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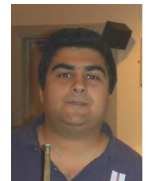
AEBBA Newsletter Editorial

We have come to the end of the bar billiards year and it has again been a great year for bar billiards and the AEBBA would like to congratulate all the winners. The year's highlight was without doubt the World Championships in Jersey, where Kevin Tunstall won his record 5th title.

Kevin also took the Grand Prix title (his 8th) to win his 2nd title of the year and move him to 64 national titles and he is still well clear in the rankings. The titles were shared around though, Phil Collins winning 2 (including his 2nd AE Singles), Keith Sheard won back to back opens in the middle of the year, Steven Sheard broke his run of losing finals by winning the Bucks and Paul Sainsbury won his 10th national title at the Kent. The highlight for me was seeing Ian Lelliott win his first open at the Berks, after 3 previous runner-ups – proof to us all that we should all keep trying. Also Trevor Gallienne won his home open for the first time—after 3 runners-up in that tournament.

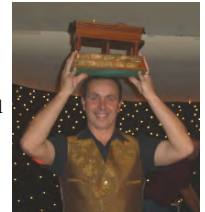
The ladies game has been dominated by Pauline Withey, winning 3 of the four ladies events and she is well clear in the rankings. She couldn't complete the clean sweep, however, a resurgence from former Ladies number 1, Jean Brackenridge saw her take the Ladies Grand Prix title. Spare a thought for two players who have not quite got over the line nationally—Mark Brewster (7 times a runner-up) and Denise Wills (5 times a runner-up). Both a great players who must surely achieve their goal of becoming a national winner soon.

Another great year! The AEBBA would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



World Championships @ Merton Hotel, Jersey, 9th/10th/11th Nov 2012

Kevin Tunstall (pictured right) won his 5th title at the World Championships in Jersey to hold the record on his own. It is surprisingly his first title of the year after being runner up in this years Surrey and Kent Opens. Kevin beat **Paul Sainsbury** in the final. It was a great match where Paul was put in first to record 15,440, leaving Kevin time to make just 320. Kevin broke off with 17,620, his only real moment came on about 3k where a whipped 100 split went down the 30. Paul immediately conceded to lose his 2nd final in four years.



146 players entered the tournament and the first round was again played in groups of 4. There were some exciting groups, and the big casualty was 1998 winner **Keith Sheard**, who only won 1 out of 3 matches to make his runner up spot not enough to progress. As last year the 2 eventual finalists both lost a game in their group matches, but won through as a best runner up. Also there was the first ever **20k break** recorded in the World Championships—**Phil Collins** knocked in an incredible **20,990** against **Gareth Lloyd!** Many of the top players qualified from the groups and there was a live draw for the last 64. This threw up a some big matches, perhaps the biggest **Ian Lelliott v Steve Mariner**, with Ian coming out an easy winner. Sunday morning saw the last 32 round played, and one past winner went out here—**Graeme Le Monnier** and another got a shock—**Chris Oakley** narrowly losing to **Phil Collins** 9,320-9,770. By the time the field was whittled down to 16, 9 UK mainland, 6 Jersey, and 1 Guernsey player were left in, with 7 past champions present. Some great matches here—**Graham Bisson** chased down **Ian Lelliott** to win 14,520-13,560, **Nigel Senior** hung on to beat 3 time winner **Trevor Gallienne** 17,920-10,060, **Paul Sainsbury** beat **Phil Collins** 19,310-15,880. Past champions **Jim Millward**, **Kevin Tunstall**, **Dennis Helleur** and **Bernie McCluskey** also survived this round. In the quarters only **Bob King** of the Jersey contingent survived in a repeat of the 2000 final as he knocked out **Bernie McCluskey**, **Kevin Tunstall** beat **Dennis Helleur**, **Paul Sainsbury** knocked out 4 time champ **Jim Millward** and **Nigel Senior** beat **Graham Bisson**. **Bob King** was 4k up in his semi against **Kevin Tunstall** but it wasn't enough, and **Nigel Senior** couldn't chase down a 12k lead from **Paul Sainsbury**.



The World Championship Doubles was won by **Richard Wootton & Gareth Lloyd** (pictured right) They beat 2009 champs **Phil Collins & Leon Beer** in what can be best described as a tense final! **Brian Richards** won the plate title beating **Pete Sainsbury**—2 brothers losing 2 finals! There was some Jersey success—**Amber Hopwood** won the junior title beating **Jaz Mariner**.

Most agreed a fabulous weekend—come on lets get the numbers up next year!

Latest British Rankings (@ 31st December 2012)

MEN				LADIES			
Pos	Player	County	PTS	Pos	Player	County	PTS
1	Kevin Tunstall	Sussex	324.4	1	Pauline Withey	Oxon	121.7
2	Steven Sheard	Oxon	233.5	2	Denise Wills	Surrey	61.1
3	Phil Collins	Oxon	206.4	3	Sandra Hall	Sussex	55.7
4	Curt Driver	Kent	205.2	4	Jean Brackenridge	Sussex	49.0
5	Nigel Senior	Sussex	197.5	5	Jenny Florey	Oxon	45.1
6	Keith Sheard	Oxon	178.5	6	Myra Hawkins	Berks	40.2
7	Paul Sainsbury	Berks	151.1	7	Alison Norman	Surrey	40.0
8	Mark Trafford	Oxon	120.8	8	Chris Newson	Hants	38.7
9	Leon Beer	Oxon	119.8	9	Lorraine Hall	Sussex	36.7

Over 50's and Over 60's @ PO Club, Reading, 28th Oct 2012

The Over 50's and 60's competitions were decided concurrently at the Reading PO Club in October. The move of date seem to help for a better turnout with 31 over 50's and 21 over 60's. It has to be said the standard was exceptional for an age restricted competition. **Chris Saville** (pictured right) won this title for the 3rd time beating Sussex's **Dave Ingram** in a cracking final. Chris ran the table out for 15,390 in leg 1. Dave broke off 15,230 only to miss leaving Chris to make a decisive 300 to win by just 460.



Chris played some great matches to get to the final. In the quarter he beat reigning champion **Tony Martin** from 9k down, and he was 12k down against **Bill Kerr** in the semi. **Terry Molloy** made the highest break of **16,560** in round 1, before being defeated by Dave Ingram in the quarters. **Dave Constable** was Dave semi final victim.

The over 60's was won the Berks Open champ **Ian Lelliott** (pictured right) who beat **Stuart Florey** in the final. Ian made some great breaks including the tournament high break of **19,560** which he needed to chase down **Tony Martin's** **17,950**. the other losing semi finalist was **Ernie Jordan** who succumbed to Stuart.



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

Ladies Grand Prix, 25th Nov 2012

Jean Brackenridge (pictured front row, left) won her 2nd Ladies Grand Prix title beating **Denise Wills** in the final. Jean was seeded 5, but came through her group unbeaten with wins over **Sheila King** (seeded 8), **Pauline Withey** (seeded 1) and **Jenny Florey** (seeded 4). Denise (seeded 3) also made it through unbeaten with wins over **Sandra Hall** (seeded 2), **Debz Pearce** (seeded 7) and **Colleen Park** (seeded 6). Jean was 2,770 down after leg 1 of the final but eventually came through **10,570-7,670**. Jean also made the high break of **8,960**. For Denise sadly a 5th major ladies final loss, even sadder for the men watching as she has threatened to run round naked if she ever wins one!



Jean Brackenridge 10,570
beat
Denise Wills 7,670

Group A

Pos	Player	Pts
1	Jean Brackenridge (Sus) (5)	6
2	Sheila King (Sur) (8)	2
3	Pauline Withey (Oxon) (1)	2
4	Jenny Florey (Oxon) (4)	2

Group B

Pos	Player	Pts
1	Denise Wills (Sur) (3)	6
2	Sandra Hall (Sus) (2)	2
3	Debz Pearce (Sur) (7)	2
4	Colleen Park (Sus) (6)	2

Final Grand Prix Standings (after 8 events)

Pos	Player	Pts
1	Kevin Tunstall	44
2	Steven Sheard	39
3	Phil Collins	35
4	Keith Sheard	34
5	Paul Sainsbury	32
6	Nigel Senior	23
7	Ian Lelliott	20
8	Trevor Gallienne	18
9	Richard Wooton	15
10	Curt Driver	14
11	Dave Ingram	13
12	Mark BRowster	13
13	Bill Kerr	10
14	Tom Oliver	10
15	Graham Bisson	9
16	Bob King	9

Grand Prix @ Post Office Club, Reading, 25th Nov 2012

Kevin Tunstall (pictured bottom row 3rd from the left) completed the year in style by winning his 8th Grand Prix title. He beat **Phil Collins** in a terrific final where Phil broke off with **19,860** and Kevin beat that by **380** with a **20,240** break. Phil did make the days high break of **22,380** (in 16 mins 15 sec!!)



The top 16 performers (pictured right) on the open circuit this year were seeded and placed into 4 groups—winners progressing to the semi finals. Top seed **Kevin Tunstall** won a tough Group A beating **Richard Wooton** (seeded 8), **Curt Driver** (seeded 9) and **Jim Greensted** (seeded 16). He could have easily lost two of those games, Jim got the break back and was 17,800 up from leg 1 but missed letting Kevin back in to win by just 40, and Curt broke down on 14k chasing just over 18k. **Steven Sheard** (seeded 2) & **Phil Collins** (seeded 3) won Groups B and C unbeaten, Phil hitting an incredible **13,323** per leg in his 3 matches. Group D was won by surprise package **Henry Brooks** (seeded 13) with wins over **Keith Sheard** (seeded 4), **Paul Sainsbury** (seeded 5) and **Tom Oliver** (seeded 12). Henry was to lose to Kevin in the semi, and Phil beat Steven. Good to see the 2 Guernsey boys Trevor Gallienne and Tom Oliver who qualified.

Group A

Pos	Player	Pts
1	Kevin Tunstall (Sus) (1)	6
2	Curt Driver (Kent) (9)	4
3	Richard Wooton (Sus) (8)	2
4	Jim Greensted (Sur) (16)	0

Group C

Pos	Player	Pts
1	Phil Collins (Ox) (3)	6
2	Nigel Senior (Sus) (6)	4
3	Tony Martin (Ox) (14)	2
4	Mark Brewster (Kent) (11)	0

Group B

Pos	Player	Pts
1	Steven Sheard (Ox) (2)	6
2	Barry Radford (Hants) (15)	4
3	Dave Ingram (Sus) (10)	2
4	Trevor Gallienne (Gue) (7)	0

Group D

Pos	Player	Pts
1	Henry Brooks (Sus) (13)	6
2	Keith Sheard (Ox) (4)	4
3	Paul Sainsbury (Berks) (5)	2
4	Tom Oliver (Gue) (12)	0

Semi Finals

Kevin Tunstall 20,970
Henry Brooks 7,710
Phil Collins 22,960
Steven Sheard 7,740

Final

Kevin Tunstall 20,240
Phil Collins 19,860

County Championships Division 2, 18 Nov 2012

Oxon B have won the County Championships Division 2. Six teams were present and four challengers and were in contention until the last series **Oxon B (19pts), Surrey(19), Bucks(17) and Northants (15)**. Surrey capitulated losing 7-0 to **Oxon B** handing them title. **Simon Coleman** (Northants) won all 5 games, and averaged **10,240**, **Terry Isard** (Bucks) made the high break of **12,800**.

Division 1

Pos	Team	Pts
1	Oxon A	25
2	Sussex A	24
3	Kent A	21
4	Berks A	18
5	Hants	9
6	Sussex B	8

Division 2

Pos	Team	Pts
1	Oxon B	26
2	Bucks	21
3	Northants	20
4	Surrey	19
5	Berks B	13
6	Kent B	6

AEBBA Mixed Pairs, 28th Oct 2012

Steven Sheard & Pauline Withey (pictured right) won the AEBBA Mixed Pairs beating reigning champions **Kevin & Hayley Tunstall** by a score of **16,450 - 10,040**.



Last year this was cancelled due to lack of entries, but this year incredibly 21 entries showed, and were split into 4 groups (single leg games), top 2 in each to make the quarter finals. The eventual finalists made it through the same group. Steven & Pauline then despatched of **Bill Kerr & Genette Nicholls** and 2002 champs **Stuart & Jenny Florey** in the semi final. Kevin & Hayley made it past **Gary Powell & Denise Wills** and then newlyweds **Kevin & Sandra Hall** in their semi final. High breaks were a **13,350** by **Kevin Tunstall** and **7,150** by lady



Dates for your diary 2013—see <http://www.aebba.org/> for entry forms

- 2nd Feb - Jersey v England (TBC @ Jersey)
- 9th Feb - Oxon Open (@ Didcot Conservative Club)
- 9th/10th Mar - British Pairs (@ Queens Hotel, Bournemouth)
- 23rd Mar—1st East Anglian 4-pin Open (@ Silver Rooms, Norwich)
- 14th Apr—Surrey Open (@ St Nicholas School, Merstham)
- 4th May/5th May - Guernsey v England/Guernsey Pairs/ Guernsey Open (@ Les Rocquettes, Guernsey)
- 12th May - British Ladies Open (@ St Nicholas School, Merstham)
- 19th May - 1st National Off the Spot Open (@ SixinOne Club, Tonbridge)
- 8th June—England v Guernsey (@ Roffey Club)
- 9th June—Sussex Open (@ Roffey Club)
- 7th July - Kent Classic (@ Surbuban Club, Chatham)
- 11th Aug - Bucks Open (@ Princes Riseborough Golf Club)
- 8th Sept - Berks Open (@ PO Club, Reading)
- 22nd Sept - County Div 1/ Ladies AE Singles (@ PO Club, Reading)
- 29th Sept - Ladies County/ AE Open Singles (@ PO Club, Reading)
- 13th Oct - Alternative Rules (@ PO Club, Reading)
- 20th Oct - Team Champs/ Special Ladies (@ PO Club, Reading)
- 27th Oct - Mixed Pairs/Over 50's (@ PO Club, Reading)
- 8/9/10th Nov - World Champ Pairs/ World Champs Singles (Jersey)
- 17th Nov - County Div 2 (@ PO Club, Reading)
- 24th Nov - Grand Prix/ Ladies GP/ Under 25's/Over 60's (@ PO Club, Reading)
- 8th Dec - AEBBA AGM (@ PO Club, Reading)

Under 25's @ PO Club, Reading, 18th Nov 2012

Lewis Stratford (pictured right) won the Under 25's title going one better than 2010. Lewis beat Sussex's **Lorenzo Hickman** in the final by a score of **9,430-5,380**.



10 players entered and were split into 2 groups of 5 and the top 2 went through to the semi finals. **Stephen Coleman** was impressive in Group 1, unbeaten with an average of **8,668**, and was joined by Lewis in the semi finals. Oxon's **Craig Mace** was unbeaten in Group 2, qualifying with Lorenzo. Both unbeaten players went out in the semis, Stephen losing a big break to lose out to Lorenzo and Lewis comfortably beat Craig by 14,810-1,770. **Stephen Coleman** also made the days high break with a cracking **15,060** run out.

Upcoming Events in January & February

2nd Feb - Jersey v England - The Jersey men will look to avenge a 25-8 defeat by the England men last year.

9th Feb - Oxon Open - The open season starts off at the Didcot Conservative Club for the Oxon Open. Last year Phil Collins won his 1st Oxon open title beating Steven Sheard in the final.