

Dutch Senior Open 2014

ISBT Tour 2014 Stop 7

Chandra Bowling, Nieuwegein, Netherlands

30<sup>th</sup> July to 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2014

Champions: Farida Pascoal-Blom and Carlo Greulich



The seventh stop on the 2014 ISBT tour was at a new location for 2014, the 16 lane Chandra Bowling in Nieuwegein, Netherlands for the Dutch Senior Open. Historically, this tournament has been held in Schiedam, but this year it moved some 60km east to Nieuwegein. The Dutch Senior Open always attracts a large number of entries, and this was not affected by the change of location, with 132 men and 48 women taking part, the numbers boosted by the 66 Dutch bowlers.

The format for the tournament was a single qualifying block of 8 games, with unlimited re-entries. For those not able to qualify through the main leaderboard, there were additional opportunities through Turbo games. Age bonus started at age 51 (1 pin per game), then increased a pin for every additional year of age with no limit. As with all ISBT events, there was a separate division for ladies.

In the first squad, Georgio Desimio (Belgium) took an early lead with 1861 scratch, 1973 with age bonus. Elke Grawe (Germany) led in the ladies section with 1572. Hans de Jager (Netherlands) took the lead of the second squad with 1747, with Bea Cramer (Netherlands) being top lady with 1546.

The first squad on Thursday saw Klaas Gorter (Netherlands) at the top with 1805, with Yvonne Randell (Ireland) establishing a position at the top with 1559. Werner Knobl (Germany) took the next squad with 1738, with Sabine Leutwiler (Switzerland) being top lady with 1535.

The first squad on Friday saw yet another nationality at the top, this time Swedish bowler Ulf Lonngren with 1791. In the ladies section, Gianna Di Giallorenzo (Italy) posted 1581, to go top of the overall standings. Finn Pekka Tiironkoski took the next squad with 1803, with Ulla Caspari (Germany) being top in the ladies section with 1565. The last squad of the day saw a number of high scores, in the men's section, Ron Oldfield (England) hit 1834, and in the women's section, Gisela Insinger (German) was the first woman over 1600, to go into the overall lead with 1650.

At the end of the Friday qualification squads, the men's rankings were led by Georgio Desimio with 1973, almost 140 pins clear of Ron Oldfield, with Klaas Gorter (Netherlands) a little further behind in third place. In the women's section, Gisela Insinger had a 72 pin lead from Farida Pascoal-Blom (Netherlands), with Gianna Di Giallorenzo lying in third position.

Saturday provided the last three opportunities for bowlers to improve their positions, and for a few additional bowlers to join those who had already bowled. Lol Ellis (England) took the first squad with 1814, with Martina Beckel (Germany) leading the

ladies with 1601. The second squad also had English and German leads, this time it was Carlo Greulich (1879) and Angie Brown (1663). The final squad saw another strong showing from Ron Oldfield with 1861, and Alessandra Morra (Italy) posted 1693 to lead the qualification standings. Behind her was Angie Brown on 1663, just ahead of Gisela Insinger on 1650. The last woman to qualify through the overall standings was Yvonne Randell (Ireland) with 1559.

The men's qualification was led by Giorgio Desimio on 1973, followed by Carlo Greulich on 1831 and Ron Oldfield on 1677. The cut at 32<sup>nd</sup> place went to Gabrielle Benvenuti on 1695.

The top 4 men from qualification had a bye through the first final round early on Sunday morning, the remaining 32 bowlers had the early start, and bowled six games starting from scratch. Ulf Lönngren (Sweden) emerged on top with 1430, followed by André Geelen (Belgium). The top 16 bowlers would move into the next round, and be joined by the top four from qualification. Here they would bowl a further 4 games, looking for a place in the eight to get into the round robin final. England's Alan Jenkins was top with 941, with Giorgio Desimio the final player through on 865.

The 12 women semi-finalists also bowled four games to gain a place in the final eight. Martina Beckel led with 830 from Alessandra Morra. Again, just making the cut was Yvonne Randell in eighth place with 741.

Both finals were round robins, with 50% of the score from the semi-final carrying through. The women's final provided a really close result, with Farida Pascoal-Blom (Netherlands) winning by just 8 pins from Alessandra Morra, who was in turn a single pin ahead of Martina Beckel.

The men's final was much more clear cut, with Carlo Greulich finishing with a comfortable lead over second place André Geelen, just edging out Ron Oldfield into third place.

The next stop on the tour is the 50+ Euro Bowling Open, which marks the second visit of the year to Euro Bowling in Deurne, Belgium. The tournament runs from the 14<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> August. Full details are available at the ISBT web site, <http://www.isbtbowlingtour.eu/>