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In March we all went to the Queens Hotel, Bournemouth for the British Pairs. **Leon Beer & Phil Collins** won the title for the 2nd time together.

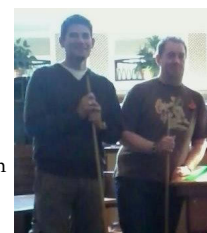
We also had the third 4 pin open in Sudbury. It was a great to see our new friends who play a very different version of the game—congrats to **Mal Spier** on his first national win.

Two opens were also played **Mark Trafford** showed he is now a very top player taking another title winning in Surrey—but for me the highlight was **Gary Powell**, who, I think it is fair to say has always been dangerous but hadn't looked like winning a big title, winning the Oxon Open. His efforts to beat **Mark Trafford & Phil Collins**—then making a PB in chasing **Kevin Tunstall**—fantastic!



British Pairs @ Queens Hotel, Bournemouth, 7th/8th March 2015

The first weekend in March always sees the bar billiards community travel to Bournemouth for the British Pairs. 54 pairs entered this years event, **Leon Beer & Phil Collins** (pictured right) won the British pairs together for the second time. The final was against last years winners **Curt Driver & Mark Brewster**. Leon opened with 16k to take the first leg. Curt missed early in leg 2, allowing Leon and Phil to be 2-0 up and 24k up at half time. Phil finished the job off by going off with enough in leg 3. Phil also made the 4 highest breaks in the competition—two over 20k, but it also has to be said that Leon played his part with a big contribution when the matches went to 4 legs from the semis.



Leon & Phil started off with potentially a tough match against four-time runners-up **Tony Willis & Jon Bamsey**—but Phil made an incredible **23,110** break at 10am which was never going to be caught! They then beat Bucks pair **Ernie Jordan & Ray Hussey**, before playing **Paul Sainsbury & Bernie McCluskey** in the last 16. Phil came back with **18,690** after being set 14k. A **20,510** opener from Phil ended **Pete Sainsbury & Mike Callanan's** hopes in the quarters and they beat 2011 champs **Steven Sheard & Pete Phillips** in 3 legs in the semi final.

Curt & Mark made comfortable passage to the quarter finals where they met surprise package **Myra Hawkins & Janet Burns**. They were 3k down here but came back to win the 2nd leg by 9k. They were then 2-0 down against **Kevin Tunstall & Kevin Hall** in the semi finals but came back to win the last 2 legs and take the aggregate win 39,030-17,660.

Phil Osborne & Colin Southouse won the plate competition with a 3-1 win over **Chris Saville & Tony Maretin** in the final. **Janet Burns** made the high ladies break **5,890** in that quarter final. As usual a great weekend, contact **Dave Ingram** if you want to play next year!

Guernsey v England, 7th March 2015

Guernsey (pictured below) took on **England** (pictured right) for the 11th time moving from the Sussex Open weekend to the British Pairs weekend in March.



Guernsey have not beaten **England** yet. This year they bought over 8 players to England's 11. Four doubles matches would be played followed by 11 singles, where 3 Guernsey players would play twice.

England got off to a flyer in the doubles. **Guernsey** only managed one point courtesy of **Tom & Luke Oliver** against captain **Curt Driver & Steven Sheard**. This made the half time score **19-1**.

The first six singles matches went **14-4** to **England**—**Ian Champion** doing well to get a match win for **Guernsey**. Now the score was **33-5** and the match result was beyond doubt. Sadly for **Guernsey** the last 5 singles followed a similar pattern with a **14-1** scoreline. This made the final score **47-6**.

Latest British Rankings (@ 30th April 2015)

<u>MEN</u>			
<u>Pos</u>	<u>Player</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>PTS</u>
1	Kevin Tunstall	Sussex	234.3
2	Nigel Senior	Sussex	221.5
3	Mark Trafford	Oxon	221.1
4	Curt Driver	Kent	207.9
5	Paul Sainsbury	Berks	206.1
6	Keith Sheard	Oxon	172.3
7	Dave Ingram	Sussex	170.0
8	Ian Lelliott	Sussex	152.6
9(+1)	Richard Wooton	Sussex	140.5
10(+1)	Steven Sheard	Oxon	133.4

<u>LADIES</u>			
<u>Pos</u>	<u>Player</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>PTS</u>
1	Pauline Withey	Oxon	149.2
2	Jean Brackenridge	Sussex	73.2
3	Denise Wills	Surrey	58.4
4	Jenny Florey	Oxon	53.3
5(+3)	Michelle Baden	Sussex	44.2
6(-1)	Lorraine Hall	Sussex	42.9
7	Dawn Jordan	Bucks	39.9
8(-2)	Colleen Park	Sussex	39.4
9	Ros Appleby	Sussex	38.5
10(+1)	Sandra Hall	Sussex	36.3

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

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2nd East Anglian 4 Pin Open, Sudbury, 21st March 2015

Mal Spier (pictured right) won the 3rd East Anglian 4 pin open held at the Grover & Allen pub in Sudbury. Mal beat **Curt Driver** in the final. It was a close final where Mal had to sink the last ball to win by just 110 points



48 players entered the open, 24 from the local leagues in Suffolk and Norfolk, 24 regulars from the 3 pin circuit. The players were split into groups of 3, two progressing to the main comp, the other eliminated into the plate.

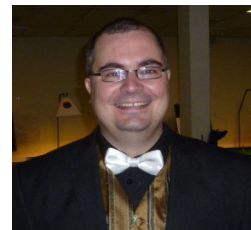
Mal made it through his group unbeaten. 2 players scored over 10k in their group games (4 legs)—reigning champ **Nigel Senior (15,060)** and top local player **Geoff Bridges (11,060)**. Mal met Nigel in the quarter finals winning a close match **2,380—1,920**. All other quarter finalists were 3 pin players. Mal beat **Simon Coleman** in one semi final and Curt beat **Keith Sheard** in the other.

Stephen Coleman won the plate beating local player **Luke Cole-Watts** in the final.



Surrey Open @ St Nicholas' School, Merstham, 12th April 2015

Mark Trafford (pictured right) has won Surrey Open title. He beat Berkshire's **Paul Sainsbury** in the final. Mark had a 6k lead going into leg 2 and ran out a comfortable winner **16,070-3,760**.



After a 1st round bye, Mark beat **Jason Wadsworth** in round 2, but **Tony Jenner** proved a tricky opponent in round 3. Tony looked like he was going to chase down a 12k lead only to miss late on—Mark sunk the 200 to win (at this point you could have engraved his name on the trophy!). Mark then overcame **Colin Robbins, Curt Driver** and **Glenn Chubb** to make the final.

Paul beat **Nev Blackman** in round 1. **Dave Jones** (Surrey) provided a tough test in round 2 but Paul came through **14,440-11,190**. Wins over **Terry Oakley, Geoff Jukes** and **Martin Smith** followed and an 18k play out put out **Keith Sheard** in the semis.

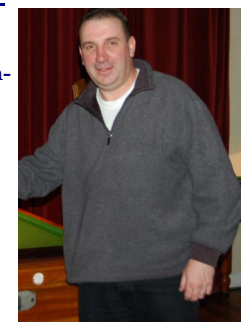
Damian Coates finally won a plate final beating **Genette Nicholls. Pauline Withey** took the highest ladies break with 8,490 and she and **Michelle Baden** were the furthest ladies all reaching the last 16. **Keith Sheard** had the days high break with **19,030**.

Latest Grand Prix Standings @ 30th April 2015 (after 2 events of 9)

Pos	Player	Pts
1	Mark Trafford	15
2	Gary Powell	15
3	Paul Sainsbury	11
4	Kevin Tunstall	10
5	Keith Sheard	6
6	Mike Daw	6
7	Glenn Chubb	6
=	Jon Bamsey	6
9	Colin Robbins	4
10	Stephen Coleman	4
11	Ian Lelliott	3
12	Martin Smith	3
13	Nick Brown	3
14	Steven Sheard	3
15	Curt Driver	3
=	Ian Street	3

Oxon Open @ Didcot Con Club, Didcot, 25th April 2015

Gary Powell (pictured right) has his first national tournament by winning the Oxon Open. He did it in some style by beating **Kevin Tunstall** from **17,950** down. Now Gary has always been a good player, but he really stepped it up a level to make a career best **18,740** break to win. Great to see the nice guy from Surrey win his first open. I don't know if he was perspiring sweat or beer at the end!



Gary's win against Kevin was not his only big win of the day. After an opening win against **Pete Soanes** he had to beat **Mark Trafford** and the **Phil Collins** just to make the quarter finals! From there he beat **Stephen Coleman** and **Jon Bamsey** to make the final.

Kevin's run was also tough. He beat **Damian Coates, Gerry Fitz-john, Barry Radford** before overcoming **Nigel Senior** to make the quarter finals. **Colin Robbins** and **Mike Daw** were defeated to make the final.

An all Northants plate final was won by **Johnny George** beating **Damian Coates** (in another plate final...). **Mark Brewster** made a **20,630** break to take the highest break prize. The ladies break was won by **Michelle Baden** with **6,580**. **Jean Brackenridge** was the furthest lady making the last 16.

Upcoming Events in May & June

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

- 7th Feb - Jersey v England (Sarum Hotel @ Jersey) - Jer 15 Eng 17
- 7th Mar - England v Guernsey (@ Queens Hotel, Bournemouth) - Eng 47 Gue 6
- 7th/8th Mar - British Pairs (@ Queens Hotel, Bournemouth) - winners Leon Beer & Phil Collins
- 21st Mar— East Anglian 4-pin Open (@ Grover & Allen Pub) - winner Mal Spier
- 12th Apr—Surrey Open (@ St Nicholas School) - winner Mark Trafford
- 25th Apr - Oxon Open (@ Didcot Conservative Club) - winner Gary Powell
- 2nd May/3rd May - Guernsey Pairs/Guernsey Open (@ Les Rocquettes, Guernsey)
- 10th May - AEBBA Mixed Pairs (@ Salfords Club, Redhill)
- 14th June—Sussex Open (@ Roffey Club, Horsham)
- 5th July - Kent Classic (@ Suburban Club, Chatham)
- 26th July - British Ladies (@ Hurst Club, Hurstpierpoint)
- 9th Aug - Bucks Open (@ Cressex Con Centre, High Wycombe)
- 6th Sept - Berks Open (@ Arborfield Club, Reading)
- 20th Sept - County Div 1/ Ladies AE Singles (@ Didcot Con Club, Didcot)
- 27th Sept - Ladies County/ AE Open Singles (@ Didcot Con Club, Didcot)
- 11th Oct - Alternative Rules (@ Didcot Con Club, Didcot)
- 18th Oct - Team Champs/ Special Ladies (@ Didcot Con Club, Didcot)
- 25th Oct - National Off the Spot Open (@ Salfords Club, Salford)
- 6/7/8th Nov - World Champ Pairs/ World Champs Singles (Jersey)
- 15th Nov- County Div 2 (@ Didcot Con Club, Didcot)
- 22nd Nov - Grand Prix/ Ladies GP/ Under 25's/Over 50's/Over 60's (@ Didcot Con Club, Oxford)
- 6th Dec - AEBBA AGM (@ Didcot Con Club, Didcot)

2nd May - Guernsey Pairs - The 5th Guernsey Pairs will take place on the 2nd May. Last year the pairing of **Ian Champion & Gary Naftal** won the title beating **Trevor Gallienne & Bob Osborne**.

3rd May - Guernsey Open - The 8th Guernsey Open will take place at the Les Rocquettes Hotel, Sunday 3rd May. In 2014 **Bob Chapple** won his first open after beating **Bob King**.

10th May - AEBBA Mixed Pairs - Dave Ingram & Collen Park won this last year for the first time. They beat **Nigel Senior & Michelle Baden** in the final.

8th June - Sussex Open - The 22nd Sussex Open takes place at the Roffey Club, Horsham. **Richard Wooton** won his first national title here last year. He beat **Curt Driver** in last years final.