



Press Release 03: The one million Euro Tour

The composition of the European Bowling Tour 2006 has been decided by the ETBF Presidium as presented in appendix 1. Detailed information of each stop is available at www.etbf.dk.

The EBT 2006 consists - as the EBT 2005 - of 20 tournaments, of which 7 have been granted the EBT Status and 13 have been granted the EBT Major status. The 20 tournaments will be conducted in 16 different countries in Europe.

For the first time in the history of the European Bowling Tour the total prize pool of the tour will pass **1 million Euro** in 2006. The prize pool of the 20 tournaments is 987.000 Euro and the prize pool of the tour is self is 36.000 Euro (10.000 for each sex in the tour and 16.000 for the 16 WRM 2007 finalists), in total 1.023.000 Euro for the EBT 2006. The similar amount for the EBT 2005 is 974.000 Euro.

Two of the EBT 2005 tournaments - The Dutch Brunswick Open (Netherlands) and Championship Golden Bowl Trofeo Brunswick (Italy) - are not included in the EBT 2006. The Dutch Brunswick Open is conducted in 2005 for the last time and Championship Golden Bowl Trofeo Brunswick never applied for the EBT 2006.

New in the EBT 2006 is International Luxembourg Open (Luxembourg) and Husquarna International (Sweden). It is the first time a tournament from Luxembourg is included in the tour, while tournaments from Sweden has been including from year 1.

All 20 tournaments are approved by both ETBF and WTBA and all 20 tournaments are open for professionals. The EBT 2006 is therefore a 100 % open tour for all bowlers in the World and all bowlers can be awarded points no matter their nationality.

The 8 highest ranked women and the 8 highest ranked men after the 20 stops in the EBT 2006 will qualify for the World Ranking Masters 2007 to be conducted in Doha, Qatar 30 April - 6 May 2007.

The finalists from the ongoing EBT 2005 will qualify for the World Ranking Masters 2006 to be conducted in Kuwait 14-21 May 2006.

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The composition of the European Bowling Tour 2006				
Stop	Date	Country	Tournament	Category
01	06.01-15.01	Finland	Ballmaster Open	Major
02	26.01-29.01	Ireland	Irish Open Championships	EBT
03	14.02-19.02	Netherlands	Hammer Bronzen Schietspoel Tournament	EBT
04	22.02-26.02	Luxembourg	International Luxembourg Open	EBT
05	01.03-05.03	Spain	IV Catalonia Open - Trofeu Galasa	Major
06	10.03-19.03	Greece	Brunswick Euro Challenge	Major
07	10.04-16.04	Sweden	Husqvarna International	EBT
08	24.04-30.04	Turkey	3 rd Istanbul Bowling Open	Major
09	02.05-07.05	Italy	8 th Memorial Antonio Vendemini	EBT
10	22.05-28.05	Denmark	Brunswick Aalborg International 2006	Major
11	14.06-18.06	Malta	Eden Leisure's Malta Open Championships	EBT
12	11.07-16.07	Hungary	3 rd Hungarian Betonplasztika Open	Major
13	18.07-23.07	Spain	28 Trofeu Internacional Ciutat de Barcelona	Major
14	14.08-20.08	Sweden	Olympia Tournament	Major
15	09.09-17.09	Germany	2 nd Gutperle Viernheim Open 2006	Major
16	23.09-01.10	Norway	Norwegian Open 2006	EBT
17	09.10-15.10	San Marino	2 nd San Marino Open	Major
18	17.10-22.10	Austria	Vienna Open 2006	Major
19	13.11-19.11	Italy	3 rd Oltremare Championships	Major
20	11.12-18.12	Sweden	Kungsbacka International Tournament	Major

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