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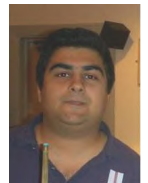
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AEBBA Newsletter Editorial

3 Opens have taken place over the last two months. Trevor Gallienne finally won his first Guernsey Open after being runner-up 3 times in the 4 times it has been held. It was great to see the 3 time World Champion finally win his home open. It was a great event for the home players with 3 out of the 4 semi finalists.

The other 2 opens were won by Keith Sheard, he won them both in style beating Kevin Tunstall from behind in Surrey and then beating his son, Steven, in the Sussex Open. A great return to form for a great player, his wins move him to 15 individual national titles putting him joint 2nd with the legendary John Burrows. Steven will be wondering what he needs to do to win a final having lost 5 finals since his 2011 Oxon Open win.

We also had the annual England v Guernsey match—a strong England side winning for the 8th time out of 8, but Guernsey will be pleased with pushing them only 12-13 down after the pairs, eventually losing 22-36.



Guernsey Pairs & Open @ Les Rocquettes Hotel, 5th–6th May 2012

The 5th Guernsey Open was held Sunday 6th May 2012. **Trevor Gallienne** (pictured right) finally won the title beating countryman **Tom Oliver** (pictured far right) in the final after being runner up 3 times. Tom built up a 3,160 lead but Trevor took the lead in the 2nd leg despite struggling and won **10,420-7,590**. Trevor sailed into the quarter finals but he had a very close encounter with **Dave Ingram** winning through 4,950-4,880. In the semi he met **Richard Wooton** who had just taken out the winner of the previous two Guernsey Opens, **Kevin Tunstall**. Richard lost an opening 7k break, but took a 6k lead into leg 2. Trevor came back to level the scores, and a desperate battle to get the break back followed where Trevor prevailed to make the final. Tom Oliver's first close match came in his quarter final against 2008 champ **Nigel Senior** where he won by 4,820-4,090. Tom then took out fellow Guernsey player **Paul Dyer** in the semi final.



The highest break was made by Guernsey's **Mat Ogier** with **10,620** which was the only 10k+ break. **Chrissie Newson** took the ladies high break with **3,280**.

The plate was won by Oxon's **Jon Bamsey**, who beat **Martin Smith** from Sussex.

The pairs was held the previous day, **Nigel Senior & Richard Wooton** beat **Mark Trafford & Keith Hollis** in a close final by a score of **7,660—5,330**.

Guernsey v England, 5th May 2012

The night before the Guernsey Open **England** took on **Guernsey** in the 8th meeting between the two sides. England have won the first 7 times, last year being a 42-5 home win. The 5 pairs matches started the international and it was very close. 3 matches went Englands way but 2 went Guernsey's and a 5-0 win for **Roy Le Page & Darren Ogier** against **Richard Wooton & Dave Ingram** ensured Guernsey went into the singles just **12-13** down.

The singles was more one sided as England took control by winning 9 of the 11 matches. Guernsey will take heart though as the singles score was **10-23** and they took some legs, and **Bob Chapple** and **Ian Champion** (pictured right) re-recorded wins over **Paul Barnett** and **Tony Woolvin**. The final match score was **36-22** to England.



Latest British Rankings (@ 30th June 2012)

MEN			
Pos	Player	County	PTS
1	Kevin Tunstall	Sussex	301.8
2	Steven Sheard	Oxon	237.2
3	Nigel Senior	Sussex	222.0
4(+1)	Curt Driver	Kent	221.7
5(-1)	Phil Collins	Oxon	215.8
6	Keith Sheard	Oxon	214.1
7	Paul Sainsbury	Berks	153.8
8	Mark Trafford	Oxon	119.8
9	Leon Beer	Oxon	115.2
10(+1)	Richard Wooton	Sussex	105.4

LADIES			
Pos	Player	County	PTS
1	Pauline Withey	Oxon	106.6
2	Mrs Chris Newson	Hants	62.1
3	Sandra Race	Sussex	54.4
4	Denise Wills	Surrey	52.3
5	Jenny Florey	Oxon	49.4
6	Jean Brackenridge	Sussex	39.0
7(+1)	Alison Norman	Surrey	38.4
8(-1)	Lorraine Hall	Sussex	38.3
9	Myra Hawkins	Berks	37.3
10	Genette Nicholls	Surrey	30.8

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

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1st National Off the Spot Open

The **1st National Off the Spot Open** will take place at the SixinOne Club, Tonbridge on **19th May 2013**.

The July Kent Classic will move to the Suburban Club for one year to celebrate their anniversary.

The Off the Spot was a national competition for 13 years before it became the triangle rules. It was one of the hardest to win on the bar billiards calendar. The old format invited 3 players from each county to play off in groups to qualify for the final. In 1994 Kevin Tunstall made a **23,400** break on his way to the title and in 1996 eventual winner Kevin Clark made a **22,960** break. Some felt players were making it look too easy off the spot and at the 1996 AGM it was agreed to change the format to the triangle rules! Off the spot is a great format of the game and I hope this will be a popular addition to the calendar for 2013

Previous winners of the off the spot are as follows

1983 Peter Rich (Cambs)	1990 Chas Jones (Kent)
1984 John Burrows (Bu)	1991 Kevin Tunstall (Ox)
1985 John Burrows (Bu)	1992 John Burrows (Bu)
1986 John Burrows (Bu)	1993 Bernie McCluskey (Be)
1987 Bernie McCluskey (Be)	1994 Kevin Tunstall (Ox)
1988 Paul Yeo (Be)	1995 Mark Turner (Ox)
1989 Andy Harcourt (Kent)	1996 Kevin Clark (Kent)

Latest Grand Prix Standings @ 30th June 2012 (after 4 events of 8)

Pos	Player	Pts
1	Keith Sheard	31
2	Steven Sheard	21
3	Phil Collins	16
4	Trevor Gallienne	15
5	Kevin Tunstall	14
6	Nigel Senior	10
7	Tom Oliver	10
8	Curt Driver	8
9	Dave Ingram	7
10	Richard Wooton	7
11	Henry Brooks	7
12	Tony Webster	6
13	Barry Radford	6
14	Tony Martin	6
15	Paul Dyer	6
16	Gerry Fitzjohn	4

Surrey Open @ St Nicholas's School, Merstham, 13th May 2012

Keith Sheard won the Surrey Open to end a drought of over 2 years since winning the 2010 Portsmouth Open. He beat great rival **Kevin Tunstall** in the final. Keith made a 17,400 break in the 2nd leg to overturn a 14,060 deficit from the 1st leg. Keith was in impressive form and was never troubled in his route to the final, with notable wins over **Chris Saville** in the quarter finals and **Tony Webster** in the semi. Kevin's toughest game came against **Gerry Fitzjohn** in the quarter final which was won 17,710-16,100, he followed that by coming back from 11k down to beat **Curt Driver** in the semi final.

Kevin and Keith also made the days two 20k breaks. Kevin's **21,600** being the highest beating Keith's **20,090**. **Pauline Withey** made a **7,680** to record the highest ladies break.

Kevin Hall (pictured right) beat lady player **Denise Wills** in the plate final.



Sussex Open @ Roffey Club, Horsham, 10th June 2012

Keith Sheard (pictured right) won the his 2nd open in a row with victory in the Sussex Open held at the Roffey Club, Horsham. Keith, overcame runner-up for the last 2 years **Steven Sheard** in the final in the first father and son national final. The table for the final was tough and Keith held a small lead going into the 2nd leg, but made a very impressive 10k break to put the game out of Steven's reach.

Keith was 7k down in his first match to **Lorin Clough** but won that and followed that with wins over **Stewart Chant**, **Tony Webster** and **Geoff Pitt** to reach the quarter finals. He met lady player **Jean Brackenridge** who was the last remaining lady at this stage and beat her 14,990-10,630. Jean could console herself with the high ladies break of **7,160**. In the semi final Keith overcame Hampshire's **Barry Radford**. Steven's victims were all Sussex players—**Kevin Hall**, **Barry Holt**, **Bob Osborne** and **Roger Taylor** were defeated before he beat **Henry Brooks** in his first semi final,

The highest break went to **Pete Sainsbury** who made **17,120** in his round 2 match. Two highly ranked players made the plate final—**Gareth Lloyd** defeating Berkshire's **Paul Sainsbury**.



Upcoming Events in July & August

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

4th Feb - Jer v Eng (@ Ardington Hotel Worthing) Eng men 25 Jer men 8
18th Feb - Oxon Open (@ Didcot Con Club) - winner Phil Collins
10/11th Mar - British Pairs (@ Queens Hotel, Bournemouth) - winners Phil Collins & Leon Beer
15th Apr—British Ladies Open (@ Salfords Club, nr Horley)- winner Pauline Withey
5th May/6th May - Guernsey v England/Guernsey Pairs/ Guernsey Open (@ Les Rocquettes, Guernsey)- Gue 22 Eng 36 pairs winners Nigel Senior & Richard Wooton, singles winner Trevor Gallienne
13th May - Surrey Open (@ St Nicholas School, Merstham) - winner Keith Sheard
10th June—Sussex Open (@ Roffey Club) - winner Keith Sheard
15th July - Kent Classic (@ SixinOne Club, Tonbridge)
5th 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)
9th Dec - AEBBA AGM (@ PO Club, Reading)

15th July - Kent Classic - The 16th Kent Classic will take place in July at the Six in One Club in Tonbridge. Last years final was won by first time open winner Tony Woolvin beating first time finalist Lorin Clough in the final.

5th August - Bucks Open - the 5th August sees the 12th running of the Bucks Open at the Princes Riseborough Golf Club. Last year Kevin Tunstall beat team mate Ricky Dewdney in the final.