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Story 2002-01: ETBF Presidium meeting

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The next meeting in the ETBF Presidium will be held 8-9 February at the Belson Hotel in Brussels, Belgium.

Should there be any questions or comments to the ETBF Presidium from the ETBF Federations, please send your question or comment to the ETBF Secretary General, Rune Widell in due time before the meeting.

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Story 2002-02: EBT 2002 Stop 1

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The first stop in the European Bowling Tour 2002, Ballmaster Open in Finland, is concluded.

The standing after the 1st stop in the EBT 2002 is as follows:

EBT 2002 Women

Bettina Lund, Denmark - 30 points
Tanya Petty, Germany - 21 points
Katriina Kukkula, Finland - 18 points

EBT 2002 Men

Kimmo Lehtonen, Finland - 30 points
Teemu Raatikainen, Finland - 21 points
Olli Tiainen, Finland - 18 points

The ongoing ranking standing in the European part of the World Ranking system is as follows:

Ranking standing women

Bettina Lund, Denmark - 138 points
Tanya Petty, Germany - 91 points
Martina Beckel, Germany - 84 points

Ranking standing men

Gery Verbruggen, Belgium - 120 points
Tore Torgersen, Norway - 86 points
Anders Öhman, Sweden - 75 points

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Story 2002-03: ECT 2002 in Mülheim

Published on 18 January 2002 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen

The Date and venue for the European Cup Teams 2002 is now set for German Mülheim, which is situated close to Essen and Düsseldorf. The centre is Joe´s Super Bowling in Mülheim and the official hotel is Scandic hotel Essen.

The championships will take place in the period 29 June - 7 July, with 29 June as the last day of arrival and 7 July as the day of departure.

The 2000 issue of the European Cup Teams was conducted in Israel Netanya, with Finland as the gold medallists in both divisions, England and Denmark at the silver and bronze positions in the women's division and Sweden and Italy at the silver and bronze positions in the Men's division.

Find more information related to the ECT 2002 by clicking at Championships in the left menu bar, then Coming and then 2002.

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Story 2002-04: WRM 2002 in Aalborg

Published on 20 January 2002 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen

Since The Dominican Republic withdraw their undertaking to be the host of the 2nd World Ranking Masters 2002 the WTBA Presidium has been working to find an alternative solution. A final agreement with a new host is now established, meaning that that the WRM 2002 will take place in Danish Aalborg in Lovvang Bowling Centre.

The WRM 2002 will take place in the period 26 May - 30 May, with 26 May as the last day of arrival and 30 May as the day of departure.

The 2001 issue of the World Ranking Masters was conducted in Abu Dhabi, UAE with the following top three positions:

Women

1. Jesmine Ho, Singapore
2. Iben Tchu, Denmark
3. Wang Yu Ling, Chinese Taipei

Men

1. Sunny Hui, Hong Kong
2. Bandar Al-Shafi, Qatar
3. Ahmed Shaheen, Qatar

Story 2002-05: EBT 2002 Stop 2

Published on 30 January 2002 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



Stop 2 in the European Bowling Tour 2002, Brunswick Open in France, is concluded.

The standing after the 2nd stop in the EBT 2002 is as follows:

EBT 2002 Women

Bettina Lund, Denmark - 60 points
Tanya Petty, Germany - 31 points
Isabelle Saldjian, France - 21 points

EBT 2002 Men

Kimmo Lehtonen, Finland - 30 points
Gery Verbruggen, Belgium - 30 points
Göran Carlsson, Sweden - 24 points

The ongoing ranking standing in the European part of the World Ranking system is as follows:

Ranking standing women

Bettina Lund, Denmark - 168 points
Tanya Petty, Germany - 101 points
Martina Beckel, Germany - 84 points

Ranking standing men

Gery Verbruggen, Belgium - 150 points
Tore Torgersen, Norway - 86 points
Anders Öhman, Sweden - 75 points

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Story 2002-06: Mika Luoto in the WRM

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It will not be possible for Karl-Peter Greulich (Germany) to participate in the World Ranking Masters 2002 to be held in Aalborg, Denmark. Karl-Peter Greulich will be replaced by Mika Luoto from Finland.

After this change the WRM 2002 participants from Europe are as follows.

The women top 8 finalists for WRM 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 men top 8 finalists for WRM 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	Petri Mannonen	Finland	52
6	Patrick Backe	Sweden	46
7	Peter Aahlen	Sweden	44
8	Mika Luoto	Finland	43

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Story 2002-07: EBT 2002 from 12 to 11

Published on 16 February 2002 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



After a wish from the organizer of Israel Open, the tournament is removed from the European Bowling Tour 2002.

Israel Open still exists as an international ETBF Tournament in 2002 outside the tour.

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	02.12 - 08.12	Sweden	Kungsbacka International Tournament

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Story 2002-08: Estonia is a new member in ETBF

Published on 23 February 2002 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen

Estonia is the 43rd member of the European Tenpin Bowling Federation. The newest member of the ETBF family has about 100 members.

Tenpin bowling is a very new sport in Estonia starting in 1997-98. At this moment 13 centres with 88 lanes in total are open for members of the Estonia Bowling Association.

ETBF welcomes the newest member federation in Europe!

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Story 2002-09: Changed EGC Rules

Published on 1 March 2002 by Rune Widell

For the European Gold Cup 2002 the ETBF Presidium decided at its recently meeting by consensus to amend the rule 4.8.4 to read as follows:

The handicap used during the EGC will be based on 80% of the difference between the reported average and 180. It will be limited to 15 pins maximum.

If the average of the past season is higher than the average of the current season, the average of the past season will be used for calculation of the EGC handicap.

The handicap will be re-rated after the first 12 games of competition (doubles and the first block of singles) and will be based on 80% of the difference between the average of the 12 games and 180. It will be limited to 15 pins maximum.

It was also decided by consensus to include a new rule 4.8.6.e and f reading:

The pin fall (including handicap) will be carried forward from the first two blocks of 6 games in the singles qualification.

The pin fall from the qualification games will not be carried forward to the round robin.

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Story 2002-10: ECT 2002 technical info

Published on 14 March 2002 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen

The Technical information related to the European Cup Teams 2002 has been prepared by the ETBF Senior Technical Delegate René Exelmans and now published in 4 documents:

Technical Delegate Report

Technical Bulletin

Certification Report

Lane Dressing

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Story 2002-11: EGC 2002 technical info

Published on 14 March 2002 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen

The Technical information related to the European Gold Cup 2002 has been prepared by the ETBF Senior Technical Delegate René Exelmans and now published in 4 documents:

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Story 2002-12: EBT 2002 Stop 3

Published on 5 April 2002 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



The third stop in the European Bowling Tour 2002, Swedish Les Lion Cup 2002, is concluded.

The standing after the 3rd stop in the EBT 2002 is as follows;

EBT 2002 Women

Bettina Lund, Denmark - 60 points
Patricia Schwarz, Germany - 40 points
Tanya Petty, Germany - 31 points

EBT 2002 Men

Kimmo Lehtonen, Finland - 35 points
Mika Luoto, Finland - 33 points
Petter Hansen, Norway - 30 points
Gery Verbruggen, Belgium - 30 points

The ongoing ranking standing in the European part of the World Ranking system is as follows:

Ranking standing women

Bettina Lund, Denmark - 156 points
Kirsten Penny, England - 81 points
Martina Beckel, Germany - 66 points

Ranking standing men

Gery Verbruggen, Belgium - 130 points
Tore Torgersen, Norway - 82 points
Anders Öhman, Sweden - 76 points

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Story 2002-13: MCC 2002 in Spain

Published on 15 April 2002 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen

France was the big successor at the recently concluded Mediterranean Challenge Cup 2002 in Barcelona, Spain. France did participate for the first time in this regional championship for countries situated at or in the Mediterranean Sea.

Three Gold medals, Two Silver medals and two Bronze medals ended the MCC 2002 for France; One Gold medal in the women's doubles by Alexandra Combes and Karen Jost, one Gold medal in the men singles by Bertran Pujol and one Gold medal in the men's masters; also by Bertran Pujol.

Sue Abela - one of the most winning players in the five years history of MCC - took two Gold medals for Malta by winning the women's singles and the women's masters.

The last two Gold medals went to Greece - in the team event by Christina Fontinia, Esmeralda Kaltsou, Leonidas Maragos and Dimitris Karetsos and in the men's doubles by Leonidas Maragos and Dimitris Karetsos.

Find more details of the MCC 2002 medallists by clicking at Medal history, then Regional and then MCC at the left menu bar.

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Story 2002-14: Jacky Felsenstein passed away

Published on 18 April 2002 by Addie Ophelders



In memoriam

It is with deep regret that I have to inform you that our friend Jacky Felsenstein passed away 17 April. Jacky suffered a fatal heart attack. Jacky leaves behind his wife and three sons and a great number of friends.

The bowling world lost one of its great friends and workers for the game that he loved so much. Jacky would have been 59 years in August.

Jacky Felsenstein was Vice President of Fédération Internationale des Quilleurs, member of the ETBF Presidium and President of the Belgian Tenpin Bowling Federation.

On behalf of the entire bowling family I pay my deepest respect and sympathy to his relatives.

Jacky will be deeply missed for his friendship, expertise and his humour.

May he rest in peace!

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Story 2002-15: EYT 2002 technical info

Published on 7 May 2002 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen

The Technical information related to the European Youth Championships 2002 has been prepared by the ETBF Senior Technical Delegate Anders Lennström and now published in 5 documents:

Oli-pattern

Machine set

OH-View

Approved bowling balls as of 1 May 2002

Technical Bulletin

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Story 2002-16: WTTC 2002

Published on 13 May 2002 by Rune Widell

According to the Statutes the WTBA World Tenpin Team Cup shall be conducted every second year within the time frame between 1 October and 1 December. However, this year for various reasons, the hosts which had originally planned to organise the WTTC have had to refrain from doing so.

As it has not been possible at such short notice to find someone willing to take over the hosting of the event, the WTBA Presidium regrets to inform you that it will not be possible to organise the WTBA World Tenpin Team Cup 2002 before the end of 2002. Further actions will be discussed at the WTBA Presidium meeting on 22 - 23 October 2002.

Story 2002-17: EBT 2002 Stop 4

Published on 15 May 2002 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



Stop 4 in the European Bowling Tour 2002, Athens Open International 2002, is concluded.

The standing after the 4th stop in the EBT 2002 is as follows:

EBT 2002 Women

Bettina Lund, Denmark - 70 points

Patricia Schwarz, Germany - 40 points

Annemiek van den Boogart, The Netherlands - 36 points

EBT 2002 Men

Gery Verbruggen, Belgium - 60 points

Kimmo Lehtonen, Finland - 35 points

Mika Luoto, Finland - 33 points

The ongoing ranking standing in the European part of the World Ranking system is as follows:

Ranking standing women

Bettina Lund, Denmark - 166 points

Kirsten Penny, England - 81 points

Iben Tchu - Denmark - 54 points

Ranking standing men

Gery Verbruggen, Belgium - 130 points

Tore Torgersen, Norway - 85 points

Anders Öhman, Sweden - 76 points

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Story 2002-18: EGC 2002

Published on 31 May 2002 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen

The 26th European Gold Cup was conducted in Riga, Latvia 20-26 May 2002.

The championship medals was distributed as follows

Mix Doubles

Gold Medal: Marita German and Raymond Falzon from Malta

Silver Medal: Anna Parasaki and Dimitris Psarakis from Greece

Bronze Medal: Cinzia Valentini and Guiseppe de Chiara from Italy

Singles Women

Gold Medal: Cinzia Valentini from Italy

Silver Medal: Sophie Hare from France

Bronze Medal: Anna Parasaki from Greece

Singles Men

Gold Medal: Guiseppe de Chiara from Italy

Silver Medal: Andrius Pocius from Lithuania

Bronze Medal: Laszlo Lacsek from Hungary

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Story 2002-19: WRM 2002

Published on 31 May 2002 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen

The 2nd World Ranking Masters was conducted in Aalborg, Denmark 26-30 May 2002.

Awards was distributed as follows

Women Division

Position 1: Jennifer Tan, Singapore

Position 2: Jesmine Ho, Singapore

Position 3: Clara Juliana Guerrero, Colombia

Position 3: Diandra Hyman, USA

Men Division

Position 1: Gery Verbruggen, Belgium

Position 2: Anders Öhman, Sweden

Position 3: Saeed Hadi Al-Hajri, Qatar

Position 3: Mika Luoto, Finland

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Story 2002-20: EBT 2002 Stop 5

Published on 31 May 2002 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



The 5th stop in the European Bowling Tour 2002, Aalborg International 2002, is concluded.

The standing after the 5th stop in the EBT 2002 is as follows:

EBT 2002 Women

Bettina Lund, Denmark - 76 points
Tanya Petty, Germany - 49 points
Patricia Schwarz, Germany - 42 points

EBT 2002 Men

Gery Verbruggen, Belgium - 64 points
Sami Konsteri, Finland - 48 points
Petter Hansen, Norway - 35 points
Kimmo Lehtonen, Finland - 35 points
Mika Luoto, Finland - 35 points

The ongoing ranking standing in the European part of the World Ranking system is as follows:

Ranking standing women as of 01.06

Bettina Lund, Denmark - 169 points
Kirsten Penny, England - 81 points
Iben Tchu - Denmark - 60 points

Ranking standing men as of 01.06

Gery Verbruggen, Belgium - 113 points
Tore Torgersen, Norway - 100 points
Anders Öhman, Sweden - 67 points

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Story 2002-21: EBT 2002 Stop 6

Published on 25 June 2002 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



The 6th stop in the European Bowling Tour 2002, Vodafone Malta Open Championships, is concluded.

The standing after the 6th stop in the EBT 2002 is as follows:

EBT 2002 Women

Bettina Lund, Denmark - 82 points

Tanya Petty, Germany - 49 points

Annemiek van den Boogaart, The Netherlands - 48 points

EBT 2002 Men

Gery Verbruggen, Belgium - 64 points

Sami Konsteri, Finland - 48 points

Anders Öhman, Sweden - 43 points

The ongoing ranking standing in the European part of the World Ranking system is as follows:

Ranking standing women as of 01.07

Bettina Lund, Denmark - 124 points

Annemiek van den Boogaart, The Netherlands - 60 points

Tanya Petty, Germany - 55 points

Ranking standing men as of 01.07

Gery Verbruggen, Belgium - 94 points

Tore Torgersen, Norway - 72 points

Mika Luoto, Finland - 60 points

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Story 2002-22: Technical clinic in Florida

Published on 10 July 2002 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen

The ETBF Technical Delegates Anders Lennström, Rene Exelmans, Axel Frehde and Dr. Pini HersHKovitz were in the middle of June sent by the ETBF Presidium to a clinic at the Kegel headquarter in Sebring Florida, USA.

Also present was the Technical Delegates from the American Zone Ruben Ghiragossian, Jim Porter, and Craig Woodhouse.

The clinic lasted for 3 intensive days of work with the very professional team from Kegel headed by John Davis, Don Agent and Jon Binger as instructors.

At the clinic the latest lane conditions according to the new lane surface and new bowling balls together with conditioners and dressing machines were discussed. The clinic included also multiple lane conditions, tournament management; ball and lane check procedures as well as practical work with the Sanction dressing machines.

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Story 2002-23: ETBF Awards

Published on 13 July 2002 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen

The ETBF Presidium is authorised to present a **silver pin** to those officers of ETBF member federations, whom have served the Presidium of their national federation for at least 10 years.

At the ECT 2002 Victory Ceremony a silver pin was presented to two gentlemen representing the German Bowling Federation.

The one award was presented for **Elmar Wilbertz**; honorary President of the German Bowling Federation and honorary member of the DKB.

After having served as President and in other positions of the German Bowling Federation in many years, Elmar Wilbertz was elected as honorary President of the German Bowling Federation in 1997.

The other award was presented for **Albert Lötterle**; President of the German Bowling Federation and DKB. Albert Lötterle has been President of the German Bowling Federation since 1997 and he was elected President of DKB in 2002.

Albert Lötterle has been a member of the board of the German Bowling Federation for more than 15 years and before he became President in 1997 he served as Vice President and before that as responsible for the youth in Germany.

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Story 2002-24: ESBC 2002 in Vienna

Published on 13 July 2002 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen

The 11th ESBC was conducted in Vienna, Austria late June with a record number of not less than 800 participants at the age of 50+.

Finland was the overall successful nation by winning 13 out of 20 possible titles and in total 31 out of 60 possible medals - what a number!

In all 11 ESBC's conducted in the period 1992 - 2002 Finland has in each occasion been the country winning most medals, but never as dominating as this year in Vienna. Probably it will be a record very difficult to beat.

Among the Finnish successors was legendary Eija Krogerus whom won the Masters in Women's group C and the Doubles in Women's group C together with Seija Nurmi. Eija Krogerus took her first international titles at the European Championships 1962 in Besancon, France by winning gold medals in Women's Doubles, Women's Four Team European style and Women's Four Team American style.

Eija Krogerus is one of the most winning bowlers ever and still going very strong participating in the ESBC age group C, which is bowlers of the age 67+. In the 6 games Masters Final of group C the score of Eija Krogerus was 1144 and Eija Krogerus won the ESBC 2002 Masters with an edge of 125 pins down to the silver medallist in the 24 games masters.

The ESBC 2002 medal distribution ended up as follows.

Medals	Gold	Silver	Bronze
Finland	13	8	8
Sweden	3	2	1
Belgium	2	2	0
Netherlands	1	1	0
Denmark	1	0	0
France	0	3	2
Austria	0	2	5
Norway	0	1	1
England	0	1	0
Germany	0	0	3

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Story 2002-25: ECT 2002 in Mülheim

Published on 13 July 2002 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen

The 17th European Cup Teams was conducted in German Mülheim 28 June - 7 July 2002 with a record number of 42 participating teams (16 female teams and 26 male teams). For the first time in the history of the ECT teams from Bulgaria and Belarus was participating.

After 5 days of country versus country matches (240 matches in the women division and 650 matches in the men division) 3 women and 3 men team were ready for the finals to be conducted Saturday 6 July.

Women's Final

The first match in the women's final was won by the team from Finland scoring 399 against the team from England scoring 372. The team from Finland continued to the final match against host nation Germany and after a very tight match decided in the very last frames the team from Finland came out as the winner with a score of 382 pins against the pin fall of 366 for the German team.

ECT 2002 medals in the women's division

Gold: Finland

Silver: Germany

Bronze: England

Winning the ECT 2002 the team from Finland won their fourth ECT gold medal in a row - a very unique and extraordinary series never seen before in the history of the European Cup Teams. Heidi Larnia from Finland has been on the team in all four occasions and being an ECT gold medallist in 1996, 1998, 2000 and 2002 Heidi Larnia indeed deserves to be named the Queen of the ECT.

Men's Final

Throughout nearly the whole tournament, the team from Norway was in the leading position of the 26 team large male field of the ECT 2002. But only a few matches before the end of the qualification the team from Sweden took over the leading position, meaning that the team from Norway should be up against the team from Finland in the first match in the men's final.

Anyhow the team from Norway continued their excellent performance in the ECT 2002 by winning the first match against Finland 411-377 and the final match against Sweden 439-337. The shining team of the ECT 2002 Men's Division indeed was Norway, which took their first ECT medal ever and by that of course also their first ECT gold medal ever. At the team of Norway was Tore Torgersen (the reigning All Event World Champion) and Kim Asbjørn Haugen (the reigning AMF World Cup Champion).

ECT 2002 medals in the men's division

Gold: Norway

Silver: Sweden

Bronze: Finland

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Story 2002-26: EYCT 2003 in Schiedam

Published on 17 July 2002 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen

From NBF (The Netherlands Bowling Federation) the ETBF Presidium has received an application to host the 5th European Youth Cup Teams 2003. The ETBF Presidium has decided to accept the application from NBF and we are of course very grateful that NBF is offering to take over the responsibility of the championships only 9 months before it will be conducted.

The European Youth Cup Teams 2003 will be held in the National Bowling Stadium in Schiedam in the period 8 - 13 March 2003.

You can find more information about the EYCT 2003 under the item Championships / Coming / 2003.

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Story 2002-27: EBT 2002 Stop 7

Published on 17 July 2002 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



The 7th stop in the European Bowling Tour 2002, 24 Trofeu Internacional Ciudad de Barcelona, is concluded.

The standing after the 7th stop in the EBT 2002 is as follows:

EBT 2002 Women

Bettina Lund, Denmark - 112 points
Annemiek van den Boogaart, The Netherlands - 60 points
Tanya Petty, Germany - 49 points

EBT 2002 Men

Gery Verbruggen, Belgium - 64 points
Martin Larsen, Sweden - 59 points
Anders Öhman, Sweden - 55 points

The ongoing ranking standing in the European part of the World Ranking system is as follows:

Ranking standing women as of 14.07

Bettina Lund, Denmark - 154 points
Annemiek van den Boogaart, The Netherlands - 72 points
Tanya Petty, Germany - 55 points

Ranking standing men as of 14.07

Gery Verbruggen, Belgium - 94 points
Robert Andersson, Sweden - 81 points
Tore Torgersen, Norway - 74 points

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Story 2002-28: EYC 2002 in Rome

Published on 29 July 2002 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen

The 16th European Youth Championships held in Rome 19-28 July 2002 is concluded. The championships did in many ways break barriers and pointed at a future where more federations will take part in the competition of medals - later on as the adult level as well.

A new record of participants was achieved with 19 participating countries and 189 participants (84 girls and 105 boys).

Austria took their first gold medal in a youth championship ever by winning the Boys Team event.

Russia took their first medal ever in an elite event (youth and adult) by the silver medal won by Alexandre Silnitchenko in the Boy's Masters.

The girl's team from England was dominating the girls division by winning 4 out of 5 possible gold medals and in addition 3 silver medals and 2 bronze medals.

In the Girls All Event and in the Girls Masters all three medals was won by the English girls and their domination of the 16th EYC was furthermore proven in the Girls Masters by English girls at the 5th and 6th position in addition to the three medals in the discipline.

As always the EYC 2002 was held in a great atmosphere - in between a kind of European song contest for youth bowlers and their supporters - an atmosphere very special for youth championships.

You can find more information of the EYC 2002 under the item Medal history / European / EYC and you can download the completed list of results by clicking at the item Download / Championship lists / 2002 (will be available until the end of 2003).

A lot of records were broken during the EYC 2002 and an updated document including the European records is ready for download - click at Download / Publications / Publications.

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Story 2002-29: WTTC 203 in Denmark

Published on 31 July 2002 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen

The World Tenpin Team Cup was originally decided to be conducted in the second half of 2002, but for various reasons it was impossible to locate a host for this prestigious team event.

For some weeks ago the Presidium of the World Tenpin Bowling Association received an application from The Danish Bowling Federation to host the event and the Presidium has decided to accept the Danish application.

The 5th WTTC will be held in the 24 lane Odense Bowling Centre in the period 15-24 February 2003. In 1998 the 21st European Cup Individuals was hosted by the same centre.

In the World Tenpin Team Cup 16 women and 16 men teams will participate, 5 from each of the three zones and in addition the host country.

From the European Tenpin Bowling Federation the following countries are qualified:

European Women teams

Finland
Germany
England
Italy
Sweden
Denmark (host)

European Men teams

Norway
Sweden
Finland
England
Greece
Denmark (host)

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Story 2002-30: IBAN-Codes for transfers

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We all know that sending money from one place (country) to another place (country) is expensive. Banks nowadays are clever enough to charge us; sometimes they are charging (too) much. Whether we like it or not, we have to pay it, because bringing the money ourselves is not always practical.

Recently I was made aware of the fact that banks are using an IBAN code. I have asked our bank to provide me with the IBAN to reduce the costs of transferring money and speeding up the transfer of money.

The IBAN code for the account of the European Tenpin Bowling Federation is NL25ABNA0452003911. This number will appear from now on at every invoice that we will send. I am asking you to use that number.

At the same time I am advising all hosts of WTBA/ETBF sanctioned/organized tournaments to use also the IBAN code when money has to be transferred: It saves time and money.

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Story 2002-31: WYC 2020 in Thailand

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The 7th World Youth Championships 2002 held on 4-11 August in Pattaya, Thailand - is concluded.

In the first one game match in the Girls Masters Shannon Pluhowsky defeated Korean Ho-Jung Kim 213 vs. 193 and in the final two games match Shannon Pluhowsky came out as the winner again defeating Korean Soo-Yeon Hong 429 (213+216) vs. 390 (212-178).

In the first one game match in the Boys Masters Wu-Siu Hong from Hong Kong defeated Martin Larsen from Sweden 261-191 and Wu-Siu Hong continued his excellent performance by winning the final two games match against Korean Ko-Woon Kim 431 (194+237) vs. 401 (179+222).

Thailand had never been winning any medals in a World Youth Championships before this 2002-issue in their home country, but Thailand came out at the top of the medal standing by winning 3 gold medals (1 gold medal won by 12 years old Angkana Netruiseth in the Girls Singles and 2 gold medals won by Yannaphon Larpapharat in the Boys Singles and in the Boys All Event).

Nine out of the 30 medal sets went to the strong team from Korea winning 1 gold medal, 4 silver medals and 4 bronze medals.

The WYC 2002 medal distribution ended up as follows.

Medals	Gold	Silver	Bronze
Thailand	3	0	0
Sweden	2	0	2
England	2	0	1
Korea	1	4	4
USA	1	2	1
Hong Kong	1	0	1
Australia	0	2	1
Chinese Taipei	0	1	0
Finland	0	1	0

Story 2002-32: EBT 2002 Stop 9

Published on 13 August 2002 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



The 9th stop in the European Bowling Tour 2002, the Danish Masters, is concluded.

After 9 out of 11 tournaments it is now definite, that Bettina Lund from Denmark will be the winner of the women division in the European Bowling Tour 2002 and by that awarded 2.000 € at the end of Kungsbacka Tournament in Sweden (the last stop in the European Bowling Tour 2002).

Bettina Lund is 96 points ahead of the runner up at this moment - Tanya Petty from Germany. Congratulations to Bettina Lund.

In the men division of the European Bowling Tour 2002 nothing is definite yet, since only 45 points differs in between number 1 and number 8.

The standing after the 9th stop in the EBT 2002 is as follows:

EBT 2002 Women

Bettina Lund, Denmark - 160 points

Tanya Petty, Germany - 64 points

Annemiek van den Boogaart, The Netherlands - 60 points

EBT 2002 Men

Gery Verbruggen, Belgium - 90 points

Anders Öhman, Sweden - 78 points

Mika Luoto, Sweden - 65 points

The ongoing ranking standing in the European part of the World Ranking system is as follows:

Ranking standing women as of 12.08

Bettina Lund, Denmark - 190 points

Annemiek van den Boogaart, The Netherlands - 72 points

Tanya Petty, Germany - 70 points

Ranking standing men as of 12.08

Gery Verbruggen, Belgium - 90 points

Robert Andersson, Sweden - 78 points

Anders Öhman, Sweden - 78 points

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Story 2002-33: EGC 2003 in Poland

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The period of the European Gold Cup 2003 is now set as 14-21 May in Poland.

It is not yet decided whether the championships will be held in Poznan or Warsaw.

As soon as information is received about the host city and the period, further information will be published.

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Story 2002-34: ECI 2002 in Schiedam

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The 25th European Cup Individuals, held in Schiedam 2-8 September, is concluded.

The championships were organized in an excellent way and in a very good atmosphere during the whole week.

A new format of the ECI was in effect for the very first time, with 3 X 8 games of qualification and a top 8 single elimination as the conclusion of the tournament, presenting a number of very exiting final matches.

In the women's division the Semi Final winners came out as Mhairi Shaw from Scotland defeating Lisa John - (the ECI 2001 champion) from England 2-0 (194 vs. 178 and 175 vs. 172) and Tanya Petty from Germany defeating Danish Iben Tchu 2-1 (228 vs. 191, 183 vs. 235 and 233 vs. 213). In a very well-played final, Tanya Petty was too strong for Mhairi Shaw winning 2-0 (234 vs. 211 and 222 vs. 202).

The silver medal for Mhairi was the first medal for Scotland ever in a European Championship.

In the men's division the Semi Final presented a lot of very strong games and dramatic moments especially in the match between the ECI 2001 champion Nick Froggatt from England and Dimitrios Karetzos from Greece with Nick Froggatt as the winner of the 3 games long match (210 vs. 257, 234 vs. 203 and 221 vs. 213). In the second match in the Semi Final Jouni Helminen from Finland came out as the winner defeating Norway's Lasse Ingebrigtsen 2-0 (225 vs. 211 and 194 vs. 186).

In the men's final Jouni Helminen presented excellent bowling defeating Nick Froggatt 2-0 (235 vs. 172 and 258 vs. 238).

Story 2002-35: EBT 2002 Stop 10

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The 10th stop in the European Bowling Tour 2002, Dutch Brunswick Open, is concluded.

The standing after the 10th stop in the EBT 2002 is as follows:

EBT 2002 Women

Bettina Lund, Denmark - 175 points

Tanya Petty, Germany - 65 points

Annemiek van den Boogaart, The Netherlands - 60 points

EBT 2002 Men

Gery Verbruggen, Belgium - 108 points

Anders Öhman, Sweden - 78 points

Mika Luoto, Sweden - 65 points

The ongoing ranking standing in the European part of the World Ranking system is as follows:

Ranking standing women as of 01.09

Bettina Lund, Denmark - 205 points

Annemiek van den Boogaart, The Netherlands - 72 points

Tanya Petty, Germany - 71 points

Ranking standing men as of 01.09

Gery Verbruggen, Belgium - 108 points

Robert Andersson, Sweden - 80 points

Anders Öhman, Sweden - 78 points

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Story 2002-36: Commonwealth Championships

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The first Commonwealth Championships ever held was held in Scotland in August 2002.

The championships are now an integrated part of the Medal history service provided at this Site.

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Story 2002-37: EBT 2003 standings

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In the previous ranking years two standings for each sex has been published - one standing for the European Bowling Tour following the calendar year and one standing including points awarded in the last 12 months.

As of the EBT 2003 only one standing will be published per sex - the standing of the European Bowling Tour 2003 following the calendar year.

The changed policy for the standings was decided by the ETBF Presidium at its meeting, held on 20-21 September 2002 in Veghel, The Netherlands.

Story 2002-38: EBT 2003 prize money

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Euro 2.000 will be awarded to the highest ranked woman and the highest ranked man at the end of the European Bowling Tour 2003. The last tournament in the European Bowling Tour 2003 is Kungsbacka International Tournament in Sweden to be held in the middle of December 2003 as tour stop 12.

It's the second time the highest ranked players participating in the European Bowling Tour will be awarded prize money in the tour itself.

The size of the EBT 2003 prize money to be awarded to the highest ranked players at the end of the EBT 2003 was decided by the ETBF Presidium at its meeting, held on 20-21 September 2002 in Veghel, The Netherlands.

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Story 2002-39: European Bowling Tour 2003

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The composition of the European Bowling Tour 2003 has been decided by the ETBF Presidium at a meeting held in Veghel, The Netherlands on 20-21 September 2002.

The following 12 tournaments are making up the European Bowling Tour 2003, which is the European part of the World Ranking System 2003.

Stop	Date	Country	Tournament
1	09.01 - 12.01	Finland	Ballmaster Open
2	23.01 - 02.02	France	6 th Brunswick Open
3	24.03 - 30.03	Greece	Athens Brunswick Open
4	18.04 - 21.04	Sweden	Sweden Les Lion Cup 2003
5	21.05 - 25.05	Denmark	Aalborg International 2003
6	18.06 - 22.06	Malta	Vodafone Malta Open Championships
7	07.07 - 13.07	Spain	25 Trofeu Ciutat de Barcelona
8	06.08 - 10.08	Denmark	Danish Masters
9	28.08 - 31.08	Netherlands	Dutch Brunswick Open 2003
10	20.09 - 28.09	England	British Open Championships
11	07.10 - 12.10	Austria	Vienna Open
12	08.12 - 14.12	Sweden	Kungsbacka International Tournament

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Story 2002-40: EBT 2002 changed standings

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From the organizer of The Dutch Brunswick Open we have received changed standings of the tournament, which are influencing both the EBT 2002 standing for women and the EBT 2002 standing for men.

You can find the updated EBT 2002 standings by clicking at [Tournaments / Tour / Standings](#).

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Story 2002-41: WTBA Presidium meeting

Published on 1 November 2002 by Addie Ophelders

On 22 and 23 October 2002, the Presidium of the WTBA met in Riga, Latvia for their meeting. On de days prior this meeting and on the day after this meeting various committee meetings were held.

Kim Thorsgaard Jensen participated in the meeting of the Tournament Committee and I participated two days in the meeting of the Rules Committee. Rune Widell participated in the meetings of the Rules Committee, the Tournament Committee and the Technical Committee. The three committees had delivered their reports to the WTBA Presidium so they had a chance to look at the proposals and take decisions where necessary.

(1)

The Rules Committee is working on the procedure how to incorporate WTBA. The Statutes need to be changed into: a. MEMORANDUM of ASSOCIATION AND b. ARTICLES of ASSOCIATION. All other documents (Playing Rules, Tournament Organizers Manual, Doping Manual, Contract and/or agreements) will be put in so called BY-LAWS. The Committee is progressing very well and hopes to have their proposals ready to be approved by the WTBA Presidium in March 2003. The proposals will then be sent to the member federations for study and final approval during the Congress of WTBA in September 2003 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

(2)

The Tournament Committee is still working on a new format for the World Championships. It is the idea of the Committee to send their proposals to the member federations BEFORE they are presented to the Congress of WTBA. The new format will NOT be effective before 2004.

(3)

The Technical Committee came after almost two years of study with proposals to the WTBA Committee for their approval. You can find hereunder the proposals that are accepted and thus approved by the WTBA Presidium; I will also list the effective date.

(4)

Effective 1 January 2003, the MULTI LANE DRESSING rule will be in force. The committee proposed two (2) ways of dressing the lanes: SHORT, between 28 and 32 feet and LONG, between 40 and 44 feet. The difference between the two methods should not be less than ten (10) feet. The guideline for the ratio of applying oil will be 1: 2, 5 (crosswise) and always "tapered" (lengthwise). The "5 units of oil" rule will be deleted: in other words, does not exist anymore. The Multi Lane Dressing rule will NOT be used during the WTTC. Only during the World Championships and during the World Youth Championships the new dressing rule will be used. During the next World Championships in 2003 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, the Multi Lane Dressing method however, will NOT BE USED. The new dressing method is only possible if we change the format of the WC; in KL, Malaysia we will bowl according the format that still exists. The WTBA Tournament Committee is working on a new format for the WC, but until that is approved by the WTBA Presidium and the WTBA Congress, it is not effective yet. All of the above is OPTIONAL for the Zones and for International Tournaments.

(5)

During WTBA and ZONE Championships, effective 1 January 2003, six (6) bowling balls per player may be used. The player is allowed to bring as many bowling balls to the competition as he/she wants, but immediately AFTER the official practise, he/she has to make a selection of which bowling balls will be used. The WTBA/ZONE Tournament Technical Committee is the only authority that can allow replacement(s) in case of unforeseen circumstances.

(6)

Lane Conditions set for a Championship (WTBA and/or ZONE) may only be "fine-tuned" by the WTBA/ZONE Technical Delegate PRIOR to the Official Practise. Information about changes will

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be given during the Managers-meeting.

(7)

Effective 1 January 2003 only the bowling balls mentioned on the list, which can be found at: www.bowl.com may be used. The so-called "60 day plus" rule is deleted. In other words the bowling balls mentioned on that list (regardless their approval date) shall be used during WTBA and ZONE Championships.

(8)

From 1 January 2003 until 1 January 2005 a two-year trial period will be used for Bowling ball check. During WTBA and ZONE Championships only RANDOM checks will be held. Every day, bowling balls of the medallists and "random" players will be inspected. Penalties for playing with bowling-balls that do not meet specifications are: medals taken away or, in case of Master Finals, the player will be taken out of competition.

(9)

Altering the surface of the bowling ball

During the INITIAL OFFICIAL PRACTISE, players are allowed to change the whole surface of the bowling balls that they will be using during the championships. This rule will also be effective as of 1 January 2003 and applies to WTBA and ZONE Championships.

(10)

The WTBA Presidium had already in 1999, during the Congress in Abu Dhabi, announced that a proposal to raise the membership fees could be expected. In 2001 during the Congress in Aalborg, Denmark the Presidium did not present a proposal, but during the Congress of 2003 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, a proposal to raise the membership fee will be presented. Details of the proposal will be published later, but a raise of 30 % can be expected. It will be ten (10) years ago that the membership fee was raised.

To lower the costs for hosts of WTBA (and Zone) Championships, a new system will be introduced: Entry fees for championships will go up and an additional fee for WTBA will be raised. A Congress fee will be raised for those participating in Congresses. The Victory Banquette will be OPTIONAL.

(11)

The World Championships 2003 will be held in two (2) bowling centres: Men will bowl in 48 AMF wood lane centre PYRAMID MEGA lanes and the Ladies will bowl in the 32 AMF synthetic lane centre AMPANG SUPERBOWL. This centre is ten minutes away from PYRAMID. The first bulletin will be published very soon.

The Team managers meeting and the Opening Ceremony are planned to be on 9 September 2003. Official practise is on 10 and 11 September 2003; Competition starts on 12 September and ends with Stepladder final and Victory Banquette on 20 September 2003.

The competition for ladies might be a little shorter.

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Story 2002-42: TV programmes in Ukraine

Published on 18 November 2002 by Addie Ophelders

Some of you might know that Ukraine has an extensive TV program. Every week, a TV program called "BOWLING PLANET", shows the events from the All Ukrainian Sports Tenpin Bowling Federation.

The Ukraine Bowling Federation has in the meantime a lot of bowling events on tape (professional carriers). Among others they have tapes of:

1. The Ukrainian Championships
2. The friendship Cup (Ukraine, Byelorussia, Kazakhstan and Russia participating)
3. International Sport Junior Games held in Moscow in June 2002.

The Ukraine Tenpin Bowling Federation is very much interested in similar competitions on tape in the ETBF countries. They would like to show them on their TV program "Bowling Planet".

If you are interested please contact Oleg OLKHOVYY, First Vice President or Nathalie ZHELINSKA at the office of the federation.

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Story 2002-43: WRM 203 qualified

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After the conclusion of Kungsbacka International Tournament 2002 the European Bowling Tour 2002 is completed and the 8 women and the 8 men qualified from Europe for the World Ranking Masters 2003 are found.

The World Ranking Masters will be held in Lake Wales, Florida - USA in the last part of July. More details concerning the date of the WRM 2003 to be announced later.

The women top 8 finalists for WRM 2003			
No	Name	Federation	Points
1	Bettina Lund	Denmark	179
2	Tanya Petty	Germany	65
3	Kirsten Penny	England	64
4	Britt Brøndsted	Denmark	60
5	Annemiek van den Boogaart	The Netherlands	60
6	Helen Johnsson	Sweden	59
7	Patricia Schwarz	Germany	53
8	Iben Tchu	Denmark	53
The first three substitutes for WRM 2003			
9	Krista Pöllänen	Finland	51
10	Reija Lundén	Finland	49
11	Ros Greiner	The Netherlands	46

The men top 8 finalists for WRM 2003			
No	Name	Federation	Points
1	Gery Verbruggen	Belgium	111
2	Anders Öhman	Sweden	79
3	Mika Luoto	Finland	68
4	Martin Larsen	Sweden	61
5	Göran Carlsson	Sweden	57
6	Thomas Gross	Austria	53
7	Sami Konsteri	Finland	52
8	Robert Andersson	Sweden	51
The first three substitutes for WRM 2003			
9	Tore Torgersen	Norway	50
10	Peter Aahlen	Sweden	48
11	Petter Hansen	Norway	45

Story 2002-44: EBT 2002 winners

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The 11th and last stop in the European Bowling Tour 2002, Kungsbacka International Tournament 2002, was concluded earlier today.

By the conclusion of the tour the European Tenpin Bowling Federation is able to announce the EBT 2002 winners, which formally took place at the end of the tournament in Kungsbacka at a short ceremony held at the end of the tournament.

Each of the winners Bettina Lund from Denmark in the women's division and Gery Verbruggen from Belgium in the men's division (presented at the picture above) was awarded a prize of 2.000 Euro.

Bettina Lund won the women's division in a very sovereign way with a total of 179 points before Tanya Petty from Germany with 65 points at the second position and Kirsten Penny from England with 64 points at the third position. Bettina Lund was third ranked in Europe in 2000 and first ranked in Europe in 2001.

Also Gery Verbruggen won the men's division in a convincing way with 111 points before Anders Öhman from Sweden with 79 points at the second position and Mika Luoto from Finland with 68 points at the third position. Gery Verbruggen was first ranked in Europe both in 2000 and in 2001 as well.