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AEBBA Newsletter Editorial

We have come to the end of the bar billiards year and it has again been a great year for bar billiards and the AEBBA would like to congratulate all the winners. The year's highlight was without doubt the World Championships in Jersey, where Mark Trafford won his first world title.

Mark won two titles this year and also made two other finals in a real breakthrough year for him and finishes the year 7th in the rankings. Phil Collins has dropped to 8 in the rankings but only because he doesn't play all the events—he was also a double winner this year winning the first (Oxon Open) and last (Grand Prix) events of the year and good luck to him becoming a dad at the end of the year! Another double winner was Curt Driver who won the 1st 4 pin open and followed that with a Surrey Open win. Steven Sheard was the other player to win 2 titles—the AE Singles and Alternative Rules, although a tough season in open events saw him fail to make the Grand Prix. Other winners were Leon Beer (1st Off the Spot), Paul Sainsbury (retaining the Kent), Keith Sheard (Berks plus 3 runners up), Mark James (Bucks). And lets not 84th ranked forget Stephen Coleman who won the Sussex in an extraordinary tournament. Two players that didn't win this year were current number 1 Kevin Tunstall and provisional number 1 Nigel Senior. Next year the race for the number 1 spot should be exciting the top 8 players below have only 50 points between them on the 2 year list!

In the ladies game Pauline Withey continues to be a long way in front at number 1, but 3 other ladies took titles this year—Denise Wills (AE ladies) Dawn Jordan (Special Ladies) & Jean Brackenridge (Ladies Grand Prix).

Another great year! The AEBBA would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

World Championships @ Merton Hotel, Jersey, 8th/9th/10th Nov 2013

Mark Trafford (pictured far right) won his 1st World Championships title in Jersey to add to his success in the Guernsey Open earlier this year. Mark beat **Nigel Senior** (pictured near right) in the final. It was a nervy affair as both players were playing in their first World Championship final (only once in the last 15 years have two non champions have been in the final, that was **Phil Collins v Paul Sainsbury** in 2009). Nigel broke down on around 500 and Mark made 3k in reply. Nigel got the balls back only to lose a 1k break and Mark made around 6k before Nigel cleared the table to be down 1,680-10,250 after leg 1. Mark broke off with around 3k giving Nigel a small opening but after a further 5 minutes neither could retrieve the balls and it was time for Nigel to concede defeat and shakes Mark's hand.



144 players entered the tournament and the first round was again played in groups of 4. There were some exciting groups, and the big casualties were 2 times winner **Bernie McCluskey** and 4 times champ **Jim Millward**. Not surprisingly one of them won the plate! Many of the top players qualified from the groups and there was a live draw for the last 64. This threw up a some big matches (now played Sunday morning), perhaps the biggest was reigning champ **Kevin Tunstall v Nigel Ryall** (a two time runner up), with Kevin coming out an easy winner. Then the last 32 round was played, and the big shock was the reigning champion went out to Kent's **Pete Sainsbury**. The 2011 runner-up, **Steven Sheard**, was another big name to go out against in an form **Ian Lelliott**. By the time the field was whittled down to **16, 9 UK mainland, 4 Jersey, and 3 Guernsey players** were left in (great effort from the Guernsey contingent), with only 3 past champions present. Some great matches here—**Kevin Hall** beat **Keith Vibert** with a last ball 200 (both feet were off the ground when it went in!) **Harry Barbet** hung to beat **Ian Champion** in a high scoring game **13,110-10,670**. Former champs **Terry Race & Trevor Gallienne** progressed but 1998 champ **Keith Sheard** went out to **Curt Driver** at this stage. Into the quarters and there were some cracking games—**Mark Trafford** beat **Terry Race 15,110-13,850** (Terry 13,400 up from leg 1), **Ian Lelliott** played well to beat **Harry Barbet**, **Nigel Senior** set **Curt Driver** a **17,700** target which was too much for him. The match of the round was **Kevin Hall v Trevor Gallienne**, Trevor missed early and Kev took a 6k lead into leg 2. Kev touched up on 4.8k (he admitted to "botting it" as it was certainly not safe especially against a man with Trevor's scoring power). Trevor got level with an 11k break only to miss letting Kev in for a memorable clearance (with a swerve round the black peg if I remember rightly!) So no former champs left in the last 4—this is where Kev's run ended, beaten by Mark (perhaps the last two games had been too much for him!) Nigel beat Ian in a good semi final, Ian making a 10k start but Nigel finished leg 1 with 4k and a 13k opener saw him through to the final.



The World Championship Doubles was won by **Marc Chipman & Nigel Senior** (pictured left) - a consolation for Nigel for losing the singles. They beat first time (2006) champs **Trevor Gallienne & Bob Le Moignan** in the final. And it was **Jim Millward** who won the plate title beating Guernsey's **Gary Naftal**. There was some Jersey success—**Tia Hopwood** winning the junior title beating **Libby**

Over 50's @ PO Club, Reading, 27th Oct 2013

The Over 50's title was decided Reading PO Club in October. **Gerry Fitzjohn** won his first title by beating **Chris Newson**, himself a former winner of this title in 2007. Gerry's win in the final was convincing **16,650-470**.



25 players turned out for the competition and Gerry beat **Bill Kerr** in a close first match **9,520-8,300**. Comfortable wins over **Dave Constable** and **Ros Appleby** followed. He met last years runner up **Dave Ingram** in the semi and beat him after being **13,420** down with a **14,430** score in leg 2. **Chris Newson** beat **Phil Hawkins** and **Jason Wadsworth** before recording a fine win over the current over 60's champion **Ian Lelliott** to make the final.

Over 60's @ PO Club, Reading, 24th Nov 2013

The Over 60's title was won by 2010 runner up **Geoff Pitt** (pictured right). He beat the man he lost to that day, **Tony Martin**, in the final. Geoff was 6k down but made a 13k score to take the title **18,020-10,500**.



There were 12 entries, so the players were split into 4 groups of 3, group winners making the semi finals. Geoff and Tony were both unbeaten in their groups and they were joined by **Chris Saville** and the reigning champ **Ian Lelliott**. Geoff beat Chris **15,630-7,650** and Tony beat Ian after a pegged 8k break by Ian in leg 2. Ian did make the days high break with **14,420**.

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

Latest British Rankings (@ 31st December 2013)

MEN			
Pos	Player	County	PTS
1	Kevin Tunstall	Sussex	276.3
2	Steven Sheard	Oxon	221.6
3(+3)	Nigel Senior	Sussex	215.3
4	Curt Driver	Kent	206.3
5(-2)	Keith Sheard	Oxon	204.6
6(-1)	Paul Sainsbury	Berks	182.6
7(+1)	Mark Trafford	Oxon	168.8
8(-1)	Phil Collins	Oxon	160.4
9(+1)	Ian Lelliott	Sussex	135.7

LADIES			
Pos	Player	County	PTS
1	Pauline Withey	Oxon	123.7
2	Denise Wills	Surrey	63.9
3	Jean Brackenridge	Sussex	55.5
4	Jenny Florey	Oxon	54.1
5	Sandra Hall	Sussex	52.2
6	Lorraine Hall	Sussex	48.8
7	Myra Hawkins	Berks	38.9
8	Colleen Park	Sussex	33.8
9	Dawn Jordan	Bucks	32.2

Ladies Grand Prix, 24th Nov 2013

Jean Brackenridge (pictured front row, left) retained her 2nd Ladies Grand Prix title (and winning her 3rd overall) beating arch rival **Pauline Withey** (pictured front row, right). This is their **7th** meeting in a major final, Jean reducing Pauline's overall lead to 4-3 with this win. It was a close final but Jean always had an advantage and won through **11,240-6,180**.



Jean came through her group unbeaten scoring an impressive **7,165** a leg with victories over **Michelle Baden** (seeded 7), **Dawn Jordan** (seeded 3) (with days highest break **10,750**) and **Janet Burns** (seeded 6). Pauline lost to AE ladies champ **Denise Wills** (seeded 8) but got through on aggregate after Denise lost her last game to **Lorraine Hall** (seeded 5).

Final
Jean Brackenridge 11,240
beat
Pauline Withey

Group A

Pos	Player	Pts
1	Pauline Withey (Oxon) (1)	4
2	Denise Wills (Sur) (8)	4
3	Jenny Florey (Oxon) (4)	2
4	Lorraine Hall (Sus) (5)	2

Group B

Pos	Player	Pts
1	Jean Brackenridge (Sus) (2)	6
2	Michelle Baden (Sus) (7)	4
3	Dawn Jordan (Bucks) (3)	2
4	Janet Burns (Berks) (6)	0

Final Grand Prix Standings (after 9 events)

Pos	Player	Pts
1	Mark Trafford	59
2	Keith Sheard	52
3	Paul Sainsbury	30
4	Mark James	30
5	Nigel Senior	30
6	Curt Driver	23
7	Leon Beer	21
8	Phil Collins	21
9	Stephen Coleman	16
10	Ian Lelliott	15
11	Pete Sainsbury	14
12	Dave Ingram	13
13	Tony Martin	12
14	Kevin Hall	11
15	Chris Tupper	11
16	Tony Cross	10

Grand Prix @ Post Office Club, Reading, 24th Nov 2013

Phil Collins (pictured top row 3rd from the left) completed the year in style by winning his 2nd Grand Prix title. He beat **Curt Driver** (pictured bottom row far left) in the final. Curt made **15,290** to start but Phil scored **1,390** to finish leg 1. Phil then went off with **17,530** to make the game safe. Phil also made the days high break of **21,880**, in fact Phil was in amazing form (having not seen him for 3 months and knocked in **six** 17k+ breaks in his 5 matches played).



The top 16 performers (pictured right) on the open circuit this year were seeded and placed into 4 groups—winners progressing to the semi finals. Top seed and new world champion **Mark Trafford** could only finish 3rd in Group A. **Simon Coleman** (seeded 16) won the group by beating Mark and then he beat his son **Stephen Coleman** (seeded 8) by only **710** points. **Pete Sainsbury** (seeded 9) then needed to beat Simon by **9,680** to progress. He won but by only **5,960**. Group C was tight, England number 1, **Kevin Tunstall** (seeded 14), looked to be cruising with wins over **Mark James** (seeded 3) and **Leon Beer** (seeded 6) but lost to **Tony Martin** (seeded 11) in his last game. This let in both Leon and Mark, who needed to win but get enough on aggregate. 18k would have been enough for Leon and 21k enough for Mark. Incredibly the match ended **15,250-15,220** to Leon which sent Kevin through. **Phil Collins** (seeded 7) & **Curt Driver** (seeded 5) won Groups B and D unbeaten, Phil hitting an incredible **14,333** per leg in his 3 matches. Curt beat **Nigel Senior** (seeded 4) after they both won their first two games to progress from his group. The semi finals were great games—Curt coming back from 15k down to beat Simon, Phil came back from 14.5k to beat

Group A

Pos	Player	Pts
1	Simon Coleman (Nor) (16)	4
2	Pete Sainsbury (Kent) (9)	4
3	Mark Trafford (Ox) (1)	2
4	Stephen Coleman (Nor) (8)	2

Group C

Pos	Player	Pts
1	Kevin Tunstall (Sus) (14)	4
2	Leon Beer (Ox) (6)	4
3	Mark James (Sus) (3)	2
4	Tony Martin (Ox) (11)	2

Group B

Pos	Player	Pts
1	Phil Collins (Ox) (7)	6
2	Paul Sainsbury (Ber) (2)	2
3	Dave Ingram (Sus) (10)	2
4	Barry Radford (Hants) (15)	2

Group D

Pos	Player	Pts
1	Curt Driver (Kent) (5)	6
2	Nigel Senior (Sus) (4)	4
3	Kevin Hall (Sus) (12)	2
4	Tony Cross (Sur) (13)	0

Semi Finals

Curt Driver 17,010
Simon Coleman 15,620
Phil Collins 19,770
Kevin Tunstall 16,040

Final

Phil Collins 18,920
Curt Driver 15,710

County Championships Division 2, 17th Nov 2013

Surrey have won the County Championships Division 2 to return to the spotlight for the first time since 2003. Six teams were present and four challengers and were in contention until the last series **Surrey (20pts)**, **Sussex B (18)**, **Northants (16)** and **Berks B (16)**. **Surrey** brought it home with a 7-0 against **Berks B**. **Geoff Jukes** (Surrey) won all 5 games, and top averaged **9,858**, **Dave Constable** (Surrey) and **Richard Wooton** (Sussex B) also won 5.



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

Division 2

Pos	Team	Pts
1	Surrey	27
2	Sussex B	23
3	Northants	18
4	Berks B	16
5	Bucks	13
6	Kent B	8

AEBBA Mixed Pairs, 27th Oct 2013

Gary Powell & Denise Wills (pictured right) won the AEBBA Mixed Pairs beating reigning champions **Curt Driver & Sho Nicholls** by a score of **15,400 -290**.



Two years ago this was cancelled due to lack of entries, but this year 19 entries showed, and were split into 4 groups (single leg games), top 2 in each to make the quarter finals. Gary & Denise went through their group unbeaten and then won convincingly over **Andy Burns & Janet Burns** and then **Ian Lelliott & Ros Appleby** to make the final. Curt & Sho were the only other unbeaten pair in their group so it was fitting they also made the final. They beat **Dave Ingram & Colleen Park** and **Martin Cole & Laura Cole** to join Gary & Denise in the final.

Under 25's @ PO Club, Reading, 24th Nov 2013

Craig Mace (pictured right) won the Under 25's title beating **Callum Bowler** in the final. Craig was only 130 up going into leg 2. but won the 2nd leg convincingly to win by a score of **13,070-6,660**



8 players entered and were split into 2 groups of 4, and the top 2 went through to the semi finals. **Stephen Coleman**, the only open winner in this tournament, won Group A unbeaten and Craig got through as runner up. Callum was also runner up in his group. Last years runner up, **Lorenzo Hickman**, won the group with 3 wins out of 3.

Craig played Lorenzo in one semi final and made the days high break of **8,920** to win convincingly **17,230-2,170**. The other semi final was closer—Callum had a 6k lead going into the 2nd leg against Stephen, and although Stephen closed the gap he couldn't overturn the deficit and Callum won through **11,510-8,370**

Upcoming Events in January & February

8th Feb - Oxon Open - The open season starts off at the Didcot Conservative Club for the Oxon Open. Last year **Phil Collins** won his 2nd Oxon open title beating **Keith Sheard** in the final.

Dates for your diary 2014—see <http://www.aebba.org/> for entry forms

- 8th Feb - Oxon Open (@ Didcot Conservative Club)
- 8th/9th Mar - British Pairs/ England v Jersey (@ Queens Hotel, Bournemouth)
- 22nd Mar—2nd East Anglian 4-pin Open (@ Grover & Allen, Sudbury)
- 13th Apr—Surrey Open (@ St Nicholas School, Merstham)
- 3rd May/4th May - Guernsey Pairs/ Guernsey Open (@ Les Rocquettes, Guernsey)
- 11th May - British Ladies Open (@ Salfords Club, Redhill)
- 8th June—Sussex Open (@ Roffey Club)
- 13th July - Kent Classic (@ SixinOne Club, Tonbridge)
- 10th Aug - Bucks Open (@ Princes Riseborough Golf Club)
- 7th Sept - Berks Open (@ PO Club, Reading)
- 7/8/9th Nov - World Champ Pairs/ World Champs Singles (Jersey)
- 7th Dec - AEBBA AGM (@ PO Club, Reading)
- TBC—National Off the Spot Open
- TBC - County Div 1/ Ladies AE Singles (@ PO Club, Reading)
- TBC - Ladies County/ AE Open Singles (@ PO Club, Reading)
- TBC - Alternative Rules (@ PO Club, Reading)
- TBC - Team Champs/ Special Ladies (@ PO Club, Reading)
- TBC - Mixed Pairs/Over 50's (@ PO Club, Reading)
- TBC - County Div 2 (@ PO Club, Reading)
- TBC - Grand Prix/ Ladies GP/ Under 25's/Over 60's (@ PO Club, Reading)