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AEBBA Newsletter Editorial

In March we all went to the Queens Hotel, Bournemouth for the British Pairs. **Marcus Chipman & Nigel Senior** won the title for the 1st time together to add to their 2013 World title.



We also had the fourth 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 **Chris Saville** on his first national win, after many, many years of trying!

One open was also played; **Steven Sheard** showed he can still play at the top level by winning in Surrey—his 8th National tournament win. He beat the 'bridesmaid' **Mark Brewster**, who lost his 8th major final out of 9.

England also won both internationals versus Jersey & Guernsey...congrats to captain Curt and the team.

British Pairs @ Queens Hotel, Bournemouth, 5th/6th March 2016

The first weekend in March always sees the bar billiards community travel to Bournemouth for the British Pairs. 60 pairs entered this years event, six up on last year. **Marc Chipman & Nigel Senior** (pictured right relaxing before their big win on the Sunday!) won the British pairs together for the first time adding to their 2013 World title. The final was against two of Nigel's previous partners (he does get around!) **Gareth Lloyd & Richard Wooton**. Richard took the opening break but lost them early and Nigel retrieved the balls back to take a 1-0 and 15k lead. Nigel then ran out the table in leg 2 with 21,180, leaving Gareth & Richard with a mountain to climb. Gareth set about making a big dent in the deficit but lost a 10k break (when looking on for 22k+), leaving Nigel to make a 6k break for a 3-0 win. Had Gareth stayed on the lead would have been 14kish with Marc's break to come, but Marc assured his partner that he was always going to do enough if required...



Marc & Nigel started off with the tournaments high break in round 1 of **21,370** to see off **Carla Jolly & Kevin Goodchild**. Wins over **Allan Lacey & Bobs Allsworth** and **Colin & Tony Martin** followed. In the quarters, **Keith Sheard & Pauline Withey** should have knocked them out as Keith got to 18k before missing chasing 18,560. The semi final against **Dave Ingram & Jim Millward** was also a nailbiter...the first two legs were shared but Dave took advantage of Marc's miss to be 13k up with Jim's break to come. Jim went on cold having not played in the first 3 legs and failed to pull off the 'Millward' shot behind the 10 hole losing 3k. Nigel sealed a place in the final with a 16k break.

Gareth & Richard had a tough opener against 2003 & 2004 champs **Bernie McCluskey & Paul Sainsbury**. They won that comfortably in the end but the only beat **Pete Sainsbury & Richard Corbould** by 170 points in round 2. Gareth made a 20,120 break in round 3 to see off **Gerry Fitzjohn & Martin Cole**. Four time runners up **Jon Bamsey & Tony Willis** were beaten in the quarter finals. In the semis they beat Bucks's **Doug Carswell & Matt Jones**, this was effectively over when Matt was called for a foul in leg 2, losing his break when going well.

Bernie McCluskey & Paul Sainsbury recovered to win the plate competition on aggregate beating **Jim Greensted & Ricky Dewdney** in the final. **Bella Stoner** made the high ladies break of 7,590.

Latest British Rankings (@ 30th April 2016)

MEN			
Pos	Player	County	PTS
1(+1)	Mark Trafford	Oxon	250.7
2(-1)	Nigel Senior	Sussex	249.2
3(+1)	Kevin Tunstall	Sussex	235.3
4(-1)	Curt Driver	Kent	223.7
5	Paul Sainsbury	Berks	205.9
6	Dave Ingram	Sussex	190.4
7	Ian Lelliott	Sussex	164.3
8(+1)	Mark Brewster	Kent	151.1
9(-1)	Keith Sheard	Oxon	137.4
10	Steven Sheard	Oxon	126.4

LADIES			
Pos	Player	County	PTS
1	Pauline Withey	Oxon	120.6
2	Jean Brackenridge	Sussex	88.1
3	Denise Wills	Surrey	68.5
4	Jenny Florey	Oxon	59.2
5	Michelle Baden	Sussex	55.5
6	Lorraine Hall	Sussex	44.0
7	Dawn Jordan	Bucks	43.1
8	Ros Appleby	Sussex	42.6
9	Bella Stoner	Sussex	41.4
10	Sandra Hall	Sussex	29.3

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Guernsey v England, 30th April 2016

Guernsey took on **England** (pictured right) for the 12th time at the Rocquettes Hotel as part of the Guernsey Open weekend.



Guernsey have not beaten **England** yet. Six doubles matches would be played followed by 12 singles, **66** points would be on offer.

The six doubles matches all seemed one sided. England edged it to lead **17-13**, but Guernsey were sniffing their first win over their rivals.

The first six singles matches went **10-8** to **Guernsey**—**Roy Le Page, Bob Chapple, Andy Rundle & Darren Ogier** all getting a match wins for **Guernsey** to reduce the deficit to just 2 points. However, England won 5 of the final 6 singles to make the final score **39-27**. **Gary Powell, Ian Lelliott, Nigel Senior, Paul Sainsbury & Dave Ingram** (adding to **Martin Smith's** and **Mark Brewster's** earlier wins) all winning here plus **Matt Jones** getting a commendable point off **Trevor Galienne**.

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

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4th East Anglian 4 Pin Open, Sudbury, 19th March 2016

Chris Saville (pictured right) won the 4th East Anglian 4 pin open held at the Masonic Hall in Sudbury. Chris beat **Phil Osborne** in the final. It was a top quality final where Phil had led by nearly 2k going into leg 2 but Chris came back with a terrific 4k break and won **5,630-4,510**



61 players entered the open, (13 up from last year) 32 from the local league in Suffolk, 29 regulars from the 3 pin circuit. The players were split into groups of 4, top two progressing to the main comp, the others eliminated into the plate.

Chris and Phil made it through their groups unbeaten, but only one player scored over 10k in their group games (6 legs)—2014 champ **Nigel Senior (28,030)** with a record **14,530** leg score. Nigel was to lose to Phil in the last 16. Phil also beat **Curt Driver** in the semis to stop him making his 4th final. The other player to make the semi final was **Jim Greensted** who lost to Chris. Local players had their best ever tournament—**Steve Hale, Kevin Tobin & Jason Lawrence** all making the quarter finals



Damian Coates (who else and perhaps upset as he was Nigel's 14k victim) won the plate beating local player **Terry Moore** in the final.

Surrey Open @ Salfords Club, Salford, 10th April 2016

Steven Sheard (pictured right) has won Surrey Open title, to win his 8th national title. He beat Kent's **Mark Brewster** in the final. Mark had a 16k lead going into leg 2 but Steven made a superb run out in reply to win **16,570-16,140**.



After a 1st round bye, Steven made comfortable progress beating **Ben Procter, Jason Wadsworth & John Slee** to make the quarter finals. **Phil Osborne** gave Steven a decent game here but lost by 2,560. Steven then ran the table out for 17k against **Gareth Lloyd** in the semis and although Gareth had two big chances he was 1,080 short in the end.

Mark's first big test came against fellow Kent player **Curt Driver** in round 3. Curt was 4.5k up from leg 1 but Mark came back to win by just under 2k. Another tough opponent in World Champ **Paul Sainsbury** was beaten in the last 16, **Dave Ingram** and reigning champ **Mark Trafford** were then beaten to make the final. Mark did however make the days high break with **21,670**

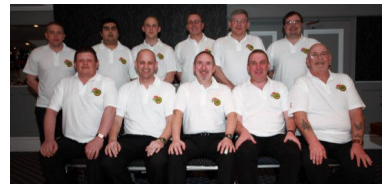
Jim Greensted won the plate final beating **Bryan Stevens**. **Ros Appleby** took the highest ladies break with **5,680** and **Michelle Baden** was the furthest lady reaching the last 32.

Latest Grand Prix Standings @ 30th April 2016 (after 2 events of 10)

Pos	Player	Pts
1	Jim Millward	18
2	Steven Sheard	15
3	Mark Brewster	11
4	Curt Driver	10
5	Mark Trafford	9
6	Gareth Lloyd	9
7	Dave Ingram	6
8	Ian Lelliott	6
9	Gary Powell	6
10	Phil Osborne	4
11	Gerry Fitzjohn	3
12	Tony Cross	3
13	Kevin Tunstall	1
14	Martin Cole	1
=	Paul Sainsbury	1
=	Robert Hall	1
=	Matt Knight	1
=	Keith Sheard	1

England v Jersey @ Queens Hotel, Bournemouth, 5th March 2016

England (pictured right) beat **Jersey** (pictured below) in the 34th international held in conjunction with the AEBBA pairs for the first time in Bournemouth. This match was cancelled 2 years ago, but although Jersey could provide only 8 players for the 11 a side contest, 3 players played twice to ensure the match took place.



Jersey performed well in the first half of the match as they took 4 out of the 11 legs to trail just 7-4. World Championship runner up **James Jeanne** starred with a 7,500 score over England debutant **Matt Jones**. **Mark Brewster** topped scored for England with **18,520**.

The second half of the match has double points on offer with the aggregate scores coming into play. Jersey could only convert 4 first leg leads into 2 match wins - James held on to beat Matt 2-1 and **Nigel Ryall** beat World Champion **Paul Sainsbury** 3-0. However it was England who won the other 9 matches, with 3 of them being 3-0 wins by **Nigel Senior, Mark Trafford & Kevin Tunstall**.



So the final overall score was **22-11**. After 34 internationals England have now won **24**, Jersey **9** with one match drawn. England have also now won the last six, Jersey will be looking to overturn that when the teams next face each other at the next World Champs in 2017.

Upcoming Events in May & June

Dates for your diary 2016—see <http://www.aebba.org/> for entry forms

- 13th Feb - Oxon Open (@ Didcot Conservative Club) - winner **Jim Millward**
- 5th Mar - England v Jersey (@ Queens Hotel, Bournemouth) - Eng 22 Jer 11
- 5th/6th Mar - British Pairs (@ Queens Hotel, Bournemouth) - winners **Marc Chipman & Nigel Senior**
- 19th Mar— East Anglian 4-pin Open (@ Masonic Hall, Sudbury)- winner **Chris Saville**
- 10th Apr—Surrey Open (@ St Nicholas School, Merstham)- winner **Steven Sheard**
- 30th Apr - Guernsey v England (@ Les Rocquettes, Guernsey)- **Gue 29 Eng 37**
- 30th Apr/1st May - Guernsey Pairs/Guernsey Open (@ Les Rocquettes, Gue)
- 7th May - AEBBA Mixed Pairs (@ Salfords Club, Redhill)
- 12th June—Sussex Open (@ Roffey Club, Horsham)
- 3rd July - Kent Classic (@ Sixin One Club, Tonbridge)
- 24th July - British Ladies (@ Hurst Club, Hurstpierpoint)
- 7th Aug - Bucks Open (@ Cressex Con Centre, High Wycombe)
- 21st Aug - Northants Open (@ Cock Inn, Northampton)
- 4th Sept - Berks Open (@ Arborfield Club, Reading)
- 18th Sept - County Div 1/ Ladies AE Singles (@ Didcot Con Club, Didcot)
- 25th Sept - Ladies County/ AE Open Singles (@ Didcot Con Club, Didcot)
- 9th Oct - Alternative Rules (@ Didcot Con Club, Didcot)
- 16th Oct - Team Champs/ Special Ladies (@ Didcot Con Club, Didcot)
- 23rd Oct - National Off the Spot Open (@ Salfords Club, Salford)
- 30th Oct - Under 25's/Over 50's/Over 60's (@ Didcot Con Club, Oxford)
- 6th Nov- County Div 2 (@ Didcot Con Club, Didcot)
- 11th/12th/13th Nov - World Champ Pairs/ World Champs Singles (Jersey)
- 27th Nov - Grand Prix/ Ladies Grand Prix (@ Didcot Con Club, Oxford)
- 4th Dec - AEBBA AGM (@ Didcot Con Club, Didcot)

30th Apr - Guernsey Pairs - The 6th Guernsey Pairs will take place on the 30th April. Last year the pairing of **Curt Driver & Gerry Fitzjohn** won the title beating **Derek Latham & Craig Carlson**.

1st May - Guernsey Open - The 9th Guernsey Open will take place at the Les Rocquettes Hotel, Sunday 1st May. In 2015 **Ian Lelliott** won his 2nd open after beating **Chris Saville**.

7th May - AEBBA Mixed Pairs - **Jim Greensted & Ros Appleby** won this last year for the first time. They beat **Keith Sheard & Pauline Withey** in the final.

12th June - Sussex Open - The 23rd Sussex Open takes place at the Roffey Club, Horsham. **Paul Sainsbury** won his Sussex Open title here last year. He beat **Ricky Dewdney** in last years final.