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## AEBBA Newsletter Editorial

A very busy couple of months in the Bar Billiards calendar has seen Sussex crowned the new county champions, their first win since 2005. Sussex also provided the winner of the All England Team Championships with Kevin Tunstall's New Sussex Hotel retaining their title. A successful couple of months for Kevin as he won the Berkshire Open and Alternative Rules to further extend his lead at the top of the rankings. Curt Driver won the other individual title in October but he won a big one—the All England Singles for the first time, the first winner from Kent since Les Green in 1997. Sussex completed the hat-trick of team titles with the ladies winning also. Individually we had (Mrs) Chris Newson winning the All England Ladies for the 7th time (only 3 behind Viv Wright now), and Myra Hawkins showed us that she is still a great player winning the Special Ladies, her first title since the 2006 All England. Well done to all the winners, and we look forward to Jersey with an exciting new format in November.



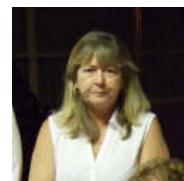
### County Champs Div 1 @ PO Club, Reading, 25th Sept 2011

Sussex A won the county championship title—they had last won it in 2005. The winning side was **Nigel Senior (captain), Barry Holt, Ian Lelliott, Gareth Lloyd, Kevin Tunstall, Martin Smith and Richard Wooton**. The format has changed from previous years with 6 teams playing in division 1 and the other teams playing in division 2 in November. This made for an interesting day, with **Sussex, Berkshire, Oxon A** and **Kent** all in contention until the final series of games. In the first series, it was the dominant side over the last decade Oxon A who took an early lead with a 5-2 win over their B side and Kent A started with a good 4-3 win over Sussex A. In series 2 Sussex A recovered to take a 6-1 over Hants, Oxon A took a 4-3 win over Berks to join Sussex at the top with 9 points. In series 3, Sussex A and Oxon A recorded 4-3 wins (over Berks and Hants) to stay level on 13 points, Kent stayed within range with a 4-3 win over Oxon B to move to 11 points. The 4th series saw momentum shift to Sussex as while they were beating Oxon B 5-2, Berks pulled off a bit of a shock to beat Oxon A 5-2. With one game left, Sussex led by 3, from Berks and Oxon A, with Kent 1 point behind. Sussex won their last match against Oxon A by an incredible 6-1, Berks beating Kent 5-2 to take 2nd place. Hants took a crucial 4-3 win against Oxon B to relegate the B side. Three players were unbeaten on the day, Sussex captain **Nigel Senior** and Berkshire's **Paul Sainsbury** and **Bernie McCluskey**. Oxon's **Leon Beer** did have the only 10k+ average with **10,348**. **Mark Trafford** made the days high break of **17,460**.



### Special Ladies @ PO Club, Reading, 23rd October 2011

**Myra Hawkins** (pictured right) won the Special Ladies for the first time beat Oxon's **Jenny Florey** in a



close final **5,870—4,740**. 16 ladies entered the event this year, and Myra started with a win over fellow Berkshire player **Janet Burns**. In the Quarter Finals she came from behind to beat British Ladies champ **Sandra Race**. **Denise Wills** was Myra's semi final victim. Jenny had a great run to the final including a win over ladies number 1 **Pauline Withey** in the semi final. Myra took the high break with **6,360**. **Janet Burns** did go on to win the plate, beating Sussex's **Ros Appleby**.

### Berkshire Open @ Post Office Club, Reading, 11th September 2011

#### **Kevin Tunstall**

(pictured right) won the Berkshire Open for the 6th time. He beat Oxon's **Keith Sheard** in the final. Keith had a



golden chance to win the title, which is one of the only missing from his collection as he was 850 up with his break to come, but he lost his opener and Kevin took the title **17,540-9,760**. Kevin had a close game with ladies number 1 **Pauline Withey** in round 1 (Pauline made the ladies high break in this match of **7,070**), and followed with wins over **Dave France, Mr Chris Newson, Keith Lewendon and Ian Lelliott** in the semi, he also took the high break with **18,550**. **Dennis Atkins** was the other losing semi finalist. Portsmouth Open winner **Leon Beer** beat **Nigel Senior** in the plate final.

#### Division 1

Pos	Team	Pts
1	Sussex A	24
2	Berks A	20
3	Oxon A	16
4	Kent A	16
5	Hants	15
6	Oxon B	14

## Latest British Rankings (@ 31st October 2011)

<u>MEN</u>			
Pos	Player	County	PTS
1	Kevin Tunstall	Sussex	309.9
2	Nigel Senior	Sussex	223.0
3(+1)	Steven Sheard	Oxon	221.7
4(-1)	Phil Collins	Oxon	213.2
5	Keith Sheard	Oxon	199.4
6	Curt Driver	Oxon	188.7
7	Paul Sainsbury	Berks	143.8
8	Mark Trafford	Oxon	113.1
9(+1)	Richard Wooton	Sussex	112.0
10(+1)	Leon Beer	Oxon	104.8

<u>LADIES</u>			
Pos	Player	County	PTS
1	Pauline Withey	Oxon	98.7
2(+1)	Chris Newson	Hants	67.9
3(-1)	Jean Brackenridge	Sussex	62.3
4(+2)	Denise Wills	Surrey	50.4
5(-1)	Lorraine Hall	Sussex	49.7
6(+1)	Jenny Florey	Oxon	43.6
7(+2)	Sandra Race	Sussex	43.1
8	Alison Norman	Surrey	39.4
9(+6)	Myra Hawkins	Berks	37.7
10(-5)	Hayley Tunstall	Sussex	35.5

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## All England Ladies, 25th Sept 2011

**Chris Newson** (pictured right) won her 7th All England Ladies title (her 3rd win in 4 years) beating Surrey's **Denise Wills** in the final. Chris won a tough group with Berks' **Myra Hawkins**, and Oxon's **Pauline Withey** plus Sussex's **Colleen Park**. Denise overcame **Jackie Peckham** (Kent) and **Sue Haberman** (Bucks). In the final Chris took a 1,170 lead into leg 2, and ran out the winner **7,970-4,680**. **Myra Hawkins** made the days high break of **6,480**.



**Group 1**

Pos	Player	Pts
1	<b>Chris Newson (Hants)</b>	<b>6</b>
2	Myra Hawkins (Berks)	4
3	Pauline Withey (Oxon)	2
4	Colleen Park (Sussex)	0

**Group 2**

Pos	Player	Pts
1	<b>Denise Wills (Surrey)</b>	<b>6</b>
2	Jackie Peckham (Kent)	6
3	Sue Haberman (Bucks)	0

**Final**  
Chris Newson  
**7,970**  
Denise Wills  
**4,680**

## Ladies County Champs @ Post Office Club, Reading, 2nd October 2011

**Sussex A** retained the ladies county championship. It was their 8th win out of the last 11 years. It was an incredibly close contest, with **Sussex, Oxon** and **Surrey** all in contention until the final series of games. After 5 of the 6 series Oxon led Surrey and Sussex by 1 point and looked favourites as they were playing Berkshire in the last game, but as they slipped to a 3-2 defeat, Sussex beat Surrey by 3-2, **Bella Stoner** taking the crucial last leg against **Alison Norman**, a leg which at the time would give either team the title. Sussex finished level with Oxon on 16 points but took the title on number of match wins (4 to Oxon's 3). Sussex's **Jan Btihell** was



**Division 1**

Pos	Team	Pts
1	<b>Sussex A</b>	<b>16</b>
2	Oxon A	16
3	Surrey A	15
4	Berks A	13

**Division 2**

Pos	Team	Pts
1	<b>Surrey B</b>	<b>19.5</b>
2	Sussex B	15
3	Oxon B	14.5
4	Bucks	11

division 1's only unbeaten player with 6 wins out of 6. Oxon's **Debbie Barton** hit the high break of **5,060**. Surrey B comfortably win division 2, they won all 6 of their matches. Sussex B's **Ros Appleby** was the only unbeaten player in that division with 6 wins. **Sheena Wood** made the division 2 high break of **4,000**

## All England Individuals @ Post Office Club, Reading, 2nd October 2011

**Curt Driver** (pictured right) won his 1st All England title beating Northants **Simon Coleman**. Curt found himself in the group of death with **Steven Sheard** (Oxon), **Bernie McCluskey** (Berks) and **Gareth Lloyd** (Sussex). Curt recovered from defeat against Bernie to beat Steven and Gareth to pip Steven on aggregate. Simon won the other group containing **Laurie Roberts** (Surrey), **Darren Isard** (Bucks) and **Barry Radford** (Hants). Simon also went through on aggregate from Laurie. Curt won the final fairly convincingly **25,440-2,830**. **Steven Sheard** made the high break of **19,270**.



**Group 1**

Pos	Player	Pts
1	<b>Curt Driver (Kent)</b>	<b>4</b>
2	Steven Sheard (Oxon)	4
3	Bernie McCluskey (Berks)	2
4	Gareth Lloyd (Sussex)	2

**Group 2**

Pos	Player	Pts
1	<b>Simon Coleman (Nor)</b>	<b>4</b>
2	Laurie Roberts (Surrey)	4
3	Darren Isard (Bucks)	2
4	Barry Radford (Hants)	2

**Final**  
Curt Driver 25,440  
Simon Coleman 2,830

## Latest Grand Prix Standings @ 31st October

Pos	Player	Pts
1	Kevin Tunstall	<b>79</b>
2	Steven Sheard	<b>40</b>
3	Curt Driver	<b>31</b>
4	Tony Woolvin	<b>22</b>
5	Keith Sheard	<b>19</b>
6	Rick Dewdney	<b>17</b>
7	Lorin Clough	<b>16</b>
8	Leon Beer	<b>16</b>
9	Ian Lelliott	<b>15</b>
10	Dave Ingram	<b>13</b>
11	Phil Collins	<b>13</b>
12	Martin Smith	<b>12</b>
13	Dennis Atkins	<b>12</b>
14	Trevor Gallienne	<b>10</b>
15	Gerry Fitzjohn	<b>9</b>
16	Nigel Senior	<b>8</b>

## All England Team Championships @ Post Office Club, Reading, 23rd Oct 2011



Ricky Dewdney, Kevin Tunstall, Jim Greensted, Geoff Jukes.

The **New Sussex Hotel** retained AEBBA team champs title. Captained by England number 1 Kevin Tunstall, they beat Berks' **Caversham WMC** in a close final which went to a deciding leg. **Geoff Jukes & Kevin Hall** won for the New Sussex Hotel but **Keith Lewendon** and **Bernie McCluskey** won for the Berks side to make the score 2-2. **Kevin Tunstall** took first go in the final leg and made **20,050** (highest break of the day) and **Paul Sainsbury** broke down 14,150 in reply. The Sussex side came through a tough group with Oxon's Kennington CC running them close beating them 3-2, but New Sussex did enough in their other matches. Caversham WMC came through an easier group of 3 (no show from Northants) winning 8 of their 10 legs. The winning team (pictured left), comprised (l-r) **Kevin Hall**,

**Final - New Sussex Hotel 3 Caversham WMC 2**

**Group 1**

Pos	Player	Pts
1	<b>Caversham WMC (Be)</b>	<b>8</b>
2	Merstham Vil Club (Surrey)	4
3	Queen's Head (Bucks)	3

**Group 2**

Pos	Player	Pts
1	<b>New Sussex Hotel (Sus)</b>	<b>11</b>
2	Kennington SC (Oxon)	9
3	Moneyfields SC (Hants)	6
4	Imperial (Kent)	4

## Alternative Rules, PO Club, Reading, 9th October 2011

**Kevin Tunstall** has won his 8th Alternative Rules title—his 6th under the current "triangle" format. Kevin beat Hants's **Tony Webster** in the final. Kevin overcame last years runner up **Mark Trafford** in a repeat of last years final in the semi final. Sonia McIntyre was the other losing semi finalist—a great achievement by a lady player to reach that stage of a national event. Another lady, **Carla Jolly** won the plate beating (Mr) **Chris Newson**. 38 players turned out for the 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. This results on lower scores than we usually see - **Kevin Tunstall** made the day's highest break of **1,700**.



## Upcoming Events in November & December

**5th/6th/7th Nov - World Championship Pairs/ World Championship Singles (Jersey)** - the BIG one. Reigning champs are Jim Millward (singles) & Keith & Steven Sheard (pairs)

**28th Nov - Grand Prix/ Ladies Grand Prix**— Kevin Tunstall will be defending his Grand Prix title. Chris Newson defends the ladies Grand Prix title.

## 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

11th Sept - Berks Open (@ PO Club, Reading) winner Kevin Tunstall

25th Sept - County Div 1/ Ladies AE Singles (@ PO Club, Reading) county winners Sussex. AE Ladies winner Chris Newson

2nd Oct - Ladies County/ AE Open Singles (@ PO Club, Reading) county winners Sussex/ AE Open winner Curt Driver

9th Oct - Alternative Rules (@ PO Club, Reading) winner Kevin Tunstall

23rd Oct - Team Champs/ Special Ladies (@ PO Club, Reading) winners New Sussex Hotel/ Special Ladies winner Myra Hawkins

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)