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Story 2014-01: ECC 2016 in Czech Republic

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The ETBF Presidium has decided to award the hosting of the European Champions Cup 2016 to the bowling federation of Czech Republic.

The championships will be held on 24-31 October 2016 in Bowland Bowling Centre in the city of Olomouc.

The centre, which includes 18 lanes delivered by QubicaAMF, was opened in October 2013. The ECC 2016 will be the first international bowling championship ever held in Czech Republic.

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Story 2014-02: EBT 2014-01

Published on 12 January 2014 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



As always, and this time for the 15th consecutive time, a new season of the European Bowling Tour opened with the conduction of Brunswick Ballmaster Open in fantastic Tali Bowl in the Finnish Capital; Helsinki. The tournament was conducted for the 44th time.

As many as 511 players had found their way to Helsinki early January; a new participation record in the entire history of the tour. Ballmaster also had the old record from 2010, where 507 players took part in the tournament in Helsinki.

The total number of entries passed another magic barrier, since 1.014 entries were played; not a record, but anyway only the third time in the tour we passed 1.000 played entries. Also that record belongs to Ballmaster (1.056 in 2010), while 1.042 entries were played in St. Maximin, France at the Brunswick Euro Challenge in 2010.

48 players continued to the first step of the final Sunday morning to play 8 games from scratch, followed by a round robin consisting of 16 players, where the pin fall from the first 8 games was carried forward into totals of 23 games including bonus points won in the round robin.

The top 4 after the round robin continued to a stepladder final, where the outcome of the matches became as follows.

Match 1

Joonas Jehkinen, Finland – 256

Ronnie Russell, USA – 184

Match 2

Mika Koivuniemi, Finland – 236

Joonas Jehkinen, Finland – 201

Match 3

Mika Koivuniemi, Finland – 188

Dominic Barrett, England – 172

Mika Koivuniemi's victory was historical, since he became the 1st player to win the Brunswick Ballmaster Open 4 times after his victories back in 1998, 2010 and 2011.

Three other Finnish players have won the tournament three times, namely Simo Vähä-Korpela in 1983, 1984 and 1993, Lasse Lintilä in 1988, 2003 and 2006 and Pasi Uotila in 2000, 2004 and 2009.

Mika Koivuniemi was highest ranked in a tour stop in the men's division for the 9th time in his career.

The men's division of the EBT 2013 is topped by Mika Koivuniemi from Finland with 150 points, followed by Dominic Barrett from England with 120 points at position 2 and Joonas Jehkinen with 105 points at position 3.

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Joline Persson-Planefors from Sweden, who was the only women qualified for the round robin final, in which she ended at position 7, was highest ranked in the women's division for the 4th time in her career.

Joline Persson-Planefors from Sweden is leading the tour with 150 points in front of Ida Andersson from Sweden at position 2 with 120 points and Piritta Maja from Finland at position 3 with 105 points.

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Story 2014-03: EBT Masters 2015 Participants

Published on 21 January 2014 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



12 women and 12 men will participate in the 7th edition of the EBT Masters, which will be held in Tilburg, The Netherlands on 3 March 2014 in Dolfijn Bowling.

The EBT Masters 2014 will be held just after the conclusion of the Hammer Bronzen Schietspoelel Tournament 2014 (EBT 2014 Stop 03), which will be conducted on 23 February - 2 March 2014, also in Dolfijn Bowling in Tilburg.

In each division of the EBT Masters, there will be two blocks of six games, in total 12 games qualification, followed by a three persons stepladder final, in which 2 one game matches is played to determine the winner in the men's respectively the women's division.

Players participating in the EBT Masters 2014 are the highest ranked bowlers in each division by the conclusion of the European Bowling Tour 2013.

The participation in the EBT Masters 2014 has to some extent been influenced by a clash with a tournament in Bahrain, for which reason it has been necessary to call substitutes both in the women's division and in the men's division.

Qualified players having excused in the women's division is Sandra Anderson from Sweden, who is playing in Bahrain, while Britt Brøndsted from Denmark have excused for other reasons.

Qualified players having excused in the men's division is Dominic Barrett from England, Osku Palermaa from Finland, Paul Moor from England and Mika Koivuniemi from Finland, all playing in Bahrain.

The following players will attend the EBT Masters 2014 in Tilburg.

EBT Masters 2014: Women's Division

Joline Persson-Planefors, Sweden (1)
Mai Ginge Jensen, Denmark (2)
Ida Andersson, Sweden (3)
Jenny Wegner, Sweden (5)
Rebecka Larsen, Sweden (7)
Isabelle Hultin, Sweden (8)
Sascha Wedel, Denmark (9)
Lisa Kabowski, Germany (10)
Birgit Pöppler, Germany (11)
Martina Schütz, Germany (12)
Cheska Tomas, The Netherlands (13)
Lisanne Breeschoten, The Netherlands (16)

EBT Masters 2014: Men's Division

Thomas Larsen, Denmark (3)
Martin Larsen, Sweden (4)
Joonas Jehkinen, Finland (5)
Pasi Uotila, Finland (6)

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Daniel Fransson, Sweden (8)
Robert Andersson, Sweden (10)
Björn Einar Rudshagen, Norway (11)
Mattias Olsson, Sweden (12)
Jesper Svensson, Sweden (13)
Richard Teece, England (14)
Martin Paulsson, Sweden (15)
James Gruffman, Sweden (17)

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Story 2014-04: Fewer days in Wroclaw

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The organizer of the tournament in Wroclaw, the 8th International Wroclaw Open by Hammer, has decided to concentrate their 15 qualification squads over 4 days instead of 6.

The changes includes one squad on Monday 10 and two squads on Tuesday 11 February, which are exchanged by two extra squads on Wednesday 12 February and one extra squad on Thursday 13 February.

As a consequence of the decision, the entire period of the tournament is changed from 10-16 February 2014 to 12-16 February 2014.

The tournament, which is adopted in the EBT 2014 as Stop 02, will unchanged be conducted in Galeria Rozrywki Miraz, situated in Wroclaw - Poland.

Tournaments in the EBT 2014:

- 01 / 03.01-12.01: Brunswick Ballmaster Open (FIN) – Gold
- 02 / 12.02-16.02: 8th International Wroclaw Open by Hammer (POL) – Satellite
- 03 / 23.02-02.03: Hammer Bronzen Schietspoel Tournament 2014 (NED) – Silver
- 04 / 15.03-23.03: Brunswick Euro Challenge (GER) – Platinum
- 05 / 24.03-29.03: Ekaterinburg Open 2014 (RUS) – Satellite
- 06 / 03.05-11.05: 9th Istanbul Bowling Open (TUR) – Gold
- 07 / 19.05-25.05: Kegel Aalborg International 2014 (DEN) – Silver
- 08 / 25.05-01.06: Odense International (DEN) – Satellite
- 09 / 21.06-29.06: II Brunswick Madrid Challenge (ESP) – Silver
- 10 / 28.06-06.07: Brunswick Italia Challenge (ITA) – Silver
- 11 / 12.07-20.07: 10th San Marino Open (SMR) – Gold
- 12 / 19.07-27.07: Track Dream-Bowl Palace Open by Erdinger (GER) – Gold
- 13 / 30.08-07.09: Brunswick Etna Open (ITA) – Satellite
- 14 / 09.09-13.09: RedExpress Russian Open 2014 (RUS) – Satellite
- 15 / 14.09-21.09: Chandra Open 2014 (NED) – Satellite
- 16 / 23.09-28.09: QubicaAMF German Open 2014 (GER) – Gold
- 17 / 29.09-05.10: 12th Vienna Open (AUT) – Gold
- 18 / 03.10-12.10: Norwegian Open 2014 by Brunswick (NOR) – Satellite
- 19 / 11.10-19.10: 3rd Florence International (ITA) – Satellite
- 20 / 20.10-26.10: Gibraltar Open 2014 (GIB) – Satellite
- 21 / 05.12-11.12: Qatar Bowling Open (QAT) - Platinum

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Story 2014-05: EBT 2014-02

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Kamilla Kjeldsen from Denmark became the highest ranked women in a tour stop for the 13th time in her long career, when she won the 2nd tour stop in 2014, the 8th International Wroclaw Open by Hammer.

Kamilla Kjeldsen, who became the highest ranked women already in year one of the tour back in 2000, is the only player, men and women all together, listed for such achievements over the entire 15 years history of the tour.

In the final of the tournament in Wroclaw, Kamilla Kjeldsen defeated Jaroslav Lorenc from Czech Republic 449 (201 + 248) vs. 390 (186 + 204). It is the first time we have seen Jaroslav Lorenc that high positioned in a tour stop, and it is obviously the first time he was highest ranked in the men's division in a stop.

In the foregoing match of the stepladder final, Jaroslav Lorenc defeated Joonas Jehkinen from Finland 246 vs. 196, while Jehkinen defeated Carsten W. Hansen from Denmark 238 vs. 204 in the first match of the stepladder final.

The men's division of the EBT 2013 is topped by Mika Koivuniemi from Finland with 150 points (not playing in Wroclaw), followed by Joonas Jehkinen from Finland with 145 points (40 points in Wroclaw) at position 2 and Dominic Barrett from England with 120 points (not playing in Wroclaw) at position 3.

Joline Persson-Planefors from Sweden is leading the tour with 150 points in front of Ida Andersson from Sweden at position 2 with 120 points and Piritta Maja from Finland at position 3 with 105 points. None of the three women played in Wroclaw.

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Story 2014-06: EBT 2015 in process

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The rules of the 16th issue of the European Bowling Tour, the EBT 2015, has been prepared and decided upon by the ETBF Presidium. The rules are published at this site under the item Publications.

For yet another year it has been decided to keep the delimitations for the four categories in the tour and their well-known names; EBT Satellites, EBT Silvers, EBT Gold and EBT Platinum Tournaments.

The official invitation has been send to ETBF's member federations and to all existing tournaments, meaning that all organizers of existing, as well as of eventually new, tour stops can apply for tournament adoptions in the EBT 2015 as of 16 February 2014.

There are three deadlines for organizers, wanting their tournaments included in the EBT 2015:

New stops

Organizers of tournaments, not adopted in the EBT 2014, must have started the application process **latest on Monday 2 June 2014**. A delivery after this deadline will not be accepted.

Existing stops

Organizers with tournaments adopted in the EBT 2014 must, if they want to avoid an additional EBT Fee of 500 €, have delivered their application **latest on Monday 9 June 2014**.

Late deliveries

Organizers delivering their applications in the period **from Tuesday 10 June until Sunday 15 June 2014** must pay an **additional EBT Fee of 500 €**, irrespectively of the tournament category.

Deliveries from any organizer after Sunday 15 June 2014 will not be accepted.

The composition of the EBT 2015 is expected to be published on 16 June 2014.

During the application period of the EBT 2015, we are accepting bids for organizing the EBT Masters 2017, which is a one day event, normally played at the first day after a tour stop.

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Story 2014-07: Italia Challenge cancelled

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As a consequence of the local financial situation, which has limited the sponsor possibilities, the organizer of Brunswick Italia Challenge, originally scheduled for 28 June to 6 July 2014 in Asti - Italy, has decided to cancel the tournament.

We hope to be able to present the tournament again, already in the EBT 2015.

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Story 2014-08: EBT 2014-03

Published on 2 March 2014 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



One of the truth classics of the European Bowling Tour, the Hammer Bronzen Schietspoel Tournament 2014, was conducted in in Dolfijn Bowling in Tilburg on 23 February – 2 March as Stop 03 in the European Bowling Tour 2014.

The tournament was concluded with 2 games played by 4 players, namely Brian Voss from USA, John Wells from England and the two Danish players, Kamilla Kjeldsen, who won Stop 02 of the EBT 2014 recently in Poland, and Thomas Larsen, who won the Bronzen Schietspoel Tournament 2013.

After a very intense final, the winner of the tournament became John Wells from England with 429 pins (253 + 176), followed by Thomas Larsen also with 429 pins (256 + 173) at position 2, Kamilla Kjeldsen from Denmark with 403 pins (190 + 213) at position 3 and Brian Voss from USA with 397 pins (176 + 221) at position 4.

John Wells became the highest ranked male player in a stop for the 1st time in his career, while Kamilla Kjeldsen became the highest ranked female player for the 14th time in her career.

Mika Koivuniemi from Finland is leading the men's division of the tour with 150 points (not playing in Tilburg), followed by Joonas Jehkinen from Finland with 149 points (4 points in Tilburg) at position 3 and Dominic Barrett from England with 120 points (not playing in Tilburg) at position 3.

Joline Persson-Planefors from Sweden is leading the women's division of tour with 198 points (48 points in Tilburg) in front of Rebecka Larsen from Sweden at position 2 with 155 points (80 points in Tilburg) and Kamilla Kjeldsen from Denmark at position 3 with 150 points (100 points in Tilburg).

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Story 2014-09: Name change in Vienna

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Due to a sponsorship agreement, the organizer of the tournament in Vienna announces a name change from the 12th Vienna Open to the 12th Columbia 300 Vienna Open.

The tournament will unchanged be conducted in the very well-known Plus Bowling in Vienna on 29 September - 5 October 2014.

Further details of the 12th Columbia 300 Vienna Open are available in the Tournament Calendar at this site and at the website of the tournament www.viennaopen.com.

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- 13 / 09.09-13.09: RedExpress Russian Open 2014 (RUS) – Satellite
- 14 / 14.09-21.09: Chandra Open 2014 (NED) – Satellite
- 15 / 23.09-28.09: QubicaAMF German Open 2014 (GER) – Gold
- 16 / 29.09-05.10: 12th Columbia 300 Vienna Open (AUT) – Gold
- 17 / 03.10-12.10: Norwegian Open 2014 by Brunswick (NOR) – Satellite
- 18 / 11.10-19.10: 3rd Florence International (ITA) – Satellite
- 19 / 20.10-26.10: Gibraltar Open 2014 (GIB) – Satellite
- 20 / 05.12-11.12: Qatar Bowling Open (QAT) - Platinum

Story 2014-10: EBT Masters 2014

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The EBT Masters 2014, which is the final of the European Bowling Tour 2013, was conducted in Dolfijn Bowling in Tilburg - The Netherlands on 3 March. The EBT Masters 2014 is the 7th edition of the tour final.

The EBT Masters 2014 was open for the 12 highest men and the 12 highest women by the conclusion at the European Bowling Tour 2013.

The format of the EBT Masters 2014 was 12 games qualification, divided over 2 blocks of 6 games, concluded by a 3 person's stepladder final in each division.

In the women's division, the first match of the stepladder final was won by Mai Ginge Jensen from Denmark with 216 vs. 174 for Jenny Wegner from Sweden, while the final and decisive title match gave Mai Ginge Jensen a win over Birgit Pöppler from Germany 224 vs. 207.

In the men's division Martin Larsen from Sweden won the first match with a score of 247 vs. 187 for Richard Teece from England, while the title went to Pasi Uotila from Finland, who defeated Martin Larsen 246 vs. 202.

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Story 2014-11: New period for WMC 2014

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A Formula 1 race has been moved to Abu Dhabi at the original period of the World Men Championships, for which reason the rates of the hotel rooms will be raised with a factor four.

As a consequence of the race, the Executive Board of WTBA and the leadership of United Arab Emirates Bowling Federation has agreed to move the championships from 8-19 November 2014 to 4-15 December 2014.

At the same time WTBA announces the period of the World Singles Championships 2016, which will be hosted by Qatar Bowling Federation in Doha - Qatar, to be 4-11 December 2016.

A changed period of Qatar Bowling Open in 2014 will be announced soon.

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Story 2014-12: EBT 2014-04

Published on 23 March 2014 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



Brunswick Euro Challenge is one of the two annual tournaments with Platinum status in the European Bowling Tour. In 2014 the tournament is conducted for the 11th consecutive time.

The first four issues of the tournament was played in Thessaloniki - Greece, the following 5 tournaments was played in St. Maximin - France, while the tournament in 2013 and again in 2014 has been played in fantastic Dream-Bowl Palace, situated in German Unterföhring; a suburb to the Bavarian Capital - Munich.

338 players, including a huge contingent of US players, most of the top player from Europe and a very competitive supplement by players from Team Singapore and Team Malaysia, had found their ways to Munich; all in all forming one of the strongest fields of players for the entire season of the tour.

The format of the final day included a step 1 with 52 players, bowling 6 games from scratch, continuing with step 2 consisting of 28 players, including top 16 from step 1 and top 12 from the qualification, bowling another 6 games starting from scratch.

From step 2, 8 players continued into a 7 games round robin with the pin fall from step 2 carried forward.

After step 3 the standing, including scores from 13 games and bonus points, was as follows:

1. Marshall Kent, USA - 3313
2. Daniel Fransson, Sweden - 3279
3. Chris Loschetter, USA - 3276
4. Thomas Larsen, Denmark - 3265
5. Chris Barnes, USA - 3237
6. John Wells, England - 3170
7. Joonas Jehkinen, Finland - 3063
8. Zulmazran Zulkifli, Malaysia - 3001

Finally top 3 continued into two stepladder matches in step 4, which ended as follows:

Match 1: Chris Loschetter - Daniel Fransson 226 vs. 255

Match 2: Daniel Fransson - Marshall Kent 258 vs. 277

Kamilla Kjeldsen from Denmark, who won the European Bowling Tour in 2000 and 2003, is back in the 2014 issue of the tour in full speed and with new energy.

Kamilla Kjeldsen, who became 9th in the tournament, has been the highest ranked women in three consecutive stops in 2014, first in Wroclaw/Poland, then in Tilburg/The Netherlands and now in Munich/Germany; a fantastic series. Kamilla Kjeldsen has been the highest ranked in a tour stop not less than 15 times in her career.

Kamilla Kjeldsen is also leading the women's division of the European Bowling Tour 2014 with 400 points (250 points in Munich) followed by Joline Persson-Planefors from Sweden at position 2 with 318 points (120 points in Munich) and Ida Andersson from Sweden at position 3 with 269 points (125 points in Munich).

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Marshall Kent from USA became the highest ranked man in a tour stop for the second time in his career.

Thomas Larsen from Denmark is leading the men's division of the tour with 269 points (150 points in Munich), followed by Joonas Jehkinen from Finland with 264 points (115 points in Munich) at position 2 and Marshall Kent from USA with 250 points (250 points in Munich) at position 3.

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Story 2014-13: EBT 2014-05

Published on 29 March 2014 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



For the first time in the history of the European Bowling Tour, a tournament was played in Russian Ekaterinburg.

It happened when the Ekaterinburg Open 2014 was conducted in Hippo Amusement Park, Shopping Mall Alatir on 24-29 March 2014.

70 players, mostly Russians and a few players from other member federations, had found their way to Ekaterinburg to compete for a total prize fund of 20.000 €.

The players competed with a high enthusiasm and ended up by having played not less than 175 re-entries, giving a total of 245 played entries in total, when the last qualification squad of the tournament was played on Friday 28 March in the evening.

The tournament was concluded by two semi-finals, played over two games, in which Nikita Koshelev defeated Evgeniya Zelenkova 352 (170+182) vs. 339 (189+150), while Mikhail Belenky defeated Evgeniy Mineev 386 (238+148) vs. 354 (194+160). All four players are from Russia-

In the match of position 3-4, Evgeniya Zelenkova defeated Evgeniy Mineev 420 (418+202) vs. 361 (204+157).

The final was won by Nikita Koshelev, who defeated Mikhail Belenky 450 (214+236) vs. 383 (189+194).

Evgeniya Zelenkova and Nikita Koshelev became both the highest ranked player in their respective divisions for the first time in their career.

There are no changes in the top of the two tour standings, which are as follows:

Women's division

1. Kamilla Kjeldsen, Denmark: 400 points
2. Joline Persson-Planefors, Sweden: 318 points
3. Ida Andersson, Sweden: 269 points

Men's division

1. Thomas Larsen, Denmark: 269 points
2. Joonas Jehkinen, Finland: 264 points
3. Marshall Kent, USA: 250

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Story 2014-14: EWC 2016 to Austria

Published on 30 March 2014 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen

The ETBF Presidium has decided to award the hosting of the European Women Championships 2016 to Austria.

The championships will be held in the period of 8-19 June 2016 in well-known Plus Bowling in Vienna, which has housed many championships and open tournaments over the years.

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Story 2014-15: Changed period in Qatar

Published on 15 April 2014 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



As a consequence of the lately announced move of the World Men Championships 2014 to 4-15 December in Abu Dhabi, it became necessary for the organizer of Qatar Bowling Open to conduct their tournament earlier in 2014.

The Qatar Bowling Federation has decided to change the period of Qatar Bowling Open in 2014 from 5-11 December to 21-27 November. The tournament will unchanged be conducted in Qatar Bowling Centre in Doha, the capital of Qatar.

Further details of the Qatar Bowling Open are available in the Tournament Calendar at this side and at the website of the tournament www.qatarbowlingfederation.com.

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- 07 / 19.05-25.05: Kegel Aalborg International 2014 (DEN) - Silver
- 08 / 25.05-01.06: Odense International (DEN) - Satellite
- 09 / 21.06-29.06: II Brunswick Madrid Challenge (ESP) - Silver
- 10 / 12.07-20.07: 10th San Marino Open (SMR) - Gold
- 11 / 19.07-27.07: Track Dream-Bowl Palace Open by Erdinger (GER) - Gold
- 12 / 30.08-07.09: Brunswick Etna Open (ITA) - Satellite
- 13 / 09.09-13.09: RedExpress Russian Open 2014 (RUS) - Satellite
- 14 / 14.09-21.09: Chandra Open 2014 (NED) - Satellite
- 15 / 23.09-28.09: QubicaAMF German Open 2014 (GER) - Gold
- 16 / 29.09-05.10: 12th Columbia 300 Vienna Open (AUT) - Gold
- 17 / 03.10-12.10: Norwegian Open 2014 by Brunswick (NOR) - Satellite
- 18 / 11.10-19.10: 3rd Florence International (ITA) - Satellite
- 19 / 20.10-26.10: Gibraltar Open 2014 (GIB) - Satellite
- 20 / 21.11-27.11: Qatar Bowling Open (QAT) - Platinum

Story 2014-16: Changes in Norway

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The organizer of Norwegian Open 2014 by Brunswick, the Norwegian Bowling Federation, announces an increase in the prize pool from 224.000 to 239.000 NOK, i.e. from about 27.200 € to about 29.000 €.

At the same time, four additional qualification squads have been added to the schedule. The tournament will unchanged be conducted in Veitvet Bowling Centre in Norway's capital Oslo on 3-12 October 2014.

Further details of Norwegian Open 2014 by Brunswick are available in the Tournament Calendar at this site and at the website of the tournament <http://no.bowling.no>.

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Story 2014-17: EYC 2014 in Odense

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The 27th European Youth Championships was conducted in Odense, Denmark on 12-21 April 2014.

61 girls and 98 boys, together with 66 officials from 28 different federations had found their way to the host centre, the Odense Bowling Centre.

As always the European Youth Championships became a very lively and great event, conducted in a fantastic atmosphere with several hundred spectators at the stands in the centre.

The Masters event of the Girls Division was won by Lea Degenhardt from Germany after a 2-1 victory over Keira Reay from England (156-237, 213-258 and 175-212).

The Masters event of the Boy's Division was won by Pontus Andersson from Sweden over Markus Bergendorff from Denmark, also 2-1 (205-159, 201-206 and 227-175).

Sweden became the best nation with 2 Gold, 2 Silver and 6 Bronze medals, closely followed by Denmark with 2 Gold, 2 Silver and 3 Bronze medals and Russia with 2 Gold and 2 Silver medals.

The two Russian Gold medals were the first ever won Gold medals in international bowling for Federation of Sports Bowling of Russia.

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Story 2014-18: Changes in Russian Open

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The organizer of Russian Open has decided to move the tournament from Moscow to Saint Petersburg and at the same time limit the period to three days only.

The tournament will be conducted in one of Europe's two 52 lane centres, namely Russkoe Pole, situated in Russia's second largest city Saint Petersburg.

By the move, the tournament returns to its original short name Russian Open.

The period of the tournament is changed from 9-13 September 2014 to 12-14 September 2014, providing three qualification squads on Friday 12 September and another three qualification squads on Saturday 13 September followed by a desperado squad.

Among other changes, the number of qualified to the final steps has increased from 36 to 48, and as a consequence also the prize distribution list has changed.

Further details of Russian Open are available in the Tournament Calendar at this site and at the website of the tournament www.russianopenbowling.ru.

Tournaments in the EBT 2014:

- 01 / 03.01-12.01: Brunswick Ballmaster Open (FIN) - Gold
- 02 / 12.02-16.02: 8th International Wroclaw Open by Hammer (POL) - Satellite
- 03 / 23.02-02.03: Hammer Bronzen Schietspoel Tournament 2014 (NED) - Silver
- 04 / 15.03-23.03: Brunswick Euro Challenge (GER) - Platinum
- 05 / 24.03-29.03: Ekaterinburg Open 2014 (RUS) - Satellite
- 06 / 03.05-11.05: 9th Istanbul Bowling Open (TUR) - Gold
- 07 / 19.05-25.05: Kegel Aalborg International 2014 (DEN) - Silver
- 08 / 25.05-01.06: Odense International (DEN) - Satellite
- 09 / 21.06-29.06: II Brunswick Madrid Challenge (ESP) - Silver
- 10 / 12.07-20.07: 10th San Marino Open (SMR) - Gold
- 11 / 19.07-27.07: Track Dream-Bowl Palace Open by Erdinger (GER) - Gold
- 12 / 30.08-07.09: Brunswick Etna Open (ITA) - Satellite
- 13 / 12.09-14.09: Russian Open (RUS) - Satellite
- 14 / 14.09-21.09: Chandra Open 2014 (NED) - Satellite
- 15 / 23.09-28.09: QubicaAMF German Open 2014 (GER) - Gold
- 16 / 29.09-05.10: 12th Columbia 300 Vienna Open (AUT) - Gold
- 17 / 03.10-12.10: Norwegian Open 2014 by Brunswick (NOR) - Satellite
- 18 / 11.10-19.10: 3rd Florence International (ITA) - Satellite
- 19 / 20.10-26.10: Gibraltar Open 2014 (GIB) - Satellite
- 20 / 21.11-27.11: Qatar Bowling Open (QAT) - Platinum

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Story 2014-19: EBT 2014-06

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After two years absence, Istanbul Bowling Open returned to the European Bowling Tour with its 9th edition, included as Stop 06 in the EBT 2014.

Like the other 8 editions, the tournament was conducted in the very hospitable Timeout Bowling Centre in Istanbul.

152 players had found their way to the second Gold tournament of the season. The organizer, as well as the ETBF Presidium, hopes that much more bowlers will re-join the tournament in Istanbul, when it returns with the 10th edition in 2015.

Despite the relatively low number of players attending, the level at the top of the tournament was as always very high and very competitive. The 9th Istanbul Bowling Open became therefore a high class tournament, like all the other editions of the tournament.

After 5 final steps including 20, 20, 20, 18 and 8 players, the field was reduced to 4 players, playing two semi-finals as follows: Kamilla Kjeldsen from Denmark defeated Perttu Jussila from Finland 460 (205+255) vs. 413 (211+202). Thomas Larsen from Denmark defeated Joonas Jehkinen from Finland 471 (284+187) vs. 435 (213+222).

In the all Danish final, Thomas Larsen defeated Kamilla Kjeldsen 473 (248+225) vs. 421 (222+199).

Kamilla Kjeldsen, who is a two time winner of the European Bowling Tour (2000 and 2003), is simply "flying" in this season, being the highest ranked women in as much as 4 stops out of only 6 played so far. Kamilla Kjeldsen has been the highest ranked women in 16 tour stops in her career. Thomas Larsen became the highest ranked man in a tour stop for the 5th time in his career.

Kamilla Kjeldsen from Denmark is leading the women's division of the tour with 550 points (150 points in Istanbul) with Joline Persson-Planefors from Sweden with 318 points at position 2 (not playing in Istanbul) and Ida Andersson from Sweden with 269 points at position 3 (not playing in Istanbul).

Thomas Larsen from Denmark is leading the men's division of the tour with 419 points (150 points in Istanbul) in front of Joonas Jehkinen from Finland with 384 points (120 points in Istanbul) and John Wells from England with 310 points (90 points in Istanbul).

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Story 2014-20: Changes in Florence

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As a consequence of a sponsorship agreement, the organizer in Florence announces a name change from the 3rd Florence International to the 3rd Ebonite Florence International.

The tournament, which is included in the EBT 2014 as Stop 18, will unchanged be conducted on 11-19 October 2014 in Crazy Bowling, situated in Florence - Italy.

At the same time the organizer announces numerous changes in the format, the prize list and the entry fees, where special offers in entry packages has been added.

Further details of the 3rd Ebonite Florence International are available in the Tournament Calendar at this site and at the website of the tournament www.florenceopen.org.

Tournaments in the EBT 2014:

- 01 / 03.01-12.01: Brunswick Ballmaster Open (FIN) - Gold
- 02 / 12.02-16.02: 8th International Wroclaw Open by Hammer (POL) - Satellite
- 03 / 23.02-02.03: Hammer Bronzen Schietspoel Tournament 2014 (NED) - Silver
- 04 / 15.03-23.03: Brunswick Euro Challenge (GER) - Platinum
- 05 / 24.03-29.03: Ekaterinburg Open 2014 (RUS) - Satellite
- 06 / 03.05-11.05: 9th Istanbul Bowling Open (TUR) - Gold
- 07 / 19.05-25.05: Kegel Aalborg International 2014 (DEN) - Silver
- 08 / 25.05-01.06: Odense International (DEN) - Satellite
- 09 / 21.06-29.06: II Brunswick Madrid Challenge (ESP) - Silver
- 10 / 12.07-20.07: 10th San Marino Open (SMR) - Gold
- 11 / 19.07-27.07: Track Dream-Bowl Palace Open by Erdinger (GER) - Gold
- 12 / 30.08-07.09: Brunswick Etna Open (ITA) - Satellite
- 13 / 12.09-14.09: Russian Open (RUS) - Satellite
- 14 / 14.09-21.09: Chandra Open 2014 (NED) - Satellite
- 15 / 23.09-28.09: QubicaAMF German Open 2014 (GER) - Gold
- 16 / 29.09-05.10: 12th Columbia 300 Vienna Open (AUT) - Gold
- 17 / 03.10-12.10: Norwegian Open 2014 by Brunswick (NOR) - Satellite
- 18 / 11.10-19.10: 3rd Ebonite Florence International (ITA) - Satellite
- 19 / 20.10-26.10: Gibraltar Open 2014 (GIB) - Satellite
- 20 / 21.11-27.11: Qatar Bowling Open (QAT) - Platinum

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Story 2014-21: EBT 2014-07

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For the second time in his career, Sweden's young and very talented Jesper Svensson won one of the classic stops on the tour, when Kegel Aalborg International was conducted in Lovvang Bowling Centre in Aalborg, Denmark on 19-25 May.

The first time the 19 years old bowler took a title was when he won the Ballmaster Open in 2013 in an age of only 17.

In the 3rd step of the final in Aalborg, 18 players were playing 6 games starting from scratch, while 8 players continued to step 4, playing another 4 games to determine the final standing over a total of 10 games.

Jesper Svensson posted a score of 1516 in the first 6 games, and since it brought him 120 pins ahead of his nearest opponent, the battle of the title was to some extent already over, when the 8 highest ranked players entered the 4th and last step of the final.

Jesper Svensson left no doubt open when he continued his high class performance and concluded the tournament with a score of 2441 pins over the 10 games, followed by Osku Palermaa from Finland with 2332 pins and Liz Johnson from USA with 2302 pins.

Björn Einar Rudshagen from Norway, the defending champion from 2013, took position 4 with 2277 pins.

Both Liz Johnson and Jesper Svensson became the highest ranked in the women's, respectively the men's, division of the European Bowling Tour for the 2nd time in their career.

Kamilla Kjeldsen from Denmark is leading the women's division of the tour with 578 points (28 points in Aalborg) with Joline Persson-Planefors from Sweden with 360 points at position 2 (42 points in Aalborg) and Ida Andersson from Sweden with 349 points at position 3 (80 points in Aalborg).

Thomas Larsen from Denmark is leading the men's division of the tour with 427 points (8 points in Aalborg) in front of Joonas Jehkinen from Finland with 384 points (not playing in Aalborg) and John Wells from England with 310 points (not playing in Aalborg).

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Story 2014-22: New Kegel-ETBF Agreement

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From the signing in Aalborg; present from the left is Kegel's Vice President of Sales Gus Falgien, ETBF's Vice President and EBT Director Kim Thorsgaard Jensen and Kegel's President Chris Chartrand.

It is a pleasure for the Presidium of the European Tenpin Bowling Federation to announce Kegel to be the Official Lane Maintenance Partner for ETBF in 2015-2017.

It is the fifth consecutive agreement between Kegel and ETBF; a co-operation which started in 2005 and in 2014 can celebrate its 10th year's anniversary.

The main objectives of the agreement are lane maintenance at ETBF Championships, lane maintenance at selected EBT Stops and the use of Kegel mapping technology.

Lane maintenance provided by Kegel is mandatory at the 9 championships ETBF will conduct in the agreement period, namely 1 European Women Championships (2016), 2 European Men Championships (2015 and 2016), 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 be advised from the distance.

Also continuing in the new agreement is the availability of the Kegel LaneMapper, a very efficient and accurate tool to measure the lanes in all bowling centres hosting ETBF Championships.

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 2015-2017.

Story 2014-23: EBT 2014-08

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It became an all women affair, when Liz Johnson from USA and Mai Ginge Jensen from Denmark met in the one game final of Odense International.

After a rather close match, Liz Johnson captured the title by a 232 - 209 win over her opponent.

In the foregoing Semi Finals, Lis Johnson defeated Joachim Karlsson from Sweden 233 – 226, while Mai Ginge Jensen defeated Thomas Larsen from Denmark 245-226.

115 players had found their way to the tournament in Odense, which was conducted for the 4th time since 2011.

Liz Johnson became the highest ranked women for the second time in two weeks and the third time in total, while Joachim Karlsson became the highest ranked man for the first time in his career.

Kamilla Kjeldsen from Denmark is leading the women's division of the tour with 613 points (35 points in Odense) with Joline Persson-Planefors from Sweden with 390 points at position 2 (30 points in Odense) and Ida Andersson from Sweden with 349 points at position 3 (playing in Odense).

Thomas Larsen from Denmark is leading the men's division of the tour with 467 points (40 points in Odense) in front of Joonas Jehkinen from Finland with 388 points (4 points in Odense) and John Wells from England with 310 points (not playing in Odense).

Story 2014-24: EBT Masters 2015 in Madrid

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It is a pleasure for the ETBF Presidium to announce the venue of the EBT Masters 2015 to be Bowling Chamartín in Madrid, Spain.

The EBT Masters 2015 will be conducted on Monday 6 July 2015, following the conclusion of the III Brunswick Madrid Challenge.

The EBT Masters 2015 is the final of the European Bowling Tour 2014.

The 12 highest ranked women and the 12 highest ranked men are, by the conclusion of the EBT 2014, qualified for the final.

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Story 2014-25: European Bowling Tour 2015

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The program of the European Bowling Tour 2015 has been decided by the ETBF Presidium. The program is presented below.

The EBT 2015, which is the 16th consecutive tour since the tour was organized for the first time in 2000, consists of 20 tournaments, conducted in 15 different member federations.

From the 20 tournaments included in the EBT 2014, we are unfortunately missing the QubicaAMF German Open. This tournament will indeed be conducted in 2014 as scheduled, but unfortunately not in 2015.

On the positive side we are warmly welcoming the Irish Open Championships back in the European Bowling Tour with a Satellite status after 9 years absence. The tournament has two previous appearances in the tour back in 2005 and 2006.

The 20 tournaments in the EBT 2015 are divided in 4 categories:
EBT Platinum (minimum 100.000 € prize fund), 3 tournaments
EBT Gold (minimum 60.000 € prize fund), 4 tournaments
EBT Silver (minimum 40.000 € prize fund), 3 tournaments
EBT Satellite (minimum 20.000 € prize fund), 10 tournaments

The EBT 2015 is very well geographically presented in our zone; from Dublin in the West to Ekaterinburg in the East and from Helsinki in the North to Catania on Sicilia in the South.

The total prize fund in the EBT 2015 is approximately 1 million €; giving an average prize fund of approximately 50.000 € per stop.

The 12 highest ranked women and the 12 highest ranked men after 20 stops are qualified for the 9th EBT Masters; hosted on 25 July 2016 by the organizer of the 12th San Marino Open.

The last 5 years, 19-20 tournaments were annually included in the tour; a number we are able to repeat also in 2015. The ETBF Presidium is very satisfied about the high quality of the tour and the high number of dedicated organizers taking part every year.

Tournaments in the EBT 2015:

- 01 / 02.01-11.01: Brunswick Ballmaster Open (FIN) - Platinum
- 02 / 11.01-18.01: 27th Irish Open Championships (IRL) - Satellite
- 03 / 08.02-15.02: Hammer Bronzen Schietspoel Tournament 2015 (NED) - Silver
- 04 / 18.02-22.02: 9th International Wroclaw Open by Hammer (POL) - Satellite
- 05 / 10.03-14.03: Ekaterinburg Open 2015 (RUS) - Satellite
- 06 / 14.03-22.03: Brunswick Euro Challenge (GER) - Platinum
- 07 / 02.05-10.05: 10th Istanbul Bowling Open (TUR) - Gold
- 08 / 18.05-24.05: Kegel Aalborg International 2015 (DEN) - Silver
- 09 / 24.05-31.05: Odense International (DEN) - Satellite
- 10 / 27.06-05.07: III Brunswick Madrid Challenge (ESP) - Silver
- 11 / 11.07-19.07: 11th San Marino Open (SMR) - Gold
- 12 / 18.07-26.07: Track Dream-Bowl Palace Open by Erdinger (GER) - Gold

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- 13 / 29.08-06.09: Brunswick Etna Open (ITA) - Satellite
- 14 / 11.09-13.09: Russian Open (RUS) - Satellite
- 15 / 13.09-20.09: Chandra Open 2015 (NED) - Satellite
- 16 / 28.09-04.10: 13th Vienna Open (AUT) - Gold
- 17 / 02.10-11.10: Norwegian Open 2015 by Brunswick (NOR) - Satellite
- 18 / 12.10-18.10: Gibraltar Open 2015 (GIB) - Satellite
- 19 / 31.10-08.11: 4th Florence International (ITA) - Satellite
- 20 / 04.12-10.12: Qatar Bowling Open (QAT) - Platinum

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Story 2014-26: Name change in Ireland

Published on 13 June 2014 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



As a consequence of a sponsorship agreement, the organizer of the tournament in Ireland announces a name change; from the 27th Irish Open Championships to the 27th Irish Open Championships by Seismic.

The tournament, which is back in the tour since its last appearance in the EBT 2006, will be conducted in Leisureplex Stillorgan in Dublin, Ireland on 11-18 January 2015.

Further details of the 27th Irish Open Championships by Seismic are available in the Tournament Calendar at this site.

Tournaments in the EBT 2015:

- 01 / 02.01-11.01: Brunswick Ballmaster Open (FIN) - Platinum
- 02 / 11.01-18.01: 27th Irish Open Championships by Seismic (IRL) - Satellite
- 03 / 08.02-15.02: Hammer Bronzen Schietspoel Tournament 2015 (NED) - Silver
- 04 / 18.02-22.02: 9th International Wroclaw Open by Hammer (POL) - Satellite
- 05 / 10.03-14.03: Ekaterinburg Open 2015 (RUS) - Satellite
- 06 / 14.03-22.03: Brunswick Euro Challenge (GER) - Platinum
- 07 / 02.05-10.05: 10th Istanbul Bowling Open (TUR) - Gold
- 08 / 18.05-24.05: Kegel Aalborg International 2015 (DEN) - Silver
- 09 / 24.05-31.05: Odense International (DEN) - Satellite
- 10 / 27.06-05.07: III Brunswick Madrid Challenge (ESP) - Silver
- 11 / 11.07-19.07: 11th San Marino Open (SMR) - Gold
- 12 / 18.07-26.07: Track Dream-Bowl Palace Open by Erdinger (GER) - Gold
- 13 / 29.08-06.09: Brunswick Etna Open (ITA) - Satellite
- 14 / 11.09-13.09: Russian Open (RUS) - Satellite
- 15 / 13.09-20.09: Chandra Open 2015 (NED) - Satellite
- 16 / 28.09-04.10: 13th Vienna Open (AUT) - Gold
- 17 / 02.10-11.10: Norwegian Open 2015 by Brunswick (NOR) - Satellite
- 18 / 12.10-18.10: Gibraltar Open 2015 (GIB) - Satellite
- 19 / 31.10-08.11: 4th Florence International (ITA) - Satellite
- 20 / 04.12-10.12: Qatar Bowling Open (QAT) - Platinum

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Story 2014-27: EWC 2014 in Berlin

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Diana Zavjalova was the only women representing Latvia at the European Women Championships 2014, conducted in Neue City Bowling Hasenheide in the German Capital, Berlin.

To be the sole representative from her country did not prevent Diana Zavjalova from winning the 24 games All Event completion; and that it one of the most sovereign stiles in the entire history of European championships.

Diana Zavjalova was playing in the first of the two last team blocks and when she had finished her score of as much as 5510 pins over the 24 games (average 229); she was more than 900 pins ahead of the best of the players in squad 2. In other words her title was a done deal way before the competition has ended.

Mai Ginge Jensen won her 4th silver medal in the women's all event competition since 2006, while Jenny Wegner from Sweden took bronze in her debut at an adult national team.

The other four gold medals in the disciplines played before the Masters was awarded as follows:

Singles: Ukraine, represented by Daria Kovalova

Doubles: Denmark, represented by Mai Ginge Jensen and Kamilla Kjeldsen

Trios: Sweden, represented by Sandra Andersson, Joline Persson-Planefors and Jenny Wegner

Team: England, represented by Jo Allsebrook, Autum Chamberlain, Hayley Rumkee, Lisa John, Hayley White, Danni Hopcroft

The Semi Finals of the Master event was won by Diana Zavjalova from Latvia against Kamilla Kjeldsen from Denmark 2-1 (217-211, 204-217 and 26-155), while Lisa John from England defeated Mai Ginge Jensen from Denmark 2-1 (246-171, 204-212 and 224-224 followed by a 9-7 tie shot win to Lisa John).

In the final of the Masters, Diana Zavjalova defeated Lisa John 2-1 (193-192, 178-204 and 269-210)

With Diana Zavjalova continuing her strong performance, Latvia became the best nation with 2 gold medals, followed by Denmark with 1 gold, 2 silver and 6 bronze and Sweden with 1 gold 2 silver and 1 bronze.

Diana Zavjalova broke one European championship record, namely by scoring 814 in the first three games in the trios event.

Story 2014-28: EBT 2014-09

Published on 29 June 2014 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



Bowling Chamartín in Madrid organized a stop in the European Bowling Tour for the second time, when the II Brunswick Madrid Challenge was conducted in the last period of June 2014.

166 players, among them many top names, had found their way to the tournament, which offered a prize pool of 40.250 € as a Silver Category tournament.

The highest positioned 10 players by the conclusion of the four games in the Final Step 3 continued with another 4 games with the pin fall from Step 3 carried forward, ending up with a 3 person's stepladder final for the 3 highest ranked players after the 8 games.

Top 3 after the 8 games was composed as follows:

1. Martin Larsen, Sweden - 2089 / Average 261
2. Carsten Hansen, Denmark - 2030 / Average 254
3. Dominic Barrett, England - 1932 / Average 241

In the first Stepladder match, Dominic Barrett defeated Carsten Hansen 257 vs. 225, while Martin Larsen defeated Dominic Barrett in the second and final stepladder match 213 vs. 190.

Ida Andersson from Sweden became, from a position 19 in the Final Step 3, the highest ranked women for the second time in her career, while Martin Larsen became the highest ranked man for the eighth time in his career.

Kamilla Kjeldsen from Denmark is leading the women's division of the tour with 643 points (30 points in Madrid) with Ida Andersson from Sweden with 449 points at position 2 (100 points in Madrid) and Joline Persson-Planefors from Sweden with 390 points at position 3 (not playing in Madrid).

Thomas Larsen from Denmark is leading the men's division of the tour with 511 points (44 points in Madrid) in front of Joonas Jehkinen from Finland with 388 points (not playing in Madrid) and Carsten Hansen from Denmark with 313 points (70 points in Madrid).

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Story 2014-29: EBT 2014-10

Published on 20 July 2014 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



The 10th year jubilee issue of San Marino Open was conducted in Rose'n Bowl on 12-20 July as Stop 10 in the European Bowling Tour 2014.

As a consequence of an unfortunate clash with local Italian events, the number of participants was lower than expected, 170 players took part, but the quality of the field, which included numerous top players from Europe and USA, was anyway very high.

It became therefore, as always, a great and very competitive event in Rose'n Bowl, in which a slightly changed format offered a 4 person's elimination final, where the lowest scoring player was eliminated after each game and the pin fall for remaining players carried forward to the next game to play.

The four qualified player became Joachim Karlsson from Sweden, Stuart Williams from England, Dominic Barrett from England and Markus Jansson from Sweden.

Markus Jansson was eliminated in Round 1 of the final, which ended as follows:

Joachim Karlsson, 259
Dominic Barrett, 234
Stuart Williams, 234
Markus Jansson, 157

Joachim Karlsson was eliminated in Round 2 of the final, which ended as follows:

Dominic Barrett, 490 (234+256)
Stuart Williams, 450 (234-216)
Joachim Karlsson, 438 (259+179)

Finally Dominic Barrett became the winner of the tournament with a total score of 671 (234+256+181) vs. Stuart Williams with 610 (234-216-160) in the all English affair in Round 4 of the final.

Being the only women qualified for the final, the highest ranked status for Rebecka Larsen from Sweden became a reality already Saturday night. Rebecka Larsen was ranked highest for the 4th time in the women's division in her career, while Dominic Barrett became the highest ranked man for the 10th time in his career.

Kamilla Kjeldsen from Denmark is leading the women's division of the tour with 643 points. Ida Andersson from Sweden is second with 449 points and Joline Persson-Planefors from Sweden is third with 390 points. None of the players attended the tournament in San Marino.

Thomas Larsen from Denmark is leading the men's division of the tour with 586 points (75 points in San Marino) in front of Joonas Jehkinen from Finland with 412 points (24 points in San Marino) and Dominic Barrett from England with 370 points (150 points in San Marino).

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Story 2014-30: EBT 2014-11

Published on 27 July 2014 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



Stop 11 in the European Bowling Tour 2014 was conducted in outstanding surroundings in Munich's Dream-Bowl Palace late July 2014. The tournament, the Track Dream-Bowl Palace Open by Erdinger, was organized by the company EMAX and its owner Manuel Mrosek.

184 players, among them numerous top players from Europe and USA, had found their way to these extraordinary bowling settings, playing as many as 572 entries to decide the 64 players for the final steps on Sunday 27 July.

In step 3 of the final, 16 players met to play 4 games from scratch, with 4 players continuing to step 4 with their pin fall from step 3 carried forward.

The four qualified player became

Mika Koivuniemi, Finland: 940

Richard Teece, England: 901

Joonas Jehkinen, Finland: 894

Tobias Börding, Germany: 879

Tobias Börding was eliminated in Round 1 of the final, which ended as follows:

Mika Koivuniemi, Finland: 1119 (940+179)

Joonas Jehkinen, Finland: 1098 (894+204)

Richard Teece, England: 1088 (901+187)

Tobias Börding, Germany: 1069 (879+190)

Richard Teece was eliminated in Round 2 of the final, which ended as follows:

Mika Koivuniemi, Finland: 1345 (1119+226)

Joonas Jehkinen, Finland: 1298 (1098+200)

Richard Teece, England: 1245 (1088+157)

Finally Mika Koivuniemi became the winner of the tournament with a total score of 1542 (1345+197) vs. Joonas Jehkinen with 1479 (1479+181) in the all Finish affair in Round 4 of the final.

Birgit Pöppler from Germany, who ended at position 9 in the Track Dream-Bowl Palace Open by Erdinger, became the highest ranked women in a tour stop for the 4th time in her career. Mika Koivuniemi became the highest ranked man in a tour stop for the 10th time in his career.

Kamilla Kjeldsen from Denmark is leading the women's division of the tour with 643 points. Ida Andersson from Sweden is second with 449 points and Joline Persson-Planefors from Sweden is third with 390 points. None of the players attended the tournament in Munich.

Thomas Larsen from Denmark is leading the men's division of the tour with 622 points (36 points in Munich) in front of Joonas Jehkinen from Finland with 532 points (120 points in Munich) and Dominic Barrett from England with 445 points (75 points in Munich).

Story 2014-31: EBT 2014-12

Published on 7 September 2014 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



In Bowling La Playa, situated in Catania on the beautiful Italian island Sicily, the Brunswick Etna Open was conducted for the second time in the first week of September 2014. The tournament is included in the EBT 2014 as Stop 14.

112 players from 20 different countries had found their way to Catania, playing some 300 entries to determine the 48 players for the final steps on Sunday 7 September.

8 players were qualified for step 4 of the final, in which they added their scores from additionally 4 games to their 6 games scores achieved in step 3. The top three players in the following 10 games standing continued into two one game stepladder matches in step 5.

1. Daniel Vezis, Latvia - 2375
2. Alexander Johansson, Sweden - 2289
3. Brian Voss, USA - 2263
4. Birgit Pöppler, Germany - 2222
5. Thomas Larsen, Denmark - 2197
6. Mohamed Janahi, Bahrain - 2177
7. Tom Hess, USA - 2171
8. Sue Abela, Malta - 2110

In the first step of the final, Alexander Johansson defeated Brian Voss 255 vs. 255 after three tie shots each X-X-X vs. X-X-4. In the second step of the final Alexander Johansson defeated Daniel Vezis 253 vs. 219. It was one of the most exiting finals in the European Bowling Tour for a long time.

Birgit Pöppler became the highest ranked women in a tour stop for the 5th time in her career and for the second time in a row. Alexander Johansson became the highest ranked man in a tour stop for the 1st time in his career.

Kamilla Kjeldsen from Denmark is leading the women's division of the tour with 643 points (not playing in Catania), followed by Ida Andersson from Sweden with 449 points (not playing in Catania) and Birgit Pöppler from Germany with 433 points (50 points in Catania).

Thomas Larsen from Denmark is leading the men's division of the tour with 652 points (30 points in Catania) in front of Joonas Jehkinen from Finland with 532 points (not playing in Catania) and Dominic Barrett from England with 445 points (not playing in Catania).

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Story 2014-32: Special Olympic Games

Published on 9 September 2014 by Special Olympics

From 13-30 September, Antwerp - Belgium will host the Special Olympics European Summer Games 2014; the largest multi-sport event this year for athletes with intellectual disabilities.

2.000 athletes from 58 countries will compete in 10 sports including bocce, demonstrating to Europe and the world their abilities, courage and spirit.

The Games will be officially declared open by HSH Queen Matilda of Belgium and thousands of family members, fans, volunteers, officials, sponsors and spectators will be in Antwerp for the European Games.

As well as the excitement of the sports competitions there will be various community-building events throughout the week.

For more information visit www.so2014.com

Story 2014-33: EBT 2014-13

Published on 14 September 2014 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



The 5th edition of Russian Open was conducted in Saint Petersburg for the first time in the history of the tournament.

The tournament format offered a field of 48 finalists, ending up with two semi-finals, a match for position 3-4 and of course a final match; all matches was decided over two games, total pin fall to count.

In the one semi-final, the tournament winner from last year, Maria Bulanova from Russia, met her countrywomen Nadejda Korablinova, who defeated Maria Bulanova 511 (288+223) vs. 480 (261+217).

In the other seminal Ahmed Gama from Egypt defeated Sergei Rogov from Russia 446 (236+227) vs. 392 (199+293).

In the match form position 3-4, Maria Bulanova defeated Sergei Rogov 468 (225-243) vs. 396 (211+185).

In the final match of the tournament Nadejda Korablinova defeated Ahmed Gamal 424 (172+252) vs. 385 (193+192).

Nadejda Korablinova from Russia and Ahmed Gamal from Egypt became both the highest ranked in a tour stop, in the women's respectively the men's division, for the first time in their career.

Nothing changed in the Top 3, or the Top 12 for that sake, in any of the two divisions, after the conclusion of the Russian Open in Saint Petersburg.

Kamilla Kjeldsen from Denmark is leading the women's division of the tour with 643 points, followed by Ida Andersson from Sweden with 449 points at position 2 and Birgit Pöppler from Germany with 433 points at position 3.

Thomas Larsen from Denmark is leading the men's division of the tour with 652 points, in front of Joonas Jehkinen from Finland with 532 points at position 2 and Dominic Barrett from England with 445 points at position 3.

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Story 2014-34: EBT 2014-14

Published on 22 September 2014 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



Paul Moor from England took the title in Chandra Open 2014, when the tournament was conducted on 14-21 September in the city of Nieuwegein in The Netherlands.

130 players had found their way to Nieuwegein, where the following format was offered for the final day:

32 players, which were player's positioned 9-30 in the qualification, 6 players from an early bird qualification and 4 players from the desperado squad, took off in Sunday morning with 4 games starting from scratch.

In stop 2, top 16 from step 1 was joined by top 8 from the qualification, forming a field of 24 players playing another 4 games starting from scratch.

In step 3, top 12 from step 2 was playing additionally 6 games with the pin fall from step 2 carried forward, concluding the tournament with the following standing over 10 games.

2508: Paul Moor, England

2435: Dominic Barrett, England

2385: Osku Palermaa, Finland

2355: Carsten W. Hansen, Denmark

2341: Brian Voss, USA

2305: Giancarlo Ragusa, Belgium

2301: Mark Jacobs, The Netherlands

2257: Mik Stampe, Denmark

2246: Mats Maggi, Belgium

2161: Jord van Weeren, The Netherlands

2082: Ellen Jansen, The Netherlands

2004: Priscilla Maaswiknel, The Netherlands

Paul Moor became the highest ranked man in a tour stop for the 14th time in his career, which gives him the top position in the ever running overview, alone. A fantastic series of Moor, who's top positions are reaching over a very long period from 2004-2014. Gery Verbruggen from Belgium and Osku Palermaa from Finland have 13 top positions each.

Ellen Jansen from The Netherlands became the highest ranked women in a tour stop for the first time in her career.

The top standing of the women's division of the tour was not influenced by the tournament in Nieuwegein. Kamilla Kjeldsen from Denmark is leading with 643 points, followed by Ida Andersson from Sweden with 449 points at position 2 and Birgit Pöppler from Germany with 433 points at position 3.

In the men's division, Thomas Larsen from Denmark is leading with 665 points (13 points in Nieuwegein) in front of Joonas Jehkinen from Finland with 532 points (not playing in Nieuwegein) and Dominic Barrett from England with 485 points (40 points in Nieuwegein).

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Story 2014-35: Gibraltar Open cancelled

Published on 27 September 2014 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



The organizer of the first scheduled tour stop in Gibraltar, the Gibraltar Open 2014, announces the tournament to be cancelled.

The cancellation became unavoidable as a consequence of too few players signed up for participation less than one month before the beginning of the tournament, originally scheduled to be conducted on 20-26 October 2014.

The organizer recognizes that registered players, who are able to document a loss, caused by fully or partly non-refundable flight tickets and/or hotel costs, will be refunded upon request.

The tournament, which is adopted in the European Bowling Tour 2015 as Gibraltar Open 2015, will unchanged be kept as a part of the tour program next year.

Tournaments in the EBT 2014:

- 01 / 03.01-12.01: Brunswick Ballmaster Open (FIN) - Gold
- 02 / 12.02-16.02: 8th International Wroclaw Open by Hammer (POL) - Satellite
- 03 / 23.02-02.03: Hammer Bronzen Schietspoel Tournament 2014 (NED) - Silver
- 04 / 15.03-23.03: Brunswick Euro Challenge (GER) - Platinum
- 05 / 24.03-29.03: Ekaterinburg Open 2014 (RUS) - Satellite
- 06 / 03.05-11.05: 9th Istanbul Bowling Open (TUR) - Gold
- 07 / 19.05-25.05: Kegel Aalborg International 2014 (DEN) - Silver
- 08 / 25.05-01.06: Odense International (DEN) - Satellite
- 09 / 21.06-29.06: II Brunswick Madrid Challenge (ESP) - Silver
- 10 / 12.07-20.07: 10th San Marino Open (SMR) - Gold
- 11 / 19.07-27.07: Track Dream-Bowl Palace Open by Erdinger (GER) - Gold
- 12 / 30.08-07.09: Brunswick Etna Open (ITA) - Satellite
- 13 / 12.09-14.09: Russian Open (RUS) - Satellite
- 14 / 14.09-21.09: Chandra Open 2014 (NED) - Satellite
- 15 / 23.09-28.09: QubicaAMF German Open 2014 (GER) - Gold
- 16 / 29.09-05.10: 12th Columbia 300 Vienna Open (AUT) - Gold
- 17 / 03.10-12.10: Norwegian Open 2014 by Brunswick (NOR) - Satellite
- 18 / 11.10-19.10: 3rd Ebonite Florence International (ITA) - Satellite
- 19 / 21.11-27.11: Qatar Bowling Open (QAT) - Platinum

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Story 2014-36: EBT 2014-15

Published on 29 September 2014 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



Jesper Svensson from Sweden took his 3rd title in less than two tour seasons, when he defeated his fellow countryman Markus Jansson 514 (247+267) vs. 482 (234+248) in the two games final of Stop 15 in the EBT 2014, the QubicaAMF German Open 2014, conducted in the German capital Berlin.

Jesper Svensson won Kegel Aalborg International 2014 in May this year and also Brunswick Ballmaster Open back in January 2013.

In the Semi Finals of QubicaAMF German Open 2014, Jesper Svensson defeated Pontus Andersson from Sweden 449 (225+224) vs. 403 (215+188), while Markus Jansson defeated Dominic Barrett from England 468 (247+221) vs. 413 (249+164).

The two Swedish players, Jesper Svensson and Ida Anderson (positioned 13 in the tournament), both became the highest ranked in the men's, respectively the women's, division for the 3rd time in their career.

In the women's division of the tour Kamilla Kjeldsen from Denmark is leading with 748 points (105 points in Berlin), followed by Ida Andersson from Sweden with 599 points (150 points in Berlin) at position 2 and Birgit Pöppler from Germany with 433 points (69 points in Berlin) at position 3.

In the men's division of the tour, Thomas Larsen from Denmark is leading with 710 points (45 points in Berlin), followed by Dominic Barrett from England with 590 points (105 points in Berlin) at position 2 and Joonas Jehkinen from Finland with 532 points (not playing in Berlin) at position 3.

ETBF will use the opportunity to thank the German Bowling Federation for having hosted this tournament the latest years. The tournament will, unfortunately, not appear in the tour the coming years.

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Story 2014-37: EBT 2014-16

Published on 6 October 2014 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



For the 2nd time in a few weeks, Paul Moor from England topped a tournament in the European Bowling Tour, when he won the 16th stop in the European Bowling Tour 2014, the classic Columbia 300 Vienna Open, conducted in the well-known Plus Halle.

After three steps of the final, the following 4 top names were left back for the stepladder final, mentioned in the seeded order:

Paul Moor, England
Joonas Jehkinen, Finland
Chris Barnes, USA
Tommy Jones, USA

In the first step of the final, Tommy Jones defeated Chris Barnes 255 vs. 205.

In the second step of the final, Tommy Jones defeated Joonas Jehkinen 231 vs. 203.

In the third step of the final, Paul Moor defeated Tommy Jones 265 vs. 219.

Paul Moor became the highest ranked in the men's division of the tour for the 15th time in his career, something no other male player has achieved. The nearest by male player in the men's division is legendary Gery Verbruggen from Belgium with 13 highest ranked positions.

Diana Zavjalova from Latvia (positioned 10 in the final tournament ranking) became the highest ranked women in a tour stop for the 2nd time in her career.

In the women's division of the tour Kamilla Kjeldsen from Denmark is leading with 793 points (45 points in Vienna), followed by Ida Andersson from Sweden with 674 points (75 points in Vienna) at position 2 and Joline Persson-Planefors from Sweden with 513 points (60 points in Vienna) at position 3.

In the men's division of the tour, Thomas Larsen from Denmark is leading with 773 points (63 points in Vienna), followed by Joonas Jehkinen from Finland with 637 points (105 points in Vienna) at position 2 and Dominic Barrett from England with 614 points (24 points in Vienna) at position 2.

Story 2014-38: EBT 2014-17

Published on 14 October 2014 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



Tore Torgersen from Norway, already with a very long and fantastic career behind him, won the 17th stop in the EBT 2014, the Norwegian Open 2014 by Brunswick.

The tournament was conducted from 3-12 October in Veitvet Bowling Centre in the Norwegian Capital, Oslo.

In the second last step of the final, 16 players were playing 3 games, starting from scratch, from where 8 players continued to the final step, playing another 3 games with the pin fall from the previous step carried forward.

Tore Torgersen posted a fantastic series of 844 pins over the three games in the second last step followed by a series of 679 pins in the final 3 games, giving him a comfortable victory with a score of 1523 pins over the 6 games. The Norwegian veteran is definitely still going very strong.

Mads Sandbækken, also from Norway, became second with 1461 pins (770+691), while James Gruffman from Sweden became third with 1420 pins (723+697).

Kamilla Kjeldsen from Denmark, who were positioned 5 in the final tournament standing, became the highest ranked player in the women's division for not less than the 17th time in her career; a fantastic number, only copied by her fellow countrywomen, Britt Brøndsted.

Tore Torgersen became, by his win in Oslo, highest ranked in the men's division for the 5th time in his career.

In the women's division of the tour Kamilla Kjeldsen from Denmark is leading with 843 points (50 points in Oslo), followed by Ida Andersson from Sweden with 696 points (22 points in Oslo) at position 2 and Joline Persson-Planefors from Sweden with 526 points (13 points in Oslo) at position 3.

In the men's division of the tour, Thomas Larsen from Denmark is leading with 773 points, followed by Joonas Jehkinen from Finland with 637 points at position 2 and Dominic Barrett from England with 614 points at position 2. None of these three players were in Oslo for the tournament.

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Story 2014-39: Two tournaments adopted

Published on 16 October 2014 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



The ETBF Presidium has, as a onetime occasion, decided to add two tournaments to the European Bowling Tour 2015.

The one tournament adopted will be held in Gibraltar on 4-8 March 2015 in the King's Bastion Leisure Centre as the Gibraltar International 2015. The tournament, which will be conducted as Stop 05 in the EBT 2015, is held instead of the cancelled Gibraltar Open 2014.

The Gibraltar Open 2015 will continuously be held on 12-18 October 2015, also in the King's Bastion Leisure Centre (EBT 2015 Stop 20).

Both tournaments in Gibraltar are Satellite Tournaments, each with a prize pool of £ 25.000. Detailed information about the Gibraltar tournaments is available at www.gibraltaropen.eu and at this site.

The other tournament adopted is the Brunswick Italia Challenge, which will be held in Rome on 20-28 June 2015 as the EBT 2015 Stop 11. The Brunswick Italia Challenge was previously conducted in 2012 and 2013 in Asti, Italy.

The Brunswick Italia Challenges is a Satellite Tournaments with a prize pool of € 30.000.

The Brunswick Italia Challenge is not yet formally approved by the Italian federation, for which reason no other details of the tournament is available yet. We expect that the application will be send from the organizer to their federation soon, where after ETBF can present the details of this tournament as well.

By the inclusion of the two tournaments in the tour, the EBT 2015 includes a record number of not less than 22 tournaments.

Tournaments in the EBT 2015

- 01 / 02.01-11.01: Brunswick Ballmaster Open (FIN) - Platinum
- 02 / 11.01-18.01: 27th Irish Open Championships by Seismic (IRL) - Satellite
- 03 / 08.02-15.02: Hammer Bronzen Schietspoel Tournament 2015 (NED) - Silver
- 04 / 18.02-22.02: 9th International Wroclaw Open by Hammer (POL) - Satellite
- 05 / 04.03-08.03: Gibraltar International 2015 (GIB) - Satellite
- 06 / 10.03-14.03: Ekaterinburg Open 2015 (RUS) - Satellite
- 07 / 14.03-22.03: Brunswick Euro Challenge (GER) - Platinum
- 08 / 02.05-10.05: 10th Istanbul Bowling Open (TUR) - Gold
- 09 / 18.05-24.05: Kegel Aalborg International 2015 (DEN) - Silver
- 10 / 24.05-31.05: Odense International (DEN) - Satellite
- 11 / 20.06-28.06: Brunswick Italia Challenge (ITA) - Satellite
- 12 / 27.06-05.07: III Brunswick Madrid Challenge (ESP) - Silver
- 13 / 11.07-19.07: 11th San Marino Open (SMR) - Gold
- 14 / 18.07-26.07: Track Dream-Bowl Palace Open by Erdinger (GER) - Gold
- 15 / 29.08-06.09: Brunswick Etna Open (ITA) - Satellite
- 16 / 11.09-13.09: Russian Open (RUS) - Satellite
- 17 / 13.09-20.09: Chandra Open 2015 (NED) - Satellite

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18 / 28.09-04.10: 13th Vienna Open (AUT) - Gold

19 / 02.10-11.10: Norwegian Open 2015 by Brunswick (NOR) - Satellite

20 / 12.10-18.10: Gibraltar Open 2015 (GIB) - Satellite

21 / 31.10-08.11: 4th Florence International (ITA) - Satellite

22 / 04.12-10.12: Qatar Bowling Open (QAT) - Platinum

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Story 2014-40: ECC 2014 in Reykjavik

Published on 18 October 2014 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen

Iceland was, for the first time in the history, hosting one of ETBF's Championships when the 37th edition of the European Champions Cup was conducted on 13-19 October in Keiluhollin Egilsholl Bowling Centre.

The 22 lane centre is included in a modern sports complex, situated a little outside downtown Reykjavik.

32 women and 34 men had found their way to Iceland, who presented it selves, and its unique and beautiful nature, in a combination with many days of good weather during the championships.

Birgit Pöppler from Germany (silver medal in 2012) took the gold medal in the women's division by a 2-0 victory over Andrea Eliassen Hansen from Norway (190-139 and 266-169).

In the semi-finals of the women's division Andrea Eliassen Hansen defeated the ECC 2013 Champion Sanna Pasanen from Finland 2-1 (157-209, 200-187 and 188-182), while Birgit Pöppler defeated Tamara Adler from Austria 2-1 (168-239, 254-155 and 224-186).

In the final of the men's division, Tom van der Vliet from The Netherlands defeated Mattias Wetterberg from Sweden 2-1 (259-236, 227-228 and 213-200).

In the semi-finals of the men's division Mattias Wetterberg defeated Steve Thornton from England 2-0 (225-208 and 229-190), while Tom van der Vliet defeated Mads Sandbækken from Norway 2-1 (152-206, 196-162 and 190-184).

Story 2014-41: EBT 2014-18

Published on 19 October 2014 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



The second last stop of the European Bowling Tour 2014 was conducted in Florence, Italy as the 3rd Ebonite Florence International (EBT 2014 – Stop 18).

Serge Frouvelle from France took his first tour stop title, when he defeated Mattias Nilsson from Sweden 233 vs. 174 in the one game final of the 3rd Florence Ebonite International.

In the second last step of the tournament, a group of 4 was competing over 2 games, total pin fall, in which Mattias Nilsson scored 432, Serge Frouvelle, 429, Alexander Medvidtskov from Russia 400 and Daniel Vezis from Latvia 338.

Anne-Belle Jean from France, who was the only woman qualified for the final, in which she reached step 3, became the highest ranked player in the women's division for the first time in her career. And also Serge Frouvelle became the highest ranked in the men's division for the first time in his career.

None of the top rankings changed as a consequence of the tournament in Florence

In the women's division of the tour Kamilla Kjeldsen from Denmark is leading with 843 points, followed by Ida Andersson from Sweden with 696 points at position 2 and Joline Persson-Planefors from Sweden with 526 points at position 3.

In the men's division of the tour, Thomas Larsen from Denmark is leading with 773 points, followed by Joonas Jehkinen from Finland with 637 points at position 2 and Dominic Barrett from England with 614 points at position 2.

Story 2014-42: EBT 2016 Rules published

Published on 23 October 2014 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



At a meeting in Reykjavik held prior to the conduction of the European Champions Cup 2014 the ETBF Presidium decided to let the rules of the European Bowling Tour 2015 continue into the European Bowling Tour 2016.

For the categories of the tournament in the tour, it means as follows for 2016:

EBT Satellite Tournaments

The prize fund must be minimum € 20.000

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 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 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 ranking point table will be in use with a factor 5

The organizers' EBT Fee is € 5.000

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Story 2014-43: EBT Masters 2017 in Istanbul

Published on 23 October 2014 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



It is a pleasure for the ETBF Presidium to announce the venue of the EBT Masters 2017 to be Timeout Bowling Centre in Istanbul, Turkey.

The EBT Masters 2017 will be conducted on Monday 15 May 2017, following the conclusion of the 12th Istanbul Bowling Open.

The EBT Masters 2017 is the final of the European Bowling Tour 2016.

The EBT Masters will in the coming years be conducted as follows:

On 6 July 2015 in Bowling Chamartín in Madrid, Spain

On 25 July 2016 in Rose'n Bowl in Serravalle, San Marino

On 15 May 2017 in Timeout Bowling Centre in Istanbul, Turkey

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Story 2014-44: Bent Petersen passed away

Published on 25 November 2014 by Addie Ophelders

The former Executive Vice President of QubicaAMF, Bent Petersen, died peacefully at home on 21 November 2014. Bent Petersen retired from the company in 1998 after 36 years of loyal service.

Bent Petersen, who joined AMF in 1962 in Sweden, was heavily involved in the development of bowling in Sweden and Denmark. Bent Petersen had later other important duties for the company in Japan, New York and London.

Bent Petersen was especially known among bowlers and bowling leaders for his passion for the Bowling World Cup, which he looked after until he retired in 1998.

The passing away of Bent Petersen has shocked the European bowling family. So many years we have enjoyed his company, enthusiasm, friendship and love for our sport.

Bent Petersen will be missed, not only by his wife and family, but also by me personally and his many bowling friends around the world.

May he rest in peace!

May his wife Julia and his children, grandchildren and great grandchildren find the power to continue and bear this loss.

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Story 2014-45: EBT 2014-19

Published on 27 November 2014 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



The 19th and last tournament in the EBT 2014, the Qatar Bowling Open, was concluded on 27 November in Qatar Bowling Centre, situated in Doha; the capital of Qatar.

The tournament, which normally concludes the tour in December, is held earlier this year as a consequence of the later hosting of the World Men Championships in Abu Dhabi, UAE.

The tournament attracted a huge contingent of top players from USA and a numerous good players from Europe, mainly from Sweden, Finland, Denmark and England, while many players from the neighbouring countries unfortunately did not attend, due to other commitments caused by the up-coming WMC 2014 in Abu Dhabi.

Kamilla Kjeldsen from Denmark had already captured the tour title in the women's division before the tournament. And by adding another 125 points to her season total, she won the tour title in an overwhelming style with 968 points, followed by Ida Andersson from Sweden at position 2 with 696 points and Joline Persson-Planefors from Sweden at position 3 with 526 points. None of the two Swedish players took part in the tournament in Doha.

Kamilla Kjeldsen's tour win is truly remarkable, since she won the very first issue of the tour in 2000, a win she repeated in 2003. Kamilla Kjeldsen became only the second women to win the European Bowling Tour 3 times; the other player with that record is her fellow countrywomen, Britt Brøndsted, who won the tour in 2004, 2005 and 2006.

Thomas Larsen from Denmark was before the tournament in Doha leading the tour with 773 points in front of Joonas Jehkinen from Finland with 637 points and Dominic Barrett from England with 614 points. Only these two players could challenge Thomas Larsen in his attempt to capture the tour title in 2014.

And at the end Thomas Larsen kept his opponents behind him. He won the tour with 878 points (105 points in Doha) in front of Dominic Barrett with 864 points (250 points in Doha and Joonas Jehkinen with 652 points (15 points in Doha).

Thomas Larsen won the tour for the first time ever; after having been no. 3 in 2013, no. 6 in 2012 and no 3 in 2010.

Fantastic Dominic Barrett from England won the Qatar Bowling Open by defeating his fellow countryman Stuart Williams in the final of the tournament, 395 (206+189) vs. 388 (206+182). Dominic Barrett also won the title in Doha in 2011 and 2013,

In the foregoing semi-finals, Dominic Barrett from England defeated Martin Larsen from Sweden 510 (232+278) vs. 469 (258+211), while Stuart Williams from England defeated Camron Weier from USA 434 (197+237) vs. 421 (209+212).

Mai Ginge Jensen from Denmark became, from position 12 in the tournament, the highest ranked women in a tour stop for the 8th time in her career, while Dominic Barrett became the highest ranked man in a tour stop for the 11th time in his career.

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Story 2014-46: Qualified for the Masters

Published on 27 November 2014 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



Since 2008, the European Bowling Tour has been concluded in Doha, Qatar by the Qatar Bowling Open; and 2014 was not exception from that great series.

By the conclusion of the EBT 2015, we are ready to present the 12 highest ranked bowlers in each division, who are qualified for the 8th edition of the EBT Masters; the EBT Masters 2015.

The EBT Masters 2015 will be held in Bowling Chamartín in Madrid on 6 July, immediately following the conclusion of the III Brunswick Madrid Challenge, which will be conducted on 27 June - 5 July in the same centre.

Qualified for the women's division in the EBT Masters 2015			
1	Kamilla Kjeldsen	Denmark	968
2	Ida Andersson	Sweden	696
3	Joline Persson-Planefors	Sweden	526
4	Mai Ginge Jensen	Denmark	521
5	Birgit Pöppler	Germany	502
6	Jenny Wegner	Sweden	385
7	Rebecka Larsen	Sweden	378
8	Diana Zavjalova	Latvia	350
9	Liz Johnson	USA	325
10	Laura Beuthner	Germany	313
11	Maxime de Rooij	Germany	291
12	Sascha Wedel	Denmark	275
The first substitutes			
13	Victoria Johansson	Sweden	259
14	Daria Kovalova	Ukraine	252
15	Danielle McEwan	USA	240
16	Britt Brøndsted	Denmark	219

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Qualified for the men's division in the EBT Masters 2015			
1	Thomas Larsen	Denmark	878
2	Dominic Barrett	England	864
3	Joonas Jehkinen	Finland	652
4	Mika Koivuniemi	Finland	573
5	Daniel Fransson	Sweden	527
6	Paul Moor	England	506
7	Jesper Svensson	Sweden	474
8	Stuart Williams	Sweden	453
9	Carsten W. Hansen	Denmark	442
10	Osku Palermaa	Finland	426
11	Martin Larsen	Sweden	423
12	John Wells	England	389
The first substitutes			
13	Brian Voss	USA	372
14	Marcus Jansson	Sweden	321
15	Joachim Karlsson	Sweden	316
16	Richard Teece	England	295

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Story 2014-47: Changes in the tour

Published on 2 December 2014 by Kim Thorsgaard Jensen



ETBF introduces hereby another few changes in the 16th edition of the European Bowling Tour, which will start in about a month from now as the EBT 2015.

When Press Release EBT 2015-04 was published, the tournament in Gibraltar was announced moved from October 2014 to March 2015, which at that moment meant that two Gibraltar based tournaments would be included in the EBT 2015; one in March and one in October.

In the meanwhile, the organizer and ETBF have agreed to include only one annual tournament in Gibraltar in the tour, namely the tournament in March. This tournament will be conducted under its original name, the Gibraltar Open 2015.

Gibraltar Open 2015 will be conducted on 4-8 March 2015 in the King's Bastion Leisure Centre as Stop 05 in the EBT 2015. The organizer has booked a similar period in 2016.

Also in Press Release 2015-04, a return of Brunswick Italia Challenge were announced, even the tournament details at that time were missing as a consequence of a missing application. We did, however, expect the application to be ready shortly after, but it never materialized. The tournament is therefore off the list again.

The latest weeks we have been in serious negotiations with an organizer in Poland about a new Silver Tournament in 2016 in Sky Bowling, Wroclaw. Sky Bowling is known as the centre successfully hosting the QubicaAMF World Cup both in 2012 and in 2014.

Because of suddenly occurred options caused by other changes in the tour, we agreed with the organizer in Wroclaw to kick-start the tournament with a Satellite status already in 2015. The tournament, which will be known as the Polish Open, will be conducted on 22-28 June 2015 as Stop 11 in the EBT 2015. The organizer has booked the same week in 2016.

The city of Wroclaw has since 2010 also housed the International Wroclaw Open by Hammer, meaning that we will have two tournaments in the tour as of 2015 in this dynamic bowling city.

Tournaments in the EBT 2015

- 01 / 02.01-11.01: Brunswick Ballmaster Open (FIN) - Platinum
- 02 / 11.01-18.01: 27th Irish Open Championships by Seismic (IRL) - Satellite
- 03 / 08.02-15.02: Hammer Bronzen Schietspoel Tournament 2015 (NED) - Silver
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Story 2014-48: WMC 2014 in Abu Dhabi

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Canada's Dan MacLelland took the first available title of the World Men Championships 2014, the Singles Event.

The WMC 2014 is conducted in the beautiful and very sports bowling friendly Khalifa International Bowling Centre, situated in Zayed Sports City, Abu Dhabi - UAE. The centre was also housing the World Championships in 1999 for both men and women.

The Singles Event

Dan MacLelland came a bit from behind already in the qualification, where he posted a last game of 245 to capture position 4 of the qualification, referring Sweden's Martin Larsen to the unfortunate position just outside the group of semi-finalists.

Dan MacLelland posted a total score of 1413 over the 6 games, while Shaker Al Hassan from the host country became third by a score of 1422 and Sam Cooley from Australia second by a score of 1428. USA's Tommy Jones topped the list by a score of 1434 over the 6 games.

The Canadian continued his high performance approach by defeating Tommy Jones 269 vs. 236 in the one semi-final, while Shaker Al Hassan in the other semi-final defeated Sam Cooley 255 vs. 212; to a great and loud satisfaction of the local crowd.

Dan MacLelland had, however, no idea to stop his long strike series, and by a continuation of his top performance into the final, he won the first World Championship Gold medal in his career after a 256-212 victory over a hard fighting Shaker Al Hassan at the Silver position.

Dan MacLelland posted as much as 770 in the last three games of the Singles Event.

The Doubles Event

Finland, Represented by Kimmo Lehtonen and Joonas Jehkinen, won the qualification by a score of 2729 (1432 to Lehtonen and 1297 to Jehkinen) followed by 3 doubles from Asia at position 2, 3 and 4.

Daisuke Yoshida and Shusaku Asato from Japan (1457+1268=2725) became second, Seung-Hyeon Shin and Hee-Won Kang from Korea (1350+1367=2717) third and Jong-Woo Park and Bok-Eum Choi from Korea (1420+1283=2703) fourth.

Sweden had again the disadvantage to take the positions just outside the final and this time both position 5 and 6. Daniel Fransson and Martin Larsen became 5th with 2688 (1336+1352), while Jesper Svensson and Robert Andersson became 6th with 2680 (1369+1311).

The double from Japan (Yoshida and Asato) took the victory in the first semi-final by defeating Shin and Kang from Korea 447 (242-205) vs. 379 (212+167).

The other semi-final became more exiting, but the hard fighting Finish double had at the end to surrender to a very well-playing Korean Double. Choi and Park won the semi-final by a score of 490 (255+235) vs. 466 (225+241) to Lehtonen and Jehkinen.

Also the final became a tight affair with the Korean double (Choi and Park) taking the Gold medal after a 14 pins win over Japan's Yoshida and Asato; 410 (184-226) vs. 396 (191+205).

The Trios Event

By two fantastic series over 6 games, one by USA (Mike Fagan, Sean Rash and Marshall Kent) and the other by Denmark (Frederik Öhrgaard, Carsten W. Hansen and Thomas Larsen), the two countries took the first two positions in the qualification with 4144 and 4141 pins; USA

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with series of 646, 643, 749, 748, 706 and 652 and Denmark with series of 732, 686, 740, 689, 664 and 630.

Korea (Jong-Woo Park, Hae-Sol Hong and Kyung-Min Kim) and Australia (David Porto, Sam Cooley and Jason Belmonte) took position 3 and 4 with 4062 and 4000 pins respectively.

The Semi Final between USA and Australia became a rather one-sided affair, in which USA's strike machine was put in a very high gear, giving their trio a comfortable win over Australia 735 vs. 647.

The Semi Final between Denmark and Korea was a completely different affair, with two teams following each other's score level until the end of the match, so it became up to the two anchormen (Korea's Kim and Denmark's Larsen) to decide the whole thing in the last throws of frame 10. The outcome of the very tight match became a Danish win with a small 6 pin's margin, 668 vs. 662.

The US-Danish Final became just as exciting as the second Semi Final, with the two teams following each other until the 10th frame, although with Denmark 10-30 pins ahead of USA during most of the game.

After the first player in frame 10 had finished their throws, Denmark was down with about 10 pins for the first time in the game; a situation which stayed unchanged after the second players had played their 10th frames. The decision was again left to the two anchormen, this time Marshall Kent from USA and again Thomas Larsen from Denmark.

With an opening of two strikes, Kent could close the match, while a double to Larsen and no double to Kent will send the gold medal into the Danish camp.

Kent did not make the first strike and Larsen made the two strikes he should produce, even the excitement was kept until the last seconds, since the second strikes included a dancing last pin, which were unsure whether it will fall down or not, but at the end it fell down.

The Danes won the match by a 9 pin's margin (647 pins vs. USA's 638 pins) in front of a very big and enthusiastic crowd in Khalifa International Bowling Centre.

Denmark's Frederik Öhrgaard, Carsten W. Hansen and Thomas Larsen could declare themselves World Champions for the first time in their career. It was furthermore the first World Championship gold medal for a Danish male team ever and the first title to a European federation in the WMC 2014.

All Event

As the Team event progressed game by game, the top standing of the All Event competition kept changing all the time, although it became clear that Korea's Bok-Eum Choi was unbeatable and would capture his second Gold medal of these championships.

Before the last game took off, a number of players had the opportunity to win the All Event Silver or Bronze medal, which after a couple of high last games went to Mike Fagan from USA and Dan MacLelland from Canada.

The 24 games total for Bok-Eum Choi was 5603 (average 233), 5520 for Mike Fagan (average 229) and 4590 for Dan MacLelland (average 228).

Martin Larsen from Sweden ended, for the 3rd time in these championships, at the unfortunate first position just outside the group of medallists.

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The Team Event

The team event became a very high scoring event, which, excited as it was underway, limited the number of teams with top 4 chances game by game.

When the standing for the 5th game was set, 6 teams had a fair chance to get on a medal spot, with Korea and Sweden almost decided for the first two positions, while Norway, Malaysia, USA and Australia were fighting for the last two spots.

It became indeed tight, but the outcome was in principle set a little inside frame 10.

It became Korea with as much as 6917 (average 230), Sweden with 6783 (average 226), USA with 6685 (average 222) and Australia with 6660 (average 222) which took the first 4 positions, with Norway just outside the medal field with 6628 (average 220).

None of the Semi Finals became exiting, since Korea vs. Australia and USA vs. Sweden was decided rather early in the matches. Korea won against Australia 1082 vs. 924, while USA won against Sweden 1236 – 985.

The Final between Korea and USA became tight, very tight, and not decided until the last few shots in frame 10. But when the dust had settled, Team USA had to face the second loss in a final with only 9 pins.

The team from Korea, Jong-Woo Park; Bok-Eum Choi, Hee-Won Kang, Hae-Sol Hong, Seung-Hyeon Shin and Kyung-Min Kim, took the very first World Championship Gold medal in the men's team competition for their country.

The Masters Event

The format of the Masters includes pins carried forward to step 1, where top 24 is adding another 6 games to the 24 games from their all event standing; continuing into step 2 where top 8 is playing 7 one game round robin matches, yet with the pin fall from the previous 30 games carried forward. The Masters is finalized with one game matches in two Semi Finals and a Final for top 4 by the conclusion of the round robin.

Korea continued their overall dominance of these championships by another overwhelming performance, ensuring half of the round robin final spots to be Korean.

The standing before the round robin was as follows:

1. 7050 - Bok-Eum Choi, Korea
2. 6907 - Jong-Woo Park, Korea
3. 6829 - Hee-Won Kang, Korea
4. 6824 - Mike Fagan, USA
5. 6801 - Jason Belmonte, Australia
6. 6753 - Martin Larsen, Sweden
7. 6722 - Tommy Jones, USA
8. 6719 - Seung-Hyeon Shin, Korea

Denmark's Frederik Öhrgaard posted a game of 265 and moved into position 9 only 13 pins from a spot in the round robin.

The two highest positioned Koreans continued playing at a very high level in the round robin, which further enlarged the gap to the other 6 players, who in reality was playing for position 3 and 4 only. Bu the fight for these two positions became as intense as possible and was not over until the very last throws.

The final round robin positions after 37 games became as follows:

1. 8891 - Bok-Eum Choi, Korea
2. 8669 - Jong-Woo Park, Korea

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3. 8520 - Hee-Won Kang, Korea
4. 8455 - Mike Fagan, USA
5. 8437 - Tommy Jones, USA
6. 8429 - Martin Larsen, Sweden
7. 8365 - Jason Belmonte, Australia
8. 8174 - Seung-Hyeon Shin, Korea

Three Koreans and one USA player in the Semi Finals is exactly the same which happened in the last World Championships in Henderson, NV-USA in 2013.

In the one Semi Final, Mike Fagan begun with 4 solid strikes, while Bok-Eum Choi was struggling with a triple split, of which he took one. The game was therefore going Fagan's way in the beginning, but a strike series from Choi, and an open 9th frame by Fagan, gave Choi an opportunity to win by making a strike in the first throw of frame 10. But even Choi delivered a good shot, pin 7 stood untouched left back at the pin-deck, and the game went to Fagan 212 vs. 197.

In the other Semi Final, the all Korean affair between Jong-Woo Park and Hee-Won Kang, there was a bigger difference between the performances of the two players. Kang was leading most of the way through the game, and he won in a comfortable way over Park 231 vs. 190.

The standing in the final match between Mike Fagan and Hee-Won Kang changed many times underway with strikes and open frames to both players with a small advantage to Kang, who in frame 10 needed a strike or just a spare, and when Kang opened the frame by a strike, he could declare him selves World Masters Champion 2014 after a 213-198 win over Fagan.

Summary

Korea's performance was powerful and dominating. The country won not less than 4 out 6 titles in the championships, i.e. 2/3 of all Gold medals to only one country à FANTASTIC!

Bok-Eum Choi from Korea won most Gold medals in the Championships, namely three, while his team mates, Jong-Woo Park and Hee-Won Kang, won two Gold medals each.

By winning the Trios Event, Denmark won the first Gold medal ever in the men's division of a World Championship.

Team USA returned home without one single title in their luggage. This has not happened in the men's division of the World Championships since the PBA players were allowed to play as of 2008, and in general not since the World Championships in 1999. Strange enough also conducted in Abu Dhabi, UAE and in the very same centre.

The medal harvest for Europe was very moderate and limited to 3 medals only, namely the Danish Gold medal in the Trios Event, the Finish Bronze medal in the Doubles Event and the Swedish Bronze medal in the Team event.

Being rather poor in medal wins, Europe became rich in "just about to win something", which happened constantly over the entire duration of the championships:

Sweden's Martin Larsen became 5th in the Singles Event, i.e. the first position just outside the medal positions.

Sweden's Martin Larsen and Daniel Fransson became 5th in the Doubles Event, i.e. the first position just outside the medal positions.

Sweden's Martin Larsen, Daniel Fransson and Jesper Svensson became 6th in the Trios Event, i.e. the second position outside the medal positions.

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Norway's Björn Einar Rudshagen, Glenn Morten Pedersen, Svein Aake Ek, Mads Sandbækken and Tore Torgersen became 5th in the Team Event, i.e. the first position just outside the medal positions.

Sweden's Martin Larsen became 4th in the All Event, i.e. the first position just outside the medal positions.

Sweden's Martin Larsen became 6th in the Masters Event, i.e. the second position outside the medal positions.

If nothing else, it must be a World record in getting "just about to win something" positions.

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Story 2014-49: WTBA Events 2017-2220

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At the recently held meeting in the Executive Board of WTBA, the following championships were awarded to host cities (Press Release from Tuesday 16 December 2014):

Kuwait City, Kuwait will host the World Championships for both genders in 2017.

Munich, Germany (Dream-Bowl Palace) will host the World Senior Championships in 2017.

Hong Kong will host the World Men Championships in 2018.

Detroit, USA will host the World Youth Championships in 2018.

Las Vegas, USA will host the World Women Championships 2019 back-to-back with the World Senior Championships 2019.

Tokyo, Japan will host the World Singles Championships 2020 as near as possible to the Olympic Games 2020.

WTBA announces the periods of the championships to be published later.

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Story 2014-50: New period for the WWC 2015

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The Executive Board of WTBA, and the leadership of United Arab Emirates Bowling Federation, has agreed to move the conduction of the World Women Championships from 17-26 November 2015 to 4-13 December 2015.

It became necessary to move the championships because of a Formula 1 race, which will be held in Abu Dhabi during the original schedule period of the WWC 2015.

FIQ and WTBA Congresses will be on 14 -15 December 2015 in Abu Dhabi.

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Story 2014-51: Changed period in Qatar

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As a consequence of WTBA's announcement to move the World Women Championships 2015 to 4-13 December in Abu Dhabi, it became necessary for the organizer of Qatar Bowling Open to conduct their tournament earlier in 2015.

The Qatar Bowling Federation has decided to change the period of Qatar Bowling Open from 4-10 December to 23-29 November 2015. The tournament will unchanged be conducted in Qatar Bowling Centre in Doha, the capital of Qatar.

Further details of the Qatar Bowling Open are available in the Tournament Calendar at this site and at the website of the tournament www.qatarbowlingfederation.com.

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Story 2014-52: ECC 2016 to Iceland

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The ETBF Presidium has decided to accept an offer from the Icelandic Bowling Federation to host the European Youth Championships 2016.

The championships will be held on 19-28 March 2016 in the 22 lane centre, Keiluhöllin, which is situated in the Icelandic capital Reykjavik.

The Icelandic Bowling Federation was recently successfully hosting the ECC 2014, which became the first ever held ETBF Championships in Iceland, just as the European Youth Championships will be hosted for the first time ever in Iceland.