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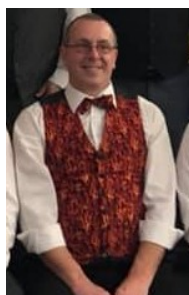
Three opens have been reported on in this newsletter. **Kevin Tunstall** won 2 of them. He took the Off the Spot title in June and the Kent Classic title in July. He has now won **75** national singles titles. **Matt Jones** won the other open—his home one in Bucks. Matt was getting frustrated making a lot of finals over the last 12 months and just got over the line in this one, beating **Tony Webster** who will be kicking himself getting a couple of chances at the end to win his first big title.



The Ladies game moved in July to the Burgess Hill Club for it's biggest event of the year, the British Ladies Open. Congratulations to **Denise Wills**, who won her **2nd title**. In the final she beat **Jan Bithell**, appearing in her first major ladies final.

We now enter a very busy period, with the County Championships next up in mid September. Sadly though the Berkshire Open has been cancelled which was due to be held the week before.

Kent Classic @ SixinOne Club, Tonbridge, 21st July 2019



Kevin Tunstall (pictured left) won the Kent Classic title for the 5th time. Kevin beat local player **Gerry Fitzjohn** in the final. Gerry never really got going in the final and Kevin won by a convincing score of **16,600-6,300**. Again this year in Kent there was disappointing entry, this time only 37 players turned up (one less than last year)

Kevin started his day with a win over **Ros Appleby**, where he made the day's highest break of **18,570**. In the last 16 he eased to victory over **Jim Balchin**. Sussex's **Chris Cox** could only score **230** points against Kevin in the quarter final. An early miss let **Joe Oakley** in with a big chance in the semi final, but Joe didn't capitalise and found himself chasing a too big

target of over 17k.

Gerry also made it through to the final with relative ease. His first opponent was **Tony Jenner** who Gerry beat by over 16k. Two decent scores saw off **Stuart Carruthers**. In the last 16 Gerry beat **Pete Phillips**. **James Whittle** awaited in the quarter finals where James had seen off both Osbornes. This was Gerry's closest victory as he won out **13,370-8,500**. **Nigel Senior** missed early in the semi final against Gerry, and Gerry won that contest easily.

Richard Corbould won the plate seeing off Buck's **Doug Carswell**. **Jean Brackenridge** made the ladies high break with an **8,840** effort. This break was in Jean's last 16 match against **Nigel Senior**, where she gave Nigel a scare as she was 12k ahead during the first leg of the match but Nigel came back to win just **14,730-13,510**.

Latest British Rankings (@ 31st August 2019)

MEN			
Pos	Player	County	PTS
1	Mark Trafford	Oxon	311.9
2	Nigel Senior	Sussex	308.9
3	Curt Driver	Kent	291.4
4	Matt Jones	Bucks	277.9
5	Kevin Tunstall	Sussex	247.3
6	Paul Sainsbury	Kent	186.1
7	Mark Brewster	Kent	176.9
8	Phil Osborne	Sussex	148.7
9	Ian Lelliott	Sussex	141.7
10	Gerry Fitzjohn	Kent	131.3

LADIES			
Pos	Player	County	PTS
1	Jean Brackenridge	Sussex	124.9
2	Pauline Withey	Oxon	110.1
3(+4)	Denise Wills	Surrey	59.5
4(+2)	Ros Appleby	Sussex	53.3
5	Dawn Jordan	Bucks	51.8
6(+2)	Jenny Florey	Oxon	47.8
7(-3)	Lorraine Hall	Sussex	44.5
8(-5)	Michelle Baden	Sussex	43.5
9	Mel Standbridge	Oxon	35.4
10	Jan Bithell	Sussex	31.5

British Ladies @ Burgess Hill Con Club, 28th July 2019



Denise Wills (pictured left) won the British Ladies title winning it for the 2nd time adding to her 2014 win. Denise beat **Jan Bithell** who was appearing in her first British ladies final. After the first leg Denise held a slender 50 point lead.

The final remained close until Denise seized upon a late chance and eventually ran out the winner **8,640-6,410**.

A disappointing 8 entries turned up for this year's event and were split into 2 groups. Top 2 in each group winners to progress to the semi finals. Denise progressed through her group unbeaten. She was joined by Jan who won only 1 match out of 3 but had higher aggregates than **Jenny Florey** & **Mel Standbridge**. In the other group **Pauline Withey** & **Ros Appleby** qualified both winning 2 matches. Reigning champ **Jean Brackenridge** was the unlucky one also winning 2 matches but didn't have enough score. **Sheena Wood** couldn't get a win but acquitted herself well as a late entrant. In the semi finals Denise only just beat Ros after being behind after her break game. Jan beat Pauline in another close match—Jan winning by 750 points. Jean got some consolation by winning the plate against Sheena in the final. Denise's day was made complete as she also picked up the high break award with a **8,380** effort in the group stages.

Have any ideas of what you want to see in the Newsletter, or wish to contribute stories or pictures?

Email nigelsenior05@googlemail.com with your suggestions

Alternative Rules @ Totteridge Club, 16th June 2019



Mark Trafford (pictured right) captured the Alternative Rules title. Mark has finally won this event after being runner up 4 times and a semi finalist another 4 times. Mark beat **Nigel Senior** in the in final. Mark looked in control but pegged a 1,000 break in the late stages handing Nigel one last chance but Nigel ultimately came up short.

This is a unique event where 6 white balls are placed in a triangle at the back of the table to start the game. Everytime the balls are cleared the triangle is reformed. An entry of 22 were split into 4 groups, with top two in each group progressing.

Mark progressed through his group and then beat reigning champ **Gerry Fitzjohn** in the quarter finals. Mark very nearly succumbed to **Curt Driver** in the semi final as Curt black pegged with his last shot needing the 200 to win.

Nigel made it to the final via a win over teammate **Phil Osborne** in the semi finals

The plate was won by **Joe Elleson**—he beat **Kyle Ingram** in the final.

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Latest Grand Prix Standings @ 31st August 2019 (after 8 events of 9)

Pos	Player	Pts
1	Nigel Senior	49
2	Kevin Tunstall	48
3	Matt Jones	41
4	Curt Driver	29
5	Gerry Fitzjohn	24
6	Dave Ingram	16
7	Martin Smith	15
8	Ian Lelliott	15
9	Jason Neal	15
10	Mark Trafford	14
11	Phil Osborne	14
12	Mark Brewster	13
13	Bob Hall	11
14	Martin Cole	10
15	Tony Webster	10
16	Gareth Lloyd	10

Bucks Open @ Totteridge Club, 4th August 2019

Matt Jones (pictured right) secured his home open by winning the Bucks Open at the Totteridge Club. Matt has narrowly missed out on titles over the last year or so but came good in the final coming from behind to beat surprise package **Tony Webster** in the final. Tony took a 7k lead into leg 2 which was handy on a tricky table. Matt got himself in front but then Tony had two big chances which ultimately he failed to take to win his first national title. It is always special to win your home open. There has been a plethora this year with **Jason Neal** winning Northants and **Nigel Senior** winning Sussex—but you could also argue that **Dave Lillie** won his home 4 pin event and **Dave Ingram** won Guernsey -he did play for Guernsey this year but that is probably stretching it!



Matt smashed in high scores all day en route to the final. 30k was put passed **Tony Martin**, then 29k passed **Bob Hall**. He slowed down against **Ian Lelliott** posting **23,190**, but then they didn't even play leg 2! In the quarters he face **Kevin Tunstall**, and his good run against Kevin continued as he won **13,300-3,470**. Then in the semi finals he beat **Nigel Senior**—his opening effort of **15,760** too many for Nigel who broke down early in reply.

In contrast Tony didn't make one 10k leg score to make the final but used all his of years of experience to progress. After beating **Miles Lawless** he faced **Mark Brewster** who was fresh after an incredible **25,650** high break of the day. Tony won narrowly **12,310-8,220**. Narrower wins followed over **Martin Smith** (by 2,480) then **Phil Griffin** (by just **100**) in the quarters and semi finals

An all Sussex final in the plate saw **Bob Osborne** beat **James Whittle**. **Michelle Baden** made the ladies high break of **3,960**, **Dawn Jordan** was the only lady to get to round 2 to be furthest lady.

5th National Off the Spot Open @ Totteridge Club, 30th June 2019



Kevin Tunstall (pictured left) won the National Off the Spot title. Kevin has been back to his best this year already having won the Surrey title in April. This is also the first time he has won this event (although he would argue he won the old off the spot title before it became the Alternative Rules) and now has the complete set of national (3 pin) individual open titles. Kevin beat Eng-land captain **Curt Driver** in the final. Curt was off early doors and never recovered and Kevin ran out a comfortable win by a final score of **17,770-1,610**. Kevin's run to the final was fairly serene as he put 17k passed **Tony Brown** in his first match. He followed this up with a win over **Matt Knight** scoring 15k. He would have expected tougher matches against **Mark Trafford** and **Matt Jones** but they only scored **1,170** between them and Kevin posted 5 figure scores against each of them.

Curt's first match was against his AEBBA pairs partner, **Mark Brewster**. Curt got the better of Mark winning **16,400-5,190**. He followed that up with a win over Sussex's **Bob Osborne** in the last 32. In the next round he set **Sean Stratford 14,510**, which was more than enough. Curt was 3k down against **Martin Smith** in the quarter finals but made a 13k score to ease through. The semi final was very tight against fellow Kent player **Gerry Fitzjohn**. Curt always just seems to get the better of Gerry in their battles and Curt narrowly won this one **10,900-10,040**. **Dave White** beat **Joe Oakley** in the plate final where experience beat youth! **Matt Jones** made the highest break of **19,190**—but not sure that is any way to treat your World Championship pairs partner—poor **Cliff Slade**! **Dawn Jordan** was the only lady to take part so is by default the furthest lady—losing her opening match in round 2.

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Dates for your diary 2019—see <http://www.aebba.org/> for entry forms

2nd Feb - Oxon Open (@ Didcot Con Club) - winner **Nigel Senior**

2nd/3rd Mar - British Pairs (@ Queens Hotel, Bournemouth) - winners **Curt Driver** & **Mark Brewster**

23rd Mar— East Anglian 4-pin Open (@ Masonic Hall, Sudbury) - winner **Dave Lillie**

7th Apr—Surrey Open (@ Salfords Club)- winner **Kevin Tunstall**

13/14th Apr—AEBBA Challenger Event (@ Nottingham) [Entry open to players outside 250 in rankings]- winner **Colin Chambers**

4th/5th May - Guernsey Pairs/Guernsey Open (@ Les Rocquettes, Guernsey)- winners **Mark Trafford** & **Keith Hollis**

18th May - AEBBA Northants 4 pin Open (@ Cock Inn, Northampton)- winner **Nigel Senior**

19th May - Northants Open (@ Cock Inn, Northampton)- winner **Jason Neal**

1st June - England v Guernsey (@ Roffey Club, Horsham) - Eng 38 Gue 15

2nd June—Sussex Open (@ Roffey Club, Horsham) - winner **Nigel Senior**

16th June - Alternative Rules (@ Totteridge Club, High Wycombe) - winner **Mark Trafford**

30th June - National Off the Spot Open (@ Totteridge Club, High Wycombe) - winner **Kevin Tunstall**

21st July - Kent Classic (@ SixinOne Club, Tonbridge) - winner **Kevin Tunstall**

28th July - British Ladies (@ Burgess Hill Con Club)- winner **Denise Wills**

4th Aug - Bucks Open (@ Totteridge Club, High Wycombe)- winner **Matt Jones**

8th Sept - Berks Open (@ Arborfield Club, Reading) - **EVENT CANCELLED**

15th Sept - County Div 1 (@ Arborfield Club, Reading)

22nd Sept - County Div 2 (@ Arborfield Club, Reading)

6th Oct - Team Champs/ Special Ladies/ AEBBA Mixed Pairs (@ Totteridge Club)

20th Oct- AE Open Singles/AE Ladies Singles/Over 50's/Over 60's (@ Totteridge Club)

8th/9th/10th Nov - World Champ Pairs/ World Champs Singles/ Jersey v England (Jersey)

24th Nov - Grand Prix/ Ladies Grand Prix/Under 30's (@ Arborfield Club, Reading)

??? Dec - AEBBA AGM (@ TBC)

Upcoming Events in September & October

8th Sept - Berkshire Open - The Arborfield Club in Reading will host the 24th Berkshire Open. In last years final **Mark Trafford** won the title beating **Simon Coleman** in the final

15th Sept - County Champs Div 1 - Sussex B will be defending their title.

22nd Sept - County Champs Div 2 - Surrey gained promotion from Division 2 last year.

6th Oct - Team Champs/ Special Ladies/ Mixed Pairs - Tunbridge Wells Constitutional Club from Kent won the team title last year for the second year running. **Jenny Florey** won her 1st Special Ladies title, The Mixed Pairs was won by **Mark Trafford & Jenny Florey**.

20th Oct - AE Open Singles/AE Ladies Singles/ Over 50's/Over 60's - Mark Trafford won the All England singles last year. The All England Ladies was won by **Denise Wills**. **Gerry Fitzjohn** did the double of Over 50's and Over 60's last year.