



England's Angie Brown, Ron Oldfield sweep titles in 5th Alsace Senior Open

International Seniors Bowling Tour all-time titles leaders **Angie Brown** and **Ron Oldfield** of England swept the women's and men's titles in the titles **5th Alsace Senior Open** Sunday, May 1, at Cristal Bowling in Wittelsheim, France.

The third stop on the 2016 ISBT tour drew a field of 116 players from 12 countries, 94 men and 22 women. The format for the tournament was two blocks of 6 games qualifying, with the lowest block optionally being replaced by a better re-entry score.

For those not able to qualify through the main leaderboard, there were additional opportunities through Turbo games and a Desperado squad. 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.

The opening squad saw [defending champion](#) from 2015, **Harry Michelson**, who had again made the long trip from the United States.

He carried on from where he left off a year earlier, with a 1437 opening block with age bonus (1311 scratch). **Phillipe Andre** of France almost matched this in the second squad with 1429. In the ladies' section, the 2015 winner also got off to a good start, with 1239 for **Sabine Leutwiler** of Switzerland.

The Friday squads saw more good bowling, led by **Hermann Wimmer** of Germany with 1496, with Mickelson (1465) and **André Geelen** of Belgium (1461) also posting good scores. **Brigitte Fievet** of France posted the top ladies' score so far with 1277, with Leutwiler, **Marianne Pelz** of Germany and **Chantal Genest** of France also scoring well.

There were only three squads on Saturday. **Santo Prevenzi** of Italy took the first with 1441, with **Angie Brown** being top lady with 1230.

The lunchtime squad saw **Ron Oldfield** bowl a huge block of 1594 to take top position in the overall standings, with **Martina Beckel** of Germany posting the first block over 1300 in the women's section with 1345.

The last qualifying squad saw **Patrick Rolland** of France lead with 1436 to ensure his qualification place. There were two more good blocks in the ladies' division, Beckel with 1356, and Brown with 1333.

The final qualification positions showed Oldfield was the clear leader in the men's division with 3013, ahead of Mickelson (2902) and Wimmer (2864). Eighth place and the last bowler to skip the first finals round was **Ekkehard Ötte** of Germany with 2773. Last qualifier in 32nd place was **Steven Jeeves** of England with 2567.

In the ladies' section, Beckel had a huge qualification lead with 2701, being almost 150 pins ahead of Brown. **Jacqueline Faure** of France was the last qualifier in sixth place with 2417. *Pictured below are the women's finalists.*



Two male and one female finalists were included from the Turbo section, which left two male and one female place to be filled from the Desperado squad.

Ten men entered the Desperado competition, and after the first frame, it was realised that the scoring was still set for alternating lanes, instead of playing on a single lane. A further frame was played before it was decided to restart the Desperado again from the beginning, with the scoring system reset.

This was to the advantage of some players who had started badly, but **Daniel Sebellin** of France had started with a double, which was now lost. **Patrick Mochon** of France was the clear winner with 263, the other qualifier was **Arthur Dähn** of Germany, who had started poorly, then found a run of strikes to total 228. In the women's section, the lone qualifier was **Kimberley Oakley** of Scotland with 214.

Sunday morning saw the start of the finals for the men, with all scores resetting to zero. The men who qualified from 9th to 32nd, together with the turbo and desperado qualifiers bowled five games starting from scratch in the first final round, with the top 16 progressing to the second final round, where they would be joined by the top eight qualifiers.

Carlo Gruelich of Germany was easily top of this round with 1219, more than 100 pins clear of second place **Loi Ellis** of England. The last qualifier into the second final round was Desperado qualifier Mochon with 1059.



The top eight from qualifying now joined for the second final round, again of five games. This round was led by two English bowlers, Ellis with 1257, and Oldfield with 1224. Last qualifier for the final was Rolland with 1103. *Pictured above are the men's finalists.*

In the men's round robin final, Ellis got away to the best start, and after three games he had a slight lead ahead of Oldfield and Wimmer. These three continued to battle it out over the next few games, with Oldfield establishing a 70 pin lead by the end of game 6.

A strong final game saw **Ron Oldfield** take the win by over 100 pins from **Hermann Wimmer** and **Lol Ellis** to bring his ISBT winners total to 11 events, consolidating his position at the top of the overall winners list.

The ladies' final saw qualification leader Beckel struggle early on, being down in 4th place after four matches. Brown had established an 80 pin lead over Desperado qualifier Oakley, with Pelz holding third position.

A 240 from **Kimberley Oakley** in game 5 closed the gap, but over the last two games **Angie Brown** had convincing wins to extend her lead to win by over 100 pins. Oakley finished in a fine second place, her best ISBT result to date, with **Martina Beckel** improving to finish in third. Brown's win now takes her tally of ISBT wins to 14, double that of any other woman.

The next stop is the **Italian Senior Open** in Bologna, Italy. The tournament runs from the June 4-12 at Reno Bowling. Full details are available at the [ISBT website](#).

Story and Results courtesy of Tony Brown.