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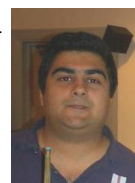
Kevin Tunstall

AEBBA Newsletter Editorial

3 Opens have taken place over the last two months. Kevin Tunstall won all 3 which means he has now won 58 individual national titles. He now has a healthy lead at the top of the rankings, and to complete a great couple of months for him he captained the England team to their 7th straight win over Guernsey.

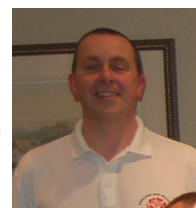
Speaking of Guernsey, the 4th Guernsey Open was held in May, but we had the 1st Guernsey pairs event the day before. It was great to see an Anglo-Jersey partnership win for Chris Tupper & Harry Barbet and it was a great warm up for the singles competition the next day.

We have the Kent Classic and Bucks Open over the next 2 months—can anyone stop Kevin breaking his own record of successive titles and successive match wins (see bottom of back page). Also we have the first national events in Reading—please let Dave Alder know if you wish to participate.



Guernsey Pairs & Open @ Les Rocquettes Hotel, 30th Apr—1st May 2011

The 4th Guernsey Open was held Sunday 1st May 2011. **Kevin Tunstall** (pictured right) took the spoils with a win over Guernsey's **Trevor Gallienne** in the final. Kevin played the blue table out in leg 1 for 16,450 and Trevor conceded when he opened with just 350 in leg 2. Kevin overcame **Nigel Senior** in the last 16, but **Dave Ingram** gave him a tougher game in the quarter final where Dave lost by just 590 having missed late in the match on the break. **Paul Barnett** opened with a determined 6k in the semi final but Kevin came back to win 15,480—9,110. Trevor got revenge on **Graham Bisson** for his 2009 final defeat in the quarter finals before beating Kent's **Curt Driver** in the semi. Curt did make the highest break with **17,900** in round 1.



The plate was won by Jersey's **Michael Philips** who beat **Mrs Chris Newson** who came back to win 10,610—7,650 after being 2k down from the first leg. **Hayley Tunstall** made the high ladies break.

The first Guernsey pairs was held the day before the open. This new tournament was a welcome addition to the weekend. **Harry Barbet & Chris Tupper** (pictured left) overcame **Curt Driver & Mark Brewster** in a close final.

England v Guernsey, 11th June 2011

The night before the Sussex Open at the Roffey Club, Horsham, **England** took on **Guernsey** in the 7th meeting between the two sides. England have won the first 6 times, last year being a 40-18 away win. The 4 pairs matches started the international and all four went England's way and they amassed a 17-3 advantage going into the singles. In the 9 singles matches Guernsey could not stop a rampant England team who won eight of the evening's nine singles matches by a 3-0 scoreline. Only **Tom Oliver** (pictured right) could prevent a whitewash, managing to beat an in form Steven Sheard 2-1. This made the final score **42-5**. Guernsey will be looking to provide a sterner test when the two teams meet on Guernsey soil in May next year.



Latest British Rankings (@ 30th June 2011)

MEN			
Pos	Player	County	PTS
1(+2)	Kevin Tunstall	Sussex	293.3
2(-1)	Nigel Senior	Sussex	245.6
3(-1)	Phil Collins	Oxon	236.6
4	Steven Sheard	Oxon	217.6
5	Keith Sheard	Oxon	190.9
6	Curt Driver	Kent	187.6
7	Paul Sainsbury	Berks	141.5
8(+1)	Mark Brewster	Kent	115.4
9(+1)	Richard Wooton	Sussex	111.7
10(+1)	Mark Trafford	Oxon	111.5

LADIES			
Pos	Player	County	PTS
1	Pauline Withey	Oxon	98.6
2	Jean Brackenridge	Sussex	89.3
3	Mrs Chris Newson	Hants	81.6
4	Lorraine Hall	Sussex	50.2
5	Hayley Tunstall	Sussex	45.1
6	Denise Wills	Surrey	42.9
7	Alison Norman	Surrey	38.9
=	Jenny Florey	Oxon	38.9
9	Sandra Race	Sussex	37.6
10	Genette Nicholls	Surrey	27.0

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

Email nigelsenior@hotmail.co.uk with your suggestions

Upcoming Events in July & August

10th July - Kent Classic - The 15th Kent Classic will take place in July at the Six in One Club in Tonbridge. Last years final was won by Kevin Tunstall beating first time finalist Simon Ellam in the final.

24th July - Under 25's/ Over 50's/ Over 60's - The age restricted national competitions take place on the 24th July at the Post Office club, Reading. The Under 25's last year was won by Martin Cole for the 1st time beating Lewis Stratford in the final. Keith Sheard beat Dave France in last years over 50's. Tony Martin won a record 3rd over 60's title defeating Berkshire's Geoff Pitt. Please contact Dave Alder if you want to play in any of these tournaments

7th August - Bucks Open - the 7th August sees the 11th running of the Bucks Open at the Princes Rise-borough Golf Club. Last year Phil Collins captured his 6th National title beating Keith Sheard in the final.

21st August - Mixed Pairs - the national Mixed Pairs takes place at the end of August. Kevin & Hayley Tunstall will be defending their title won for the 2nd time last year against Mark Trafford & Pauline Withey.

Latest Grand Prix Standings @ 30th June 2011 (after 5 events of 9)

Pos	Player	Pts
1	Kevin Tunstall	49
2	Steven Sheard	35
3	Curt Driver	31
4	Leon Beer	16
5	Dave Ingram	13
6	Phil Collins	10
7	Trevor Gallienne	10
8	Ian Lelliott	6
9	Gerry Fitzjohn	6
10	Kevin Hall	6
11	Martin Smith	6
12	Rick Dewdney	6
=	Tony Woolvin	6
14	Dennis Atkins	6
15	Tony Webster	6
16	Paul Barnett/ Gary Johnson	6

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

5th Feb - Jersey v England (@ Ambassadeur, Jersey) Jer men 16-17 Eng men, Jer Ladies 6-12 England ladies

19th Feb - Oxon Open (@ Didcot Conservative Club) winner Steven Sheard
12/13th Mar - British Pairs (@ Queens Hotel, Bournemouth) winners Steven Sheard & Pete Phillips

10th Apr - Portsmouth Open (@ Moneyfields SSC) winner Leon Beer

17th Apr—British Ladies Open (@ Salfords Club, Horley) winner Sandra Race
30th April/1st May - Guernsey Pairs/ Guernsey Open (@ Les Rocquettes, Guernsey) pairs winners Chris Tupper & Harry Barbet, singles winner Kevin Tunstall
8th May - Surrey Open (@ St Nicholas School, Merstham) winner Kevin Tunstall
11th June—England v Guernsey (@ Roffey Club) Eng men 42-5 Gue men

12th June—Sussex Open (@ Roffey Club) winner Kevin Tunstall

10th July - Kent Classic (@ SixinOne Club, Tonbridge)

24th July - Under 25's/Over 50's/ Over 60's (@ PO Club, Reading)
7th Aug - Bucks Open (@ Princes Riseborough Golf Club)

21st Aug - Mixed Pairs (@ PO Club, Reading)

11th Sept - Berks Open (@ PO Club, Reading)
25th Sept - County Div 1/ Ladies AE Singles (@ PO Club, Reading)
2nd Oct - Ladies County/ AE Open Singles (@ PO Club, Reading)
9th Oct - Alternative Rules (@ PO Club, Reading)

23rd Oct - Team Champs/ Special Ladies (@ PO Club, Reading)

20th Nov- County Div 2 (@ PO Club, Reading)
4/5/6th Nov - World Champ Pairs/ World Champs Singles (Jersey)
27th Nov - Grand Prix/ Ladies GP (@ PO Club, Reading)

4th Dec - AEBBA AGM (@ PO Club, Reading)

3rd Surrey Open @ St Nicholas's School, Merstham, 8th May 2011

Kevin Tunstall won his 2nd open in a week to repeat the feat he accomplished last year. He beat Oxon's **Steven Sheard** in the final. It was a cracking final in which Steven ran the table out for **17,930**, only for Kevin to reply with a **19,530** in leg 2. Kevin first big test came against team mate Rick Dewdney in round 3 but he comfortably won that and then beat Gareth Lloyd in round 4 to gain some revenge for the Sussex singles final defeat in January. Kent's **Gerry Fitzjohn** gave him his closest match of the day making a late comeback to lose by just 790 points. Kent's **Curt Driver** who has been in good form this year (reaching the quarter finals of every open this year) was Kevin's semi final victim. Steven made light work of his route to the quarter finals where he came up against dad Keith, which he won comfortably 23,140—450, he followed this win in the semi final over an inspired **Tony Woolvin** (who had knocked out Nigel Senior & Mark James earlier). Tony could console himself with the days high break of **20,050**.

The plate was won by Surrey President **Gary Powell** (pictured right) beating **Roger Taylor** in the final. **Jean Brackenridge** made the high ladies break of **4,550**.



Sussex Open @ Roffey Club, Horsham, 12th June 2011

Kevin Tunstall won his 6th Sussex Open held at the Roffey Club, Horsham. Kevin, overcame last years runner **Steven Sheard** in the final and for the 2nd consecutive open. Kevin was barely troubled all day but fully capitalized on his opponents errors to win his 3rd consecutive open. In the final Steven broke down very early leaving Kevin a difficult clearance, which he made and went into leg 2 10k ahead. A 6k opener from Kevin forced the concession from Steven. Steven also made a fairly untroubled passage to the final. Sussex's Mick Fairs led him by 3k in round 1 but Steven hit back with 15k in leg 2. In the semi final Kent's **Curt Driver** led by 4k but Steven made a 13k in reply. The defending champion **Leon Beer** went out to the other eventual semi finalist **Dave Ingram**, who went on to lose to Kevin.

An incredible **108 players** took part so again 12 tables had to be found to complete the day at a reasonable time. **Kevin Tunstall** made the days high break with **15,720**. The high ladies break went to **Bella Stoner** with a **4,170** effort.

The plate was won by **Chris Reeves** (pictured right), beating **Geoff Powell** on the last ball by 50 points. That wasn't the closest game of the day though—**Pete Nicholls** beat **Charlie Cooper 3-2** (after 7 attempts each) on a **100/200 hole penalty shoot out** after they drew **7,360** apiece!



Winning Streaks in National Singles tournaments

Since **Kevin Tunstall** lost to Paul Sainsbury in the last 16 of the Portsmouth Open he has won the last 3 opens and his winning streak has hit **19 matches**. This is not, however, his longest winning streak. At the end of 2006 Kevin won **6 national singles titles** in a row, the Kent Classic, Berkshire and Bucks Opens, the All England Singles, the World Championships and the Grand Prix. In this period Kevin won **21 matches** in a row before dropping a match to Barry Radford in the All England Singles. He then won his next **17 matches** before losing to Gareth Lloyd in the 2007 Oxon Open Quarter Final. Kevin also had a **20 match** winning streak in 2001, winning the Wessex and Sussex Opens before losing the 2001 Bucks Open final to Paul Sainsbury.

Phil Collins's run in 2009 which saw him win the Berks Open, Alternative Rules and World Championships, saw a **20 match** winning streak (he didn't qualify for the 2009 All England singles). This streak was ended in the 2009 Grand Prix by...Gareth Lloyd.

There are only 2 other players who have won consecutive tournaments. **Les Green** won the 1993 Oxon and Berkshire Opens and had a **16 match** winning streak going before losing to Kevin Tunstall in round 3 of the Kent Classic

The other player is **John Burrows**. John won the 1997 Oxon and Berkshire Opens and a **13 match** winning streak ended by Keith Sheard in the 1997 Charity singles. He then didn't play until the 1997 Grand Prix which he won seeded 1. He followed that by the winning 1998 Oxon Open and didn't play again until the All England singles—winning that for the first time (he did drop a match to Keith Sheard but was only trying to win leg 2 to win his group). It was 3 years before he appeared again in the 2001 Sussex Open losing his first match to Barry Holt. All in all though he had **5 tournament wins out of 6 and 26 wins from 27 matches** (one that he lost was sacrificed for winning just his break game, the aggregate win was not required).