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AEBBA Newsletter Editorial

We have had three opens in the last two months. Congratulations to **Steven Sheard** who won the Kent Classic in July. I have mentioned in my report his struggles with the game in recent times—maybe a testament to that old saying “form is temporary, class is permanent!”



Mark James won the Bucks open in August. He has been in great form also making the final of the Berks Open. In the Bucks he did win his semi final without making a break over 1k. However, Mark is one of those player who never gives up or shows his frustration—one of his biggest assets, and why he wins a lot!

Mark lost that Berks Open final to **Mark Trafford**, (brought forward to this issue due to lack of space in the next one!) his 2nd title of the year and now new number 1. The second is a great achievement as only 4 other players have done this (**Kevin Tunstall, Keith Sheard, Les Green, & Nigel Senior**).

In the ladies game **Jean Brackenridge** won the British Ladies—thanks to **Dave Ingram** for taking over the running of this event. Jean has now won 10 national titles, moving her to 3rd behind **Pauline Withey & Viv Wright** on the all time list.

Kent Classic @ SixinOne Club, Tonbridge, 5th July 2015

Steven Sheard (pictured right with what looks like the Davis Cup not the Kent Classic trophy!) won his 7th national title by winning the Kent Classic. This was a fantastic achievement given that Steven was clearly suffering from the “yips” in recent times. This greatly affect the one-up shot and it is a condition that cripples darts players and golfers. Steven beat **Nigel Senior** in the final. On a tricky table Nigel took a 12k. Steven missed on around 4k but after Nigel tried to clear a ball by the 10 hole and failing—Steven cleared and made a great break to win.



Steven beat **Stuart Carruthers, Matt Knight** and **Richard Plaw** to make the quarters. He then beat reigning champ **Richard Wooton**, before defeating his dad, **Keith**, in the semi finals.

Nigel made a comfortable start with wins over **Ric Cunningham** and **Pete Philips** before fighting from behind to beat **Geoff Jukes**. In the last 8 he beat **Mark Trafford** before beating **Tony Cross** in the semis.

Keith Sheard picked up another high break trophy with **21,780** in the quarter finals. The plate was won by **Dave Ingram**. He beat team-mate **Ric Cunningham** in the final. **Pauline Withey** took the ladies high break with **4,900**. **Lorraine Hall** was the furthest lady, making the last 32.

Latest British Rankings (@ 31st August 2015)

MEN			
Pos	Player	County	PTS
1(+1)	Nigel Senior	Sussex	237.1
2(-1)	Kevin Tunstall	Sussex	233.3
3	Mark Trafford	Oxon	223.9
4(+1)	Curt Driver	Kent	212.9
5(-1)	Paul Sainsbury	Berks	208.1
6	Ian Lelliott	Sussex	170.7
7	Dave Ingram	Sussex	170.6
8	Keith Sheard	Oxon	163.0
9	Mark Brewster	Kent	137.9
10	Richard Wooton	Sussex	121.5

LADIES			
Pos	Player	County	PTS
1	Pauline Withey	Oxon	134.2
2	Jean Brackenridge	Sussex	90.9
3	Denise Wills	Surrey	72.6
4	Jenny Florey	Oxon	57.0
5	Michelle Baden	Sussex	46.8
6	Lorraine Hall	Sussex	43.4
7(+4)	Bella Stoner	Sussex	39.9
8(-1)	Dawn Jordan	Bucks	38.4
9	Ros Appleby	Sussex	34.6
10	Sandra Hall	Sussex	32.1

British Ladies @ Hurst Club, 26th July 2015

Jean Brackenridge (pictured right) won the British Ladies title for the 2nd time (previously won back in 2007). Jean beat defending champ Denise Wills in the finals.



It was a close final but Jean ran out the winner **9,010–7,520**. Jean also had the highest break of **7,610**

20 ladies turned up to play—split into groups of 4. Group winners to progress with the 3 best runners up joining them in the quarter finals. **Jean Brackenridge, Sandra Hall, Mel Standbridge, Jenny Florey** and **Denise Wills** all made it through their groups unbeaten and were joined by **Bella Stoner, Sue Oakley** and **Lorraine Hall** as best runners-up. Jean beat Bella by just 80 points in the quarters, a more comfortable win over Jenny Florey followed in the semi. Denise took out the Halls—first Lorraine then Sandra to make the final.

The plate was won by **Anita Blackman** who beat **Pauline Withey** by just **180**. Pauline was a shock group eliminee only winning 1 match out of 3.

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

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Yorkshire Bar Billiards

Yorkshire have been absent from the national bar billiards scene for 22 years. 1993 was there last appearance in the County Championships as South Yorkshire. However, it now seems there has been a revival in the game up there.



Michael Shawcross, from the Golden Ball, has led this revival that now sees 8 venues and 7 teams in the York league, with very enthusiastic support. Michael organized a charity day and invited the World Champion, **Dave Ingram**, and England captain, **Curt Driver** to take part in a charity day. This was a great success with local players queuing up take on the two England players for some 8 hours! There were players with potential up there—one player defeated Curt with a score of 6k

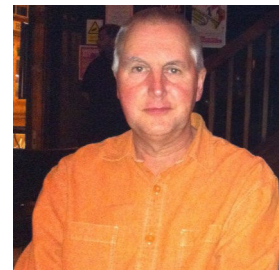
Lets hope Yorkshire will take the next step in joining the AEBBA and possibly sending a team over for the County Championship.

Latest Grand Prix Standings @ 31st August 2015 (after 6 events of 9)

Pos	Player	Pts
1	Paul Sainsbury	29
2	Kevin Tunstall	26
3	Nigel Senior	24
4	Steven Sheard	21
5	Ian Lelliott	20
6	Mark Trafford	19
7	Gary Powell	16
8	Mark James	15
9	Colin Southouse	13
10	Keith Sheard	13
11	Chris Saville	11
12	Martin Cole	10
13	Rick Dewdney	10
14	Colin Robbins	7
15	Tony Cross	6
16	Mike Daw	6

Bucks Open @ Cressex Community Centre, 9th August 2015

A new cracking venue for the Buck Open called the Cressex Community Centre was the scene of **Mark James'** (pictured right) **5th** national title win. He beat **Kevin Tunstall** in the final. Kevin had a decent 11k lead but Mark had his break to come and he won the title from there.



Mark's early wins were convincing—**Kevin Hall**, **Matt Knight** and **Chris Saville** were all dispatched before the quarter finals. There he met **Craig Mace** appearing in his first major quarter final—after a close first leg Mark ran out the winner by nearly 10k. Mark's semi was interesting—he couldn't make a break of over 1k in beating **Colin Southouse** on a tough table. Kevin's route to the final was potentially tough—but he was convincing in wins over **Mal Spier**, **Keith Sheard** (who had made the days highest break in round 1 with a cracking **22,230** effort) and **Mark Trafford** en route to the quarter finals. There he beat **Colin Robbins** and then a **16,430** play out was too much for **Tony Martin** in the semi finals.

The plate was won by **Bob Osborne** who beat local player **Norman Morton** in the final. **Jean Brackenridge** got the ladies high break with **7,230**. She and **Pauline Withey** made the last 16 to be the furthest ladies.

Thanks to **Dawn Jordan** and **Chrissie Newson** for running the event on the day

Berkshire Open @ Arborfield Club, Reading, 6th September 2015

Mark Trafford (pictured right) retained the Berkshire Open beating **Mark James** in the final. This is Mark's **5th** national title and he has now hit the **number 1** spot in the rankings. Both players had chances in the final right till the end but Mark (T) ran out winner **12,240—10,890**.



Mark (T) made swift progress to the quarter finals by beating **Ian Moss** and the **Dave Ingram** in a repeat of last years final. He there beat **Doug Carswell** before putting 30k+ (plus the days high break of **18,860**) past **Simon Coleman** in the semis. Mark (J) beat **Geoff Pitt** and **Kyle Ingram** and then had two close matches with **Martin Cole** & **Matt Jones** before he beat **Gerry Fitzjohn** in the semis.

The plate was won by **Pete Sainsbury** who beat team-mate **Richard Corbould** in the final. **Dawn Jordan** was the furthest ladies making the last 16.

Thanks to **Dave Alder** for running the event on the day

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) - winner Steven Sheard
- 26th July - British Ladies (@ Hurst Club, Hurstpierpoint) - winner Jean Brackenridge
- 9th Aug - Bucks Open (@ Cressex Con Centre, High Wycombe) - winner Mark James
- 6th Sept - Berks Open (@ Arborfield Club, Reading) - winner Mark Trafford
- 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)

Upcoming Events in September & October

- 20th Sept - County Champs Div1/ Ladies AE Singles - Berkshire** will be defending their title. The All England Ladies was won by **Jean Brackenridge** last year—for the 3rd time.
- 27th Sept - Ladies County/AE Open Singles - Sussex ladies** will be defending their title and they have won 12 of the last 14. Last year Sussex's **Kevin Tunstall** beat Surrey's **Geoff Jukes** to win his record 8th AE singles
- 11th Oct - Alternative Rules** - The unique event where the balls start in a triangle and reformed every time the balls are cleared. **Nigel Senior** won his 1st Alternative Rules title beating **Mark Trafford**.
- 18th Oct - Team Champs/ Special Ladies - White Hart** from Sussex won the team title last year. **Pauline Withey** won her 8th Special Ladies title,
- 25th Oct - National Off the Spot Open - Mark Brewster** finally won his first national title last year. He beat **Mark Trafford** in last years final.