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A very busy couple of months in the Bar Billiards calendar has seen **Berkshire A** retaining the county championship. Again not the best team on paper but they had a lot of experience—which showed in the end. Surrey were desperately close to winning their first title but fell away at the last.

Mark Trafford continued his fine year as World Champion and he won the Berkshire Open. He also ran it as he stepped in at the last minute and held it at the Berinsfield Club in Oxford, many thanks go to him for doing this to make sure the tournament took place. **Kevin Tunstall** won the All England Singles for the 8th time and helped his team win the team champs. **Nigel Senior** took the Alternative Rules title, which gives him the unique achievement of holding both the 4 pin and Alternative Rules titles—the only two tournaments with rules far removed from the normal standard game.

In the ladies game, **Sussex A** won the county champs again. **Pauline Withey** took her 8th Special Ladies title. And finally **Jean Brackenridge** won her 3rd All England Ladies title.



County Champs Div 1 @ Didcot Con Club, 21st Sept 2014

Berks A (pictured right) won the county championship title—their 3rd win in 5 years and 11th overall. The winning side was **Terry Vallis, Dave Alder, Adam Cox, Paul Sainsbury, Geoff Pitt, Phil Hawkins & Keith Lewendon.**



In series 1 **Berks A** started strongly with a 5-2 win over their **Hants**. **Surrey** also started well with a great 5-2 win over **Oxon A**. In series 2 **Berks A** really made their move with a 5-2 win over **Kent A**. **Sussex A** beat **Oxon A 5-2** to move in contention and **Surrey** continued their good start with a 4-3 win over **Hants**. This shocking left **Oxon A** in real danger of relegation as they were bottom at this stage.

In series 3 **Berks A** slipped up losing 4-3 to **Oxon A**. **Sussex A** met **Surrey**, **Surrey** coming out on top 4-3 to take the overall lead. **Kent A** moved into safety beating **Hants 5-2**. Series 4 would normally be where the alcohol catches up with the **Surrey** boys but they remained in control with a big 5-2 win over **Kent A**. **Berks A** got a crucial win over **Sussex A 4-3** to make it a two horse race with one series remaining. The bottom 2 met at this stage and **Oxon A** looked like they finally pulled clear to safety with a 5-2 win over **Hants**. So with one series left, **Surrey** led **Berks A** by a point, **Sussex A** were 3 behind and **Hants** looked certain to be relegated 3 points behind **Kent A** at the bottom. **Surrey** needed to beat **Berks A** in the final series to take their first ever county championship. Perhaps the nerves got the better of them as they went down 5-2. **Sussex A** also nicked the runners up spot beating **Hants 6-1**, to ensure **Hants** were relegated. No players won all 5 matches, although nine won 4 out of 5. **Sussex's Kevin Tunstall** had the best average of these with 8,990. **Steven Sheard** had a 9,292 average winning 3 matches, he also had the best break of 14,520.

Division 1

Pos	Team	Pts
1	Berks A	22
2	Sussex A	21
3	Surrey	20
4	Kent A	16
5	Oxon A	16
6	Hants	10

Special Ladies @ Didcot Con Club, 19th October 2014

Pauline Withey

(pictured right) won the Special Ladies for the 8th time. Pauline beat **Jenny Florey** in her



4th Special Ladies final. Pauline made the highest break of the day of 6,280 to take a commanding lead into leg 2 and Jenny never recovered.

Only 8 entries turned out and instead of the usual knockout format the players were drawn into groups of 4. Pauline went through unbeaten in her group but Jenny made harder work of hers as she lost to reigning champ **Dawn Jordan** in her first match before winning her last 2 to come through on aggregate. **Myra Hawkins** won the plate against **Colleen Park** for the two group runners up.

Berkshire Open @ Berinsfield Club, Oxford, 14th September 2014

Mark Trafford

(pictured far right) won the Berkshire Open beating **Dave Ingram** in the final. This is Mark's 3rd national title. Both players had chances in the final but Mark ran out winner 12,780–11,090.



Mark made swift progress to the quarter finals where he comfortably beat **Jon Bamsey**. He met **Gerry Fitzjohn** in the semi final where he won a close match 9,620–7,160. Dave had a close run in round 2 winning by just 380 points from **Mike Daw**. He would go on to beat **Mark Brewster** in the quarters and **Geoff Mace** who was appearing in his first semi final. Dave also made the highest break of 18,700.

The plate was won by **Pauline Withey** (pictured above) who beat **Jenny Florey** in an all female final. **Dawn Jordan** made the high ladies break of 2,140. **Michelle Baden** was the furthest lady making the last 16.

Latest British Rankings (@ 31st October 2014)

MEN			
Pos	Player	County	PTS
1	Kevin Tunstall	Sussex	233.7
2	Nigel Senior	Sussex	233.4
3(+2)	Paul Sainsbury	Berks	205.3
4(-1)	Curt Driver	Kent	204.6
5(+1)	Mark Trafford	Oxon	200.5
6(-2)	Keith Sheard	Oxon	187.3
7	Steven Sheard	Oxon	160.0
8(+1)	Phil Collins	Oxon	146.6
9(+2)	Dave Ingram	Sussex	146.0
10(-2)	Ian Lelliott	Sussex	145.6

LADIES			
Pos	Player	County	PTS
1	Pauline Withey	Oxon	145.9
2(+1)	Jean Brackenridge	Sussex	70.1
3(-1)	Denise Wills	Surrey	60.0
4	Jenny Florey	Oxon	53.3
5(+2)	Colleen Park	Sussex	42.5
6(-1)	Lorraine Hall	Sussex	41.1
7(+2)	Dawn Jordan	Bucks	39.5
8(+2)	Ros Appleby	Sussex	37.3
9(+2)	Bella Stoner	Sussex	36.6
10(+2)	Michelle Baden	Sussex	36.5

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All England Ladies, 21st Sept 2014

Jean Brackenridge (pictured right) won the All England Ladies title for the 3rd time to add to the titles she won in 1983 & 2007. Only five county champions showed up, but it was a strong field. The favourites would be the only previous champions Jean and **Pauline Withey** (Oxon). They both won their opening matches, but



Anita Blackman (Surrey) beat Pauline to put her in contention. Jean and Anita met in their 3rd match and were both unbeaten, and Jean came back from 5k down to take a vital win. Anita's chances disappeared when she lost her last game to **Carla Jolly** (Berkshire) and Carla made the days high break here of **7,610**. This left Jean to play Pauline in their last game. Jean could afford to lose but not by more than

6k. She did lose but by only just over 1k. All this meant that Jean and Pauline ended up on 3 wins but Jean took the title on aggregate **42k-36k**.

Final Standings

Pos	Player	Pts
1	Jean Brackenridge (Sus)	6
2	Pauline Withey (Oxon)	6
3	Anita Blackman (Surrey)	4
4	Dawn Jordan (Bucks)	4
5	Carla Jolly (Berks)	2

Latest Grand Prix Standings @ 31st October 2014 (after 8 events of 9)

Pos	Player	Pts
1	Kevin Tunstall	35
2	Richard Wooton	33
3	Dave Ingram	31
4	Mark Trafford	28
5	Mark Brewster	27
6	Ian Lelliott	26
7	Gerry Fitzjohn	23
8	Curt Driver	22
9	Bob Chapple	16
10	Mike Daw	11
11	Barry Radford	11
12	Nigel Senior	10
13	Bob King	10
14	Colin Southouse	9
15	Bill Kerr	9
16	Paul Sainsbury	9

Ladies County Champs @ Didcot Con Club, 28th September 2014

Sussex A (pictured right) retained the ladies county championship. It was their 12th win out of the last 14 years. Only five teams showed for the event—2 from **Sussex & Oxon** and one from **Berkshire**, so sadly only 3 counties represented. Everyone played everyone, 2 leg matches and there was no division 2 this year. **Sussex A** led from the start with a **9.5-0.5** win over their B side. **Oxon A** beat **Oxon B 7-3**, which seemed to make it a 2 horse race from the start as expected. In series 2 **Sussex A** took their bye, and **Oxon A** managed a **6-4** win over **Berks**. In series 3 **Oxon A** sat out and **Sussex A** took a **4.5 point** lead with an **8-2** win over **Oxon B**. In series 4 **Sussex A** managed a **7-3** win over **Berks**, but a great **9-1** win for **Oxon A** over **Sussex B** meant they would be **2.5 points behind** going into the final match against **Sussex A**. So **Sussex A** required **4 points** in the final match against



Division 1

Pos	Team	Pts
1	Sussex A	31.5
2	Oxon A	25.0
3	Oxon B	18.5
4	Berks	18.0
5	Sussex B	7.5

Oxon A to take the title. The first 4 legs were shared to setup a tense finish. **Jan Bithell** and **Michelle Baden** won the first legs of their matches to ensure the title went back to **Sussex**. **Sussex A** eventually ran out **7-3** winners and they won the title by **6.5 points**. All players played 8 games and 4 of them won 7, they were. **Janet Burns (Berks)**, **Michelle Baden (Sussex)**, **Bella Stoner (Sussex)**, and **Jenny Parsons (Oxon)**. Janet also had the highest average with **5,290**. Bella had the highest break of **5,810**. For the record the winning Sussex team were **Bella Stoner, Michelle Baden, Jan Bithell, Jean Brackenridge** and **Sandra Hall**.

All England Individuals @ Didcot Con Club, 28th September 2014

Kevin Tunstall (pictured far right) won his record 8th All England title beating Surrey's **Geoff Jukes** (pictured near right). Kevin won his group, winning all 3 matches, **Paul Sainsbury** (Berkshire) had a big chance against Kevin, 17k up and got let in when KT missed early but failed to capitalise and KT won by just **160 points**. Geoff came back after losing his first match to **Ray Hussey** (Bucks), but won his last 2 matches, and with other results going his way topped the group. In the final Geoff was off early and Kevin took a 12k lead in to leg 2. A 5k opener was enough to take the title. World champion **Mark Trafford** (Oxon) had a disappointing day but made the days high break with



18,820.

Group 1

Pos	Player	Pts
1	Geoff Jukes (Surrey)	4
2	Ray Hussey (Bucks)	4
3	Mark Trafford (Oxon)	2
4	Ian Wright (Kent)	2

Group 2

Pos	Player	Pts
1	Kevin Tunstall (Sus)	6
2	Paul Sainsbury (Berks)	4
3	Lorin cLough (N'hants)	2
4	Dennis Claydon (Hants)	0

Final

Kevin Tunstall 19,080
Geoff Jukes 8,870

All England Team Championships @ Didcot Con Club, 19th Oct 2014



The White Hart (Sussex) (pictured left) won AEBBA team champs title. This is mainly the same team that won the title for the New Sussex Hotel back in 2010 & 2011. This year there were only 6 teams and a round robin was played, most legs won being decisive. After 2 rounds it was close with 4 teams in contention—four time winners **Caversham Working Mens Club (Berks)** shared the lead with **The White Hart (Sussex) & The White Hart (Kent)**. The **Langstone Harbour Fishing Club (Hants)** were just one point behind. In the 3rd series the two favourites, **The White Hart (Sussex)** and **Caversham WMC** broke clear with **5-0** wins. In series 4 **The White Hart (Sussex)** took the initiative winning **3-2** against the **Langstone Harbour**, whilst **Caversham WMC** slipped up losing **3-2** to **The White Hart (Kent)**. This left a shootout in the last series, **The White Hart (Sussex)** could afford to lose 3-2. After two legs were shared **Gerry Fitzjohn** stepped up to secure the winning leg against **Dave Alder**. **Bernie MCluskey (Berks)** was the only player to win all 5 matches, **Paul Sainsbury (Berks)** had the top average of **11,162** and the best break of **17,830**. The winning team was **Jim Greensted, Gerry Fitzjohn, Kevin Tunstall (capt), Alan Messer & Martin Cole**.

Final Standing

Pos	Team	Pts
1	The White Hart (Sussex)	17
2	Caversham WMC (Berks)	15
3	Langstone Harbour (Hants)	13
4	The White Hart (Kent)	11
5	Berinsfield (Oxon)	10
6	Totteridge CC (Bucks)	9

Alternative Rules, Didcot Con Club, 12th Oct 2014

Nigel Senior (pictured right) captured his 12th national title by winning the Alternative Rules title for the 1st time. This is a unique event where 6 white balls are placed in a triangle at the back of the table to start the game. Every-time the balls are cleared the triangle is reformed. A disappointing entry of 28 were split into groups of 4, so 7 progressed plus the best runner up.



Nigel made it through his group with 3 wins and the highest leg average of 2,507 and the days high break of **1,460**. **Curt Driver, Barry Radford** and reigning champ **Steven Sheard** also made it through with 2k+ averages.

In the quarter finals Nigel beat **Tony Webster**, and then had a close match against **Barry Radford**. With the scores close and one ball behind the 10 hole left and one ball in hand, Barry tried to use the 20 pocket to get it, missed, Nigel screwed off the side and both balls went in to win the match—one of them in the 200! Nigel beat **Mark Trafford** in the final to gain a small revenge for their World Championship final 10 months earlier. The plate was won by **Lee Radford** against **Tony Woolvin**.

Upcoming Events in November & December

2nd Nov - Over 50's/Over 60's/Under 25's – Reigning champs are **Gerry Fitzjohn** (over 50's), **Geoff Pitt** (over 60's) and **Craig Mace** (under 25's).

7th/8th/9th Nov - World Championship Pairs/ World Championship Singles (Jersey) - the BIG one. Reigning champs are **Mark Trafford** (singles) & **Nigel Senior & Marc Chipman** (pairs)

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

24th Nov - Grand Prix/ Ladies Grand Prix– **Phil Collins** won last years Grand Prix title. **Jean Brackenridge** won the Ladies Grand Prix title.

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) - winners Pairs **Ian Chapion & Paul le Gallez/ Singles Bob Chapple/ International Eng 47 Gue 19**
- 11th May - British Ladies Open (@ Salfords Club, Redhill) - winner **Denise Wills**
- 8th June—Sussex Open (@ Roffey Club) - winner **Richard Wooton**
- 13th July - Kent Classic (@ Suburban Club, Chatham) - winner **Richard Wooton**
- 27th July - 1st National Off the Spot Open (@ SixinOne Club, Tonbridge) - winner **Mark Brewster**
- 10th Aug - Bucks Open (@ Princes Riseborough Golf Club) - winner **Kevin Tunstall**
- 14th Sept - Berks Open (@ Berinsfield Club, Oxford) - winner **Mark Trafford**
- 21st Sept - County Div 1/ Ladies AE Singles (@ Didcot Con Club, Reading) - winner County—**Berkshire/ AE Ladies—Jean Brackenridge**
- 28th Sept - Ladies County/ AE Open Singles (@ Didcot Con Club, Reading) - winner County—**Sussex/ AE Singles—Kevin Tunstall**
- 12th Oct - Alternative Rules (@ Didcot Con Club, Reading) - winner **Nigel Senior**
- 19th Oct - Team Champs/ Special Ladies (@ Didcot Con Club, Reading) winner team **White Haret (Sussex)/ Special Ladies—Pauline Withey**
- 26th Oct - Mixed Pairs (@ Didcot Con Club, Reading) - winners **Dave Ingram & Colleen Park**
- 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)