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Story 2018-01: EBT 2018 Stop 01 in Stockholm

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With not less than 455 attending athletes, playing as much as 1.060 entries, the Stockholm based tournament, AIK International Tournament Powered by Track, got a fantastic first time appearance in the European Bowling Tour.

1.060 entries have only been passed twice in the entire history of the European Bowling Tour, both from 2017, where Brunswick Euro Challenge in Munich had 1.197 entries and Lucky Larsen Masters in Malmoe had 1.087 entries.

Concerning the number of athletes, the 455 attending athletes in Stockholm is the 7th best number in the tour history, matched precisely by last year's Lucky Larsen Masters.

The tournament was attended by a bigger contingent of bowlers from Team Singapore and Team Malaysia, who were accompanied by top bowlers from USA, Canada, a lot of European top bowlers and not least a lot of local Swedish stars. All in all a World class field of top bowlers at the lanes of Bowl-O-Rama in Stockholm early January 2018.

The tournament offered a number of build in sub-competitions (the so called Gateways) and a Semi Final Saturday evening; a format which was well-received by a wide range of bowlers attending the tournament in addition to the many top bowlers from around the World.

The second last final step included 8 athletes playing 4 games, with scores added to the already played 10 games from the two foregoing final steps.

The 8 athletes ended their 14 games performance as follows:

1. Jesper Svensson, Sweden: 3397
2. Bernice Lim, Singapore: 3331
3. Shalin Zulkifli, Malaysia: 3297
4. Rafiq Ismail, Malaysia: 3251
5. Niclas Lindholm, Sweden: 3237
6. Daria Pajak, Poland: 3213
7. Ghislaine Sigter van der Tol, Netherlands: 3155
8. Filip Wilhelmsson, Sweden: 3122

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

Match 1: Bernice Lim vs. Shalin Zulkifli: 226 vs. 220

Match 2: Jesper Svensson vs. Bernice Lim: 233 vs. 240

Jesper Svensson, who is leading the men's division of the European Bowling Tour 20128, was highest ranked for the 9th time in his career.

Bernice Lim, who is leading the women's division of the European Bowling Tour 20128, was highest ranked for the 1st time in his career and it was indeed her first EBT Title.

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Story 2018-02: EBT 2018 Stop 02 in Helsinki

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The European Bowling Tour has started in a thru fireworks of entries and wonderfully good bowling as never seen before.

Last week the debuting AIK International Tournament Powered by Track entered the tour with not less than 455 athletes taking part, playing as much as 1.060 entries.

These already very high numbers were beaten by Brunswick Ballmaster Open, at tournament appearing in the tour for the 19th consecutive time out of 19 possible. Ballmaster seconded the numbers by 550 athletes, which is a new record for the tour. The 550 athletes played as much as 1.129 entries, which is the second highest ever in the tour.

It gives a total of 1.005 athletes in the first two stops, playing as much as 2.189 entries.

Click [here](#) to see a new tour statistic presenting the tournaments having had 400 or more athletes taking part and having had 1.000 entries or more since year 2000.

In Helsinki 36 athletes continued to the first step of the final, which were athletes positioned 13-40 from the general standing, top 3 from a separate standing of Squad 1-8, top 2 from a separate standing of Squad 9-10 and top 3 from the Desperado Squad. The 36 athletes played 6 games Saturday night starting from scratch.

Step 2 of the final included athletes positioned 1-12 from the general standing combined with top 24 from step 1. The 36 athletes played 8 games Sunday morning starting from scratch.

Top 16 from the final step 2 was divided in two groups of 8 athletes, each playing 7 one game Round Robin matches with 30 bonus points for a won match and 15 bonus points for a tied.

Everything were added together: the 8 games in the final step 2 + the 7 Round Robin games + Round Robin bonus + women's handicap to determine the two best athletes from each group to be qualified for the Semi Finals in the Final step 4 of the tournament.

Group 1: The two highest after 15 games plus various bonuses:

1. 3731: Cherie Tan, Singapore
2. 3670: Sin Li Jane, Malaysia

Group 2: The two highest after 15 games plus various bonuses:

1. 3640: Bill O'Neill, USA
2. 3599: Kimmo Lehtonen, inland

The outcome of the matches in the final step 4 and 5 became as follows:

Semi Final 1

Bill O'Neill, USA: 238

Sin Li Jane, Malaysia: 247

Semi Final 2

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Cherie Tan, Singapore: 211
Kimmo Lehtonen, Finland: 268

The Final

Sin Li Jane, Malaysia: 277
Kimmo Lehtonen, Finland: 173

Sin Li Jane won her second title in the European Bowling tour and was highest ranked in the women's division for the 4th time in her career.

Mr. Kimmo "Ballmaster" Lehtonen is a legend in the tournament. Not only was he the organizer in a number of years, when the tournament at a moment needed a fresh investment. Kimmo also won the tournament in 2002 and in 2007, and in addition Kimmo have numerous high positions in the tournament over the years.

Sin Li Jane from Malaysia is leading the women's division of the tour with 239 points in front of her fellow countrywomen Shalin Zulkifli at position 2 with 208 points and Bernice Lim from Singapore at position 3 with 194 points.

The former tour winner Jesper Svensson from Sweden is leading the men's division of the tour with 270 points in front of Rafiq Ismail from Malaysia at position 2 with 260 points and Kimmo Lehtonen from Finland at position 3 with 200 points.

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Story 2018-03: EBT 2018 Stop 03 in Dublin

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Anthony Simonsen from USA won the jubilee edition of the Irish Open, which were conducted in Leisureplex Stillorgan as the 30th Irish Open Championships in association with Storm.

The tournament, which appeared in the European Bowling Tour 2018 as Stop 03, was conducted on 14-21 January 2018 in Dublin

It was Anthony Simonsen's first EBT Title and his first highest ranked position.

Nicole Sanders from the Netherlands, who left the tournament in the Quarter Final, became the highest ranked in the women's division for the 9th time in her career.

189 athletes 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

Barry Foley, Ireland: 212 + 226 = 438

Edwin van Aarle, The Netherlands: 214 + 187 = 401

Semi Final 2

Anthony Simonsen, USA: 259 + 205 = 464

Stephen Joyce, Ireland: 226 + 181 = 407

Final

Anthony Simonsen, USA: 257 + 203 = 460

Barry Foley, Ireland: 205 + 223 = 428

Sin Li Jane from Malaysia is leading the women's division of the tour with 239 points in front of her fellow countrywomen Shalin Zulkifli at position 2 with 208 points and Daria Pajak from Poland at position 3 with 195 points.

Jesper Svensson from Sweden is leading the men's division of the tour with 270 points in front of Rafiq Ismail from Malaysia at position 2 with 260 points and Anthony Simonsen from USA at position 3 with 219 points.

Story 2018-04: Changes in Madrid

Published on 26 January 2018 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



The organizer of Stop 07 in the EBT 2018, the VI Brunswick Madrid Challenge, has announced the period of the tournament to be shortened by one day.

The tournament, which is conducted in Bowling Charmatin, will be conducted in the period of 1-8 July instead of 30 June - 8 July.

The organizer also announces a change in the format as follows:

48 athletes will qualify to the final steps, of which the 16 highest ranked from the general qualification will qualify directly to Step 2 of the final.

32 athletes will play 6 games in the final step 1, starting from scratch.

Top 16 from the qualification will be joined by Top 16 from the final step 1. The 32 athletes will bowl best of 3 games matches in 3 elimination rounds in the final step 2, 3 and 4, which will reduce the number of athletes to 4.

The tournament is concluded with two one game semi-finals and a one game final in step 5-6.

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Story 2018-05: Changes in Malmoe

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As a consequence of a sponsorship agreement, Stop 11 of the European Bowling Tour 2018 is changed from the Lucky Larsen Masters to the Storm Lucky Larsen Masters.

The tournament will unchanged be conducted on 25 August to 9 September 2018 in Baltiska Bowlinghallen, situated in Malmoe - Sweden.

The organizer also announces changes in the format as follows:

The number of qualified athletes to final steps has been increased from 44 to 60.

The Desperado Squad has been exchanged by a triple Turbo Competition with one athlete, not qualified in any other way to the final steps, from each of the games 4, 5 or 6. All qualification squads are included, free of charge, in the three Turbo Competitions.

Athletes positioned 1-8 in the general standing are qualified directly for the final step 3, athletes positioned 9-33 directly for the final step 2, while 27 athletes are starting in step 1.

27 athletes are playing 4 games in step 1, starting from scratch. Top 11 continues.

36 athletes are playing 4 games in step 2, starting from scratch. Top 16 continues.

24 athletes are playing 8 games in step 3, starting from scratch. Top 4 continues.

The tournament is unchanged concluded by a 4 person's stepladder final, playing three one game matches.

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Story 2018-06: Participants in the EBT Masters 2018

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The 11th edition of the EBT Masters, the EBT Masters 2018, will be conducted in then newly re-opened Dolfijn | The Plays To Be in Tilburg, The Netherlands on 23 April 2018.

The EBT Master 2018 is following the conclusion of the Hammer Bronzen Schietspoel Tournament 2018, which will be conducted on 15-22 April 2018 in the same centre.

The 8 highest ranked women and the 8 highest ranked men, by the conclusion of the European Bowling Tour 2017, are qualified for participation in the EBT Masters 2018. In cases of excuses, the next on the ranking lists are called.

The 8 athletes, competing in the women's division, are as follows:

- Position 1: Jenny Wegner, Sweden
- Position 2: Ida Andersson, Sweden
- Position 3: Cajsa Wegner, Sweden
- Position 5: Maxime de Rooij, The Netherlands
- Position 6: Sanna Pasanen, Finland
- Position 8: Alida Molander, Sweden
- Position 9: Joline Persson-Planefors, Sweden
- Position 12: Vanessa Timter, Germany

The 8 athletes, competing in the men's division, are as follows:

- Position 1: Carsten W. Hansen, Denmark
- Position 2: Pontus Andersson, Sweden
- Position 5: Francois Louw, South Africa
- Position 8: Richard Teece, England
- Position 9: Markus Jansson, Sweden
- Position 12: Daniel Fransson, Sweden
- Position 13: Christopher Sloan, Ireland
- Position 14: Cameron Weier, USA

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Story 2018-07: New record in Dream-Bowl Palace

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Dream-Bowl Palace broke the tour record with fantastic 1.197 entries in the 14th issue of Brunswick Euro Challenge, a record which seemed to be impossible to beat, but they did it again this year, where not less than 1.279 entries was bowled in the 15th issue of Brunswick Euro Challenge, which were concluded in Munich on 18 March 2018.

383 athletes from all corners of the World took part in the tournament, of which there were a lot of national team players and other top bowlers, forming a highly competitive field of athletes in Munich.

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. Anthony Simonsen, USA: 3408
2. Jenny Wegner, Sweden: 3281
3. Yannaphon Larp-Apharat, Thailand: 3271
4. Stuart Williams, England: 3217
5. Siti Safiyah, Malaysia: 3210
6. Cherie Tan, Singapore: 3150
7. David Simard, USA: 3119
8. Mai Ginge Jensen, Denmark: 3107

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

Match 1: Yannaphon Larp-Apharat vs. Jenny Wegner: 214 vs. 233

Match 2: Jenny Wegner vs. Anthony Simonsen: 219 vs. 213

Jenny Wegner won an EBT Title for the first time in her career and she became the highest ranked women for the 8th time. Anthony Simonsen became the highest ranked man for the second time in his career.

Jenny Wegner is leading the women's division of the tour with 422 points, Cherie Tan from Singapore is at position 2 with 355 points and Bernice Lim from Singapore is at position 3 with 309 points.

Anthony Simonsen from USA is leading the men's division of the tour with 469 points in front of Jesper Svensson from Sweden with 390 points at position 2 and Rafiq Ismail from Malaysia with 370 points at position 3.

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Story 2018-08: EYC 2018 in Aalborg

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The European Youth Championships 2018 was the 31st of its kind and the 3rd EYC conducted in Lovvang Bowling Centre in Aalborg. The two previous EYC's in Aalborg was conducted in 1078 and 2012.

66 girls and 90 boys took part in the championships in Aalborg, representing 28 European member federations.

The five titles in the Girls Division were distributed as follows:

Sweden won the Singles Event by Hanna Engberg

England won the Doubles Event by Isabel Allen and Sophie Thompson

England won the Team Event by Isabel Allen, Sophie Thompson, Elyse Giddens and Lucy Williams

Austria won the All Event by Jaqueline Witura

Denmark won the Masters Event by Mika Guldbæk

The five titles in the Boys Division were distributed as follows:

Sweden won the Singles Event by William Svensson

Finland won the Doubles event by Pyy Puharinen and Jesse Ahokas

Sweden won the Team Event by Lukas Sevelin, Oskar Wirefeldt, Adam Hultgren and William Svensson

Norway won the All Event by Georg Skryten

Sweden won the Masters Event by Oskar Wirefeldt

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

Mika Guldbæk, Denmark vs. Bianca Broomer, The Netherlands

Match: 2-1 / Scores: 181-224-211 vs. 201-173-164

Girls Masters, Semi Final 2

Jaqueline Witura, Austria vs. Sara Xuereb, Malta

Match: 2-1 / Scores: 148-189-268 vs. 203-174-193

Girls Masters, Final

Mika Guldbæk, Denmark vs. Jaqueline Witura, Austria

Match: 2-0 / Scores: 212-231 vs. 206-199

Boys Masters, Semi Final 1

Lassi Aalto, Finland vs. William Svensson, Sweden

Match: 2-1 / Scores: 218-258-205 vs. 268-192-254

Boys Masters, Semi Final 2

Oskar Wirefeldt, Sweden vs. Maxime Dubois, France

Match: 2-1 / Scores: 182-225-254 vs. 236-212-213

Boys Masters, Final

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Oskar Wirefeldt, Sweden vs. Lassi Aalto, Finland
Match: 2-1 / Scores: 191-218-225 vs. 195-168-212

Sweden became the best federation with 4 Gold medals, 2 Silver medals and 4 Bronze medals, while England became the second best federation with 2 Gold medals and 1 Silver medal.

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Story 2018-09: Hosts of the ECC 2020 and 2021

Published on 4 April 2018 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen

The ETBF Presidium has decided to award the hosting rights of the European Champions Cup, both in 2020 and in 2021.

The ECC 2020 will be hosted by the Slovenian Bowling Federation on 19-25 October 2020 in Bowling Centre Gladiator Arena Play and Party in Ljubljana, Slovenia.

The ECC 2021 will be hosted by the Czech Bowling Federation on 25 October to 1 November 2021 in Bowland Bowling Centre in Olomouc, Czech Republic.

In conjunction with the ECC 2021 in Olomouc, an ETBF Presidium meeting will be held, followed by the ETBF Congress 2021.

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Story 2018-10: Aalborg International out in 2018

Published on 6 April 2018 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



The organizer of Kegel Aalborg International have received more and more comments from bowlers, that a late May period of the tournament fits badly with the many taking a break in between seasons, especially in Northern Europe.

Following these comments, the number of athletes attending the tournament has dropped over the recent years, till a level that low in 2018, that it makes it impossible for the organizer to conduct the tournament.

An attempt to move the tournament to November in 2018 failed, because the national calendar, as a consequence of a World Championship at the end of the year, already is packed.

The organizer has therefore no other opportunity than cancelling the tournament in 2018. All fees to ETBF have been paid and the very few athletes having bought non-refundable flight tickets will be refunded.

The Kegel Aalborg International will be back in the European Bowling Tour 2019, with an expected conduction period in the first half of November 2019.

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Story 2018-11: Jari Ratia in the EBT Masters 2018

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Jari Ratia from Finland will replace Carsten W. Hansen from Denmark in the EBT Masters 2018. Carsten W. Hansen withdrew from the EBT Masters 2018 yesterday, on 16 April.

The EBT Masters 2018 will be conducted in Dolfijn | The Plays To Be in Tilburg, The Netherlands on 23 April 2018; following the conclusion of the Hammer Bronzen Schietspoel Tournament 2018, which will be conducted on 15-22 April 2018 in the same centre.

The 8 highest ranked women and the 8 highest ranked men, by the conclusion of the European Bowling Tour 2017, are qualified for participation in the EBT Masters 2018. In cases of excuses, the next on the ranking lists are called.

The 8 athletes, competing in the women's division, are as follows:

- Position 1: Jenny Wegner, Sweden
- Position 2: Ida Andersson, Sweden
- Position 3: Cajsa Wegner, Sweden
- Position 5: Maxime de Rooij, The Netherlands
- Position 6: Sanna Pasanen, Finland
- Position 8: Alida Molander, Sweden
- Position 9: Joline Persson-Planefors, Sweden
- Position 12: Vanessa Timter, Germany

The 8 athletes, competing in the men's division, are as follows:

- Position 2: Pontus Andersson, Sweden
- Position 5: Francois Louw, South Africa
- Position 8: Richard Teece, England
- Position 9: Markus Jansson, Sweden
- Position 12: Daniel Fransson, Sweden
- Position 13: Christopher Sloan, Ireland
- Position 14: Cameron Weier, USA
- Position 15: Jari Ratia, Finland

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Story 2018-12: MBC 2018 in Ankara

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The 21st edition of the Mediterranean Bowling Championships was concluded on Saturday 21 April in Rollhouse Bowling, situated in Ankara.

These regional championships, which are conducted annually, are open for member federations with a coast line of the Mediterranean Sea.

The 10 titles in the championships were distributed as follows:

4 titles in the women's division

Singles: Lauriane Célié from France

Doubles: Elisa Primavera and Elga di Benedetto from Italy

All Events: Lauriane Célié from France

Masters: Amandine Jacques from France

4 titles in the men's division

Singles: Justin Caruana Scicluna from Malta

Doubles: Roros Stamatios and Vasileios Stefopoulos from Greece

All Events: Roros Stamatios from Greece

Masters: Quentin Deroo from France

2 titles for mixed groups

Doubles: Martha Karatzoyla and Roros Stamatios from Greece

Team: Lauriane Célié, Amandine Jacques, Quentin Deroo and Thibaut Lanos from France

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

Women's Masters, Semi Final 1:

394 (188+206): Amandine Jacques, France

355 (159+196): Elga di Benedetto, Italy

Women's Masters, Semi Final 2:

379 (180+199): Lauriane Célié, France

433 (184+249): Sara Xuereb, Malta

Women's Masters, Final:

412 (227+185): Amandine Jacques, France

367 (199+168): Sara Xuereb, Malta

Men's Masters, Semi Final 1:

339 (178+161): Vasileios Stefopoulos, Greece

384 (197+187): Tolga Sismanogullar, Turkey

Men's Masters, Semi Final 2:

494 (227+267): Quentin Deroo, France

347 (168+179): Ruben Orche, Spain

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Men's Masters, Final:

442 (256+186): Quentin Deroo, France

324 (141+183): Tolga Sismanogullar, Turkey

France became the best federation with 5 Gold, 3 Silver and 4 Bronze, Greece became the second best nation with 3 Gold, 2 Silver and 1 Bronze and Malta became the third best nation with 1 Gold, 2 Silver and 1 Bronze.

Story 2018-13: EBT 2018 Stop 05 in Tilburg

Published on 22 April 2018 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



One of the classic tournaments in the European Bowling Tour, the Hammer Bronzen Schietspel Tournament, is back in the tour after one year's absence.

The tournament was conducted on 15-22 April 2018 in a beautifully new and modern bowling centre in Tilburg, which were rebuild as a consequence of an unfortunate fire in the old centre.

The new centre in Tilburg, which is opened as Dolfijn | The Plays To Be, keeps 24 lanes, which is 4 lanes more than the previous centre had.

The tournament was well visited with 206 bowlers entering, playing 502 entries in total; a good beginning for the returning tournament, which as always were managed by Luc Jansen.

The format included a field of 40 athletes advancing into the final steps, of which 36 played 6 games starting from scratch, where after the remaining part of the format included pools of 4 athletes, each playing two games; 4 pools in step 2, 2 pools in step 3 and finally 1 pool of 4 players in the last step of the final.

The final pool of 4 athletes ended as follows:

Gaetan Mouveroux, France: 494 (238+256)

Dan Østergaard-Poulsen, Denmark: 490 (247+243)

Richard Teece, England: 406 (192+214)

Jeroen van Geel, The Netherlands: 390 (211+179)

Gaetan Mouveroux won his first tour title and he is also highest ranked in the men's division for the first time in his career.

Cajsa Wegner from Sweden became the highest ranked women in a tour stop for the second time in her career, Cajsa left the tournament at the second final step.

Jenny Wegner from Sweden is leading the women's division of the tour with 494 points in front of Ghislaine Sigter van der Tol from The Netherlands at position 2 with 370 points and Cherie Tan from Singapore is at position 3 with 335 points.

Anthony Simonsen from USA is leading the men's division of the tour with 469 points in front of Jesper Svensson from Sweden at position 2 with 390 points and Rafiq Ismail from Malaysia at position 3 with 370.

Story 2018-14: EBT Masters 2018 in Tilburg

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Jenny Wegner and Pontus Andersson, both from Sweden, won the EBT Masters 2018 in the women's, respectively the men's division.

The EBT Masters 2018 is the 11th final of a European Bowling Tour.

The competition was held in Dolfijn | The Plays To Be in Tilburg, The Netherlands on 23 April.

The format of the event included 12 qualification games, divided over 3 blocks of 4 games, followed by a 3 person's stepladder final in each division.

The outcome of the stepladder matches became as follows:

Women Match 1

204: Jenny Wegner, Sweden

202: Maxime de Rooij, The Netherlands

Women Match 2

212: Jenny Wegner, Sweden

202: Sanna Pasanen, Finland

Men Match 1

194: Pontus Andersson, Sweden

165: Jari Ratia, Finland

Men Match 2

232: Pontus Andersson, Sweden

172: Richard Teece, England

It was both for Jenny Wegner and for Pontus Andersson their first EBT Masters title.

Final standing women

1. Jenny Wegner, Sweden
2. Sanna Pasanen, Finland
3. Maxime de Rooij, Netherlands
4. Ida Andersson, Sweden
5. Cajsa Wegner, Sweden
6. Vanessa Timter, Germany
7. Alida Molander, Sweden
8. Joline Persson-Planefors, Sweden

Final standing men

1. Pontus Andersson, Sweden
2. Richard Teece, England
3. Jari Ratia, Finland
4. Markus Jansson, Sweden
5. Camron Weier, USA

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6. Christopher Sloan, Ireland
7. Daniel Fransson, Sweden
8. Francois Louw, South Africa

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Story 2018-15: European Bowling Tour 2019

Published on 19 May 2018 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



The program of the European Bowling Tour 2019 has been decided by the ETBF Presidium.

The EBT 2019 is the 20th consecutive tour since the first European Bowling Tour in 2000.

The 15 tournaments adopted in the tour are divided in 5 different categories as follows: 2 EBT Platinum, 2 EBT Gold, 3 EBT Silver, 4 EBT Bronze and 4 EBT Satellite tournaments.

The total prize fund in the EBT 2019 is 706.000 €; giving an average prize fund of 47.000 €.

It is a pleasure for ETBF to welcome two new tournaments in the tour, namely the Brunswick Dimitris Karetos Tournament, which will be conducted in Thessaloniki, Greece in September and the 3rd Brunswick Open, which will be conducted in Wittelsheim, France in October.

It is also noticed that Kegel Aalborg International is back in the tour after one year's absence in 2018. The tournament was previously conducted in May, but as of 2019 in November.

In addition to these three tournaments, all 12 tournaments included in the EBT 2018 are included in the EBT 2019 as well.

The highest ranked woman and the highest ranked man by the conclusion of the EBT 2019 will be awarded 1.000 € each.

The 8 highest ranked women and the 8 highest ranked men after the 15 stops are qualified for the 13th EBT Masters in 2020. The host centre of the EBT Masters 2020 will be published later.

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Story 2018-16: Name change in Rome

Published on 11 June 2018 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



As a consequence of a sponsorship agreement, Stop 11 of the European Bowling Tour 2018 is changed from Rome Open to Rome Open All4bowling.

The tournament will unchanged be conducted on 8-16 September 2018 in Bowling Brunswick, situated in Italy's Capital, Rome.

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Story 2018-17: Slightly changed period for the EMC 2019

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It has been found that a trade fare in Munich is overlapping the first days of the original conduction period of the European Men Championships 2019.

Since the consequence of this would be both availability issues for hotel rooms and very high room rates, the German Bowling Federation and the ETBF Presidium have agreed upon a slight displacement of the conduction period.

The original conduction period was 5 June (last day of arrival) to 16 June (first day of departure). The new period will be 10 June (last day of arrival) to 21 June (first day of departure).

The changed period also influences the ETBF Congress, which will be held on 9 June 2019 instead of 4 June 2019, as originally published.

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Story 2018-18: EWC 2018 in Brussels

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The first part of the European Women Championships 2018 was completely dominated by a very well plying Swedish Team.

In the Singles event, the final became an overall Swedish affair, where Cajsa Wegner took the gold medal after a 242-194 win over her countrywomen Ida Andersson.

Also the final of the Doubles event became an overall Swedish affair, in which Nina Flack and Isabelle Hultin defeated Victoria Johansson and Cajsa Wegner 390–387.

In the Trios event Sweden, represented by Isabelle Hultin, Ida Andersson and Nina Flack, defeated Finland, represented by Sanna Pasanen, Eliisa Hiltunen and Reija Lundén, 638-629.

Finally Sweden continued their Gold rush into the Team event, where Victoria Johansson, Ida Andersson, Nina Flack, Isabelle Hultin, Jenny Wegner and Cajsa Wegner defeated Ani Jun-tunen, Eliisa Hiltunen, Petra Eriksson-Sola, Reija Lundén, Vilma Salo and Sanna Pasanen from Finland 1125-905.

The rest of the championships were dedicated to Denmark's Mai Ginge Jensen, who first won All Event Gold with a nearly hundred pins gap to her nearest opponent, Nina Flack.

Later Mai Ginge Jensen won her 4 matches in the Masters event, where Finland's Eliisa Hiltunen was defeated 2-1 (224-214, 198-237 and 256.191) in the final and decisive match.

Sweden became the best nation with 4 Gold medals, 3 Silver medals and 4 Bronze medals, while Denmark became the second best nation with 2 Gold medals.

The EWC 2018 was the 25rd European Championships conducted since 1962 and the 7th European Championships conducted only for women since 2006.

The championships, which were held in Bowling Stones Wommel, a suburb to Belgians capital Brussels, attracted 132 female athletes from 25 European member federations.

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Story 2018-19: EBT 2018 Stop 06 in Madrid

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The VI Brunswick Madrid Challenge was conducted on 1-8 July 2018 in Bowling Chamartin in Madrid.

The tournament, which as always was well managed by Paco Rodriguez, appeared in the European Bowling Tour 2018 as Stop 6.

The format of the tournament offered 48 athletes in the final steps, of which athletes positioned 1-16 was qualified directly for the Final Step 2, while the 32 other qualified athletes all bowled 6 games in Step 1, starting from scratch.

Top 16 from Step 1 was then joined by the highest seeded 16 athletes for matches in the rest of the steps, always with the highest seeded matched with the lowest seeded etc.

Step 2, 3 and 4 included 16, 8 and 4 matches, all bowled best of three games, while the Semi Finals and the Final in Step 5 and 6 was bowled as one game matches.

The outcome of the last 7 matches became as follows:

Quarter Final 1

- (1) Jassim Al Muraikhi, Qatar: 258-257-247
- (2) Chris Klerk, USA: 269-195-255

Quarter Final 2

- (2) Carsten W. Hansen, Denmark: 202-241-251
- (1) Pontus Andersson, Sweden: 222-181-216

Quarter Final 3

- (2) Marie Jose Rodriguez, Colombia: 208-231-202
- (1) Markus Jansson, Sweden: 223-211-212

Quarter Final 4

- (2) Thomas Larsen, Denmark: 256-174-266
- (1) Nicola Pongolini, Italy: 198-257-184

Semi Final 1

- (1) Carsten W. Hansen, Denmark: 216
- (0) Chris Klerk, USA: 179

Semi Final 2

- (0) Marie Jose Rodriguez, Colombia: 196
- (1) Thomas Larsen, Denmark: 233

The Final

- (0) Carsten W. Hansen, Denmark: 219
- (1) Thomas Larsen, Denmark: 258

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After a fantastic day for Thomas Larsen, he won the all Danish affair in Bowling Chamartin, which became his 5th EBT Title and his 6th highest ranked position in the men's division.

Maria Jose Rodriguez from Colombia became the highest ranked women for the first time in her career, after a very successful road the whole way to one of the Semi Finals.

Jenny Wegner from Sweden is leading the women's division of the tour with 494 points in front of Ghislaine Sigter van der Tol from The Netherlands at position 2 with 440 points and Cherie Tan from Singapore is at position 3 with 335 points.

The women's ranking became a more open affair, since Ghislaine Sigter van der Tol took 70 points by being third among the women in Madrid, while Jenny Wegner did not bowl in Madrid.

The top of the men's division of the tour is unchanged Anthony Simonsen from USA with 469 points in front of Jesper Svensson from Sweden with 390 points and Rafiq Ismail from Malaysia with 370 points.

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Story 2018-20: EBT Masters 2019 and 2020

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The ETBF Presidium have decided to introduce a slight change of the EBT Masters format, where after it will include 8 games qualification for the 8 qualified athletes of each gender. Top 4 after the 8 games will finish the EBT Masters by adding another 4 games to a total of 12 games, to decide the male and the female tour masters of the foregoing year.

The purpose of the changed format, which will be possible to conduct with a few hours less playing time than before, is to be able to conduct the EBT Masters at a day during a tour stop instead of on the Monday after a tour stop.

The organizer of the VII Brunswick Madrid Challenge in Bowling Chamartin; to where the hosting of the EBT Masters 2019 has been awarded since last year, have accepted to move the conduction of the masters into the Thursday of the tournament.

The EBT Masters 2019 will be conducted in Madrid on Thursday 4 July 2019 from 10.00 to 16.00, followed by two tournament squads on 17.00 and 21.00 the same day.

The ETBF Presidium is additionally pleased to be able to announce that Rose'n Bowl in San Marino will host the EBT Masters 2020 in conjunction with the 16th Storm San Marino Open.

The EBT Masters 2020 will be conducted in San Marino on Tuesday 7 July 2020 from 09.00 to 15.00, followed by two tournament squads on 16.00 and 20.00 the same day.

The EBT Masters 2019 and 2020 are the finals of the European Bowling Tour 2018 and the European Bowling Tour 2019 respectively.

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Story 2018-21: EBT 2018 Stop 07 in San Marino

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Pontus Andersson from Sweden won in San Marino after a very tight three games final 718 vs. 716 against Kamron Doyle from USA, who attended a stop in the European Bowling Tour for only the second time so far.

The Storm San Marino Open, which was the 14th consecutive issue of this great tournament conducted annually in July as one of the repeating stops of the European Bowling Tour, was as always held in Rose'n Bowl.

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:

1416: Larsen Thomas, Denmark
1402: Kamron Doyle, USA
1376: Carsten W. Hansen, Denmark
1366: Pontus Andersson, Sweden

Thomas Larsen was eliminated in Round 1 of Step 4, which ended as follows:

257: Carsten W. Hansen, Denmark
247: Pontus Andersson, Sweden
234: Kamron Doyle, USA
215: Larsen Thomas, Denmark

Carsten W. Hansen was eliminated in Round 2 of Step 4, which ended as follows:

492: Kamron Doyle, USA
471: Pontus Andersson, Sweden (X in roll off)
471: Carsten W. Hansen, Denmark (9 in roll off)

And finally Pontus Andersson became the winner of the tournament:

716: Kamron Doyle, USA
718: Pontus Andersson, Sweden

Pontus Andersson won his second tour title and became the highest ranked man for the third time in his career.

Mai Ginge Jensen from Denmark became the highest ranked women for the 9th time in her career from a position 9 in the tournament.

Jenny Wegner from Sweden is leading the women's division of the tour with 594 points in front of Ghislaine Sijter van der Tol from The Netherlands at position 2 with 580 points and Mai Ginge Jensen from Denmark at position 3 with 416 points.

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Anthony Simonsen from USA is leading the men's division of the tour with 469 points in front of Jesper Svensson from Sweden with 422 points at position 2 and Rafiq Ismail from Malaysia with 370 points at position 3.

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Story 2018-22: EBT 2018 Stop 08 in Munich

Published on 22 July 2018 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



Jesper Agerbo from Denmark won his first tour stop ever, when he defeated his fellow countryman Thomas Larsen in the final of the Track Dream-Bowl Palace Open by Erdinger.

Thomas Larsen has had a fantastic summer series in the EBT after a win in Madrid, a 4th position in San Marino and a runner up position in Munich.

Maxime de Rooij from The Netherlands became the highest ranked women for the first time in her career, from a position 8 in the tournament.

The tournament, which was conducted in Dream-Bowl Palace in Unterföhring, as the 8th stop in the European Bowling Tour 2018, had attracted 188 athletes, who competed for the 48 spots in the final steps played on 22 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:

1769: Thomas Larsen, Denmark

1769: Jesper Agerbo, Denmark

1736: Antonino Fiorentino, Italy

1729: Kamron Doyle, USA

Antonino Fiorentino and Kamron Doyle was eliminated in Step 4, which ended as follows:

1970: Thomas Larsen, Denmark (1769+201)

1964: Jesper Agerbo, Denmark (1769+195)

1955: Antonino Fiorentino, Italy (1736+219)

1946: Kamron Doyle, USA (1729+217)

And finally Jesper Agerbo became the winner of the tournament:

2182: Jesper Agerbo, Denmark (1964+218)

2168: Thomas Larsen, Denmark (1970+198)

Jenny Wegner from Sweden is leading the women's division of the tour with 594 points in front of Ghislaine Sijter van der Tol from The Netherlands at position 2 with 580 points and Mai Ginge Jensen from Denmark at position 3 with 506 points.

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Anthony Simonsen from USA is leading the men's division of the tour with 469 points in front of Jesper Svensson from Sweden with 422 points at position 2 and Thomas Larsen from Denmark with 394 points at position 3.

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Story 2018-23: WYC 2018 in Detroit

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Georg Skryten from Norway in Boys Singles and Robert Lindberg and Alfred Berggren from Sweden in Boys Doubles stood for the total European title harvest at the World Youth Championships 2018, which were concluded on 3 August in Detroit, USA.

In the final of the Boys singles, Georg Skryten defeated Ukraine's Danylo Yatsko 181-176.

In the final of the Boys Doubles, Robert Lindberg and Alfred Berggren defeated Jayde Panella and Blayne Fletcher from Australia 479-383.

The WYC 2018 attracted 82 girls and 132 boys from all over the World.

The 10 titles were distributed as follows:

Girls Singles

Nanami Irie from Japan

Girls Doubles

Paola Limon and Raquel Orozco from Mexico

Girls Team of Four

Caitlyn Johnson, Mabel Cummins, Taylor Bailey and Breanna Clemmer from USA

Girls All Event

Syazwani Sahar from Malaysia

Girls Masters

Lee Jungmin from Korea

Boys Singles

Georg Skryten from Norway

Boys Doubles

Robert Lindberg and Alfred Berggren from Sweden

Boys Team of Four

Jassim Al Muraikhi, Mohammed Al Merekhi, Jassem Al Deyab and Ghanim Aboujassoum from Qatar

Boys All Event

Jassim Ghanim Aboujassoum from Qatar

Boys Masters

Cortez Schenck from USA

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Story 2018-24: ESC 2020 in Vienna, Austria

Published on 29 August 2018 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen

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

The championships will be held in the well-known Plus Bowling Centre in Vienna from 24 January to 2 February 2020.

The European Senior Championships is a new championship for 50+ bowlers established at ETBF's Congress in 2017, also held in Vienna. The 2020 issue of the championships is indeed the first edition of the championships.

The format of the championships is identical with the format of the European Youth Championships, namely 4 male and 4 female athletes participating in Singles, Doubles, Team of Four, All Event and Masters, in total 10 titles.

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Story 2018-25: EYC 2021 in Wittelsheim, France

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The ETBF Presidium has decided to award the hosting of the European Youth Championships 2021 to the French Federation of Bowling and Sport of Quills.

The championships will be held in Cristal Bowling, in Wittelsheim - France from 27 March to 5 April 2021.

The European Youth Championships 2021 will be the 34th issue of the championships, which were held for the first time in 1972.

Story 2018-26: EBT 2018 Stop 09 in Odense

Published on 2 September 2018 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



Arnar David Jonsson became the first Icelandic bowler to win a tour stop, when he defeated Carsten W. Hansen from Denmark 213 vs. 206 in the one game final of Odense International.

The tournament was, as the 9th Stop of the European Bowling Tour 2018, conducted in Odense Bowling Centre for the 8th consecutive time.

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 10th 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, where 4 winners and 2 happy losers continued

Step 4: 3 matches, where 3 winners and 1 happy loser continued

Step 5: 2 matches, where 2 winners continued

Step 6: 1 match deciding the winner of the tournament

Top 8 after the Final Step 2

1. 2182: Thomas Larsen, Denmark
2. 2178: Carsten W. Hansen, Denmark
3. 2126: Mai Ginge Jensen, Denmark
4. 2092: Arnar David Jonsson, Iceland
5. 2073: Robert Lindberg, Sweden
6. 2064: Chris Sloan, Ireland
7. 2042: Francois Louw, South Africa
8. 2037: Patrik Jannik Sørensen, Denmark

The Final Step 3

Thomas Larsen - Francois Louw: 203 - 158

Carsten W. Hansen - Patrik Jannik Sørensen: 212 - 208

Mai Ginge Jensen - Robert Lindberg: 191 - 214

Arnar David Jonsson - Chris Sloan: 237 - 191

There was a tie for the 2nd lucky loser position, broken as follows:

Mai Ginge Jensen: 8 pins and repeated tie braking 9 pins

Chris Sloan: 8: 8 pins and repeated tie braking 7 pins

The Final Step 4

Thomas Larsen - Patrik Jannik Sørensen: 185 - 201

Carsten W. Hansen - Arnar David Jonsson: 223 - 258

Mai Ginge Jensen - Robert Lindberg: 198 - 199

The Final Step 5

Carsten W. Hansen - Robert Lindberg: 172 - 248

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Arnar David Jonsson - Patrik Jannik Sørensen: 226 - 197

The Final Step 6

Carsten W. Hansen - Arnar David Jonsson 206 - 213

Mai Ginge Jensen became the highest ranked women in a tour stop for the 10th time in her career, while Arnar Dal Jonsson became the highest ranked man for the first time.

Jenny Wegner from Sweden is leading the women's division of the tour with 594 points in front of Ghislaine Sigter van der Tol from The Netherlands at position 2 with 580 points and Mai Ginge Jensen from Denmark at position 3 with 556 points.

Anthony Simonsen from USA is leading the men's division of the tour with 469 points in front of Jesper Svensson from Sweden with 422 points at position 2 and Thomas Larsen from Denmark with 419 points at position 3.

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Story 2018-27: EBT 2018 Stop 10 in Malmoe

Published on 9 September 2018 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



The Storm Lucky Larsen Masters was conducted for the second time in Malmoe's Baltiska Bowlinghallen as the 10th stop in the European Bowling Tour 2018.

Last year the tournament opened with a firework of not less than 1.087 bowled entries, and this great number was almost copied in the 2018 issue of the tournament, where 1.058 entries were bowled in Malmoe.

The format of the tournament offered 60 spots for the final steps, of which 27 joined Step 1 to play 4 games starting from scratch on Sunday 9 September in Baltiska.

Top 11 from Step 1 was in Step 2 joined by athletes positioned 9-33 from the qualification, forming a field of 36 athletes playing 4 games starting from scratch.

Top 16 from Step 2 was in Step 3 joined by athletes positioned 1-8 from the qualification, forming a field of 24 athletes playing 8 games starting from scratch.

The following four athletes continued to three one game stepladder matches:

1. Jason Belmonte, Australia: 1916
2. Kyle Troup, USA: 1810
3. Bill O'Neill, USA: 1800
4. Chris Sloan, Ireland: 1776

Match 1

234: Bill O'Neill, USA, USA

236: Chris Sloan, Ireland

Match 2

235: Kyle Troup, USA

187: Chris Sloan, Ireland

Match 3

232: Jason Belmonte, Australia

248: Kyle Troup, USA

Sandra Gongora from Mexico became the highest ranked women in a tour stop for the first time in her career from position 20 in the tournament and also Kyle Troup became the highest ranked man for the first time in his career.

Jenny Wegner from Sweden is leading the women's division of the tour with 719 points in front of Ghislaine Sigter van der Tol from The Netherlands at position 2 with 580 points and Mai Ginge Jensen from Denmark at position 3 with 556 points.

Anthony Simonsen from USA is leading the men's division of the tour with 594 points in front of Jesper Svensson from Sweden with 537 points at position 2 and Thomas Larsen from Denmark with 439 points at position 3.

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Story 2018-28: EBT 2018 Stop 11 in Rome

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We are able to welcome Brunswick Bowling in Rome, which previously housed a tour stop in 2010 and 2011, back as a host centre for a stop in the European Bowling Tour.

The new Satellite Tournament in Rome was conducted as the 11th stop of the European Bowling Tour 2018 under the name Rome Open All4Bowling.

The tournament reopened in Rome with a fantastic number of not less than 313 athletes taking part, playing as much as 711 entries.

44 athletes were qualified to the final steps of which the first four steps included rounds of 3 games until the number of athletes was reduced to the last 8 remaining athletes.

The 8 athletes continued as follows

- 643: Oliver Morig, Germany qualified to the Final Step 7
- 637: Piarpaulo De Filippi, Italy qualified to the Final Step 7
- 634: Mai Ginge Jensen, Denmark qualified to the Final Step 6
- 630: Amandine Jacques, France qualified to the Final Step 6
- 613: Gaetan Mouveroux, France qualified to the Final Step 5
- 602: Antonino Fiorentino, Italy qualified to the Final Step 5
- 579: Rob Thurlby, England qualified to the Final Step 5
- 576: Oleksander Nechypaiev, Ukraine qualified to the Final Step 5

Final Step 5

- 222: Gaetan Mouveroux, France
- 215: Oleksander Nechypaiev, Ukraine
- 212: Rob Thurlby, England
- 201: Antonino Fiorentino, Italy

Final Step 6

- 182: Oleksander Nechypaiev, Ukraine
- 180: Mai Ginge Jensen, Denmark
- 177: Gaetan Mouveroux, France
- 000: Amandine Jacques, France (did not bowl)

Final Step 7

- 203: Oliver Morig, Germany
- 198: Piarpaulo De Filippi, Italy
- 174: Oleksander Nechypaiev, Ukraine
- 165: Mai Ginge Jensen, Denmark

Final Step 8

- 198: Oliver Morig, Germany
- 198: Piarpaulo De Filippi, Italy

One ball roll off shots for the title

Oliver Morig X and Piarpaulo De Filippi 8; Morig to win the title.

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Mai Ginge Jensen became the highest ranked women in a tour stop for the 11th time in her career, while Oliver Morig won his first EBT Title ever and became the highest ranked man for in a tour stop the first time as well.

Jenny Wegner from Sweden is leading the women's division of the tour with 719 points in front of Mai Ginge Jensen from Denmark at position 2 with 606 points and Ghislaine Sigter van der Tol from The Netherlands at position 3 with 580 points.

Anthony Simonsen from USA is leading the men's division of the tour with 594 points in front of Jesper Svensson from Sweden with 537 points at position 2 and Thomas Larsen from Denmark with 439 points at position 3.

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Story 2018-29: Changes in the EBT 2019

Published on 22 September 2018 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



For various domestic reasons the conduction periods for three tournaments included in the European Bowling Tour 2019 are changed.

Odense International

Previous period: 1-8 September 2019
New period: 25 August - 1 September 2019
Venue: Odense Bowling Centre in Odense, Denmark

Rome Open All4Bowling

Previous period: 14-22 September 2019
New period: 7-15 September 2019
Venue: Bowling Brunswick in Rome, Italy

The organizer in Rome announces furthermore a name change of the tournament from Rome Open to Rome Open All4Bowling, which also was the name of the tournament in 2018.

Brunswick Dimitris Karetzos Tournament

Previous period: 21-29 September 2019
New period: 14-22 September 2019
Venue: Alexander the Great Bowling Club in Thessaloniki, Greece

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Story 2018-30: EBT 2018 Stop 12 in Oslo

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Eric Sjöberg from Sweden took his first EBT Title ever, when he won the last stop of the season, the Norwegian Open 2018 by Brunswick.

Eric Sjöberg concluded a fantastic day in Oslo with a 276 game, by which he passed a number of competitors in the very last game of the tournament.

In the second last step of the final in Oslo, 16 athletes were playing 3 games, starting from scratch. 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. Eric Sjöberg, Sweden: 1366 (681+685)
2. Robert Lindberg, Sweden: 1362 (672+690)
3. Arnar David Jonsson, Iceland: 1330 (687+643)
4. Mikael Roos, Sweden: 1326 (678+648)
5. Niko Oksanen, Finland: 1304 (662+642)
6. Gaëtan Mouveroux, France: 1291 (653+638)
7. Peter Ljung, Sweden: 1256 (660+596)
8. Robin Persson, Sweden: 1208 (664+544)

Erik Sjöberg from Sweden became the highest ranked man for the first time in his career and the same did Wendy Bartaire from France. Wendy was positioned 11 in the tournament.

218 athletes had found their way to the Norwegian Capital Oslo and Veitvet Bowling Centre, where the Norwegian Open 2018 by Brunswick concluded the 19th season of the European Bowling Tour, the EBT 2018.

Story 2018-31: The winners of the tour

Published on 14 October 2018 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



Like last year, Jenner Wegner from Sweden had already collected that many points in the tour standing that she was unreachable for anybody in Oslo; even Jenny did not attend the last stop of the tour season.

Jenny Wegner won the women's division of the tour with 719 points in front of Mai Ginge Jensen from Denmark with 676 points and Ghislaine Sigter van der Tol from the Netherlands with 580 points at position 2 and 3.

Jenny Wegner is, by the following series, strongly dominating the EBT these years:

2015: Jenny Wegner wins the EBT

2016: Jenny Wegner is the runner up in the EBT

2017: Jenny Wegner wins the EBT

2018: Jenny Wegner wins the EBT

The leader of the men's division of the tour, Anthony Simonsen from USA, was reachable for Jesper Svensson from Sweden, but Jesper did not attend the tournament in Oslo, so also the winner of the men's division was found before the last stop even started.

Anthony Simonsen became the first non-European bowler to win an EBT and even the first non-European bowler to be in Top 3, whatever we are talking about men or women.

Anthony Simonsen won the men's division of the tour with 594 points in front of Jesper Svensson from Sweden with 537 points and Thomas Larsen from Denmark with 439 points at position 2 and 3.

We are congratulating the two tour winners, who each will be awarded 1.000 € for their victories of their division in the European Bowling Tour 2018.

Story 2018-32: Qualified for the EBT Masters 2019

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The 12th edition of the EBT Masters, the EBT Masters 2019, will be held in Bowling Charmatin in Madrid, Spain on Thursday 4 July 2019.

In the period of the EBT Masters 2019, the same centre in Madrid will host the VII Brunswick Madrid Challenge from 30 June to 7 July.

The following 8 women are qualified

1. Jenny Wegner, Sweden
2. Mai Ginge Jensen, Denmark
3. Ghislaine Sigter van der Tol, The Netherlands
4. Maxime de Rooij, The Netherlands
5. Cajsa Wegner, Sweden
6. Sin Li Jane, Malaysia
7. Daria Pajak, Poland
8. Siti Safiyah, Malaysia

The first three reserves:

9. Danielle McEwan, USA
10. Nicole Sanders, The Netherlands
11. Cherie Tan, Singapore

The following 8 men are qualified

1. Anthony Simonsen, USA
2. Jesper Svensson, Sweden
3. Thomas Larsen, Denmark
4. Pontus Andersson, Sweden
5. Carsten W. Hansen, Denmark
6. Kyle Troup, USA
7. Ismail Rafiq, Malaysia
8. Chris Sloan, Ireland

The first three reserves:

9. Richard Teece, England
10. Gaëtan Mouveroux, France
11. Bill O'Neill, USA

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

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Story 2018-33: ETBF's Education and Technical Committee

Published on 26 October 2018 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen

The ETBF Presidium decided at its meeting on 18 and 19 October 2018 in Langen - Germany to merge ETBF's Education Committee and ETBF's Technical Committee into one combined committee, hereafter named ETBF's Education and Technical Committee.

The two committees have already worked closely together for years, since the development over time had created many overlapping tasks and activities.

The many existing and new activities and programs in the merged committee are obviously creating a big workload and also an increased need of coordination. The ETBF Presidium has therefore decided to appoint two co-chairs of the committee.

The one Co-Chairman of ETBF's Education and Technical Committee is Onder Gurkan, who has chaired the former Education Committee for many years. The other Co-Chairman of the committee is Marios Nicolaidis, who have been working as Technical Delegate for ETBF for a number of years and as an active instructor as well.

Both co-chairmen are members of ETBF's Presidium in addition to their committee duties.

You can find more information about ETBF's Education and Technical Committee under the item Organization / Education-Technical at this site.

You can also visit www.etbfacademy.eu for more knowledge about ETBF's programs.

Story 2018-34: ECC 2018 in Langen, Germany

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Mai Ginge Jensen (Denmark) vs. Eliisa Hiltonen (Finland) in the final of the women's division of the ECC 2018 was a repetition of the final of the Masters event in the European Women Championships for only four months ago.

In the EWC 2018 Masters in Brussels in June, Mai Ginge Jensen won 2-1 in the best of three games final, while Mai Ginge Jensen again came out of the Danish-Finnish battle with a victory, this time 2-0 in the ECC 2018 final, also played over best of three games.

Bodo Konieczny (Germany) was crowned as the ECC 2018 champion in the men's division, after a very tight and well played final against Denmark's Jesper Agerbo, which Bodo Konieczny won 2-1. The scores of the last exiting game were 263 vs. 258.

The 41th issue of the European Champions Cup was conducted in Langen, Germany in the 18 lane centre, Bowl for Fun.

The format of the ECC 2018 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 / 6153: Mai Ginge Jensen, Denmark
- 2 / 6109: Solene Goron, France
- 3 / 6012: Eliisa Hiltonen, Finland
- 4 / 5990: Nadine Geissler, Germany
- 5 / 5863: Chantal Jacobs, The Netherlands
- 6 / 5807: Filippa Persson, Sweden
- 7 / 5800: Annie Thorell, Sweden
- 8 / 5704: Giada Di Martino, Italy

Top 8 Men after 28 games

- 1 / 6434: Jaroslav Lorenc, Czech Republic
- 2 / 6364: Viktor Danielsson, Sweden
- 3 / 6283: Jesper Agerbo, Denmark
- 4 / 6263: Bodo Konieczny, Germany
- 5 / 6226: Aidas Daniunas, Lithuania
- 6 / 6141: Sami Konsteri, Finland
- 7 / 6138: Oleksandr Nechypaiev, Ukraine
- 8 / 6007: Mats Maggi, Belgium

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

Mai Ginge Jensen - Nadine Geissler (2-0): 200-176 and 213-193

Women's Semi Final 2

Solone Goron - Eliisa Hiltonen (0-2): 228-246 and 188-234

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Women's Final

Mai Ginge Jensen - Eliisa Hiltonen (2-0): 248-203 and 215-204

Men's Semi Final 1

Jaroslav Lorenc - **Bodo Konieczny** (1-2): 173-248, 212-193 and 195-238

Men's Semi Final 2

Viktor Danielsson – **Jesper Agerbo** (1-2): 246-232, 215-254 and 201-224

Men's Final

Jesper Agerbo - **Bodo Konieczny** (1-2): 225-196, 236-242 and 258-263

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

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Story 2018-35: Women's handicap to be kept in the EBT

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Since the beginning of the EBT in 2000, there has been a handicap for women in tournaments with a mixed division.

In the first 6 years of the tour (2000-2005) all tournaments with mixed divisions decided the size of the women's handicap themselves, but all had a handicap. Later, as of the EBT 2006, the women's handicap was by the EBT Rules standardized as 8 pins per game.

In the beginning of this year, a few tour stops had a female winner, where after a major "storm" started in various media and in social media as well. Numerous statements delivered were unfortunately seriously unfair to the women, who won the few stops.

No matter what, it seems that some at a moment had forgotten the purpose of the women's handicap, namely that a women should win a tour stop from time to time. So the only thing which really happened was that the women's handicap fulfilled one of its purposes.

In the last 8 stops of the EBT 2019, only male athletes have won tour stops, where after the debate, as numerous times before, calmed down for a period.

Over the entire history of the EBT, the average representation of women in tour stops with mixed divisions has been about 18%, while the average number of women winners of mixed divisions since day one is about 13%.

Only evaluating the last 5 years, the average is still about 18% women participation, while the average of women winners slightly increased to about 16%. The difference is identical to a women winner of 1-2 stops more in the last 5 years, which is a very small number to judge a statistical difference to be permanent. But even it is, it does not prove anything than the women's handicap still is very valid and indeed needed.

Besides statistical numbers and percent's, the introduction and the continued existence of the 8 pins handicap for women, is both a sports political statement and a very down-the-Earth practical tool ensuring an international competitive environment for women bowlers in a situation, where it does not seem to be possible to conduct tournaments with separated divisions.

The ETBF Presidium has at a recently held meeting decided that the women's handicap will be kept as an integrated part of the European Bowling Tour, so far still with 8 pins per game.

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Story 2018-36: Rules for the EBT 2020

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At a recently held meeting in the ETBF Presidium the rules for the EBT 2020 was decided. The rules are, with one exception, identical with the rules of the EBT 2019.

The ETBF Presidium has with a growing concern witnessed a negative influence from PBA on certain stops in the European Bowling Tour.

First of all PBA is requiring that ambitious organizers in Europe cannot keep a mandatory handicap for women and at the same time be able to award a PBA title to their winner. This is unfortunately damaging for the EBT, since it forces a few organizers to decide direction.

Lately PBA decided to conduct a part of their World Series in the period of one of the biggest tournaments in Europe, the Brunswick Euro Challenge, which has been conducted in their March period over the last 14 years in three different European countries. This is a very unfortunate and potentially damaging decision, first of all for the organizer in Munich, but indeed also for many athletes and for the EBT in general.

The ETBF Presidium has therefore; based on these incidents, decided that PBA and ETBF cannot operate in the same tour. As a consequence, an EBT Tournaments cannot, as of 2020, be included in any series organized by PBA or award a PBA title to their winner.

This new rule is for tournaments only. For the athletes, the situation is unchanged, since they continuously and with no limitations can compete in any tournament included in the EBT.

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Story 2018-37: Lucky Larsen Masters leaves the EBT

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The organizer of the Swedish based tournament "Lucky Larsen Masters" has decided to conduct the 2019 edition of their tournament without handicap for women.

It means that the tournament cannot keep its inclusion in the EBT 2019.

The ETBF Presidium regrets the decision, but we do of course respect that the organizer wants to develop the tournament in a different direction.

The tournament will, as any other international tournament, continued need approval from ETBF and World Bowling and thus being included in the Tournament Calendar at this site.

We want to thank the organizer for the two years they decided to include the Lucky Larsen Masters in the EBT and finally we want to mention, that we keep the door open, in case of a later wish to return the tournament to our tour.

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Story 2018-38: EYC 2019 is moved to Vienna, Austria

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As a consequence of technical issues, the centre in Riga (Latvia), where the EYC 2019 was planned to be held, is not going to be certified in due time.

As a further consequence, it has been necessary to move the championships to Plus Bowling in Vienna Austria, where it will be conducted in the period of 13-22 April 2019.

More information will soonest possible be published by the new organizer in Vienna.

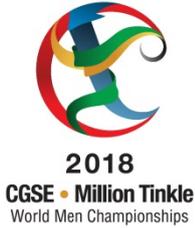
The ETBF Presidium is grateful to the Österreichischer Sportkegel- und Bowlingverband, and to the management of Plus Bowling in Vienna, for their dedicated willingness to take the responsibility of the EYC 2019 at such a short notice.

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Story 2018-39: World Men Championships in Hong Kong

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It is a great pleasure to congratulate Italy for their first ever won gold medal at a World Championship and Ireland for their first ever won medal at a World Championship.

At the WMC 2018 in Hong Kong Marco Reviglio, Pierpaolo De Filippi, Nicola Pongolini, Erik Davolio, Antonino Fiorentino and Marco Parapini won the Team event by defeating the favourite team from USA 2-0 (189-169 and 210-166) in the best of 3 games Bakers format final.

Ireland's Christopher Sloan bowled tremendous over the entire championships by qualifying to the Masters from position 6 in the All Event standing and finally came as far as the Semi Final, where he ended the most prestigious achievement in his career by winning a bronze medal.

We finally congratulate also Sweden with their bronze medal in the Trios event. The Swedish Trios consisted of Mattias Wetterberg Jesper Svensson and Martin Larsen.

The World Men Championships 2018 was conducted on 24 November - 6 December 2018 in the South China Athletic Association Bowling Centre in Hong Kong.

265 male athletes competed in Singles, Doubles, Trios, Team, All Event and Masters.

The 6 gold medals were awarded as follows:

Singles / Malaysia

Muhammad Ismail Rafiq

Doubles / Malaysia

Adrian Ang and Tun Al-Hakim

Trios / USA

EJ Tackett, Kyle Troup and Andrew Anderson

Team / Italy

Marco Reviglio, Pierpaolo De Filippi, Nicola Pongolini, Erik Davolio, Antonino Fiorentino and Marco Parapini

All Event / USA

EJ Tackett

Masters / Canada

Mitch Hupe

The Masters event was concluded as follows:

Semi Final: Mitch Hupe (Canada) vs. Dan MacLelland (Canada): 2-0 (199-176 and 224-221)

Semi Final: Kyle Troup (USA) vs. Christopher Sloan (Ireland): 2-0 (230-226 and 245-220)

Final: Mitch Hupe (Canada) vs. Kyle Troup (USA): 2-0 (**192**-192 and 202-190):