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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 **Dave Ingram** won his first world title.

Dave won two titles this year plus the mixed pairs in a real breakthrough year for him and finishes the year 7th in the rankings. Another double winner was **Richard Wooton** who won back to back opens with the Sussex and Kent titles. **Nigel Senior** completed a rather unique double winning the 4 pin open and followed that by winning the Alternative Rules. **Mark Trafford** completed a strong year as the World Champion by winning the Berkshire Open and going up to number 3 in the rankings. **Phil Collins** has dropped to 9 in the rankings but only because he doesn't play all the events—but he finished the year by winning the Grand Prix—and in some style. **Mark Brewster** finally ended his duck by winning the off the spot title, after 7 previous runners up in opens. But it was **Kevin Tunstall** who ended the year number 1, winning 3 titles—the Surrey and Bucks Opens, and the All England Singles for a record 8th time. He came up against inspired players Dave Ingram and Phil Collins in the 2 other big events otherwise it would have been a clean sweep of the major titles. Next year promises to be a close race for the number 1 spot, **Kevin Tunstall** will start there but **Mark Trafford** is the provisional number 1 on the 2 year list. But a good year for **Nigel Senior**, **Curt Driver** or **Dave Ingram** could all see them take the top spot.

In the ladies game **Pauline Withey** continues to be a long way in front at number 1 and took two titles (Special Ladies & Ladies Grand Prix), and the other 2 top other ladies in the rankings took the other titles this year—**Denise Wills** (British Ladies) & **Jean Brackenridge** (All England Ladies).

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

## World Championships @ Merton Hotel, Jersey, 7th/8th/9th Nov 2014

**Dave Ingram** (pictured right at the moment he won) won his 1st World Championships title in Jersey to add to his success in the Oxon Open earlier this year. Dave beat **Kevin Tunstall** in the final. It was a nervy start to the final as both players had an early opportunity as Kevin missed both balls on his first split and Dave missed on 980 after getting the balls back. Kevin then racked up a big break to lead 15,530—980 at half time. Dave now decided his only option was to split, even though he had not done this all tournament! But he made a terrific **15,820** break which made him the new World Champion. It rounded off a great year for Dave who won his first open earlier in the year and now he had won the BIG one.



132 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 former winner **Dennis Helleur** and last years runner up **Nigel Senior**. Nigel made a mess of his last 2 games after opening with the highest group stage break of **16,710**. 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** (a five time winner) v **Bernie McCluskey** (a two time winner), with Kevin coming out on top despite being 7k down after leg 1. Then the last 32 round was played, and the reigning champion **Mark Trafford** went out to Kent's **Gerry Fitzjohn**, Gerry coming back from 11k down. Lorraine Hall also went out at this stage but this made her the furthest lady player. By the time the field was whittled down to **16, 13** UK mainland, **2** Jersey, and **1** Guernsey player were left in, with only 3 past champions present. Some great matches here—**Dave Ingram** beat teammate **Tony Jenner** by **420 points** in a match which was a fitting tribute to their team mate the late **Bill Kerr**. **Chris Saville** rolled back the years to beat 3 time winner **Trevor Gallienne** who had been looking unstoppable. **Gerry Fitzjohn** made a valiant effort against **Kevin Tunstall** only losing by **1,550** after being 14,630 down after leg 1. Also **Martin Smith** beat former champ **Alan Le Blond** leaving KT as the only former winner left in by the quarters. Indeed by the quarters there were a few surprise names there — Sussex's **Mike Daw** defeated **Andy Burns** **6,400—2,190**. **Dave Ingram** defeated **Martin Cole** at this stage. **Curt Driver** beat **Martin Smith** and **Kevin Tunstall** ended **Chris Saville's** good run. Dave ended Mike Daw's great run in the first semi and Curt had a big chance 6k down to Kevin with his break to come but was unable to take advantage and Kevin booked his 9th final appearance..



The World Championship Doubles was won by **Jim Millward & Trevor Gallienne** (pictured left) - only 7 world singles titles between them! and they beat Mark Trafford & Keith Hollis in the final. **Nigel Senior** took his frustration out in the plate knocking 35k past **Chris Newson** in the semi and then beating **Bob Hall** in the final. There was some Jersey success—**Joshua Gardner** winning the junior title beating **Tia Hopwood**.

A fabulous weekend—come on lets get the numbers up next year!

## Over 50's @ Didcot Con Club, 2nd Nov 2014

The Over 50's title was won by **Tony Martin** (pictured right) for the 3rd time. Tony beat a 3 time winner in Chris Saville in the final. Tony took a 13k lead into the 2nd leg in the final which proved to be enough.



20 players turned out for the competition and Tony beat **Ernie Jordan** in a close first match **7,130-6,340**. Comfortable wins over **Geoff Mace** and **Brian Dawkins** followed. **Chris Saville** beat **Dave Tooke** and **Geoff Pit** before recording a fine win over **Phil Hawkins** to make the final.

Tony completed a good day with the high break prize taking it with **13,620**

## Over 60's @ Didcot Con Club, 2nd Nov 2014

The Over 60's title was won by **Dennis Atkins** (pictured right). He beat the 2011 runner up, **Phil Hawkins**, in the final. Only 30 points separated them in the first leg but Dennis took control and ran out winner **11,600 -5,190**.



There were 18 entries, and Dennis beat **Dave Barnes**, **Bert Lovegrove** and then **Geoff Mace** to make the final. Phil beat **Allan Lacey**, reigning champ **Geoff Pitt**, **Tony Martin** and then **Cliff Slade** by just 230 in the semi final.

Phil did make the days high break with **13,940**.

## Latest British Rankings (@ 31st December 2014)

MEN				LADIES			
Pos	Player	County	PTS	Pos	Player	County	PTS
1	Kevin Tunstall	Sussex	234.9	1	Pauline Withey	Oxon	145.9
2	Nigel Senior	Sussex	225.7	2	Jean Brackenridge	Sussex	69.7
3(+2)	Mark Trafford	Oxon	206.8	3	Denise Wills	Surrey	60.0
4	Curt Driver	Kent	203.0	4	Jenny Florey	Oxon	53.3
5(-2)	Paul Sainsbury	Berks	194.6	5(+1)	Lorraine Hall	Sussex	42.8
6	Keith Sheard	Oxon	177.0	6(-1)	Colleen Park	Sussex	42.1
7(+2)	Dave Ingram	Sussex	174.1	7	Dawn Jordan	Bucks	39.5
8(+2)	Ian Lelliott	Sussex	150.0	8(+2)	Michelle Baden	Sussex	39.1
9(-1)	Phil Collins	Oxon	145.2	9(-1)	Ros Appleby	Sussex	38.0
10(+1)	Richard Wooton	Sussex	142.6	10(-1)	Bella Stoner	Sussex	36.6

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## Ladies Grand Prix, 23rd Nov 2014

**Pauline Withey** (pictured bottom row, left) won her 4th Ladies Grand Prix title in a repeat of the 2011 final. The result was the same where she beat Surrey's **Denise Wills** (pictured top row, left) in a close match, the final score being **10,170-9,260**.



Pauline had a big scare in her group when she lost **Michelle Baden** (seeded 5), this meant Michelle only had to beat **Mel Standbridge** (seeded 8) in her last game to progress but she failed to do so and Pauline went through on aggregate. Denise made it through her group unbeaten with wins over **Jenny Parsons** (seeded 7), **Jenny Florey** (seeded 3) and **Colleen Park** (seeded 6). Pauline also made the highest break of **6,880** to complete a good day.

### Group A

Pos	Player	Pts
1	<b>Pauline Withey (Oxon) (1)</b>	<b>4</b>
2	Michelle Baden (Sus) (5)	4
3	Ros Appleby (Sus) (4)	2
4	Mel Standbridge (Oxon) (8)	2

### Group B

Pos	Player	Pts
1	<b>Denise Wills (Sur) (2)</b>	<b>6</b>
2	Jenny Parsons (Oxon) (7)	4
3	Jenny Florey (Oxon) (3)	2
4	Colleen Park (Sus) (6)	0

### Final

Pauline Withey  
10,170  
beat  
Denise Wills  
9,260

## Final Grand Prix Standings (after 9 events)

Pos	Player	Pts
1	Dave Ingram	<b>51</b>
2	Kevin Tunstall	<b>50</b>
3	Richard Wooton	<b>34</b>
4	Curt Driver	<b>31</b>
5	Mark Brewster	<b>30</b>
6	Mark Trafford	<b>29</b>
7	Gerry Fitzjohn	<b>26</b>
8	Ian Lelliott	<b>26</b>
9	Mike Daw	<b>20</b>
10	Bob Chapple	<b>16</b>
11	Barry Radford	<b>11</b>
12	Nigel Senior	<b>10</b>
13	Martin Cole	<b>10</b>
14	Mark James	<b>10</b>
15	Bob King	<b>10</b>
16	Colin Southouse	<b>9</b>

## Grand Prix @ Post Office Club, Reading, 23rd Nov 2014

**Phil Collins** (pictured top row 2nd from the left) completed the year in style by winning his 3rd Grand Prix title and retaining the title he won last year. He beat **Kevin Tunstall** (pictured top row 5th from left) in the final. Phil made a fantastic **23,210** in leg 1 and try as might Kevin could not beat Phil's score but nonetheless made a terrific **21,370** in reply, Phil also made the days high break of **23,470**, in fact Phil was in amazing form (having not seen him for 5 months) and averaged **11,124** in the legs he 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 **Dave Ingram** finished runner up to **Nigel Senior** (seeded 8) in Group A. **Kevin Tunstall** (seeded 2) won Group B winning all 3 matches despite having a big scare against **Phil Osborne** (seeded 15) in his first match. Last years runner up **Curt Driver** (seeded 3) went through his group unbeaten and won last match shootout against fellow Kent player **Gerry Fitzjohn** (seeded 6). Group D was the top scoring group—**Phil Collins** (seeded 4) went through unbeaten, **Mark Brewster** (seeded 4) was runner up but was the only other player than the two finalists to make a 20k+ break with 21,620 against **Martin Smith** (seeded 12).

In the semi finals Phil punished Nigel by not missing after Nigel's opening 8k break. Kevin's 19,030 run out was too many for Curt. Ominously for the other players Phil said he may play more next year and on this form he will be tough to beat!

### Group A

Pos	Player	Pts
1	<b>Nigel Senior (Sus) (8)</b>	<b>6</b>
2	Tony Martin (Ox) (16)	4
3	Dave Ingram (Sus) (1)	2
4	Martin Cole (Sus) (9)	0

### Group B

Pos	Player	Pts
1	<b>Kevin Tunstall (Sus) (2)</b>	<b>6</b>
2	Mike Daw (Sus) (7)	2
3	Phil Osborne (Sus) (15)	2
4	Colin Southouse (Sus) (10)	2

### Group C

Pos	Player	Pts
1	<b>Curt Driver (Kent) (3)</b>	<b>6</b>
2	Gerry Fitzjohn (Kent) (6)	4
3	Kevin Hall (Sus) (12)	2
4	Geoff Mace (Ox) (14)	0

### Group D

Pos	Player	Pts
1	<b>Phil Collins (Ox) (13)</b>	<b>6</b>
2	Mark Brewster (Kent) (4)	4
3	Mark Trafford (Ox) (5)	2
4	Martin Smith (Sus) (12)	0

### Semi Finals

Phil Collins 21,670  
Nigel Senior 8,000  
Kevin Tunstall 20,410  
Curt Driver 1,570

### Final

Phil Collins 23,210  
Kevin Tunstall 21,370

## County Championships Division 2, 16th Nov 2014

**Sussex B** have won the County Championships Division 2 to return to the top flight for the first time since 2012. Six teams were present and **Sussex B** dominated taking a 4 point lead into the final series. They faced their nearest challengers **Oxon B** in their final match and won the first two legs to secure promotion. **Simon Coleman** (Northants), **Martin Smith** (Sussex), **Graham Alder** (Berks) and **Doug Philips** (Kent) won all **5** games. **Martin Cole** (Sussex) top averaged with **8,884** per leg.



### Division 1

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

### Division 2

Pos	Team	Pts
1	<b>Sussex B</b>	<b>22</b>
2	Oxon B	21
3	Northants	18
4	Bucks	17
5	Kent B	15
6	Berks B	12

## AEBBA Mixed Pairs, 26th Oct 2014

**Dave Ingram & Colleen Park** (pictured right) won the AEBBA Mixed Pairs beating **Nigel Senior & Michelle Baden** by a score of **12,290 -5,190**.



A disappointing entry of 11 pairs showed, and were split into 2 groups, top 2 in each to make the semi finals. Dave & Colleen and Nigel & Michelle went through group 1. Nigel & Michelle did Dave & Colleen a favour by winning their final match against **Colin Southouse & Ros Appleby** to keep them in it—maybe they regretted that later! The other group was won by **Curt Driver & Hilary Burford** and **Dave Tooke & Sue Atkins** were runners up. In the semi Dave & Colleen beat Curt & Hilary courtesy of a 12k highest break by Dave. Nigel & Michelle beat Dave and Sue in the other semi final

## Under 25's @ Didcot Con Club, 2nd Nov 2014

**Stephen Coleman** (pictured right) won the Under 25's title beating reigning champion **Craig Mace** in the final. Craig was only 760 up going into leg 2, and Stephen fought back to win by a score of **9,460 -6,680**



5 players entered and played a round robin, and the top 2 went through to the final. Young **Daniel Wheal** (who I believe is only around 14 years old!) of Sussex took the scalp of **Stephen Coleman** and won 2 matches to finish 3rd. Stephen and Craig Mace both won 3 matches to secure the top 2 spots. **Adam Ingram** and **Phil McFarland** finished 4th and 5th respectively with a win each.

## Upcoming Events in January & February

**7th Feb - Jersey v England** - After the disappointment of the cancelled match last year. England will travel to Jersey to play at the Sarum Hotel under new captain **Curt Driver**.

## Dates for your diary 2015—see <http://www.aebba.org/> for entry forms

- 7th Feb - Jersey v England (@ Sarum Hotel, Jersey)
- 7th/8th Mar - British Pairs/ England v Guernsey/ (@ Queens Hotel, Bournemouth)
- 21st Mar— East Anglian 4-pin Open (@ Grover & Allen Pub, Sudbury)
- 12th Apr—Surrey Open (@ St Nicholas School, Merstham)
- 25th Apr - Oxon Open (@ Didcot Conservative Club)
- 2nd May/3rd May - Guernsey Pairs/Guernsey Open (@ Les Rocquettes, Guernsey)
- 14th June—Sussex Open (@ Roffey Club)
- 5th July - Kent Classic (@ Suburban Club, Chatham)
- 9th Aug - Bucks Open (@ Princes Riseborough Golf Club)
- 6th Sep - Berks Open (@ Berinsfield Club, Oxford)
- 6/7/8th Nov - World Champ Pairs/ World Champs Singles (Jersey)
- TBC - National Off the Spot Open
- TBC - British Ladies Open
- TBC - County Div 1/ Ladies AE Singles
- TBC - Ladies County/ AE Open Singles
- TBC - Alternative Rules
- TBC - Team Champs/ Special Ladies
- TBC - Mixed Pairs
- TBC - Over 50's/Over 60's/Under 25's
- TBC - AEBBA AGM