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2 Opens have taken place over the last two months. **Ian Lelliott** took his second national title in Guernsey. It is a remarkable achievement for someone at his age to play at the level he does—and who knows he may yet win more titles.

Paul Sainsbury won the Sussex title in June. This was the first time he has won this one—one he said he has always wanted to win as he likes the trophy—to be fair it is a nice one!

The AEBBA Mixed Pairs found a new home at the Salfords Club in Surrey. It was a bit disappointing to have only 16 entries but the field was strong. So it is fair to say it was nice to see surprise winners in **Jim Greensted & Ros Appleby**—definitely the biggest title either of them of one—many have tried and failed partnering Ros (me included!) but will Ros hang on to this partner??



Guernsey Open @ Les Rocquettes Hotel, 3rd May 2015

Ian Lelliott (pictured near right) won the 8th Guernsey Open to win his 2nd national title. Ian beat **Chris Saville** in the final. The final was a hard fought affair as both players struggled to get to grips with the table. Ian had a valuable 2k lead to take into leg 2, and looked to settle but pegged a 3k break with what he admitted to being “one of the worst shots of his life”. This gave Chris a chance but again the table caught him out. The final scores how tough the table was—**7,910-6,040**, in Ian’s favour.



Ian made a good start with wins over local players **Andy Rundle & Paul Mason**. He then came up against **Martin Cole**—a good 8k score in leg 2 seeing him through. In the quarters he faced **Kevin Tunstall**. Ian has a good record against Kevin (well better than most) and a 12k lead proved enough as Kevin missed on 9k in a very good game. Ian then beat the last local player left in, **Terry Kenny** in the semi finals—it was hard enough to get Terry away from the bar at this stage!

Chris’ first match was tough on paper but he beat **Jon Bamsey** fairly comfortably. Wins over **Chris-sie Newson** and **Connor Messenbird** followed. He then had a great win over **Colin Southouse** from 6k down to make the semis. There he met **Nigel Senior** who was never going to chase down a great 7k opener from Sav on tricky table 2. Nigel had to console himself with the high break prize making **16,640** to defeat reigning champ **Bob Chapple** who had made **15,880** in leg 1.

Jean Brackenridge was the furthest lady reaching the last 16, and took the ladies high break prize.

Curt Driver won the plate final with a win over **Darren Ogier**.

Latest British Rankings (@ 30th June 2015)

MEN			
Pos	Player	County	PTS
1	Kevin Tunstall	Sussex	235.0
2	Nigel Senior	Sussex	230.1
3	Mark Trafford	Oxon	227.3
4(+1)	Paul Sainsbury	Berks	220.8
5(-1)	Curt Driver	Kent	209.7
6(+2)	Ian Lelliott	Sussex	168.3
7	Dave Ingram	Sussex	168.0
8(-2)	Keith Sheard	Oxon	158.8
9(+2)	Mark Brewster	Kent	131.9
10(-1)	Richard Wooton	Sussex	130.5

LADIES			
Pos	Player	County	PTS
1	Pauline Withey	Oxon	149.6
2	Jean Brackenridge	Sussex	69.0
3	Denise Wills	Surrey	60.1
4	Jenny Florey	Oxon	53.3
5	Michelle Baden	Sussex	44.4
6	Lorraine Hall	Sussex	42.4
7	Dawn Jordan	Bucks	40.4
8	Colleen Park	Sussex	38.5
9	Ros Appleby	Sussex	38.5
10	Sandra Hall	Sussex	36.3

Guernsey Pairs, Les Rocquettes 2nd May 2015

The day before the Guernsey Open, the 5th Guernsey Pairs took place. This was won by **Curt Driver & Gerry Fitzjohn**



(pictured right) who beat **Derek Latham & Craig Carlson** in the final. The final was very low scoring, the final score being **4,320-1,960** to Curt & Gerry.

Curt & Gerry were never really pushed hard in getting to the final but recorded some good wins against **Dave Ingram & Colleen Park** in the quarters and **Chris Tupper & Mark Trafford** in the semis. Derek & Carl had a good run to the final with perhaps their semi win over **Bob Chapple & Andy Rundle** being their finest.

James Jeanne and Sami Baden won the plate beating **Chris & Chrissie Newson** in the final. James continued his good run into the evening where he won the individual inter insular title where the Jersey champ plays the Guernsey Champ.

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

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Big Breaks

Mark Sawyer, currently holds the biggest break recorded in bar billiards. He scored an incredible **29,000** in the 1999 Oxon Open in one leg. He won the open that averaging over 16k leg (and he didn't get a go in 2 of the 14 legs he played! In national events 3 other players have recorded 25k+ breaks. **Keith Sheard** has made 3 of them. **Jon Bamsey** and **Kevin Tunstall** have made one each.

In Sussex a T-Shirt is awarded for anyone achieving either a 25k break or a 20k break. Members of the 25k Sussex Club are **Steve Mariner, Jim Millward, Kevin Tunstall, Gareth Lloyd & Nigel Senior**. There are 29 members of the 20k club,

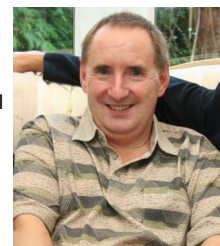
It would be good to compile a list of players who have reached these milestones. They are certainly big achievements in the game and to my knowledge it is only Sussex that keeps such records.

Latest Grand Prix Standings @ 30th June 2015 (after 4 events of 9)

Pos	Player	Pts
1	Paul Sainsbury	26
2	Ian Lelliott	19
3	Kevin Tunstall	16
4	Mark Trafford	16
5	Gary Powell	15
6	Nigel Senior	14
7	Rick Dewdney	10
8	Chris Saville	10
9	Keith Sheard	7
10	Martin Cole	7
11	Mike Daw	6
=	Glenn Chubb	6
=	Jon Bamsey	6
14	Terry Kenny	6
15	Colin Southouse	4
16	Martin Smith	4

Sussex Open @ Roffey Club, Horsham, 14th June 2015

Paul Sainsbury (pictured right) won his 12th National Open title by winning the Sussex Open at the Roffey Club, Horsham. Paul beat **Ricky Dewdney** in the final, who was appearing in his 2nd major final after losing the 2011 Bucks final. The final was a scrappy affair but Paul always had the better of the action as he won **13,820–2,220**.



Paul beat **Marion Skinner** before recording a good win over **Steven Sheard** in round 2. He was 3k down at the break against **Matt Knight** but scored 11k to win. Much improved **Stuart Carruthers** gave Paul a scare in the semi—Paul was 16k up but Stuart fought back and only lost by **680**. Paul then beat **Martin Cole** in the semis.

Rick, incredibly beat all Sussex players to reach the final and picked up some good scalps in the later stages. For the record they were **Zoe Stoner, Rob Jones, Nick Brown**, defending champ **Richard Wooton, Jim Millward** and then **Nigel Senior**. His closest match was that semi against Nigel. Nigel missing a good chance at the end to lose by **1,610**.

Keith Sheard made the high break with **19,030**. **Pauline Withey** made the ladies high break but **Sami Baden** was the furthest lady (standing in for her ill/hung-over mother) by making the last 16. **Mark Trafford** won a close plate final beating **Denise Wills 11,480-9,360**.

AEBBA Mixed Pairs @ Salfords Club, Surrey, 10th May 2015

The AEBBA Mixed Pairs found a new home this year at the Salfords Club, Surrey, **Jim Greensted & Ros Appleby** (pictured with trophy right, Jim 2nd from the left, Ros far right) came through a strong field to win their first title together and the biggest that either of them have won. They beat 2005 champs **Keith Sheard & Pauline Withey**, coming out on top **11,570-6,120**



Only 16 pairs showed up to play—an improvement on recent years but we were hoping to see more with the tournament moving to Surrey. But as mentioned it was a strong line up and the 16 pairs were split into 4 groups of 4, with the top two progressing into the quarter finals. In group 1, 2013 champs **Gary Powell & Denise Wills** made it through with last years runners-up **Nigel Senior & Michelle Baden**. Group 2 was Jim & Ros' group were they were runners-up to **Dave & Caroline Jones. Colin Robbins & Jean Brackenridge** won group 3, **Mark Fraser & Anita Blackman** were runners-up. Keith & Pauline won group 4 and were joined by reigning champs **Dave Ingram & Colleen Park**.

In the quarter finals Jim & Ros overcame Gary & Denise, Jean & Colin beat Dave & Colleen, Dave & Caroline beat Nigel & Michelle and Keith & Pauline beat Mark & Anita. In the semis Jim & Ros beat Colin & Jean by just 680, Keith & Pauline were a bit more comfortable winning by 25k against Dave & Caroline.

Ian Lelliott & Genette Nicholls won the plate final beating **Stuart & Jenny Florey**.

Upcoming Events in July & August

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) - winners pairs Curt Driver & Gerry Fitzjohn, singles Ian Lelliott
- 10th May - AEBBA Mixed Pairs (@ Salfords Club, Redhill) - winners Jim Greensted & Ros Appleby
- 14th June—Sussex Open (@ Roffey Club, Horsham) - winner Paul Sainsbury
- 5th July - Kent Classic (@ Six in One Club, Tonbridge)
- 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)

13th July - Kent Classic - The 19th Kent Classic will take place in July at the Six-in-One Club, Tonbridge. **Richard Wooton** won back to back opens here last year. In the final he beat **Gerry Fitzjohn**.

26th July - British Ladies Open - The 22nd British Ladies Open will take place at a new venue— the Hurst Club, in Sussex. **Denise Wills** is defending champ, she beat two time champ **Bella Stoner** in the final last year.

9th August - Bucks Open - the 9th August sees the 15th running of the Bucks Open at a new venue the Cressex Centre, High Wycombe. Last year **Kevin Tunstall** beat **Ian Lelliott** in the final.

6th Sept - Berkshire Open - The Arborfield Club in Reading will host the 20th Berkshire Open. In last years final **Mark Trafford** won the title beating **Dave Ingram**.