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High Breaks!

A few more stats for you—below is a table of how many high break trophies players have won. I have 202 recorded high break trophies won—in some instances the highest break trophy would not be awarded to someone who made the final to share around the prizes but in those cases I have given the nod to the person who made the day's highest break

Keith Sheard unsurprisingly heads this list as he has great scoring power and very often goes for the big breaks. **Kevin Tunstall** is 2nd and has picked up a lot of these trophies because he is deceptively quick. Another very fast player, **Phil Collins** is the only other player with over 10 with 15 high breaks. **Mark Brewster** has 6 high breaks but no national titles. Every player who has 2 break trophies has made a national final, perhaps proving you can't succeed without being able to make big breaks!

Player	High Breaks	National Wins
Keith Sheard	54	16
Kevin Tunstall	32	64
Phil Collins	15	10
Nigel Senior	9	10
Paul Sainsbury	9	11
Steven Sheard	9	6
John Burrows	9	15
Mark Brewster	6	0
Les Green	5	9
Gareth Lloyd	5	1

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AEBBA Newsletter Editorial

The men's International kicked off the bar billiards year in February. It was an incredible match as England won 19-14 over Jersey with no fewer than 6 players making their first appearance against Jersey.

The first open was held in Oxon, it was won by Phil Collins who retained his title beating Keith Sheard in the final.

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. We also have the 1st East Anglian Open. The big difference here is that we will be playing 4 pin—so the pegs will be in different positions (2 whites in front of the 50, one in front of the 100 and the black in front of the 200). Should be



Jersey Men v England Men @ Sarum Hotel, 2nd February 2013

The 32nd meeting between the **England** (pictured right) and **Jersey** Men's teams was held at the Sarum Hotel in Jersey in February.

It is fair to say England didn't have their strongest side due to dropouts and had 6 players making their first appearance against Jersey. Jersey were looking for first win since 2009. Jersey made a good start leading **2-1** then **3-2**, but England showed they had turned up to play by leveling at **4-4** and then taking a **6-5** lead into the interval. The highlight in the first series were a **12,670** run out by **Nigel Ryall** against **Paul Sainsbury**.



There was still plenty to play for in the 2nd half of the match as the bonus point for the aggregate kicked in. Jersey took control by winning 5 of the next 6 points available to lead **10-7** with **Bob King** and **Fred Jeanne** completing 3-0 wins, **Dave Ingram** taking the aggregate point for England. In series 2, England fought back with **Lorin Clough** and captain **Kevin Tunstall** taking the next 4 points to put England in the lead **11-10**. **Chris Saville** and **Nigel Senior** went on in the next series to complete 3-0 wins but Jersey kept themselves in the match as **Nigel Ryall** took a win 3-0 to make the score **15-12** with 3 matches left to play. The task looked tough for Jersey but with around 5 minutes left **Harry Barbet**, **James Jeanne** and **Sean Le Beuvant** looked set to take all 6 points for Jersey. These matches can swing so quickly though, and **Geoff Jukes** got the balls back to take both points off James, Sean Le Beuvant lost a 7k opener to hand the aggregate to **Pete Sainsbury** and finally **Simon Coleman** managed to beat Harry Barbet by 10 points on aggregate with Harry losing a 2k break at the death. So the final score **19-14** to England, but what a close and exciting match!

Latest British Rankings (@ 28th February 2013)

MEN				LADIES			
Pos	Player	County	PTS	Pos	Player	County	PTS
1	Kevin Tunstall	Sussex	322.4	1	Pauline Withey	Oxon	121.6
2	Steven Sheard	Oxon	227.6	2	Denise Wills	Surrey	61.1
3	Phil Collins	Oxon	210.5	3	Sandra Hall	Sussex	56.8
4	Curt Driver	Kent	197.5	4	Jean Brackenridge	Sussex	50.1
5(+1)	Keith Sheard	Oxon	190.0	5	Jenny Florey	Oxon	44.5
6(-1)	Nigel Senior	Sussex	181.5	6	Myra Hawkins	Berks	40.2
7	Paul Sainsbury	Berks	156.3	7	Alison Norman	Surrey	40.0
8	Mark Trafford	Oxon	126.2	8(+1)	Lorraine Hall	Sussex	36.6
9	Leon Beer	Oxon	120.6	9(-1)	Mrs Chris Newson	Hants	36.0
10	Ian Lelliott	Sussex	110.1	10	Colleen Park	Sussex	32.0

Something for the ladies.... We looked at the list of men's high breaks winners so we better have a look at the ladies! I have 209 ladies high breaks recorded in all competitions. These include breaks made in opens so you would expect a lot more break trophies than national wins but are still shown for comparison.

Pauline Withey heads the list, no surprise there as she has the most national titles. **Diana Welburn** and **Jenny Florey** also feature very high on the list, but both have failed to land a national title with 2 runners up each. Further down the list **Hayley Tunstall** and **Michelle Baden** both have 5 break trophies but neither have got to a national ladies final.

Player	High Breaks	National Wins
Pauline Withey	44	19
Jean Brackenridge	22	7
Sue Mariner	16	5
Myra Hawkins	12	4
Jan Taylor	11	7
Chris Newson	11	9
Diana Welburn	9	0
Jenny Florey	8	0

Latest Grand Prix Standings @ 28th February 2013 (after 1 event of 9)

Pos	Player	Pts
1	Phil Collins	15
2	Keith Sheard	10
3	Martin Cole	6
4	Simon Coleman	6
5	Mark James	3
=	Mark Trafford	3
=	Paul Sainsbury	3
=	Jon Bamsey	3
9	Dennis Atkins	1
10	Ian Lelliott	1
=	Kevin Tunstall	1
=	Richard Wooton	1
=	Gerry Fitzjohn	1
=	Tony Woolvin	1
=	Dave France	1
=	Dave Barnes (Wal)	1

Oxfordshire Open @ Didcot Con Club, 9th February 2013

Phil Collins (pictured right) won the first national open of the year by winning the 2013 Oxfordshire Open. Phil retained the title he won last year, and has in fact been involved in the last 4 Oxfordshire Open finals.



Phil started with a win over **Nigel Senior**, responding to a **16,540** run out with one of his own of **18,420**. An incredible **24,110** (highest of the day) break saw him past Tony Willis in round 3. He was 14k down against **Tony Woolvin** in the last 16 but made 17k in reply. **Jon Bamsey** was his quarter final victim. It must be worth mentioning Jon's game against number 1 **Kevin Tunstall** in the previous round, where he replied with **21,090** to beat Kevin's **20,990** break by just 100—easily the match of the day! Phil then faced **Martin Cole** in the semi final. Martin had a golden chance to make his first national final being 7k up and an early miss by Phil gave Martin an opportunity to get the balls back. He didn't and Phil made the final to play **Keith Sheard**. Keith led by **18,930** going into leg 2 and had a chance when Phil missed early, but again Phil got the balls back first a recorded another 20k+ break to seal the title.

Keith also made good progress to the final with good wins over **Ian Lelliott** and **Paul Sainsbury**. He beat **Simon Coleman** in the semi final, who along with Martin Cole had great runs to be losing semi finalists.

The plate was won by Sussex's **Kevin Hall** who made a **19,300** break in the final to beat **Lorin Clough**. His wife **Sandra Hall** made the highest ladies break with a **3,620** effort. Tables were superb with **four** 20k breaks and **twenty-four** 15k breaks. Thanks to **Tony Willis** and **Pete Ewins** for organising the day.

Upcoming Events in March & April

9/10th Mar - British Pairs (Bournemouth) - The 31st British Pairs will take place at the Queens Hotel, Bournemouth. **Phil Collins & Leon Beer** will be looking to defend their title they captured last year

23rd Mar - 1st East Anglian 4-pin Open - The 1st East Anglian 4-pin Open will take place at the Silver Rooms, Norwich. There will be a contingent of 3 pin players and many local 4 pin players to see if they can secure the first title. Scoring should be much lower than we see in the 3 pin format of the game with pegs in front of the two 50 pockets, 100 pocket and 200 pocket.

14th Apr - Surrey Open - The 5th Surrey Open will take place at St Nicholas School, Merstham. **Keith Sheard** won the title last year beating England number 1 **Kevin Tunstall** in the final.

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

- 2nd Feb - Jersey v England (TBC @ Jersey) - Jer Men 14 Eng Men 19
- 9th Feb - Oxon Open (@ Didcot Conservative Club) - winner Phil Collins
- 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 Pairs/ Guernsey Open (@ Les Rocquettes, Guernsey)
- 12th May - British Ladies Open (@ Salfords Club, Redhill)
- 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 (@ Suburban 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)

The Indoor League

Bar Billiards biggest appearance on television was on the **Indoor League** presented by the late **Fred Trueman** (pictured right) in the 1970's. Pub games were featured, from darts, shove h'penny, bar skittles, cheese skittles, arm wrestling, table football, American pool and bar billiards.



There are 2 DVD's available which features some of the episodes of the Indoor League, and are quite an eye opener for players who play the game today. In volume 1 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!



Volume 2 shows the 1973/74 indoor league season. **John Baker** (pictured left) from Tunbridge Wells is shown playing against "Taffy" John in an early match. John knocks out the champion with a final ball down the 200. It seems here that the games are 10 minutes long, and players are limited to 45 second breaks. John makes his way to the final beating **Jim Hornibrooke** also from Kent. In the final John plays **Peter Wells** from Oxon. John makes a **490** break at the end to win the final by a score of **2,400-1,440**. Fred interviews John afterwards and has a double take when John says his highest break is **15,000**! A cracking couple of DVD's and a great chance to have a nostalgic look at our game.