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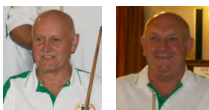
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Guernsey v England, 8th June 2013

The night before the Sussex Open England took on Guernsey in the 9th meeting between the two sides. England have won the first 8 times, last year being a 36-22 away win. A slightly different format for this years match, 6 pairs and 14 singles matches, with the 7 Guernsey players playing twice in the singles and pairs, and England fielding a team of 14 players. The 6 pairs matches started the international and it was very close. 3 matches went England's way but 3 went Guernsey's but aggregates meant that England led **11-7**, going into the singles.

The singles was more one sided as England took control by winning 12 of the 14 matches. Aggregates meant that England won the singles **33-9**, making the overall score **44-16**. Guernsey will take heart though as this was probably their best performance away to England having lost previous away matches 1-14 (2005), 10-37 (2007), 10-37 (2009) & 5-42 (2011). **Tom Oliver** and **Terry Girard** (pictured



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AEBBA Newsletter Editorial

3 Opens have taken place over the last two months. Mark Trafford took his first title in Guernsey. We also had the first Off the Spot open which was won by Leon Beer, hopefully this tournament will be a welcome addition to the calendar. The Sussex Open was the held in June, and we had a surprise winner in young Stephen Coleman. Stephen had impressed in the under 25's last year but this was by far his biggest win to date, always good to see new faces win and should give heart to all those who are trying to win their first one.



So 5 different winners in the five 3 pin events so far this year—and people were telling me the standard of the tables being so high would limit the players who could win these events—I think not!

Pauline Withey won the British Ladies for the 5th time—a great achievement to equal Sue Mariner's record.

We also had the annual England v Guernsey match—a strong England side winning for the 9th time out of 9, with a 44-16 win. But Guernsey should be pleased with arguably their best away performance in this fixture.

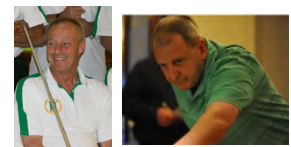
Guernsey Pairs & Open @ Les Rocquettes Hotel, 4th–5th May 2013

Mark Trafford (pictured right) won the 6th Guernsey Open to win his first national title. Mark beat **Chris Tupper** in the final. The final was a nervy affair with plenty of chances but Mark overturned a 290 deficit to win **6,580 – 2,520**. Mark had no easy route to the final. He beat **Ian Lelliott** in round 1, Ian losing a 10k break when very nearly safe. He then beat **Curt Driver** fairly comfortably before facing **Kevin Tunstall** in the last 16. It was a close game which Mark won by just 10 points. Mark then saw off **Keith Hollis** and **Tony Webster** to make the final. Chris' route was also tough. He started off with a win over Hants' **Dave Rowley**, and followed that with a win over top Guernsey player **Paul Dyer**. A great win over **Dennis Helleur** put Chris into the quarter finals. He beat fellow Sussex player **Bill Kerr** convincingly to book his place in the semi final against team mate **Nigel Senior**. Tuppas had built a 2k lead late into the 2nd leg, and Nigel missed a ball on a 2k break which effectively ended the match there and then. Nigel had to console himself with the highest break he made in the quarter finals of **17,550**. The highest ladies break was made by **Mrs Chris Newson** with **1,680**.



The plate was won by **Dave Ingram** who beat **Geoff Pitt** in the final.

The day before the pairs was played and we had local success when **Terry Kenny & Roy Le Page** (pictured right) beat **Mark Trafford & Ian Gordon** in the final. The pairs had a plate for the first time this year and this was won by **Kevin**



Latest British Rankings (@ 30th June 2013)

MEN			
Pos	Player	County	PTS
1	Kevin Tunstall	Sussex	289.0
2	Steven Sheard	Oxon	216.0
3	Curt Driver	Kent	209.9
4	Phil Collins	Oxon	192.2
5	Nigel Senior	Sussex	188.9
6	Keith Sheard	Oxon	172.9
7	Paul Sainsbury	Berks	154.8
8(+1)	Mark Trafford	Oxon	137.9
9(-1)	Leon Beer	Oxon	122.8
10(+2)	Dave Ingram	Sussex	118.1

LADIES			
Pos	Player	County	PTS
1	Pauline Withey	Oxon	141.5
2(+2)	Jean Brackenridge	Sussex	61.0
3	Sandra Hall	Sussex	58.6
4(-2)	Denise Wills	Surrey	55.1
5	Jenny Florey	Oxon	48.7
6	Myra Hawkins	Berks	40.2
7(+3)	Colleen Park	Sussex	37.0
8	Lorraine Hall	Sussex	36.5
9	Mrs Chris Newson	Hants	29.4
10(+1)	Genette Nicholls	Surrey	26.4

British Ladies @ Redhill, 12th May 2013

Pauline Withey won her 5th British Ladies title at the Salfords Club in Redhill. She has now equaled **Sue Mariner's** record of 5 titles. She beat 2007 champion **Jean Brackenridge** in the final. It was a close final with Pauline just hanging onto to a 1st leg lead to win **12,830-10,310**.



24 ladies took part in the 20th running of the event. Pauline was untroubled to the semi finals where she faced local player **Anita Blackman**. Anita made a great account of herself and only lost **7,050-8,230** after having a 770 lead after leg 1. Jean also made swift progress to the final with 6 figure aggregates of 18k, 19k and 15k in her first 3 games. Her semi final opponent was 2009 champion **Lorraine Hall**.

The plate was an all Surrey affair with **Denise Wills** beating **Genette Nicholls**. **Jean Brackenridge** won the high break award with a terrific **10,010**, but it is worth mentioning the **Denise** made a **12,010** break in

Latest Grand Prix Standings @ 30th June 2013 (after 5 events of 9)

Pos	Player	Pts
1	Mark Trafford	28
2	Leon Beer	18
3	Curt Driver	16
4	Stephen Coleman	16
5	Phil Collins	15
6	Keith Sheard	14
7	Dave Ingram	10
8	Tony Cross	10
9	Pete Sainsbury	10
10	Chris Tupper	10
11	Simon Coleman	9
12	Paul Sainsbury	9
13	Bill Kerr	7
14	Martin Cole	6
15	Tony Martin	6
16	Geoff Jukes	6

1st National Off the Spot Open, Tonbridge, 19th May 2013

Leon Beer (pictured right) won the 1st Off the Spot Open beating Oxon's **Mark Trafford** in the final. Leon was around 3.5k down after leg 1 and his 8k opener sealed the title. This is Leon's 3rd national title.



Leon comfortably made progress to the quarter finals beating **Mike Daw, Barry Radford & Mal Spier**. A tough match was then expected against **Keith Sheard** but Leon ran out an easy winner **17,080-5,760**. He came back from 4k down against **Mark Brewster** to book his place in the final. **Mark Trafford**, fresh from winning his first title in Guernsey, won a couple of close battles against **Sean Stratford** and **Chris Hagger** before stepping up a gear beating **Kevin Hall** in the last 16. **Andy Farmer-Wright** gave him a run for his money in the quarters only losing out **8,550-10,660**. Mark then won a very low scoring semi against **Tony Martin** **4,330-3,590**.

Barry Radford (who lost to Leon Beer first round) won a very close plate final **11,890-10,930** against **Simon Coleman**. **Keith Sheard** made the days high break of **14,480**.

Sussex Open @ Roffey Club, Horsham, 9th June 2013

Stephen Coleman (pictured right) won the his 1st National Open title by winning the Sussex Open at the Roffey Club, Horsham. I think it fair to say Stephen was quite a shock winner of the event being **ranked 86** before the tournament began, the win should push him up towards the top 50. Stephen beat Surrey's **Tony Cross** in the final, who was ranked lower than Stephen at **139!** The final was unsurprisingly a nervy affair, but Stephen was only 120 down from the opening leg and a 9k score took the match **14,190-5,350**. Stephen beat **Colin Martin, Adam Bateup** and **Pauline Withey** to make the last 8. He then beat **Steven Sheard** to really open the draw up by the semi final stage. In the semi final he beat another young player in **Lee Radford**. Tony Cross had arguably a harder route to the final beating **Bella Stoner, Dave France, Sean Stratford & Tony Woolvin** before overcoming **Dave Reeves** in the quarter final. In the semi he met **Dave Ingram**, the only player inside the top 50 in the semi finals. Dave had a good lead of 9.5k after leg 1, but Tony managed to make a comeback to win.



A group of death certainly contributed to the new faces in the latter stages this year/ No fewer than **seven** of the top 10 players were in the same group where only one could make the last 8. They were **Kevin Tunstall (1), Steven Sheard (2), Curt Driver (3), Nigel Senior (5), Paul Sainsbury (7), Mark Trafford (9) & Ian Lelliott (10)**. Steven came through only to lose to Stephen Coleman.

In the plate **Nigel Senior** beat **Phil Collins** with a **20,350** opening break. The highest break in the main competition was made by **Dave Ingram** with **19,820**. The high ladies break was made by **Pauline Withey** with **7,300**.

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 Curt Driver
4th May/5th May - Guernsey Pairs & Guernsey Open (@ Les Rocquettes, Guernsey) - pairs winners Roy Le Page & Terry Kenny, singles winner Mark Trafford
12th May - British Ladies Open (@ Salfords Club, Redhill) - winner Pauline Withey
19th May - 1st National Off the Spot Open (@ SixinOne Club, Tonbridge)- winner Leon Beer
8th June—England v Guernsey (@ Roffey Club) - Eng Men 44 Gue Men 16
9th June—Sussex Open (@ Roffey Club)) - winner Stephen Coleman
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)

Upcoming Events in July & August

7th July - Kent Classic - The 17th Kent Classic will take place in July at the Suburban Club, a new venue. This is to celebrate Medway's 70th anniversary. **Paul Sainsbury** will be defending the title he won last year beating **Kevin Tunstall**.

11th August - Bucks Open - the 11th August sees the 13th running of the Bucks Open at the Princes Riseborough Golf Club. Last year **Steven Sheard** beat **Phil Collins** in the final.