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Story 2016-01: EBT 2016 Stop 01 in Helsinki

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Brunswick Ballmaster Open did it again; broke the record of the number of players attending a tour stop. This time not less than 528 players attended the famous tournament, which always is conducted in the Finish capital Helsinki in the beginning of the year.

No other tournament in the tour, other than Ballmaster Open it selves, has previously passed 500 participants. Ballmaster Open was attended by 507 participants in 2010 and by 511 participants (the previous record) in 2014.

The record of entries played was not broken this year. 949 entries were sold, while 1.056 entries were sold in 2010 and 1.014 were sold in 2014.

Ballmaster Open is the only tournament, which has been adopted in the European Bowling Tour since the beginning in 2000 (17 times), and it is always conducted as the first every year.

54 athletes continued to the first step of the final Saturday night, which were top 44 from the general standing, top 6 from a separate standing of Squad 1-8 and top 4 from the Desperado.

The 54 athletes played 5 games Saturday night and continued with another 5 games Sunday morning, adding the number of games in the step up to 10.

Top 12 after the 10 games continued into a 12 persons Round Robin, including 11 one game matches with 30 bonus points for a won match and 15 bonus points for a tied match.

Everything were here after added together: the 5 first games + the next 5 games + 11 Round Robin games + bonus + women's handicap to determine the best four players for the concluding stepladder final of the tournament.

The following 4 athletes ended atop of the standing after 21 games plus various bonuses:

1. 4968: Kimmo Lehtonen, Finland
2. 4918: Parker Bohn III, USA
3. 4895: Jaroslav Lorenc, Czech Republic
4. 4786: Laura Beuthner, Germany

The outcome of the matches in the stepladder final became as follows.

Match 1

Jaroslav Lorenc, Czech Republic: 226

Laura Beuthner, Germany: 198

Match 2

Parker Bohn III, USA: 242

Jaroslav Lorenc, Czech Republic: 218

Match 3

Kimmo Lehtonen, Finland: 190

Parker Bohn III, USA: 213

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The top leaders of the tour in 2016 in the Men's Division are the two finalists, Parker Bohn III from USA and Kimmo Lehtonen from Finland.

The EBT Title for Parker Bohn is the second and the second time he is highest ranked. Parker previously won the BNC Open in Bratislava in 2013.

Laura Beuthner became the highest ranked women for the third time in her career. Laura Beuthner is leading the Women's Division of the European Bowling Tour in front of the tour winner from 2015, Jenny Wegner from Sweden.

Story 2016-02: Qualification competitions in 2016

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Qualification for the World Championships 2017

According to information received from World Bowling, the following number of federations will qualify for the World Championships 2017 in Kuwait: 15 federations from ETBF, 12 federations from ABF and 8 federations from PABCON.

In addition to these 35 federations, Kuwait will participate as the host nation.

The 15 women teams from Europe will be found via a competition, where points are accumulated for top 24 positions in all 6 disciplines of the European Women Championships 2016. The EWC 2016 will be conducted in Vienna, Austria on 8-19 June.

The 15 men teams from Europe will be found via a competition, where points are accumulated for top 24 positions in all 6 disciplines of the European Men Championships 2016. The EMC 2016 will be conducted in Brussels, Belgium on 17-28 August.

The point system in use for the World Championships qualification competitions is explained in the ETBF Constitution, Article 5.5.

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Qualification for the World Games 2017

During the European Women Championships and the European Men Championships in 2016, there will also be a competition for the 2 X 5 federations, which each can send 2 women, respectively 2 men, to the World Games in 2017.

The World Games 2017 will be held in Wroclaw, Poland on 20-30 July 2017. The bowling competition will be held in a part of the period of the Games.

For each gender, the qualification competition is as follows: The position numbers for the two highest ranked athletes from each federation in the All Event standing are added together, forming a World Games qualification list sorted by the lowest vs. highest principle.

You can read more about the point system in use for the World Games qualification competition in the ETBF Constitution, Article 5.6.

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Story 2016-03: EBT 2016 Stop 02 in Dublin

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Leisureplex Stillorgan in Dublin is for many a synonym with tradition and meeting old friends, so many are returning to the site year after year.

Your auditor was visiting Stillorgan for the very first time, and I must say that it is understandable to a very high degree; the atmosphere in the very hospitable bowl was simply great during the 28th Irish Open Championships in association with Storm.

The Irish Open Championships was included in the European Bowling Tour in the early days (2005 and 2006), with a return to the tour in 2015 and again as Stop 02 in 2016.

188 players had found their way to Dublin to compete for the 92 spots available for the final steps of the tournament.

Step 1 included 72 bowlers playing 4 games starting from scratch, Step 2 included 45 bowlers playing 4 games starting from scratch and Step 3 included 32 bowlers playing 6 games starting from scratch, where after the last 16 ended in a match play competition with Eights Finals, Quarter Finals, Semi Finals and the Final, all matches played over two games total pin fall.

The three last matches were combined as follows:

Semi Final 1

Paul Moor, England: 248 + 258 = 506

Ron Hurt, USA: 259 + 232 = 491

Semi Final 2

Rob Thurlby, England: 214 + 213 = 427

Chris Sloan, Ireland: 247 + 210 = 457

Final

Paul Moor, England: 289 + 206 = 495

Chris Sloan, Ireland: 214 + 200 = 414

Paul Moor's fantastic career continues; it was not less than the 17th time he became the highest ranked man in a tour stop and it became his 17th title as well. No other athlete in the European Bowling Tour is near to that series of titles.

Amanda Larkin from Ireland, who left the tournament as the last women in the Quarter Final, became the highest ranked women for the 2nd time in her career. The first highest women position came for Amanda Larkin last year in Dublin.

The top of the Men's Division of the EBT 2016 is unchanged. Parker Bohn III from USA is leading the tour with 250 points in front of Kimmo Lehtonen from Finland with 200 points.

Also the top of the Women's Division of the EBT 2016 is unchanged. Laura Beuthner from Germany is leading the tour with 250 points in front of last year's tour winner, Jenny Wegner from Sweden, with 200 points.

Story 2016-04: Application period for the EBT 2017

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The application period for organizers to request adoption of their tournaments in the European Bowling Tour 2017 is opened. It is for organizers of new tour stops possible to apply until 30 May 2016 and for organizers of existing tour stops until 6 June 2016.

In the EBT 2007 some changes are introduced:

It requires a prize pool of only 15.000 € to start a new EBT Satellite Tournament.

It is cheaper to include a Satellite Tournament (from 1.500 to 1.000 €).

A new EBT Bronze Category is introduced.

More ranking points will be awarded to athletes ranked in Silver and Gold Tournaments.

For the categories in the tour, it means as follows for the EBT 2017:

EBT Satellite Tournaments

The prize fund must be minimum € 15.000 (€ 20.000 until 2016)

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

The organizers' EBT Fee is € 1.000 (€ 1.500 until 2016)

EBT Bronze Tournaments (new category)

The prize fund must be minimum € 30.000

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

The organizers' EBT Fee is € 2.000

EBT Silver Tournaments

The prize fund must be minimum € 45.000 (€ 40.000 until 2016)

The ranking point table will be in use with a factor 3 (factor 2 until 2016)

The organizers' EBT Fee is € 3.000 (€ 2.500 until 2016)

EBT Gold Tournaments

The prize fund must be minimum € 60.000 (unchanged)

The ranking point table will be in use with a factor 4 (factor 3 until 2016)

The organizers' EBT Fee is € 4.000 (unchanged)

EBT Platinum Tournaments

The prize fund must be minimum € 100.000 (unchanged)

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

The organizers' EBT Fee is € 5.000 (unchanged)

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Story 2016-05: EBT 2016 Stop 03 in Tilburg

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The Hammer Bronzen Schietspoel Tournament 2016 was conducted in Dolfijn Bowling in Tilburg, The Netherlands on 31 January - 7 February as the third stop in the European Bowling Tour 2016.

The format included, as the latest years in Tilburg, a field of 40 athletes advancing into the first final step, of which 32 played 4 games starting from scratch, where after the remaining part of the format included pools of 4 athletes, each playing two games; 6 pools in step 2, 4 pools in step 3, 2 pools in step 4 and finally 1 pool of 4 players in the last step of the final.

The final pool of 4 players became as follows:

Mik Stampe, Denmark: 463 (238+225)

Daniel Fransson, Sweden: 470 (264+206)

Mats Maggi, Belgium: 432 (224+208)

Martina Schütz, Germany: 408 (176+232)

Daniel Fransson took the first tour title in his career, while Martina Schütz became the highest ranked women for the second time in her career.

The top of the Men's Division of the EBT 2016 is unchanged. Parker Bohn III from USA is leading the tour with 250 points in front of Kimmo Lehtonen from Finland with 200 points.

Also the top of the Women's Division of the EBT 2016 is unchanged. Laura Beuthner from Germany is leading the tour with 298 points, after having added 48 points to her sum in Tilburg. Last year's tour winner, Jenny Wegner from Sweden, is second with 200 points.

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Story 2016-06: Chandra Open 2016 changes period

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The organizer of Chandra Open 2016 has announced a period change of the tournament from 18-25 September 2016 to 11-18 September 2016.

The tournament will unchanged be conducted in Chandra Bowling in Nieuwegein, The Netherlands.

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Story 2016-07: EBT 2016 Stop 04 in Wroclaw

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The 10th issue of International Wroclaw Open, which has been adopted in the European Bowling Tour since its 4th issue in 2010, was conducted on 17-21 February in Poland's fourth largest city, Wroclaw, as Stop 04 in the EBT 2016.

104 athletes, of whom 22 were women, had found their way to the 10th International Wroclaw Open to compete for the 40 spots in the first step of the final.

From the Final Step 1, where the 40 qualified athletes bowled 4 games atop of their 6 qualifying games, the 20 highest positioned athletes continued to the Final Step 2, with the pin fall from the 10 first games further carried forward.

The 8 highest positioned athletes by the conclusion of the Final Step 2 took again their pin fall, now after 14 games, into the Final Step 3, where they bowled a 7 games round robin.

After step 3 the standing, including scores from 21 games and bonus points, was as follows:

1. Daniel Fransson, Sweden: 5188
2. Hadley Morgan, England: 5080
3. Steffen Petersen, Denmark: 5046
4. Alfred Berggren, Sweden: 5043
5. Jenny Wegner, Sweden: 4981
6. Tomas Käyhkö, Finland: 4957
7. Robin Persson, Sweden: 4942
8. Jaroslav Lorenc, Czech Republic: 4736

Finally top 4 continued into three stepladder matches in Step 4; the first two matches over one game, the final match over two games total pin fall to count.

Match 1: Steffen Petersen - Alfred Berggren: 243 vs. 188

Match 2: Hadley Morgan - Steffen Petersen: 257 vs. 226

Match 3: Daniel Fransson - Hadley Morgan: 511 (258+253) vs. 423 (234+189)

Jenny Wegner became the highest ranked women in a tour stop for the fourth time in her career, while Hadley Morgan took the first tour stop title and became the highest ranked man in his career.

Parker Bohn III from USA is still in the leading position of the EBT 2016 with 250 points, while Daniel Fransson is new at position 2 with 205 points, having added 40 points from the 10th International Wroclaw Open to his sum.

The top of the Women's Division of the EBT 2016 is as follows: Laura Beuthner from Germany is leading the tour with 298 points, while last year's tour winner, Jenny Wegner from Sweden, is second with 250 points, including the 50 points she was awarded in Wroclaw.

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Story 2016-08: ETBF Presidium Meeting late February

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The ETBF Presidium held its first 2016-meeting on 26-27 February in well-known surroundings of Dream-Bowl Palace in Unterföhring near to Munich. From the meeting the Presidium informs as follows:

ECC 2017 in Turkey

The European Champions Cup 2017 will be held in Rollhouse Bowling Centre in Ankara Turkey from 23 to 29 October 2017.

Rollhouse Bowling Centre is well-known in the international bowling society, having hosted the ECC in 2004, the ECC again in 2010, three issues of Ankara Open in the European Bowling Tour 2007-2009 and the first issue of the EBT Masters in 2008.

The ETBF Congress 2017 will be held in Ankara on 22 October 2017, just prior to the European Champions Cup 2017.

European Senior Championships as of 2020

The ETBF Presidium has decided to increase the focus on the big group of senior bowlers in Europe, and one of the coming initiatives for that group will be to propose the creation of a European Senior Championship (50+) to the ETBF Congress in 2017.

It is the intention to conduct an ESC every second year, starting in 2020 and then 2022, 2024 etc., in each occasion in the last part of January.

The number of athletes (4 women and 4 men) and the disciplines (Singles, Doubles, Team of Four, All Event and Masters) will be similar to the World Senior Championships.

If the Congress adopts the proposal, the ESC can be held for the first time in 2020, since the World Senior Championships are held in 2019 and since 2018 will be too early, because the championships will be formally created in October 2017.

European Senior Bowling Tour as of 2018

Another initiative from the ETBF Presidium on the senior front will be the introduction of a European Senior Bowling Tour as a pendant to the European Bowling Tour.

The ETBF Presidium has considered the creation of a senior tour during some years and has now found the time to be right to start the work towards the first issue of a European Senior Bowling Tour, preferably to be organized in 2018.

The ETBF presidium will in 2016 study numerous aspects of a senior tour, followed by the preparation of standards, requirements and procedures, all brought together in a complete set of ESBT Rules, to be in effect as of 1 January 2018. It is furthermore the intention to initiate the application process among potential organizers of ESBT Stops in the first half year of 2017.

The EWC 2016 and the EMC 2016 are including two qualification competitions

In January we informed about the built-in qualification competitions in the EWC 2016 and the EMC 2016 for the World Championships 2017 and the World Games 2017. The ETBF Presidium has decided to remind the member federations about the two competitions by re-producing the following text, which originally was published in January.

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The World Games 2017 will be held in Wroclaw, Poland on 20-30 July 2017. The bowling competition of the Games will be conducted on 20-24 July 2017, while the arrival day is 19 July and the departure day 25 July.

For each gender, the qualification competition is as follows: The position numbers for the two highest ranked athletes from each federation in the All Event standing are added together, forming a World Games qualification list sorted by the lowest vs. highest principle.

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Story 2016-09: EBT 2016 Stop 05 in Munich

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In Dream-Bowl Palace, which is situated in German Unterföhring, a suburb to the Bavarian Capital - Munich, the 13th consecutive issue of the Brunswick Euro Challenge was conducted on 13-20 March. It was the 5th time the tournament was conducted in Munich.

311 athletes, basically from all corners of the World, formed one of the strongest and most competitive group of players gathered over the tour season.

The format of the final day included a step 1 with 52 athletes, bowling 6 games from scratch, continuing with step 2 consisting of 28 athletes, including top 16 from step 1 and top 12 from the qualification, bowling another 6 games starting from scratch.

From step 2, 8 athletes continued into a 7 games round robin with the pin fall from step 2 carried forward.

The standing after step 3, including scores from 13 games and bonus points, were as follows:

1. Jesper Svensson, Sweden: 3332
2. Jesper Larsen, Sweden: 3225
3. Martin Larsen, Sweden: 3237
4. Danielle McEwen, USA: 3138
5. Paul Moor, England: 3099
6. Jasmine Yeong, Nathan - Singapore: 2965
7. Tommy Jones, USA: 2908
8. Joey Yeo, Singapore: 2938

Finally top 3 concluded the tournaments with two stepladder matches as follows:

Match 1: Martin Larsen vs. Jesper Larsen: 245 vs. 175

Match 2: Martin Larsen vs. Jesper Svensson: 222 vs. 228

Danielle McEwan became the highest ranked women for the second time in her career, while Jesper Svensson became highest ranked man for the 6th time in his short, but very powerful career. The win for Jesper Svensson in Munich was his 6th title as well.

In the Men's Division of the tour, Parker Bohn III from USA kept the leading position, while Jesper Svensson from Sweden is new at position 2. Parker Bohn III was awarded 110 points in Munich and keeps a sum of 360 points, while Jesper Svensson keeps a sum of 305 points including the 250 points he was awarded in Munich.

Laura Beuthner from Germany is still leading the Women's Division of the tour with last year's tour winner, Jenny Wegner from Sweden, at position 2. Laura Beuthner added 30 points to her sum and keeps 328 points at the moment, while Jenny Wegner moved a little closer by adding 40 points to her sum, which stands at 290 points after the tournament in Munich.

Story 2016-10: EYC 2016 in Reykjavik, Iceland

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The boys from Team Slovenia delivered the biggest and by far the most positive surprize by winning one Gold and one Silver medal at the 29th European Youth Championships, conducted over the Eastern week in the capital of Iceland, Reykjavik.

Tim Cerkvnik, Aleksander Kostric, Ziga Zalar and Rok Kostric formed the talented team from Slovenia claiming the Gold medal after a 798-749 win over the team from Finland in the one game final. A couple of days later Rok Kostric came as far as to the final in the Boys Singles, where he lost 184-249 against Denmark's Patrik Sørensen, who took Denmark's sole medal in the championships.

The two medals won by Team Slovenia are the first two medals ever won by Slovenia in an international Youth Championships!

The championships included 10 disciplines, of which the 8, not already mentioned, was distributed as follows.

Team Sweden won five titles; in Girls Team of Four by Cajsa Wegner, Madelene Gullberg, Alida Molander and Amanda Nyman, in Girls All event by Cajsa Wegner, in Girls Masters by Cajsa Wegner, in Boys Doubles by William Svensson and Robert Lindberg and in Boys Masters by William Svensson.

Marian Bulanova won Russia's one title in Girls Singles, Lea Degenhardt and Bettina Burghard won Germany's one title in Girls Doubles and Niko Oksanen won Finland's one title in Boys All Event.

In the Girls Masters Final, Cajsa Wegner from Sweden defeated Maria Bulanova from Russia 2-1: 210 vs. 222, 188 vs. 161 and 193 vs. 188.

In the Boys Masters Final, William Svensson from Sweden defeated Jesse Ahokas from Finland 2-0: 243 vs. 189 and 245 vs. 216.

Three perfect games were produced by the athletes during the championships, first during the Girls Singles Event, where Shir Azulay from Israel and Cajsa Wegner from Sweden both shot a perfect game and later during the 3rd Step of the Boys Masters Event, where Netherlands Yorick van Deutekom shot the sole perfect game in the boy's division.

Five European Youth Championship Records was broken during the championships:

Cajsa Wegner broke the record over 3 games in Singles by a score of 786 and Cajsa also broke the 18 games record in All Event by a score of 4180.

Maria Bulanova broke the record over 6 games in Singles by a score of 1470.

The Boy's Team from Finland, represented by Simon Susiluoto, Niko Oksanen, Jesse Ahokas and Ville Rajala, broke the record in the Team Event over 3 and 6 games by scores of 2635 and 5163.

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Iceland was hosting a European Youth Championships for the first time ever; a championship attracting 53 young female and 84 young male athletes from all corners of Europe.

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Story 2016-11: Participants in the EBT Masters 2016

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The 9th edition of the EBT Masters, the EBT Masters 2016, will be conducted in Rose'n Bowl in San Marino on 18 July 2016, immediately following the conclusion of the 12th Storm San Marino Open, which will be conducted on 9-17 July 2016 in the same centre.

The 12 highest ranked women and the 12 highest ranked men, by the conclusion of the European Bowling Tour 2015, are qualified for participation in the EBT Masters 2016.

During the latest months, the 24 qualified athletes had to confirm their attendance in San Marino, in which process 3 athletes excused their participation, namely Danielle McEwan from USA and Kamilla Kjeldsen from Denmark in the women's division and Marshall Kent from USA in the men's division, all replaced by the next positioned athletes in the ranking standings.

The 12 athletes, competing in the women's division, are as follows:

- Position 1: Jenny Wegner, Sweden
- Position 2: Ida Andersson, Sweden
- Position 3: Laura Beuthner, Germany
- Position 4: Birgit Pöppler, Germany
- Position 5: Rebecka Larsen, Sweden
- Position 8: Victoria Johansson, Sweden
- Position 9: Maxime de Rooij, Germany
- Position 10: Shayna Ng, Singapore
- Position 11: Britt Brøndsted, Denmark
- Position 12: Joline Persson-Planefors, Sweden
- Position 13: Cajsa Wegner, Sweden
- Position 14: Li Jane Sin, Malaysia

The 12 athletes, competing in the men's division, are as follows:

- Position 1: Jesper Svensson, Sweden
- Position 2: Dominic Barrett, England
- Position 3: Martin Larsen, Sweden
- Position 4: Richard Teece, England
- Position 5: Joonas Jehkinen, Finland
- Position 6: Paul Moor, England
- Position 7: Osku Palermaa, Finland
- Position 8: Magnus Johnson, Sweden
- Position 9: Stuart Williams, England
- Position 10: Thomas Larsen, Denmark
- Position 11: Markus Jansson, Sweden
- Position 13: Christopher Sloan, Ireland

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Story 2016-12: Changed conduction periods in Qatar

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As a consequence of a clash with international activities elsewhere, the organizers of Qatar Bowling Open, the Qatar Bowling Federation, have decided to conduct the tournament just after, instead of just before the World Singles Championships 2016 in Qatar.

It has also, for the sake of the entire international schedule at the end of the year, and with permission from World Bowling, been decided to begin the World Singles Championships 2016 two days earlier than originally scheduled.

It influences the international schedule at the end of 2016 as follows:

The World Singles Championships will be conducted in the period of 2-10 December 2016, instead of 4-12 December 2016. 2 December will be the last day of arrival, while 10 December will be the first day of departure.

The Qatar Bowling Open will be conducted on 10-16 December 2016 instead of 25 November to 1 December 2016. The first day of the tournament will then be identical with the first day of departure from the championships, i.e. it will leave the athletes with an opportunity to take part in both events in Qatar, without having to buy a new flight ticket.

Both the championships and the tournament will be conducted in Qatar's Capital Doha, in the very well-known Qatar Bowling Centre, which have housed the Qatar Bowling Open and the Emir Cup over a number of years.

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Story 2016-13: Participation record in Brussels

Published on 3 May 2016 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



The number of athletes signed up for the European Men Championships 2016, which will be conducted in Brussels, Belgium on 17-28 August 2016, are breaking all previous records with a fantastic number of 217 athletes, representing not less than 37 federations taking part. You can find additional information at www.emc2016.be.

The European Men Championships 2007 in Vienna had the previous record with 207 male athletes, representing 35 different federations.

Also the European Women Championships 2016, which will be conducted in Vienna, Austria on 8-19 June 2016, got a very good entry number, since 140 athletes from 26 different federations will attend the championships. This is the second highest number for the EWC ever.

The standings in the disciplines included in the two European Championships counts for qualification for the World Championships 2017 and the World Games 2017, according to the following details, which were published at www.etbf.eu in January this year.

Qualification for the World Championships 2017

The following number of federations will qualify for the World Championships 2017 in Kuwait: 15 federations from ETBF, 12 federations from ABF and 8 federations from PABCON. In addition to these 35 federations, Kuwait will participate as the host nation.

The 15 women teams from Europe will be found via a competition, where points are accumulated for top 24 positions in all 6 disciplines of the European Women Championships 2016.

The 15 men teams from Europe will be found via a competition, where points are accumulated for top 24 positions in all 6 disciplines of the European Men Championships 2016.

The point system in use for the World Championship qualification competitions is explained in the ETBF Constitution, Article 5.5; see www.etbf.eu at the item Organization / Constitution.

Qualification for the World Games 2017

During the European Women Championships and the European Men Championships in 2016, there will also be a competition for the 2 X 5 federations, which each can send 2 women, respectively 2 men, to the World Games in 2017.

The World Games 2017 will be held in Wroclaw, Poland on 20-30 July 2017. The bowling competition of the games will be held on 20-24 July 2017.

For each gender, the qualification competition is as follows: The position numbers for the two highest ranked athletes from each federation in the All Event standing are added together, forming a World Games qualification list sorted by the lowest vs. highest principle.

You can read more about the point system in use for the World Games qualification competition in the ETBF Constitution, Article 5.6.

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Story 2016-14: Changes in Tilburg and Aalborg

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As a consequence of the very unfortunate fire in Dolfijn Bowling in Tilburg, it will not be possible to conduct the Hammer Bronzen Schietspoel Tournament in 2017. Dolfijn Bowling will be re-build, but not yet with a known / expected opening day.

The Hammer Bronzen Schietspoel Tournament, which has been included in the European Bowling Tour since 2004, is expected to be back in the EBT 2018.

The EBT Masters 2017 was scheduled for conduction in Tilburg, while the EBT Masters 2018 was scheduled for conduction in Aalborg, but the organizers of the annual tour stops in the two cities has decided to swap their masters conductions.

The EBT Masters 2017 will be conducted in Aalborg on Monday 29 May 2017, following the conduction of Kegel Aalborg International 2017.

The EBT Masters 2018 will be conducted in Tilburg on Monday 12 February 2018, following the conduction of the Hammer Bronzen Schietspoel Tournament 2018.

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Story 2016-15: Changed conduction period in Vienna

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The organizer of the 14th Columbia 300 Vienna Open has decided to extend the duration of the tournament from 26 September - 2 October to 24 September - 2 October.

The tournament will, as always, be conducted in the very well-known bowling centre, Plus Bowling, situated in Austria's Capital Vienna.

Story 2016-16: EBT 2016 Stop 06 in Aalborg

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Peter Hellström from Sweden took his third tour title, when he defeated 7 other top players in the final of Kegel Aalborg International 2016.

In the 3rd step of the final in Aalborg, 18 players were playing 6 games starting from scratch, while 8 players continued to step 4, playing another 4 games to determine the final standing over a total of 10 games.

The final standing became as follows:

1. Peter Hellström, Sweden: 2324 (1457+867)
2. Osku Palermaa, Finland: 2270 (1417+853)
3. Glenn Morten Pedersen, Norway: 2256 (1361+895)
4. Kamilla Kjeldsen, Denmark: 2217 (1362+855)
5. Anton Elofsson, Sweden: 2209 (1287+922)
6. Daniel Fransson, Sweden: 2107 (1291+816)
7. Dan Östergaard-Poulsen, Denmark: 2076 (1303+773)
8. Jeroen van Geel, Netherlands: 2067 (1315+752)

Kamilla Kjeldsen became the highest ranked women in a tour stop for not less than the 20th time in her long and outstanding career. Kamilla Kjeldsen became the highest ranked women in a tour stop for the first time already in the first EBT in 2000.

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Story 2016-17: Welcome to a new federation in Romania

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In many years, ninepin bowling and tenpin bowling was together in a combined federation in Romania, but for about half a year ago the tenpin bowlers decided to create their own federation in Romania, which left the bowlers in Romania without a recognized organization for a period of time.

A few days ago all the paperwork, nationally as well as internationally, were finalized and the Executive Board of World Bowling could award a provisional membership to the Romanian Bowling Federation. The final membership will be granted by the next Congress in World Bowling, which will take place at the end of 2017 in Kuwait City.

It is a pleasure for ETBF to be able to welcome its 48th member federation, the Romanian Bowling Federation, and it's President, Mr. Ionut Nitu, to the bowling family in Europe.

The pleasure is even bigger, because the membership was granted timely enough to ensure that the teams from Romania can take part in both the European Women and the European Men Championships this summer.

Story 2016-18: European Bowling Tour 2017

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The program of the European Bowling Tour 2017 has been decided by the ETBF Presidium.

The EBT 2017, which is the 18th consecutive tour since the tour was organized for the first time in 2000, consists of 14 tournaments, conducted in 10 different member federations.

The 14 tournaments adopted in the tour are divided in 4 different categories as follows: 3 EBT Platinum, 3 EBT Gold, 3 EBT Bronze and 5 EBT Satellite tournaments.

Based on the preliminary intentions from some of the organizers, we expect a few upgrades over the season.

The total prize fund in the EBT 2016 is 736.000 €; giving an average prize fund of 53.000 € per stop, which is the same average we had in 2016.

From 2016 we are missing two tournaments; of which one is Chandra Open, which will be conducted for the last time on 11-18 September 2016 in Chandra Bowling in Nieuwegein, The Netherlands.

The other missing tournament is the Hammer Bronzen Schietspoel Tournament, normally conducted in Dolfijn Bowling in Tilburg, which was destroyed by a very unfortunate fire for a few months ago. We expect to see the Hammer Bronzen Schietspoel Tournament back in the European Bowling Tour 2018 in good shape.

The highest ranked woman and the highest ranked man by the conclusion of the EBT 2017 will be awarded 1.000 € each.

The 8 highest ranked women and the 8 highest ranked men after the 14 stops are qualified for the 11th EBT Masters, which will be hosted in February 2018 in Tilburg.

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Story 2016-19: EBT 2016 Stop 07 in Odense

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The format of the final in Odense International offered a first step over 6 games with 36 athletes taking part, continuing with step 2, where the best 16 from step 1 added another 4 games to a total of 10 games, deciding the top 8 field for the next steps.

The last 4 steps of the format offered one game matches as follows:

Step 3: 4 matches. 4 winners and 2 happy losers to continue

Step 4: 3 matches. 3 winners and 1 happy loser to continue

Step 5: 2 matches. 2 winner to continue

Step 6: 1 match deciding the winner of the tournament

Top 8 after the final step 2:

1. 2372: Magnus Johnson, Sweden
2. 2238: Richard Teece, England
3. 2234: Mattias Wetterberg, Sweden
4. 2131: Jimmy Dan Mortensen, Denmark
5. 2098: Markus Bergendorff, Denmark
6. 2081: Jeroen Van Geel, The Netherlands
7. 2077: Carsten W. Hansen, Denmark
8. 2075: Thomas Larsen, Denmark

The final step 3:

Richard Teece - Thomas Larsen: 276 - 198

Jimmy Dan Mortensen - Carsten W. Hansen: 214 - 196

Mattias Wetterberg - Jeroen van Geel: 202 - 198

Magnus Johnson - Markus Bergendorff: 189 - 181

The final step 4:

Jimmy Dan Mortensen - Mattias Wetterberg: 221 - 214

Richard Teece - Thomas Larsen: 235 - 195

Magnus Johnson - Jeroen van Geel: 222 - 188

The final step 5:

Jimmy Dan Mortensen - **Richard Teece:** 215 - 216

Magnus Johnson - Mattias Wetterberg I: 207 - 179

The final step 6:

Richard Teece - Magnus Johnson: 213 - 208

Britt Brøndsted from Denmark became the highest ranked women in a tour stop for the very impressive 18th time, while Richard Teece from England took his second tour stop title in his career.

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Story 2016-20: Qualified for the World Games 2017

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During the European Women Championships 2016 in Vienna, the 5 qualified federations from Europe, permitted to send two women each to the World Games 2017, was found.

The World Games qualification standing was made up by adding the position numbers for the two highest ranked athletes from each federation in the All Event standing together, to be able to create a qualification list sorted by the lowest total first principle.

The top of the qualification list ended as follows:

1. Germany, 5 points
2. Sweden, 8 points
3. Denmark, 17 points
4. England, 18 points
5. Ukraine, 34 points

The first 3 substitutes:

6. Finland, 43 points
7. Netherlands, 45 points
8. Belgium, 52 points

There will be a total of 16 X 2 women taking part in the bowling competition of the World Games 2017, which is 5 X 2 women from each of the three Zones (ABF, PABCON and ETBF) plus 1 X 2 women from the host federation, in this case Poland.

A similar qualification competition for men will be included in the European Men Championships 2016, which will be held in Brussels, Belgium on 18-29 August 2016.

The World Games 2017 will be held in Wroclaw, Poland on 20-30 July 2017 and the bowling competition of the games on 20-24 July 2017 in Sky Bowling.

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Story 2016-21: Qualified for the World Championships 2017

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36 women teams will take part in the World Championships 2017 in Kuwait as follows:

- From ETBF: 15 teams
- From ABF: 12 teams
- From PABCON: 8 teams
- From the host federation Kuwait: 1 team

The 15 women teams from Europe was found via a competition, where points are accumulated for top 24 positions in all 6 disciplines of the European Women Championships 2016.

A standard point list for top 24 was in use for the Singles event, the All Event and the Masters event, while the same point list was multiplied with 2 for the Doubles event, with 3 for the Tri-os event and with 5 for the Team event.

Women teams from the following 15 federations are qualified:

1. Sweden, 1929 points
2. Germany, 1809 points
3. Denmark, 1094 points
4. England, 928 points
5. Belgium, 549 points
6. Netherlands, 540 points
7. Finland, 505 points
8. Ukraine, 439 points
9. France, 369 points
10. Austria, 350 points
11. Italy, 174 points
12. Iceland, 168 points
13. Slovakia, 122 points
14. Hungary, 106 points
15. Wales, 90 points (No. 14 in the Team event)

The first 4 substitutes:

16. Romania, 90 points (No. 15 in the Team event)
17. Russia, 90 points (Not taking part in the Team event)
18. Turkey, 65 points (No. 16 in the Team event)
19. Czech Republic, 65 points (No. 17 in the Team event)

When a tie exists in the point table, the highest positioned federation in the Team event will be the highest positioned team in the point list.

A similar qualification competition for men will be included in the European Men Championships 2016, which will be held in Brussels, Belgium on 18-29 August 2016.

The World Championships 2017 will be held in Kuwait City, Kuwait on 4-18 December 2017.

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Story 2016-22: EWC 2016 in Vienna, Austria

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The 23rd European Championships since 1962, which is the 6th European Championships only for women since 2006, was conducted in Vienna's well known Plus Bowling on 8-19 June 2016.

131 female athletes from 25 of ETBF's member federations had found their way to Vienna to compete for 6 championship titles, 15 federation spots for the World Championships 2017 in Kuwait City (Kuwait) and 5 federation spots for the World Games 2017 in Wroclaw (Poland).

England won the Singles event after a final where Keira Reay defeated the titleholder from 2014, Daria Kovalova from Ukraine, 199 - 196.

Germany won the Trios event by Nadine Geissler, Tina Hulsch and Birgit Pöppler, who defeated the trios from England 616 - 560.

Sweden became, as so many times before in the European bowling history, the best nation: this time with not less than 4 Gold medals, 1 Silver medal and 4 Bronze medals.

The four Swedish titles were won as follows:

Sweden won the Doubles event after a final where Joline Persson-Planefors and Nina Flack defeated the doubles from Germany 432 - 376.

Sweden won the Team event after a final where Jenny Wegner, Nina Flack, Ida Andersson, Sandra Andersson and Joline Persson-Planefors defeated the team from Germany 1104 - 1019.

Sweden won their third title in the All Event competition where Jenny Wegner stayed atop of the competition after a very stable and constant performance in all 4 events (1268 in Singles, 1307 in Doubles, 1347 in Trios and 1314 in Team), in total 5236 pins / average 218. Birgit Pöppler and Nadine Geissler, both from Germany, picked the Silver and the Bronze medals in the All Event competition with 5178 and 5115 pins respectively.

The Swedish dominance became absolute, when the last four athletes ready for the Semi Finals in the Masters Event all were from Sweden. Ida Andersson defeated the Masters Champion from 2008, Nina Flack, 2-0 (233-204 and 254-149) in the one Semi Final, while Filippa Persson defeated Joline Persson-Planefors 2-1 (196-227, 209-178 and 234-182) in the other.

The final match of the Masters Event became an extremely exiting affair, where Ida Andersson took the first game with two pins, 205 vs. 203, where the second game was tied 227-227 with Filippa Persson winning the tie 9-8 and where Filippa Persson finally won the last game and the Masters Title 228 vs.-202.

The Swedish dominance was further underlined by the facts that all 6 athletes in the team was qualified among the top 24 athletes competing for the Masters title, that Swedish athletes only were defeated by other Swedish athletes in the steps of the Masters and that the later Masters Champion, Filippa Persson, did not even bowl at the group of 5 winning the Team event Gold for Sweden on the second last day of the championships.

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It is worthwhile mentioning that the same Filippa Persson have had a very speedy turn over from the top of European youth bowling to the top European adult women bowling, proved by the fact that Filippa for only one year ago won 4 titles and a bronze medal at the European Youth Championships 2015 in Leipzig and only one year after she is crowned as the Masters Queen in Vienna. A new young star is indeed born in European bowling!

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Story 2016-23: Changed period for Wroclaw Open

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The organizer of the 11th International Wroclaw Open has announced a period change of the tournament from 15-19 February 2017 to 8-12 February 2017.

The tournament will unchanged be conducted in Galeria Rozrywki Miraz in Wroclaw, Poland.

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Story 2016-24: EBT 2016 Stop 08 in Madrid

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194 athletes had found their way to the Spanish Capital Madrid, where the IV Brunswick Madrid Challenge was conducted on 2-10 July 2016.

50 athletes qualified to the final steps on Sunday 10 July, of which Step 1 included 30 athletes playing 4 games starting from scratch, Step 2 included 20 athletes playing 4 games starting from scratch and Step 3 included another 20 athletes playing 4 games starting from scratch.

The 10 highest ranked athletes from Step 3 continued, with their pins from Step 3, into Step 4, where they added the pin fall of another 4 games to a total pin fall of 8 games.

The standing after Step 4 became as follows:

1. Stuart Williams, England: 2033
2. Dominic Barrett, England: 2014
3. Raymond Teece, England: 1942
4. Birgit Pöppler, Germany: 1914
5. Osku Palermaa, Finland: 1890
6. Glenn Morten Pedersen, Norway: 1886
7. Richard Teece, England: 1876
8. Jeroen van Geel, The Netherlands: 1851
9. Ildemaro Ruiz, Venezuela: 1827
10. Solène Goron, France: 1767

The tournament was concluded by the following, all English, stepladder final:

Match 1

Dominic Barrett, Finland: 238
Raymond Teece, England: 257

Match 2

Stuart Williams, England: 239
Raymond Teece, England: 256

Birgit Pöppler from Germany, who ended just outside the top trio from England, became the highest ranked women in a tour stop for the 6th time in her career, while Raymond Teece from England won his first title and became highest ranked for the first time in his career.

Jenny Wegner from Sweden (60 points in Madrid) overtook the lead of the women's ranking of the tour with 350 points from the non-attending Laura Beuthner from Germany, who has collected 328 points so far.

The top of the men's division, where both were absent from the tournament in Madrid, is unchanged Parker Bohn III from USA with 360 points, followed by Jesper Svensson from Sweden with 307 points.

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Story 2016-25: Polish Open changes name

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As a consequence of a sponsor agreement, the organizer of the Polish Open has announced a name change of the tournament to the Polish Open presented by Roto Grip.

The tournament will unchanged be conducted in Wroclaw in the centre "Sky Bowling" on 25-31 July 2016.

Story 2016-26: EBT 2016 Stop 09 in San Marino

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The 12th Storm San Marino Open was conducted in Rose'n Bowl in Serravalle on 9-17 July 2016 as Stop 09 in the European Bowling Tour 2016.

A successful number of 205 bowlers from a rich variation of countries took part in the very competitive tournament to enjoy both the competition and the Sammarinese hospitality.

48 players were qualified to the final steps of the tournament, which consisted of 3 steps including 32, 24 and 18 players, until the tournament was concluded by a 4 person's elimination final, where the lowest scoring player was eliminated after each game and the pin fall for remaining players carried forward to the next game to play.

The following four players were qualified after the 6 games in Step 3:

1465: Joline Persson-Planefors
1443: Martin Larsen, Sweden
1440: Dominic Barrett, England
1407: Sin Li Jane, Malaysia

Joline Persson-Planefors was eliminated in Round 1 of Step 4, which ended as follows:

277: Dominic Barrett, England
271: Sin Li Jane, Malaysia
229: Martin Larsen, Sweden
205: Joline Persson-Planefors

Martin Larsen was eliminated in Round 2 of Step 4, which ended as follows:

509: Dominic Barrett, England
475: Sin Li Jane, Malaysia
466: Martin Larsen, Sweden

And finally Dominic Barrett became the winner of the tournament:

766: Dominic Barrett, England
686: Sin Li Jane, Malaysia

It became Dominic Barrett's third win in a row in San Marino after he defeated Stuart Williams in 2014 and Jesper Svensson in 2015.

Dominic Barrett became the highest ranked man for the 13th time in his career, of which 12 of them are titles. Sin Li Jane became the highest ranked women for the second time.

Last week in Madrid the leadership of the women's division of the tour was overtaken by Jenny Wegner from Sweden, who passed the non-attending Laura Beuthner from Germany. But this week it swapped back to Laura Beuthner, who was awarded 72 points in San Marino (sum 400), while Jenny Wegner was awarded 42 points in San Marino (sum 392).

With the 120 points awarded in San Marino, Martin Larsen is new atop of the men's tour standing with 385 points, while his fellow countryman, Jesper Svensson, is second with 372 points (65 points in San Marino).

Story 2016-27: EBT Masters 2016

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The EBT Masters 2016, which is the final of the European Bowling Tour 2015, was conducted in Rosen' Bowl in San Marino on 18 July. The EBT Masters 2016 is the 9th edition of the tour final.

The EBT Masters 2016 was open for the 12 highest men and the 12 highest women by the conclusion at the European Bowling Tour 2015.

The format of the EBT Masters 2015 was 12 games qualification, divided over 2 blocks of 6 games, concluded by a 3 person's stepladder final in each division.

The outcome of the matches became as follows:

Women Match 1

193: Britt Brøndsted, Denmark

230: Birgit Pöppler, Germany

Women Match 2

259: Sin Li Jane, Malaysia

246: Birgit Pöppler, Germany

Men Match 1

245: Stuart Williams, England

209: Osku Palermaa, Finland

Men Match 2

168: Jesper Svensson, Sweden

238: Stuart Williams, England

Final standing women

1. Sin Li Jane, Malaysia
2. Birgit Pöppler, Germany
3. Britt Brøndsted, Denmark
4. Shayna Ng, Singapore
5. Jenny Wegner, Sweden
6. Ida Andersson, Sweden
7. Joline Persson-Planefors, Sweden
8. Cajsa Wegner, Sweden
9. Rebecka Larsen, Sweden
10. Laura Beuthner, Germany
11. Maxime de Rooij, Germany
12. Victoria Johansson, Sweden

Final standing men

1. Stuart Williams, England
2. Jesper Svensson, Sweden
3. Osku Palermaa, Finland
4. Thomas Larsen, Denmark

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5. Martin Larsen, Sweden
6. Dominic Barrett, England
7. Richard Teece, England
8. Markus Jansson, Sweden
9. Joonas Jehkinen, Finland
10. Paul Moor, England
11. Christopher Sloan, Ireland
12. Magnus Johnson, Sweden

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Story 2016-28: EBT 2016 Stop 10 in Munich

Published on 24 July 2016 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



The final last game in the Track Dream-Bowl Palace Open by Erdinger, concluded on Sunday 24 July in Munich, became a repetition of the final in San Marino for only one week ago, although with a different result.

While Dominic Barret from England defeated Sin Li Jane from Malaysia in San Marino, the outcome of the revenge match in Munich became the opposite, since Sin Li Jane stood with the trophy, after the dust had settled after the final in Munich.

The title won for Sin Li Jane was the first title won by a woman in 2016, and only the 30th title won by a woman in a tournament with a mixed division since the tour started in 2000. By the victory in Munich, Sin Li Jane became the highest ranked woman for the 3rd time in her career.

Dominic Barrett became the highest ranked man for the 14th time, of which 12 is titles, in his career. Only his fellow countryman, Paul Moor, has been higher ranked more often over the entire tour history by his 17 highest ranked positions since 2000.

The tournament in Unterföhring / Munich, which were conducted as Stop 10 of the EBT 2016, attracted 171 players, who competed for the 64 spots of the final steps on 24 July.

In step 3 of the final, 16 players met to play 4 games from scratch, with 4 players continuing to step 4 with their pin fall from step 3 carried forward.

The following four players were qualified after the 4 games in Step 3:

966: Sin Li Jane, Malaysia

937: Tommy Jones, USA

903: Gery Verbruggen, Belgium

898: Dominic Barrett, England

Gery Verbruggen was eliminated in Step 4, which ended as follows:

1206: Sin Li Jane (966+240)

1153: Dominic Barrett (898+255)

1151: Tommy Jones (937+214)

1091: Gery Verbruggen (903+188)

Tommy Jones was eliminated in in Step 5, which ended as follows:

1482: Sin Li Jane (1206+276)

1388: Dominic Barrett (1153+235)

1379: Tommy Jones (1151+228)

And finally Sin Li Jane became the winner of the tournament:

1705: Sin Li Jane (1482+223)

1548: Dominic Barrett (1388+160)

Dominic Barrett overtook the leading position in the men's division of the tour with 449 points (150 points in Munich) from non-attending Martin Larsen from Sweden at position 2. Martin Larsen has collected 385 points so far.

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Laura Beuthner consolidated her stay at the leading position of the women's division with 72 points in Munich and a total of 472 points, while Jenny Wegner from Sweden, who was absent from the tournament in Munich, is second with 392.

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Story 2016-29: EBT 2016 Stop 11 in Wroclaw

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The second issue of the Polish Open was conducted as the Polish Open presented by Rot Grip on 25-31 July 2016 in Wroclaw.

40 athletes qualified for the final steps, of which athletes positioned 1-10 qualified directly to step 3 and athletes positioned 11-20 qualified directly to step 2.

In the first two steps of the final, 20 athletes competed for 10 spots for the following step by playing 4 games starting from scratch.

In step 3 of the final, 20 athletes competed for 9 spots for the following step by playing 5 games starting from scratch.

The 9 athletes qualified for step 4 was divided into 3 groups of 3 athletes, each competing for 1 spot for the final step by playing a match over 2 games total pin fall.

The final step 5 included yet a group of 3 players, deciding the champion, runner up and third positioned by playing another match over 2 games total pin fall.

The outcome of the final step 4 and 5 became as follows.

Step 4, Group 1

502 (205+297): Richard Teece, England
451 (203+248): Thomas Larsen, Denmark
340 (148+192): Tim Stampe, Denmark

Step 4, Group 2

464 (244+220): Jari Ratia, Finland
459 (256+203): Jenny Wegner, Sweden
408 (204+204): Emanuel Jonsson, Sweden

Step 4, Group 3

465 (236+229): Aidas Daniunas, Lithuania
456 (190+266): Osku Palermaa, Finland
382 (172+210): Francois Louw, South Africa

Step 5, The Final

450 (221+229): Richard Teece, England
401 (185+216): Aidas Daniunas, Lithuania
372 (173+199): Jari Ratia, Finland

Jenny Wegner became the highest ranked women for the 5th time in her career, while Richard Teece won his third tour title and became the highest ranked man for just as many times.

Richard Teece overtook the leading position in the men's division of the tour with 462 points (100 points in Wroclaw) from his non-attending countryman Dominic Barrett at position 2, who has collected 440 points so far.

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The point gap between the two combatants in the women's division, Laura Beuthner from Germany and Jenny Wegner from Sweden was reduced by only 20 points in Wroclaw, since the two women ended at the two first positions in the women's division. Beuthner was awarded 80 points, giving her an actual total of 552 points, while Wegner was awarded 100 points, giving her an actual total of 482 points.

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Story 2016-30: WYC 2016 in Lincoln, Nebraska

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Sun Valley Lanes in Lincoln, Nebraska hosted the 14th World Youth Championships 2016 on 24 July - 3 August 2016.

The championships were from the beginning till the end dominated by the home country USA, which won not less than 6 out of 10 Gold medals, while Korea won two Gold medals and Malaysia and Sweden one each.

USA won the Gold medals in Girls Singles, in Girls All Event, in Boys Singles, in Boys Doubles, in Boys Team of Four and in Boys masters.

Korea won their two Gold medals in Girls Doubles and in Girls Team of Four, while Malaysia won the Gold medal in Girls Masters and Sweden won the Gold medal in Boys All Event.

Besides an English Bronze medal in Girls Doubles by Keira Reay and Emily Allen, only Sweden, which was represented by two very talented teams in Lincoln, stood up against USA and Asian teams in a number of disciplines.

The shining star of the Swedish team was Pontus Andersson, who won the All Event Gold by not less than 81 pins more than the runner up and finally also the Masters Silver medal at the end of the championships.

Sweden won 8 medals in Lincoln as Follows:

Gold in Boys All Event

Pontus Andersson

Silver in Boys Masters

Pontus Andersson

Bronze in Boys Doubles

Pontus Andersson and Jesper Svensson

Bronze in Boys Team of Four

Pontus Andersson, Jesper Svensson, Filip Wilhelmsson and Anton Ahlgren

Bronze in Boys All Event

Jesper Svensson

Bronze in Girls Singles

Filippa Persson

Bronze in Girls Team of Four

Anna Andersson, Annie Thorell, Cajsa Wegner, Filippa Persson

Bronze in Girls All Event

Filippa Persson

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Story 2016-31: EMC 2019 will be held in Munich

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The European Men Championships 2019 will be hosted by the German Bowling Federation. The championships, which will be held in Dream-Bowl Palace in Unterföhring (Munich), were recently awarded to the host by the ETBF Presidium.

Over relatively few years, a number of international championships and annual stops in the European Bowling Tour have been held in the centre, which in addition will house the World Senior Championships in 2017.

The European Men Championships 2019 will be held in the period as of 5 June (last day or arrival) until 16 June (first day of departure).

The German Bowling Federation will also host the ETBF Congress on 4 June 2019.

Story 2016-32: EMC 2016 in Brussels, Belgium

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Jesper Agerbo from Denmark shined during the European Men Championships 2016, which were held in Brussels, Belgium on 18-29 August 2016.

Jesper Agerbo was awarded with a medal not less than 5 times during the championships, and three of them were of the finest kind: Gold medals.

Jesper Agerbo won the Singles event, the All Event and the Trios event together with Carsten W. Hansen and Thomas Larsen. Jesper Agerbo furthermore won a Silver medal together with Jimmy Dan Mortensen in the Doubles event and a Bronze medal in the Team event together with Carsten W. Hansen, Thomas Larsen, Jimmy Dan Mortensen, Mik Stampe and Markus Bergendorff.

The Finnish team took two titles, first in the Doubles event by Osku Palermaa and Joonas Jähi and later in the Team event by Sami Lampo, Joonas Jähi, Jari Ratia, Juhani Tonteri, Osku Palermaa and Perttu Jussila.

Martin Larsen won a historical Gold medal in the Masters event after a 2-1 win against Juhani Tonteri from Finland. Historical because Martin Larsen also won the Masters event in 2015 and no bowler have ever before defended his Masters title in the 18 issues of the Masters, which have been played since 1962.

Denmark became the best nation with 3 Gold, 1 Silver and 1 Bronze medal, followed by Finland with 2 Gold and 2 Silver medals.

A record number of not less than 218 athletes from 37 of ETBF's member federation attended the EMC 2016, which were conducted in Bowling Stones Wommel, a suburb to Brussels.

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Story 2016-33: Qualified for the World Games 2017

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The World Games 2017 will be held in Wroclaw, Poland on 20-30 July 2017 and the bowling competition of the games on 20-24 July 2017 in Sky Bowling.

For each gender there will be a total of 16 X 2 athletes taking part in the bowling competition of the World Games 2017, which is 5 X 2 athletes from each of the three Zones (ABF, PABCON and ETBF) plus 1 X 2 athletes from the host federation, in this case Poland.

The World Games 2017 will include 64 bowling athletes, equally divided between 32 women and 32 men, which are 16 bowling athletes more, than in previous World Games issues.

The European teams are qualified via the All Event competition in the European Championships, conducted timewise closest to the conduction period of the World Games 2017, which for the women teams was the European Women Championships 2016 in Vienna in June and for the men teams the European Men Championships 2016, concluded in Brussels a few days ago.

The World Games qualification standing was made up by adding the position numbers for the two highest ranked athletes from each federation in the All Event standing together for a qualification number; ranking the lowest number first, the second lowest number second etc.

The 5 women teams qualified from the EWC 2016:

1. Germany, 5 points
2. Sweden, 8 points
3. Denmark, 17 points
4. England, 18 points
5. Ukraine, 34 points

The highest three substituting teams in the women's division

6. Finland, 43 points
7. Netherlands, 45 points
8. Belgium, 52 points

The 5 men teams qualified from the EMC 2016:

1. Sweden, 8 points
2. Denmark, 11 points
3. Finland, 13 points
4. Netherlands, 20 points
5. Germany, 35 points

The highest three substituting teams in the men's division

6. Italy, 44 points (3rd athlete position 31)
7. England, 44 points (3rd athlete position 57)
8. Spain, 51 points

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Story 2016-34: Qualified for the World Championships 2017

Published on 1 September 2016 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen

The World Championships 2017 will be held in Kuwait City, Kuwait on 4-18 December 2017.

36 women and 36 men teams will qualify for the championships as follows:

- From ETBF: 15 teams
- From ABF: 12 teams
- From PABCON: 8 teams
- From the host federation Kuwait: 1 team

The 15 teams from Europe are found via a competition, where points are accumulated for top 24 positions in all 6 disciplines in the European Championships, conducted timewise closest to the conduction period of the World Games 2017.

The 15 women teams were found during the European Women Championships 2016 in Vienna in June, while the 15 men teams were found during the European Men Championships 2016, concluded in Brussels a few days ago.

A standard point list for top 24 was in use for the Singles event, the All Event and the Masters event, while the same point list was multiplied with 2 for the Doubles event, with 3 for the Trios event and with 5 for the Team event.

The 15 women teams qualified from the EWC 2016:

1. Sweden, 1929 points
2. Germany, 1809 points
3. Denmark, 1094 points
4. England, 928 points
5. Belgium, 549 points
6. Netherlands, 540 points
7. Finland, 505 points
8. Ukraine, 439 points
9. France, 369 points
10. Austria, 350 points
11. Italy, 174 points
12. Iceland, 168 points
13. Slovakia, 122 points
14. Hungary, 106 points
15. Wales, 90 points (No. 14 in the Team event)

The highest four substituting teams in the women's division

16. Romania, 90 points (No. 15 in the Team event)
17. Russia, 90 points (Not taking part in the Team event)
18. Turkey, 65 points (No. 16 in the Team event)
19. Czech Republic, 65 points (No. 17 in the Team event)

The 15 men teams qualified from the EMC 2016:

1. Sweden, 1517 points
2. Denmark, 1355 points
3. Finland, 1350 points
4. Germany 772 points
5. Netherlands, 711 points
6. England, 482 points
7. Norway, 406 points
8. Austria, 404 points
9. Italy, 400 points
10. Czech Republic, 356 points

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11. Spain, 319 points
12. Greece, 238 points
13. Russia, 222 points
14. Belgium, 193 points
15. Wales, 150 points

The highest four substituting teams in the men's division

16. Estonia, 147 points
17. Israel, 139 points
18. Ukraine, 120 points
19. Lithuania, 87 points

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Story 2016-35: In memoriam Roni Ashkenazi

Published on 4 September 2016 by Addie Ophelders



It is my sad duty and with great sorrow that I have to inform you that our dear friend and member of the ETBF Presidium, Roni Ashkenazi, passed away on Friday 2 September 2016 at the age of 65.

It is almost impossible to express mine and our feelings about this loss. Roni was loved by all; not only in the Presidium but in the whole bowling family worldwide.

He joined our Presidium in 1997 when he was elected in Nottingham, UK. One of his big achievements was the creation of the Mediterranean Challenge Cup, now called the Mediterranean Bowling Cup.

We wish his parents, his wife Hava, his sons and daughters in law and their children a lot of strength to carry this enormous loss.

We thank our dear friend for everything he did for our sport and we also thank him for his friendship.

We will miss Roni a lot in the ETBF Presidium: in our daily business, at our meetings and at our events.

May he rest in peace!

Addie Ophelders
President ETBF

Story 2016-36: Scheveningen Dutch Open in the EBT 2017

Published on 9 September 2016 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



Bowling Scheveningen is a place, which is synonym with international top bowling. The centre have housed the European Youth Championships in 1974, the European Cup Teams in 1982 and 1994, the European Cup Individuals in 1995 and three issues of the Dutch Open, which were included in the European Bowling Tour 2006-2008.

The new owners of Bowling Scheveningen, Henk and Betsie van Oudheusden, who overtook the centre in 2011, have renovated the centre step by step; a process which still is ongoing.

The new owners have also, in a partnership with KEDA Sports Consultancy, decided to reintroduce an international bowling tournament in the centre, which will be conducted for the first time on 16-24 September 2017.

The tournament will be introduced as the Scheveningen Dutch Open, but the name of the tournament might later change, as well as the total prize pool might be higher, when sponsors are added to the tournament.

The Scheveningen Dutch Open will be included in the European Bowling Tour 2017 as Stop 11; from the beginning as a Satellite Tournament, but with potential of a later possible upgrade.

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Story 2016-37: Commonwealth bowlers shine on World stage

Published on 10 September 2016 by Lynne Clay

Recent standout performances by players from Commonwealth countries highlight the strength of talent by tenpin bowlers on the world stage.

Hot on the heels of the historic Gold medal in Swimming won by Singapore's Joseph Schooling at the Rio Olympics, compatriot New Hui Fen captured the 2016 Smithfield Professional Women's Bowling Association (PWBA) Tour Championship in Virginia, USA. 24 year-old New defeated her Team Singapore teammate Cherie Tan in the championship match, 258-235, to win her first PWBA title, which also was a Major.

The PWBA Tour has experienced an influx of international talent this season with Team Singapore playing a big role in the second year of the re-launched Tour. New became the fourth player from Singapore over the last two seasons to win a PWBA event or major championship. Jazreel Tan won the 2015 PWBA Lubbock Sports Open, Bernice Lim won the 2016 United States Bowling Congress Queens and Cherie Tan captured the 2016 PWBA Storm Sacramento Open.

Despite competing in just six events this season, New earned enough competition points to secure another coveted title, the 2016 PWBA Rookie of the Year, the first international rookie of the year since Australia's Cara Honeychurch in 2000.

England's Dominic Barrett, Stuart Williams and Paul Moor, together with male and female bowlers from Malaysia are regular star performers in the professional and Zone Tours, while South Africa's Francois Louw made headlines with his outstanding performance as runner-up in the Men's division of the QubicaAMF Bowling World Cup last year, with 6 of the top 32 male and 8 of the top 32 female bowlers representing Commonwealth countries in the final standings.

This week has also seen early success by Commonwealth nation-based men on the Professional Bowling Association (PBA) Tour currently underway in the United States. Canadian Francois Lavoie earned the top berth for the stepladder finals of the PBA Wolf Open on Monday as the PBA Fall Swing got underway at Thunderbowl Lanes in Michigan.

With a 239 average after 12 games, Lavoie claimed the lead with a total of 2.878 pins, 76 ahead of two-handed star and three-time reigning PBA Player of the Year Jason Belmonte from Australia. On Thursday, Belmonte, Lavoie and fellow Canadian Graham Fach qualified for the stepladder finals of the PBA Badger Open, also propelling the 33-year-old Australian into top spot leading into the stepladder finals of the PBA Detroit Open. Belmonte finished the 36-game Detroit Open qualifying phase, bowled in three 12-game blocks on the PBA's Wolf, Bear and Badger lane oiling patterns, with a 229 average for an 8.277 pin fall total.

The CBS Sports Network telecasts of the stepladder finals of the PBA Wolf, Bear, Badger and Detroit Open tournaments will be conducted this weekend, for airing throughout September and October.

"It's wonderful to see how regularly bowlers from our Commonwealth nations feature in the top echelons of bowling competitions around the globe," commented CTBF President, Julian Pace Bonello. "It clearly demonstrates the depth of talent of our popular sport throughout the World, and our next Commonwealth Tenpin Bowling Championship coming up in Johannesburg is sure to be a very exciting tournament for players and spectators alike," he added.

Further details of the VII Commonwealth Tenpin Bowling Championship in November are published on the official website www.ctbc2016.org and associated social media platforms.

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Story 2016-38: EBT 2016 Stop 12 in Nieuwegein

Published on 18 September 2016 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



113 athletes attended Stop 12 in the EBT 2016, Chandra open 2016. The tournament was conducted on 11-18 September in Chandra Bowling Nieuwegein, The Netherlands.

The tournament included 3 final steps as follows:

32 athletes, which were athletes positioned 9-30 in the qualification, 6 athletes from an early bird qualification and 4 athletes from the desperado squad, were included in the first final step, where they played 4 games, starting from scratch Sunday morning.

In stop 2, top 16 from step 1 was joined by top 8 from the qualification, composing a field of 24 athletes, playing another 4 games starting from scratch.

In step 3, top 12 from step 2 was playing additionally 6 games with the pin fall from step 2 carried forward, concluding the tournament with the following standing over 10 games.

2590: Ghislaine Stigter van der Tol, The Netherlands

2539: Markus Bergendorff, Denmark

2495: Kimmo Lehtonen, Finland

2451: Lianne Breeschoten, The Netherlands

2418: Mik Stampe, Denmark

2400: Britt Brøndsted, Denmark

2387: Nicole Sanders, The Netherlands

2353: Jeffrey van de Wakker, The Netherlands

2331: Osku Palermmaa, Finland

2320: Johnny Spil, The Netherlands

2315: Chris Hooper, England

2293: Arjan van Kranenburg, The Netherlands

Ghislaine Stigter van der Tol became the highest ranked women for the 10th time in her career, of which not less than 5 is won titles. The title won by Ghislaine Stigter van der Tol was the second title won by a female athlete in 2016.

Markus Bergendorff became the highest ranked man for the first time in his career.

Richard Teece is still leading the men's division of the tour with 474 points (14 points in Nieuwegein) in front of his countryman Dominic Barrett at position 2 with 449 points (not playing in Nieuwegein).

The top ranked in the women's division, who did not attend the tournament in Nieuwegein, is unchanged Laura Beuthner from Germany with 552 points and Jenny Wegner from Sweden with 492 points.

This was unfortunately the last issue of Chandra Open in the tour. We will take the opportunity to warmly thank Ronald Chandra and his co-organizer Luc Jansen for the 6 editions of Chandra Open included in the European Bowling Tour 2011-2016.

Story 2016-39: EBT 2016 Stop 13 in Vienna

Published on 2 October 2016 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



256 athletes attended the 14th issue of the tour stop in Vienna, the 14th Colombia 300 Vienna Open, which as always was conducted in well-known Plus Halle in Vienna. The tournament was included as stop 13 in the European Bowling Tour 2016.

From qualification squads and the desperado squad, 56 athletes were qualified for the final steps, of which 48 was playing 6 games from scratch in Step 1.

The highest ranked 22 athletes from Step 1 were joined by the 8 highest ranked athletes from the qualification, in a group of 30 athletes playing another 6 games from scratch in Step 2.

Top 18 from Step 2 continued with another 6 games in Step 3, this time with the pin fall from the previous step carried forward.

After the first three steps, the following 4 players had qualified for the stepladder final:

1. Jesper Svensson, Sweden (2946 pins)
2. Mik Stampe, Denmark (2782 pins)
3. Tanya Cuva, Switzerland (2744 pins)
4. Daniel Fransson, Sweden (2728 pins)

In the first match, Tanya Cuva defeated Daniel Fransson 242 vs. 221.

In the second match, Mik Stampe defeated Tanya Cuva 244 vs. 207.

In the third and final match, Jesper Svensson defeated Mik Stampe 246 vs. 201.

Jesper Svensson became the highest ranked man for the 7th time in his career and all 7 are EBT Titles, which is an outstanding performance from the very talented young athlete. **AND** the title won in Vienna 2016 was a defence of the tile won in Vienna 2015.

Tanya Cuva from Switzerland became the highest ranked women for the 9th time in her career, which by it selves is a great achievement, since only 5 other women have been the highest ranked more often than Tanya. But in this case it is even more remarkable, since the 7 first highest positions came in the period 2001-2006, while no. 8 is from 2011, so getting the 9th highest ranked position in 2016 is nothing less than a very nice come-back from Tanya.

The English duet atop of the men's ranking (Teece and Barret) changed to a trio after the tournament in Vienna, where Svensson joined in at the top. The three athletes are positioned very close with Jesper Svensson from Sweden ranked highest with 522 points (150 points in Vienna) followed by Richard Teece from England at position 2 with 519 points (45 points in Vienna) and Dominic Barrett at position 3 with 512 points (63 points in Vienna).

The top ranked in the women's division is unchanged Laura Beuthner from Germany with 642 points (90 points in Vienna) and Jenny Wegner from Sweden with 567 points (75 points in Vienna).

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Story 2016-40: ECC 2018 will be held in Langen, Germany

Published on 9 October 2016 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen

The ETBF Presidium has, at a meeting held on 7 and 8 October 2016, decided to award the hosting right of the European Champions Cup 2018 to the German Bowling Federation.

The championships will be held in Bowl for Fun in Langen; a suburb of Frankfurt situated very close to Frankfurt Airport.

Bowl for Fun in Langen is a spectator friendly 18 lane bowling centre, which have housed various regional and national German events throughout the last years.

The European Champions Cup 2018 will be held in the period of 22-29 October 2018.

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Story 2016-41: EBT 2016 Stop 14 in Munich

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As an organizer, Manuel Mrosek is an inventor, and the latest inventions of his, the 1st Emax Open, included a very exciting qualification format, where all had to combine scores from 2 different 4 games squads, bowled on two different oil-patterns.

The athletes could decide to re-enter as many squads as the program allowed on each of the two oil-patterns to improve the score in one or both of the two 4 games series.

Despite the very interesting format, only 77 athletes had found their way to this, the first issue of the Emax Open, which were conducted on 3-9 October in Dream-Bowl Palace in German Unterföhring; a suburb to Munich.

Top 28 qualified for the first final step together with the two best from each of two desperado squads bowled on each of the oil-patterns.

In total 32 athletes headed directly into a pyramid of best of 3 games matches over 5 final steps including 16 matches, 8 matches, 4 matches, 2 matches and the final match in step 5.

Semi Final Match 1 ended as follows:

1: Chris Sloan, Ireland (188 / 223 / 173)

2: Michael Krämer, Germany (236 / 178 / 212)

Semi Final Match 2 ended as follows:

1: Patrick Meka, Netherlands (215 / 201 / 256)

2: Richard Teece, England (209 / 250 / 257)

The Final match ended as follows:

1: Michael Krämer, Germany (204 / 178)

1: Richard Teece, England (235 / 214)

Janine Gäbel from Germany, who left the tournament in Step 3 of the final, became the highest ranked women for the 2nd time in her career, while Richard Teece became the highest ranked man for the 4th time in his career, of which all 4 are titles as well.

The top standing in the men's division are still very tight after the leadership returned to Richard Teece from England with 569 points (50 points in Munich), followed by Jesper Svensson from Sweden at position 2 with 522 points (not playing in Munich) and Dominic Barrett from England at position 3 with 512 points (not playing in Munich).

The top ranked in the women's division continues to be Laura Beuthner from Germany and Jenny Wegner from Sweden, but the point gap between the two is still growing, since Laura Beuthner added the 40 points she won in the 1st Emax Open to her new total of 682 points, while Jenny Wegner, who was absent from Munich, stayed at her sum of 567 points.

Story 2016-42: EBT 2016 Stop 15 in Oslo

Published on 16 October 2016 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



Jesper Svensson from Sweden did it again, won a title in the European Bowling Tour, this time in Veitvet Bowling Centre in Oslo, where the Norwegian Open 2016 by Brunswick was conducted on 7-16 October, with a record participation of not less than 246 bowlers taking part.

Jesper Svensson's career is still relatively new, but he has already won 8 titles, of which 3 is won in 2016 alone. This number is identical to 20% of all EBT Titles available in one year.

Jesper Svensson shares a 6th position with his famous fellow countryman Martin Larsen in the overall list of tournaments won since the tour started in 2000.

In the second last step of the final in Oslo, 16 athletes were playing 3 games, starting from scratch, from where 8 athletes continued to the final step, playing another 3 games with the pin fall from the previous step carried forward.

The scores of the 8 finalists became as follows:

1. Jesper Svensson, Sweden: 1398 (720+678)
2. Mikael Roos, Sweden: 1343 (650+693)
3. Ida Andersson, Sweden: 1324 (676+648)
4. Nina Flack, Sweden: 1312 (642+670)
5. Daniel Fransson, Sweden 1280 (643+637)
6. Fredrik Tjärnes, Norway 1280 (662+618)
7. Anton Persson, Sweden 1277 (689+588)
8. Isabelle Hultin, Sweden 1244 (664+580)

Ida Andersson from Sweden became the highest ranked women in a tour stop for the 5th time in her career.

In the absence of the top ranked English bowlers, Jesper Svensson overtook the lead of the men's division in the European Bowling Tour with a total of 572 points (50 points in Oslo), followed by Richard Teece from England at position 2 with 569 points (not playing in Oslo) and Dominic Barrett from England at position 3 with 512 points (not playing in Oslo).

The leading athletes in the women's division did not attend the tournament in Oslo, so the top standing remained unchanged with Laura Beuthner from Germany atop of the ranking with 682 points followed by Jenny Wegner from Sweden with 567 points.

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Story 2016-43: International Wroclaw Open is cancelled

Published on 24 October 2016 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



We have with regrets received information from the organizer of the 11th International Wroclaw Open, that they have technical issues in the centre of a dimension, which forces them to cancel the tournament.

The tournament, which was supposed to be conducted in February 2017 as a Satellite Tournament in the European Bowling Tour, has been included in the tour seven times 2010-2016.

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Story 2016-44: ECC 2016 in Olomouc, Czech Republic

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**ECC 2016
BOWLING**
European Champions Cup
Olomouc Czech Republic
24.-31. 10. 2016

For the first time in the history, one of ETBF's Championships was conducted in Czech Republic.

It happened when the 39th European Champions Cup late October was conducted in Bowland Bowling Center, which is situated in the city Olomouc, the sixth largest city of Czech Republic.

76 athletes, representing 36 member federations, attended the championships in Olomouc.

The format included 2 X 8 games qualification for all athletes, followed by another 8 games for top 16 and yet another 4 games for top 8, providing the following two standings:

Top 8 Women after 28 games

- 1 / 6339: Cajsa Wegner, Sweden
- 2 / 6338: Maria Bulanova, Russia
- 3 / 6300: Nicole Sanders, The Netherlands
- 4 / 6015: Nadine Geissler, Germany
- 5 / 6010: Solene Goron, France
- 6 / 5895: Petra Stankova, Slovakia
- 7 / 5894: Danni Hopcroft, England
- 8 / 5863: Heidi Thorstensen, Norway

Top 8 Men after 28 games

- 1 / 6693: Jaroslav Lorenc, Czech Republic
- 2 / 6626: James Gruffman, Sweden
- 3 / 6554: Antonino Fiorentino, Italy
- 4 / 6511: Hadley Morgan, England
- 5 / 6415: Joonas Jáhi, Finland
- 6 / 6328: Valentyn Kucherenko, Ukraine
- 7 / 6313: Jesper Agerbo, Denmark
- 8 / 6303: Arnar David Jonsson, Iceland

Top 4 continued into two Semi Finals matches concluded by a Final match; all decided in best of three games matches.

Women's Semi Final 1

Cajsa Wegner – Nadine Geissler (2-1): 265-214, 206-224 and 236-227

Women's Semi Final 2

Maria Bulanova – Nicole Sanders (2-1): 205-239, 223-191 and 216-204

Women's Final

Cajsa Wegner - Maria Bulanova (2-1): 214-237, 247-217 and 219-217

Men's Semi Final 1

Jaroslav Lorenc – Hadley Morgan (2-1): 246-264, 289-199 and 300-183

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Men's Semi Final 2

James Gruffman - Antonino Fiorentino (2-1): 266-242, 290-299 and 245-237

Men's Final

Jaroslav Lorenc - James Gruffman (2-0): 244-223 and 247-236

The title won by Jaroslav Lorenc was both the first adult title and the first adult medal ever won by Czech Republic in a European Championships.

James Gruffman, the runner up from Sweden, a country having won 4 ECC titles in the men's division over the history, won the ECC 2012 in The Netherlands.

It was Cajsa Wegner's first adult title and the 6th Swedish ECC title in the women's division over the entire ECC history. The Wegner sisters are flying high these days, since big sister Jenny won the QubicaAMF World Cup for only 8 days ago in Shanghai.

Maria Bulanova was the defending champion from 2015 and only a few pins away from repeating her victory also in 2016. The defending champion in the men's division, Joonas Jähi from Finland, concluded his 2016 participation at position 6.

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Story 2016-45: New conduction period in Odense

Published on 1 November 2016 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



The organizer of Odense International has decided to change the conduction period of the tournament from 28 May - 4 June 2017 to 27 August - 3 September 2017.

The tournament will unchanged be conducted in Odense Bowling Centre, which is situated on the Danish island Funen.

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Story 2016-46: World Games participants from all Zones

Published on 17 November 2016 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



From the Secretariat of World Bowling we have received the following final list of participating federations for the bowling competitions in the World Games 2017.

Participating federations in the Men's Division:

Poland (ETBF), Host
Denmark (ETBF)
Finland (ETBF)
Netherlands (ETBF)
Germany (ETBF)
Italy (ETBF), Replacing Sweden
Hong Kong (ABF)
Malaysia (ABF)
Japan (ABF)
Australia (ABF)
Korea (ABF)
Canada (PABCON)
Columbia (PABCON)
Mexico (PABCON)
USA (PABCON)
Venezuela

Participating federations in the Women's Division:

Poland (ETBF), Host
Germany (ETBF)
Denmark (ETBF)
England (ETBF)
Ukraine (ETBF)
Finland (ETBF), Replacing Sweden
Korea (ABF)
Malaysia (ABF)
Japan (ABF)
Singapore (ABF)
Chinese Taipei (ABF)
Canada (PABCON)
Columbia (PABCON)
Mexico (PABCON)
USA (PABCON)
Venezuela

The bowling competitions during the World Games, which will be conducted over 4 days on 21-24 July in Wrocław's Sky Bowling, include a singles and a doubles competition for each gender.

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Story 2016-47: The 2nd Emax Open is cancelled

Published on 23 November 2016 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



Manuel Mrosek, the organizer of the 1st Emax Open, introduced a very interesting qualification format, where all attending athletes had to combine scores from 2 different 4 games squads, bowled on two different oil-patterns.

Unfortunately only 77 athletes attended the tournament, which were conducted in October in Dream-Bowl Palace Munich.

As a consequence of the low number of attending players, Manuel Mrosek has decided to cancel the 2nd Emax Open, which was supposed to be conducted in October 2017.

Manuel Mrosek also organizes the Track Dream-Bowl Palace Open, which indeed **will** continue, and which will be conducted next time on 15-23 July 2017 in Dream-Bowl Palace in Munich as one of the summer stops in the European Bowling Tour 2017.

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Story 2016-48: Gold for Jesper Agerbo in Doha

Published on 9 December 2016 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



Denmark's Jesper Agerbo is simply surfing atop of a Gold medal wave these months, which were clearly proved when he in Qatar's capital Doha left no doubt that he at the moment is atop of his career.

Only a few months ago, Jesper Agerbo won not less than half of the titles at the European Men Championships in Brussels (Singles, Trios and All Events), and today he continued his Gold Series by winning the men's division of the World Singles Championships after an outstanding performance.

The scores became 234-168 against Joonas Jähi from Finland in the Semi Final (Rafiq Ismail from Malaysia won against Michael Mak from Hong Kong 235-224 in the other Semi Final) and 256-205 against Rafiq Ismail in the Final, where Jesper even started with big four and anyway concluded his score as high as 256, where after he could be the very well-deserved Crowned King of the event.

The two Semi Finals in the women's division ended both as an USA-Singapore affair, with Kelly Kulick from USA defeating Shayna Ng from Singapore 215-172 in the one Semi Final and Hui-Fen New from Singapore defeating Shannon Pluhowsky from USA 238-237 in the other.

In the Final of the women's division, Kelly Kulick defeated Hui-Fen New 214-195, which means that Kulich is the World Singles Champion in 2012 held in Limassol on Cyprus as well as in 2016 held in Qatar, and everybody knowing how hard it is to repeat a title knows how fantastic a performance that is!

81 men and 53 women had found their way to this the 2nd issue of the World Singles Championships 2016, from where we congratulate the two European medal winners: Jesper Agerbo from Denmark and Joonas Jähi from Finland.

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Story 2016-49: EBT 2016 Stop 16 in Doha

Published on 16 December 2016 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



Diana Zavjalova from Latvia won the Qatar Bowling Open, which was conducted in Qatar's Capital Doha as the concluding stop of the European Bowling Tour for the 9th consecutive time.

The victory for Diana Zavjalova came after a final where she defeated Pontus Andersson from Sweden, while Jason Belmonte from Australia and Ahmad Muaz from Malaysia shared position 3-4 of the tournament.

The outcome of the two Semi Finals and the Final became as follows:

Semi Final 1

442: Jason Belmonte, Australia (229+213)

484: Diana Zavjalova, Latvia (229+255)

Semi Final 2

492: Pontus Andersson, Sweden (275+217)

469: Ahmad Muaz, Malaysia (223+246)

Final

474: Diana Zavjalova, Latvia (204+270)

427: Pontus Andersson, Sweden (222+205)

Latvia's Diana Zavjalova became the highest ranked women in a tour stop for the third time in her career, but the great victory in Doha was her first tour title.

Sweden's Pontus Andersson became the highest ranked man in a tour stop for the first time in his career.

Since the Qatar Bowling Open was conducted back-to-back with the World Singles Championships, a number of athletes prolonged their stay in Doha, so they could attend both events. The field of athletes in the tournament, which totally attracted 155 athletes from all corners of the World, became therefore one of the strongest issues of the tournament ever.

Story 2015-50: The winners of the tour

Published on 16 December 2016 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



Only Laura Beuthner from Germany (682 points before Doha), and the winner of the EBT 2015 Jenny Wegner from Sweden (567 points before Doha), had a chance to capture the women's tour title when the last stop in the tour season took off in Qatar on 10 December.

Jenny Wegner took in a little of Laura Beuthner's lead, since Jenny was awarded 110 points for being the 8th best women in the tournament, while Laura was awarded 75 points by being positioned as the 11th best women, but it was not enough.

Laura Beuthner was at the end able to claim her first tour title with a total of 757 points, 80 points in front of Jenny Wegner ending at a total of 677 points. Ida Andersson from Sweden became no. 3 with 520 points, of which 70 points was awarded in Doha.

Jesper Svensson from Sweden, the tour winner in 2015 and the leader of the tour in 2016 before the last stop in Doha, was not attending the Qatar Bowling Open and the most likely outcome of the situation would then be the that he would be passed in Qatar, and it happened.

Richard Teece from England was able to claim his first tour title with 634 points, of which 65 points was awarded in Doha. Jesper Svensson became 2nd with 572 points and Osku Palermaa from Finland 3rd with 564 points, including the 120 points he was awarded in Doha.

We are congratulating the two new tour winners, who both have worked hard and intensively for their tour crowns as frequently attending athletes at many stops over the season.

Laura Beuthner and Richard Teece will each be awarded 2.000 € for their tour victories.

Story 2015-51: Qualified for the EBT Masters 2017

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The EBT Masters 2017 (the 10th of its kind) will be held in Lovvang Bowling Centre in Aalborg, Denmark on Monday 29 May 2017, immediately following the conclusion of Kegel Aalborg International 2017, which will be conducted on 23-28 May in the same centre.

EBT 2017: 12 Qualified Women

1. Laura Beuthner, Germany
2. Jenny Wegner, Sweden
3. Ida Andersson, Sweden
4. Li Jane Sin, Malaysia
5. Joline Persson-Planefors, Sweden
6. Maxime de Rooij, Germany
7. Danielle McEwan, USA
8. Britt Brøndsted, Denmark
9. Mika Guldbæk, Denmark
10. Diana Zavjalova, Latvia
11. Vanessa Timter, Germany
12. Martina Schütz, Germany

And the first four reserves:

13. Bernice Lim, Singapore
14. Birgit Pöppler, Germany
15. Jasmine Yeong Nathan, Singapore
16. Hui-Fen New, Singapore

EBT 2017: 12 Qualified Men

1. Richard Teece, England
2. Jesper Svensson, Sweden
3. Osku Palermaa, Finland
4. Martin Larsen, Sweden
5. Dominic Barrett, England
6. Pontus Andersson, Sweden
7. Daniel Fransson, Sweden
8. Thomas Larsen, Denmark
9. Paul Moor, England
10. Mik Stampe, Denmark
11. Parker Bohn III, USA
12. Markus Jansson, Sweden

And the first four reserves:

13. Tommy Jones, USA
14. Stuart Williams, England
15. Christopher Sloan, Ireland
16. Jeroen van Geel, The Netherlands

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Story 2016-52: No Qatar Bowling Open in 2017

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The Qatar Bowling Federation, the owner and organizer of the annual tour stop, Qatar Bowling Open, has announced that they are unable to host the tournament in 2017.

The Qatar Bowling Open has been a very valuable member of our tour family, not less than nine times since 2008, so we are naturally regretting this unfortunate message.

We want to thank the Qatar Bowling Federation for their long lasting support of our tour, and hope they will be able to reinsert their tournament in the tour at a later moment.

Story 2016-53: European Bowling Tours in the future

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Following Press release 2017-08, announcing yet another reduction of the European Bowling Tour to 12 tournaments; it is essential for the ETBF Presidium to send the following message to the bowling community in Europe.

It is obvious that we over the past years have seen stronger issues of the European Bowling Tour, and it is just as obvious that we are concerned about the continued reduction of the number of tournaments included in the tour. But even if the tour at a later moment should be diminished any further, the European Bowling Tour will continue.

We have had up's and down's before, but there was never a reason to terminate the tour. For the moment being we are grateful to the organizers keeping their tournaments in the tour.

The EBT Masters will continue as well, so far as scheduled for 2017 and 2018.

The set up for the EBT Masters 2018, which is the final of the EBT 2017, is as follows:

The highest ranked woman and the highest ranked man at the conclusion of the EBT 2017 will be awarded 1.000 € each.

The 8 highest ranked women and the 8 highest ranked men at the conclusion of the EBT 2017 are qualified for the 11th EBT Masters, which will be hosted on 12 February 2018 in Tilburg.

The qualified athletes for the EBT Masters 2018 will compete for 9.000 € in each division.