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Eindhovense Bowling Vereniging (EBV) General Information

1. History

Ten pin bowling was introduced in the Netherlands in 1963. It was HRH Prince Bernard who threw the first ball in a new 18 lane bowling centre in Scheveningen (The Hague). In the same year a 16 lane facility was opened in Breda and in 1965 Heineken opened a 16 lane centre at the Limburglaan in Eindhoven.

Soon after the opening in Eindhoven, lots of people started playing and small groups of enthusiastic people already formed what were to be the beginnings of a league. People realized that an official organisation should be set up, and they called a meeting with the regular players to establish an association. On September 23, 1965 the Eindhovense Bowling Bond (EBB) was established with the aid of board members of the Netherlands Bowling Federation (NBF). In later years the name was changed in Eindhovense Bowling Vereniging (EBV).

From the start of EBB, the number of memberships grew rapidly. Also, very well organised so called "huisleagues" were started on various evenings from Monday till Friday. Some of the leagues had up to 16 teams of 5 players.

The averages of a lot of players were increasing fast. In 1967 teams and individual players also started competing in national leagues and national and international tournaments. The Dutch national team often had participants from Eindhoven. E.g. in 1975 at the world bowling championships in London, 6 out of 8 male players in the national team were Eindhoven members.

Many great achievements were reached in the more than 50 years of existence. A lot of champions in national and international events were EBV players.

The EBV is not just proud of it's members' achievements on the lane. In the past years, EBV has had a big contribution to the organisation of bowling in the Netherlands. Various people were active in the board of NBF, the office of NBF was located in Eindhoven for a long time. International tournaments were organised on a regular basis, and attracted people from all over Europe.

The EBV has played at the original premises at the Limburglaan from 1965 till 2004. EBV was confronted with change of ownership of the centre several times, but a good relation with the various owners was always established.

In 2004, a new bowling centre consisting of 33 lanes was built by the owner of the Limburglaan centre. In a general meeting by board and members, the decision was made to move the EBV to the new location as well. Since then, the home of the EBV is at the MEGA

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bowling centre at the Vijfkampaan in Eindhoven. The old centre at the Limburglaan no longer exists, but a lot of our older members still have very fond memories of the good old times they spent there.

2. Organisation

General

The Eindhovense Bowling Vereniging (EBV) is a member of the Nederlandse Bowling Federatie (NBF). NBF is a member of the European Ten Pin Bowling Federation (ETBF), which again is a member of the world association FIQ. Due to this members of EBV are allowed to play in events such as championships, competitions and tournaments all over the world, as long as the event is officially recognised by one of the above mentioned organisations.

EBV is registered at the Eindhoven Chamber of Commerce under nr. V235468. There is a notarial record of the Statutes of EBV, the latest version is dated November 16, 1999.

EBV is directed by the general board, consisting of: Chairman – Secretary – Treasurer – Sports Commissioner – Youth Commissioner – Membership Commissioner – PR Commissioner. They are elected by the General Assembly at the general meeting (ALV) annually held in November.

EBV Leagues, Championships, Tournaments

The members of EBV can participate in one or more of our so called “*huisleagues*”, organised on several evenings in our home centre MEGA bowling located at the Vijfkampaan in Eindhoven. Both handicap and scratch leagues exist, and teams of 3 or 4 members can be formed to play in the leagues. Leagues run from September till end of May. Individual players can ask the league secretary for any available place in a team of a league.

Annually EBV organises the *Eindhoven Championships* event. It is played in 4 classes, both female and male and dependent upon the average level of the participants.

Various *tournaments* are organised each year by EBV, such as:

- Knock-Out tournament
- End of the Year tournament
- Season ending tournament
- Summer league
- Etc.

National and international events

Members of EBV are allowed to play in events - organised by the Nederlandse Bowling Federatie (NBF) or under supervision of NBF or under supervision of international organisations ETBF and or FIQ - such as:

- National leagues
- Regional leagues
- National championships
- Regional championships
- National tournaments
- International tournaments

3. Membership

Membership of the EBV can be applied for by sending a completed subscription form to the membership commissioner of the EBV and paying the membership fee including entry fee, as is indicated on the form. Membership only starts if these conditions are fulfilled.

Membership runs from September 1st till August 31st of the next year and is automatically prolonged for another year unless it is cancelled – at the latest on May 31st of the year in progress - by letter and/or email to the membership commissioner.