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A very busy couple of months in the Bar Billiards calendar has seen **Berkshire A** crowned the new county champions. Not the favourites at the start of the day but they had a lot of experience—which showed, especially from **Bernie McCluskey** who was unbeaten all day to show he is still a great player even though we don't see him much on the circuit these days.



Keith Sheard finally took a title this year—the Berkshire Open. He has lost 3 finals this year and been in great form. It is his 16th title moving him one clear of **John Burrows** into 2nd on the all time list (he needs another 48 to catch Kevin though!!). Keith's son **Steven** hadn't had a great year thus far, but won the All England Singles and the Alternative Rules to make it 6 titles for him (only 10 to catch dad!).

In the ladies game, **Sussex A** won the county champs again. **Dawn Jordan** took her 2nd Special Ladies title (the first being in 2003). And finally **Denise Wills** won her first national title after having had 5 runner-up before. So special well done to her—but to the (much) disappointment of the men present she didn't to carry out her promise of a naked run round the hall when she finally won one!

County Champs Div 1 @ PO Club, Reading, 22nd Sept 2013

Berks A won the county championship title—their 2nd win in 4 years and 10th overall. The winning side was **Jon Scoones, Dave Alder, Adam Cox, Paul Sainsbury, Bernie McCluskey, Phil Hawkins & Keith Lewendon**. **Berks A** were not favourites before the start, reigning champs **Oxon A** and **Sussex A** were expected to be front runners, but **Berks A** had a lot of experience and also **Kent A** were dark horses with a strong team present. In series 1 **Oxon A** started strongly with a 6-1 win over their B side. **Sussex A** and **Kent A** started with 4-3 wins over **Hants & Berks A** respectively. In series 2 **Berks A** really made their move with a 7-0 win over **Oxon B**. **Sussex A** beat **Kent A** 4-3 and **Oxon A** held onto 2nd despite losing to **Hants** 4-3. In series 3 **Berks A** continued their strong performance with a 5-2 win over **Hants**. **Sussex A** stayed 2 points adrift with a very good 5-2 win over **Oxon A**. **Kent A** surprisingly lost to **Oxon B** 4-3 which seemed to put them out of the running. In series 4 **Berks A** and **Sussex A** met, the winner of which would have one hand on the trophy. **Sussex A** started well with wins for **Gareth Lloyd & Dave Ingram** and when **Nigel Senior** beat **Adam Cox 9,820-9,420** against the break it put them in command 3-1 up. But **Berks A** hit back and wins from **Bernie McCluskey, Phil Hawkins** and **John Scoones** sealing a 4-3 win and a 3 point lead going into the last series.



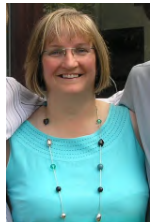
Division 1

Pos	Team	Pts
1	Berks A	23
2	Kent A	19
3	Sussex A	19
4	Oxon A	17
5	Hants	15
6	Oxon B	12

Meanwhile **Kent A** beat **Oxon A** 4-3 to move level on points with **Oxon A** (and 1 behind **Sussex A**) with a series left. **Hants** consigned **Oxon B** to relegation beating them 4-3. **Berks A** finished the job quickly going 3-1 up (eventually winning 4-3) against **Oxon A** as the wheels were coming off **Sussex A**—going 4-0 down to **Oxon B**! A late rally meant they only lost 4-3 but **Kent A** beat **Hants** 5-2 to overtake them for 2nd overall. **Bernie McCluskey** and **Hants' (Mr) Chris Newson** won all 5 games. The high break was **Leon Beer's 18,300**—he also had the high

Special Ladies @ PO Club, Reading, 20th October 2013

Dawn Jordan (pictured right) won the Special Ladies for the 2nd time. She actually won this title 10 years ago in 2003. Dawn beat **Jenny Florey** in the final. Dawn was 1,200 up from leg 1 and a 6k score sealed the title.



Dawn beat **Sussex's Ros Appleby** in the quarter finals before beating **Janet Burns** in the semi. Jenny had a tough run beating 3 former national winners in **Myra Hawkins, Sandra Hall** and **Jean Brackenridge** to make the final. In the semi final against Jean she also had the days high break with **7,050**.

Michelle Baden won the plate beat **Ros Appleby**.

Berkshire Open @ Post Office Club, Reading, 8th September 2013

Keith Sheard (pictured far right) won the Berkshire Open beating **Mark Trafford**



(pictured near right) in the final. This is Keith's 16th national title moving to him to 2nd in the all time list on his own. Keith has been unlucky this year reaching 3 finals without winning one. In the final Mark made a 14k opener but Keith ran the table out for **15,170** (despite having some nervous moments!)

In round 1 Keith had a 34k aggregate against **Sussex Champ Stephen Coleman**. He followed that with wins over **Geoff Powell, Dave Alder** (with highest break of the day of **22,540**), **Richard Wooton & Mark James**. Mark beat **Colleen Park, Lee & Barry Radford** and then **Nigel Senior** making **20,180** from **19,410** down.

The reigning champ, **Ian Lelliott** won the plate beating **Chris Saville**. **Janet Burns** made the high ladies break of **4,100**.

Latest British Rankings (@ 31st October 2013)

<u>MEN</u>			
Pos	Player	County	PTS
1	Kevin Tunstall	Sussex	281.4
2(+1)	Steven Sheard	Oxon	230.9
3(+2)	Keith Sheard	Oxon	205.7
4(-2)	Curt Driver	Kent	203.4
5(+1)	Paul Sainsbury	Berks	185.5
6(-2)	Nigel Senior	Sussex	181.5
7	Phil Collins	Oxon	166.0
8	Mark Trafford	Oxon	145.2
9	Dave Ingram	Sussex	127.6
10(+1)	Ian Lelliott	Sussex	115.7

<u>LADIES</u>			
Pos	Player	County	PTS
1	Pauline Withey	Oxon	123.7
2(+2)	Denise Wills	Surrey	63.9
3(-1)	Jean Brackenridge	Sussex	59.8
4(+1)	Jenny Florey	Oxon	54.1
5(-2)	Sandra Hall	Sussex	52.3
6	Myra Hawkins	Berks	41.4
7(+1)	Lorraine Hall	Sussex	39.4
8(-1)	Colleen Park	Sussex	35.3
9(+6)	Dawn Jordan	Bucks	32.2
10(-1)	Genette Nicholls	Surrey	29.7

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

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All England Ladies, 22nd Sept 2013

Denise Wills (pictured right) won the All England Ladies title to finally break her duck by winning her first national final. Denise was certainly emotional after the win, she has had 5 runners up in major finals, but showed great determination to finally come back and win her first. Five county champions showed up, but it was a strong field with the 3 top ladies in the ranking competing. **Carla Jolly** (Berkshire) shocked number 1 lady **Pauline Withey** in the first match and Denise made the perfect start beating **Jean Brackenridge** (Sussex) & **Janie Macoy** (Kent). Jean then beat Pauline to effectively end the defending champs chances. Pauline though did beat Denise to make things interesting in the last series. Denise, Jean and Carla were all tied on 4 points with one match left. Jean beat Janie and when Denise beat



Carla by just 320 there was an anxious wait to see which of Denise or Jean had the highest aggregate. It was Denise by just **170** points.

Final Standings

Pos	Player	Pts
1	Denise Wills (Surrey)	6
2	Jean Brackenridge (Sus)	6
3	Pauline Withey (Oxon)	4
4	Carla Jolly (Berks)	4
5	Janie Macoy (Kent)	0

Ladies County Champs @ Post Office Club, Reading, 29th September 2013

Sussex A retained the ladies county championship. It was their **11th** win out of the last **13** years. Six teams showed for the event—2 from **Sussex & Oxon** and one from **Berkshire & Surrey**. Everyone played everyone, with **Berks** and **Sussex B** competing for the division 2 title. **Sussex A** led from the start with a **3-2** win over their B side. A **5-0** win over **Oxon B** followed. In series 3 they came up against main rivals **Oxon A**. A **3-2** win over them put **Sussex A** 3 points clear of **Oxon A** with two matches left, with **Surrey** 5 points behind. In series 4 **Sussex A** beat **Surrey 3-2** to put them out of the running. **Oxon A** stayed in with a chance with a **3-2** win over **Berks**. In the last series **Sussex A** had a disaster—they lost **4-1** to **Berks**. This opened the door for **Oxon A**, but **Sussex B** came to their A side's



Division 1 & 2

Pos	Team	Pts
1	Sussex A	15
2(1)	Berks	15
3	Oxon A	13
4	Surrey	13
5(2)	Sussex B	12
6	Oxon B	7

rescue with a **3-2** win. This left **Sussex A** on **15** points 2 clear of **Oxon A**. **Surrey** got a **5-0** win in the last series to also finish on **13** points but were classified 3rd after count back. Division 2 was convincingly won by **Berks**, who fielded a strong side but were in division 2 after failing to show last year. In fact their finishing total of **15** points would have seen them runners up in division 1 only losing on aggregate scores to **Sussex A**. **Sussex B** finished 2nd in division 2 and were only 1 point behind **Oxon A** and **Surrey**. Berkshire's **Carla Jolly** was the only player to stay unbeaten recording **5** victories from **5** games. **Janet Burns**, also from Berkshire, made the high break of **8,810**. The winning team for **Sussex A** were **Jean Brackenridge, Bella Stoner, Lorraine Hall, Jan Bithell & Sandra Hall**

All England Individuals @ Post Office Club, Reading, 29th September 2013

Steven Sheard (pictured left of table) won his 1st All England title beating Berkshire's **Paul Sainsbury** (pictured right of table). Steven convincingly won his group, only **Mark Brewster** (Kent) came close to beating him missing on 700 down with time left chasing Steven's **19,800** (the days highest break). Paul, who has won this 3 times before, found himself in a shoot out with 7 time champ **Kevin Tunstall** (Sussex). Paul made no mistake when Kevin broke down on just over 2k. In the final Steven ran out a tricky table for **16,050**. Paul was making a great reply but broke down on just over 12k and Steven used time up



to take the title.

Group 1

Pos	Player	Pts
1	Steven Sheard (Oxon)	6
2	Lorin Clough (N'hants)	4
3	Dennis Claydon (Hants)	2
4	Mark Brewster (Kent)	0

Group 2

Pos	Player	Pts
1	Paul Sainsbury (Berks)	6
2	Kevin Tunstall (Sussex)	4
3	Ernie Jordan (Bucks)	2
4	Laurie Roberts (Surrey)	0

Final
Steven Sheard 16,230
Paul Sainsbury 12,610

Latest Grand Prix Standings @ 31st October 2013 (after 8 events of 9)

Pos	Player	Pts
1	Keith Sheard	49
2	Mark Trafford	39
3	Paul Sainsbury	30
4	Mark James	30
5	Leon Beer	21
6	Phil Collins	21
7	Curt Driver	17
8	Stephen Coleman	16
9	Nigel Senior	15
10	Dave Ingram	13
11	Tony Martin	12
12	Pete Sainsbury	11
13	Tony Cross	10
14	Chris Tupper	10
15	Barry Radford	9
16	Simon Coleman	9

All England Team Championships @ Post Office Club, Reading, 20th Oct 2013



Ye Olde Black Horse (pictured left) won AEBBA team champs title. This is mainly the same team that won the title for the Brewery Tap back in 2008. This year there were late drop outs from teams from Berkshire (Caversham WMC -the reigning champs!) and Kent. This meant the 6 teams played a round robin, most legs won being decisive. **Ye Olde Black Horse** got off to a bad start with a **3-2** loss to the **Kennington SC (Oxon)**, but followed with wins three **4-1** wins over **Totteridge CC (Bucks)**, **The Fox (Northants)** & **South Park CC (Surrey)**.

Kennington stayed unbeaten but dropped one point behind their Sussex rivals before the last series. If level on points Kennington would be champions but going to the last series **Ye Olde Black Horse** led 17-15 on legs, with 2 legs left to play each. Kennington won their two with **Kevin Godfrey & Pauline Withey** but when **Ian Lelliott** lost his break game, it was up to **Chris Tupper** to win. He did clearing the (a pretty full) table and making a 3k break (using most holes) at the death with a bit of **"Tupper Time"** to finish! **Steven Sheard** (Oxon) & **Martin Smith** (Sussex) were both unbeaten with 5 wins from 5. The winning team was **Ian Lelliott, Nigel Senior, Gareth Lloyd (capt), Martin Smith, & Chris Tupper**.

Final Standing

Pos	Team	Pts
1	Ye Olde Black Horse (Sus)	18
2	Kennington SC (Oxon)	17
3	The Fox (Northants)	11
4	Totteridge CC (Bucks)	11
5	South Park CC (Surrey)	10
6	Langstone Harbour (Hants)	8

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) - winner Paul Sainsbury

11th Aug - Bucks Open (@ Princes Riseborough Golf Club) - winner Mark James

8th Sept - Berks Open (@ PO Club, Reading) - winner Keith Sheard

22nd Sept - County Div 1/ Ladies AE Singles (@ PO Club, Reading) - county winners Berks/ AE Ladies winner Denise Wills

29th Sept - Ladies County/ AE Open Singles (@ PO Club, Reading) - county winners Sussex/ AE winner Steven Sheard

13th Oct - Alternative Rules (@ PO Club, Reading) - winner Steven Sheard

20th Oct - Team Champs/ Special Ladies (@ PO Club, Reading) - winners Ye Olde Black Horse/ Special Ladies winner Dawn Jordan

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)

Alternative Rules, PO Club, Reading, 13th Oct 2013

Steven Sheard (pictured right) captured his 6th national title by winning the Alternative Rules title for the 2nd time. Steven fresh from winning the AE Singles 2 weeks earlier beat **Tony Webster** in the final who was runner up 2 years ago. Steven beat **Doug Carswell, Stephen Coleman** (with a **1,750** break the days highest) & **Dave Barnes** (with a 4k leg score) to make the last 8. He then beat **Simon Coleman** before beating teammate **Mark Trafford** in the semi final. Tony had good wins over **Simon York & Tony Martin** before beating reigning champ **Ian Moss** in the quarters. He then beat **Keith Sheard** by just 20 points to prevent the father and son final.



42 players turned out for the unique event where 6 white balls are placed in a triangle at the back of the table to start the game. Everytime the balls are cleared the triangle is reformed.

Dave Tooke beat **Doug Carswell** in the plate final

Upcoming Events in November & December

27th Oct - Mixed Pairs/Over 50's - The Mixed Pairs was won by **Steven Sheard & Pauline Withey** last year. **Chris Saville** is the reigning over 50's champ winning it for a 3rd time last year.

8th/9th/10th Nov - World Championship Pairs/ World Championship Singles (Jersey) - the BIG one. Reigning champs are **Kevin Tunstall** (singles) & **Richard Wooton & Gareth Lloyd** (pairs)

17th Nov - County Championships Division 2 - Last year **Oxon B** won Division 2 to earn promotion.

24th Nov - Grand Prix/ Ladies Grand Prix/Over 60's/Under 25's - **Kevin Tunstall** will be defending his Grand Prix title. **Jean Brackenridge** defends the Ladies Grand Prix title. **Lewis Stratford** won the Under 25's