cancelled tournament, the moved Masters or both, WILL be refunded by the organizer.

Players qualified to the EBT Masters 2010 must send their flight ticket invoices to me at ktj@etbf.eu, while other entered players in the 1st Austria Challenge must send their flight ticket invoices directly to Wolfgang Lohschmid at wolfgang.lohschmid@chello.at.

It is also important to mention, that this WILL NOT influence the conduction of the 8th Columbia 300 Vienna Open, which WILL be conducted on 28 September - 3 October in Plus Halle as originally scheduled and with the originally announced conditions. Furthermore it is announced by the organizer, that Vienna Open will continue, also in the coming years.

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Story 2010-15: Rune Widell retires from bowling

Published on 3 March 2010 by Addie Ophelders

With the completion of "his" last presidium meeting minutes, Rune Widell marked his last action as Secretary General of ETBF.

Rune Widell was elected into the Presidium of the ETBF (then still called the European Zone) in 1985. From 1995 until 2003 Rune was also the secretary general of two WTBA Presidents: Mr. K. Akagi and Dr. P.S. Nathan. In 1995 he was also asked by the president of ETBF, Addie Ophelders, to be the secretary general of the ETBF. He gladly accepted and we in the Presidium, and I am sure all member federations, have never regretted that.

For the members of the Presidium and for me personally, Rune Widell has been a great support and an oracle. He often guided us along cliffs and the way he kept the administration of the ETBF well documented and in shape, is an example to many.

We, his friends in the presidium, will miss him, but we have his telephone number and his e-mail address and he promised to be available in case we need him. I am afraid that we will call him a few times

After a career of 25 years in international bowling, Rune Widell retires:
Dear Rune, on behalf of your friends in the Presidium, thank you very much for your expertise, your input in all those years and most of all for your friendship.

A long service period ends and a new area begins with the appointment of Valgeir Gudbjartsson as Secretary General of ETBF as of 1 March 2010.

Valgeir Gudbjartsson has been a member of the ETBF Presidium since 2005, a position he will keep together with his membership of the ETBF Tournament Committee and now also his duties as Secretary General. The presidium is very grateful to Valgeir that he also takes this job.

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Story 2010-16: EBT 2010-05

Published on 15 March 2010 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



Only a few months ago, three fantastic tour records were made in Helsinki, where not less than 507 players took part, 1.056 entries were played in total and 102 players showed up at the desperado squad.

In St. Maximin, which is situated north of Paris in France, where another of the big tour events, the Brunswick Challenge, was concluded yesterday, there were another attack at one of the records, since not less than 1.042 entries were played; only the second time in the history of the tour this 1.000 entries barrier was passed.

450 players visited the Brunswick Euro Challenge in Paris, which also is the second highest number of players ever entered into a tour stop and the 93 players in the desperado squad was not far from the record either.

Rob Thurlby from England, a new name, at least internationally, became the successor of this great tournament, when he, as the only European in the 4 person stepladder final, defeated Adrian Ang from Malaysia 253 vs.248 in the last one game match. In the foregoing steps Thurlby defeated another Malaysian player, Zulmazran Zulkifli, 233 vs. 194, while Zulkifli defeated Ildemaro Ruiz from Venezuela 230 vs. 202 in the match before that.

The leader of the men's ranking before the tour stop in St. Maximin, Dominic Barrett from England, was not awarded any points in the stop, but he kept his leading position with 325 points in front of Mika Koivuniemi from Finland with 268 points (18 points in St. Maximin), Parker Bohn III from USA with 260 points (60 points in St. Maximin) and the last three years tour winner Osku Palermaa from Finland with 249 points (72 points in St. Maximin) at the following positions.

Nina Flack from Sweden (the tour winner from 2008) became the highest ranked woman in a tour stop for the 6th time in her career, and by the 150 points, she was awarded in this Gold category tournament, she overtook the leading tour position with a total of 320 points. At the following positions is Cherie Shi Hua Tan from Singapore is with the 250 points and Tina Hulsch from Germany with 248 points (33 points in St. Maximin).

Story 2010-17: EBT Masters 2010 Confirmations

Published on 16 March 2010 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



After the decision of moving the 3rd EBT Masters from Vienna to Aalborg was taken, all 32 participants were asked to reconfirm their participation for the new dates, which is 31 May and 1 June 2010 in Lovvang Bowling Centre.

All 32 qualified players (16 women and 16 men) have over the last couple of weeks reconfirmed their participation, and no excuses were given - all 32 qualified will participate.

The format of the EBT Masters 2010 is, for each division separated, 18 games qualification, divided as follows: Squad 1 over 6 games at pattern 1, Squad 2 over 6 games at pattern 2 and squad 3 over 6 games combined dual lane conditions, using pattern 1 and 2. The field is here after reduced to 8 players continuing with the pin fall from the 18 games qualification carried forward into a 7 games round robin final, played on combined dual lane conditions, to decide the two Masters of 2010 over a 25 games total including bonuses from the 7 final matches.

The 32 qualified for the EBT Masters 2010 is as follows:

Women's Division

Nicki Ainge, England
Nicole Sanders, The Netherlands
Nina Flack, Sweden
Britt Brøndsted, Denmark
Mai Ginge Jensen, Denmark
Diana Zavjalova, Latvia
Kirsten Penny, England
Patricia Luoto, Germany
Ghislaine van der Tol, The Netherlands
Veronica Lantto, Sweden
Kamilla Kjeldsen, Denmark
Priscilla Maaswinkel, The Netherlands
Rikke Holm Rasmussen, Denmark
Lisanne Breeschoten, The Netherlands
Krista Pöllänen, Finland
Anja Ginge Jensen, Denmark

Men's Division

Osku Palermaa, Finland
Dominic Barrett, England
Paul Moor, England
Martin Larsen, Sweden
Mads Sandbækken, Norway
Stuart Williams, England
Dennis Eklund, Sweden
Robert Andersson, Sweden
Tore Torgersen, Norway
Tobias Karlsson, Sweden
Thomas Larsen, Denmark

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Jesper Agerbo, Denmark

Mathias Aarup, Sweden

Peter Ljung, Sweden

Pasi Uotila, Finland

Gery Verbruggen, Belgium

Story 2010-18: EBT 2010-06

Published on 21 March 2010 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



In the last years, the name Bolleby has primarily been connected to Kim, a young very talented Swedish player, often seen at medal podiums at European Youth Championships and indeed also in tour stop now and then.

Everyone knows that his father Ulf was one of the really big names for some decades ago, but Ulf is still a very good bowler and also a truth gentleman of the game. Besides that Ulf is also known for touring with his son and playing a number of the stops him selves.

Well, father Ulf still know how the roll the ball, which he proved in the best possible way by winning his first tour stop ever, when he defeated Magi Mats from Belgium 439 - 384 in the two games final (Step 6) of the Ebonite International Luxembourg Open 2010.

Ulf had a tremendous day at the lanes, since he in the forgoing matches of the 32 players match play pyramid defeated Nico Joris from Belgium 436 - 426 in Step 5, Peder Grimsen from Sweden 406 - 356 in Step 4, Jean-Marc Lebon from Belgium 427 - 361 in Step 3 and Oliver Leroy from Belgium 444 - 396 in Step 2.

Among the women, Marilyn Planchard from France became the highest ranked women in a tour stop for the third time in her career.

In both divisions, most of the top ranked players were missing, so nothing major changed in the top of the tour ranking.

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Story 2010-19: Agreement ETBF - Special Olympics Europe/Eurasia

Published on 26 March 2010 by Addie Ophelders

On 20 March 2010, the European Tenpin Bowling Federation (ETBF) signed an agreement with Special Olympics Europe/Eurasia (SO EE).



The agreement was signed in Valetta, Malta by the Managing Director of SO EE, Mrs. Mary Davis and the President of ETBF, Mr. Addie Ophelders (photo).

The ETBF proclaimed their unanimous support and affinity for Special Olympics Europe/Eurasia and all its bowling players, whose extraordinary courage, on and off the lanes, represent the true spirit of sportsmanship.

SO EE obtains the unanimous support of ETBF and conveys this to all their athletes and supporters, with the purpose of enhancing the sport of Bowling.

Through this partnership, we will endeavour to ensure that more and more people, with intellectual disabilities, have the opportunity to enjoy and benefits of bowling.

Bowling is one of the 31 sports of which SO EE offers year round training and competitions. SO EE works with 500.000 athletes in 58 countries across Europe and Central Asia. Worldwide there are more than 3.2 million athletes with intellectual disabilities across 175 countries.

I am advising our 49 member federations in Europe to contact the SO organization in their respective countries and see how they can cooperate and help each other.

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Story 2010-20: EYC 2010 in France

Published on 4 April 2010 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen

The 23rd European Youth Championships was conducted in St. Maximin, which is situated a little North of Paris, France. The championships had a participation of 178 players, only 6 less than the 184 players taking part in the EYC 2009

Before the two Masters events, the gold medal competition in the championships seemed to be an overall Nordic affair, since Sweden had 5 titles, Finland 2 titles and Denmark 1 title. But Israel and Estonia, with their first ever won international medal, stood up and claimed the two Masters titles on Sunday 4 April in St. Maximin.

In the final of the girls division Shahaf Antin from Israel defeated Marija Tkachenko from Latvia 2-1 (171 - 235, 221 – 219 and 226 – 203), while Kert Truus from Estonia defeated Carsten W. Hansen from Denmark 2-1 (235-225, 191 – 224 and 300 – 186).

The perfect game made by Kert Truus was one of in total 4 perfect games made during the championship days. The other 3 was made by Jan Cepelak from Czech Republic, Patryk Preuss from Poland and Ulari Lees from Estonia.

Outside the title competition, Latvia shined with not less than 6 medals, of which 2 was silver medals and 4 were bronze medals.

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Story 2010-21: EBT 2010-07

Published on 21 April 2010 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



The organizer of Stop 07 in the European Bowling Tour 2010, the 4th Qubica/AMF Open in Ljubljana - Slovenia, was hurt twice because of flying.

First because the Airport in Ljubljana was closed during the tournament as a consequence of runway renovations; this caused some cancellations, since not all was rescheduled on flights to Maribor in the Northern part of Slovenia, but simply had no chance to fly to Slovenia.

Then the ash clouds over Europe prevented another group of players from coming, namely those expecting to arrive to Slovenia Thursday late or Friday during the tournament.

All in all a loss for the organizer of maybe 30 players which reduced the final field to 126 players. Fortunately the organizer already has decided that the tournament will be organized again in 2011 despite the loss they had to face in 2010.

A number of international players, arriving with planes before the airspace was closed, left Ljubljana together with players driving to Ljubljana and found their way up through Europe in various ways. So far I am informed no one was stuck in Ljubljana because of flight problems, since all found alternatives.

Wendy Kok from the Netherlands had a fantastic tournament, which she played in a superior style from start to goal.

In the one two games Semi Final, Osku Palermaa from Finland was defeated by Wendy Kok 515 vs. 450, while Gery Verbruggen from Belgium defeated Steve Jaros from USA 498 vs. 408. In the final Wendy Kok defeated Gery Verbruggen 435 vs. 410.

Wendy Kok became the highest ranked in the women's division for the 2nd time in her career, while it for Gery Verbruggen won his 11th highest ranked position over the tour history. Gery Verbruggen (4 times tour winner 2000-2003) shares the first position of players with highest stop rankings with Paul Moor from England (3 times tour winner 2004-2006).

The top of the 2010 ranking in the women's division remained unchanged the same, namely Nina Flack from Sweden in the lead with 320 points, followed by Cherie Shi Hua Tan from Singapore with 250 points and Tina Hulsch from Germany with 248 points at the following positions.

In the men's division, the triple tour winner 2008-2010, Osku Palermaa, overtook the lead with 329 points (80 points in Ljubljana), followed by Dominic Barrett from England with 325 points (not playing in Ljubljana) at position 2 and Gery Verbruggen with 270 points (100 points in Ljubljana) at position 3.

The top 4 players, holding a passport in a European country, will qualify for the two teams to represent ETBF in the 2nd Federations Cup, which will be played in July in Barcelona against teams from ABF and PABCON.

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The two teams will be picked after the next tour stop (the 7th Istanbul Bowling Open, to be conducted on 10-16 May in Timeout Bowling Centre). Before this stop, the standing for the team representations is as follows:

Women

1. Nina Flack, Sweden - 320 points
2. Tina Hulsch, Germany - 248 points
3. Nina Manninen, Finland - 200 points
4. Diana Zavjalova, Latvia - 190 points
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5. Krista Pöllänen, Finland - 180 points (first just outside the team)

Men

1. Osku Palermaa, Finland - 329 points
2. Dominic Barrett, England - 325 points
3. Gery Verbruggen, Belgium - 270 points
4. Mika Koivuniemi, Finland - 268 points
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5. Kimmo Lehtonen, Finland - 216 points (first just outside the team)

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Story 2010-22: EWC 2012 in Tilburg

Published on 26 April 2010 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen

Netherlands Bowling Federation has announced a changed location of the European Women Championships 2012. The championship moves from Eindhoven to Tilburg, where it will be conducted in the well-known Dolfijn Bowling, owned by Ronald Dol.

Dolfijn Bowling is internationally known for hosting the annual European Bowling Tour stop, the Hammer Bronzen Schietspoel Tournament.

The period of the European Women Championships 2012 is unchanged 7-17 June 2012.

Story 2010-23: EBT 2010-08

Published on 17 May 2010 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



Mika Koivuniemi from Finland took over the lead of the men's division and Nina Flack kept the leading position of the women's division of the European Bowling Tour 2010, when the 8th stop of the tour, the 7th Istanbul Bowling Open, was conducted in Istanbul mid-May in the always very friendly and hospitable Time Out Bowling Centre.

Mika Koivuniemi won his second tour title in the 2010 season when he defeated the surprise of the tournament, Mykhaylo Kalika from Ukraine, 548 (258+290) vs. 424 (208+216) in the two games final.

In the one Semi Final Mika Koivuniemi defeated Nina Flack 527 (268 + 259) vs. 448 (184+264), while Mykhaylo Kalika from Ukraine defeated Sweden's Rebecka Larsen Jr. 502 (255+247) vs. 467 (255+212) in the other Semi Final.

Rebecka Larsen Jr. was ranked highest among the women for the first time in her career.

Mika Koivuniemi is leading the men's division with 418 points (150 points in Istanbul) in front of Dominic Barrett from England with 400 points (75 points in Istanbul) and Osku Palermaa from Finland with 374 points (45 points in Istanbul).

Nina Flack is leading the women's division with 440 points (120 points in Istanbul) in front of Tina Hulsch from Germany with 353 points (105 points in Istanbul) and two other Swedish players both with 265 points, namely Rebecka Larsen Jr. (150 points in Istanbul) and Joline Persson-Planefors (90 points in Istanbul).

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Story 2010-24: European teams for Barcelona

Published on 17 May 2010 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen

The conclusion of Stop 08 in the European Bowling Tour 2010, the 7th Istanbul Bowling Open, marked the end of the qualification for the two teams, which will represent Europe in the II Federation Tenpin Bowling Cup 2010.

The following 4 women will represent Europe:

Nina Flack, Sweden

Tina Hulsch, Germany

Joline Persson-Planefors, Sweden

Rebecka Larsen Jr., Sweden

The following 4 men will represent Europe:

Mika Koivuniemi, Finland

Dominic Barrett, England

Osku Palermmaa, Finland

Gery Verbruggen, Belgium

Congratulations to the 8 players.

The II Federation Tenpin Bowling Cup 2010 will be hosted by the Catalan Bowling Federation on 12-14 July in conjunction with the EBT 2010 Stop 12, the 32 Trofeu Internacional Ciutat de Barcelona.

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, which will be televised at Eurosport 2.

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Story 2010-25: EMC 2012 to Austria

Published on 19 May 2010 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen

The ETBF Presidium has decided to award the hosting of the European Men Championships 2012 to Austria.

The championships will be conducted on 16-26 August 2012 in Plus Halle, Vienna.

The EMC 2012 will for the men, just as the EWC 2012 in The Netherlands will for the women, include a qualification competition for the Combined World Championships 2013.

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Story 2010-26: Commonwealth in Malaysia

Published on 21 May 2010 by Lynne Clay

The combination of an experienced team of international tournament organisers, and a proven venue that hosted bowling's historic participation in the Commonwealth Games in 1998 has led to the success of Malaysia's bid for the V Commonwealth Tenpin Bowling Championship.

In partnership with the Ministry of Youth & Sports Malaysia, the MTBC will host the fifth of a series of biennial Championships, beginning in Scotland in 2002, and since staged in Cyprus, Australia and Northern Ireland. The V CTBC is scheduled to run from Saturday, 19 February to Sunday, 27 February 2011 in the Malaysian capital of Kuala Lumpur.

With valuable commercial support from the official hotels (Sunway Lagoon Resort and Sunway Pyramid Tower) and the 48-lane Sunway Megalanes bowling centre, the MTBC Organising Committee is gearing up to present a five-star event that will attract participants from Commonwealth nations across the world.

"The most recent Championship held in Belfast in November 2008 set an impressive benchmark - one that nevertheless I'm sure the MTBC will be aiming to exceed in KL," said CTBF President Julian Pace-Bonello from Malta when announcing the successful bid. "The CTBF was formed with the specific goal of staging highly visible, well-organised international events that will ultimately meld into the official Commonwealth Games program, and I'm confident that Sidney Tung and his team will present a memorable tournament on our behalf," he added.

Sunway Megalanes is situated in the heart of a thriving integrated resort and shopping complex in Petaling Jaya, providing easy access to unparalleled recreational and shopping facilities for bowlers, officials and supporters.

The V Commonwealth Tenpin Bowling Championship is expected to attract teams from up to 20 Commonwealth nations. Full details of the Championship schedule, host centre, transport/accommodation arrangements and a link to the dedicated Championship website will be included in the first of a series of Bulletins that will be published shortly

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Story 2010-27: English Open changes

Published on 26 May 2010 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen

The organizer of Stop 18 in the European Bowling Tour 2010, the Ebonite English Open, has decided to move the tournament from its December spot to 17-21 November 2010.

The organizer also announces a changed format, where more players can earn buys into later final stages and furthermore a 5 person stepladder final is introduced.

The prize pool is unchanged, but a number of prizes are at various stages adjusted to match with the changed format.

Finally the organizer announces the stepladder final, both to be broadcasted at Sky Sports and Internet streamed.

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Story 2010-28: EBT 2010-09

Published on 31 May 2010 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



Dominic Barrett from England went back into the leading position of the European Bowling Tour 2010, when he defeated Finland's Petteri Salonen 460 (201+259) vs. 445 (204+241) in the two games final of Bowltech Aalborg International 2010, the 9th stop of the EBT 2009.

In the foregoing Semi Finals, Dominic Barrett defeated Norway's Mads Sandbækken 440 (223+217) vs. 413 (188+225), while Petteri Salonen defeated the local favourite Jesper Agerbo 404 (212+192) vs. 404 (190+214).

The Semi Final Salonen-Agerbo became a very unusual affair, as the games went on, since Agerbo picked 4 splits in the first game and was a few millimetres from picking another, since Agerbo sat a split in the 10th frame of the 2nd game, which opened the door for Salonen to tie the match and since the shots in the one shot roll-off became as small as 6 to Agerbo and 7 to Salonen before the match finally could be determined with Salonen as the winner.

Dominic Barrett is leading the men's division of the EBT 2010 with 550 points (150 in Aalborg) in front of Mika Koivuniemi from Finland with 460 points (42 points in Aalborg) at position 2 and Osku Palermaa from Finland with 398 points (24 points in Aalborg) at position 3.

Nina Flack from Sweden kept the leading position of the women's division of the EBT 2010 with 452 points (12 points in Aalborg) in front of Tina Hulsch from Germany with 353 points (not attended in Aalborg) at position 2 and Rebecka Larsen Jr. from Sweden with 325 points (60 points in Aalborg) at position 3.

Kamilla Kjeldsen became, from a position 5 in the tournament, the highest ranked women in the tournament and for the 9th time in her career, while Barrett was highest ranked among the men for the 5th time in his career.

Story 2010-29: EBT Masters 2010

Published on 2 June 2010 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



Kamilla Kjeldsen from Denmark, one of the leading athletes in the women's division of the European Bowling Tour since its beginning in 2000, did it again.

Kamilla Kjeldsen earned the European Bowling Tour title in 2000 and 2003 and in the later years of the tour, Kjeldsen have dominated the final of the European Bowling Tour, the EBT Masters, which she won both in its first edition in 2008 and in its second edition in 2009.

Yesterday in Aalborg, where the 3rd edition of the EBT Masters was concluded with the top 8 round robin for men and the top 8 round robin for women, Kamilla Kjeldsen was crowned as a real queen of the EBT Masters after her third consecutive title in a row and still the only woman having earned an EBT masters title so far.

Kamilla Kjeldsen won by a total of 5504 pins and points over 25 games, in front of her fellow countrywomen Mai Ginge Jensen with 5470 pins and points and Patricia Luoto from Germany with 5315 pins and points at the following positions.

The men's division was dominated by Sweden's Robert Andersson, who are playing many good tournaments over the season, but whom have missed a title for a longer period, since he earned the title in a superior style by a total of 5735 pins and points in front of Tore Torgersen from Norway with 5610 pins and points and Thomas Larsen from Denmark with 5535 pins and points at the following positions.

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Story 2010-30: Presentation of the EBT 2011

Published on 19 June 2010 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



It is a pleasure for the ETBF Presidium to present the European Bowling Tour 2011, which is the 12th edition of the tour.

A list of tournaments is presented below, while detailed information of each stop is available in the Tournament Calendar.

Also in 2011, there will be four categories in the tour, namely EBT Platinum (minimum 100.000 € prize fund), EBT Gold (minimum 60.000 € prize fund), EBT Silver (minimum 40.000 € prize fund) and EBT Satellite (minimum 20.000 € prize fund).

As much as 18 of the 19 tournaments included in the EBT 2010 are also included in the EBT 2011, while only the tournament in Luxembourg (Satellite) won't appear again in 2011.

In addition to the 18 existing tournaments, we are able to present 4 new EBT Satellite's; which is Odense International (Denmark), Viborg International 2011 (Denmark), Chandra Open 2011 (Netherlands) and Norwegian Open 2011 (Norway). Norwegian Open presents a comeback after a three years break and four previous appearances in the years 2004-2007.

The EBT 2011 consists of 1 platinum tournament and 21 tournaments divided equally between 7 gold tournaments, 7 silver tournaments and 7 satellite tournaments.

The first stop in the tour is, as always, Brunswick Ballmaster Open in Helsinki, rich of traditions and the only tournament adopted in all 12 tours. Ballmaster presents the second highest international prize pool of 90.000 €, while the last stop of the tour (since 2007), Qatar Bowling Open, with its platinum status presents the highest prize pool of 120.000 €.

The total prize fund in the EBT 2011, including tour prize money, will be approximately 1.160.000 €; an average prize fund of approximately 51.000 € per stop.

It is very satisfying for the ETBF Presidium, in perspective of a European economy still in troubled waters, to be able to present another great European Bowling Tour, even including a record number of stops.

The 16 highest ranked women and the 16 highest ranked men, by the conclusion of the EBT 2011, will qualify for the 5th EBT Masters, which will be hosted by the organizer of the 3rd Dream Bowl Palace Open in Munich on 30 April and 1 May 2012.

The final of the ongoing EBT 2010, the 4th EBT Masters, will be hosted by the organizer of the 5th Qubica/AMF Open in Ljubljana, Slovenia on 11-12 April 2011.

Tournaments in the EBT 2011:

01 / 01.01-09.01: Brunswick Ballmaster Open in Finland (Gold)

02 / 14.02-20.02: 5th Internat. Wroclaw Open by Hammer in Poland (Satellite)

03 / 27.02-06.03: Hammer Bronzen Schietspoel Tour. 2011 in Netherlands (Silver)

04 / 04.03-13.03: Brunswick Euro Challenge in France (Gold)

05 / 15.03-20.03: IX Catalonia Open - Trofeu Galasa in Catalonia (Silver)

06 / 30.03-03.04: 2nd Track Dream-Bowl Palace Open 2011 in Germany (Silver)

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- 07 / 05.04-10.04: 5th Qubica/AMF Open 2011 in Slovenia (Silver)
- 08 / 07.05-15.05: 8th Istanbul Bowling Open in Turkey (Gold)
- 09 / 22.05-29.05: Bowltech Aalborg International 2011 in Denmark (Gold)
- 10 / 29.05-05.06: Odense International in Denmark (Satellite)
- 11 / 02.07-10.07: 7th San Marino Open in San Marino (Gold)
- 12 / 12.07-17.07: 33 Trofeu Internacional Ciutat de Barcelona in Catalonia (Gold)
- 13 / 30.07-07.08: Viborg International 2011 in Denmark (Satellite)
- 14 / 05.08-14.08: Norwegian Open 2011 in Norway (Satellite)
- 15 / 22.08-28.08: BNC Open in Slovakia (Silver)
- 16 / 13.09-18.09: 2nd Pavlovskiy Posad Open in Russia (Satellite)
- 17 / 19.09-25.09: Chandra Open 2011 in Netherlands (Satellite)
- 18 / 27.09-02.10: 9th Columbia 300 Vienna Open in Austria (Gold)
- 19 / 08.10-16.10: Lahti Open in Finland (Silver)
- 20 / 05.11-13.11: 2nd Torneo Internazionale di Roma in Italy (Satellite)
- 21 / 16.11-20.11: English Open in England (Silver)
- 22 / 09.12-17.12: Qatar Bowling Open in Qatar (Platinum)

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Story 2010-31: EWC 2012 in Riga

Published on 19 June 2010 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen

Krista Pöllänen from Finland won the Masters event of the European Women Championships, concluded for some moments ago in the Latvian capital Riga.

Pöllänen won 2-1 in the best of three games final (215-194, 200-215 and 249-214) over the young and very talented Swedish player Sandra Andersson, who just last year in the European Youth Championships in Malmö took 3 bronze medals.

In the Semi Finals of the Masters, Krista Pöllänen defeated the three times winner of the EBT Masters, Kamilla Kjeldsen from Denmark, 2-0 (199-171 and 192-187), while Sandra Andersson defeated Hayley White from England 2-0 (237-208 and 189-180).

The four other titles were divided between Sweden 1 (doubles), England 1 (trios) and Denmark 2 (team and all event).

Nina Flack and Helén Johnsson from Sweden, defending doubles champions from the EWC 2008 in Denmark, won their second consecutive doubles title after a 399-352 win in the one game final over England, represented by Hayley White and Lisa John.

England came back in the trio's event, where Nicki Ainge, the winner of the European Bowling Tour 2009, joined Hayley White and Lisa John to defeat The Netherlands, represented by Lisanne Breeschoten, Ghislaine van der Tol and Priscilla Maaswinkel 674-647 in the Final.

Friday 18 June became the golden day for the Danish team, since not less than two gold and one silver medal was won on the same day.

In the middle of the day, the All Event title came into the procession of Rikke Holm Rasmussen, since claimed her title with a total of 5466 over the 24 games, only 18 pins in front of her team colleague Mai Ginge Jensen, who took her third consecutive European all event silver medal since 2006, and 25 pins in front of Finland's Krista Pöllänen at the bronze position.

Later on the Friday the team victory became a reality for the Danes when Rikke Holm Rasmussen, Mai Ginge Jensen, Anja Ginge Jensen, Kamilla Kjeldsen, Britt Brøndsted and Sascha Wedel, by a 1009-884 win in the one game final, defeated The Netherlands, represented by Lisanne Breeschoten, Ghislaine van der Tol, Priscilla Maaswinkel, Bianka Wiekeraad, Nicole Sanders and Wendy Kok.

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Story 2010-32: President's Silver Jubilee

Published on 3 July 2010 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



How often do you hear about a Silver Jubilee for positions in volunteer organizations? Indeed not very often, but it happens!

How often do you hear about a Silver Jubilee in an international volunteer organization? Hardly ever, maybe never!

But ETBF celebrates a true Silver Jubilee today, Saturday 3 July 2010, since our President in ETBF, Addie Ophelders, was elected for his first term in the Presidium, in those days as Vice President, for precisely 25 years ago.

Addie Ophelders was elected at the Congress on 3 July 1985 in Vienna - Austria, held in conjunction with the 7th European Championships.

Already in 1989, at the Congress held in conjunction with the 8th European Championships in s'Hertogenbosch - The Netherlands, Addie Ophelders moved one step up and became the President of ETBF (European Zone at that time), a position he has kept ever since.

As a consequence of the Vice President election in 1985, Addie Ophelders became immediately a member of the Presidium of the World Tenpin Bowling Association (FIQ Tenpin Division at that time), a position he obviously also have kept since then. In the period 1987-1993, Addie Ophelders served additionally as the 1st Vice President of WTBA.

Finally Addie Ophelders became a member of the Presidium of Fédération Internationale des Quilleurs in 1989, a position he left at the end of 2007, but only because he at the same time was appointed Secretary General of FIQ, a position he still keeps.

Just looking at the many international positions and the many years of serving, it is clear for all that Addie Ophelders' international career have been and still is fantastic.

But this is about more than positions and years; it is about a passion for the sport, about a strong dedication to all tasks given and about a deep knowledge, gained after years of studies, involvement and hard work. There is no doubt that the World shares a tremendous respect for the work done by the ETBF President.

Addie Ophelders' influence at the global bowling scene is evident and the international network of Addie Ophelders is legendary. Under the leadership of Addie Ophelders, ETBF has grown from a rather anonym organization, to a dynamic organization, completely integrated in European bowling and with a row of offers to federations and players, like three yearly championships, a very visible European Bowling Tour, coaching clinics, technical clinics and technical inspections.

Despite 25 years on board, Addie Ophelders' duties and tasks are continuously taken care of by the well-known passion and dedication, and still with a lot to do and to look forward to.

We, the members of the ETBF Presidium; Roni Ashkenazi, Valgeir Gudbjartsson, Sergey Lisitsyn, Onder Gurkan and Kim Thorsgaard Jensen, are proud to work together with you Addie and we are looking forward to the cooperation in the coming years.

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Story 2010-33: Roger Christofidis passed away

Published on 5 July 2010 by Addie Ophelders

On Sunday 27 June 2010 we were informed that our and my good friend Roger Christofidis had passed away.

Roger was many years the President and the face of the Cyprus Bowling Federation. His career in bowling started already in 1980 when he was one of the founders of Limassol Bowling Club. From 1991 - 2007 he was the owner and the Manager of Limassol Bowling Centre.

From 2005 - 2008 Roger was the Vice President of Commonwealth Tenpin Bowling Federation.

More than 2000 people, including the representative of ETBF, gave the last honours to Roger. He was laid to rest in peace in Limassol.

Roger will be deeply missed by his wife Georgia, his children and grandchildren.

We lose a great man with a big hart for our sport and I lose a great friend.

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Story 2010-34: EBT 2010-10

Published on 5 July 2010 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



Ghislaine van der Tol from the Netherlands added another great trophy to her collection, when she won the 1st Track Dream-Bowl Palace Open 2010, conducted in the new fantastic 52 lane centre in Munich.

Ghislaine van der Tol won the title after a very close 388 – 384 victory in the two games final against Robert Andersson from Sweden.

In the Semi Finals Ghislaine van der Tol defeated Jens Nickel from Germany 432 – 424, while Robert Andersson defeated Dominic Barrett from England 451 – 345.

Ghislaine van der Tol became the highest ranked women in a tour stop for the 7th time in her career, while it happened for the 5th time for Robert Andersson.

The top of the tour ranking in the women's division remained unchanged as follows: 1. Nina Flack from Sweden 452 points, 2. Tina Hulsch from Germany 353 points and 3. Rebecka Larsen Jr. from Sweden 325 points; none of the three players attended the tournament in Munich.

Also in the men's division the three highest ranked is the same after the stop in Munich, namely Dominic Barrett from England at position 1 with 620 points (70 points in Munich), Mika Koi-vuniemi from Finland at position 2 with 504 points (44 points in Munich and Osku Palermaa from Finland at position 3 with 438 points (40 points in Munich).

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Story 2010-35: EBT 2010-11

Published on 11 July 2010 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



Chris Loschetter from USA took his first EBT title when he defeated Finland's Osku Palermaa 412 (226+186) vs. 358 (188+170) in the two games final in the 6th Storm San Marino Open (EBT 2010-11), conducted in the always hospitable Rose'n Bowl in San Marino.

In the foregoing Semi Finals, also over two games, Osku Palermaa won against his fellow countryman Mika Koivuniemi 437 (217+220) vs. 416 (183+233), while Chris Loschetter defeated Gery Verbruggen from Belgium 454 (218+236) vs. 414 (223+191).

Nicole Sanders from The Netherlands became the highest ranked women in a tour stop for the 5th time in her career, while it was the first highest position for Chris Loschetter.

The top of the ranking in the women's division after the stop in San Marino is as follows: Nina Flack from Sweden at position 1 with 452 points (no attendance in San Marino), Nicole Sanders from The Netherlands at position 2 with 434 points (150 points in San Marino) and Tina Hulsch from Germany (no attendance in San Marino) and Priscilla Maaswinkel from The Netherlands (120 points in San Marino) at a shared position 3-4 with 353 points.

In the men's division Dominic Barrett from England is leading with 659 points (39 points in San Marino), Mika Koivuniemi from Finland keeps position 2 with 594 points (90 points in San Marino), while Osku Palermaa from Finland keeps position 3 with 558 points (120 points in San Marino).

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Story 2010-36: 2nd Federation Cup 2010

Published on 17 July 2010 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen

The 2nd Federation Tenpin Bowling Cup 2010 was held on 13 and 14 July 2010 in Barcelona, prior to the conduction of Stop 12 in the EBT 2010, the 32 Trofeu Internacional Ciutat de Barcelona.

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

On 28 February 2010, all three WTBA zones were informed about the tournament and the possibility for them to send a women team and a man team to Barcelona.

A women and a man team from the Pan American Bowling Confederation (PABCON) took part in the tournament together with a women and a man team from the European Tenpin Bowling Federation (ETBF), while the Asian Bowling Federation (ABF) excused in June, since it was impossible to provide two four persons teams from Asia, because all players were occupied by domestic and regional activities.

The following 7 disciplines were included: Singles Women, Singles Men, Doubles Women, Doubles Men, All Event Women, All Event Men and Mixed Team of Five - Bakers Style.

The women team from ETBF consisted of Nina Flack (Sweden), Tina Hulsch (Germany), Rebecka Larsen (Sweden) and Joline Persson-Planefors Sweden, while the male team consisted of Gery Verbruggen (Belgium), Mika Koivuniemi (Finland), Dominic Barrett (England) and Osku Palermaa (Finland).

The three women competitions were all won by PABCON, while ETBF won all men competitions. Finally the mixed team competition was won by ETBF.

Find below a complete result presentation of the 2nd Federation Tenpin Bowling Cup 2010.

Singles Women			
Pos.	Player	Zone	Result
1	Brenda Edwards	PABCON	1373
2	Rocio Restrepo	PABCON	1309
3	Sofia Granda	PABCON	1304
4	Patricia de Faria	PABCON	1206
5	Joline Persson-Planefors	ETBF	1186
6	Tina Hulsch	ETBF	1173
7	Nina Flack	ETBF	1164
8	Rebecka Larsen	ETBF	1128

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Singles Men

Pos.	Player	Zone	Result
1	Gery Verbruggen	ETBF	1382
2	Dominic Barrett	ETBF	1283
3	Mika Koivuniemi	ETBF	1276
4	John Janawicz	PABCON	1249
5	Osku Palermaa	ETBF	1240
6	Manuel Otalora	PABCON	1203
7	Luis Olivo	PABCON	1180
8	Alberto Lizano	PABCON	1168

Doubles Women

Pos.	Player	Zone	Result
1	Brenda Edwards Rocio Restrepo	PABCON	2745
2	Sofia Granda Patricia de Faria	PABCON	2573
3	Tina Hulsch Nina Flack	ETBF	2548
4	Rebecka Larsen Joline Persson-Planefors	ETBF	2501

Doubles Men

Pos.	Player	Zone	Result
1	Mika Koivuniemi Osku Palermaa	ETBF	2706
2	Manuel Otalora John Janawicz	PABCON	2651
3	Dominic Barrett Gery Verbruggen	ETBF	2585
4	Luis Olivo Alberto Lizano	PABCON	2373

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All Event Women			
Pos.	Player	Zone	Result
1	Brenda Edwards	PABCON	2814
2	Rocio Restrepo	PABCON	2613
3	Sofia Granda	PABCON	2611
4	Tina Hulsch	ETBF	2496
5	Patricia de Faria	PABCON	2472
6	Rebecka Larsen	ETBF	2436
7	Nina Flack	ETBF	2389
8	Joline Persson-Planefors	ETBF	2379

All Event Men			
Pos.	Player	Zone	Result
1	Gery Verbruggen	ETBF	2653
2	Mika Koivuniemi	ETBF	2632
3	Dominic Barrett	ETBF	2597
4	Osku Palermaa	ETBF	2590
5	John Janawicz	PABCON	2564
6	Manuel Otalora	PABCON	2539
7	Luis Olivo	PABCON	2378
8	Alberto Lizano	PABCON	2348

The tournament was completed by one team match between ETBF and PABCON.

The format was mixed team of 5 played the bakers style (best of three games matches).

The match was won by the ETBF team (consisting of Tina Hulsch, Rebecka Larsen, Gery Verbruggen, Mika Koivuniemi and Dominic Barrett) 2-1 (208-176, 210-269 and 176-152) over the team from PABCON.

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Story 2010-37: EBT 2010-12

Published on 18 July 2010 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



Gery Verbruggen did it again; won a stop in the European Bowling Tour.

In the highly estimated 32 Trofeu Internacional Ciutat de Barcelona, the tour veteran and 4 times tour winner 2000-2003, defeated England's super talented Dominic Barrett 224 - 196 in the one game final. In the foregoing step of the final, Verbruggen defeated Brian Voss from USA 206 - 197.

By this victory, Verbruggen became the highest ranked in a tour stop for the 12th time in his career, a number which leaves him alone atop of the men's list of tour stop winners.

Nina Flack from Sweden became, from a position 6 in the tournament, the highest ranked women for the 7th time in her career.

Both steps in the final was, thanks to the efforts of the hard working Catalan Bowling Federation, broadcasted live on Eurosport.

Nina Flack from Sweden obviously kept the leading position in the women's division with 602 points (150 points in Barcelona) followed by a Dutch quartet consisting of Nicole Sanders at position 2 with 473 points (39 points in Barcelona), Wendy Kok at position 3 with 440 points (105 points in Barcelona), Ghislaine van der Tol at position 4 with 416 points (66 points in Barcelona) and Priscilla Maaswinkel at position 5 with 413 points (60 points in Barcelona).

The top of the men's division remained unchanged with Dominic Barrett from England in a comfortable leading position with 779 points (12 points in Barcelona) in front of Mika Koi-vuniemi from Finland with 627 points (33 points in Barcelona) and Osku Palermaa from Finland with 621 points (63 points in Barcelona).

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Story 2010-38: WYC 2010 in Helsinki

Published on 1 August 2010 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen

Korea made a very powerful performance, when the country took 6 out of 10 possible titles in the 11th World Youth Championships, conducted in famous Talli in Helsinki, Finland.

The Korean performance culminated on the last two days of the championships, since the country won both team titles on the second last day and both masters' titles on the last day of the championships.

The Korean dominance was furthermore underlined about the fact that 3 out of four players in the Semi Finals of the boy's masters was Korean, while 2 out of 4 players in the Semi Finals of the girl's masters was Korean.

Besides the 2 team and the two master titles, Korea took gold in the girl's singles and the girl's All Event.

USA won two titles, in the boy's doubles and in the boy's the boy's entire event, while Colombia won the title in the girl's doubles.

One title only went to Europe, since England's Adam Cairns took the title in the boy's singles and in general only 10 out of the totally 38 medal sets (1 gold, 1 silver and 8 bronze medals) went to European players.

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Story 2010-39: WWC 2011 in Hong Kong

Published on 13 August 2010 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen

At a meeting held prior to the World Men Championships in Munich, the WTBA Presidium decided to award the hosting of the World Women Championships 2011 to Hong Kong.

The championships will be held in the period of 2-12 September 2011 with the FIQ and the WTBA Congresses to be held in the days prior to the championships.

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Story 2010-40: Platinum upgrade

Published on 17 August 2010 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



It is with great pleasure we can announce that the organizer of Brunswick Euro Challenge have decided to upgrade the status of the tournament from Gold to Platinum in the European Bowling Tour 2011.

The prize pool increases from already high 90.000 € to as much as 106.000 €.

The organizer announces in addition a changed format of the final, which hereafter will be conducted as follows:

64 players qualifies to the final, of which 12 qualifies directly to the final step 2

In step 1, 52 players will play 6 games starting from scratch

In step 2, 28 players will play 6 games starting from scratch

In step 3, 8 players will play a round robin over 8 one game matches with the six games pin fall from the previous step carried forward

In step 4, 3 players will play a stepladder final over two one game matches

Brunswick Euro Challenge will unchanged be conducted on 4-13 March 2011 in Le Plaza Bowling in St. Maxim, France (a little outside Paris).

After the status upgrade of Brunswick Euro Challenge, there will be two Platinum tournaments in the EBT 2011, since also Qatar Bowling Open (9-17 December 2011) will be conducted as a Platinum tournament in 2011 (as well as in 2010)

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- 14 / 05.08-14.08: Norwegian Open 2011 in Norway (Satellite)
- 15 / 22.08-28.08: BNC Open in Slovakia (Silver)
- 16 / 13.09-18.09: 2nd Pavlovskiy Posad Open in Russia (Satellite)
- 17 / 19.09-25.09: Chandra Open 2011 in Netherlands (Satellite)
- 18 / 27.09-02.10: 9th Columbia 300 Vienna Open in Austria (Gold)
- 19 / 08.10-16.10: Lahti Open in Finland (Silver)
- 20 / 05.11-13.11: 2nd Torneo Internazionale di Roma in Italy (Satellite)
- 21 / 16.11-20.11: English Open in England (Silver)
- 22 / 09.12-17.12: Qatar Bowling Open in Qatar (Platinum)

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Story 2010-41: WMC 2010 in Munich

Published on 22 August 2010 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen

It was USA, USA, USA, USA, USA and a little Sweden, when Team USA, at the World Men Championships in Munich - Germany, showed the rest of the world who is atop of bowling world-wide.

USA took not less than 5 out of 6 titles; namely in singles, trios, team, all event and masters plus another 6 medals (2 silver and 4 bronze).

For Europe the championships was quite poor with 5/23 medal sets only. The highlights where, besides the great Swedish doubles victory for Mathias Aarup and Martin Paulsson, the Finnish performance in the team final, where they nearly was beating USA in a memorable fantastic match, two well deserved bronze medals to Germany in doubles and team and finally also the bronze medal to Dominic Barrett from England in the singles event.

It was the first time in 23 years a World Championships for men was conducted in Europe and the host country Germany, together with the unique new centre (The Dream Bowl Palace) in Munich, met the challenge by presenting the best World Championship in the history.

It was well conducted, there were no disputes or cases at all, the ceremonies were outstanding and spectacular, the atmosphere was great and the number of spectators the highest seen at any event in Europe.

Congratulations to the German Bowling Federation, the many volunteer officials, the staff of Dream Bowl Palace, the Lane maintenance staff from Kegel, the score system staff from Brunswick, the international officials from WTBA and not least to the bowling world for lifting our sport to a higher level.

Story 2010-42: EBT 2010-13

Published on 29 August 2010 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



The first tour stop ever in Slovakia, the BNC Open, conducted in the very hospitable and well working Bowling National Centre in Bratislava, became a great success with not less than 223 players taking part, playing a total of 573 entries, so far the 4th best in the tour in 2010.

The BNC Complex hosts, in addition to a modern 16 lane Brunswick centre, a very nice restaurant and a hotel annex with 65 beds, all in all offering a very convenient venue for an international tournament.

Many players from Slovakia, Czech Republic and other neighbouring countries attended the tournament and many did very well on the lanes in Bratislava, but at the last few stages of the tournament, the "seats were taken" by the more established international players visiting Bratislava, or though Marek Husar from Slovakia joined the quarter final field of 8 players and became the best Slovak player in the tournament.

The tournament was won by Thomas Gross from Austria (his 4th tour stop victory in his career), since he defeated Paul Moor from England in the two games final 462 (248+214) vs. 396 (203+193)

In the foregoing Semi Finals, Thomas Gross defeated Patrick Backe from Sweden 398 (191+207) vs. 362 (176+186), while Paul Moor defeated Stuart Williams (214+225) vs. 430 (224+206) in an all English affair.

For the first time in the history of the tour, a women from Spain was highest ranked in a stop and as a natural consequence is was the first time for Dulce Fernandez, who took a honourable position 13 in the overall tournament standing.

The top standing in the women's division looks as follows: Nina Flack from Sweden is leading with 602 points (not present in Bratislava) followed by Wendy Kok from The Netherlands at position 2 with 490 points (50 points in Bratislava) and Nicole Sanders from The Netherlands at position 3 with 473 points (not present in Bratislava).

In the men's division Dominic Barrett from England kept his comfortable lead with 829 points (50 points in Bratislava) in front of Osku Palermaa from Finland at position 2 with 669 points (48 points in Bratislava) and Mika Koivuniemi from Finland at position 3 with 627 points (not present in Bratislava).

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Story 2010-43: WYC 2012 in Thailand

Published on 3 September 2010 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen

During the banquet of the World Men Championships in Munich, it was announced by the President of WTBA, Kevin Dornberger, that the World Youth Championships 2012 will be held in Thailand.

The championships will be held in the period of 22 June - 3 July 2012 in the Blu-O Paragon in Bangkok.

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Story 2010-44: Name change in Rome

Published on 17 September 2010 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



As a consequence of a sponsorship agreement, the name of Stop 17 in the European Bowling Tour 2010 has changed from the 1st Torneo Internazionale di Roma to the 1st Ebonite Roma International.

The tournament will, unchanged, be conducted in Brunswick Bowling, Rome - Italy on 6-14 November 2010.

Story 2010-45: English Open loses tour status

Published on 19 September 2010 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



The organizer of the English Open (Stop 18 in the EBT 2010), has announced that the tournament have lost major sponsorship possibilities, which prevent the organizer from guaranteeing the prize pool in the 2010 issue of the tournament.

The tournament, which unchanged WILL be conducted on 17-21 November 2010 in Nuneaton, introduces alternatively a conditional prize pool, which size depends on the number of entries combined with continued efforts from the organizer to attract sponsors to the tournament.

In the European Bowling Tour, prize funds are, however, always guaranteed, so despite its continuation, the tournament will lose its tour status in 2010.

The changed status of the English Open leaves no unpaid bills to ETBF and no other outstanding financial claims exist for the tournament.

The tournament is therefore not removed from the EBT 2011 and efforts to re-establish a sufficient sponsorship basis for the 2011 issue of the tournament will be continued.

Story 2010-46: EBT 2010-14

Published on 20 September 2010 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



The very first tour stop in Russia has been conducted in Pavlovskiy Posad, a city situated in the Moscow region.

The tournament, which was conducted under the name, the 1st Pavlovskiy Posad Open, attracted 97 players, mainly from Russia and neighbouring countries.

The competition among the 4 best players in the tournament became an all-Russian affair, where Ivan Semenov defeated Gennagy Sidorov 505 (279+226) vs. 442 (216+226) in the one two games Semi Final, while Alexey Parshukov defeated Sergey Andreev 456 (221+235) vs. 344 (175+169) in the other two games Semi Final.

Ivan Semenov continued his high class performance during the final steps by winning the final against Alexey Parshukov 525 (236+289) vs. 457 (215+242).

Ivan Semenov became the first Russian player to be highest ranked in the men's division in a tour stop, while Alena Korobkova became the first Russian player to be highest ranked in the women's division in a tour stop.

The top standing in the women's division remained unchanged with Nina Flack from Sweden in front with 602 points, Wendy Kok from The Netherlands at position 2 with 490 points and Nicole Sanders from The Netherlands at position 3 with 473 points.

Also the top standing in the men's division remained unchanged with Dominic Barrett from England at position 1 with 829 points, Osku Palermaa from Finland at position 2 with 669 points and Mika Koivuniemi from Finland at position 3 with 627 points.

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Story 2010-47: EBT 2010-15

Published on 4 October 2010 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



USA's Chris Barnes, who became the World Champion of the Masters event at the recently conducted World Men Championships in Munich, continued his success in Europe by winning Stop 15 of the European Bowling Tour, the 8th Columbia 300 Vienna Open.

In the one game final Chris Barnes defeated his fellow countryman Pete Weber 219 - 187, while Weber in the foregoing step defeated Norway's Tore Torgersen 215 - 183. In the first step of the 4 person stepladder final, Torgersen had defeated Kamilla Kjeldsen from Denmark 191 - 184.

This was Chris Barnes first highest ranked position in a tour stop ever, while Kamilla Kjeldsen became the highest ranked in the women's division for the 10th time in her career.

The top standing in the women's division remained unchanged with Nina Flack from Sweden in front with 647 points (45 points in Vienna), Wendy Kok from The Netherlands at position 2 with 514 points (24 points in Vienna) and Nicole Sanders from The Netherlands at position 3 with 497 points (also 24 points in Vienna).

Also the top standing in the men's division remained unchanged with Dominic Barrett from England at position 1 with 919 points (90 points in Vienna), Osku Palermaa from Finland at position 2 with 669 points (39 points in Vienna) and Mika Koivuniemi from Finland at position 3 with 627 points (75 points in Vienna).

Nina Flack won the tour in 2008, while Barret has been the runner up both in 2008 and in 2009. In 2010, where only 3 stops remain to be conducted, it seems to be a very hard work for their pursuers to catch up.

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Story 2010-48: Date changes in 2011

Published on 4 October 2010 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



For domestic reasons, the organizers of two stops in the European Bowling Tour 2011 are moving their tournaments to other weeks in August.

The BNC Open in Bratislava - Slovakia, originally scheduled to be conducted on 22-28 August 2011, will be conducted on 15-21 August 2011.

Norwegian Open 2011 in Oslo - Norway, originally scheduled to be conducted on 5-14 August 2011, will be conducted on 19-28 August 2011.

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Story 2010-49: EBT Masters 2013 in Bratislava

Published on 5 October 2010 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



The ETBF Presidium has decided to award the hosting of the EBT Masters 2013 to the Bowling National Centre (BNC) in Bratislava, Slovakia. The Bowling National Centre in Bratislava hosts the annual tournament BNC Open.

The dates of the EBT 2013 will be decided as soon as the dates of the BNC Open 2013 have been decided.

The 16 highest ranked women and the 16 highest ranked men, by the conclusion of the EBT 2012, will qualify for the 6th EBT Masters 2013.

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Story 2010-50: ECC 2013 to Slovakia

Published on 8 October 2010 by Valgeir Gudbjartsson

The ETBF Presidium has decided to award the hosting of the European Champions Cup 2013 to the Slovak Bowling Federation.

The championships will be held in the Bowling National Centre in Bratislava on 21 - 28 October 2013.

The Slovak Bowling Federation has in addition accepted to host the ETBF Congress on 20 October 2013 in Bratislava.

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Story 2010-51: ETBF Coaching Clinics

Published on 11 October 2010 by Onder Gurkan

The ETBF Education Committee has announced that they will have their first International Coaching Clinic for Level One and Level Two Coaches between 5 and 14 December 2010.

After running many national clinics in different countries, ETBF cooperates with its official training centre, Kuortane Bowling Training Centre in Finland, to host the first scheduled international clinic for all of our federations.

Our instructors will present you the latest updated ETBF Level One and Level Two coaching programs in 30 hours during 4 days for each level as follows:

Level 1 Clinic

5 December: Check in

6-9 December: Clinic

10 December: Check-out

Level 2 Clinic

9 December: Check in

10-13 December: Clinic

14 December: Check-out

The fee for the clinics is € 650 per student including 5 days of accommodation, 3 meals a day and all registration fees.

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Story 2010-52: European Women's Masters

Published on 13 October 2010 by Keith Hale

The 6th European Women's Masters at the Baix Bowling centre in the suburbs of Barcelona, 7-10 October, attracted an entry of 53 women, a few from as far afield as Mexico, Colombia and Guatemala but the main entry consisted of many European women stars.

After the normal six-game qualifying, the top 24 advanced to the quarterfinal, a further eight games in two blocks of four. From this the top four advanced to the semi-finals played as the best of three games. Kamilla Kjeldsen of Denmark advanced to the final by defeating Colombia's Clara Guerrero, 2-0 (204 - 196 and 217 - 203). The other match was also a victory for a Dane as Mai Ginge Jensen beat Sweden's Rebecka Larsen Jr, 2-0 (215 - 192 and 226 - 208).

The unique all-Danish final, with an added Danish TV commentator Rikke Holm Rasmussen, saw Jensen off to a flying start and a 214-197 win over Kjeldsen. Kjeldsen had the most strikes but suffered three open frames. Kjeldsen fought back to take the second close-fought game, 258-249, Kjeldsen having seven strikes in a row, Jensen six.

The championship game was a one-sided affair as Jensen opened with the first nine strikes, then a stubborn 4-pin ruined what could have been a perfect ending to a superb tournament, so she took the 2010 title, 2-1, with a final game score of 279-243.

The Samaranch Trophy, sponsored by the late IOC president for the highest position by a woman under the age of 20, was won this year by Latvian Marija Tkacenko.

Once again, the Catalan Bowling Federation is to be applauded for an excellent promotion and great organisation of a thoroughly enjoyable event.

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Story 2010-53: Name change in Russia

Published on 14 October 2010 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



The organizer of the 2nd Pavlovskiy Posad Open announces the name of the tournament to be changed to Russian Open.

The tournament will, unchanged, be conducted on 13-18 September 2011 as Stop 16 in the European Bowling Tour 2011.

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Story 2010-54: EBT 2010-16

Published on 18 October 2010 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



Mike Fagan from USA took his third tour stop win, when he was crowned with the title in Stop 16 of the European Bowling Tour 2010, the Ebonite Lahti Open, conducted in Lahti Bowl.

In the 4 person stepladder final, Mike Fagan started at position 4 and on his way to the title he first won against Juhani Tonteri from Finland 267 - 190, then he won against the tour leader Dominic Barrett from England 235 - 152 and finally he won against Mai Ginge Jensen from Denmark 247 - 207.

749 became the total score over the three games in the stepladder final for Mike Fagan, who seemed unbeatable in the final in Lahti Bowl at the Ebonite Lahti Open.

Mai Ginge Jensen became the second highest women in a tour stop for the 2nd time in her career. Mai Ginge Jensen became highest ranked for the first time last year in Brunswick Euro Challenge, where she by the way lost the second last step in the final against - Mike Fagan.

Dominic Barrett enlarged the gap to his nearest opponents, since he was awarded 80 points in Lahti for being the second highest ranked man in the tournament, which, to the already won sum of 919 points in 2010, gives him a total of 999 points so far. His nearest opponents are Mika Koivuniemi from Finland with 748 points (46 points in Lahti) and Osku Palermaa also from Finland with 738 points (30 points in Lahti).

It seems unlikely that Barrett, the last two years runner up in the tour, will lose his leading position in the EBT 2010 with only two stops remaining.

None of the top ranked women were present in Lahti, so the standing in the top of the women's tour division is still as follows; Nina Flack from Sweden is in front with 647 points, Wendy Kok from The Netherlands is at position 2 with 514 points and Nicole Sanders from The Netherlands is at position 3 with 497 points.

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Story 2010-55: ECC 2010 in Ankara

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Rollhouse Bowling Centre in Ankara, Turkey hosted for the second time the European Championships Cup (ECC), when the national champions from all over Europe met to compete for the titles late October 2010. Previously Rollhouse hosted the ECC in 2004.

Krista Pöllänen from Finland, whom in June was crowned with the European Championship Masters title, proved again her leading position in European women bowling, when she in Ankara took the ECC title by defeating the talented Latvian player, Marija Tkacenko, 2-0 (237-187 and 183-167).

In the foregoing Semi Finals, Krista Pöllänen defeated the 2009 ECC Champion, Kirsten Penny from England, 2-1 (200-190, 233-290 and 208-200), while Marija Tkacenko defeated Nadine Geissler from Germany 2-1 (216-201, 169-196 and 198-185).

Krista Pöllänen will be able to defend her title at home, since the ECC 2011 will be played in August in Lahti, Finland.

The title match in the men's division became an overall Nordic affair, when Svein Aake Ek from Norway defeated Dennis Eklund from Sweden 2-1 (259-221, 152-175 and 239-202).

In the foregoing Semi Finals Svein Aake Ek defeated the 2008 ECC Champion, Thomas Gross from Austria, 2-1 (213-247, 216-202 and 205-196), while Dennis Eklund defeated Dimitrios Karetos from Greece 2-0 (247-204 and 228-222).

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Story 2010-56: Name change in Lahti

Published on 5 November 2010 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



As a consequence of a sponsorship agreement, the name of Stop 19 in the European Bowling Tour 2011 has changed from Lahti Open to Ebonite Lahti Open.

The tournament will, unchanged, be conducted in Lahti Bowl on 8-16 October 2011.

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Story 2010-57: Removal of the 4 ball rule

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During ETBF Championships, two bowling ball rules are in use, namely a 6 ball rule, which is the maximum number of balls a player can use during a championship and a 4 ball rule, which is the maximum number of balls, picked among the 6, a player is allowed to bring into the players area during a squad.

After studies in Munich of general implications of the rule during the World Men Championships in August, and after an evaluation of the number of triple bags in the players area, which with 4 balls in use are leaving two empty spaces in the bags, but taking up as much space as 6 balls does anyway, the ETBF Presidium has decided a bylaw, which temporarily will remove the 4 ball rule from the ETBF Constitution.

The rule, which will be removed, is Rule 4.21.3:

A player must not have more than four bowling balls in the players' area.

A bylaw changes the rule until the next ETBF Congress, meaning that the 4 ball rule is ineffective during the EYC 2011 and the EMC 2011, both to be conducted in Munich. At the ETBF Congress in June, also in Munich, the bylaw must be ratified by the delegates, where after the rule either will continue to be removed or will be reinserted in the ETBF Constitution.

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Story 2010-58: EBT 2010-17

Published on 15 November 2010 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



For the first time in the history of the European Bowling Tour, the tour passed the Italian capital Rome, where the 1st Ebonite Roma International was conducted on 6-14 November as an EBT Satellite.

It became a debut of historical dimensions, when not less than 320 players (the 3rd highest in the EBT 2010) were playing as much as 808 entries (the 4th highest in the EBT 2010).

The successor of the tournament became Finland's Perttu Jussila, who won against Stuart Williams from England 225 vs. 188 in the one game final. It was the first tour stop victory in the career of Perttu Jussila.

In the foregoing one game Semi Finals, Perttu Jussila won against Birgit Pöppler from Germany 200 vs. 184 and Stuart Williams won against Patricia Luoto from Germany 216 vs. 201. Patricia Luoto became the highest ranked women in a tour stop for the 6th time in her career.

Nothing changed in the top of the men's division, where Dominic Barrett from England is in the lead with 999 points in front of Mika Koivuniemi from Finland with 748 points and Osku Palermaa from Finland with 738 points.

Nina Flack from Sweden is leading the women's division with 647 points in front of Wendy Kok from The Netherlands with 514 points and Nicki Ainge from England with 503 points. Nicki Ainge, who won the tour in 2009, moved from position 5 to position 3 by being awarded 35 points in Rome.

Story 2010-59: Changes to EBT Rules

Published on 17 November 2010 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



The ETBF Presidium has decided to implement two changes in the EBT 2011 Rules, one concerning the length of the practice and the other concerning consequences in case of violations of the ball rule.

Practice

Previously 5 minutes practice sessions before certain qualification squads and some final stages was allowed, but in many situations 5 minutes are not sufficient and many organizers have already adopted 10 minutes as a normal time frame for practice.

To avoid misunderstandings and different interpretations from tournament to tournament in the tour, 10 minutes practise will be standard for all qualification squads and a majority of all final stages as of the EBT 2011. It demands changes in two existing articles as follows:

EBT Rules 2011, Article 18.7:

Irrespectively of the number of players per pair of lanes in a qualification or a desperado squad, the practice time is 10 minutes.

EBT Rules 2011, Article 19.2:

The practise time prior to any final stage is 10 minutes, unless a variation is specified in the Tournament Application and approved by the EBT Director.

Violation of the ball rule

When the bowling ball rule was introduced in the EBT Rules 2010 (Chapter 30) for about a year ago, no following consequences for a violation of the rules was introduced. As of the EBT 2011, the following new article 30.5 will apply.

- a) At a player's first violation in a tournament, the frame, in which an illegally cleaned, adjusted or altered bowling ball is found to be in use, will be set to zero and the player will be given 1 penalty point.
- b) At a player's second violation of the bowling ball rule in a tournament, the player will be given 2 penalty points and the score in the squad or final stage, where the violation takes place, will be null and void.
- c) At a player's third violation of the bowling ball rule in a tournament, the player will be given 3 penalty points, the score in the squad or final stage, where the violation takes place, will be null and void and the player will be suspended from the rest of the tournament.

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Story 2010-60: World championships 2013

Published on 6 December 2010 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen

The Presidium of the World Tenpin Bowling Association has decided to award the hosting of the World Men Championships 2013 to Henderson (Las Vegas), Nevada – USA.

The championships will be held in the second part of August 2013 in the Strike Zone Bowling Centre, which is a part of the Sunset Station Hotel & Casino complex.

The bowling centre consists of 77.000 square foot and it includes 72 lanes, a 36" colour monitor at every lane, a 42" plasma television between each pair of lanes and eight 16 foot projection screens around in the centre.

Story 2010-61: Changes in Qatar

Published on 16 December 2010 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



The organizer of the Qatar Bowling Open in 2011, the Qatar Bowling Federation, has decided to add another 5.000 € to the already high prize pool of 120.000 €, presenting a record high prize pool of 125.000 €.

At the same time, the organizer announces a slightly reduced duration of the tournament, where the original period of 9-17 December 2011 is changed to 11-17 December 2011.

Finally the organizer presents a final, which will be played over only one day.

The format of the final will be as follows: 39 players will play 8 games starting from scratch, continuing with 28 players, which is top 19 from step 1 and top 9 from the qualification, playing another 8 games starting from scratch, ending up with 4 players in two Semi Finals played over two games and a final, also played over two games.

For more details of the tournament, check the Tournament Calendar at this site.

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Story 2010-62: EBT 2010-18

Published on 20 December 2010 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



England's Dominic Barrett, the last two years runner up in the European Bowling Tour, did not leave any doubt left back about 2010 being his year in the tour.

Dominic Barrett had collected that many points already before the last stop, the Qatar Bowling Open, that no players was able to reach him even he should come out of the tournament in Doha with zero points.

Well, Dominic Barrett did far from leave the tournament in Doha with zero points, since he was reaching the semi-finals and ended up as the second ranked man in the tour, for which he was awarded 200 points, bringing his total to 1.199 points.

Finland's Mika Koivuniemi took position 2 in the tour with 818 points (70 points in Doha), while his fellow countryman Osku Palermaa, the last three years winner of the men's division in the European Bowling Tour, took position 3 with 813 points (75 points in Doha).

The leader of the women's division before the Qatar Bowling Open was Nina Flack from Sweden, who won the title in 2008. Nina Flack's position could be overtaken by last year's tour winner, Nicki Ainge from England, but only if Nicki Ainge became very high ranked and Nina Flack very low ranked in Doha.

It did not happen, since it already after the conclusion of the qualification, from where Nina Flack qualified to the final step 1 and Nicki Ainge not, was possible to announce Nina Flack to be the winner of the women's division of the European Bowling Tour 2010.

Nina Flack's total in the tour became 767 points (120 points in points) and it became double Swedish in the women's division, when Joline Persson-Planefors became second with 617 points (200 points in Doha), while Krista Pöllänen from Finland concluded the Scandinavian top 3 with 585 points (175 points in Doha).

The semi-finals of the tournament was played between Mai Ginge Jensen from Denmark and Dominic Barrett from England, with Mai Ginge Jensen as the winner with 514 (240+274) vs. 485 (224+261) and between Stuart Williams from England and Sayed Al-Hashemi from UAE, with Stuart Williams as the winner with 449 (247+202) vs. 442 (222+220).

The later bowled two games final became a very exciting affair, while it was decided in the very last throws. At the end Stuart Williams came out as the winner after having defeated Mai Ginge Jensen 422 (202+220) vs. 417 (198+219).

Stuart Williams became the highest ranked men in a tour stop for the 6th time in his career, while Mai Ginge Jensen became the highest ranked women for the 3rd time in her career.

141 players had found their way to Doha and they played as many as 544 re-entries, giving a record high re-entry ratio of 3.72.

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Story 2010-63: Qualified for the Masters

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By the conclusion of the last stop in the European Bowling Tour 2010 in Doha - Qatar, completed top rankings of both divisions are ready to present.

Top 16 in each division are qualified for the 4th edition of the EBT Masters, which will be held in Ljubljana, Slovenia on 11-12 April 2011 after the conclusion of the Qubica/AMF Open 2011 to be held in Bowling Centre Gladiator Arena.

Qualified for the women's division in the EBT Masters 2011			
1	Nina Flack	Sweden	767
2	Joline Persson-Planefors	Sweden	617
3	Krista Pöllänen	Finland	585
4	Nicki Ainge	England	573
5	Mai Ginge Jensen	Denmark	563
6	Rebecka Larsen Jr.	Sweden	524
7	Kamilla Kjeldsen	Denmark	518
8	Wendy Kok	Netherlands	514
9	Nicole Sanders	Netherlands	497
10	Ghislaine van der Tol	Netherlands	479
11	Priscilla Maaswinkel	Netherlands	449
12	Lisanne Breeschoten	Netherlands	399
13	Rikke Holm Rasmussen	Denmark	378
14	Tina Hulsch	Germany	353
15	Nina Manninen	Finland	347
16	Helén Johnsson	Sweden	339
The first substitutes			
17	Britt Brøndsted	Denmark	335
18	Diana Zavjalova	Latvia	268

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19	Cherie Shi Hua Tan	Singapore	250
20	Patricia Luoto	Germany	242

Qualified for the men's division in the EBT Masters 2011

1	Dominic Barrett	England	1199
2	Mika Koivuniemi	Finland	818
3	Osku Palermaa	Finland	813
4	Stuart Williams	England	643
5	Gery Verbruggen	Belgium	604
6	Thomas Larsen	Sweden	550
7	Paul Moor	England	463
8	Peter Ljung	Sweden	421
9	Mike Fagan	USA	400
10	Tore Torgersen	Norway	386
11	Mathias Aarup	Sweden	338
12	Dennis Eklund	Sweden	322
13	Tomas Leandersson	Sweden	290
14	Jesper Agerbo	Denmark	277
15	Pete Weber	USA	276
16	Perttu Jussila	Finland	273

The first substitutes

17	Martin Larsen	Sweden	264
18	Parker Bohn III	USA	260
19	Chris Loschetter	USA	250
20	Alix Yoan	France	235

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Story 2010-64: Changed dates in Qatar

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With the purpose to move the conduction of the Qatar Bowling Open in 2011 a little further away from the National Day of Qatar, the Qatar Bowling Federation has decided to change the dates of the tournament from 11-17 December 2011 to 10-16 December 2011.

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