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## AEBBA Newsletter Editorial

The men's International kicked off the bar billiards year in February. It was a convincing win for England who triumphed 25-8 over the Jersey. Unfortunately Jersey sent no ladies side for the 2nd time running which gives concerns over the future of this fixture.

The first open was held in Oxon, it was won by Phil Collins who beat the top 3 in the rankings, Kevin Tunstall, Nigel Senior and Steven Sheard on his way to the title. A great return to form for Phil. A quick word for Steven also who has been in incredible form reaching 5 finals since last years Oxon open win, and has now gone to a new personal high of number 2 in the rankings.



We have a lot to look forward to in the coming months—in March we have the British Pairs in Bournemouth, which I am sure will be a fantastic weekend as it always is.

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### England Men v Jersey Men @ Ardington Hotel, 4th February 2012

The first major event of the bar billiards year was the annual meeting between the **England** (pictured right) and **Jersey** Men's teams. Played at the Ardington Hotel, Worthing, England were looking continue their recent good run over Jersey



The draw threw up some interesting matches as Jersey sent over a stronger side than they have in recent years. Although Jersey made a poor start losing the first 3 legs, they battled back well to share the next 8 games to be only **7-4** down at the half-way stage. For the England side **Paul Sainsbury, Kevin Tunstall & Leon Beer** hit 10k scores in their first leg.

England took command in the 2nd half of the match as the bonus point for the aggregate kicked in. Only **Dennis Helleur (3-0 v Tony Woolvin)** and **Dave Gallichan (2-1 v Martin Smith)** could hold on to aggregate wins for Jersey, as 9 England players completed aggregate wins in the 2nd half of the match. This made the final scoreline **25-8**. Of those 9 wins, six were 3-0 wins and they were achieved by **Curt Driver, Nigel Senior, Steven Sheard, Paul Sainsbury, Kevin Tunstall & Leon Beer**. A very strong performance by England who will look forward to their next tests against Guernsey away in May and Jersey away next February.

### Trivia—AEBBA Rankings

With Steven Sheard moving to a personal high of 2nd in the rankings, I thought it may be of interest to see what players have hit the top 5 in the rankings. Only end of year positions are shown, so although Nigel Senior, Keith Sheard and Leg Green have been published at number 1 at some time or another they all have a best end of year position of 2nd. 32 players have been ranked 10 or better, Mark Trafford being the latest addition when he finished 2011 ranked 8th.

Player	High Pos	No of times
1 Kevin Tunstall	1	19
2 Keith Sheard	2	10
3 Nigel Senior	2	5
4 Paul Sainsbury	2	3
5 Les Green	2	1
6 Bernie McCluskey	3	3
7 Phil Collins	3	3
8 Tony Walsh	3	2
9 Mark Turner	3	1
= Steven Sheard	3	1
11 John Burrows	4	2
12 Mark Sawyer	4	1
= Mark James	4	1
= Curt Diver	4	1
15 Peter Farrelly	5	2
= Jim Millward	5	2
17 Kevin Clark	5	1

### Latest British Rankings (@ 28th February 2011)

<u>MEN</u>				<u>LADIES</u>			
Pos	Player	County	PTS	Pos	Player	County	PTS
1	Kevin Tunstall	Sussex	303.9	1	Pauline Withey	Oxon	96.1
2(+1)	Steven Sheard	Oxon	250.7	2	Chris Newson	Hants	68.2
3(-1)	Nigel Senior	Sussex	247.4	3	Jean Brackenridge	Sussex	59.9
4(+2)	Phil Collins	Oxon	218.1	4	Lorraine Hall	Sussex	50.9
5(-1)	Curt Driver	Kent	209.2	5	Denise Wills	Surrey	50.4
6(-1)	Keith Sheard	Oxon	199.2	6	Jenny Florey	Oxon	43.4
7	Paul Sainsbury	Berks	154.5	7	Sandra Race	Sussex	43.2
8	Mark Trafford	Oxon	120.0	8	Alison Norman	Surrey	39.4
9(+1)	Mark Brewster	Kent	115.4	9	Myra Hawkins	Berks	37.2
10(-1)	Leon Beer	Oxon	110.6	10	Hayley Tunstall	Sussex	35.0

**Something for the ladies....** We looked at a bit of men's ranking history at the front of the newsletter, so it would be wrong not to include the ladies.

	Player	High Pos	No of times
1	Pauline Withey	1	9
2	Jan Taylor	1	7
3	Sue Mariner	1	1
=	Viv Wright	1	1
=	Jean Brackenridge	1	1
6	Gail Woods	2	2
=	Bella Stoner	2	2
8	Jane Wood	2	1
=	Kim Beeching	2	1
10	Denise Wills	3	2
=	Chris Newson	3	2
12	Myra Hawkins	3	1
13	Hayley Tunstall	4	2
=	Diana Welburn	4	1
=	Sheila O'Brien	4	1
=	Lorraine Hall	4	1
17	Josie Pitt	5	1

**Latest Grand Prix Standings @ 28th February 2011 (after 1 event of 11)**

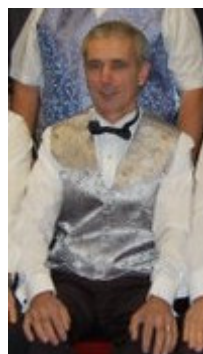
Pos	Player	Pts
1	Phil Collins	15
2	Steven Sheard	10
3	Nigel Senior	6
4	Tony Martin	6
5	Mark Brewster	3
6	Geoff Powell	3
=	Dave Ingram	3
=	Bill Kerr	3
9	Richard Wootton	1
=	Ian Lelliott	1
11	Curt Driver	1
=	Pete Welch	1
=	Keith Sheard	1
=	Lorin Clough	1
=	Pete Sainsbury	1
=	Phil Osborne	1

**Oxfordshire Open @ Didcot Con Club, 18th February 2012**

**Phil Collins** (pictured right) won the first national open of the year by winning the 2012 Oxfordshire Open. Phil had been runner up in the last 2 years but went one better this time to win his first home open. This is Phil's 8th national title.



Phil beat the top 3 ranked players on his way to the title, he beat England number 1 **Kevin Tunstall** in round 2 (chasing down **18,760** with a **19,690** run out). In the semi final he beat number 2 **Nigel Senior** in a very close match where Phil made 9k at the death to win by **1,250**. In the final he beat number 3 and defending champion **Steven Sheard 17,260—520**. For Steven this was his 5th runner up in a national individual event since last years Oxon Open win (losing 3 finals to Kevin Tunstall and 2 to Phil). Steven made safe passage to the final and met former champion **Tony Martin** in the semi final, winning fairly comfortably 11,500 to 4,440.



The plate was won by Hampshire's **Barry Radford** (pictured left) who beat **Bert Lovegrove** in the final. Bert had a good day, especially as he gave England player **Leon Beer** a big scare in round 1 after being 14k up after the 1st leg, Leon made a good comeback with a 16,990 break. There were 8 recorded breaks over 15k on the day, the highest of which being Phil's **19,690** in beating Kevin. The ladies high break went to **Pauline Withey** with **5,290**.

Many thanks to **Tony Willis** and **Pete Ewins** for organising the day.

**Upcoming Events in March & April**

**10/11th Mar - British Pairs (Bournemouth)** - The 30th British Pairs will take place at the Queens Hotel, Bournemouth. **Steven Sheard & Pete Philips** will be looking to defend their title they captured last year

**15th Apr - British Ladies** - The 18th British Ladies Open will take place at Salfords Club nr Horley, in April. **Sandra Race** will be defending the title she won last year, taking out defending champ **Alison Norman** in the semi finals, and Surrey's **Genette Nicholls** in the final.

**Dates for your diary 2012**—see <http://www.aebba.org/> for entry forms

4th Feb - Jer v Eng (@ Ardington Hotel Worthing) **Eng 25 Jer 8**  
 18th Feb - Oxon Open (@ Didcot Con Club) - **winner Phil Collins**  
 10/11th Mar - British Pairs (@ Queens Hotel, Bournemouth)

15th Apr—British Ladies Open (@ Salfords Club, nr Horley)  
 5th May/6th May - Guernsey v England/Guernsey Pairs/ Guernsey Open (@ Les Rocquettes, Guernsey)  
 13th May - Surrey Open (@ St Nicholas School, Merstham)  
 10th June—Sussex Open (@ Roffey Club)

15th July - Kent Classic (@ SixinOne Club, Tonbridge)

TBC Aug - Bucks Open (@ Princes Riseborough Golf Club)

9th Sept - Berks Open (@ PO Club, Reading)  
 23rd Sept - County Div 1/ Ladies AE Singles (@ PO Club, Reading)  
 30th Sept - Ladies County/ AE Open Singles (@ PO Club, Reading)  
 14th Oct - Alternative Rules (@ PO Club, Reading)

21st Oct - Team Champs/ Special Ladies (@ PO Club, Reading)

28th Oct - Mixed Pairs/Over 50's/ Over 60's (@ PO Club, Reading)

9/10/11th Nov - World Champ Pairs/ World Champs Singles (Jersey)  
 18th Nov- County Div 2 (@ PO Club, Reading)

25th Nov - Grand Prix/ Ladies GP/ Under 25's (@ PO Club, Reading)

**Greatest matches in National Tournaments (part 2)**

Part 2 of the greatest matches in national tournaments looks at the highest 2 leg scores inflicted on poor opponents. A certain K.Sheard has inflicted a 40k+ 2 leg score 19 times on poor opponents! Here are the top 2 leg scores (over 45k), headed by Mark Sawyers incredible 53,670 at the 1999 Oxon Open

- 1) M.Sawyer v S.Lee **53,760 – 350** (Oxon Open '99)
- 2) K.Sheard v T.Webster **49,210 – 0** (Oxon Open '02)
- 3) K.Sheard v T.Webster **46,410 – 1,150** (Oxon Open '99)
- 4) L.Green v D.Barefield **46,060 – 500** (Berks Open '95)
- 5) K.Sheard v D.Flattery **45,610 – 450** (Grand Prix '03)
- 6) K.Sheard v R.Langlois **45,400 – 510** (International '94)
- 7) K.Sheard v M.Lingham **45,270 – 660** (Kent Classic '97)
- 8) K.Sheard v P.Phillips **45,220 – 890** (Oxon Open '95)

Other players to have hit 40k are K.Tunstall (43,640), C.Reeves (41,950), P.Collins (41,180), P.Farrelly (41,070), K.Clark (41,010), N.Senior (40,570) & J.Burrows (40,470). The highest score in the World Champs is Steve Ahier's 27,850 in the 1991 tournament.

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