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## New AEEBA Newsletter

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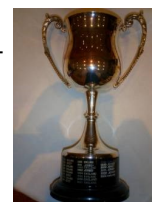
Nigel Senior

Welcome to the new AEBBA newsletter. Hopefully this newsletter will reach players who know little or nothing of what the Association does and help spread the word of our beautiful game. The AEBBA runs our national game and holds many competitions throughout the year, many of which are free for any player to play in. These competitions range from county championships to national pairs, over 50's and 60's, under 25's and mixed pairs to name but a few. See the competition diary for the full list. If you wish to receive this Newsletter then please email me at [nigelsenior@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:nigelsenior@hotmail.co.uk)



### Jersey v England @ Ambassador Hotel, 6th February 2009

The first major event of the bar billiards year was the annual meeting between the Jersey and England Mens and Ladies teams. In a new venue the Jersey Men were looking to avenge six successive defeats from 2003 (men's match trophy pictured right), the Jersey Ladies were trying to halt run of 12 unsuccessful matches since their last win in 1993.



The Mens match was close at half time with Jersey having a slender 6-5 lead. However Jersey hit form in the 2nd half of the match and ran away 22-11 victors. Congratulations to Jersey captain **Nick Barnett** on his team's fine performance. This was the 28th meeting between the two sides, England lead 18-9 with 1 drawn match. The five best player records from both teams in the international are shown on the left

In the ladies match England won through 12-6, but it was a lot closer than the ladies matches of previous years. **Pauline Withey** was once again the successful England captain and won her 18th match from a ladies record of 21 appearances. England now have won 20 matches to Jersey's 4 wins in the 24 meetings between the two sides.

### Eng v Jer top 5 player records

ENGLAND		P	W	D	L
1	Kevin Tunstall	28	24	1	3
2	John Burrows	14	12	0	2
3	Jim Millward	14	11	2	1
4	Paul Sainsbury	21	10	2	9
5	Peter Farrelly	18	9	3	6

JERSEY		P	W	D	L
1	Graham Bisson	25	13	2	10
2	Steve Ahier	23	12	3	8
3	Harry Barbet	20	12	0	8
4	Dennis Helleur	25	12	0	13
5	Nigel Ryall	20	10	1	9

### Latest British Rankings (@ 28th February 2009)

MEN				LADIES			
Pos	Player	County	PTS	Pos	Player	County	PTS
1	Kevin Tunstall	Sussex	350.8	1	Pauline Withey	Oxon	142.4
2	Nigel Senior	Sussex	228.2	2	Jean Brackenridge	Sussex	128.6
3	Phil Collins	Oxon	172.4	3	Denise Wills	Surrey	77.5
4	Keith Sheard	Oxon	170.6	4	Myra Hawkins	Berks	46.1
5	Steven Sheard	Oxon	169.1	5	Jane Wood	Oxon	39.9
6	Chris Reeves	Sussex	136.1	6	Janet Burns	Berks	37.1
7	Paul Sainsbury	Berks	128.0	7	Chris Toner	Hants	34.3
8	Trevor Gallienne	Guernsey	119.6	8	Sue Atkins	Oxon	34.0
9	Gareth Lloyd	Sussex	116.1	9	Sue Mariner	Sussex	33.8
10	Richard Wooton	Sussex	104.7	10	Jenny Abbott	Oxon	31.5

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

Email [nigelsenior@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:nigelsenior@hotmail.co.uk) with your suggestions

## AEBBA Tables

Investors are needed so as the AEBBA can purchase the tables plus van plus accessories from Brian Daniels and Tony Webster who are stepping down from providing the tables at the end of the year.

This has great impact on our national and local game as many competitions are run using these tables. £10,000 needs to be raised at £200 per share. £6,000 has been raised so far and repayment of investment is expected within 3 years.

Please don't ask to go on the list if you feel doubtful about any investment. Contact **Dave Alder** if you are interested.



## Latest Grand Prix Standings @ 28th February 2009 (after 1 event of 11)

Pos	Player	Pts
1	Tony Martin	15
2	Tony Willis	10
3	Kevin Hall	6
4	Pete Sainsbury	6
5	Keith Sheard	3
=	Curt Driver	3
7	Dave Ingram	3
=	Mark Turner	3
9	Richard Wooton	1
=	Brian Daniels	1
=	Kevin Tunstall	1
12	Jim Millward	1
=	Joe O'Farrell	1
=	Gareth Lloyd	1
=	Leon Beer	1
=	Nigel Senior	1

## Oxfordshire Open @ Didcot Con Club, 21st Febraury

Congratulations to **Tony Martin** (pictured right) who won his first national individual open title at the Oxfordshire Open with victory over Witney's **Tony Willis**. Tony has been a runner up on 3 occasions before, twice in the Mermaid Open (1990 & 1991) and also in the Sussex Open (2004). Tony lost two of those finals the England number 1 and old doubles partner Kevin Tunstall, but got the better of him in their last 16 match this time. Wins then followed against Curt Driver (Kent) and Kevin Hall (Sussex) before beating Tony Willis in the final.



This was Tony Willis' first appearance in a open final, although he did reach the 1998 Bournemouth pairs final with Jon Bamsey (ironically losing to Tunstall/Martin). He had a great run beating reigning champ Mark Turner and Kent's Peter Sainsbury.

The plate competition was won by 1997 runner up **Stuart Giles** beating 1998 runner up **Paul Sainsbury** in the final. The highest break was a 17,770 effort by Kevin Tunstall. Hampshire's Chris Toner made a high ladies break of 3,100. A great day well organized by Pete Ewins and Mark Trafford—thanks to them.

## Upcoming Events in March & April

**7/8th Mar - British Pairs (Bournemouth)** - The 27th British Pairs will take place at the Queens Hotel, Bournemouth. **Kevin Tunstall** will be looking to defend his title and add to the **seven** he has already won with new partner **Kevin Hall**.

**5th Apr - British Ladies** - The 16th British Ladies Open will take place at Frenches Club, Redhill at the end of April. **Pauline Withey** beat surprise finalist **Sho Nicholls** last year. Pauline will be looking for a 4th title in five years.

**19th Apr - Portsmouth Open** - The longest running open of all the current opens will see its 17th running in April. **Mark James** won his 3rd national title against team mate **Ian Lelliott** last year.

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

7th Feb - Jersey v England (@ Shakespeare Hotel) - result Jer men 22-11 Eng men, Jer ladies 6-12 Eng ladies

21st Feb - Oxon Open—winner Tony Martin

7/8th Mar - British Pairs (Bournemouth)

5th Apr—British Ladies Open

19th Apr - Portsmouth Open

3rd May - Guernsey Open

10th May - Surrey Open

6th June - England v Guernsey (@ Roffey Club)

7th June—Sussex Open (@ Roffey Club)

12th July - Kent Classic

9th Aug (prov date) - Bucks Open

13th Sept - Berks Open

20th Sept - County Champs Div 1/ Div 2

4th Oct - Ladies County/ AE Open Singles

18th Oct- County Div 3/ Ladies AE Singles

25th Oct - Team Champs/ Special Ladies

1st Nov - Alternative Rules

6/7/8th Nov - World Champ Pairs/ World Champs singles (Jersey)

22nd Nov - Mixed Pairs/ Under 25's

29th Nov - Grand Prix/ Ladies GP/Over 50's/ Over 60's

6th Dec - AEBBA AGM

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<http://www.sussexbarbilliards.com>

<http://www.studio18.co.uk/jbbl/>

<http://lewesbarbilliards.org.uk/>

<http://barbilliards.proboards30.com/>

<http://www.rdbbl.co.uk/>

<http://www.wdbbl.com/>

<http://www.wanddbba.co.uk/>

<http://www.guernseybarbilliards.co.uk/>

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