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Story 2011-01: EBT 2011-01

Published on 9 January 2011 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



The 12th EBT season took, as in all other EBT seasons, off in Helsinki, where the 41st issue of Ballmaster Open, in 2011 again named Brunswick Ballmaster Open, was conducted in the early days of January 2011.

The tournament, which in 2011 for the first time is organized by the operator of Tali Bowling Centre (the OY Bowling AB), was attended by 406 players, who played as much as 858 entries. Both numbers is the second highest for Ballmaster during the 12 years of EBT history.

For the second year in a row, the tournament offered a very classic final format, starting with 48 bowlers, playing 8 games starting from scratch, followed by a 16 persons round robin, where the players carried their pin fall from the first 8 games forward, ending up with a 4 persons stepladder final, consisting of three matches, all over one game.

As always the tournament in Helsinki was loaded with top athletes from many corners of the World, but at the end only four of them was left back for the stepladder final, where their performance gave the following final outcome of the tournament.

Match 1

Kimmo Lehtonen, Finland - 224

Mika Koivuniemi, Finland – 235

Match 2

Paul Moor, England -196

Mika Koivuniemi, Finland - 279

Match 3

Sean Rash, USA - 191

Mika Koivuniemi, Finland - 236

Mika Koivuniemi did the same as he did last year, namely coming from a position 4 to beat all three opponents in the stepladder final; what a mental strength to be able to do that two years in a row!

By his victory in the Brunswick Ballmaster Open in 2011, Mika Koivuniemi joined the very honourable club of players having won the Ballmaster Open three times.

Mika Koivuniemi became the 4th (1998, 2010 and 2011) of the exclusive club, only consisting of Finns, having won the Ballmaster Open three times. The other members are Simo Vähä-Korpela (1983, 1984 and 1993), Lasse Lintilä (1988, 2003 and 2006) and Pasi Uotila (2000, 2004 and 2009).

The Uotila family has won most, namely 4, since Father Allo Uotila won in 1975 and son Pasi additional three times as mentioned above.

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Only 12 non Finnish players have won the tournament since its beginning in 1971, and the last 15 times it has been won by Finnish players only. We must go as far back as 1996 to find the last non Finnish player to win the tournament, namely Tore Torgersen from Norway.

Legendary Paeng Nepomuceno from The Philippines (winner in 1985) has so far been the only Non-European winner of the Ballmaster Open, despite many top players from outside Europe has participated the latest years.

The men's division of the EBT 2011 is topped by Mika Koivuniemi from Finland with 150 points, followed by Sean Rash from USA with 120 points at position 2 and Paul Moor from England with 105 points at position 3.

Being the only women in the top 16 of the tournament, Krista Pöllänen from Finland is leading the women's division of the EBT 2011 with 150 points, followed by Carolyn Dorin-Ballard from USA with 120 points at position 2 and the 2010 tour winner Nina Flack from Sweden with 105 points at position 3.

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Story 2011-02: EBT 2012 invitation released

Published on 30 January 2011 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



The ETBF Presidium has opened for applications from organizers, who want their tournaments adopted in the European Bowling Tour 2012, the 13th consecutive year of the tour.

The ultimate deadline for organizers to apply is Friday 17 June 2011. Shortly after the deadline, the composition of the EBT 2012 will be published.

The ETBF Presidium has decided to continue with the 4 known categories, namely EBT Satellites, EBT Silver, EBT Gold and EBT Platinum, all detailed below.

Various definitions in use in the category presentations:

Entry Value:

The entry value is a ratio used to evaluate the interrelation between the size of the prize fund and the entry fee. It is calculated as the total prize fund divided with the maximum primary entry fee.

Prize fund:

All prize money allocated for individual players in the international part of the tournament.

Clash:

A tournament, ending in for instance the same weekend when another tournament is beginning its first squads, is an overlap and not a clash.

EBT Satellite Tournaments

The prize fund must be minimum € 20.000

The entry value must be minimum 150

An EBT Satellite Tournament cannot clash with tournaments in any of the other categories

EBT Satellite Tournaments can clash with each other, but normally only if they are scheduled with a suitable geographical distance

The ranking point table will be in use with a factor 1

The organizers' EBT Fee is € 1.500

EBT Silver Tournaments

The prize fund must be minimum € 40.000

The entry value must be minimum 225

An EBT Silver Tournament cannot clash with any other EBT Tournament

The ranking point table will be in use with a factor 2

The organizers' EBT Fee is € 2.500

EBT Gold Tournaments

The prize fund must be minimum € 60.000

The entry value must be minimum 325

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An EBT Gold Tournament cannot clash with any other EBT Tournament
The ranking point table will be in use with a factor 3
The organizers' EBT Fee is € 4.000

EBT Platinum Tournaments

The prize fund must be minimum € 100.000
The entry value must be minimum 500
An EBT Platinum Tournament cannot clash with any other EBT Tournament
The ranking point table will be in use with a factor 5
The organizers' EBT Fee is € 5.000

A tournament can enter for the first time in the tour, only in the categories EBT Satellite or EBT Silver.

To achieve the EBT Gold or the EBT Platinum status, the tournament must have been adopted at least once in a previous EBT.

There will be a maximum of 3 tournaments from a federation in total for the categories EBT Platinum, EBT Gold and EBT Silver.

There is in principle no limit of the number of EBT Satellites from the same federation in the tour, but the number will, with considerations for the general tour calendar, be regulated by the ETBF Presidium from year to year.

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Story 2011-03: EBT Masters 2011 participants

Published on 7 February 2011 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



16 women and 16 men will participate in the 4th edition of the EBT Masters, which will be held in Ljubljana, Slovenia on 11-12 April 2011 in Bowling Centre Gladiator Arena.

The EBT Masters 2011 will be held after the conclusion of the Qubica/AMF Open 2011, conducted in the same centre, on 5-10 April 2011.

In each division of the EBT Masters, there will be 18 games of qualification, divided in 3 squads of 6 games. The field will then be reduced to 8 players, continuing, with the pin fall from the qualification carried forward, into a 7 games round robin final. The two Masters will be crowned after a total of 23 games, including bonuses from the 7 final matches.

Players participating in the EBT Masters 2011 are the highest ranked bowlers in each division by the conclusion of the European Bowling Tour 2010. No excuses have been received in the women's division, while four players in the men's division have been replaced.

EBT Masters 2011 Women's Division

Nina Flack, Sweden (1)
Joline Persson-Planefors, Sweden (2)
Krista Pöllänen, Finland (3)
Nicki Ainge, England (4)
Mai Ginge Jensen, Denmark (5)
Rebecka Larsen Jr., Sweden (6)
Kamilla Kjeldsen, Denmark (7)
Wendy Kok, The Netherlands (8)
Nicole Sanders, The Netherlands (9)
Ghislaine van der Tol, The Netherlands (10)
Priscilla Maaswinkel, The Netherlands (11)
Lisanne Breeschoten, The Netherlands (12)
Rikke Holm Agerbo, Denmark (13)
Tina Hulsch, Germany (14)
Nina Manninen, Finland (15)
Helén Johnsson, Sweden (16)

EBT Masters 2011 Men's Division

Mika Koivuniemi, Finland (2)
Osku Palermaa, Finland (3)
Gery Verbruggen, Belgium (5)
Thomas Larsen, Denmark (6)
Paul Moor, England (7)
Peter Ljung, Sweden (8)
Mike Fagan, USA (9)
Tore Torgersen, Norway (10)
Mathias Aarup, Sweden (11)
Dennis Eklund, Sweden (12)
Jesper Agerbo, Denmark (14)
Perttu Jussila, Finland (16)

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Martin Larsen, Sweden (17)

Parker Bohn III, USA (18)

Chris Loschetter, USA (19)

Mads Sandbækken, Norway (21)

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Story 2011-04: Viborg International Cancelled

Published on 11 February 2011 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



Due to unforeseen circumstances for the leadership of Viborg International 2011, it has been necessary to cancel the tournament.

All financial commitments to ETBF has been well taking care of by the organizer and no other financial obligations exist for the tournament, since the cancellation happens in due time.

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- 17 / 27.09-02.10: 9th Columbia 300 Vienna Open in Austria (Gold)
- 18 / 08.10-16.10: Ebonite Lahti Open in Finland (Silver)
- 19 / 05.11-13.11: 2nd Torneo Internazionale di Roma in Italy (Satellite)
- 20 / 16.11-20.11: English Open in England (Silver)
- 21 / 10.12-16.12: Qatar Bowling Open in Qatar (Platinum)

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Story 2011-05: EYC 2013 to Austria

Published on 14 February 2011 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen

The ETBF Presidium has, at its recent meeting in Munich, decided to award the hosting of the European Youth Championships 2013 to Austria.

The championships will be conducted in Plus Halle in Vienna in the period of 23 March to 1 April 2013.

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Story 2011-06: Single condition in EBT Masters

Published on 15 February 2011 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen

The ETBF Presidium has, as of 2012, decided to return to lanes dressed with only one condition in the final of the European Bowling Tour, the EBT Masters.

Originally, dual lane conditions were introduced in the EBT Masters, following dual lane conditions already in use during the previous World Ranking Masters.

In the meanwhile, far most organizers of tournaments in the European Bowling Tour have decided to keep a single lane condition in their tournaments, and as a consequence the Presidium has decided to conduct also the EBT Masters on a single lane condition in the future.

The EBT Masters 2012, which is the final of the ongoing EBT 2011, will be conducted in Munich, Germany on 30 April and 1 May 2012. This EBT Masters will, as the first, be played on a single lane condition.

The upcoming EBT Masters 2011, which is the final of the EBT 2010, will be conducted in Ljubljana, Slovenia on 11-12 April 2011. This EBT Masters will be the last to be played on dual lane conditions.

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Story 2011-07: Sampsa Ahokas passed away

Published on 21 February 2011 by Addie Ophelders

It is with deep sorrow that I have to inform you that Mr. Sampsa Ahokas from Finland passed away on 12 February 2011 at the age of 84.

Sampsa was a member of the ETBF Presidium from June 1989, when he was elected in s'Hertogenbosch, The Netherlands until June 1997 in Nottingham, England when he stepped down.

Sampsa was a typical Fin who did not talk much, but when he talked, it always made sense. He was also a man with humour. One of his contributions to the sport of Bowling in Europe was his work for the tournament rules in ETBF. For his work he was awarded in 1995 the ETBF Gold Pin.

Our thoughts go to his wife Liisa and relatives.

Sampsa will be remembered as a man with a great hart for our bowling sport.
May he rest in peace!

Story 2011-08: EBT 2011-02

Published on 22 February 2011 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



Pawel Bielski became the first Polish player ever to win a stop in the European Bowling Tour, which for him became a reality after a strong victory in the 5th International Wroclaw Open by Hammer; the 2nd stop of the EBT 2011.

The victory of Pawel Bielski was not less impressing, due to the fact that he came from a position 4 in the stepladder final, defeating Alessandro Silletti from Italy 224-194 in the first step, Denis Eklund from Sweden 194-168 in the second step and finally Oliver Blase from Germany 471 (245+226) vs. 416 (183+233) in the third step of the final.

Daria Pajak, also from Poland, added another historical element to the tournament, when she, from a position 15 in the tournament, became the first Polish players to be the highest ranked in the women's division of a tour stop.

The two Finish players, Mika Koivuniemi and Krista Pöllänen are continuously in the lead of the men's, respectively the women's divisions of the EBT 2011.

Story 2011-09: Cherie Tan in the Masters

Published on 5 March 2011 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



Due to a change in a date of an examination, Priscilla Maaswinkel from The Netherlands had to skip her spot among the 16 qualified in the women's division of the EBT Masters 2011.

Fortunately it was possible for Cherie Tan from Singapore to overtake the spot with a very short notice, ensuring that both divisions will be complete.

The EBT Masters 2011 will be held on 11-12 April 2011 in Bowling Centre Gladiator Arena in Ljubljana - Slovenia, just after the conclusion of the Qubica/AMF Open 2011, which will be conducted in the same centre on 5-10 April 2011.

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Mike Fagan, USA (9)
Tore Torgersen, Norway (10)
Mathias Aarup, Sweden (11)
Dennis Eklund, Sweden (12)
Jesper Agerbo, Denmark (14)
Perttu Jussila, Finland (16)
Martin Larsen, Sweden (17)
Parker Bohn III, USA (18)
Chris Loschetter, USA (19)
Mads Sandbækken, Norway (21)

Story 2011-10: EBT 2011-03

Published on 7 March 2011 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



The tour veteran, Gery Verbruggen from Belgium, proved that he still is atop of the game, when he took the title during the Hammer Bronzen Schietspoel Tournament 2011, the 3rd stop of the European Bowling Tour 2011.

Gery Verbruggen was already leading the overall list of highest ranked men before the tournament in Tilburg, where he added the 13th title and another highlight to his long and dedicated career.

Gery Verbruggen's victory came after a four persons final over two games, where he in a very tight fight won with a score of 473 (221+252) over Jesper Agerbo from Denmark with 471 (212+259), Paul Moor from England with 451 (215+236) and Timo Schröder from Germany with 395 (182 +213).

Tanya Cuva from Germany became, from a position 7 in the tournament, the highest ranked women in a tour stop for the 8th time in her career.

Paul Moor from England overtook the leading position of the men's division of the tour with 175 points (70 points in Tilburg) in front of Mika Koivuniemi from Finland at position 2 with 150 points (not present in Tilburg) and Sean Rash from USA at position 3 with 120 points (not present in Tilburg).

None of the top 3 players of the women's division was present in Tilburg, where Krista Pöllänen from Finland is leading with 150 points in front of Carolyn Dorin-Ballard from USA with 120 points and Nina Flack from Sweden with 105 points.

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Story 2011-11: BEC on Eurosport 2

Published on 11 March 2011 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen

It is announced, that Brunswick Euro Challenge, Stop 04 of the European Bowling Tour 2011, will be broadcast on Eurosport 2 on Thursday 14 April 2011 at 22.00 (CET time).

The final of Brunswick Challenge will be played on Sunday 13 March in Plaza Saint Maximin, some 40 km North of Paris, France.

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Story 2011-12: EBT 2011-04

Published on 13 March 2011 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



The Brunswick Euro Challenge, the 4th stop of the European Bowling Tour 2011, became another of the great tournaments in the history of the EBT, when not less than 998 entries, divided between 395 players, was played in the tournament in Plaza Bowling in Saint Maximin, situated some 40 km North of Paris, France.

998 played entries is the third highest number ever played in a tournament in the European Bowling Tour, only passed by the record, made during the Brunswick Ballmaster Open last year in Helsinki, where 1.056 entries were played and during the Brunswick Euro Challenge, also played last year, where 1.042 entries were played.

The final of the excellent tournament became an all women affair, between Clara Guerrero from Colombia and Carolyn Dorin-Ballard from USA, with Clara Guerrero as the winner with 229 vs. 204.

In the first match of the stepladder final of the tournament, Clara Guerrero defeated Syafiq Radhwan from Malaysia 235 – 224.

Being the highest ranked man in the tournament, Syafiq Radhwan was awarded 250 points, which brought him from zero points to the leading position of the tour. Osku Palermaa from Finland is at position 2 with 234 points (115 points in St. Maximin) and Gery Verbruggen from Belgium is at position 3 with 232 points (120 points in St. Maximin).

With 200 points being awarded in the tournament, Carolyn Dorin-Ballard moved into the leading position of the women's division with 320 points, with Krista Pöllänen from Finland at position 2 with 275 points (125 points in St. Maximin) and Clara Guerrero at position 3 with the 250 points, she was awarded in St. Maximin.

Story 2011-13: EBT 2011-05

Published on 20 March 2011 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



The ninth issue of one of the two annual Barcelona based stops in The European Bowling Tour, the Catalonia Open - Trofeu Galasa, was conducted this week with 111 participants attending.

The first step of the final became an all Danish affair, between the two club mates, Jesper Agerbo and Thomas Larsen (the winner of the VIII Catalonia Open - Trofeu Galasa in 2010), with Jesper Agerbo as the winner with a score of 237 vs. 184 for Larsen.

In the final, Jesper Agerbo was matched against the highest ranked after the semi-final, Brian Voss from USA, who ended the tournament as the winner after a 235 – 190 win over Agerbo. Voss became the highest ranked in an EBT Stop for the second time.

By the 70 points awarded to Thomas Larsen, he went, for the first time in his career, into the lead of the European Bowling Tour. Tomas Larsen has collected 292 points at position 1 with still going very strong Gery Verbruggen from Belgium (the tour winner 2000-2003) at position 2 with 262 points (30 points in Barcelona) and Syafiq Ridhwan from Malaysia at position 3 with 250 points (not attending in Barcelona).

Joline Persson-Planefors from Sweden became, from a position 6 in the tournament, the highest ranked women in a tour stop for the first time in her career. With the 100 points won in the tournament, Persson-Planefors jumped into position 6 with 186 points.

Carolyn Dorin-Ballard from USA is continuously leading the women's division of the tour with 320 points (not attending in Barcelona), followed by Clara Guerrero from Colombia at position 2 with 278 points (28 points in Barcelona) and Krista Pöllänen from Finland at position 3 with 275 points (not attending in Barcelona) at the following positions.

Story 2011-14: Name change in Rome

Published on 23 March 2011 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



The organizer of Stop 19 in the European Bowling Tour 2011 has announced a changed name of the tournament, from the 2nd Torneo Internazionale di Roma to the 2nd Roma International. This brings the name of the tournament in line with the name of the first edition of the tournament, held in 2010.

The tournament will unchanged be conducted on 5-13 November 2011 in Brunswick Bowling in Rome, Italy.

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Story 2011-15: Birgit Pöppler in the Masters

Published on 3 April 2011 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



During the IX Catalonia Open - Trofeu Galasa in Barcelona, Nicki Ainge from England was injured, which unfortunately later have forced her not to bowl for a period.

As a consequence, Nicki Ainge is unable to participate in the EBT Masters 2011, where she will be replaced by Birgit Pöppler from Germany.

The EBT Masters 2011 will be held on 11-12 April 2011 in Bowling Centre Gladiator Arena in Ljubljana - Slovenia, just after the conclusion of the Qubica/AMF Open 2011, which will be conducted in the same centre on 5-10 April 2011.

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Martin Larsen, Sweden (17)
Parker Bohn III, USA (18)
Chris Loschetter, USA (19)
Mads Sandbækken, Norway (21)

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Story 2011-16: EBT 2011-06

Published on 3 April 2011 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



Osku Palermaa from Finland took the title in the 6th Stop of the European Bowling Tour 2011, the 2nd Track Dream-Bowl Palace Open 2011, when he defeated the very talented young Swedish Player Johan Helldén 523 (278+245) vs. 470 (214+246) in the two games final.

In the foregoing semi-finals, Osku Palermaa won against his fellow countryman, Kimmo Lehtonen, 516 (300+216) vs. 443 (226+217), while Johan Helldén defeated Paul Moor from England 459 (236+223) vs. 390 (201+189).

By the victory, Osku Palermaa, the three times tour winner 2007-2009, became the highest ranked man in a tour stop for the 9th time in his career.

Osku Palermaa also overtook the leading position of the men's division of the European Bowling Tour 2011 with 334 points (100 points in Munich), in front of Thomas Larsen from Denmark at position 2 with 308 points (16 points in Munich) and Gery Verbruggen from Belgium at position 3 with 262 points (not playing in Munich).

From position 11 in the final tournament standing, Kamilla Kjeldsen from Denmark became the highest ranked women in a tour stop for the 11th time in her career, bringing her to a 3rd position of the overall list of top ranked women since the tour started in 2000.

Carolyn Dorin-Ballard is still atop of the women's division in the European Bowling Tour with 320 points (not playing in Munich), with Mai Ginge Jensen from Denmark at position 2 with 287 points (70 points in Munich) and Clara Guerrero from Colombia at position 3 with 278 points (not playing in Munich).

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Story 2011-17: EBT 2011-07

Published on 10 April 2011 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



The Great Finn, Mika Koivuniemi, took his second tour stop title in 2011, when he defeated Chris Loschetter from USA 279 – 225 in the one game final of the 5th Qubica/AMF Open 2011, Stop 07 of the European Bowling Tour 2011. The tournament was as the previous years conducted in Gladiator Bowling Arena in Ljubljana, Slovenia.

In the foregoing steps of the 5 player's stepladder final, Chris Loschetter was defeating Osku Palermaa from Finland 279-226 and Tore Torgersen from Norway 256-234, while Torgersen defeated Mike Fagan from USA 225-208 in the first match of the stepladder final.

Mika Koivuniemi became the highest ranked man in a tour stop for the 6th time in his career, while Denmark's Mai Ginge Jensen, from a position 8 in the tournament, became the highest ranked women in a tour stop for the 4th time in her career.

Mai Ginge Jensen advanced to a leading position of the women's division in the European Bowling Tour 2011 with 387 points (100 points in Ljubljana), followed by Krista Pöllänen from Finland at position 2 with 355 points (80 points in Ljubljana) and Carolyn Dorin-Ballard from USA at position 3 with 320 points (not present in Ljubljana).

Osku Palermaa kept the top position of the men's division in the European Bowling Tour 2011 with 404 points (70 points in Ljubljana), followed by Thomas Larsen from Denmark with 356 points (48 points in Ljubljana) at position 2 and Gery Verbruggen from Belgium with 306 points (44 points in Ljubljana) at position 3.

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Story 2011-18: EBT Masters 2011

Published on 13 April 2011 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



It became double up for Finland's Mika Koivuniemi, when he won the 4th edition of the EBT Masters, only two days after his victory in Stop 07 of the European Bowling Tour 2011, the 5th Qubica/AMF Open 2011, also conducted in Bowling Centre Gladiator Arena, situated in the Slovenian capital, Ljubljana.

During the two days EBT Masters, the top position in the men's division was exchanged several times between Mika Koivuniemi and Sweden's Martin Larsen, even Mika Koivuniemi two games before the conclusion of the final 8 person's round robin final was in a comfortable 71 pins lead.

Anyway, Martin Larsen overtook the leading position with 19 pins by producing a 300 game in the second last game, while Mika Koivuniemi proved his dedication to claim the title by striking back with his own 300 game in the last game of the competition. Mika Koivuniemi won the title 55 pins ahead of Martin Larsen at position 2, who in his case was 102 pins ahead of USA's Parker Bohn III at position 3.

Cherie Tan from Singapore dominated the women's division from the beginning of the competition to its end.

Cherie Tan was a few pins behind Joline Persson-Planefors from Sweden after the first squad of 6 games, but after the second squad Cherie Tan had a comfortable gap to the rest of the field, which she further enlarged during the rest of the tournament.

By the conclusion of the round robin final, Cherie Tan was crowned with the 2011 Masters title, 172 pins ahead of second positioned Mai Ginge Jensen from Denmark, who in her case was 122 pins ahead of Joline Persson-Planefors at position 3.

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Story 2011-19: EYC 2011 in Munich

Published on 24 April 2011 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen

The 24th edition of the European Youth Championships was conducted in fantastic Dream Bowl Palace in Munich Germany, as always over the Eastern period. The championship organization was well orchestrated by the German Bowling Federation and as always became the EYC a very memorable event.

The championships became also historical, since Iceland took its first medal in a European Youth Championships ever, and obviously its first Gold medal ever, when Arnar David Jonsson defeated German's own Robin Menacher 2-0 (225-209 and 224-175) in the best of three games final match of the Boy's Masters.

In the Girls division the battle for the Masters title ended between England's Autum Chamberlain and Norway's Andrea Hansen, with Chamberlain taking the title 2-0 (230-202 and 211-181).

Besides the always fantastic atmosphere in a youth event, the championships will be remembered for its attendance by a lot of talented young bowlers, promising a very interesting future in European bowling, and a much wider competition among the European federations than seen in many years. The medals were distributed among not less than 12 federations and no federations took more than 2 gold medals.

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Story 2011-20: International Coaching Conference

Published on 2 May 2011 by Onder Gurkan



The European Tenpin Bowling Federation has created very strong educational programs during the last years for the development of bowling. The International Coaching Conference has always been one of our most ambitious dreams for many years as an addition to our educational programs.

The 1st ETBF International Coaching Conference (iCoach 2011) will be the first bowling conference in the European history. It will take place in Kuortane High Performance Training Centre, Finland - the official training centre of ETBF – on 12-13 November 2011.

We invite all levels of coaches to join us to get the latest information about coaching, sports science, psychology, coaching methodology and coaching tools in this unique gathering event for bowling coaches. You can meet other coaches worldwide to share and extend your coaching skills.

ETBF's Educational Committee will also host a Level II clinic before (8-11 November 2011) and the "first" Level III clinic just after (14-18 November 2011) the iCoach conference. Coaches can benefit from combined schedules and pricing.

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Story 2011-21: Tour changes

Published on 5 May 2011 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



Since the Arab Games will be held in Doha, Qatar in December, the Qatar Bowling Federation will change the period of Qatar Bowling Open from 10-16 December 2011 to 23-29 November 2011. The tournament, which is Stop 21 in the European Bowling Tour 2011, is as always conducted in Qatar Bowling Centre.

Due to a sponsorship agreement, the organizer of Stop 19 in the European Bowling Tour 2011 has announced a name change from the 2nd Roma International to the 2nd Ebonite Roma International. The tournament will unchanged be conducted on 5-13 November 2011 in Brunswick Bowling in Rome, Italy.

Tournaments in the EBT 2011:

- 01 / 01.01-09.01: Brunswick Ballmaster Open in Finland (Gold)
- 02 / 14.02-20.02: 5th Internat. Wroclaw Open by Hammer in Poland (Satellite)
- 03 / 27.02-06.03: Hammer Bronzen Schietspoel Tour. 2011 in Netherlands (Silver)
- 04 / 04.03-13.03: Brunswick Euro Challenge in France (Platinum)
- 05 / 15.03-20.03: IX Catalonia Open - Trofeu Galasa in Catalonia (Silver)
- 06 / 30.03-03.04: 2nd Track Dream-Bowl Palace Open 2011 in Germany (Silver)
- 07 / 05.04-10.04: 5th Qubica/AMF Open 2011 in Slovenia (Silver)
- 08 / 07.05-15.05: 8th Istanbul Bowling Open in Turkey (Gold)
- 09 / 22.05-29.05: Bowltech Aalborg International 2011 in Denmark (Gold)
- 10 / 29.05-05.06: Odense International in Denmark (Satellite)
- 11 / 02.07-10.07: 7th San Marino Open in San Marino (Gold)
- 12 / 12.07-17.07: 33 Trofeu Internacional Ciutat de Barcelona in Catalonia (Gold)
- 13 / 15.08-21.08: BNC Open in Slovakia (Silver)
- 14 / 19.08-28.08: Norwegian Open 2011 in Norway (Satellite)
- 15 / 13.09-18.09: Russian Open in Russia (Satellite)
- 16 / 19.09-25.09: Chandra Open 2011 in Netherlands (Satellite)
- 17 / 27.09-02.10: 9th Columbia 300 Vienna Open in Austria (Gold)
- 18 / 08.10-16.10: Ebonite Lahti Open in Finland (Silver)
- 19 / 05.11-13.11: 2nd Ebonite Roma International in Italy (Satellite)
- 20 / 16.11-20.11: English Open in England (Silver)
- 21 / 23.11-29.11: Qatar Bowling Open in Qatar (Platinum)

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Story 2011-22: EBT 2011-08

Published on 15 May 2011 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



For the 7th consecutive time, the Istanbul Bowling Open was conducted under the wings of the European Bowling Tour and as always in very hospitable Time Out Bowling Centre.

The final of the tournament became an all English affair between Paul Moor and Robert Thurlby, with a victory to Rob Thurlby 393 – 386 (212+181 vs. 202+184) in the two games final.

In the foregoing two games Semi Finals, Rob Thurlby defeated Mika Koivuniemi from Finland 426 – 400 (244+182 vs. 168+232), while Paul Moor defeated Lisanne Breeschoten from The Netherlands 385 – 338 (203+182 vs. 169+169).

Rob Thurlby became the highest ranked man in a tour stop for the second time in his career. His first victory came only a year ago in the Brunswick Euro Challenge 2010 in St. Maximin.

The top of the men's division in the tour is a close race, with Osku Palermaa topping the list with 440 points (36 points in Istanbul), followed by Thomas Larsen from Denmark with 431 points (75 points in Istanbul) and Mika Koivuniemi from Finland with 403 points (105 points in Istanbul).

In the Women's division of the tour, Mai Ginge Jensen from Denmark stayed atop with 387 points (not attending the tournament in Istanbul), while Joline Persson-Planefors from Sweden jumped to a second position with 361 points (105 points in Istanbul) and Krista Pöllänen from Finland went one position down with 355 points (not attending the tournament in Istanbul).

Lisanne Breeschoten from The Netherlands became the highest ranked women in a tour stop for the first time in her career, and with the 150 points she earned in Istanbul, she went into position 6 with 302 points in the tour standing.

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Story 2011-23: Name change in Norway

Published on 24 May 2011 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



Due to a sponsorship agreement, the organizer of Stop 14 in the European Bowling Tour 2011 has announced a name change from Norwegian Open 2011 to Linne Norwegian Open 2011. The tournament will unchanged be conducted on 19-28 August 2011 in Veitvet Bowling Centre in Oslo, Norway.

Tournaments in the EBT 2011:

- 01 / 01.01-09.01: Brunswick Ballmaster Open in Finland (Gold)
- 02 / 14.02-20.02: 5th Internat. Wroclaw Open by Hammer in Poland (Satellite)
- 03 / 27.02-06.03: Hammer Bronzen Schietspoel Tour. 2011 in Netherlands (Silver)
- 04 / 04.03-13.03: Brunswick Euro Challenge in France (Platinum)
- 05 / 15.03-20.03: IX Catalonia Open - Trofeu Galasa in Catalonia (Silver)
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- 14 / 19.08-28.08: Linne Norwegian Open 2011 in Norway (Satellite)
- 15 / 13.09-18.09: Russian Open in Russia (Satellite)
- 16 / 19.09-25.09: Chandra Open 2011 in Netherlands (Satellite)
- 17 / 27.09-02.10: 9th Columbia 300 Vienna Open in Austria (Gold)
- 18 / 08.10-16.10: Ebonite Lahti Open in Finland (Silver)
- 19 / 05.11-13.11: 2nd Ebonite Roma International in Italy (Satellite)
- 20 / 16.11-20.11: English Open in England (Silver)
- 21 / 23.11-29.11: Qatar Bowling Open in Qatar (Platinum)

Story 2011-24: EBT 2011-09

Published on 30 May 2011 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



Osku Palermaa did it again; he won the tour stop in Aalborg for the second time in his career and he became the highest ranked man in a tour stop for the tenth time in his career.

The final in Aalborg was this time played as a 6 games competition, with the 4 games played in the preceding step of the final carried forward.

When the players entered the last step of the final, Osku Palermaa was already 106 pins ahead of the second positioned and he never looked back since then. The final became exiting, but for positions 2-12; not for position 1, since Osku Palermaa played in his own division.

Osku Palermaa won the tournament with a score of 2335 pins, followed by Rikke Holm Agerbo from Denmark, being the highest ranked women for the first time in her career, with 2226 pins, Mik Stampe from Denmark with 2211 pins and Stuart Williams from England with 2187 pins at the following positions.

After his sovereign victory in Aalborg, Osku Palermaa enlarged the gap to his nearest positioned opponents in the tour standing, which he leads with 590 points (150 points in Aalborg) in front of Thomas Larsen from Denmark with 440 points (9 points in Aalborg) at position 2 and Mika Koivuniemi from Finland with 403 points (not present in Aalborg) at position 3.

Atop of the women's ranking are still Mai Ginge Jensen from Denmark with 492 points (105 points in Aalborg) and Joline Persson-Planefors from Sweden at position 2 with 481 points (120 points in Aalborg), while Lisanne Breeschoten from The Netherlands is new at position 3 with 374 points (72 points in Aalborg).

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Story 2011-25: Name change in San Marino

Published on 4 June 2011 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



Due to a sponsorship agreement with Storm Europe, the organizer of Stop 11 in the European Bowling Tour 2011 has announced a name change from the 7th San Marino Open to the 7th Storm San Marino Open.

The tournament will unchanged be conducted on 2-10 July 2011 in beautiful and hospitable Rose'n Bowl in Serravalle, San Marino.

"We are very pleased to have Storm Europe sponsor the San Marino Open", stated Adriano Santi, the host of the event and General Manager of Rose'n Bowl. "This year we will have a special separate prize fund for our Italian entries along with the featured € 60.000 prize fund."

This new feature is being co-sponsored by Active Bowling, Storm's Authorized Distributor in Italy. "By having this exclusive prize fund for the Italian bowlers, we are working to build and encourage the competitive bowlers in Italy to come out and compete against some of the best bowlers in the world", noted Gianluca Badiali, owner of Active Bowling.

Tournaments in the EBT 2011:

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- 02 / 14.02-20.02: 5th Internat. Wroclaw Open by Hammer in Poland (Satellite)
- 03 / 27.02-06.03: Hammer Bronzen Schietspoel Tour. 2011 in Netherlands (Silver)
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- 21 / 23.11-29.11: Qatar Bowling Open in Qatar (Platinum)

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Story 2011-26: EBT 2011-10

Published on 5 June 2011 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



Mik Stampe became only the second Dane to claim a tour title, when he won the first issue of the new Satellite tournament, Odense International, conducted on the Danish island Funen as the 10th stop of the European Bowling Tour 2011.

In the final steps, where the pin fall was carried through from the first frame to the last, Mik Stampe ended with a total score of 4008, in front of Paul Stott from Ireland with a score of 3884, Thomas Larsen from Denmark with a score of 3851 and Rikke Holm Agerbo with a core of 3828 at the following positions in the final 8 persons round robin final.

It has been two fantastic weeks for young Stampe, who became Individual Danish Champion on 22 May, no. 3 in Bowltech Aalborg International on 29 May and finally the winner of Odense International on 5 June.

Rikke Holm Agerbo became the highest ranked women in a tour stop for the second time in her career and only inside an 8 days period, since the first came only a week ago in Aalborg.

Nothing changed in the top of the men's ranking of the European Bowling Tour, where Osku Palermaa from Finland is leading with 590 points in front of Thomas Larsen from Denmark with 475 points at position 2 and Mika Koivuniemi from Finland with 403 points at position 3.

Also the top standing of the women's division is unchanged with Mai Ginge Jensen from Denmark at position 1 with 492 points, Joline Persson-Planefors from Sweden at position 2 with 481 points and Lisanne Breeschoten from The Netherlands at position 3 with 374 points.

Story 2011-27: Changes for Russian Open

Published on 7 June 2011 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



The organizer of Russian Open has announced the following main changes:

The tournament will no longer be conducted in Pavlovskiy Posad, but in Moscow, where an agreement has been made with the 30 lane centre; Cosmik Belay Dacha.

The duration of the tournament has been shortened with two days; from 13-18 September 2011 to 15-18 September 2011.

The prize fund has been enlarged from 23.000 to 25.000 €.

Also in 2012, the Russian Open will be conducted in Cosmik Belay Dacha in Moscow.

Tournaments in the EBT 2011:

- 01 / 01.01-09.01: Brunswick Ballmaster Open in Finland (Gold)
- 02 / 14.02-20.02: 5th Internat. Wroclaw Open by Hammer in Poland (Satellite)
- 03 / 27.02-06.03: Hammer Bronzen Schietspoel Tour. 2011 in Netherlands (Silver)
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Story 2011-28: ETBF Congress in Munich

Published on 11 June 2011 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen

The ordinary ETBF Congress was held on 10 June 2011 in Dream Bowl Palace in Munich, Germany.

At the congress, the Vice President of ETBF, Kim Thorsgaard Jensen, was re-elected for a new 4 years period, while Roni Ashkenazi and Sergey Lisitsyn was re-elected as Presidium members for each their 4 years period.

After these elections, the ETBF Presidium consists unchanged of:

Addie Ophelders, The Netherlands - President

Kim Thorsgaard Jensen, Denmark - Vice President

Valgeir Gudbjartsson, Iceland - Presidium member and Secretary General

Roni Ashkenazi, Bulgaria - Presidium member

Sergey Lisitsyn, Russia - Presidium member

Onder Gurkan, Turkey - Presidium member

A proposal from the ETBF Presidium to remove dual lane conditions at ETBF Championships was, by the votes 12-7, not adopted, while the 10 feet rule as the minimum distance between the two conditions was changed to flexible, meaning that the difference in distance as of 1 January 2012 can be less than 10 feet.

The congress adopted a point system for championships, in which teams from Europe will qualify for the World Championships for both genders, meaning the European Women Championships and the European Men Championships in 2012, both counting for the World Championship 2013 qualification.

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Story 2011-29: EMC 2011 in Munich

Published on 18 June 2011 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen

For the third time in only 11 months, the German Bowling Federation and fantastic Dream Bowl Palace in Unterföhring (near to Munich) hosted an international championship.

In August 2010 it was the World Men Championships, in April 2011 it was the European Youth Championships and this time, in June 2011, the European Men Championships was hosted; a fantastic record and a huge work load both for the German federation and the many local volunteer officials from the Munich area and other places in Germany.

In the concluding Masters event in Dream Bowl Palace; Mads Sandbækken from Norway, who was European Masters Champion in 2007, met Thomas Larsen from Denmark in the one Semi Final, with Sandbækken as the winner 2-1 (234-207, 177-216 and 234-222), while the other Semi Final was won by Martin Paulsson from Sweden 2-1 over Finland's Osku Palermaa (178-236, 241-195 and 231-225).

At the end Martin Paulsson took the title after a 2-0 win over Mads Sandbækken in a very tight match in both games; 219 vs. 213 and 179 vs. 177.

Norway Became the best federation in the EMC 2011 with 2 gold medals won in Trios and All Event plus 3 silver medals and 1 bronze medal in addition.

Sweden became the second best federation with 2 gold medals won in Doubles and Masters plus 3 bronze medals in addition.

Denmark became the third best federation with the gold won in Team plus 2 bronze medals in addition.

198 bowlers attend the EMC 2011, which is the second highest number ever and only passed by the 207 bowlers taking part in the EMC 2007 in Vienna.

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Story 2011-30: Bowling on Eurosport

Published on 19 June 2011 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen

The Resource and Development Centre of FIQ announces the following upcoming broadcasts of bowling events on Eurosport 2.

X Catalonia Open - Trofeu Galasa in Barcelona

A 52 minutes programme with highlights of the event will be broadcast on 7 July 2011 from 23.00 to 24.00 CET time.

The 14th Mediterranean Challenge Cup in Barcelona

A 52 minutes programme with highlights of the event will be broadcast on 14 July 2011 from 23.00 to 24.00 CET time.

33 Trofeu Internacional Ciutat de Barcelona

The event will be broadcast live on 17 of July 2011, approximately at 18.00 CET time.

European Men Championships 2011 in Munich

A 52 minute programme with highlights of the event will be broadcast on 21 July 2011 from 22.30 to 23.30 CET time.

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Story 2011-31: EBT 2012 presented

Published on 19 June 2011 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



The ETBF Presidium is proudly presenting the European Bowling Tour 2012, with a record number of 23 tournaments included. The EBT 2012 is presented below and more detailed information of each stop is available in the Tournament Calendar on this site.

Not less than 20 tournaments from the EBT 2011 will continue in the EBT 2012, while 3 new tournaments are added to the tour in 2012, namely Croatia Open 2012 (Satellite) to be conducted in Zagreb in April, Brunswick Italia Challenge (Silver) to be conducted in Asti in June and Brunswick French Open (Silver) to be conducted in Grand Quevilly in October.

The organizer of English Open announces that the tournament WILL be conducted in 2011, but also that the tournament will take a break from the tour in 2012. We hope to be able to welcome English Open back in the EBT 2013.

The 23 tournaments adopted in the EBT 2012 are divided in 4 categories as follows:

EBT Platinum (minimum 100.000 € prize fund): 2 tournaments

EBT Gold (minimum 60.000 € prize fund): 5 tournaments

EBT Silver (minimum 40.000 € prize fund): 9 tournaments

EBT Satellite (minimum 20.000 € prize fund): 7 tournaments

As always, since the beginning of the tour, the first stop is Brunswick Ballmaster Open, presenting the third highest prize pool of 90.300 €, while Brunswick Euro Challenge (Platinum) in France presents the second highest prize pool of 106.000 € and the last stop of the tour since 2007, Qatar Bowling Open (also Platinum), presents the highest prize pool of 125.000 €.

The total prize fund in the EBT 2012, including tour prize money, will be approximately 1.2 million €; an average prize fund of approximately 50.000 € per stop.

The 16 highest ranked women and the 16 highest ranked men, by the conclusion of the ongoing EBT 2011, will qualify for the 5th EBT Masters, which will be hosted by the organizer of the 3rd Dream Bowl Palace Open in Munich on 30 April and 1 May 2012.

As of the EBT 2012 / EBT Masters 2013, the number of finalists in the EBT Masters will be reduced to 12 women and 12 men, with the primary purposes to increase the lowest prize for a finalist from 300 to 600 € and to reduce the duration of the final to 1 day.

The format of the 6th EBT Masters 2013, which will be conducted in Bratislava just after the conclusion of the BNC Open, will be an 11 games Round Robin followed by two one game matches in a three persons Stepladder Final; the EBT Masters 2013 dates will be decided later.

Tournaments in the EBT 2012:

01 / 06.01-15.01: Brunswick Ballmaster Open in Finland (Gold)

02 / 06.02-12.02: 6th Internat. Wroclaw Open by Hammer in Poland (Satellite)

03 / 12.02-19.02: Hammer Bronzen Schietspoel Tour. 2012 in Netherlands (Silver)

04 / 13.03-18.03: X Catalonia Open - Trofeu Galasa in Catalonia (Silver)

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06 / 09.04-15.04: Croatia Open 2012 in Croatia (Satellite)

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Story 2011-32: Special EWC 2012 Setting

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The organizer of the European Women Championships 2012, The Netherlands Bowling Federation, has already done a great deal of preparations before the championships will be conducted in June next year.

First of all an agreement has been made, which will ensure the use of Theatre De Efteling; a theatre situated in Theme Park Efteling, also partnering for the EWC 2012 accommodation, for a special EWC 2012 setting.

In the theatre, which is a huge and very popular building in the Netherlands, two lanes will be temporarily installed, with the purpose to present a whole day of bowling on the last competition day of the championships; Saturday 16 June 2012.

The day in the theatre will begin with the final of the team event, followed by the first Masters Semi Final, the second Masters Semi Final and finally the Masters final to conclude this fantastic day for bowling in Europe.

Indeed a great effort of the Netherlands Bowling Federation to promote our sport in general, and to promote women bowling in specific, both in The Netherlands and in Europe as a whole.

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Story 2011-33: Russian Open extended

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The organizer of Russian Open has added two more days to the beginning of the tournament, where after the duration will be 13-18 September 2011 instead of 15-18 September 2011.

A total of 4 squads have been added, two on 13 September and two on 14 September, all with the primary purpose to attract youth players to the tournament.

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Story 2011-34: EBT 2011-11

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Team Malaysia honoured again the European Bowling Tour with their presence by sending a group of not less than 10 players (6 women and 4 men) to the 7th Storm San Marino Open, conducted in beautiful Rose'n Bowl in Serravalle, San Marino.

And the Malaysian crew was strong enough to occupy 3 out of 4 positions in the Semi Finals, where Adrian Ang defeated the sole European left back, Sweden's Robert Andersson, 458 (233+225) vs. 417 (217+200), while the victory of the other, all Malaysian, Semi Final went to Alex Liew, who defeated Esther Cheah 499 (234+265) vs. 489 (224+265).

In the all Malaysian final, it became Alex Liew, who took the trophy at the end of the match, which he won over his fellow countryman, Adrian Ang, 465 (264+201) vs. 428 (210+218).

Alex Liew was highest ranked for the first time in a tour stop, which another three Malaysian men had done before him, while Esther Cheah became the highest ranked women in a tour stop for the first time, both for her and for a Malaysian women bowler generally.

Nothing changed in the top of the men's ranking of the European Bowling Tour, where Osku Palermaa from Finland is leading with 590 points (not attending the tournament in San Marino) in front of Thomas Larsen from Denmark with 541 points (66 points in San Marino) at position 2 and Mika Koivuniemi from Finland with 478 points (75 points in San Marino) at position 3.

In the women's division of the tour, Mai Ginge Jensen from Denmark kept the leading position with 492 points followed by Joline Persson-Planefors from Sweden at position 2 with 481 points (both not attending the tournament in San Marino), while Wendy Kok from The Netherlands is new at position 3 with 389 points (66 points in San Marino).

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Story 2011-35: EBT 2011-12

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For the first time in the 12 years history of the European Bowling Tour, each available spot in a tournament was in use, which happened when each of the 15 squads in the 33rd Trofeu Internacional Ciutat de Barcelona was completely occupied.

The tournament was, as always, played in very friendly Bowling Pedralbes, and under the leadership of the Catalan Bowling Federation.

The road to the stepladder final was decided for Finland's Mika Koivuniemi a number of games before the conclusion of the 24 players semi-final, while it for the other positions became a very exciting affair, where many players had a chance to sign up for one of the two remaining tickets to the final.

At the end of the semi-final, Mika Koivuniemi was 121 pins ahead of Robert Andersson from Sweden, who in his case was 3 pins ahead of his fellow countryman Martin Larsen.

The first match in the stepladder final became then an internal Swedish affair, with Martin Larsen as the winner 245 vs. 192 against Robert Andersson. In the final Mika Koivuniemi was struggling with some big open frames ending with a 146 game vs. the game of 203 for Martin Larsen, who took a tour title for the first time since he won in Aalborg in May 2009. Overall Martin Larsen became the highest ranked man in a tour stop for the 6th time in his career.

The triangle in the leading position of the men's division of the European Bowling Tour remained the same, but the points awarded to the players in Barcelona brought them into a very tight standing and left the battle of the tour title in the men's division completely open.

Osku Palermaa from Finland is still leading with 614 points (24 points in Barcelona) in front of Mika Koivuniemi from Finland at position 2 with 598 points (120 points in Barcelona) and Thomas Larsen from Denmark at position 3 with 580 points (39 points in San Barcelona).

In the women's division, Zandra Aziela from Malaysia, who was positioned 5 in the tournament in Barcelona, became the highest ranked for the first time in her career, while Joline Persson-Planefors from Sweden became the 2nd ranked women being positioned 6 in the tournament.

By the 120 points awarded, Joline Persson-Planefors overtook the leading position of the women's division of the tour with a total of 601 points, with Mai Ginge Jensen from Denmark with a total of 555 points (63 points in Barcelona) and Wendy Kok from The Netherlands with 431 points (42 points in Barcelona) at the following positions.

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Story 2011-36: Bowling on Eurosport

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The Resource and Development Centre of FIQ announces the following broadcasts of bowling events on Eurosport 2.

The 33rd Trofeu Internacional Ciutat de Barcelona, which already has been broadcasted both on 17 and 18 July, is scheduled for rerun on Tuesday 26 July from 15.00 to 16.00 CET time.

Highlights from the European Men Championships will be aired on Thursday 21 July from 22.30 to 23.30 CET time.

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Story 2011-37: ECC 2011 in Lahti

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38 women and 40 men had found their way to Lahti in Finland, where the 34th issue of the European Champions Cup was concluded on Saturday 20 August.

The defending champion in the women's division, Krista Pöllänen from Finland, did it once again, while she won the final against Sweden's Joline Persson-Planefors 2-0 (225-215 and 267-203).

In the foregoing Semi Finals, Krista Pöllänen defeated Sue Abela from Malta 2-0 (197-196 and 194-192), while Joline Persson-Planefors from Sweden defeated Lisa John from England 2-1 (214-204, 206-225 and 177-149).

Krista Pöllänen's achievements are very spectacular in this period of her long career, since she is the reigning European Masters Champion from the EWC 2010 and in addition also double ECC Champion in 2010 as well as in 2011.

The bronze medallist from the ECC 2010, Thomas Gross from Austria, was upgrading the medal category when he defeated Ivan Semenov from Russia 2-1 (188-170, 199-232 and 223-175) in the final of the men's division.

In the foregoing Semi Finals, Thomas Gross was defeating Pascal Winterheimer from Germany 2-1 (160-215, 203-175 and 231-220), while Ivan Semenov defeated Hafthor Hardarson from Iceland 2-0 (182-163 and 237-179).

It was the second ECC title for Tomas Gross after he took the title in 2008, and as a matter of fact, all 5 ECC medals won by Austria in the men's division over the history (2 gold, 2 silver and 1 bronze) is won by Thomas Gross only.

Ivan Semenov represents another milestone in bowling history, since his silver medal is the first international medal in an adult championship won by Russia.

Story 2011-38: EBT 2011-13

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The BNC Open in Bratislava, Stop 13 in the European Bowling Tour 2013, was hosted for the second time in the very hospitable and beautiful Bowling National Centre, which houses a 16 lanes bowling alley, a restaurant and a hotel annex under the same roof.

The well-organized tournament was again attended by more than 200 players, this time 219 players, entering as much a 617 times in total.

The tournament was won by Dominic Barrett from England after an excellent played final against Brian Voss 484 (276+208) vs. 465 (232+233), which was Barrett's 6th highest position in a tour stop ever.

In the foregoing Semi Finals, Dominic Barrett was defeating Heidi Thorstensen from Norway 479 (242+237) vs. 429 (205+224), while Brian Voss defeated Thomas Larsen from Denmark 462 (275+187) vs. 412 (212+200).

In the absence of the top players from Finland, the road was open for Denmark's Tomas Larsen to overtake the leadership of the tour, and Tomas Larsen did not fail the opportunity, since he became number 3 in the tournament, and by the 70 points awarded he advanced to the leading position with 650 points followed by Osku Palermaa from Finland with 614 points at position 2 and Mika Koivuniemi, also from Finland, with 598 points at position 3.

The only, which happened in the top of the women's ranking was that Heidi Thorstensen, who from a position 4 in the tournament became the highest ranked women in a tour stop for the first time in her career, moved from position 16 to position 9 in the standing.

The very top of the ranking list remained unchanged as follows: Joline Persson-Planefors from Sweden at position 1 with 601 points, Mai Ginge Jensen from Denmark at position 2 with 555 points and Wendy Kok from The Netherlands at position 3 with 431 points; all three top players did not attend the tournament in Bratislava.

Story 2011-39: EBT 2011-14

Published on 28 August 2011 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



After 3 years absence from the tour, the Norwegian Open was back in operation, when the tournament, under the name Linne Norwegian Open, was conducted in Oslo last week as Stop 14 of the European Bowling Tour 2011.

The tournament was re-started with a Satellite status and 165 participants competed at the tournament lanes in Veitvet Bowling Centre in Oslo.

In the final pool of 4 players, a 1 game knock out format was determining the final winner, which became Peter Westin from Sweden scoring 216, 224 and 236 over his three games, while Mads Sandbækken from Norway became 2nd scoring 236, 205 and 231 over his three games, Alexander Medveditskov from Russia became 3rd scoring 245 and 182 over his 2 games and Frode Jørgen Aaneby from Norway became 4th scoring 192 in his one game.

The top of the ranking in the men's division remained unchanged with Tomas Larsen from Denmark atop of the list with 650 points (not present in Oslo) followed by Osku Palermaa from Finland with 636 points at position 2 (22 points in Oslo) and Mika Koivuniemi from Finland, with 598 points at position 3 (not present in Oslo).

Andrea E. Hansen from Norway, who left step 3 of the final in the first elimination round, became the highest ranked women in a tour stop for the first time in her career.

Last week in Bratislava, Heidi Thorstensen from Norway moved from position 16 to position 9 in the standing, and this week she continued up at the list to position 7, by being awarded 30 points in Oslo; quite a jump in the table over just two weeks rather late in the season.

The very top of the ranking list in the women's division remained unchanged as follows: Joline Persson-Planefors from Sweden at position 1 with 601 points, Mai Ginge Jensen from Denmark at position 2 with 555 points and Wendy Kok from The Netherlands at position 3 with 431 points; all three top players did not attend the tournament in Oslo.

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Story 2011-40: EBT 2012 changes

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ETBF has accepted the following two date changes in the European Bowling Tour 2012:

The X Catalonia Open - Trofeu Galasa (Barcelona, Catalonia) is moved from 13-18 March 2012 to 13-18 November 2012, with the purpose to be conducted in a period with fewer tournaments in the calendar. At the same time the annual women tournament, the European Women Masters - President Samaranch Trophy's, will be moved from October to March as of 2012.

Brunswick Italia Challenge (Asti, Italy) is moved one week, from 16-24 June 2012 to 23 June – 1 July 2012, with the purpose to establish more space between the tournament and the conclusion of the championship, conducted earlier in June.

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- 23 / 09.12-15.12: Qatar Bowling Open in Qatar (Platinum)

Story 2011-41: English Open loses tour status

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The organizer of the English Open (Stop 20 in the EBT 2011), introduces a conditional prize pool in the tournament; together with other changes.

The tournament will unchanged be conducted on 16-20 November 2011 in Nuneaton, but conditional prize funds are, however, not permitted in the European Bowling Tour, so despite its continuation, the tournament will lose its tour status again in 2011.

Tournaments in the EBT 2011:

- 01 / 01.01-09.01: Brunswick Ballmaster Open in Finland (Gold)
- 02 / 14.02-20.02: 5th Internat. Wroclaw Open by Hammer in Poland (Satellite)
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Story 2011-42: WWC 2011 in Hong Kong

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Team USA presented their powerful bowling skills, when four out of six titles were captured at the World Women Championships, conducted in Hong Kong Bowling City.

Shannon Pluhowsky became the Queen of the championships, since she had shares in all 4 gold medals (Doubles, Trios, Team and Masters) and furthermore took a bronze medal in the All Event.

Mai Ginge Jensen from Denmark became the second most winning player with a gold medal in All Event and furthermore three bronze medals in Singles, Doubles and Masters.

In the one Semi Finals of the Masters Event, Shannon Pluhowsky defeated Nadine Geissler from Germany 3-2 (237-180, 227-214, 267-279, 200-213 and 255-165), while Daphne Tan from Singapore defeated Mai Ginge Jensen 3-1 (229-199, 214-278, 206-220 and 210-232) the other Semi Finals.

In the final of the Masters, Shannon Pluhowsky defeated Daphne Tan 3-1 (300-226, 219-238, 299-234 and 223-191).

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Story 2011-43: World Singles Championships

Published on 14 September 2011 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen

At the WTBA Congress, held in Hong Kong on 12 September 2011, a new WTBA owned Championship was borne, named the World Singles Championships (shortened WSC) for both women and men, playing in each their division.

The championships, which will be held every fourth year (2012, 2016, 2020 etc.) as a single lane condition event, includes a maximum of 2 female and 2 male players from each WTBA member federation.

The format is two qualification squads of 6 games each, followed by a 24 player's final, where the 8 highest positioned players will qualify directly to step 2 of the final, and where each of the steps consists of best of 5 games matches as follows: 8 matches in step 1, 8 matches in step 2, 4 matches in step 3, 2 matches in step 4 and 1 match in step 5.

The hosting right of the 1st WSC is awarded to Cyprus Bowling Federation, which will house the championships in the 24 lane Galactica Bowling Centre, situated in Limassol. The centre is divided in two floors of each 12 lanes and the women and the men will compete at each their floor throughout the whole duration of the championships.

The 1st World Singles Championships will be held on 18-26 September 2012.

Cyprus Bowling Federation has appointed Marios Nicolaides as the Host Tournament Manager, while WTBA has appointed Pini Hershkoviz as Technical Delegate and Kim Thorsgaard Jensen as Tournament Director.

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Story 2011-44: New Kegel-ETBF Agreement

Published on 17 September 2011 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen

A well working partnership between Kegel and ETBF has existed already seven years, beginning with a one year agreement followed by two agreements of each three years of duration.

The actual three year's agreement terminates at the end of 2011, but the cooperation will continue into a new three year's period.

It is a pleasure for the Presidium of the European Tenpin Bowling Federation to be able to inform, that we have entered into the fourth consecutive agreement with Kegel, and to announce Kegel to be the Official Lane Maintenance Partner for ETBF in 2012-2014.

The main objectives for the agreement is lane maintenance at ETBF Championships, lane maintenance at selected EBT Stops and in addition some other services provided by Kegel.

Lane maintenance provided by Kegel is mandatory for championship hosts and in the agreement period ETBF will conduct a total of 9 championships, which is 2 European Women Championships (2012 and 2014), 1 European Men Championships (2012), 3 annual European Youth Championships and 3 annual European Champion Cups.

For organizers of EBT Platinum Tournaments, EBT Gold Tournaments and EBT Silver Tournaments, lane maintenance provided by Kegel is an option, while organizers of EBT Satellite Tournaments can contact Kegel for lane maintenance advices over the distance.

Also continuing in the new agreement is the availability of the Kegel LaneMapper, a very efficient and accurate tool to measure the lane topography in any bowling centres hosting an ETBF Championships, or in any centre wishing to obtain the official ETBF Centre Certification.

It is a clear policy for ETBF to provide professional lane maintenance for its championships and main EBT Tournaments. The ETBF Presidium is therefore very pleased and satisfied for the continued partnership with Kegel for 2012-2014.

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Story 2011-45: EBT 2011-15

Published on 19 September 2011 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



For the second time in the history of the European Bowling Tour, a tour stop was conducted in Russia, this time in the capital Moscow under the name Russian Open.

The move of the tournament from Pavlovskiy Posad, where the first EBT stop in Russia was held in 2010, to Moscow in 2011, was a clever move by the organizer, who received a double participation in return, namely from 97 players and 232 entries in 2010 to 181 players and 466 entries in 2011.

In the Semi Finals of the tournament, Mikhail Kalika from Ukraine defeated Ivan Semenov from Russia 455 (218+237) vs. 440 (214+226), while Sergey Andreev from Russia defeated Alena Korobkova from Russia 407 (199+208) vs. 368 (153+215).

Alena Korobkova took position 3 in the tournament, by defeating Ivan Simonov in a match for position 3-4, 460 (228+232) vs. 421 (207+214).

And, in a very exiting final, Mikhail Kalika from Ukraine came out as the winner, since he defeated Sergey Andreev 455 (176+279) vs. 450 (245+205). Pay attention to the fact, that Mikhail Kalika was down with not less than 69 pins after game 1; well – never give up!

It was the first tour stop victory for Mikhail Kalika ever, while the young and very talented Alena Korobkova became the highest ranked women in a tour stop, already for the second time in her career.

The top of the ranking in the men's division remained unchanged with Tomas Larsen from Denmark atop of the list with 650 points, followed by Osku Palermaa from Finland with 636 points at position 2 and Mika Koivuniemi from Finland with 598 points at position 3.

Neither the top of the women's ranking was influenced by the Russian Open, so also here remained the standing unchanged as follows: Joline Persson-Planefors from Sweden at position 1 with 601 points, Mai Ginge Jensen from Denmark at position 2 with 555 points and Wendy Kok from The Netherlands at position 3 with 431 points.

Story 2011-46: EBT 2011-16

Published on 26 September 2011 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



In the already time vice long and very close battle in the men's division of the European Bowling Tour between Osku Palermaa from Finland and Thomas Larsen from Denmark, the leadership changed again while Osku Palermaa was awarded 35 points in the new EBT Challenger, The Chandra Open 2011 in Nieuwegein - The Netherlands, while only 11 points were awarded to Thomas Larsen.

Yoan Alix from France won the tournament with a total of 2766 pins over the last 12 games in the final, followed by Stuart Williams from England at position 2 with 2715 pins and then Osku Palermaa at position 3 with 2699 pins.

Yoan Alix became the highest ranked man in a tour stop for the third time in his career, while Lianne Breeschoten from The Netherlands, from a position 4 in the tournament with 2659 pins, became the highest ranked women in a tour stop for the second time in her career.

Osku Palermaa is leading the men's division of the European Bowling Tour with 671 points (35 points in Nieuwegein), only 10 points ahead of Thomas Larsen from Denmark with 661 points at position 2 (11 points in Nieuwegein) and Mika Koivuniemi from Finland with 598 points at position 3 (not attending the tournament in Nieuwegein).

In the women's division of the European Bowling Tour, Joline Persson-Planefors from Sweden kept the leading position with 601 points (not attending the tournament in Nieuwegein), followed by Mai Ginge Jensen from Denmark at position 2 with 555 points (not attending the tournament in Nieuwegein) and Wendy Kok from The Netherlands at position 3 with 444 points (13 points in Nieuwegein).

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Story 2011-47: EBT 2011-17

Published on 3 October 2011 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



A record breaking number of 868 entries, the highest number in the 9 years history of Vienna Open, and the second highest number on the European Bowling Tour in 2011, were played when the 9th Colombia 300 Vienna Open was concluded this weekend.

The winner of the 8th Colombia Vienna Open in 2010, Chris Barnes from USA, who also is the reigning World Champion in the Masters Event, reached his second consecutive final in this year's tournament, which is quite remarkable, when the very competitive international field is taken into consideration. But at the end of the tournament, he met Osku Palermaa from Finland, who had a will to win the Vienna Open this year.

In the first match of the 4 persons stepladder final, Dominic Barrett from England defeated Karl Wahlgren from Sweden 246-226, in the second match Osku Palermaa defeated Dominic Barrett 226-191, while Osku Palermaa defeated Chris Barnes 192-184 in the final one game match.

By his victory in Vienna, Osku Palermaa was ranked highest among the men in a European Bowling Tour tournament for the 11th time in his career.

Clara Guerrero from Colombia became the highest ranked women from a position 22 in the tournament, which was the second time, both in her career and in this season.

Osku Palermaa enlarged the point gap to the nearest of his opponents atop of the men's division of the European Bowling Tour, where he keeps a total of 821 points (150 points in Vienna), with Thomas Larsen from Denmark at position 2 with 700 points (39 points in Vienna) and Mika Koivuniemi from Finland at position 3 with 598 points (not attending the tournament in Vienna).

In the women's division of the European Bowling Tour, Joline Persson-Planefors from Sweden kept the leading position with 601 points (not attending the tournament in Vienna), followed by Lisanne Breeschoten from the Netherlands, who moves closer and closer to the top of the tour standing, at position 2 with 556 points (120 points in Vienna) and Mai Ginge Jensen from Denmark at position 3 with 555 points (not attending the tournament in Vienna).

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Story 2011-48: Croatia Open 2012 is cancelled

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The organizer of Croatia Open 2012, which originally was included in the European Bowling Tour 2012 as Stop 05, has announced that the centre, in which the tournament should have been conducted, won't be ready in due time.

The Croatian Open 2012 is therefore cancelled.

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Story 2011-49: EBT 2011-18

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Robert Andersson from Sweden became the highest ranked man in a tour stop for the 6th time in his career, while he defeated Samuli Tiainen from Finland 267-211 in the last match of the stepladder final of Ebonite Lahti Open.

In the foregoing steps of the final, Samuli Tiainen first defeated Martin Larsen from Sweden 208-181 and afterwards his fellow countryman Jarmo Ahokas 209-170, until the winning series of Samuli Tiainen stopped, when he ran into Robert Andersson.

From a position 10 in the tournament, Rosa Lundén from Finland became the highest ranked woman in a tour stop for the first time in her career, an impressive achievement of the young Finnish player with the well-known last name, which also belongs to her mother, Reija Lundén, who became the highest ranked women in two stops back in 2005.

In the absence of leading Osku Palermaa, Thomas Larsen came closer to the leader of the EBT 2011 men's division by being awarded 46 points in Lahti. The difference between Osku Palermaa and Thomas Larsen is reduced to 75 points and since two stops remains, in which the last, the Qatar Bowling Open, offers a Platinum status and a factor 5 to the point list, nothing is decided yet.

Osku Palermaa is leading the men's division with 821 points (not present in Lahti), with Thomas Larsen from Denmark at position 2 with 746 points (46 points in Lahti) and Mika Koivuniemi from Finland at position 3 with 598 points (not present in Lahti).

In the women's division, leading Joline Persson-Planefors from Sweden was the only player atop of the list attending the tournament in Lahti and with 60 points to add to her sum, she enlarged the gap to the second positioned from 45 to 105 points, but also in the women's division there are still possibilities for players at the following positions to overtake the leading position at the last minute.

Joline Persson-Planefors is leading the women's division with 661 points (60 points in Lahti), followed by Lisanne Breeschoten from the Netherlands at position 2 with 556 points (not present in Lahti) and Mai Ginge Jensen from Denmark at position 3 with 555 points (not present in Lahti).

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Story 2011-50: Four changes in the EBT 2012

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For only some weeks ago, we announced the Croatia Open 2012 to be cancelled by the organizer, but due to a tremendous effort of the Croatian Bowling Association, they have managed to overtake all rights and obligations of the tournament with a very short notice. The tournament, which will be re-inserted as Stop 5 in the European Bowling Tour 2012, will be conducted on 9-15 April 2012 in Bowling Centar 300 in Zagreb.

Continuing from this good news, it is unfortunately also necessary to announce Lahti Open to be cancelled in 2012, due to the personal work load of its owner and organizer, Jouni Helminen. We are of course regretting the decision, but we will at the same time express our appreciation to Jouni Helminen for his contribution, not only as an organizer, but also for the many valid and useful comments and proposals we have received over the years. We are hoping one day to see Lahti Open back in the tour.

The organizer of Norwegian Open 2012, the Norwegian Bowling Association, have for a while been looking for another period for their tournament, which became possible after the cancellation of Lahti Open. Norwegian Open 2012, which originally was scheduled for August, will be conducted on 5-14 October 2012 as Stop 18 in the European Bowling Tour 2012.

Finally we have received information about a changed schedule for Russian Open, which will begin one day earlier, because some squads for youth bowlers have been added to the tournament. The new period for Russian Open is 11-16 September 2012.

Tournaments in the EBT 2012:

- 01 / 06.01-15.01: Brunswick Ballmaster Open in Finland (Gold)
- 02 / 06.02-12.02: 6th Internat. Wroclaw Open by Hammer in Poland (Satellite)
- 03 / 12.02-19.02: Hammer Bronzen Schietspoel Tour. 2012 in Netherlands (Silver)
- 04 / 16.03-25.03: Brunswick Euro Challenge in France (Platinum)
- 05 / 09.04-15.04: Croatia Open 2012 in Croatia (Satellite)
- 06 / 17.04-22.04: 6th Qubica/AMF Open 2012 in Slovenia (Silver)
- 07 / 25.04-29.04: 3rd Track Dream-Bowl Palace Open 2012 in Germany (Silver)
- 08 / 05.05-13.05: 9th Istanbul Bowling Open in Turkey (Gold)
- 09 / 21.05-27.05: Bowltech Aalborg International 2012 in Denmark (Silver)
- 10 / 27.05-03.06: Odense International in Denmark (Satellite)
- 11 / 23.06-01.07: Brunswick Italia Challenge in Italy (Silver)
- 12 / 07.07-15.07: 8th Storm San Marino Open in San Marino (Gold)
- 13 / 17.07-22.07: 34 Trofeu Internacional Ciutat de Barcelona in Catalonia (Gold)
- 14 / 03.09-09.09: BNC Open in Slovakia (Silver)
- 15 / 11.09-16.09: Russian Open in Russia (Satellite)
- 16 / 24.09-30.09: Chandra Open 2012 in Netherlands (Satellite)
- 17 / 02.10-07.10: 10th Columbia 300 Vienna Open in Austria (Gold)
- 18 / 05.10-14.10: Norwegian Open 2012 in Norway (Satellite)
- 19 / 19.10-28.10: Brunswick French Open in France (Silver)
- 20 / 03.11-11.11: 3rd Roma International in Italy (Satellite)
- 21 / 13.11-18.11: X Catalonia Open - Trofeu Galasa in Catalonia (Silver)
- 22 / 09.12-15.12: Qatar Bowling Open in Qatar (Platinum)

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Story 2011-51: New bylaws

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The ETBF Presidium has in a longer period observed problems related to international tournaments changing conditions for participating players, after the registration period has opened. This is not any dramatically growing problem, but the problem exists and it has been necessary to define liabilities for organizers in such cases.

A set of bylaws, introducing a new Article 8.2.2.d and a new Article 8.6.5 in the ETBF Constitution, is therefore prepared and decided by the ETBF Presidium

Similar rules were previously included only in the EBT Rules, and therefore solely in effect for tournaments adopted in the European Bowling Tour, but for future changes in conditions, the same liabilities will be in effect for all organizers of ETBF Approved tournaments.

The bylaws will be in effect for tournaments adopted in the EBT 2012 and for all other tournaments approved by ETBF as of today, 8 November 2011. In addition, the ETBF Presidium strongly recommends organizers of already approved tournaments to follow the new requirements, should they introduced changed conditions.

The bylaws will be in effect until the ETBF Congress in October 2013, where they must be ratified, and eventually amended, for further validity.

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Story 2011-52: EBT 2013 Rules

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The rules of the 14th issue of the European Bowling Tour, the EBT 2013, has been prepared and decided upon by the ETBF Presidium.

In the light of the actual financial situation in Europe, it has been decided to keep the delimitations for the four categories in the tour, which will continue under their well-known names; EBT Satellites, EBT Silvers, EBT Gold and EBT Platinum Tournaments.

There are one change of importance in the EBT 2013 Rules, namely that a maximum scratch game score for women will be 292, in cases where a handicap of 8 pins is awarded to women competing in mixed divisions.

The wording of the new Article 16.4 in the EBT Rules 2013 is as follows:

When a handicap of 8 pins is added to a scratch game score, the maximum scratch score of the game is 292; i.e. a game score higher than 292 will be reduced to 292.

This rule, which will be in effect as of the first stop of the EBT 2013, is introduced to ensure both genders having the same chance to score a perfect game.

As a consequence of the rule, a new field with the name "Max women scratch game" has been introduced in the ETBF Tournament Application.

For tournaments adopted in the EBT 2012, the field will be filled with 300 and for tournaments adopted in the EBT 2013 the field will be filled with 292. For all other ETBF Approved Tournaments, the field will be deleted, if no women handicap is awarded, or the field will be filled with 300 as the default content, unless another maximum score is announced by the applicant.

Documents including the revised ETBF Tournament Application and the new EBT 2013 Rules are available at the Publication section at this site.

Story 2011-53: EBT 2011-19

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Marco Bocatto from Italy won a tour stop for the first time in his life, when he in the one game final of the 2nd Ebonite Roma International, defeated Spain's Paco Rodriguez 192 vs. 186.

In the forgoing semi-finals, Marco Bocatto defeated Paul Stott from Ireland 197 vs. 170, while Paco Rodriguez defeated Marco Reviglio from Italy 243 vs. 214.

Nicole Sanders from The Netherlands came as far as to the quarter-finals as the only women, for which reason she became the highest ranked women in a tour stop for the 6th time in her career.

The tournament in Rome attracted not less than 339 players, which is the third highest number of players in a tour stop in 2011. The 399 players entered not less than 883 times, which is the second highest number in a tour stop in 2011.

Even having these remarkable record high numbers for a Satellite Tournament, only a very few top players entered the tournament, and nothing changed in the top of the two rankings.

In the women's division, Joline Persson-Planefors from Sweden is leading the with 661 points, followed by Lisanne Breeschoten from the Netherlands at position 2 with 556 points and Mai Ginge Jensen from Denmark at position 3 with 555 points.

Osku Palermaa from Finland is leading the men's division with 821 points, Thomas Larsen from Denmark takes position 2 with 746 points and Mika Koivuniemi from Finland takes position 3 with 598 points.

Already next week the last stop of the EBT 2011 will begin in Doha, where the Qatar Bowling Open will run until Tuesday 29 November.

The tournament in Qatar, with a tremendous prize fund of not less than 125.000 €, is adopted as a Platinum tournament in the EBT 2011, for which reason it offers a factor 5 to the point list. Nothing is therefore decided at the top of the two rankings yet.

So far all three men atop of the ranking appears in the list of participating players in Qatar, while the door seems to be very open for Denmark's Mai Ginge Jensen to win the EBT 2011, since both Joline Persson-Planefors and Lisanne Breeschoten so far is absent from the list of participants.

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Story 2011-54: EBT 2011-20

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Joline Persson Planefors from Sweden and Osku Palermaa from Finland became the winners of the European Bowling Tour 2011 in the women's, respectively the men's division.

For the young and very talented Joline Persson-Planefors, the title is her first in the tour, while the title for Osku Palermaa is his 4th in a period of only 5 years.

The battles of the titles were exciting, since none of them was decided when we came to the last day of the concluding tournament of the season, the Qatar Bowling Open, conducted in Doha on 23-29 November 2011.

In the women's division, Joline Persson Planefors could be passed by Mai Ginge Jensen from Denmark, but even Mai Ginge Jensen became the highest ranked women from a position 10 in the tournament, Joline Persson Planefors followed her opponent closely, and concluded her season by being the second highest ranked women from a position 24 in the tournament.

Joline Persson Planefors became the winner of the tour with 861 points (200 points in Doha), Mai Ginge Jensen became second with 805 points (250 points in Doha) and Lianne Breeschoten from The Netherlands became third with 556 points (not attending the tournament in Doha).

In the men's division, both Thomas Larsen from Denmark (realistically) and Mika Koivuniemi from Finland (more theoretically) could pass leading Osku Palermaa, but at the end of the tournament Osku Palermaa was awarded the tour trophy for the 4th time in his career. Osku Palermaa became 5th in the tournament, Mika Koivuniemi 2nd and Thomas Larsen 23rd.

Osku Palermaa became the winner of the tour with 946 points (125 points in Doha), Mika Koivuniemi became second with 798 points (200 points in Doha) and Thomas Larsen became third with 786 points (40 points in Doha).

Dominic Barrett became the winner of Qatar Bowling Open after a very exiting final against Mika Koivuniemi; a final not decided until Dominic Barrett entered the approach at his 10th frame to produce a very much needed strike. Dominic Barrett won the two games final 460 (223+237) vs. 441 (226+215).

In the foregoing semi-finals, Dominic Barrett defeated Sean Rash from USA 512 (267+245) vs. 419 (192+227), while Mika Koivuniemi defeated Mike Fagan from USA 490 (246+244) vs. 416 (179+237).

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Story 2011-55: Qualified for the Masters

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By the conclusion of the last stop in the European Bowling Tour 2011 in Doha - Qatar, the top ranked of both divisions are ready to be presented.

Top 16 in each division are qualified for the 5th edition of the EBT Masters, which will be held in Munich, Germany on 30 April and 1 May 2012 after the conclusion of the 3rd Track Dream-Bowl Palace Open 2012, which will be held in the famous Dream Bowl Palace.

Qualified for the women's division in the EBT Masters 2012			
1	Joline Persson-Planefors	Sweden	861
2	Mai Ginge Jensen	Denmark	805
3	Lisanne Breeschoten	Netherlands	556
4	Heidi Thorstensen	Norway	492
5	Krista Pöllänen	Finland	468
6	Clara Guerrero	Colombia	461
7	Wendy Kok	Netherlands	444
8	Sascha Wedel	Denmark	393
9	Nicole Sanders	Netherlands	388
10	Rikke Holm Rasmussen	Denmark	369
11	Nina Flack	Sweden	368
12	Zandra Aziela	Malaysia	327
13	Britt Brøndsted	Denmark	324
14	Carolyn Dorin-Ballard	USA	320
15	Rebecka Larsen	Sweden	301
16	Bianca Wiekeraad	Netherlands	293
The first substitutes			
17	Nadine Geissler	Germany	283
18	Kamilla Kjeldsen	Denmark	270

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19	Jacqueline Sijore	Malaysia	264
20	Patricia Luoto	Germany	264

Qualified for the men's division in the EBT Masters 2012

1	Osku Palermaa	Finland	946
2	Mika Koivuniemi	Finland	798
3	Thomas Larsen	Sweden	786
4	Dominic Barrett	England	770
5	Martin Larsen	Sweden	666
6	Paul Moor	England	651
7	Robert Andersson	Sweden	540
8	Stuart Williams	England	495
9	Mik Stampe	Denmark	445
10	Perttu Jussila	Finland	415
11	Dennis Eklund	Sweden	384
12	Syafiq Ridhwan	Malaysia	370
13	Gery Verbruggen	Belgium	365
14	Jesper Agerbo	Denmark	363
15	Sean rash	USA	335
16	Karl Wahlgren	Sweden	333

The first substitutes

17	Chris Barnes	USA	310
18	Alexander Medveditskov	Russia	265
19	Adrian Ang	Malaysia	258
20	Mathias Aarup	Sweden	251

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Story 2011-56: EBT Masters 2014 and 2015

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It is a pleasure for the ETBF Presidium to announce the venue of the EBT Masters 2014 to be Dolfijn Bowling in Tilburg, The Netherlands. The EBT Masters 2014 will be conducted on Monday 3 March 2014, following the Hammer Bronzen Schietspoel Tournament 2014.

It is furthermore a pleasure for the ETBF Presidium to announce the venue of the EBT Masters 2015 to be Bowling Red & Black in Asti, Italy. The EBT Masters 2015 will be conducted on Monday 29 June 2015, following the Brunswick Italia Challenge.

The EBT Masters 2014 and 2015 are finals of the European Bowling Tour 2013, respectively the European Bowling Tour 2014.