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### Story 2017-01: Vienna open is cancelled

Published on 13 January 2017 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



It is with sadness we are circulating information about yet a cancellation in the European Bowling Tour 2017; caused by the fact that the organizer of the 15<sup>th</sup> Columbia 300 Vienna Open has announced that the 2016 issue of the tournament was the last of its kind.

Vienna Open has been included in the tour since 2003, and the tournament has always been one of the highlights of the season.

We will surely, ETBF and many athletes, miss the annual tournament in Vienna and I will personally thank Thomas Gross and before him the funder of the tournament, Wolfgang Lohschmid, for their cooperation over the years.

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### Story 2017-02: EBT 2017 Stop 01 in Helsinki

Published on 15 January 2017 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



Ballmaster Open is the only tournament, which has been adopted in the European Bowling Tour since the beginning in 2000 (18 times), and it is always conducted as the first every year.

Like the last many years the participation was very high in Helsinki, where not less than 492 athletes took part in the tournament.

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 1-9 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. 5077: Daphne Tan, Singapore
2. 5070: Jazreel Tan, Singapore
3. 5028: Carsten W. Hansen, Denmark
4. 5019: Sanna Pasanen, Finland

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

#### Match 1

Carsten W. Hansen, Denmark: 211

**Sanna Pasanen, Finland: 225 (217+8)**

#### Match 2

**Jazreel Tan, Singapore: 222 (214+8)**

Sanna Pasanen, Finland: 214 (206+8)

#### Match 3

**Daphne Tan, Singapore: 232 (224+8)**

Jazreel Tan, Singapore: 225 (217+8)

Daphne Tan won her first tour title and became the highest ranked women in a tour stop for the first time in her career, while Carsten W. Hansen from Denmark became the highest ranked man for the second time in his career.

The latest women to win Ballmaster Open before Daphne Tan's win in 2017 goes back to 2001, where Piritta Maja (Kantola in those days) won the tournament.

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### Story 2017-03: World Singles airs on Olympic Channel

Published on 18 January 2017 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



World Bowling has announced that a two part series from the World Singles Championship has been aired on the Olympic Channel.

The series documents the main highlights from the World Singles Championships 2016, which was held in Doha, Qatar during December last year.

The series includes actions from the qualifying rounds, the quarter finals, the semi-finals and finally extended parts from the two finals; Kelly Kulick from USA vs. New Hui Fen from Singapore in the women's division and Jesper Agerbo from Denmark vs. Rafiq Ismail from Malaysia in the men's division.

Click at the following link to view the series:

<https://www.olympicchannel.com/en/playback/bowling-world-singles-championship-2016/>

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### Story 2017-04: EBT 2017 Stop 02 in Dublin

Published on 22 January 2017 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



Leisureplex Stillorgan housed and hosted one of the classics in Europe, the 29<sup>th</sup> Irish Open Championships in association with Storm, on 15-22 January in Dublin.

194 players had found their way to Dublin to compete for the 62 spots available for the final steps of the tournament.

Step 1 included 54 bowlers playing 3 games starting from scratch, Step 2 included 32 bowlers playing 3 games starting from scratch and Step 3 included 16 bowlers playing 2 games matches in a pyramid system including Eighth Finals, Quarter Finals, Semi Finals and a Final.

The outcome of the three last matches became as follows:

#### Semi Final 1

**Tore Torgersen, Norway: 205 + 258 = 463**

Santtu Tahvanainen, Finland: 227 + 211 = 438

#### Semi Final 2

**Keira Reay, England: 207 + 251 = 458**

Jenny Wegner, Sweden: 210 + 243 = 453

#### Final

**Tore Torgersen, Norway: 267 + 236 = 503**

Keira Reay, England: 181 + 234 = 415

Tore Torgersen's victory is remarkable, sublime and extraordinary. Tore is soon a real veteran and available for the senior championships in a few years. But Tore is obviously still going strong, and he left no doubt who should be crowned for the victory in Dublin in 2017.

Tore Torgersen became the highest ranked man in a tour stop for the 6<sup>th</sup> time in his career and it was his 4<sup>th</sup> EBT title. Young and very talented Keira Reay became the highest ranked women in a tour stop for the first time in her career.

The top of the Men's Division of the EBT 2016 is still Carsten W. Hansen from Denmark with 250 points and Martin Larsen from Sweden with 200 points.

Also the top of the Women's Division of the EBT 2016 is unchanged with the two Singapore women atop of the Ranking: Daphne Tan with 250 points and Jazreel Tan with 200 points.

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### Story 2017-05: New conduction period in Scheveningen

Published on 27 January 2017 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



The organizer of the Scheveningen Dutch Open has decided to change the conduction period of the tournament from 16-24 September 2017 to 9-17 September 2017.

The tournament, which is included in the EBT 2017 as Stop 10, will unchanged be conducted in Bowling Scheveningen, situated in Den Hague - The Netherlands.

The organizer also announces a new event website: [www.scheveningendutchopen.com](http://www.scheveningendutchopen.com) and a new email address: [info@scheveningendutchopen.com](mailto:info@scheveningendutchopen.com) for the contact person of the tournament, Kevin de Haan.

### Story 2017-06: Changed status of Track Open

Published on 3 February 2017 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



Due to the number of entering athletes in the last year's issues of Track Dream-Bowl Palace Open, the organizer has decided to change the status of the tournament from Gold to Silver.

As a consequence of the change, the prize pool is changed from 60.000 to 45.000 €.

The field of qualified athletes for the final steps is reduced from 64 to 48 and the format is changed to fit with the changed number of qualified.

The tournament will unchanged be conducted this summer, on 15-23 July 2017 in the well-known Dream-Bowl Palace, situated in Unterföhring, a suburb to Munich.

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### Story 2017-07: The Polish Open is cancelled

Published on 7 February 2017 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



The Polish Open, which was supposed to be conducted late July in Wroclaw, is cancelled by the organizer due to relatively low participation numbers the first two years of its existence and an actual lack of sponsorships.

The organizer expresses a wish to reinsert the tournament into the European Bowling Tour at a later moment. We obviously hope they will succeed.

The tour has been "hit" from many sides this year, some expected, some definitely not. But as ETBF previously has announced, the European Bowling Tour will continue irrespectively of its present size. It is our aim to grow the EBT again for the coming seasons.

We have a dedicated group of organizers left back in 2017, and we have fortunately no signals of any further cancellations this year.

### Story 2017-08: From Satellite to Bronze in Norway

Published on 10 February 2017 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



The Organizer of Norwegian Open 2017 by Brunswick, the Norwegian Bowling Federation, has decided to upgrade the tour category of the tournament from Satellite to Bronze. This means that athletes will be awarded double as many ranking points for the EBT Rankings.

The prize pool of the tournament is increased from 239.000 NOK to 275.000 NOK, an amount equivalent to about 31.000 €.

The Norwegian Open 2017 by Brunswick, which unchanged will be conducted on 6-15 October 2017 in Veitvet Bowling Centre in Oslo, is concluding the European Bowling Tour 2017.

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### Story 2017-09: EBT 2017 returns to 11 stops

Published on 22 February 2017 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



After a season with too many cancellations, ETBF is very pleased to announce, that a new tournament in Sweden, named the Lucky Larsen Masters, will be included in the EBT 2017.

The tournament keeps a prize pool of not less than 912.000 SEK, equivalent to approximately 96.200 €. The tournament is also adopted in the World Bowling Tour 2017.

The tournament will be conducted on 13-27 August 2017 in Malmoe, which is the third largest city in Sweden and well connected by a big bridge to Denmark and downtown trains directly from the Airport in Copenhagen.

The tournament will be included in the EBT 2017 as stop 08. The status of the tournament will be EBT Gold; a status ensuring the ranked athletes to be awarded points with the regular ranking scale times four.

The contact person of the tournament is Daniel Rönnbäck, who is reachable at the email address [daniel@wbtsweden.se](mailto:daniel@wbtsweden.se).

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### **Story 2017-10: Rune Widell in memoriam**

Published on 24 March 2017 by Addie Ophelders

On 21 March 2017, the ETBF Presidium was informed about the passing away of Rune Widell at the age of 86 years.

Rune Widell was a highly respected member of the ETBF Presidium for 25 years until he retired on 1 March 2010. Rune also had the position of Secretary General of WTBA for four years.

His passing away is a great loss for our bowling community in Europe and he will deeply missed by all and especially by his friends in the Presidium.

We wish his wife and family a lot of strength to bare this loss.

May he rest in peace.

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### **Story 2017-11: Hosts selected for three championships**

Published on 24 March 2017 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen

The ETBF Presidium has, at a meeting held in Dream-Bowl Palace in Munich on 23 and 24 March 2017, selected hosts for the following three championships.

#### European Youth Championships 2019

The championships will be held in Riga, Latvia on 13-22 April 2019. The championships will be hosted by the Latvian Bowling Federation in the Pepsi Centrs.

#### European Women Championships 2020

The championships will be held in Aalborg, Denmark on 3-14 June 2020. The championships will be hosted by and in Lovvang Bowling Centre.

#### European Men Championships 2020

The championships will be held in Helsinki, Finland on 12-23 August 2020. The championships will be hosted by the Finnish Bowling Federation in Tali Bowl.

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### **Story 2017-12: Changed location of the ECC 2017**

Published on 24 March 2017 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen

As a consequence of the situation in Turkey, changed travel advices from various national authorities and reactions from a number of member federations, the ETBF Presidium has, in understanding with the organizer in Turkey, decided to move the European Champions Cup 2017 and the ETBF Congress from Ankara to Vienna in Austria.

The championships will be held on its original scheduled period 23-29 October in the well-known Plus Bowling in Vienna. The ETBF Presidium will meet on 20-21 October and the ETBF Congress on 22 October.

The ETBF Presidium wants to express appreciation to the organizers in Austria for their willingness to step in with a very short notice.

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### Story 2017-13: EBT 2017 Stop 03 in Munich

Published on 26 March 2017 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



A record number of not less than 1.197 entries were played in the 14<sup>th</sup> issue of the Brunswick Euro Challenge, which again this year was conducted in the well-known Dream-Bowl Palace, situated in German Unterföhring, a suburb to the Bavarian Capital Munich.

The record of 1.197 entries, which were played by 380 athletes from all over the World, replaced the old record of 1.056 played entries from Brunswick Ballmaster Open in 2010.

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. Dominic Barrett, England: 3221
2. Larp-Apharat Yannaphon, Thailand: 3218
3. Stuart Williams, England: 3138
4. Anders Lousdal, Denmark: 3065
5. Sean Rash, USA: 3059
6. Birgit Pöppler, Germany: 3019
7. Carsten Warming Hansen, Denmark: 2950
8. Martin Larsen, Sweden: 2900

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

Match 1: Larp-Apharat Yannaphon vs. Stuart Williams: 204 vs. 204 (ties X vs. 9)

Match 2: Dominic Barrett vs. Larp-Apharat Yannaphon: 237 vs. 221

Top 4 of the women's tour division is an all Singaporean affair, where Daphne Tan is leading with 450 points, followed by Cherie Tan with 300 points, Jazreel Tan with 300 points and Shayna Ng with 270 points.

In the Men's Division of the tour, Carsten W. Hansen from Denmark is leading with 370 points in front of Martin Larsen from Sweden with 315 points and Dominic Barrett from England with 250 points.

Birgit Pöppler became the highest ranked women for the 7<sup>th</sup> time in her career, while Dominic Barrett became the highest ranked man for the 15<sup>th</sup> time in his career. It was at the same time the 13<sup>th</sup> EBT Title for Dominic Barrett.

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### Story 2017-14: Participants in the EBT Masters 2017

Published on 28 March 2017 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



The 10<sup>th</sup> edition of the EBT Masters, the EBT Masters 2017, will be conducted in Lovvang Bowling Centre in Aalborg, Denmark on 29 May 2017; immediately following the conclusion of Kegel Aalborg International, which will be conducted on 23-28 May 2017 in the same centre.

The 12 highest ranked women and the 12 highest ranked men, by the conclusion of the European Bowling Tour 2016, are qualified for participation in the EBT Masters 2017.

Three athletes have excused their participation in the women's division, namely Sin Li Jane from Malaysia, Danielle McEwan from USA and Diana Zavjalova from Latvia, while Dominic Barrett have excused as the only male athlete. They were all four replaced by the next positioned athletes in the ranking standings.

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

- Position 1: Laura Beuthner, Germany
- Position 2: Jenny Wegner, Sweden
- Position 3: Ida Andersson, Sweden
- Position 5: Joline Persson-Planefors, Sweden
- Position 6: Maxime de Rooij, Germany
- Position 8: Britt Bröndsted, Denmark
- Position 9: Mika Guldbäk, Denmark
- Position 11: Vanessa Timter, Germany
- Position 12: Martina Schütz, Germany
- Position 13: Bernice Lim, Singapore
- Position 14: Birgit Pöppler, Germany
- Position 15: Jasmine Yeong Nathan, Singapore

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

- Position 1: Richard Teece, England
- Position 2: Jesper Svensson, Sweden
- Position 3: Osku Palermaa, Finland
- Position 4: Martin Larsen, Sweden
- Position 6: Pontus Andersson, Sweden
- Position 7: Daniel Fransson, Sweden
- Position 8: Thomas Larsen, Denmark
- Position 9: Paul Moor, England
- Position 10: Mik Stampe, Denmark
- Position 11: Parker Bohn III, USA
- Position 12: Markus Jansson, Sweden
- Position 15: Christopher Sloan, Ireland

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### Story 2017-15: MBC 2017 in Ljubljana

Published on 1 April 2017 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



The 20<sup>th</sup> edition of the Mediterranean Bowling Championships was conducted in the Slovenian Capital Ljubljana on 26 March - 2 April 2017 in Klub 300 Bowling Centre.

These very nice regional championships, which are conducted annually, had attracted athletes from 13 member federations, all with a coast line of the Mediterranean Sea.

A very young and talented French team performed outstanding in Ljubljana, and already before the two concluding Masters Finals the French team had captured 5 out of 8 titles.

In the Women's Division Alexandra Lopes won the All Event title, in the Men's Division Valentin Saulnier won both the Singles title and the All Event title; and also both mixed titles went to France, first by Alexandra Lopes and Valentin Saulnier in Mixed Doubles and later by Amelie Kelogianian, Alexandra Lopes, Gaetan Mouveroux and Valentin Saulnier in Mixed Team.

Malta won the Women's Singles title by Sue Abela and the Women's Double by Sue Abela and Sara Xuereb, while the host nation Slovenia won the Men's Doubles by Anže Grabrijan and Aleksander Koštric.

The following six matches, all bowled over two games total pin fall to count, concluded the championships in Ljubljana.

Women's Masters, Semi Final 1:

362 (177+185): Giola Pastou, Cyprus:

405 (224+182): Sue Abela, Malta

Women's Masters, Semi Final 2:

425 (204+221): Alexandra Lopes, France

338 (156+182): Victoria Krivolutskaya, Slovenia

Women's Masters, Final:

375 (181+194): Sue Abela, Malta

**421 (212+209): Alexandra Lopes, France**

Men's Masters, Semi Final 1:

366 (200+146): Valentin Saulnier, France

379 (191+188): Marco Reviglio, Italy

Men's Masters, Semi Final 2:

403 (235+168): Anže Grabrijan, Slovenia

342 (175+167): Mark Spiteri, Malta

Men's Masters, Final:

441 (205+236): Marco Reviglio, Italy

**481 (244+237): Anže Grabrijan, Slovenia**

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France became the best federation with 6 Gold, 2 Silver and 3 Bronze, Slovenia became the second best nation with 2 Gold, 3 Silver and 2 Bronze, and Malta became the third best nation with 2 Gold, 1 Silver and 2 Bronze.

The Slovenian host federation, chaired by its President Borut Knavs, the local Organizing Committee, chaired by the Musar family supported by several local officials, and the MBC Committee with Marios Nicolaidis (Chair), Alex Tzounis and Rick Vogelsang, did a tremendous job, providing all with a smoothly running event, which were conducted in a very hospitable and friendly atmosphere.

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### Story 2017-16: EYC 2017 in Helsinki

Published on 16 April 2017 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



The 30<sup>th</sup> European Youth Championships was conducted in the famous Tali Bowling Centre in Finland's capital Helsinki in the first part of April 2017.

The championships were conducted for the third time in Tali Bowling Centre, which previously have housed the EYC also in 1994 and in 2008.

52 girls and 94 boys took part in the championships in Helsinki, representing 28 different member federations in Europe.

The 10 titles of the championships were widely spread among not less than 8 different member federations.

The titles in the Girls Division were distributed as follows:

Denmark won the Singles event by Megan G. Dicay

Belgium won the Doubles Event by Jolien Thys and Shinya Haest

England won the Team Event by Lorna Scott, Isabel Allen, Natasja Ailes and Mia Bewley

Russia won the All Event by Maria Koshel

Netherlands won the Masters Event by Denise Blankenzee

The conclusion of the Girls Team event became spectacular, since the team from England tied with the team from Finland in the final match 750-750. Hereafter all 4 athletes in each team had to shoot one time to break the tie, which ended in another tie of 38-38 (10+10+10+8 for England and 9+10+9+10 for Finland), after which England finally could be declared the winner after a second tie round 38-34 (10+8+10+10 to England and 7+10+9+8 to Finland).

The titles in the Boys Division were distributed as follows:

Sweden won the Singles Event by Emanuel Jonsson

Ukraine won the Doubles event by Oleksandr Nechypaiev and Mykola Sielin

Sweden won the Team Event by Robin Skans, Emanuel Jonsson, William Svensson and Filip Thelander

Finland won the All Event by Niko Oksanen

Sweden won the Masters Event by William Svensson

The matches of the Masters event was, in all 5 steps, played as best of three games matches.

The outcome of the last three matches in the Girls Division became as follows:

#### Girls Masters, Semi Final 1

Megan G. Dicay, Denmark vs. Maria Koshel, Russia

Match: 2-1 / Scores: 200-228-204 vs. 214-215-184

#### Girls Masters, Semi Final 2

Denise Blankenzee, Netherlands vs. Mathilda Tidbeck, Sweden

Match: 2-1 / Scores: 177-220-223 vs. 200-209-215

#### Girls Masters, Final

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Denise Blankenzee, Netherlands vs. Megan G. Dickey, Denmark  
Match: 2-1 / Scores: 164-246-214 vs. 166-203-205

### Boys Masters, Semi Final 1

Oleksandr Nechypaiev, Ukraine vs. Joppe Belmans, Belgium  
Match: 2-1 / Scores: 237-181-233 vs. 222-197-180

### Boys Masters, Semi Final 2

William Svensson, Sweden vs. Ziga Zalar, Slovenia  
Match: 2-1 / Scores: 188-143-252 vs. 185-213-189

### Boys Masters, Final

William Svensson, Sweden vs. Oleksandr Nechypaiev, Ukraine  
Match: 2-1 / Scores: 203-273-258 vs. 222-189-193

Sweden became the best federation with 3 Gold medals and 3 bronze medals, while Finland became the second best federation with 1 Gold medal, 5 Silver medals and 2 bronze medals.

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### **Story 2017-17: ECC 2019 in Ankara**

Published on 22 April 2017 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen

The ETBF Presidium has decided that the European Champions Cup 2019 will be hosted in Ankara, Turkey.

The championships will be hosted by the Rollhouse Bowling Centre and the Turkish Bocce, Bowling and Darts Federation on 21-27 October 2019 in Rollhouse Bowling Centre.

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### **Story 2017-18: Special Olympics Seminar in Malta**

Published on 23 April 2017 by Addie Ophelders

From 20-24 April 2017 the ETBF President Addie Ophelders attended a Special Olympics Europe Eurasia (SO EE) Bowling Seminar, which was held in Malta. 20 representatives from 12 countries were present.

A partnership between SO EE and ETBF has existed since 2010. The partnership agreement was originally signed in Malta by the CEO of Special Olympics International, Mary Davis, and Addie Ophelders.

The partnership has been very successful, proven by six demonstrations from Special Olympic athletes during European and World Bowling Championships since 2010 and via visibility at this site.

The SO EE Bowling Seminar in Malta gave a great opportunity to prolong this very successful partnership, by a renewal of the agreement signed on 22 April 2017.

The signing of this Memorandum underlines how important Special Olympics are for us in ETBF. We promise to enlarge our cooperation and encourage all our national member federations in Europe to support the SO EE national programs in their countries.

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### **Story 2017-19: Changed location of the EWC 2018**

Published on 29 April 2017 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen

As a consequence of a construction change in Odense Bowling Centre the up-coming summer, after which the number of lanes in the centre will be reduced from 24 to 20, the ETBF Presidium has decided to move the European Women Championships 2018 from Odense in Denmark to Brussels in Belgium.

The championships, which will be hosted by the Belgian Tenpin Bowling Federation, will be held on its original scheduled period 6-17 June in Bowling Stones Wommel (36 lanes), which also housed the European Men Championships in 2016.

The ETBF Presidium wants to express appreciation to the Belgian Tenpin Bowling Federation for their willingness to step in with a short notice.

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### **Story 2017-20: Peter Hutton in memoriam**

Published on 6 May 2017 by Addie Ophelders

On 5 May 2017, the ETBF Presidium was informed about the passing away of Peter Hutton from the Scottish Tenpin Bowling Association.

Peter was the founder of Bowling in Scotland.

His passing away is a great loss for the Scottish Bowling community and he will be deeply missed by all.

We wish his family a lot of strength to bare this loss.

May he rest in Peace!

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### **Story 2017-21: Chris Hillman appointed Technical Delegate**

Published on 15 May 2017 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen

The ETBF Presidium has decided to appoint Chris Hillman from England as a new Technical Delegate in ETBF.

Chris Hillman, who is 54 years old, has been a member of the British Tenpin Bowling Association since 1983. Chris has worked for the BTBA for 34 years since 1983, and has held many roles within the BTBA including League Secretary, Area Secretary and a Lane Certification Inspector since 1986.

Chris Hillman was the Technical Delegate for the First Mediterranean Challenge Cup held in Nicosia, Cyprus in 1998. He was also the Technical Director for the BTBA from 2010 till 2016 and Chairman of BTBA's Technical Committee.

Chris has been a bowler since 1983 and has represented the RAF in bowling.

Chris has served in the Royal Air Force from 1979 until 2009 as an Engineer, travelling all over the world. He left the regular Air Force in 2009 and then continued to work for the RAF, taking on a full-time reservist role, working with the Combined Cadets Forces in Schools within the UK.

Chris Hillman currently lives in Rowstock in Oxfordshire and has two grown up children and one grand daughter.

The ETBF Presidium warmly welcomes Chris Hillman in our family of board and committee members in ETBF; we are looking forward to the cooperation in the coming years.

Chris Hillman will have his first duty as Technical Delegate during the European Youth Championships 2018 in Aalborg, Denmark.

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### **Story 2017-22: World Championships moves to Las Vegas**

Published on 17 May 2017 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen

The Secretariat of World Bowling have announced, that the World Championships for both genders, which originally was supposed to be conducted in Kuwait City on 4-18 December 2017, will be moved to Las Vegas (NV), USA.

The location changes due to unforeseen delays with the construction of Kuwait Bowling Centre.

The World Championships will be held on 24 November to 4 December 2017 in the bowling centre of South Point Hotel Casino in Las Vegas, which also will host the World Women Championships and the World Senior Championships in 2019.

The Executive Board of World Bowling has instead decided to award the hosting rights of the World Championships 2021 to Kuwait.

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### Story 2017-23: European Bowling Tour 2018

Published on 20 May 2017 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



The program of the European Bowling Tour 2018 has been decided by the ETBF Presidium.

The EBT 2018, which is the 19<sup>th</sup> consecutive tour since the tour was organized for the first time in 2000, consists of 13 tournaments, conducted in 10 different member federations.

The 13 tournaments adopted in the tour are divided in 5 different categories as follows: 2 EBT Platinum, 2 EBT Gold, 3 EBT Silver, 3 EBT Bronze and 3 EBT Satellite tournaments.

The total prize fund in the EBT 2018 is 659.000 €; giving an average prize fund of 51.000 € per stop, which is the same average we have in 2017.

We are very pleased to be able to welcome the Hammer Bronzen Schietspoel Tournament 2018 from Tilburg back in the tour after only one year's absence. The tournament, which is organized by Luc Jansen, will be played in a completely re-build Dolfijn Bowling, which actually is under construction, but which will be ready in due time with 24 brand new lanes.

We are also welcoming one of the real classic tournaments in Europe, namely the 38<sup>th</sup> AIK International Tournament 2018 from Stockholm, which will appear in the tour program for the very first time. The tournament, which is organized by AIK Bowling and managed by Ian Robinson, will be played over 28 of Bowl-O-Rama's 29 lanes.

Finally we are welcoming a new tournament in Italy, the Rome Open, which will be organized by the Italian Bowling Federation and managed by Riccardo Scquizzato. The tournament will be conducted in the 24 lane centre "Bowling Brunswick", which previously has housed the tour stop Roma International in 2010 and 2011.

The organizer of the Dutch Scheveningen Open, which was included for the first time in the EBT 2017, has decided not to include the tournament in the 2018 program.

The highest ranked woman and the highest ranked man by the conclusion of the EBT 2018 will be awarded 1.000 € each.

The 8 highest ranked women and the 8 highest ranked men after the 13 stops are qualified for the 12<sup>th</sup> EBT Masters in 2019. The host centre of the EBT Masters 2019 will be published later.

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### Story 2017-24: EBT 2017 Stop 04 in Aalborg

Published on 28 May 2017 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



Mattias Wetterberg from Sweden took his first tour stop title, when he defeated 7 great top players in the final of Kegel Aalborg International 2017.

In the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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. Mattias Wetterberg, Sweden: 2268 (1358+910)
2. Richard Teece, England: 2175 (1286+889)
3. Carsten W. Hansen, Denmark: 2136 (1281+855)
4. Lars Höberg, Denmark: 2129 (1290+839)
5. Thomas Larsen, Denmark: 2118 (1257+861)
6. Jesper Svensson, Sweden: 2116 (1383+733)
7. Timo Schröder, Germany: 2080 (1313+767)
8. Michael Brändeskov, Denmark: 2077 (1257+820)

Top 3 of the women's tour division is an all Singaporean affair, where Daphne Tan is leading with 450 points, followed by Cherie Tan with 300 points and Jazreel Tan with 300 points. Jenny Wegner is 4<sup>th</sup> with 285 points.

In the Men's Division of the tour, Carsten W. Hansen from Denmark is leading with 440 points in front of Martin Larsen from Sweden with 339 points and Dominic Barrett from England with 250 points.

Jenny Wegner became the highest ranked women for the 6<sup>th</sup> time in her career, while Mattias Wetterberg became the highest ranked man for the 1<sup>st</sup> time in his career.

### Story 2017-25: EBT Masters 2017 in Aalborg

Published on 29 May 2017 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



Paul Moor from England won the EBT Masters for the third time in his career, when he succeeded at the EBT Masters 2017 in Aalborg. The first two EBT Masters titles for Moor came in 2009 in Aalborg and again in 2015 in Madrid.

Joline Persson-Planefors from Sweden took her first EBT Masters title in the Women's Division.

The EBT Masters 2017 is the 10<sup>th</sup> final of a European Bowling Tour. The competition was held in Lovvang Bowling Centre in Aalborg, Denmark on 29 May.

The format of the event included 12 qualification games, divided over 2 blocks of 6 games, followed by a 3 person's stepladder final in each division.

The outcome of the matches became as follows:

#### Women Match 1

213: Bernice Lim, Singapore

247: Joline-Persson Planefors, Sweden

#### Women Match 2

185: Jenny Wegner, Sweden

188: Joline-Persson Planefors, Sweden

#### Men Match 1

167: Daniel Fransson, Sweden

198: Paul Moor, England

#### Men Match 2

204: Osku Palermmaa, Finland

213: Paul Moor, England

#### **Final standing women**

1. Joline Persson-Planefors, Sweden
2. Jenny Wegner, Sweden
3. Bernice Lim, Singapore
4. Ida Andersson, Sweden
5. Birgit Pöppler, Germany
6. Laura Beuthner, Germany
7. Britt Brøndsted, Denmark
8. Maxime de Rooij, Netherlands
9. Jasmine Yeong Nathan, Singapore
10. Martina Schütz, Germany
11. Mika Guldbäk, Denmark
12. Vanessa Timter, Germany

#### **Final standing men**

1. Paul Moor, England

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

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### Story 2016-26: Name change in Malmoe

Published on 31 May 2017 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



As a consequence of a sponsorship agreement, the name of the tournament Lucky Larsen Masters is changed to Storm Lucky Larsen Masters.

The tournament will, as previously scheduled, be conducted on 13-27 August 2017 in Baltiska Bowlinghallen in Malmoe, Sweden.

### Story 2017-27: EBT 2017 Stop 05 in Madrid

Published on 9 July 2017 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



186 athletes had found their way to the Spanish Capital Madrid, where the V Brunswick Madrid Challenge was conducted on 1-9 July 2017.

50 athletes qualified to the final steps on Sunday 9 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. Markus Jansson, Sweden: 2014
2. Francois Lavoie, Canada: 1963
3. Francois Louw, South Africa: 1960
4. Ildemaro Ruiz, Venezuela: 1945
5. Thomas Larsen, Denmark: 1904
6. Jo Allesbrook, England: 1877
7. Carsten Hansen, Denmark: 1868
8. Richard Teece, England: 1866
9. Clement Dubus, Belgium: 1858
10. Raul Jimenez, Spain: 1774

The tournament was concluded by the following three continent stepladder final:

#### Match 1

Francois Louw, South Africa: 214  
Francois Lavoie, Canada: 226

#### Match 2

Markus Jansson, Sweden: 216  
Francois Lavoie, Canada: 236

The women's division of the tour is topped by Daphne Tan from Singapore with 450 points, followed by Jenny Wegner from Sweden with 335 points and with Cherie Tan and Jazreel Tan from Singapore at a shared 3<sup>rd</sup> position with 300 points each.

In the Men's Division of the tour, Carsten W. Hansen from Denmark is leading with 488 points in front of Martin Larsen from Sweden with 339 points and Dominic Barrett from England with 280 points.

For Francois Lavoie it was his first highest ranked position and his first tour stop title, while Jo Allesbrook also got her first highest ranked position in the women's division.

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### Story 2017-28: EBT Masters 2019 in Madrid

Published on 10 July 2017 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



The ETBF Presidium has decided to award the hosting of the EBT Masters 2019 to Bowling Chamartín in Madrid, Spain.

The EBT Masters 2019 will be conducted on Monday 8 July 2019, which is the day following the conclusion of the VII Brunswick Madrid Challenge, conducted in the same centre.

The EBT Masters 2019, which will be the 12<sup>th</sup> issue of the event, is the final of the European Bowling Tour 2018.

The 8 highest ranked women and the 8 highest ranked men by the conclusion of the European Bowling Tour 2018 are qualified for the EBT Masters 2019.

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### Story 2017-29: EBT 2017 Stop 06 in San Marino

Published on 16 July 2017 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



The debut of Francois Lavoie at the European bowling scene became an overwhelming success, since he first won Stop 5 of the EBT 2017 in Madrid and afterwards won Stop 6 in San Marino; a not less than fantastic performance of the young Canadian bowler.

Dominic Barrett from England had before this year's issue of Storm San Marino Open already a record series of three consecutive wins in San Marino in 2014, 2015 and 2016. And Barrett was definitely attending the 13<sup>th</sup> Storm San Marino Open, conducted on 8-16 July in Rose'n Bowl, with the intention to add a 4<sup>th</sup> consecutive win.

This was proven during the tournament, when Barrett qualified to the top 4 elimination final, so he surely had the chance to change the 3 consecutive titles in San Marino to 4, but there were other wishes among his colleagues at the lanes. But even then, we want to highlight Barrett's performance in San Marino over 4 years as something extraordinary.

A successful number of 204 bowlers from not less than 28 federations took part in the tournament; and with the many top bowlers on board, it became a very competitive event.

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. In the final, the lowest scoring player was eliminated after each game and the pin fall for remaining players carried forward to the next game.

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

1412: Stuart Williams, England  
1346: Lucas Legnani, Argentina  
1346: Francois Lavoie, Canada  
1345: Dominic Barrett, England

Dominic Barrett was eliminated in Round 1 of Step 4, which ended as follows:

257: Francois Lavoie, Canada  
222: Stuart Williams, England  
217: Lucas Legnani, Argentina  
158: Dominic Barrett, England

Stuart Williams was eliminated in Round 2 of Step 4, which ended as follows:

475: Francois Lavoie, Canada  
453: Lucas Legnani, Argentina  
449: Stuart Williams, England

And finally Francois Lavoie became the winner of the tournament:

697: Francois Lavoie, Canada  
656: Lucas Legnani, Argentina

The leadership of the women's division of the tour was overtaken by Jenny Wegner from Sweden with 535 points, with the former tour leader, Daphne Tan from Singapore at position 2 with 450 points, and Sister Cajsa Wegner at position 3 with 405 points.

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In the Men's Division of the tour, Carsten W. Hansen from Denmark is leading with 504 points in front of Martin Larsen from Sweden with 419 points and Dominic Barrett from England with 400 points.

For Francois Lavoie it was his second highest ranked position in the men's division, while Jenny Wegner in the women's division was highest ranked for the 7<sup>th</sup> time in her career.

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### **Story 2017-30: EYC 2020 in The Netherlands**

Published on 18 July 2017 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen

The ETBF Presidium has decided to award the hosting of the European Youth Championships 2020 to The Netherlands Bowling Federation.

The championships will be conducted on 4-13 April 2020 in Dolfijn Bowling in Tilburg.

Dolfijn Bowling Tilburg, which had 20 lanes when it unfortunately burned down in 2016, is being rebuild on its original spot and will be reopened with 24 lanes.

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### Story 2017-31: EBT 2017 Stop 07 in Munich

Published on 23 July 2017 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



Pontus Andersson from Sweden captured his first tour stop title, when he won the Track Dream-Bowl Palace Open by Erdinger in front of Richard Teece from England.

The tournament, which was conducted in Europe's Bowling Mecca: Dream-Bowl Palace in Unterföhring, as the 7<sup>th</sup> stop in the European Bowling Tour 2017, had attracted 193 athletes, who competed for the 48 spots in the final steps played on 23 July.

40 athletes played 4 games from scratch in step 1, from where top 20 was combined with athletes positioned 5-8 in the qualification for another 4 games starting from scratch in step 2.

Top 12 from step 2 continued together with top 4 from the qualification in step 3, where 4 more games was played starting from scratch, followed by step 4, where top 8 from step 3 played 4 games with the 4 games pin fall from step 3 carried forward.

In step 5, the 4 best after the 8 games in step 3+4, added another game to a 9 games total, which determined the two athletes playing the last game of the tournament in step 6, deciding the winner and the runner up over a total of 10 games played in step 3-6.

The following four players were qualified after the 2 X 4 games in Step 3 and 4:

1875: Pontus Andersson, Sweden

1768: Richard Teece, England

1699: Francois Louw, South Africa

1684: Dominic Barrett, England

Dominic Barrett and Francois Louw was eliminated in Step 4, which ended as follows:

2031: Pontus Andersson, Sweden (1875+156)

1997: Richard Teece, England (1768+229)

1938: Dominic Barrett, England (1684+254)

1911: Francois Louw, South Africa (1699+212)

And finally Pontus Andersson became the winner of the tournament:

2218: Pontus Andersson, Sweden (2031+187)

2198: Richard Teece, England (1997+201)

The top of the women's division of the tour continued unchanged with Jenny Wegner from Sweden at position 1 with 535 points, Daphne Tan from Singapore at position 2 with 450 points and Cajsa Wegner from Sweden at position 3 with 405 points.

In the Men's Division of the tour, Carsten W. Hansen from Denmark is leading with 522 points in front Dominic Barrett from England with 505 points and Martin Larsen from Sweden with 464 points.

For Pontus Andersson it was his second highest ranked position in the men's division and the same became the case in the women's division for Vanessa Timter from Germany, who ended at position 10 in the final tournament standing.

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### Story 2017-32: World Games 2017 in Wroclaw

Published on 24 July 2017 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



The World Games, which is owned by the International World games Association (IWGA), was established in 1979 by a number of International Federations of non-Olympic sports.

The sport of bowling has been included as a program sport in the World Games since the first issue of the games were held in 1981.

Originally bowling was permitted to send 48 athletes to the games, equally divided by 24 male and 24 female athletes, picked by 24 federations (8 from three Zone), each sending one man and one woman.

As of 2017 bowling is permitted to send 64 athletes, equally divided by 32 male and 32 female athletes, picked by 16 federations (5 from three Zone plus the host), each sending two men and 16 federations (again 5 from three Zone plus the host), each sending two women.

Before 2017 the athletes have competed in Women's Singles, Men's Singles and Mixed Doubles. As of 2017 the athletes are competing in Women's Singles, Men's Singles, Women's Doubles and Men's Doubles.

The 2017 issue of the World Games is held in the Polish City Wroclaw in the period of 20-30 July, with the bowling competitions scheduled for 20-24 July.

The medals in the bowling competition of the games were awarded as follows:

#### **Women's Singles**

Gold: Germany, represented by Laura Beuthner

Silver: USA, represented by Kelly Kulich

Bronze: Colombia, represented by Clara Guerrero

#### **Men's Singles**

Gold: Korea, represented by Young-Seon Cho

Silver: Venezuela, represented by Ildemaro Ruiz

Bronze: Germany, represented by Tobias Börding

#### **Women's Doubles**

Gold: Colombia, represented by Clara Guerrero and Rocio Restrepo

Silver: USA, represented by Kelly Kulich and Danielle McEwan

Bronze: Mexico, represented by Sandra Gongora and Tannya Lopez

#### **Men's Doubles**

Gold: Canada, represented by Dan Macelland and Francois Lavoie

Silver: Venezuela, represented by Ildemaro Ruiz and Massimiliano Fridegotto

Bronze: Hong Kong, represented by Michael Mak and Siu Hong Wu

### Story 2017-33: World Senior Championships 2017 in Munich

Published on 20 August 2017 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



The World Senior Championships for 50+ athletes was conducted in Dream-Bowl Palace in Munich, Germany on 13-20 August 2017.

The first two issues of the World Senior Championships were both conducted in Las Vegas, USA. In the first issue in 2013 a total of 213 athletes (90 women and 123 men) took part, while a total of 201 athletes (89 women and 112 men) took part in 2015.

It was expected that the first ever held World Senior Championships in Europe would attract a higher number of athletes, which it surely did, since a total of 273 athletes (110 women and 163 men) took part in Munich.

The much higher European representation did, however, not influence the medal distribution for titles in the championships, which was strongly dominated by athletes from primarily USA.

Looking at titles, it became a nearly US only affair, only broken by the doubles from Canada in the women's division. In all other 9/10 disciplines USA captured the title.

The 10 World Senior Championships 2017 titles were distributed as follows:

#### **Women's Division: Singles**

USA by Lynda Barnes

#### **Women's Division: Doubles**

Canada by France Joubert and Jill Friis

#### **Women's Division: Team of Four**

USA by Carolyn Dorin-Ballard, Leanne Hulsenberg, Lynda Barnes and Trish Johnson

#### **Women's Division: All Event**

USA by Leanne Hulsenberg

#### **Women's Division: Masters**

USA by Linda Barnes

#### **Men's Division: Singles**

USA by Ron Mohr

#### **Men's Division: Doubles**

USA by Parker Bohn III and Bob Learn

#### **Men's Division: Team of Four**

USA by Lennie Boesch, Ron Mohr, Bob Learn and Parker Bohn III

#### **Men's Division: All Event**

USA by Ron Mohr

#### **Men's Division: Masters**

USA by Parker Bohn III

European athletes took 8 medals as follows:

#### **Women's Division: Singles (2 X Bronze)**

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Finland by Reija Lundén  
Russia by Larisa Stashchenko

### **Women's Division: All Event (Bronze)**

Finland by Reija Lundén

### **Women's Division: Team of Four (Bronze)**

Sweden by Susanne Olsson, Kristina Nordenson, Christel Carlsson and Lena Sulkanen

### **Women's Division: Masters (Silver)**

Norway by Janne Monsen

### **Men's Division: Team of Four (Bronze)**

Finland by Jari Aikioniemi, Sami Luoto, Ari Halme and Teemu Raatikainen

### **Men's Division: All Event (Silver)**

Belgium by Marc Franceus

### **Men's Division: Masters (Bronze)**

Sweden by Stefan Yngström

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### Story 2017-34: EBT 2017 Stop 08 in Malmoe

Published on 27 August 2017 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



With not less than 1.087 squad entries, the new tour stop in Sweden, the Storm Lucky Larsen Masters, started very successfully, when the tournament was conducted for the first time in August in the South Swedish city Malmoe.

As many as 455 bowlers from many corners of the World had found their way to Malmo to compete in the well-known Baltiska Bowlinghallen, a centre having housed a number of international championships over the history of bowling in Europe.

The numbers represents a fantastic start for the new tournament, since 455 attending athletes is the 7<sup>th</sup> highest number since the tour started in 2000; while 1.087 is the second highest number of played entries in any tour stop ever.

The format offered 44 spots for the final steps, of which 36 entered Step 1 to play 6 games starting from scratch on Sunday 27 August in Baltiska.

Top 16 from Step 1 was in Step 2 joined by top 8 from the qualification, forming a field of 24 athletes playing 8 games starting from scratch.

Top 8 from step 2 continued by adding the scores from another 4 games to their totals, providing the following standing after 12 games.

1. Jason Belmonte, Australia:  $1838 + 896 = 2734$
2. Cameron Weier, USA:  $1783 + 906 = 2689$
3. Pontus Andersson, Sweden:  $1667 + 914 = 2581$
4. Jari Ratia, Finland:  $1681 + 805 = 2486$
5. Britt Bröndsted, Denmark:  $1670 + 789 = 2459$
6. Sanna Pasanen, Finland:  $1686 + 761 = 2447$
7. Jesper Svensson, Sweden:  $1663 + 780 = 2443$
8. Diana Zavjalova, Latvia:  $1656 + 759 = 2415$

Top four continued to three one game stepladder matches as follows:

#### Match 1

183: Pontus Andersson, Sweden  
225: Jari Ratia, Finland

#### Match 2

226: Cameron Weier, USA  
194: Jari Ratia, Finland

#### Match 3

245: Jason Belmonte, Australia  
180: Cameron Weier, USA

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In the women's division of the tour, we are facing a double Swedish and a double Wegner in the leading positions; Jenny is highest ranked with 587 points and sister Cajsa is second with 453 points. Daphne Tan from Singapore is third with 450 points.

In the men's division of the tour, Pontus Andersson is leading with 557 points in front of Carsten W. Hansen from Denmark with 530 points and Dominic Barrett from England with 505 points.

Brit Brøndsted from Denmark became the highest ranked in the women's division for the 19<sup>th</sup> time in her career. Britt Brøndsted is second at the all times high ranked list, where her fellow countrywomen Kamilla Kjeldsen is first with 20 high ranked positions.

Jason Belmonte became the highest ranked man in the men's division for the second time in his career.

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### Story 2017-35: EBT 2017 Stop 09 in Odense

Published on 3 September 2017 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



The 7<sup>th</sup> issue of Odense International was conducted in the fairy tale city of Hans Christian Andersen on 27 August - 3 September 2017 in Odense Bowling Centre, where 119 athletes were competing for the tour stop title.

The format of the final in Odense offered a first step over 6 games with 32 athletes taking part, of which the 10 highest ranked was awarded starting pins from 140 pins to the highest ranked down to 10 pins for the 10<sup>th</sup> ranked.

Step 2 of the final included top 16 from step 1, who added another 4 games to a total of 10 games + starting pins, deciding the top 8 field for the next four final 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. 2384: Thomas Larsen, Denmark
2. 2267: Carsten W Hansen, Denmark
3. 2239: Mikael Brändeskov, Denmark
4. 2236: Francois Louw, South Africa
5. 2186: Ghanim Aboujassoum, Qatar
6. 2180: Lars Nielsen, Denmark
7. 2156: Jesper Agerbo, Denmark
8. 2135: Anders Lousdal, Denmark

#### The Final Step 3

Thomas Larsen - Lars Nielsen: 215 - 244

Carsten W. Hansen - Ghanim Aboujassoum: 229 - 201

Mikael Brändeskov - Anders Lousdal: 197 - 203

Francois Louw - Jesper Agerbo: 203 - 216

#### The Final Step 4

Thomas Larsen - Lars Nielsen: 179 - 165

Carsten W. Hansen - Anders Lousdal: 201 - 200

Francois Louw - Jesper Agerbo: 194 - 177

#### The Final Step 5

Carsten W. Hansen - Jesper Agerbo: 174 - 190

Lars Nielsen - Anders Lousdal: 189 - 188

#### The Final Step 6

Lars Nielsen - Jesper Agerbo: 217 - 211

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In the men's division of the tour, Carsten W. Hansen from Denmark is back in the lead with 565 points in front of Pontus Andersson from Sweden with 557 points and Dominic Barrett from England with 505 points.

The top of the women's division of the tour is unchanged as follows: Jenny Wegner from Sweden is leading with 587 points in front of Cajsa Wegner with 453 points and Daphne Tan from Singapore with 450 points at the following positions.

Lars Nielsen, who took his first tour stop title ever, was also highest ranked in the men's division for the first time. The same was Sanna Pasanen from Finland (position 10 in the tournament) in the women's division of the tour.

### Story 2017-36: EBT 2017 Stop 10 in Scheveningen

Published on 19 September 2017 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



Nicole Sanders from The Netherlands took her first tour stop title, when she won the Scheveningen Dutch Open on Sunday 17 September after a one game Final against Richard Teece from England.

In the foregoing one game Semi Finals, Nicole Sanders had defeated Tim Stampe from Denmark, while Richard Teece had defeated Sidney Schrosschk from Germany.

Nicole Sanders became the highest ranked woman in a tour stop for the 8<sup>th</sup> time, while Richard Teece became the highest ranked man for the 5<sup>th</sup> time.

Carsten W. Hansen from Denmark is leading the men's division of the tour with 586 points in front of Pontus Andersson from Sweden with 557 points and Dominic Barrett from England with 505 points.

In the women's division of the tour, Jenny Wegner from Sweden is leading with 587 points in front of Cajsa Wegner with 453 points and Daphne Tan from Singapore with 450 points.

It is therefore; even the last stop in Norway still is in front of us, possible to congratulate Jenny Wegner as the winner of the EBT 2017. Jenny won also the EBT 2015.

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### Story 2017-37: Changed period in Tilburg

Published on 5 October 2017 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



The organizer of the Hammer Bronzen Schietspoel Tournament 2018 has decided to change the conduction period of the tournament from 4-11 February 2018 to 15-22 April 2018.

The reason is that the construction of the re-build bowling centre in Tilburg, with the new name "Dolfijn | The Plays To Be", will finish a bit later than originally expected.

Dolfijn | The Plays To Be is expected to open a good week prior to the original conduction period of the tournament, but the organizer wants the centre to be in a daily operation for a reasonable period of time before the tournament is conducted.

The changed period of the tournament also influence the conduction date of the EBT Masters 2018, which will be conducted on 23 April 2018 instead of 12 February 2018, of course also in the new 24 lane centre: Dolfijn | The Plays To Be.

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### Story 2017-38: EBT 2017 Stop 11 in Oslo

Published on 15 October 2017 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



Raymond Jansson from Sweden won the last stop of the EBT 2017, the Norwegian Open 2017 by Brunswick, when he over 6 games scored 1399, 23 pins more than James Gruffman from Sweden at position 2 and 26 pins more than Jonas Dammen from Norway at position 3.

Raymond Jansson is one of the shining stars from especially the nineties, where no tour was available, so it is the first tour title for Raymond and his first highest ranked position in the men's division of the tour.

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. Raymond Jansson, Sweden: 1399 (699+700)
2. James Gruffman, Sweden: 1376 (727+649)
3. Jonas Dammen, Norway: 1373 (744+629)
4. Tor Inge Jansen, Norway 1360 (668+692)
5. Jon Ingi Ragnarsson, Iceland 1334 (652+682)
6. Mikael Roos, Sweden: 1333 (704+629)
7. Markus Jansson, Sweden 1309 (669+640)
8. Carsten W. Hansen, Denmark 1201 (652+549)

Jenny Karlsson from Sweden became the highest ranked women in a tour stop for the 1<sup>st</sup> time in her career. Jenny ended at position 26 in the final tournament standing.

209 athletes had found their way to the Norwegian Capital Oslo and Veitvet Bowling Centre, where the Norwegian Open 2017 by Brunswick concluded the 18<sup>th</sup> season of the European Bowling Tour, the EBT 2017.

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### Story 2017-39: The winners of the tour

Published on 15 October 2017 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



The top of the women's division in the European Bowling Tour 2017 became an all-Swedish affair, with the Wegner sisters (Jenny and Cajsa) atop of the tour before the conduction of the last stop of the season in Oslo.

None of the Wegner's attended the tournament, but Jenny Wegner's had already collected so many points, that she was unreachable for anybody in Oslo. Jenny Wegner claimed therefore the second tour victory of her career (the first came in 2015) with a total of 587 points.

Ida Andersson, who was awarded 80 points in Oslo for her 2<sup>nd</sup> position among the women, became second with 528 points, while Cajsa Wegner became third with 453 points

In the men's division, it was a given fact that the EBT 2017 would get a first time tour winner, namely either Denmark's Carsten W. Hansen or Sweden's Pontus Andersson.

The final battle in Oslo between the two was set with a preliminary lead of only 29 points in favour of Carsten W. Hansen before the stop took off in Oslo.

Both were qualified for the final steps, Pontus Andersson directly qualified for the final step 3, Carsten W. Hansen directly qualified for the final step 2.

Carsten Hansen won the final step 3 with 763 pins over 3 games, where after the opportunities for both athletes were equalized before the final step 3.

The excitement of the tour win disappeared, however, already at the end of the final step 3, which Carsten W. Hansen won with 712 pins over the 3 games, while the step became the end station for Pontus Andersson, who became no. 9 in the step with a score of 642 pins, precisely 6 pins away from access to the next final step and a continued chance to win the tour.

Carsten W. Hansen claimed his first tour win with 630 points; Pontus Andersson became 2<sup>nd</sup> with 581 points and Dominic Barrett from England 3<sup>rd</sup> with 505 points.

We are congratulating the two tour winners, who each will be awarded 1.000 € for their high performances in the European Bowling Tour 2017.

## Story 2017-40: Qualified for the EBT Masters 2018

Published on 15 October 2017 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



The 11<sup>th</sup> edition of the EBT Masters, the EBT Masters 2018, will be held in “Dolfijn | The Plays To Be” in Tilburg, The Netherlands on Monday 23 April 2018.

Before the EBT Masters 2018, the same centre in Tilburg will house the Hammer Bronzen Schietspoel Tournament 2018 in the period of 15-22 April.

### The following 8 women are qualified

1. Jenny Wegner, Sweden
2. Ida Andersson, Sweden
3. Cajsa Wegner, Sweden
4. Daphne Tan, Singapore
5. Maxime de Rooij, Germany
6. Sanna Pasanen, Finland
7. Britt Brøndsted, Denmark
8. Alida Molander, Sweden

The first three reserves:

9. Joline Persson-Planefors, Sweden
10. Jazreel Tan, Singapore
11. Cherie Tan, Singapore

### The following 8 men are qualified

1. Carsten W. Hansen, Denmark
2. Pontus Andersson, Sweden
3. Dominic Barrett, England
4. Martin Larsen, Sweden
5. Francois Louw, South Africa
6. Stuart Williams, England
7. Francois Lavoie, Canada
8. Richard Teece, England

The first three reserves:

9. Markus Jansson, Sweden
10. Thomas Larsen, Denmark
11. Osku Palermaa, Finland

There will be a prize pool of 9.000 € to each of the two genders to compete for in Tilburg.

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### Story 2017-41: Changed periods in Malmoe and Rome

Published on 17 October 2017 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



The organizer of the second edition of Lucky Larsen Masters have decided to change the conduction period of the tournament from 12-26 August to 25 August - 9 September 2018.

The reason for the change is clashes with major events in ABF and PABCON during the original conduction period of the tournament.

The change became possible as a consequence of a very flexible approach to the situation from the organizers of Rome Open, who has accepted to change their conduction period from 1-9 September to 8-16 September 2018.

The two tournaments will unchanged be conducted in Baltiska Bowlinghallen in Malmoe, respectively in Bowling Brunswick in Rome.

### Story 2017-42: Name change in Stockholm

Published on 23 October 2017 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



As a consequence of a sponsorship agreement, the organizer of the 38<sup>th</sup> AIK International Tournament 2018 has decided to change the name of the tournament to the AIK International Tournament Powered by Track.

This long lasting and well attended tournament will for the first time appear in the program of the European Bowling Tour.

The tournament is conducted in Bowl-O-Rama in Stockholm on 26 December 2017 to 7 January 2018 as the 1<sup>st</sup> Stop of the EBT 2018.

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### **Story 2017-43: ETBF Congress 2017 held in Vienna**

Published on 24 October 2017 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen

The ETBF Congress, which is held every second year, was this time held on 22 October 2017 in Plus Bowling in Vienna, where the European Champions Cup is conducted on 23-29 October.

From the Congress, we will report the following:

#### **European Senior Championships as of 2020**

The most important decision taken by the congress was to establish the European Senior Championships (ESC), similar to the World Senior Championships, which has been conducted three times so far.

The first issue of the ESC, which will be conducted late January / early February 2020, will be open for 4 male and 4 female athletes from each of ETBF's member federations, who are reaching the age of 50, or are older than 50, in the year of an ESC.

The championships will be held biennially, in the years in between the World Senior Championships, so the frequency will be as follows: World Senior in 2019, European Senior in 2020, World Senior in 2021 and European Senior in 2022 etc.

The 50+ athletes will compete in Singles, Doubles, Team of Four, All Events (18 games) and Masters; a format similar to the format of the World Senior Championships.

#### **Requirements for Presidium members**

The regulation of Presidium member's eventual involvements in business related bowling organizations has been simplified by a congress decision implementing transparency as the headline for such situations.

The old rule was to some extent restrictive and not easy to interpret, while the new rule is simplified in the sense that eventually involvements in business related bowling organizations by a candidate must be announced to the Congress before elections.

If a new involvement happens in between congresses for an already elected Presidium member, it must be reported to the Presidium for a preliminary discussion and afterwards announced to the member federations.

#### **Elections**

The President of ETBF, Addie Ophelders, was re-elected by acclamation for a new 4-years period.

Valgeir Gudbjartsson, the Secretary General of ETBF, and Onder Gurkan, the Chairman of ETBF's Education Committee, were both by acclamations re-elected for new 4-years periods.

Marios Nicolaidis, ETBF's well-known Technical Delegate, is in addition also member of the ETBF Presidium. Marios Nicolaidis was elected by acclamation for a two years period, filling a previous vacant position in the Presidium.

The ETBF Presidium is from now on composed as follows:

Addie Ophelders, President  
Kim Thorsgaard Jensen, Vice President  
Valgeir Gudbjartsson, Secretary General  
Sergey Lisitsyn, Presidium Member  
Onder Gurkan, Presidium Member  
Marios Nicolaidis, Presidium Member

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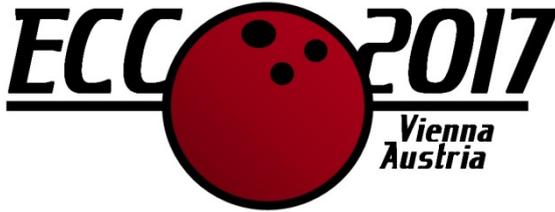
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Florian Fister and Jan Edvardsen were re-elected as auditors, and the same was Marc Beaufais as the substitute auditor.

The next ETBF Congress will be held in conjunction with the European Men Championships 2019 in Munich, Germany.

## Story 2017-44: ECC 2017 in Vienna, Austria

Published on 28 October 2017 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



The 40<sup>th</sup> issue of the European Champions Cup was conducted in the Austrian capital Vienna late October 2017.

A record number of 82 athletes attended the championships. The previous record of 81 athletes attending is from 2007 in Fötz, Luxemburg and from 2008 in Duisburg, Germany.

The record of attending men was broken as well, since 43 men, representing 42 member federations, participated in Vienna. The previous record was 42 attending men in Duisburg, Germany in 2008 and 42 attending men in Dutch Zoetermeer in 2012 as well.

The format of the ECC 2017 included 2 X 8 games qualification, 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 / 5956: Nicole Sanders, The Netherlands
- 2 / 5909: Filippa Persson, Sweden
- 3 / 5853: Sue Abela, Malta
- 4 / 5824: Solene Goron, France
- 5 / 5820: Laura Beuthner, Germany
- 6 / 5799: Cajsa Wegner, Sweden
- 7 / 5743: Elga Biagia di Benedetto, Italy
- 8 / 5585: Ksenia Apanyakina, Russia

### Top 8 Men after 28 games

- 1 / 6490: Mattias Wetterberg, Sweden
- 2 / 6268: Gaetan Mouveroux, France
- 3 / 6195: Antonino Fiorentino, Italy
- 4 / 6122: Xander van Mazijk, The Netherlands
- 5 / 6070: Svein Aake Ek, Norway
- 6 / 6040: Riku-Petteri Kivelä, Finland
- 7 / 5989: Aidas Daniunas, Lithuania
- 8 / 5984: Gheorghe Catalin, Romania

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

Nicole Sanders - Solone Goron (2-0): 233-183 and 245-171

### Women's Semi Final 2

Felippa Persson - Sue Abela (2-0): 244-188 and 223-192

### Women's Final

Nicole Sanders - Felippa Persson (1-2): 191-200, 210-207 and 201-255

### Men's Semi Final 1

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**Mattias Wetterberg** - Xander van Mazijk (2-0): 246-245 and 243-201

### **Men's Semi Final 2**

**Antonino Fiorentino** - Gaetan Mouveroux (2-1): 225-190, 169-182 and 264-203

### **Men's Final**

**Mattias Wetterberg** - Antonino Fiorentino (2-1): 214-199, 225-268 and 246-196

It was Felippa Persson's first adult title at an international championship and the 7<sup>th</sup> Swedish ECC title in the women's division over the entire ECC history.

It was also Mattias Wetterberg's first adult title at an international championship and the 5<sup>th</sup> Swedish ECC title in the men's division over the entire ECC history.

We congratulate the two new champions in the European Champions Cup.

### Story 2017-45: Changes in Aalborg

Published on 18 November 2017 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



The organizer of Stop 06 in the EBT 2018, Kegel Aalborg International 2018, has announced that the period of the tournament will be extended from 22-27 May 2018 to 20-27 May 2018.

At the same time the following four changes is announced by the organizer:

Athletes below 22 years of age when the tournament is ending gets two spots for the final and are offered discounted fees for Squad 1 and Squad 2.

Athletes reaching the age of 50 latest on the day before the first day of the tournament gets two spots for the final and are offered discounted fees for Squad 5 and Squad 8.

All not qualified athletes at the end of the qualification, having played at least three qualification squads, can participate in the Free Chance Competition free of charge. The Free Chance Competition is a kind of extra Desperado, from where two athletes are qualified.

The prize pool is increased from 226.000 DKK to 244.000 DKK.

The tournament is unchanged conducted in Lovvang Bowling Centre in Aalborg, Denmark.

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### Story 2017-46: World Championships in Las Vegas

Published on 5 December 2017 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



The World Championships for both men and women was conducted on 24 November - 4 December 2017. The championships were held in South Point Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas where a fantastic 60 lane arena setting provided perfect surroundings for sport bowling.

Both genders competed in Singles, Doubles, Trios, Team, All Event and Masters.

The 12 titles were divided among 8 federations as follows: 4 titles went to USA, 2 titles went to Korea, while Canada, Chinese Taipei, Hong Kong, Japan, Malaysia and The Netherlands all won one title each.

The Masters event in the women's division was concluded as follows:

Semi Final 1: Daw-Un Jung (Korea) vs. Shayna Ng (Singapore), 2-0

Semi Final 2: Li-Jane Sin (Malaysia) vs. Sharon Limansantoso (Indonesia), 2-1

The Final: Daw-Un Jung (Korea) vs. Li-Jane Sin (Malaysia), 2-0

Daw-Un Jung became the first women ever to defend the Masters title of the World Championships, since Daw-Un Jung also won the title in Abu Dhabi in 2015.

The Masters event in the men's division was concluded as follows:

Semi Final 1: Zhe-Jia Xu (Chinese Taipei) vs. Thomas Larsen (Denmark), 2-0

Semi Final 2: Francois Lavoie (Canada) vs. Andres Gomez (Colombia), 2-0

The Final: Francois Lavoie (Canada) vs. Zhe-Jia Xu (Chinese Taipei), 2-0

The Masters title won by Francois Lavoie is the first Masters title ever won by a Canadian bowler in the men's division.

European bowlers took the following medals:

#### Women's Singles

Silver to Mai Ginge Jensen from Denmark

#### Women-s Trios

Silver to Janine Gäbel, Tina Hulsch and Patricia Luoto from Germany

#### Men's Singles

Gold to Xander van Mazijk from The Netherlands

Bronze to Tobias Börding from Germany

#### Men's Doubles

Bronze to Petteri Salonen and Niko Oksanen from Finland

#### Men's Trios

Bronze to Joonas Jähi, Petteri Salonen and Niko Oksanen from Finland

#### Men's Team of Five

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Bronze to Carsten W. Hansen, Thomas Larsen, Jimmy Dan Mortensen, Dan Östergaard Poulsen, Jesper Agerbo and Mik Stampe from Denmark

### Men's Masters

Bronze to Thomas Larsen from Denmark

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### **Story 2017-47: Rene Exelmans in memoriam**

Published on 30 December 2017 by Addie Ophelders

It is with sadness that the Presidium of ETBF learned that Rene Exelmans had passed away on 28 December 2017.

Rene was one of the first Technical Delegates working for ETBF and WTBA. He was also one of the founding fathers of our technical clinics.

We wish his family courage and strength to bear this loss.

May he rest in peace!