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Story 2001-01: Addie Ophelders re-elected

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At the EZ Congress 10 June in Aalborg – Denmark, the President of the European Tenpin Bowling Federation Addie Ophelders, was re-elected unanimously as President for another 4 years term.

Addie Ophelders was the first time elected President in 1989.

At the congress the delegates also decided to enlarge the Presidium from 6 to 7 members.



New in the Presidium is Sergey Lisitsyn from Russia. Sergey Lisitsyn is also Vice President of Federation of Sports Bowling of Russia.

Re-elected at the congress as Presidium members was Jacky Felsenstein from Belgium and Pat White from England.

After the elections the ETBF Presidium is as follows:

- President, Addie Ophelders (Germany)
- Vice President, Kim Thorsgaard Jensen (Denmark)
- Secretary General Rune Widell (Sweden)
- Presidium member, Roni Ashkenazi (Israel)
- Presidium member, Jacky Felsenstein (Belgium)
- Presidium member, Pat White (England)
- Presidium member, Sergey Lisitsyn (Russia)

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Story 2001-02: Separation of women and men

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In a few situations women and men will no longer participate in the same championships.

At the WTBA Congress 8 June in Aalborg, Denmark it was decided to separate the women and the men in the World Championships at different locations and in different years from and with 2005.

The World championships 2003 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia will be the last championships where both women and men are present at the same time.

A few days later the delegates of the EZ Congress decided a similar solution for the European Championships - also from and with 2005.

The decision to separate the women and the men in different championships is in effect for the World Championships and the European Championships only. No other championships are influenced on the decision.

Counting for both the World Championships and the European Championships there will be a championship every second year instead of every fourth year, but only with one of the sexes every fourth year.

The frequency of championships from and with 2005 will be as follows:
2005: European Men Championships and World Women Championships
2007: European Women Championships and World Men Championships
Etc. every second year

The reason for the separation of the women and the men in the World Championship is the size of the championships, where more and more federations are participating. The 1999 World Championships in Abu Dhabi, UAE was nearly three weeks long even the championships was conducted in a 40 lane centre. Since 1987 no World Championships has been conducted in a European country (primarily as a consequence of the need of many lanes).

The reason to separate the women and the men in the European Championships is the same as the reason to separate the women and the men in the World Championships. The 2001 European Championships in Aalborg, Denmark was two weeks long in a 30 lanes centre.

In the future it will be possible to conduct a World Championships in less than two weeks and a European Championships in a little more than one week. In addition the number of potential hosts will be much higher, since the requirements of the sizes of the centres have decreased.

The host of the European Men Championships 2005 will be Moscow, Russia and the host of the World Women Championships 2005 will be Aalborg, Denmark.

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Story 2001-03: European Bowling Tour 2002

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The concept World Ranking System was established by the World Tenpin Bowling Association in 1999, from the beginning divided in three sub-systems, each for each of the three zones (America, Asia and Europe).

The first ranking-system was conducted in 2000, for the World Ranking System European Zone consisting of 9 tournaments. In 2001 the first World Bowling Masters was conducted in Abu Dhabi, UAE based on the 2000 ranking standings in the three zones (top 8 women and top 8 men from each zone was participating in Abu Dhabi).

In 2001 the second issue of the World Ranking System European Zone is ongoing, at this moment with 6 out of 10 tournaments conducted. Again the system will be followed by a World Bowling Masters, which in 2002 will take place in the Dominican Republic.

The WTBA World Ranking Committee is working on a changed concept for the World Ranking System to combine the three sub-systems to one World Bowling Tour. There will still be a number of issues to solve and decide upon before a common system is borne and at this moment its therefore known, that the concept of sub-systems will continue with a third issue in 2002 followed by a World Bowling Masters in 2003.

To increase the marketing value of the European sub-system, to compare the system with tours in other sports and simply for easy reference the ETBF Presidium has decided that the 2002 issue of the World Ranking System European Zone will be named European Bowling Tour.

We expect to distribute invitation material to potential organizers and their federations before the end of July and we furthermore expect the row of tournaments included in the European Bowling Tour 2002 to be known at the latest in the beginning of October.

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Story 2001-04: New EYC format

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At the EZ Congress 10 June it was decided to change the format of the European Youth Championships and the European Youth Cup Teams.

Previously the format of the European Youth Championships was as follows:

Doubles, 6 games

Trios, 6 Games

Team, 6 games

Top 16 final playing another 6 games

The new format of the European Youth Championships is as follows:

Doubles, 6 games

Trios, 6 games

Team, 6 games

All Events counting the previously played 18 games

Top 12 Masters including a round robin and a stepladder final

By the decisions the format of the European Youth championships are closer to the format of the European Championships for adults, though with some differences. In the youth championships there is no single event, the score from the qualifying games in the disciplines are carried forward to the Masters and there is no position round in the round robin format of the Masters.

The previously format of the European Youth Cup Teams was the traditional round robin team format and no final. The new format will be the round robin Bakers format followed by a top 3 stepladder final.

By the change of the format of the European Youth Cup Teams the format of the youth championship will be the same as the similar championship for adults - the European Cup Teams.

In both occasions the new formats will bring more excitement and a lot of more tight matches to the youth players.

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Story 2001-05: From FIQ/WTBA-EZ to ETBF

Published on 12 July 2001 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen

At the EC Congress 10 June in Aalborg Denmark it was unanimously decided by the delegates to change the name of the European Zone to European Tenpin Bowling Federation.

The whole name of the European Zone was in reality Fédération Internationale des Quilleurs World Tenpin Bowling Association European Zone, sometimes referred to as FIQ/WTBA-EZ, sometimes WTBA-EZ, sometimes FIQ-EZ or sometimes just EZ or European Zone; in any case not an easy name to handle and to market.

By changing the name of our organization to European Tenpin Bowling Federation we have introduced an easy name and a name including the word bowling. In the same way the shortening will always be ETBF leaving no possibilities to express the shortening in different ways.

We hope that the name will be known fast and will be recognizable for all bowlers in a few months.

It's also necessary to mention the importance of a name easy to remember and to understand for people and companies outside the bowling circle. In other words we expect a much higher marketing value of the name European Tenpin Bowling Federation (ETBF).

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Story 2001-06: Welcome to the ETBF website

Published on 12 July 2001 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen

It is a great pleasure for the Presidium of the European Tenpin Bowling Federation to introduce a new website dedicated to tenpin bowling in Europe.

The reason for the new Website is first of all the changed name of the governing body for tenpin bowling in Europe; from FIQ/WTBA European Zone to European Tenpin Bowling Federation.

It has also for a longer period been an idea of the ETBF Presidium to introduce a changed Website with a lighter design and with a far more flexible menu technology, which will give our many visitors an easy access to all available pages at the site.

We hope that you will enjoy the new official website of the European Tenpin Bowling Federation and that you will use the site as an important source of information.

Story 2001-07: EBT 2001 Stop 7

Published on 28 July 2001 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



By the conclusion of Torneo Internacional Ciutat de Barcelona, 9-15 July in Barcelona, Spain, 7 out of 10 ranking tournaments in 2001 in Europe are concluded.

In the men ranking standing Gerry Verbruggen, Belgium continues to be in the leadership with 132 points followed by Patrick Backe, Sweden with 84 points and the European Champion in the men masters event, Anders Öhman from Sweden with 77 points.

In the women ranking standing the leadership is still in the hands of Kamilla Kjeldsen, Denmark with 111 points, now with Bettina Lund also from Denmark with 102 points at the 2nd position and the European Champion in the women masters' event, Kirsten Penny from England with 90 points at the 3rd position.

Looking at the men masters standing, which only includes points from tournaments held in 2001 and which are the actual qualifying list for the World Bowling Masters in Dominican Republic early 2002, the 1st position is also in the hands of Gery Verbruggen with 90 points followed by Anders Öhman with 72 points at the 2nd position and Karl-Peter Greulich from Germany with 55 points at the 3rd position.

In the women master standing Martina Beckel from Germany is placed at the 1st position with 68 points, tightly followed by Bettina Lund with 66 points at the 2nd position, while the 3rd position is shared by three players with 64 points; Linda Haglund from Sweden, Piritta Kantola from Finland and Tanya Petty from Germany.

The 8 best women and the 8 best men in the masters standing at the end of 2001 are qualified for the World Bowling Masters 2002 in Dominican Republic together with top 8 women and top 8 men from the Asian and the American ranking.

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Story 2001-08: ESBC 2001 in Hamburg

Published on 28 July 2001 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen

The 10th issue of the European Senior Bowlers Championships was conducted in Hamburg, Germany early July.

Since its birth in 1992 this event has developed to be an enormous success and a very accretive tournament for veterans all over Europe. In the 10th issue of the tournament 784 participants was present at the lanes in Hamburg.

European Senior Bowlers Championships includes 20 titles (10 for women and 10 for men).

In Hamburg the leading nations was Finland with 6 titles, Germany with 5 titles, Belgium and England with 3 titles each and finally Sweden, Norway and The Netherlands with 1 title each.

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Story 2001-09: New ETBF Rules

Published on 10 August 2001 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen

The first issue of the ETBF Rules are now available.

The ETBF Rules consists of 5 main chapters.

- (1) Statutes
- (2) Regulations
- (3) Rules of order at ETBF Congresses
- (4) Rules for ETBF Championships
- (5) Rules for ETBF Sanctioned Tournaments.

A lot of decisions at the Congress 10 June were influencing the rules of ETBF. In addition to the many changes the rules has been reviewed in general a number of times and finally the lay-out of all chapters has been changed to give the chapters the same lay-out and to establish an easy to use number system of the rules for a future easy reference.

The ETBF Rules are prepared by the ETBF Presidium based on the previous EZ Rules combined with the outcome of decisions at the EZ Congress, 10 June 2001 in Aalborg, Denmark.

The ETBF Rules are available at this site.

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Story 2001-10: Information from the President

Published on 11 August 2001 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen

Let me first thank you all once again for re-electing me as your President.

I promise you that I, together with my colleagues in the Presidium, will do everything to bring bowling in the European Tenpin Bowling Federation (ETBF) at a higher level. We will also support the national federations where-ever we can.

ETBF has been registered with the Chamber Of Commerce in s-Hertogenbosch, The Netherlands as a co-operation with limited liability. The registration number is 17112255.

The meetings in Aalborg were very successful when we talk about the ETBF Congress. All changes that we adopted are incorporated in the ETBF Rules and sent to all of you.

The European Championships were a great success: excellent scores, excellent atmosphere and most important a more than excellent organisation by our friends from the Danish Bowling Federation and the management of the Lovvang Bowling Centre.

What lies ahead of us? The Presidium of the ETBF will meet on 12 and 13 October 2001 in Brussels. I am inviting all of you to send us proposals and ideas so we can discuss them and take the necessary action if needed.

WTBA Presidium has also scheduled its Presidium meeting: on 8 and 9 November 2001 they will meet in Pattaya, Thailand during the AMF World Cup. The Rules Committee of WTBA will also meet in Thailand on 10 and 11 November 2001. FIQ has not scheduled a meeting yet.

The ETBF has giving clinics in various European countries. Technical clinics were just successfully completed in Italy and the Technical Committee is planning to have more clinics in 2001. The Education committee completed a clinic in Turkey and Latvia and is planning for a few more in 2001.

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Story 2001-11: Medal history section

Published on 13 August 2001 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen

With about 500 various pages the largest section of this site is the Medal history section. Click at Medal history at the left menu bar to open the section.

New at the Medal history section in completed information from the following 5 championships:

World Youth Championships

World Games

ESBC

Nordic Championships

Nordic Youth Championships

In total the Medal history section includes information from 20 various championships.

For each of the 20 championships there are three levels of information:

1. Championships

Medallists listed for each of the championships in a category, for instance 11 European Championships and in addition a medal standing for each of the championships.

2. Events

In principal the same as for the championships, but the lists presented are divided in events, for instance the Women Doubles in European Championships and in addition a medal standing for each of the events.

3. Medal Standings

A medal standing for each of the championships with all medals added together and divided in women medals, men medals, mix medals (if any kind of mix events) and an overall total of medals distributed in the specific championship.

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Story 2001-12: EBT 2001 Stop 8

Published on 20 August 2001 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



The 8th of 10 ETBF Ranking Tournaments, the Danish Masters in Copenhagen, has been conducted.

In the men ranking standing Gerry Verbruggen, Belgium is still in a very clear leading position with 162 points followed by Mika Luoto, Finland with 87 points and Anders Öhman from Sweden with 75 points at the 3rd position.

Three Danish players are positioned at the first three positions.

Bettina Lund with 114 points

Iben Tchu with 96 points

Kamilla Kjeldsen with 90 points, shared with Kirsten Penny from England.

The master's standing, which only includes points from tournaments held in 2001, are the actual qualifying list for the World Bowling Masters in Dominican Republic early 2002.

In the men masters division the first three positions are occupied by:

Gery Verbruggen, Belgium with 120 points

Anders Öhman, Sweden with 75 points

Toni Laine, Finland with 58 points

Two stops before the end of the 2001 ranking Gery Verbruggen is already qualified for the World Bowling Masters 2002 in Dominican Republic.

At the first position of the women master's standing is

Bettina Lund from Denmark with 78 points

Martina Beckel from Germany with 71 points

Linda Haglund from Sweden with 70 points

The 8 best women and the 8 best men in the masters standing at the end of 2001 are qualified for the World Bowling Masters 2002 in Dominican Republic together with top 8 women and top 8 men from the Asian and the American ranking.

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Story 2001-13: Two new member federations in ETBF

Published on 1 September 2001 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen

Welcome to Bulgaria and Gibraltar as new member federations of the European Tenpin Bowling Federation.

With the adoption of two new member federations in the European Tenpin Bowling Federation the number of member federations of ETBF is 44.

By the adoption of the two new European member federations the sport of tenpin bowling World-wide is passing an important limit, since the total number of member federations in the World Tenpin Bowling Association is growing from 99 to 101.

The number of member federations in the Asian Bowling Federation is 27 and the number of member federations in the American Zone is 30.

Story 2001-14: Ranking standing per 1 September

Published on 1 September 2001 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



The ETBF Ranking Standing as of 1 September is as follows:

Women's ranking

Bettina Lund, Denmark - 99 points

Iben Tchu, Denmark - 84 points

Martina Beckel, Germany - 71 points

Men's ranking

Gery Verbruggen, Belgium - 120 points

Anders Öhman, Sweden - 75 points

Tore Torgersen, Norway - 68 points

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Story 2001-15: Gerth Bettinger passed away

Published on 3 September 2001 by Addie Ophelders



Gerth Bettinger, as we will remember him

Always in good mood
With his life and energy dedicated to our sport

In memoriam

It is with great sorrow, that I have to inform you about the passing away of our dear friend Gerth Bettinger. Gerth died last Saturday 1 September 2001 at the age of 72.

Gerth was not only a great man in the German Bowling Federation where he was an Honorary Member, but he gave many years of his life and of his expertise to the bowling community worldwide and to the European Tenpin Bowling Federation especially.

Gerth served many years on the Presidium of the ETBF as a member and from 1991 to 1997 as Vice President.

Personally I will deeply miss Gerth as a very close and dear friend; he has taught me a lot and I will always be grateful for that.

On behalf of all his bowling friends worldwide I wish his wife and family all the strength they need to help them through this very sad period.

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Story 2001-16: Men medallists in the ECI 2001

Published on 9 September 2001 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen

In the first one game match of the men stepladder final at the 24th European Cup Individuals in Moscow Russia, Kim Asbjörn Haugen from Norway was defeating Lars Öager from Denmark 221 against 200. Lars Öager became the bronze medallist of the ECI 2001,

Nick Froggatt from England became the gold medallist of the ECI 2001 by defeating Kim Asbjörn Haugen in the final two game match, 395 (200+195) against 370 (205+165).

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Story 2001-17: Women medallists in the ECI 2001

Published on 9 September 2001 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen

In the first one game match of the women stepladder final at the 24th European Cup Individuals in Moscow Russia, Lisa John from England made a high score game at 258 against the 205 game for Michaela Göbel from Germany, who became the bronze medallist of the ECI 2001.

Lisa John became the gold medallist of the ECI 2001 by defeating Bettina Lund from Denmark in the final two game match, 469 (232+237) against 430 (249+181).

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Story 2001-18: European Bowling Tour 2002

Published on 21 September 2001 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



The tournaments to be included in the European Bowling Tour 2002 have been selected by the ETBF Presidium.

The following 13 tournaments will be included in EBT 2002, which is the European part of the World Ranking System 2002.

Stop	Date	Country	Tournament
1	07.01-13.01	Finland	Ballmaster Open
2	21.01-27.01	France	5th Brunswick Open
3	24.02-03.03	Switzerland	Swiss International
4	29.03-01.04	Sweden	Sweden Les Lion Cup 2002
5	06.05-12.05	Greece	Athens Open International
6	18.05-26.05	Denmark	Aalborg International 2002
7	19.06-23.06	Malta	2002 Malta International Open
8	08.07-14.07	Spain	24 Trofeo Ciutat de Barcelona
9	14.07-21.07	Italy	The 1st Champions Tournament
10	07.08-11.08	Denmark	Danish Masters
11	27.08-01.09	Netherlands	The Brunswick Open
12	09.10-13.10	Israel	6th Israel Open
13	02.12-08.12	Sweden	Kungsbacka International Tournament

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Story 2001-19: World Cup 2001 Schedule

Published on 22 September 2001 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen

The schedule of the 37th AMF World Cup is now prepared by the AMF World Cup Office.

The tournament will take place in Pattaya, Thailand with the first activities for the players to take place Saturday 3 November and the last to take place 10 November. Arrival and departure dates 2 and 11 November.

Schedule	
Friday, 2 November	Arrival of Competitors Acclimatization and Unofficial Practice Ball Control
Saturday, 3 November	Arrival of Competitors Acclimatization and Unofficial Practice Ball Control Bowler's Briefing Meeting
Sunday, 4 November	Official Practice Ball Control Rehearsal for Opening Ceremony Women's First 8 Games
Monday, 5 November	Men's First 8 Games Women's Second 8 Games
Tuesday, 6 November	Women's Third 8 Games Men's Second 8 Games
Wednesday, 7 November	Men's Third 8 Games
Thursday, 8 November	Men's Top 24 - First 8 Games Women's Top 24 - First 8 Games Men's Top 24 - Second 8 Games Women's Top 24 - Second 8 Games
Friday, 9 November	Quarter Finals: Women's Top 8 Quarter Finals: Men's Top 8
Saturday, 10 November	Men's and Women's Semi and Final Matches Presentation of trophies Victory banquet
Sunday, 11 November	Departure of all Competitors

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Story 2001-20: Ranking standing per 1 October

Published on 1 October 2001 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



The ETBF Ranking Standing as of 1 October 2001 is available.

Since the last ranking points from tournaments held in 2000 is eliminated the ranking standing and the masters standing will be the same. The separated ranking standings and masters standing are therefore combined to one ranking standing for the rest of 2001.

Women's ranking

Bettina Lund, Denmark - 78 points
Martina Beckel, Germany - 71 points
Linda Haglund, Sweden - 70 points

Men's ranking

Gery Verbruggen, Belgium - 120 points
Anders Öhman, Sweden - 75 points
Toni Laine, Finland - 58 points

The top 8 from each division will qualify for the World Bowling Masters 2002 in Dominican Republic.

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Story 2001-21: National Bowling Centre in Schiedam

Published on 8 October 2001 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen

The official opening of the National Bowling Centrum in Schiedam, The Netherlands took place Saturday 6 October.

Opening speeches were made by Dick Oostdam, President of the Netherlands Bowling Federation, Lia Fievet, President of the Board of the centre, Chris Mijnsbergen, Manager of the centre, Addie Ophelders, President of the European Tenpin Bowling Federation Hans Blankert, President of the Netherlands Olympic Committee, whom honoured NBF with his presence.

The National Bowling Centrum is a unique project which involves the Netherlands Bowling Federation as one of the owners and a very active partner. The 16 lane centre with a spectator panorama view at the lanes is dedicated to the sport of tenpin bowling.

From ETBF we will congratulate the Netherlands Bowling Federation with the National Bowling Centrum - a project we know that the federation has been working hard for in years. The office of the Netherlands Bowling Federation is an integrated part of the building of the centre.

The national teams of The Netherlands, adult as well as youth) showed their skills at the opening ceremony in Schiedam.

The manager of the National Bowling Centrum in Schiedam is Chris Mijnsbergen, the former Director of the Netherlands Bowling Federation.

The Netherlands Bowling Federation will host the European Cup Individuals in September 2002 in the National Bowling Centrum.

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Story 2001-22: ETBF Technical Delegates

Published on 21 October 2001 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen

At the ETBF Presidium meeting 12-13 October in Brussels it was decided to appoint the three ETBF Technical Delegates Anders Lennström, Sweden, Axel Frehde, Germany and René Exelmans, Belgium as ETBF Senior Technical Delegates.

At the same time the ETBF Presidium decided to appoint two new ETBF Technical Delegates, Igor Rybkin, Russia and Pini Hershkovich, Israel.

As a consequence of the still growing number of member federations in Europe more tasks are added to the ETBF Technical Committee. We therefore welcome the two new ETBF Technical Delegates in their duties for tenpin bowling in Europe.

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Story 2001-23: EBT 2002 prize money

Published on 21 October 2001 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



Euro 2.000 will be awarded to the highest ranked woman and the highest ranked man at the end of the European Bowling Tour 2002. The last tournament in the European Bowling Tour 2002 is Kungsbacka International Tournament in Sweden to be held in the beginning of December 2002 as tour stop 13.

It's the first time it is possible for players participating in the European ranking system (named the European Bowling Tour as of 1 January 2002) to earn prize money in the tour it-self and we believe that the prize money will increase the interest of the tour even more.

The introduction of the EBT 2002 prize money was decided by the ETBF Presidium at its meeting 12-13 October in Brussels.

Find more information about the European Bowling Tour 2002 by clicking at Tournaments and then Ranking at the left menu bar.

Story 2001-24: EBT 2002 lane movements

Published on 21 October 2001 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



To ensure equal conditions for all players in the European Bowling Tour 2002, new tournament rules concerning players per lane and lane movements were decided by the ETBF Presidium at its meeting held on 12-13 October in Brussels.

The rules, which will be in effect as of 1 January 2002, are mandatory for the EBT 2002 tournaments but also recommended to be used by all other tournaments sanctioned by the ETBF Tournament Committee. The rules are presented below as Article 13 in the EBT Rules.

13.1

All EBT Tournaments must follow the rules for the number of players per lane and lane movements.

13.2

It is the obligation of each tournament organizer to decide the number of players per lane in the qualifying squads.

13.3

Once decided the same number of players per lane must be in effect in all qualifying squads.

13.4

In case of fewer players available at a lane than the pre-determined number of players per lane in all qualifying squads, pacers must be used to ensure equal conditions for all players in all qualifying squads.

13.5

Players starting the first game at the same lane are following each other in the rest of the qualifying squad.

13.6

All players must change the pair of lanes after each game in a qualifying squad.

13.7

All players in a qualifying squad must play at a number of lane pairs equal to the number of games in the qualifying squad. The only exception is when the number of lane pairs in the centre is less than the number of games in the qualifying squad. In that case it is allowed for the players to return to a pair of lanes, where they already have played.

13.8

It is the obligation of each tournament organizer to decide whether all players are moving to the right pair of lanes after each game, whether the players at the left lane are moving left and the players at the right lane are moving right or the players are moving more than one pair of lanes left, right or all in the same direction.

13.9

Once decided, the same method of lane movement must be in effect in all qualifying squads.

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Story 2001-25: EBT 2001 Stop 9

Published on 23 October 2001 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



The ETBF Ranking Standing 2001 after 9 out of 10 tournaments is available.

Women's ranking

Bettina Lund, Denmark - 108 points

Martina Beckel, Germany - 89 points

Linda Haglund, Sweden, 73 points

Men's ranking

Gery Verbruggen, Belgium - 120 points

Anders Öhman, Sweden - 75 points

Tore Torgersen, Norway - 68 points

The last ranking tournament in 2001 is Israel Open to be conducted 24-28 October in Netanya.

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Story 2001-26: New ECI format

Published on 24 October 2001 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen

The ETBF Presidium is introducing a changed format of the European Cup Individuals.

The reason for a format change is the same as for the many changes of championship formats in these years; The growth of the number of participants and as a result of that the problems in finding hosts with centres of the right size, more days to be used and increased costs, both for participating federations and for the hosts.

It's a fact that the ECI is the event in Europe where most federations are sending athletes. It is obvious to the Presidium that the ECI will continue to grow in the coming years, probably with a number of participating federations higher than 40, which makes even a 20 lane centre useless, which again results in adding more days to the event - even in larger centres.

To reduce the number of days to be used and to avoid problems in creating reasonable match-play squads the ETBF Presidium is introducing a new ECI format with effect from the ECI 2002.

The primary change of the format is the elimination of the Round Robin format from the very beginning of the championship. It is the Round Robin, which causes the need of a centre large enough to let everyone of the same sex play at the same time and it is the Round Robin that is the reason for more days to be added even if the centre is large enough. Every time one player is added one or two rounds more are played in the Round Robin, meaning ½ or 1 hour more of playing time.

The New ECI Format

Three qualifying rounds for all players

Each qualifying round over 8 games; in total 24 games in the qualification

Top 8 after the qualification to play a single elimination (best of 3 games)

Advantages

Even a 14 lane centre can handle up and till 42 federations

The duration of the championship will never be more than 7 days including the day of arrival and the day of departure

Each federation will never need more than 6 hotel nights

The costs for the host will be known far in advance and will only be marginally influenced by the number of participants

Difficulties with Round Robin schedules, where the squads have to be split, will never occur

The format is - because of the many qualifying games - fair to the players

The single elimination format is very exciting and easy to present for TV Stations

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Story 2001-27: Information from the President

Published on 29 October 2001 by Addie Ophelders

On 12 and 13 October 2001, the Presidium of the ETBF had its meetings. As we agreed earlier, I promised to inform you about the proceedings. I will report briefly on some of the items we discussed.

www.bowling-ez.com was the old name of our successful Website. The name has been changed to www.etbf.dk. The old name, however, will be kept until the end of 2003. If you select the old domain, you will be automatically connected with the new Website.

The World Ranking System European Zone will be renamed European Bowling Tour (EBT). During the calendar year 2001, 9 tournaments participated in the WRS European Zone. The average entry was 246. For the year 2002, the EBT will consist of 13 tournaments. At the end of 2002 prize money will be paid to the male and female winner of the EBT 2002: Euro 2000 each. For more information click at Tournament and then ranking at the left menu bar.

New membership is expected soon from Portugal and Rumania. Potential new members are Azerbaijan and Moldavia.

The Technical Staff of ETBF now consists of: Rene Exelmans (Belgium), Axel Frehde (Germany) and Anders Lennström (Sweden) as Senior Technical Delegates and Pini Hershkovich (Israel) and Igor Rybkin (Russia) as Technical Delegates.

The Instructors of the ETBF are: Jack Groenberg (Israel) and Leo Klitte (Denmark) as Senior Coaching Instructors.

The next WTBA Presidium meeting will be on 8 and 9 November 2001 in Pattaya, Thailand. If federations have questions for the WTBA Presidium, do not hesitate to inform me and/or Kim Thorsgaard Jensen.

Ukraine was unable to host the EGC 2002. The Presidium of ETBF is glad with the fact that Latvia, Riga is willing to take over. You will be informed about the dates as soon as possible.

The Presidium of ETBF is studying a new handicap format for the European Gold Cup. The new format, about which you will be informed soon, will be effective at the EGC in 2002 in Latvia.

The Presidium is grateful towards the German Bowling Federation for hosting the European Team Cup 2002. The ECT will be held in the first week of July in the city of Berlin.

The European Youth Championships will be held in Rome, Italy. The dates mentioned earlier (23-31 August 2002) are not correct. You will be informed very soon about the correct dates.

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Story 2001-28: EBT 2001 completed

Published on 30 October 2001 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



After the conclusion of Israel Open the European ranking system 2001 is completed and the 8 women and the 8 men finalists from Europe for the World Bowling Masters 2002 in The Dominican Republic are found.

Thanks to Christer Jonsson from Sweden, who have been in charge of the ranking standings and all updated lists throughout the whole year.

The women top 8 finalists for WBM 2002			
No	Name	Federation	Points
1	Bettina Lund	Denmark	108
2	Martina Beckel	Germany	89
3	Kirsten Penny	England	81
4	Linda Haglund	Sweden	73
5	Iben Tchu	Denmark	72
6	Tanya Petty	Germany	70
7	Andrea Mirschel	Germany	65
8	Piritta Kantola	Finland	64
The first three substitutes for WBM 2002			
9	Farida Pascoal	The Netherlands	53
10	Kamilla Kjeldsen	Denmark	39
11	Françoise Pari	Switzerland	29

The men top 8 finalists for WBM 2002			
No	Name	Federation	Points
1	Gery Verbruggen	Belgium	120
2	Tore Torgersen	Norway	86
3	Anders Öhman	Sweden	75
4	Toni Laine	Finland	58
5	Karl-Peter Greulich	Germany	55
6	Petri Mannonen	Finland	52
7	Patrick Backe	Sweden	46
8	Peter Aahlen	Sweden	44
The first three substitutes for WBM 2002			
9	Mika Luoto	Finland	43
10	Robert Andersson	Sweden	39
11	Achim Grabowski	Germany	37

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Story 2001-29: World Cup 2001

Published on 13 November 2001 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen

The 37th World Cup held in Pattaya, Thailand is completed.

Both finals showed bowling of an excellent quality and both champions won their finals 2-0 with scores over 500 in the two games.

Women's Top 4

1. Nachimi Itakura, Japan
2. Liza Del Rosario, The Philippines
3. Krystal Scott, USA
4. Ros Greiner, The Netherlands

Nachimi Itakura defeated Liza Del Rosario 2-0 in the final match (247 vs. 224 in the first game and 257 vs. 224 in the second game).

In the first Semi Final was Krystal Scott defeated by Liza Del Rosario (214 vs. 207 in the first game and 216 vs. 206 in the second game), while Ros Greiner was defeated by Nachimi Itakura 2-1 (258 vs. 224 in the first game, 223 vs. 226 in the second game and 227 vs. 205 in the third game) in the second Semi Final.

Men's Top 4

1. Kim Haugen, Norway
2. Ahmed Shaheen, Qatar
3. Hirofumi Morimoto, Japan
4. Daniel Falconi, Mexico

Kim Haugen defeated Ahmed Shaheen in the final match 2-0 (238 vs. 216 in the first game and 290 vs. 186 in the second game).

In the first Semi Final was Hirofumi Morimoto defeated by Kim Haugen 2-0 (259 vs. 232 in the first game and 225 vs. 223 in the second game), while Daniel Falconi was defeated by Ahmed Shaheen 2-1 (235 vs. 244 in the first game, 205 vs. 186 in the second game and 259 vs. 257 in the third game) in the second Semi Final.

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Story 2001-30: EBT 2002 reduced

Published on 13 November 2001 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



The European Bowling Tour 2002 is reduced from 13 to 12 tournaments, since Swiss International is cancelled for financial reasons.

Find below the changed tour including revised numbers of the tour stops.

Stop	Date	Country	Tournament
1	07.01-13.01	Finland	Ballmaster Open
2	21.01-27.01	France	5 th Brunswick Open
3	29.03-01.04	Sweden	Sweden Les Lion Cup 2002
4	04.05-12.05	Greece	Athens Open International
5	18.05-26.05	Denmark	Aalborg International 2002
6	19.06-23.06	Malta	2002 Malta International Open
7	08.07-14.07	Spain	24 Trofeu Ciutat de Barcelona
8	14.07-21.07	Italy	The 1 st Champions Tournament
9	07.08-11.08	Denmark	Danish Masters
10	27.08-01.09	Netherlands	The Brunswick Open
11	09.10-13.10	Israel	6 th Israel Open
12	02.12-08.12	Sweden	Kungsbacka International Tournament

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Story 2001-31: WTBA Presidium meeting

Published on 17 November 2001 by Addie Ophelders

On 8 and 9 November 2001, the Presidium of WTBA had its meeting in Pattaya, Thailand. The European Tenpin Bowling Federation (ETBF) was represented by Addie Ophelders, President and Kim Thorsgaard Jensen, Vice President of ETBF.

I would like to report (briefly) about some of the subjects we discussed.

(1)

We agreed that the Zone Presidents would ask their member federations about the intentions to go to Ecuador for the extra FIQ Congress meeting. I have asked our federations in the meantime and am awaiting their answer.

(2)

WTBA is investigating at the moment how to get incorporated. They have asked advice from a legal firm called: Hammond Suddards & Edge based in London. This company is also investigating the liabilities from WTBA (and ETBF) when they sanction tournaments.

(3)

There are still questions concerning approved bowling balls. The list is published on www.bowl.com. The WTBA and ETBF Websites are linked to that homepage. The list of approved bowling balls will be kept up-to-date by ABC/WIBC as they are the testing facility of WTBA.

(4)

The idea to have a World Bowling Tour has been put in the refrigerator. The Zones continue with their own ranking system; in Europe it is called, as you know, The European Bowling Tour. In the year 2002, 12 tournaments are participating in the European Bowling Tour. They can all be found on our website.

(5)

The next WTBA Presidium meeting is scheduled from 8 - 10 March 2002 in Germany. The city will most probably be Frankfurt. I will keep you informed.

(6)

Information about a number of WTBA events is not confirmed yet, but as soon as I have the information, I will inform you through our Website.

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Story 2001-32: The period of the EYC 2002 is changed

Published on 9 December 2001 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen

The period of the European Youth Championships 2002 in Rome, Italy has changed.

The period is changed to 19-28 July, where 19 July is the arrival day and 28 July is the departure day.