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Bar Billiards v Cricket

Bar billiards will always have its links with cricket as the late cricket legend Fred Trueman presented the Indoor League in the 1970's. Thanks to the bar billiards forum

<http://barbilliards.proboards.com/> and a few hazy memories of 'senior' bar billiards players there are a few details of a match or matches that took place in the early 1980's between bar billiards teams and cricket teams.

There is reference to one match on the eve of the first England v Jersey international (which would have been 1981) where England cricketer Mike Gatting started with a 4k break.

Keith Sheard also recalls a match but believes it was in June 1984 where England XI played Somerset at Castle Cary, which England won 10-1—plus he scored 20k & 14k!

If anyone has any more details of these matches they can pass on to me I can publish them in a future newsletter.

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

Email nigelsenior05@googlemail.com with your suggestions

AEBBA Newsletter Editorial

In March we all went to the Queens Hotel, Bournemouth for the British Pairs. Richard Wooton won the title with Nigel Senior to hold all three national pair titles simultaneously (World, British & Guernsey). He has of course not mentioned it much! We also had the first 4 pin open in Norwich. It was a great event, and interesting to meet new friends who play a very different version of the game—it is amazing how much difference one peg makes. Curt Driver won the first 4 pin open (always nice to win the first) and followed it up with a great win in Surrey. He now moves up to a highest ever number 3 position in the rankings and looks set to threaten Steven Sheard's number 2 spot.



British Pairs @ Queens Hotel, Bournemouth, 9th/10th March 2013

The first weekend in March always sees the bar billiards community travel to Bournemouth for the British Pairs. 53 pairs entered this years event, and the 2006 runners up **Richard Wooton & Nigel Senior** (pictured right) won the British pairs together for the first time. The final was against 2011 winners Oxon's **Steven Sheard & Pete Philips**. An early miss by Pete in the final was rescued by Steven as he took the first leg by just under 9k. Nigel responded with a **17,670** run out to level the match at 1-1. The turning point came in leg 3 when Steven missed early on his break and Nigel made just shy of 13k, to be 2-1 up and 19k up on aggregate. Richard's task was therefore to go off with 2k, he didn't quite manage that—but **630 in 3 minutes** sealed the title! For Richard he has completed what he likes to call his triple crown—World Pairs, Bournemouth Pairs and Guernsey Pairs—a true pairs specialist!



Richard & Nigel's big test came in round 2, against **Chris Saville & Tony Martin**. A great **16,530** run out from Chris put them in command and they looked favourites when Nigel broke down on 4k. Richard rescued the situation with a 14k break. They were also 11.5k down in the quarter-final against **Lorin Clough & Stephen Coleman**, but Nigel hit **16,480** in reply. A one sided semi final against **Keith Sheard & Pauline Withey (50,720-1,670** over 3 legs) booked their place in the final. Steven & Pete had a massive win in their first match against 2 time winners **Bernie McCluskey & Paul Sainsbury**. They had a great match against **Dave Ingram & Henry Brooks** in their semi final—**33,910-31,200** aggregate win after Dave made **21,760** (his first 20k break) in leg 4 to lose by just **2,710**.

In the plate last years champions **Leon Beer & Phil Collins** beat **Bernie McCluskey & Paul Sainsbury**. **Keith Sheard** made the weekend's high break, a **22,050** in round 2.

Latest British Rankings (@ 30th April 2013)

<u>MEN</u>			
<u>Pos</u>	<u>Player</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>PTS</u>
1	Kevin Tunstall	Sussex	302.6
2	Steven Sheard	Oxon	220.8
3(+1)	Curt Driver	Kent	210.1
4(-1)	Phil Collins	Oxon	197.1
5(+1)	Nigel Senior	Sussex	186.7
6(-1)	Keith Sheard	Oxon	171.7
7	Paul Sainsbury	Berks	155.6
8(+1)	Leon Beer	Oxon	117.8
9(-1)	Mark Trafford	Oxon	112.6
10(+1)	Richard Wooton	Sussex	109.8

<u>LADIES</u>			
<u>Pos</u>	<u>Player</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>PTS</u>
1	Pauline Withey	Oxon	133.2
2	Denise Wills	Surrey	61.3
3	Sandra Hall	Sussex	56.9
4	Jean Brackenridge	Sussex	50.2
5	Jenny Florey	Oxon	44.5
6	Myra Hawkins	Berks	40.2
7	Alison Norman	Surrey	40.0
8	Lorraine Hall	Sussex	36.6
9	Mrs Chris Newson	Hants	35.0
10	Colleen Park	Sussex	31.8

1st East Anglian 4 Pin Open, Norwich, 23rd March 2013

Curt Driver (pictured right) won the 1st East Anglian 4 pin open held at Saint Mary Magdalene Church Hall in Norwich. Curt beat Surrey's **Clive Thompson** (pictured far right) who had a great run to make his first national final.

Four pin bar billiards is a little different to the 3 pin version of the game we play regularly. Firstly pegs are in front of the 4 main scoring holes—2 whites in front of the 50 pockets, one in front of the 100 pocket and the black peg takes its usual position in front of the 200 hole. The holes at the back are reversed to a 10-20-30-20-10 scoring pattern rather than the usual 30-20-10-20-30. Also you can go more than 3 times in a succession on the break shot, but you have to score in different pockets if you play the same break shot 3 times in a row (believe me it is difficult enough to pot 2 balls of the break!)



61 players entered the first 4 pin open, 36 from the local leagues in Suffolk and Norfolk, 25 regulars from the 3 pin circuit. It seemed that tournament experience came into play more than actual 4 pin experience as only 2 locals made the last 8—**Luke Cole-Watts** (Suffolk) and **Charlie Holden** (Norfolk). Luke lost to eventual winner Curt and Charlie lost to **Mark Trafford**. In the other quarter finals **Kevin Tunstall** beat **Nigel Senior** in a rather familiar encounter and **Clive Thompson** beat **Mark James** by just 90 points. Curt beat Mark in one semi but Clive pulled of the result of the day by beating Kevin Tunstall to book his place in that final. In the final itself Curt took a 1,030 lead (a big lead) into leg 2, and although Clive had moments where he looked set to close the gap, Curt ran out the winner **3,290-1,770**.

There was local success in the plate, however, with Suffolk's **Melvin Tilbury** beating Norfolk's **Aaron White**. The high break went to **Nigel Senior** at **2,020**—only four other breaks recorded over 1,000 on the day. Overall a great fun day—many thanks to **Carl Robinson** from the Norwich League for getting it up and running—the 2nd 4 pin open is already planned for next year—22nd March 2014 in Sudbury.

Latest Grand Prix Standings @ 30th April 2013 (after 2 events of 9)

Pos	Player	Pts
1	Curt Driver	15
2	Phil Collins	15
3	Keith Sheard	11
4	Pete Sainsbury	10
5	Simon Coleman	9
6	Paul Sainsbury	9
7	Martin Cole	6
8	Geoff Jukes	6
9	Mark Trafford	3
10	Mark James	3
=	Dave Ingram	3
12	Dave Constable	3
13	Pauline Withey	3
14	Jon Bamsey	3
15	Ian Lelliott	2
16	Dave France/Stephen Coleman	1

Surrey Open @ St Nicholas' School, Merstham, 14th April 2013

Curt Driver (pictured right) added to his success at the Norwich 4 pin by taking the Surrey Open title. He beat Kent's **Pete Sainsbury** in the final. An early mistake by Pete let Curt take a 16k lead into leg 2, and his opening 3k break sealed the title. This is Curt's 5th National title.



Curt played well all day, comfortable wins over **Barry Radford**, **Alan Brackenridge** & **Martin Cole** saw him through to the last 16. He came back from 9k down against **Ian Lelliott** in round 4, and then beat Surrey's **Dave Constable** and **Geoff Jukes** to make the final. Pete's biggest match en route was against brother Paul in the semi, and he came back from 12k down to win that one.

2009 champ **Nigel Senior** won the plate against Northant's **Damian Coates**. **Gareth Lloyd** made the high break of **22,300**, the next two highest came in the same match as **Paul Sainsbury** beat **Dave Ingram** in a cracking quarter final **21,240-19,330**, which was undoubtedly the match of the day. **Pauline Withey** took the ladies highest break with **9,830** on her way to making the quarter finals – where she narrowly lost to **Pete Sainsbury**.

Upcoming Events in May & June

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) - winners Richard Wooton & Nigel Senior
 23rd Mar—1st East Anglian 4-pin Open (Norwich)- winner Curt Driver
 14th Apr—Surrey Open (@ St Nicholas School, Merstham)- winner Phil Collins
 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)

4th May - Guernsey Pairs - The 3rd Guernsey Pairs will take place on the 4th May. Last year the pairing of **Richard Wooton & Nigel Senior** won the title beating **Mark Trafford & Keith "beefy" Hollis**.

5th May - Guernsey Open - The 6th Guernsey Open will take place at the Les Rocquettes Hotel, Sunday 5th May. In 2012 Guernsey's **Trevor Gallienne** finally won his home open after being runner up 3 times.

12th May - British Ladies Open - The 20th British Ladies Open will take place at the Salfords Club, Redhill. **Pauline Withey** is defending champ, she beat 2011 champ **Sandra Hall** in the final last year.

19th May - 1st British Off the Spot Open - After much petitioning, we go to the SixinOne Club, Tonbridge for the first Off the Spot Open. Off the Spot rules changed to the Triangle Rules for the Alternative Rules title in 1997. **Kevin Clark** won the last time these rules were played back in 1996.

8th June - England v Guernsey - Guernsey take on **England** for the 9th time on the night before the Sussex Open. Guernsey lost 36-22 last year at home, arguably their best result in the 8 meetings.

9th June - Sussex Open - The 20th Sussex Open takes place at the Roffey Club, Horsham. **Keith Sheard** beat son **Steven Sheard** in last years final for his 4th Sussex