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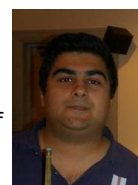
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AEBBA Newsletter Editorial

The last 2 months in the national bar billiards calendar have seen 2 opens taken place- Paul Sainsbury played his very best bar billiards for some time by winning the Kent Classic, and Curt Driver won his first (overdue) national title by winning the Bucks Open. We now have had 7 different winners in the 7 events this year!

On a positive note, everything is now in place to for the AEBBA to purchase all the tables for our tournaments at the end of this year. Many thanks to Dave Alder for leading the group to help sort this out, and many thanks also to all the investors who put their money in to raise the funds. Lets hope this safeguards the national future of the game for many years to come.

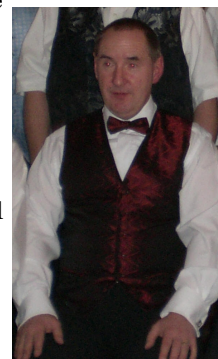


The bar billiards season now enters its busiest period, with a number AEBBA competitions coming up in September and October. County & Pub teams and AEBBA individual competitions for men and ladies plus the Berks Open to look forward to!

On a final note it was great to see Pauline Withey back in action after her operation in Bucks—and she has regained her number 1 ladies spot from Jean Brackenridge—but it is close!

Kent Classic @ Six in One Club, Tonbridge, 13th July 2009

Paul Sainsbury (pictured right) produced his very best form to win the 2009 Kent Classic at the Six in One Club. Before the tournament Paul had won 7 national titles but amazingly had not added to this tally since the Bucks Open in 2001. Paul had a great run of wins beating Gareth Lloyd, Steven Sheard, Ian Lelliott and Nigel Senior to get to the final. There he met an emotional tournament director and brother **Pete Sainsbury** in what is the only open final competed by family members in history. Although Pete opened with 7k, Paul was not to be denied and opened with 13k to claim the title.



Surrey's **Jason Wadsworth** won the plate beating **Simon Ellam** in the final. The tables were playing well with four 20k breaks made, a **23,400** break by **Keith Sheard** being the highest. **Hayley Tunstall** was the furthest lady making the last 32 and took the high ladies break with **4,490**. However new England ladies number 1, **Jean Brackenridge** did make a **7,930** break in the plate (but still lost the 1 leg game!)

Latest British Rankings (@ 31st August 2009)

The next two months see the 3 big team events held by the AEBBA—the mens (trophy pictured right) and ladies county champs and the national team champs. As an appetizer below and over the page, the following tables show the most successful 10 men and 10 lady county players since full records have been kept since 1991. The points have been awarded as follows 3 pts for division 1 wins, 2pts for division 2 wins and 1 point for a division 3 win. Kevin Tunstall and Paul Sainsbury head the mens list.



Player	APP	P	W	PTS
Kevin Tunstall (Ox/Sus)	17	68	51	153.0
Paul Sainsbury (Ber)	18	71	53	153.0
Keith Sheard (Ox)	17	66	47	141.0
Tony Walsh (Ber)	18	68	48	138.0
Dennis Atkins (Ox)	15	57	39	117.0
Mark Turner (Ox/Ber)	14	53	38	114.0
Bernie McCluskey (Ber)	16	62	38	110.0
Barry Radford (Han)	17	62	41	101.0
Tony Woolvin (Han)	18	66	41	101.0
Phil Hawkins (Ber)	16	58	34	98.0

MEN			
Pos	Player	County	PTS
1	Kevin Tunstall	Sussex	335.9
2	Nigel Senior	Sussex	264.9
3	Steven Sheard	Oxon	193.1
4	Phil Collins	Oxon	187.9
5	Keith Sheard	Oxon	162.1
6(+1)	Paul Sainsbury	Berks	144.7
7(-1)	Chris Reeves	Sussex	139.9
8(+2)	Gareth Lloyd	Sussex	118.4
9	Richard Wooton	Sussex	112.9
10(-2)	Trevor Gallienne	Guernsey	110.6

LADIES			
Pos	Player	County	PTS
1(+1)	Pauline Withey	Oxon	142.4
2(-1)	Jean Brackenridge	Sussex	142.0
3	Denise Wills	Surrey	74.6
4	Myra Hawkins	Berks	46.1
5	Chris Toner	Hants	42.0
6	Jane Wood	Oxon	39.7
7	Lorraine Hall	Sussex	38.2
8	Janet Burns	Berks	36.2
9	Hayley Tunstall	Sussex	34.6
10(+1)	Sue Atkins	Oxon	32.2

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

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Below are the best 10 ladies records for the county champs from 1991—2008. Retired bar billiard player **Kim Beeching** (pictured right) heads the ladies list. Five counties have won the mens championship—Oxon (11 wins), Berks (8), Bucks (6), Kent (4) and Sussex (4). The ladies have had 6 different counties as winners—Sussex (16 wins), Kent (8), Berks (3), Surrey (3), and Hampshire (1)



Bucks Open @ Riseborough Golf Club, 9th August 2009

The lovely setting of the Riseborough Golf Club was the scene of **Curt Driver's** (pictured right) first national open title. He has played very well since his return to national competition a couple of years ago, but raised his game to another level at this years Bucks Open with his first 20k break against practice partner Gerry Fitzjohn in round 2. Successive wins against Sussex players Chris Tupper, Nigel Senior and Dave France earned his place in the final against another Sussex player, **Gareth Lloyd**. The final was a nervy affair on a tricky table, but a pegged break by Gareth late into leg 2 allowed Curt to get over the line.



Dave Ingram continued his success in 2009 opens by winning the plate by beating Oxon's **Geoff Mace** in the final. **Nigel Senior** took the high break prize with a **21,230**. Recently married **Jenny Florey** (nee Abbott) took the ladies high break with **3,640** but it wasn't enough to overcome the hampered **Richard Wooton**, who must surely win the award of triumph against adversity by winning two matches with 2 broken wrists, before Dave Alder cruelly ending his run in the last 16.

Player	APP	P	W	PTS
Kim Beeching (Sus)	16	71	53	149.0
Pauline Withey (Ox)	18	75	55	145.0
Alison Norman (Sur)	16	69	50	134.0
Jan Taylor (Ken/Sur)	13	56	46	125.0
Denise Wills (Sur)	14	68	45	121.0
Jane Wood (Ox)	15	66	43	114.0
Bella Stoner (Sus)	16	66	41	114.0
Diana Welburn (Ken)	13	61	41	110.0
Sue Mariner (Sus/Sur)	12	50	40	109.0
Jackie Watson (Ber)	15	70	43	104.0

Latest Grand Prix Standings @ 31st August 2009 (after 8 events of 11)

Pos	Player	Pts
1	Nigel Senior	31
2	Kevin Tunstall	21
3	Paul Sainsbury	21
4	Keith Sheard	20
5	Curt Driver	19
6	Jim Millward	19
7	Steven Sheard	16
8	Pete Sainsbury	16
9	Tony Martin	16
10	Graham Bisson	15
11	David Ingram	14
12	Gareth Lloyd	12
13	Dave France	10
14	Phil Collins	10
15	Trevor Gallienne	10
=	Tony Willis	10

10th Bar Billiards Golf Championship @ Wildwood, 24th July 2009

Although the weather was not kind, a great day was had by all who played at the annual bar billiards golf championship organised by **Jim Millward** and **Grant Tully** at the beautiful course of Wildwood in Alfold.

Barry Windsor won the singles event in the afternoon which is was preceded by a fun 9 holes team Texas scrambles event. We can't blame Jim or Grant for the weather, but the horrendous downpour and lightning was tough on the fair weather golfers (like me!). All players of all standards will be welcome next year I am sure—it is a great way of meeting other bar billiards players across the country.



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

7th Feb - Jersey v England (@ Shakespeare Hotel) - [result](#) **Jer men 22-11 Eng men, Jer ladies 6-12 Eng ladies**
 21st Feb - Oxon Open—winner **Tony Martin**
 7/8th Mar - British Pairs - winners **Chris Reeves & Nigel Senior**
 5th Apr—British Ladies Open—winner **Lorraine Hall**

19th Apr - Portsmouth Open—winner **Kevin Tunstall**
 3rd May - Guernsey Open—winner **Graham Bisson**
 10th May - Surrey Open- winner **Nigel Senior**
 6th June - England v Guernsey - [result](#) **Eng 37-10 Gue**
 7th June—Sussex Open (@ Roffey Club) -winner **Jim Millward**

12th July - Kent Classic—winner **Paul Sainsbury**
 9th Aug - Bucks Open—winner **Curt Driver**

13th Sept - Berks Open
 20th Sept - County Champs Div 1/ Div 2
 4th Oct - Ladies County/ AE Open Singles
 18th Oct- County Div 3/ Ladies AE Singles
 25th Oct - Team Champs/ Special Ladies
 1st Nov - Alternative Rules
 6/7/8th Nov - World Champ Pairs/ World Champs singles (Jersey)
 22nd Nov - Mixed Pairs/ Under 25's
 29th Nov - Grand Prix/ Ladies GP/Over 50's/ Over 60's
 6th Dec - AEBBA AGM

Upcoming Events in September & October

13th Sept - Berkshire Open - The Post Office Club in Reading will host the 14th Berkshire Open. Last years final was competed by teammates with Nigel Senior defeating Gareth Lloyd

20th Sept - County Champs Div1/Div2 - Oxon will be defending their title—they have won 10 of the last 12.

4th Oct - Ladies County/AE Open Singles - Sussex ladies will be defending their title and they have won 6 of the last 8. Last year Oxon's Phil Collins beat Tony Walsh to win his first AE singles

18th Oct - County Champs Div3/ Ladies AE Singles - only two teams played in county div 3 last year, Kent B the winners. Last year Chris Toner won her 5th AE ladies title .

25th Oct - National Team Champs/Special Ladies - The Brewery Tap won't be there to defend their National Team title having lost in round 1 of the Sussex heats. Last year Jean Brackenridge took the Special Ladies title beating AE champ Chris Toner.