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1st 4-Pin Bar Billiards Open

The 1st East Anglian 4-pin bar billiards open will take place in the Silver Rooms, Norwich on Saturday **23rd March 2013**.

4 pin bar billiards is a variant on our game where main difference is where the pegs are located. The black peg is in front of the 200 as normal, but there are 3 white pegs in front of the 100 hole and both 50 holes. The order of the values of the back 5 pockets are 10-20-30-20-10 as opposed to 30-20-10-20-30 and players must always use the red if available. Also the tables are traditionally narrower, but our usual 3 pin AEBBA set will be used for this open



There are 3 leagues of that we know of that are running, Norwich (7 teams) Sudbury (11 teams) & Wellingborough (9 teams).

Entry is restricted to 64 players at the moment and non 4 pin players are being encouraged to have a go. Entry is £10 and there will be a plate competition.

Norwich league player **Carl Robinson** is organizing this open and he can be contacted on carland@vina-home.co.uk .

Don't expect to go and make any 20k breaks if you do go—top league score this year is **3,170** and the best break is **1,340!**

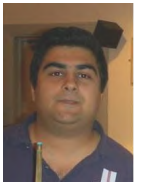
Have any ideas of what you want to see in the Newsletter, or wish to contribute stories or pictures?

AEBBA Newsletter Editorial

We have had two opens in the last two months. Congratulations to Paul Sainsbury who won his 10th National title by winning the Kent Classic in July. He joins an elite club of 6 players to win at least 10 national titles—Kevin Tunstall (62), Keith Sheard (15), John Burrows (15), Bernie McCluskey (12) and Nigel Senior (10) are the other five.

Steven Sheard won the other open with the Bucks in July, after a string of near misses. This moves him clear in 2nd place in the rankings and it is his 4th national title.

We enter the busy part of the year with the open and ladies county championships and the open and ladies individuals to be held in Reading. We also have the Berkshire Open, Alternative Rules, Special Ladies and the National Team Championships over the next 2 months.



Kent Classic @ Six in One Club, Tonbridge, 15th July 2012

Paul Sainsbury (pictured right) won the Kent Classic for the 3rd time after beating England number 1 **Kevin Tunstall** in the final. It was a tense final with Paul starting with a 15k break, but Kevin had time to reduce his arrears to 13,720. Kevin looked set to win his first title of the year but came off on 15,240, but had to see Paul retrieve the break back and knock in 2,360 to win by just **840**. It is Paul's **10th** national title.



Paul played well all day and made good scores through all the rounds, his biggest scare came in the quarter finals against **Mark Trafford** where Mark finished only 2,340 behind after being 19k down from leg 1. Paul then beat first time semi finalist **Jim Greensted** in the semi final. Kevin had a very tough route to the final beating **Dave Alder**, **Leon Beer** (from 17,910 down), **Dave France**, **Barry Radford**, **Steven Sheard** and **Richard Wooton** in the semi final.

The highest break of the day came from **Steven Sheard** who made **21,750** against **Nigel Senior**. Nigel should have beaten it however, missing on 20,340 with still time to win. There were another 3 breaks over 20k from **Kevin Tunstall** (20,650), **Paul Sainsbury** (20,640) and **Mark Brewster** (20,110), in a day of high scoring. **Pauline Withey** made a **6,350** break to take the ladies prize.



The plate was won by **Tony Martin** (pictured right) who beat Kent's **Martin Leach** in the final.

Latest British Rankings (@ 31st August 2012)

<u>MEN</u>			
<u>Pos</u>	<u>Player</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>PTS</u>
1	Kevin Tunstall	Sussex	309.1
2	Steven Sheard	Oxon	255.0
3(+2)	Phil Collins	Oxon	229.8
4(-1)	Nigel Senior	Sussex	211.2
5(+1)	Keith Sheard	Oxon	209.5
6(-2)	Curt Driver	Kent	201.0
7	Paul Sainsbury	Berks	148.6
8	Mark Trafford	Oxon	122.4
9	Leon Beer	Oxon	117.1
10	Richard Wooton	Sussex	117.0

<u>LADIES</u>			
<u>Pos</u>	<u>Player</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>PTS</u>
1	Pauline Withey	Oxon	109.7
2	Mrs Chris Newson	Hants	62.1
3	Sandra Race	Sussex	53.8
4	Denise Wills	Surrey	52.6
5	Jenny Florey	Oxon	49.6
6	Jean Brackenridge	Sussex	44.9
7(+1)	Lorraine Hall	Sussex	38.8
8(-1)	Alison Norman	Surrey	38.4
9	Myra Hawkins	Berks	37.3
10	Genette Nicholls	Surrey	30.8

Bournemouth 2013 update

An announcement has been made regarding Bournemouth 2013 by **Chris Saville**.

"Bournemouth 2013 WILL go ahead but please do NOT send any entries to Eric Hill. Owing to unforeseen circumstances Eric cannot run the tournament in 2013. It will now be run by Dave Alder, Chrissie Newson and myself, a totally new management team. Full and proper accounts will be produced and independently examined for presentation to members.

AEBBA will not be solely reserving all of the hotel rooms this year as we cannot fill the hotel on last years numbers. Once all details have been finalised for the AEBBA AGM I would ask all players to support the Bournemouth weekend by staying at the Queens Hotel. The hotel normally charge £1000 per day for the big conference room, we are getting it free. The hotel also give three free weekend packages for prizes and a £250 cash sponsorship. The rooms package is at a good discount and we are trying to renegotiate some aspects of this. We are in danger of losing this sponsorship of several thousand pounds!"

Bucks Open @ Riseborough Golf Club, 5th August 2012

The lovely setting of the Riseborough Golf Club was the scene of **Steven Sheard's** (pictured right) fourth national open title win. He beat **Phil Collins** overturning the result of this years Oxon Open final. Steven was 10,520 behind going into the 2nd leg but made a 15,520 opening break to secure the title. For Steven this ends a string of 5 final defeats since his 2011 Oxon Open win and before this final he had lost 11 of his 14 national individual finals—although I am sure he won't want reminding of this!



Steven didn't have the easiest of paths to the final. He beat **Jon Bamsey** in his opening match, and followed this with a win over Kent Classic winner **Paul Sainsbury** in the last 32. He then beat Buck's **Andy Haines** before gaining revenge on his dad, Keith, for this years Sussex Open final defeat. In the semi he met 1982 All England Champ **Terry Isard**. Phil's route was not straightforward either, beating **Mark James**, **Pete Sainsbury** and **Mark Trafford** before defeating Terry's son **Darren Isard** in the quarter final. In the semi final he met Sussex's **Bill Kerr** who reached that stage in a national open for the first time.



The highest break also went to **Steven** with a **19,280** effort in round 3. **Chrissie Newson** made the high ladies break with **4,190**.

Colin Martin (pictured left) won the plate, beating **Merv Yearwood** in the final **10,790—7,050**

Latest Grand Prix Standings @ 31st August 2012 (after 6 events of 8)

Pos	Player	Pts
1	Steven Sheard	39
2	Keith Sheard	34
3	Phil Collins	26
4	Kevin Tunstall	24
5	Paul Sainsbury	16
6	Trevor Gallienne	15
7	Richard Wooton	14
8	Nigel Senior	11
9	Bill Kerr	10
10	Tom Oliver	10
11	Curt Driver	8
12	Henry Brooks	8
13	Dave Ingram	7
14	Barry Radford	7
15	Tony Martin	7
16	Jim Greensted	7

Bar Billiards on the Telly

Bar Billiards has made a few appearances on the television over the years. It's big break came on the **Indoor League** presented by the late **Fred Trueman**. Pub games were featured, from darts, shove h'penny, bar skittles and bar billiards. Fred described the game as "billiards with booby traps". One episode featured the final between "**Taffy**" **John** (the Pontefract school headmaster and reigning Yorkshire television champion) and **Malcolm Rider**. "Taffy" took the spoils 2,820-1,450, and one of his breaks of 420 was described as "magnificent" - how times have changed. A lot of these clips can be seen on Youtube.

The comedian **Lee Mack** chose the Indoor League as part of his TV Heaven in his **TV Heaven TV Hell** appearance with **Sean Lock**—worth catching on Channel4 on demand. Other appearances have been on **Dads Army**, **Rock & Chips** (the prequel to Only Fools and Horses), the **Sweeney**, **Hustle**, the **Price is Right** as part of the prize in the Showcase Showdown). Also a new **Stephen Fry** programme about gadgets shows him playing an electronic version of bar billiards. In one episode **Heston's Fantastical Food** he builds a pub out of a pie and inside it he makes an **edible** bar billiards table (pictured right), the green baize is a cod and tartar mix, and the balls are made of pickled eggs! We may not have made sky sports yet but we are out there!



Upcoming Events in September & October

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)- winner Paul Sainsbury
 5th Aug - Bucks Open (@ Princes Riseborough Golf Club)- winner Steven Sheard
 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)

9th Sept - Berkshire Open - The Post Office Club in Reading will host the 17th Berkshire Open, In last years final Kevin Tunstall beat Keith Sheard.

23rd Sept - County Champs Div1/ Ladies AE Singles - Sussex will be defending their title—which they won for the 5th time last year. The All England Ladies was won for the 7th time by Chris Newson last year.

30th Sept - Ladies County/AE Open Singles - Sussex ladies will be defending their title and they have won 9 of the last 11. Last year Kent's Curt Driver beat Northants' Simon Coleman to win his 1st AE singles

14th Oct - Alternative Rules - The unique event where the balls start in a triangle and reformed every time the balls are cleared. Kevin Tunstall beat Tony Webster in the final last year to win his 6th title under these rules.

21st Oct - Team Champs/ Special Ladies - The New Sussex Hotel under captain Kevin Tunstall retained this title last year beating Berks' Caversham WMC. Myra Hawkins won her 1st Special Ladies title beating Jenny Florey in the final.