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England v Guernsey

Guernsey will take on **England** for the 10th time in May. To mark this occasion here are some details of the past 9 matches.

Year	Home Team		Away Team	
2005	England	14	Guernsey	1
2006	Guernsey	19	England	33
2007	England	37	Guernsey	10
2008	Guernsey	12	England	40
2009	England	37	Guernsey	10
2010	Guernsey	18	England	40
2011	England	42	Guernsey	5
2012	Guernsey	22	England	36
2013	England	44	Guernsey	16

So Guernsey have not beaten England yet. Their best performances have come at home. In 2012 they had their best performance taking 22 points out of 58.

Unlike the England v Jersey match doubles are played, so players play more than one game. Of the England players, 3 have won more than 10 matches.

Nigel Senior & **Paul Sainsbury** have won 13, **Kevin Tunstall** has won 11.

From Guernsey **Bob Chapple** is the only player from either side to have played in all 9 fixtures. He has won 6 matches in total. **Tom Oliver** is next on 4 wins

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

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AEBBA Newsletter Editorial

In March we all went to the Queens Hotel, Bournemouth for the British Pairs. **Curt Driver & Mark Brewster** won the title for the first time together.

We also had the 2nd 4 pin open in Sudbury. It was a great event, and interesting to meet new friends who play a very different version of the game—it is amazing how much difference one peg makes. **Curt Driver** couldn't quite retain his title—**Nigel Senior** beat him in the final.

Kevin Tunstall got back to winning ways by taking the Surrey Open title. His first for 16 months. A long wait for him!



British Pairs @ Queens Hotel, Bournemouth, 8th/9th March 2014

The first weekend in March always sees the bar billiards community travel to Bournemouth for the British Pairs. 54 pairs entered this years event, **Curt Driver & Mark Brewster** (pictured right) won the British pairs together for the first time. The final was against three time runner-up **Tony Willis & Jon Bamsey**. The first two legs were run outs with Jon making 19k and Curt replying with 20k. Tony started well but missed on 3.5k in leg 3 and Curt then made 13k to put them in a commanding position. Mark had not had a go till leg 4, an early excursion threatened to make things interesting but a 5k opener sealed the title. Curt & Mark made comfortable passage to the quarter finals where they met two time winners **Paul Sainsbury & Bernie McCluskey**. Paul set a 15k lead but Curt came back with 16k. Curt & Mark were in real danger in the semi final against Sussex's **Stu Mephram & Martin Cole**. Stu & Martin were 2-1 up with Stu's break to come but Mark took advantage of an early miss from Stu to see them through on aggregate.



Tony & Jon progressed to their 4th final with a big scalp of **Leon Beer & Phil Collins** in round 3. They then beat **Alan Oliver & Ian Moss** in the quarters and then 2009 runners-up **Geoff Jukes & Dennis Atkins** in the semi final.

The other quarter finalists were **Dave & Terry Alder** and surprise package **Ros Appleby & Andy Farmer-Wright** who beat the 2011 champions **Steven Sheard & Pete Phillips**.

Stephen Coleman & Mike Daw won the plate competition with a win over **Phil Hawkins & Dave Tooke** in the final. The World Pairs champions recorded the high break in Round 1, **Nigel Senior** (partnering **Marc Chipman**) made a **21,980** break. As usual a great weekend, contact **Chris Saville** if you want to play next year!

Latest British Rankings (@ 30th April 2014)

<u>MEN</u>			
Pos	Player	County	PTS
1	Kevin Tunstall	Sussex	267.2
2	Nigel Senior	Sussex	222.0
3(+1)	Curt Driver	Kent	211.8
4(-1)	Keith Sheard	Oxon	206.5
5(+1)	Paul Sainsbury	Berks	186.9
6(-1)	Steven Sheard	Oxon	185.4
7	Mark Trafford	Oxon	167.2
8	Phil Collins	Oxon	143.1
9	Ian Lelliott	Sussex	142.9
10	Dave Ingram	Sussex	139.2

<u>LADIES</u>			
Pos	Player	County	PTS
1	Pauline Withey	Oxon	126.0
2	Denise Wills	Surrey	63.8
3	Jean Brackenridge	Sussex	55.2
4	Jenny Florey	Oxon	54.0
5	Sandra Hall	Sussex	51.0
6	Lorraine Hall	Sussex	40.5
7	Myra Hawkins	Berks	39.0
8(+1)	Colleen Park	Sussex	36.0
9(-1)	Dawn Jordan	Bucks	35.3
10	Genette Nicholls	Surrey	30.7

2nd East Anglian 4 Pin Open, Sudbury, 22nd March 2014

Nigel Senior (pictured far right) won the 2nd East Anglian 4 pin open held at the Grover & Allen pub in Sudbury. Nigel beat reigning champ **Curt Driver** in the final.

Four pin bar billiards is a little different to the 3 pin version of the game we play regularly. Firstly pegs are in front of the 4 main scoring holes—2 whites in front of the 50 pockets, one in front of the 100 pocket and the black peg takes its usual position in front of the 200 hole. The holes at the back are reversed to a 10-20-30-20-10 scoring pattern rather than the usual 30-20-10-20-30. Also you can go more than 3 times in a succession on the break shot, but you have to score in different pockets if you play the same break shot 3 times in a row (believe me it is difficult enough to pot 2 balls of the break!). And there are a few other subtle differences—see below!

62 players entered the 2nd 4 pin open, 35 from the local leagues in Suffolk and Norfolk, 27 regulars from the 3 pin circuit. The players were split into groups of 4, top two progressing to the main comp, the other two eliminated into the plate. Here the subtleties of the rules came to benefit eventual winner Nigel Senior. Nigel having to win against **Chris Saville** to progress, had a crucial 2k break going when a thin contact sent a ball looking as if it was to go out of play—in fact it passed the balk line but stayed on the baize—and to Nigel's relief this is legal in 4 pin! Nigel then made a **3,070** break (highest of the day) against **Tony Brown**. Another different rule saw Nigel sink the last ball in the 20 off the cushion to beat **Dennis Watts**. Nigel met furthest local **Luke Cole-Watts** in the semis (he also made the quarters last year) which was tight until a break late in leg 2 saw Nigel through. Curt also made it through as a group runner-up. He only beat Sussex's **Mike Reilly** by 100 points in the quarters before beating **Colin Southouse** in the semis. A few Eastbourne players had set up a 4 pin league this year and the practice had paid off with Colin's run and **Phil Osborne** making the two highest leg scores with the only one over 5k with **5,270**.

Chris Saville recovered from his loss to Nigel with a win over local player **Nathan Mitchell** in plate final. Overall a great fun day—many thanks to **Dave Lillee** from the Sudbury League for getting it up and running—the 3rd 4 pin open is already planned for next year—21st March 2015 back in Sudbury.



Latest Grand Prix Standings @ 30th April 2014 (after 2 events of 9)

Pos	Player	Pts
1	Kevin Tunstall	15
2	Dave Ingram	15
3	Ian Lelliott	10
4	Barry Radford	10
5	Curt Driver	9
6	Colin Southouse	7
7	Keith Sheard	7
8	Gerry Fitzjohn	6
9	Pete Sainsbury	4
10	Mike Daw	4
11	Mark Brewster	3
=	Mark Trafford	3
13	Geoff Jukes	3
14	Paul Sainsbury	3
15	Leon Beer	3
16	Nigel Senior	1

Surrey Open @ St Nicholas' School, Merstham, 13th April 2014

Kevin Tunstall (pictured right) has won Surrey Open title for the 3rd time and is his first national win since the 2012 Grand Prix. He beat Hampshire's **Barry Radford** in the final. Barry went off with 6k but KT made 5k in reply and opened with enough in leg 2 to win the title. For the record this is Kevin's 65th national title.

Kevin was ran close in round 2, defeating **Gary Powell** by just **16,930—13,660**, and he was run even closer by **Ian Moss** in round 4 as Kevin made a decisive 5k break at the end which was far from comfortable on tricky table 6. He then stepped up a gear to beat **Mike Daw** in the quarters and another gear to beat reigning champ **Curt Driver** with the days highest break of **22,460** in the semis. Barry's first 3 games were close over **Terry Oakley**, **Gerry Fitzjohn** & **Phil Osborne**, but he comfortably beat **Pete Sainsbury** and **Keith Sheard** in the quarter and semi finals.

There was some local success as **Geoff Jukes** beat **Damian Coates** in the plate final. **Dawn Jordan** took the highest ladies break with 7k+ and 3 ladies shared the furthest lady award—**Sandra Hall**, **Genette Nicholls** & **Colleen Park** all reaching round 3.



Upcoming Events in May & June

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) - **winners Curt Driver & Mark Brewster**
22nd Mar— East Anglian 4-pin Open (@ Grover & Allen Pub, Sudbury) - **winner Nigel Senior**
13th Apr—Surrey Open (@ St Nicholas School, Merstham) - **winner Kevin Tunstall**
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)

3rd May - Guernsey Pairs - The 4th Guernsey Pairs will take place on the 3rd May. Last year the pairing of **Roy Le Page & Terry Kenny** won the title beating **Mark Trafford & Ian Gordon**.

3rd May - Guernsey v England - Guernsey take on **England** for the 10th time on the night before the Guernsey Open. Guernsey lost 44-16 last year at away, and will hope to fare better on home soil this year.

4th May - Guernsey Open - The 7th Guernsey Open will take place at the Les Rocquettes Hotel, Sunday 4th May. In 2013 **Mark Trafford** finally won his first open after beating **Chris Tupper**.

11th May - British Ladies Open - The 21st British Ladies Open will take place at the Salfords Club, Redhill. **Pauline Withey** is defending champ, she beat 2007 champ **Jean Brackenridge** in the final last year.

8th June - Sussex Open - The 21st Sussex Open takes place at the Roffey Club, Horsham. **Stephen Coleman** beat **Tony Cross** in a bit of a surprise in last years final.