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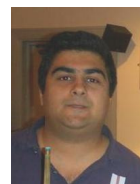
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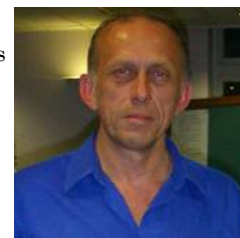
We have had two opens in the last two months. Kevin Tunstall cemented his number 1 position with his 4th win this year in the Bucks Open. He failed however, to improve on his own record of individual matches won in a row when he lost in the 3rd round of the Kent Classic, fittingly to Steven Sheard, who Kevin beat in the Surrey and Sussex Open finals already this year. Kevin had just equalled his record of 21 match wins in a row and must have felt good with a 22,350 break in leg 1 against Steven. Steven came back with an amazing 23,240 to win the match and end Kevin's win run. In this newsletter I have had a look at some of the great matches in opens and looked at where this match compares as it was undoubtedly one of the finest matches seen at any open. Kevin's defeat did open the door for Tony Woolvin to win his biggest title (he did win the 2004 Alternative Rules) - this win being well overdue for a terrific yet sometimes under rated player—well done Tony!



On a more disappointing note the Mixed Pairs in August was cancelled due to lack of interest, it has been penciled in for 13 November, please let Dave Alder know if you want to play so this competition can go ahead if the interest is there. Well done to Martin Cole for retaining his under 25 title, and Tony Martin for doing the over 50's and 60's double—not achieved before.

Kent Classic @ Six in One Club, Tonbridge, 10th July 2011

Tony Woolvin (pictured right) won his biggest title to date with victory in the Kent Classic held in Tonbridge. He had won the 2004 Alternative Rules but this is easily his biggest win. He has had a few near misses in opens before—2 finals plus a All England Singles runner up in 1998 to **John Burrows**. Tony made swift progress to the quarter finals knocking out both Clive and Margo Thompson on the way. A big win over Hampshire team mate **Barry Radford** set up a semi final clash against (**Mr**) **Chris Newson**. Chris was still hampered by injury and made an amazing effort to make the semis (beating in form **Steven Sheard** in the quarters). This was a match too far for Chris and Tony won comfortably to set up a final against Northant's **Lorin Clough**. Lorin opened with 9,020, but Tony sealed the title in style playing out the table to be 200 ahead going into leg 2, then a 10,910 opener forced the concession.



This was Lorin's first appearance in an open final, his highlights being a win over British number 2 **Nigel Senior** in the quarter finals and then **Martin Smith** in the semi final. Martin, a very much improved player of late, did take a massive win in Round 3 against British number 6 **Curt Driver** coming back from 17,460 down with a 17,840 break.

The plate was won by **Richard Wooton** beating **Ian Gordon** in the final. Ian looked set to win after being 5k down from leg 1, he lost a 10k break in leg 2 all but handing the title to Richard. In a day of high scores, with the tables being exceptional, there were four 20k breaks, the highest being **Nigel Senior's 23,750** effort in round 4. The highest Ladies break was **7,640** by **Pauline Withey** in a round 1 match she unfortunately lost to **Mark Trafford**.

Over 50's and Over 60's @ PO Club, Reading, 24th July 2011

The Over 50's and 60's competitions were decided concurrently at the Reading PO Club in July. It has to be said a slightly disappointing turnout of 16 over 50's and 12 over 60's started the competitions. **Tony Martin** (pictured right) completed the double for the first time. It is his 2nd over 50's title and 4th over 60's win.



In the over 50's he beat **Pauline Withey** and **Keith Lewendon**, before overcoming a 12k deficit to beat **Phil Hawkins** in the semi final. In the final he met 2008 runner up **Ian Lelliott** who beat **Chris Plant**, **Bill Kerr** and **Dave Ingram** to get there. Tony ran out a **16,460—6,010** winner and Ian had to console himself with the high break of **12,960**.

With low entries there was time to run a plate competition which was won by **Gerry Fitzjohn** who beat **Dave Tooke** in the final.

In the over 60's Tony beat **Keith Lewendon** and **Geoff Powell** to meet **Phil Hawkins** for the 2nd time that day in the final. It was another close game between the two with Tony winning **15,940 — 15,160**. Tony also made the high break of **17,780**.

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

Email nigelsenior05@googlegmail.co.uk with your suggestions

Latest British Rankings (@ 31st August 2011)

MEN			
Pos	Player	County	PTS
1	Kevin Tunstall	Sussex	294.0
2	Nigel Senior	Sussex	239.9
3	Phil Collins	Oxon	232.9
4	Steven Sheard	Oxon	218.4
5	Keith Sheard	Oxon	194.3
6	Curt Driver	Kent	185.2
7	Paul Sainsbury	Berks	144.8
8	Mark Brewster	Kent	115.1
9(+1)	Mark Trafford	Oxon	113.8
10(-1)	Richard Wooton	Sussex	110.9

LADIES			
Pos	Player	County	PTS
1	Pauline Withey	Oxon	99.8
2	Jean Brackenridge	Sussex	87.8
3	Mrs Chris Newson	Hants	81.5
4	Lorraine Hall	Sussex	50.7
5	Hayley Tunstall	Sussex	45.1
6	Denise Wills	Surrey	42.9
7	Jenny Florey	Oxon	39.2
8(-1)	Alison Norman	Surrey	38.9
9	Sandra Race	Sussex	37.6
10	Genette Nicholls	Surrey	27.0

Under 25's, 24th July 2011

Martin Cole (pictured right) retained the Under 25's title. Martin beat Cambridgeshire's **Johnny George** (the first Cambridge player in a national final since **Peter Rich** won the AE off the spot in 1983!) It was a close final but a 7,560 break by Martin helped him win **10,360–9,400**.



11 players entered and were split into 3 groups and the top 8 went through to the quarter finals. **Mel Standbridge** had a great day making the semi finals losing out to Martin. **Craig Mace** was the other losing semi finalist, but consoled himself with the days high break making **13,980**.

Bucks Open @ Riseborough Golf Club, 7th August 2011

The lovely setting of the Riseborough Golf Club was the scene of world champion **Kevin Tunstall's** (pictured right) fourth national open title win this year. Kevin was not troubled on his way to the quarter finals, where he met **Ian Lelliott**. Ian has a good record against Kevin, but he lost his opening break which ultimately proved costly. Kevin beat ex pairs partner **Tony Martin** in the semi final, to meet team mate **Rick Dewdney** in the final. Kevin lead by 2k after leg 1, but scored 17k in the 2nd leg to seal a comfortable win.



Ricky was playing in his first final, and has been in good form this year after reaching the Oxon Open semis. He had arguably a tougher route than Kevin, as he had great wins over **Paul Sainsbury**, **Ernie Jordan** and then **Keith Sheard** in the semi final.

The plate was won by **Gerry Fitzjohn** beating **Maurice Izzard** in the final. **Kevin Tunstall** also took the high break with the days only 20k break with **20,340** in round 4. **Pauline Withey** made a **4,160** for the highest ladies break.

Latest Grand Prix Standings @ 31st August 2011 (after 7 events of 9)

Pos	Player	Pts
1	Kevin Tunstall	64
2	Steven Sheard	39
3	Curt Driver	31
4	Tony Woolvin	22
5	Rick Dewdney	16
6	Leon Beer	16
7	Dave Ingram	13
8	Lorin Clough	13
9	Martin Smith	12
10	Phil Collins	10
11	Trevor Gallienne	10
12	Ian Lelliott	9
13	Keith Sheard	9
14	Nigel Senior	8
15	Kevin Hall	7
16	Tony Webster	7

Greatest matches in National Tournaments

The 3rd Round of this years Kent Classic saw an incredible match between **Kevin Tunstall** and **Steven Sheard**. Kevin was attempting to win a record 22nd consecutive match in national tournaments and opened with **22,350**. Steven came back with a magnificent **23,240**. I have had a look back at matches where both players contributed a **21k score**.

- 1) Paul Sainsbury v John Burrows **22,950 – 22,890** (AE Ind'95) - Burrows went on to win title
- 2) Steven Sheard v Kevin Tunstall **23,240 – 22,350** (Kent Classic'11)
- 3) Mark Sawyer v Kevin Tunstall **23,700 – 22,070** (Oxford Open'99) - FINAL
- 4) Keith Sheard v Paul Sainsbury **23,700 – 21,860** (Grand Prix'10)
- 5) Kevin Tunstall v Simon Tinto **22,530 – 21,410** (AE Ind'95)
- 6) Keith Sheard v Tony Walsh **22,450 – 21,250** (Oxford Open'02)
- 7) Kevin Tunstall v Keith Sheard **21,410 – 21,190** (Wessex Open'92)
- 8) Bernie McCluskey v Peter Farrelly **22,350 – 21,140** (Charity Singles'92)
- 9) Kevin Tunstall v Mark Sawyer **28,440 – 21,000** (Kent Classic'99) (Sawyer missed chasing 25,060 with 4 mins left!)

In Jersey with have had two 15k losing scores—the 1995 final where **Kevin Tunstall** beat **Tony Walsh 17,800–17,010**, and the other was the 2002 semi final, which for me is the greatest match I have ever seen when **Terry Race** sunk the 200 to beat **Trevor Gallienne 15,870–15,840**

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) winner Tony Woolvin
 24th July - Under 25's/Over 50's/ Over 60's (@ PO Club, Reading) winners U25's Martin Cole, O50's Tony Martin, O60' Tony Martin
 7th Aug - Bucks Open (@ Princes Riseborough Golf Club) winner Kevin Tunstall
 21st Aug - Mixed Pairs (@ PO Club, Reading) postponed to 13 November 2011
 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)

Upcoming Events in September & October

11th Sept - Berkshire Open - The Post Office Club in Reading will host the 16th Berkshire Open, In last years final Nigel Senior beat Mark Brewster.

25th Sept - County Champs Div1/ Ladies AE Singles - Berkshire will be defending their title— although they have won 9 titles, they hadn't won in since 1996. The All England Ladies was won for the 3rd time by Pauline Withey last year.

2nd Oct - Ladies County/AE Open Singles - Sussex ladies will be defending their title and they have won 8 of the last 10. Last year Berkshire's Paul Sainsbury beat Surrey's Gary Powell to win his 3rd AE singles

9th Oct - Alternative Rules - The unique event where the balls start in a triangle and reformed every time the balls are cleared. Kevin Tunstall beat Mark Trafford in the final last year.

23rd Oct - Team Champs/ Special Ladies - The New Sussex Hotel under captain Kevin Tunstall won this event last year beating Oxon's Didcot Conservative Club. Jean Brackenridge won her 2nd Special Ladies title beating Pauline Withey in the final.