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## Bar Billiard Variants

99% of the time we play normal 3 pin bar billiards. One common variant is off the spot. More recently we have had a 4 pin open where the pins are placed in different positions than usual and of course there is an extra one. The other national title we play is the Alternative, or triangle rules. But there are a few more obscure ones that I have come across.

**Thirty-Ones**—each player must score 310 points exactly on each visit followed by a legal shot. A point is scored for each successful turn. Sometimes the rules mean you move to 32 once you get 31 and so on.

**Killer**—can be played with a deck of cards. Each player starts with 6 lives, turns over a card and has to pot that amount of balls to keep their life. If a Jack is turned the player must pot a 10, Queen a 100 and King a 200.

**Chase the Red**—play is normal but player must hit the red first on every shot. Also the break shot is not the normal break shot but you start with the red behind the 10 hole, and any time the table is cleared you put the red back behind the 10 hole. Think it is normally played off the spot, but guess it doesn't have to be.

**Tactics**—Cue ball always played off the spot. Red Ball break position half way between 100 and 200 holes. Cue ball must hit a cushion before hitting another ball!!!

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

The bar billiards year started with a disappointment as the men's International was cancelled as Jersey could not field a side. This is the first time the match has been cancelled since it started in 1981. Lets hope the match is played in Jersey next year and the future of the match continues.

The first open of the year was held in Oxon, it was won by **Dave Ingram** who won his first national title.

We have a lot to look forward to in the coming months—in March we have the British Pairs in Bournemouth, which I am sure will be a fantastic weekend as it always is. We also have the 2nd East Anglian Open, in Sudbury, which was great fun last year playing the 4 pin version of the game.



## Oxfordshire Open @ Didcot Con Club, 8th February 2014

**Dave Ingram** (pictured right) won his first national individual title by winning the 2014 Oxfordshire Open. Dave beat fellow Sussex player **Ian Lelliott** in the final. A 6k lead in leg 1 was added to with a 7k opening break in leg 2 to give him an unassailable lead.

Dave was fairly untroubled en route to the quarter finals where he met **Curt Driver** who set him a 17k target, which Dave beat with 18k. Dave then won a very tight semi final against the much improved **Colin Southouse** by just **390** points **13,470-13,080**. Ian had a tough route to the final. In round 2 he had to knock his **first ever 20k break** to beat **Richard Wooton's** 19k. He was then 8k down against **Phil Osborne** but won with an 11k 2nd leg score. **Geoff Jukes** set him 16k in the quarters but Ian again chased down the score with 18k. A reasonably comfortable win against **Gerry Fitzjohn** in the semi final put Ian in the final.



It was a day of high scores and terrific matches. **Phil Collins** made an amazing **24,730** (high break of the day) against **Paul Sainsbury** in round 1, Paul came back with a great **21,050** in reply. Phil then made **22,640** to beat **Kevin Tunstall's** **19,080** in round 2. Phil looked unbeatable but **Pete Sainsbury** stopped him in the next round after an early mistake from Phil was punished. In all there were **five** 20k+ breaks and no less than **36** 10k+ breaks.

**Paul Sainsbury** went on to win the plate beating **Damian Coates** in the final. **Pauline Withey** recorded the ladies high break of **6,810** and along with **Dawn Jordan** reached the last 16 to be furthest ladies. Thanks to **Mark Trafford**, **Tony Willis** and **Pete Ewins** for organising the day.

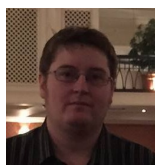
## Latest British Rankings (@ 28th February 2014)

<u>MEN</u>				<u>LADIES</u>			
<u>Pos</u>	<u>Player</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>PTS</u>	<u>Pos</u>	<u>Player</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>PTS</u>
1	Kevin Tunstall	Sussex	270.0	1	Pauline Withey	Oxon	127.0
2(+1)	Nigel Senior	Sussex	212.8	2	Denise Wills	Surrey	63.9
3(+2)	Keith Sheard	Oxon	207.0	3	Jean Brackenridge	Sussex	55.7
4	Curt Driver	Kent	206.2	4	Jenny Florey	Oxon	54.0
5(-3)	Steven Sheard	Oxon	205.9	5	Sandra Hall	Sussex	52.1
6	Paul Sainsbury	Berks	187.6	6	Lorraine Hall	Sussex	40.8
7	Mark Trafford	Oxon	172.1	7	Myra Hawkins	Berks	38.9
8	Phil Collins	Oxon	148.3	8(+1)	Dawn Jordan	Bucks	35.4
=(+1)	Ian Lelliott	Sussex	148.3	9(-1)	Colleen Park	Sussex	34.7
10	Dave Ingram	Sussex	147.1	10	Genette Nicholls	Surrey	29.7

## Bar Billiards Doppelgangers

Sometimes these newsletters can just be littered with stats, so I thought I would have a bit of fun with some bar billiards doppelgangers. The question is have you ever seen these people in the same place at the same time?

- At 7 ..... Bob Hall/ Stephen Bunting
- At 6 ..... Gerry Fitzjohn/ James Wade
- At 5 ..... Richard Wooton/Ade Edmonson
- At 4 ..... Ian Lelliott/ Alan Sugar
- At 3 ..... Nigel Senior/ Juan Pablo Montoya
- At 2 ..... Pauline Withey/ June Bernicoff from Gogglebox
- At 1 ..... Gareth Lloyd/ Michael van Gerwen (or Curt Driver if your name is Ian Moss!)



If anyone has any suggestions for others I will gladly put the on a future newsletter. No offence intended by the way!

### Latest Grand Prix Standings @ 28th February 2014 (after 1 event of 9)

Pos	Player	Pts
1	Dave Ingram	15
2	Ian Lelliott	10
3	Gerry Fitzjohn	6
4	Colin Southouse	6
5	Geoff Jukes	3
=	Curt Driver	3
=	Mark Trafford	3
8	Leon Beer	3
9	Pete Sainsbury	1
10	Mike Daw	1
=	Martin Cole	1
=	Keith Sheard	1
=	Jon Bamsey	1
=	Pauline Withey	1
=	Dawn Jordan	1
=	Chris Tupper	1

## Upcoming Events in March & April

**8/9th Mar - British Pairs (Bournemouth)** - The 32nd British Pairs will take place at the Queens Hotel, Bournemouth. **Nigel Senior & Richard Wooton** are the 2013 champs—but will they defend their title together?

**22nd Mar - 2nd East Anglian 4-pin Open** - The 2nd East Anglian 4-pin Open will take place at the Grover & Allen pub, Sudbury. There will be a contingent of 13 pin players and many local 4 pin players. Scoring should be much lower than we see in the 3 pin format of the game with pegs in front of the two 50 pockets, 100 pocket and 200 pocket. **Curt Driver** won the title last year.

**13th Apr - Surrey Open** - The 6th Surrey Open will take place at St Nicholas School, Merstham. **Curt Driver** won the title last year beating **Pete Sainsbury** in the final.

## Bar Billiards Websites

This list was published in issue 1. But a lot more have been added since so here's an updated list of known bar billiards websites

- <http://www.aebba.org.uk/> (All England Website)
- <http://barbilliards.proboards.com/> (Bar Billiards Forum)
- [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bar\\_billiards](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bar_billiards) (Wikipedia Bar Billiard entry)
- <https://www.facebook.com/groups/barbilliards/photos/> (Facebook page)
- <https://www.google.com/maps/d/viewer?msa=0&mid=zVEhQQTHXpqg.kEjKru0t5L-s> (Bar Billiards map with tables)
- <http://www.guernseybarbilliards.org.uk/> (Guernsey Bar Billiards)
- <http://www.jerseybarbilliardleague.co.uk/> (Jersey Bar Billiards)
- <http://www.interareabarbilliards.co.uk/> (Inter Area Billiards)
- <http://www.sussexbarbilliards.com> (Sussex Bar Billiards)
- <http://www.brightonbarbilliards.co.uk/> (Brighton Bar Billiards)
- <http://www.wdbbl.com/> (Worthing Bar Billiards)
- <http://www.lewesbarbilliards.org.uk/> (Lewes Bar Billiards)
- <http://www.billingshurstbarbilliards.co.uk/> (Billingshurst Bar Billiards)
- <http://eastbournebarbilliards.webs.com/> (Eastbourne Bar Billiards)
- <http://home.btconnect.com/horshambarbilliards.co.uk/> (Horsham Bar Billiards)
- <http://www.mid-sussexbbll.co.uk/> (Mid Sussex Bar Billiards)
- <http://www.freewebs.com/citybarbilliards/> (Medway Bar Billiards)
- <http://www.barbilliardsdd.co.uk/> (Dover & Deal Bar Billiards)
- <http://www.tunwellsbarbilliards.co.uk/> (Tunbridge Wells Bar Billiards)
- <http://www.northantsbarbilliards.org/> (Northants Bar Billiards)
- <http://www.rdbbl.co.uk/> (Redhill Bar Billiards)
- <http://www.eynshambarbilliards.webs.com/> (Eynsham Bar Billiards)
- <http://www.wanddbba.co.uk/> (Witney Bar Billiards)
- <http://www.norwichbarbilliards.co.uk/> (Norwich 4 pin Bar Billiards)

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

- 1st Feb - Jersey v England (TBC @ England) - **cancelled**
- 8th Feb - Oxon Open (@ Didcot Conservative Club) - **winner Dave Ingram**
- 8th/9th Mar - British Pairs (@ Queens Hotel, Bournemouth)
- 22nd Mar— East Anglian 4-pin Open (@ Grover & Allen Pub, Sudbury)
- 13th Apr—Surrey Open (@ St Nicholas School, Merstham)
- 3rd May/4th May - Guernsey Pairs/Guernsey v England/ Guernsey Open (@ Les Rocquettes, Guernsey)
- 11th May - British Ladies Open (@ Salfords Club, Redhill)
- 8th June—Sussex Open (@ Roffey Club)
- 13th July - Kent Classic (@ Suburban Club, Chatham)
- 27th July - National Off the Spot Open (@ SixinOne Club, Tonbridge)
- 10th Aug - Bucks Open (@ Princes Riseborough Golf Club)
- 14th Sept - Berks Open (@ Berinsfield Club, Oxford)
- 21st Sept - County Div 1/ Ladies AE Singles (@ Didcot Con Club, Reading)
- 28th Sept - Ladies County/ AE Open Singles (@ Didcot Con Club, Reading)
- 12th Oct - Alternative Rules (@ Didcot Con Club, Reading)
- 19th Oct - Team Champs/ Special Ladies (@ Didcot Con Club, Reading)
- 26th Oct - Mixed Pairs (@ Didcot Con Club, Reading)
- 2nd Nov - Over 50's/Over 60's/Under 25's (@ Didcot Con Club, Reading)
- 7/8/9th Nov - World Champ Pairs/ World Champs Singles (Jersey)
- 16th Nov - County Div 2 (@ Didcot Con Club, Reading)
- 23rd Nov - Grand Prix/ Ladies GP/ Under 25's/Over 60's (@ Didcot Con Club, Reading)
- 7th Dec - AEBBA AGM (@ Arborfield Club, Reading)