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## AEBBA Newsletter Editorial

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Another busy couple of months in the national bar billiards calendar have seen 3 different winners of the 3 opens held, making 5 different winners in the 5 events this year—just showing how competitive the game is at the top level at the moment. All 3 were very successful tournaments, the second running of the Guernsey Open saw a Jersey winner Graham Bisson, a fantastic first Surrey Open was won by Nigel Senior and a great new venue for the Sussex Open at the Roffey Club, Horsham saw Jim Millward triumph over the incredible entry of 108 players. More details on these events can be found throughout the newsletter.

Also a great event was the international between England and Guernsey held the day before the Sussex Open. England winning 37-10, but a great effort from Guernsey who won two singles matches against an in form England team.



## Guernsey Open @ Peninsula Hotel, 3rd May 2009

The 2nd Guernsey Open sponsored by Hamilton Trustees Limited was held Sunday 3rd May 2009. **Graham Bisson** took the spoils with a win over World Champion **Trevor Gallienne** in the final. Graham's win is even more impressive due to the fact he was quite ill in the lead up to the tournament. He had a great win over England's number 1 Kevin Tunstall in the quarter finals and overcame Sussex's Dave Hampton in the semis.



Trevor Gallienne's loss in the final was his second in a row in the Guernsey Open, but his form has been incredible of late with 2 World Championship wins in the last 2 years. His run included wins over Steven Sheard and last year's winner Nigel Senior. He is also at number 8 in the rankings—incredible for a Channel Island player.

**Chris Tupper** won the plate from **Robert Chapple**. Robert's dad, **Bob Chapple**, took the high break prize with a **13,750** effort. The ladies break went to **Jean Brackenridge** making **3,330** in round 1. A great weekend, hopefully a few more mainlanders can make the trip over next year—even if it is just to play on the red or purple table (pictured above)

Congratulations to Jean Brackenridge who after the Sussex Open became the fifth lady ever to be number 1. She takes over from Pauline Withey who was absent from Sussex due to an operation—we wish her a speedy recovery. Below are shown the ladies who have had the coveted spot (at the end of each year only).



Only Kevin Tunstall has held the number 1 spot for men at the end of every year since the rankings started in 1991.

## Latest British Rankings (@ 30th June 2009)

Player	Years at no 1
Viv Wright	1993
Jan Taylor	1994, 1996-2001
Sue Mariner	1995
Pauline Withey	2002-2008
Jean Brackenridge	2009

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MEN				LADIES			
Pos	Player	County	PTS	Pos	Player	County	PTS
1	Kevin Tunstall	Sussex	352.2	1(+1)	Jean Brackenridge	Sussex	143.6
2	Nigel Senior	Sussex	249.5	2(-1)	Pauline Withey	Oxon	142.2
3(+1)	Steven Sheard	Oxon	194.6	3	Denise Wills	Surrey	74.6
4(-1)	Phil Collins	Oxon	189.4	4	Myra Hawkins	Berks	46.1
5	Keith Sheard	Oxon	161.7	5	Chris Toner	Hants	42.0
6	Chris Reeves	Sussex	146.4	6	Jane Wood	Oxon	39.7
7	Paul Sainsbury	Berks	120.9	7	Lorraine Hall	Sussex	38.2
8	Trevor Gallienne	Guernsey	114.0	8	Janet Burns	Berks	36.2
9(+1)	Richard Wooton	Sussex	110.5	9(+1)	Hayley Tunstall	Sussex	34.5
10(-1)	Gareth Lloyd	Sussex	108.5	10(-1)	Sue Mariner	Sussex	32.7

## England v Guernsey, 5th June 2009

The 5th **England v Guernsey** International took place the day before the Sussex Open at the Roffey Club, Horsham. There were 5 doubles contested and 9 singles. England started well and took a 17-3 lead from the doubles matches. The scoreline from the singles matches of 20-7 completed a 37-10 win for the England team, a much better display than their February match in Jersey.



Guernsey's boys (pictured left) took two singles wins—they were by **Bob Chaple** and **Terry Girard**.

## Latest Grand Prix Standings @ 30th June 2009 (after 6 events of 11)

Pos	Player	Pts
1	Nigel Senior	22
2	Kevin Tunstall	19
3	Jim Millward	19
4	Tony Martin	16
5	Graham Bisson	15
6	Steven Sheard	14
7	Keith Sheard	14
8	David Ingram	13
9	Phil Collins	10
10	Trevor Gallienne	10
=	Tony Willis	10
12	Mark Brewster	8
13	Richard Wooton	7
14	Jean Brackenridge	7
15	Kevin Hall	7
16	Pete Sainsbury	6

## 1st Surrey Open @ St Nicholas's School, Merstham, 10th May

A new open for the circuit took us to an unusual location for bar billiards—a school in Merstham. **Nigel Senior** continued his run of doing well in first time events by beating **Keith Sheard** in the final and a very stubborn **Clive Thompson** in an epic semi final. He also took the high break prize with a **21,810**. The ladies break was taken by Jean Brackenridge with **6,610**. **Mark Trafford** (pictured far left with Keith Sheard) from Oxon won the plate beating **Gary Powell**.



Speaking of Gary Powell a big well done to him and the Redhill bar billiard league for getting this competition off the ground, it was a great success and long may it be a part of the bar billiards calendar

## Sussex Open @ Roffey Club, Horsham, 6th June 2009

**Jim Millward** won the Sussex Open held at the Roffey Club, Horsham. Jim, (pictured right with last years winner Gary Johnson) overcame being very much a part time player nowadays and in his words he is **'too old'** to make the big breaks, he hit top form to win this coveted title. Jim beat **Phil Collins** in the final who was playing superb in what amazingly was only his first open appearance this year.



An incredible **108 players** took part so 12 tables had to be found to complete the day at a reasonable time. Two amazing games worth mentioning was firstly between old rivals **Keith Sheard** and **Kevin Tunstall**. Keith was asked to play first and was up to 23k+, looking on for over 25k when he missed a ball, scant consolation will be the **21,370** highest break which he did keep in an earlier match. One round later Kevin Tunstall lost to team mate **Kevin Hall** who chased down 18,840 with a 20,080 break. What a time to do your first 20k!

The plate was won by **Pete Sainsbury**, beating **Jean Brackenridge** in the final who did a great job running the event. **Chris Toner** took the high ladies break with a **3,810** effort.

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

7th Feb - Jersey v England (@ Shakespeare Hotel) - [result](#) **Jer men 22-11 Eng men, Jer ladies 6-12 Eng ladies**  
21st Feb - Oxon Open—winner **Tony Martin**  
7/8th Mar - British Pairs - winners **Chris Reeves & Nigel Senior**  
5th Apr—British Ladies Open—winner **Lorraine Hall**

19th Apr - Portsmouth Open—winner **Kevin Tunstall**  
3rd May - Guernsey Open—winner **Graham Bisson**  
10th May - Surrey Open- winner **Nigel Senior**  
6th June - England v Guernsey - [result](#) **Eng 37-10 Gue**  
7th June—Sussex Open (@ Roffey Club) -winner **Jim Millward**

12th July - Kent Classic  
9th Aug - Bucks Open  
13th Sept - Berks Open  
20th Sept - County Champs Div 1/ Div 2  
4th Oct - Ladies County/ AE Open Singles  
18th Oct- County Div 3/ Ladies AE Singles  
25th Oct - Team Champs/ Special Ladies  
1st Nov - Alternative Rules  
6/7/8th Nov - World Champ Pairs/ World Champs singles (Jersey)  
22nd Nov - Mixed Pairs/ Under 25's  
29th Nov - Grand Prix/ Ladies GP/Over 50's/ Over 60's  
6th Dec - AEBBA AGM

## Upcoming Events in July & August

**13th July - Kent Classic** - The 13th Kent Classic will take place in July at the Six in One Club in Tonbridge. Last years final was competed by the games numbers 1 and 2— with Kevin Tunstall beating Nigel Senior.

**24th July - Bar Billiards Golf Open** - Bar Billiards players don't always meet up to play bar billiards, on the 24th July they will be meeting up to play golf. Run by Jim Millward, this years golf will take place at Wildwood. Bar Billiards legend John Burrows won the event last year. Expect it to be a great day...even though the start time is 7.30am!!

**9th August - Bucks Open** - the 9th August sees the 9th running of the Bucks Open at the Princes Riseborough Golf Club. Last year Gary Johnson won his 2nd open in 3 events by beating Sussex's Mal Spier in the final.