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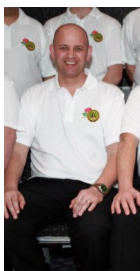
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4th National Off the Spot Open @ Salfords Club, Surrey, 23rd Oct 2016

Curt Driver (pictured right) won the 4th National Off the Spot title beating current Guernsey champ **Martin Cole**. Curt has been on a roll recently and this is incredibly his 5th national title of the year. In the final he ran the table out for **17,230**, and Martin broke down on 5k in reply.



Curt, normally famed for his 'easy' draws certainly did not have one here. He beat **Paul Sainsbury**, then got **23,450** unanswered points against **Clive Thompson**. He followed this with a tough wins over top 10 players **Mark Trafford**, **Nigel Senior** & **Ian Lelliott** to make the final.

Martin's start was perhaps the easier beating **Rob Jones** & **Dave White** to make the last 8, he then beat **Geoff Jukes** and **Mark Brewster** (**24,810** unanswered points!)

Nigel Senior made a **20,010** break—the days highest. Last years champ **Matt Jones** beat **Tony Cross** in the plate final. **Jean Brackenridge** made the high ladies break of **3,060**, **Dawn Jordan** was the furthest lady making the last 16.

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AEBBA Newsletter Editorial

A very busy couple of months in the Bar Billiards calendar has seen **Sussex A** winning the county championship, they often underperform at these championships, but a great team spirit saw them win their first title since 2011.

So disappointment for the England captain, **Curt Driver** as he had to let go of the team County title, but a great couple of months for him winning the All England Singles, the Alternative Rules and the National Off the Spot title. He also has achieved what only 5 men have achieved before him, becoming England number 1 for the first time—an early favourite for his first World title in Jersey?

In the ladies game, **Sussex A** won the county champs again. **Pauline Withey** took her 10th Special Ladies title. **Denise Wills** won her 2nd All England Ladies title.

The White Hart won the team event, congrats to them, thankfully 7 entries this year out of the main 8 counties represented after last years disappointment making much better day for all the competitors.



County Champs Div 1 @ Didcot Con Club, 18th Sept 2016

Sussex A won the county championship title—their 6th win but the first since 2011. The winning side was **Dave Ingram** (capt), **Martin Cole**, **Ian Lelliott**, **Nigel Senior**, **Jim Millward**, **Kevin Tunstall** & **Gareth Lloyd**.

In series 1 reigning champs **Kent A** got off to a flyer with a 6-1 win over newly promoted **Northants**. **Sussex A** and **Oxon A** started well with 4-3 wins. In series 2 these top 3 teams established themselves as the title contenders all recording wins, to leave **Kent A** on 11 points, **Sussex A** on 10 and **Oxon A** on 9 points.

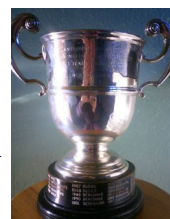
In series 3 **Kent A** met **Sussex A** in the first big clash of the day. A 4-3 score was predicted and it turned out that way in the favour of **Sussex A**. This meant they drew level with **Kent A** on 14 points, **Oxon A** made it a three way tie by beating **Berks A** 5-2.

Kent A needed to grab back the initiative and they did this hammering **Oxon A** 5-2 to effectively rule **Oxon A** out of the running for the title. **Sussex A** would have hoped to do more than a 4-3 win over **Northants** but it kept them unbeaten and only 1 point behind **Kent A** going into the final series of matched.

Division 1

Pos	Team	Pts
1	Sussex A	22
2	Kent A	21
3	Oxon A	19
4	Northants	16
5	Berks A	15
6	Surrey	12

Kent A were now favourites because they faced a **Surrey** side who only had got 7 points out of a possible 28 at this stage. Normally **Surrey** are worse at the end of the day as the alcohol takes it's toll but they stood up and shockingly won the match 5-2—although it could not save them from relegation. So **Sussex A** could lose 4-3 to **Oxon A** to win the title. Captain **Dave Ingram**'s nerves were frayed at 2-2 but 2 more vital legs were won for a 4-3 win. **Gareth Lloyd** & **Kevin Tunstall** were the only players unbeaten. **Mark Trafford** had the day's highest average of **11,128** aided by the highest break of **17,990**.



Special Ladies @ Didcot Con Club, 16th October 2016

Pauline Withey

(pictured right) won the Special Ladies for the 10th time. Pauline beat **Jean Brackenridge** in the final.



After a tight first leg Pauline ran out the winner by a score of **9,890-4,620**.

Only 8 entries so a group format was used and the players were drawn into 2 groups of 4. Pauline went through, but it was very close as after she lost her last match to **Mel Standbridge**, she Mel and **Dawn Jordan** were tied on two wins apiece. Pauline made it through on aggregate only 3k ahead of Mel. Jean made it through her group unbeaten

Pauline topped off her day with the high break of **7,170**.

Latest British Rankings (@ 31st October 2016)

<u>MEN</u>			
Pos	Player	County	PTS
1(+1)	Curt Driver	Kent	303.2
2(-1)	Mark Trafford	Oxon	267.2
3	Nigel Senior	Sussex	256.8
4	Kevin Tunstall	Sussex	251.5
5(+1)	Dave Ingram	Sussex	194.7
6(+1)	Ian Lelliott	Sussex	188.6
7(-2)	Paul Sainsbury	Berks	186.8
8	Mark Brewster	Kent	160.9
9	Martin Cole	Sussex	136.1
10(+1)	Gerry Fitzjohn	Kent	119.3

<u>LADIES</u>			
Pos	Player	County	PTS
1	Pauline Withey	Oxon	120.1
2	Jean Brackenridge	Sussex	71.4
3	Michelle Baden	Sussex	66.6
4	Denise Wills	Surrey	64.6
5	Jenny Florey	Oxon	54.4
6	Bella Stoner	Sussex	49.7
7(+1)	Ros Appleby	Sussex	45.9
8(-1)	Lorraine Hall	Sussex	45.3
9	Dawn Jordan	Bucks	42.6
10	Sandra Hall	Sussex	31.1

All England Ladies, 18th Sept 2016

Denise Wills (pictured right) won the All England Ladies title for the 2nd time adding to her 2013 title. It has to be said it was disappointing to have only four county champions competing, but it was a strong field. **Denise Wills** started solidly with a win over Buck's champ **Dawn Jordan**. Her main rival, **Pauline Withey** also started with a win over Sussex's **Lorraine Hall**. In the second series Denise moved into the driving seat as whilst she was beating Lorraine Hall, Dawn Jordan was completing a victory over Pauline by just **350** points. So Denise went into the last match knowing she could still lose to Pauline by 3k and take the title, barring a big score from Dawn—but the pressure was still on! However, Denise wrapped up the title in style as she beat Pauline



in a very close game **9,080-8,280**. Pauline's consolation was the days high break of **4,730**.

Final Standings

Pos	Player	Pts
1	Denise Wills (Sussex)	6
2	Pauline Withey (Oxon)	2
3	Dawn Jordan (Bucks)	2
4	Lorraine Hall (Sussex)	2

Latest Grand Prix Standings @ 31st October 2016 (after 9 events of 10)

Pos	Player	Pts
1	Curt Driver	67
2	Mark Trafford	42
3	Kevin Tunstall	34
4	Ian Lelliott	33
5	Martin Cole	29
6	Mark Brewster	26
7	Nigel Senior	25
8	Dave Ingram	24
9	Jim Millward	19
=	Steven Sheard	19
11	Gareth Lloyd	17
12	Paul Sainsbury	14
13	Phil Osborne	11
14	Gerry Fitzjohn	11
15	Simon Coleman	11
16	Lee Radford	10

Ladies County Champs @ Didcot Con Club, 25th September 2016

Sussex A retained the ladies county championship. It was their **14th** win out of the last **16** years. Sadly only 2 counties showed for this year's championship, both **Sussex** and **Oxon** entering an A and a B side. Both counties played their A side versus B side in the first series. **Oxon A** made the better start recording 8 points, **Sussex A** only managing 6 points against their B team. In the 2nd series **Sussex A** took all 10 points off **Oxon B**, this time **Oxon A** could only take 6 points off the **Sussex B** side who were performing well above expectations. This left the final match of **Sussex A v Oxon A** to decide the title. A win or a draw would be enough for **Sussex A**. In the first 5 legs they won 4 and drew one, meaning the title was assured even if **Oxon** took the last 5 legs. They could only manage 3 to lose the final match **6.5-3.5** and **Sussex A** took the title by 5 points.



Division 1

Pos	Team	Pts
1	Sussex A	22.5
2	Oxon A	17.5
3	Sussex B	15
4	Oxon B	5

The winning **Sussex A** side was **Lorraine Hall** (captain), **Jean Brackenridge**, **Michelle Baden**, **Bella Stoner** and **Ros Appleby**. No one was unbeaten but Michelle and Bella won 5 out of 6, a record also matched by Sussex B player **Sheena Wood**. Oxon A player **Mel Standbridge** had the day's high average of **6,196**, and she also had the day's high break of **6,650**.

All England Individuals @ Didcot Con Club, 25th September 2016

Curt Driver (pictured right) won his 2nd All England title, adding to the one he won in 2011, beating Oxon's **Mark Trafford**. Mark broke first, and missed early, Curt got the balls back and also missed. Both had a further visit each and this left Curt just less than 2k behind with his break to come. He made no mistake from there to win the match **18,840-11,110**.



Curt won his group, winning all 3 matches with an impressive **12,980** average. Mark's group was tighter, he lost his 2nd match to **Tony Cross**, meaning he had to beat Sussex champ, **Gareth Lloyd** by over 8k. Mistakes by Gareth cost him dear, Mark beating him by 19k in the end to join Curt in the final.

Group 1

Pos	Player	Pts
1	Curt Driver (Kent)	6
2	Simon Coleman (N'hants)	4
3	Barry Radford (Hants)	2
4	Phil Hawkins (Berks)	0

Group 2

Pos	Player	Pts
1	Mark Trafford (Oxon)	4
2	Gareth Lloyd (Sussex)	4
3	Matt Jones (Bucks)	2
4	Tony Cross (Surrey)	2

Final

Curt Driver 18,840
Mark Trafford 11,110

All England Team Championships @ Didcot Con Club, 16th Oct 2016



The White Hart (Sussex) won AEBBA team champs title adding to their 2014 title.

After last years disappointing turn out of 5 teams there were 7 present for this year finals. The format was all play all, single leg matches, most legs won being decisive.

The White Hart made an amazing start with a 5-0 win over the reigning champs **Didcot Conservative Club**. **Tunbridge Wells CC** who had a very strong side also started with a 5-0 win. **Tunbridge** slipped to defeat in match 2 to four time champs **Caversham WMC**, this let the **White Hart** take a one point lead as they beat the **Cardigan Arms 3-2**. **The White Hart** sat out series 3, and **Tunbridge CC** and **Caversham** recorded wins to move onto 11 and 10 points respectively. These top 3 teams all recorded

wins in series 4, but the **White Hart** won 5-0 over **Copnor Snooker Club** to close the gap to just one point with a game in hand. Into series 5, **Tunbridge** and **White Hart** met here. **Tunbridge** recording a 3-2 win. **Caversham** failed to take advantage with a 3-2 loss to **Didcot**. **Tunbridge** would sit out series 6, and here's where **Caversham** and **White Hart** met, this match would prove decisive—the **White Hart** would win 4-1 to move 2 points clear of **Tunbridge** with one match left to play and **Caversham** now finished for the day. **The White Hart** went onto beat the **RAFA Club 5-0** to win the title by 5 points. The winning team was **Kevin Tunstall (captain)**, **Gerry Fitzjohn**, **Stu Mephram**, **Martin Cole** and **Jim Greensted**. Kevin & Gerry were unbeaten plus **Paul Sainsbury**.

Final Standing

Pos	Team	Pts
1	White Hart (Sussex)	24
2	Tunbridge Wells CC (Kent)	19
3	Cardigan Arms (Northants)	18
4	Caversham WMC (Berks)	17
5	Didcot CC (Oxon)	12
6	Copnor Snooker Club (Hants)	8
7	RAFA Club (Bucks)	7

Alternative Rules, Didcot Con Club, 9th Oct 2016

Curt Driver (pictured right) captured the Alternative Rules title for the 1st time, going one better than his runners up last year. Curt beat **Mark Trafford** in the final. Curt led by 600 going into leg 2 and steadily extended his advantage to eventually win by **4,940-3,720**.



This is a unique event where 6 white balls are placed in a triangle at the back of the table to start the game. Everytime the balls are cleared the triangle is reformed. An entry of 23 were split into groups of 6 (with one of 5), with top two in each group progressing.

Curt made it through his group unbeaten with the top aggregate, Mark made it through his group despite losing two games. **Dave Alder** recorded an incredible **5,050** break in his group match, the highest ever in this tournament under these rules.

In the quarter finals the top match was Curt against **Nigel Senior**. Curt was always in control of this one. Mart beat surprise group winner **Tony Brown** in his last 8 match. Curt and Mark were joined in the semi finals by **Matt Jones** and **Dave Alder** who beat **Doug Carswell** and **Tony Webster** respectively. In the semis Curt ended Dave's run and Mark beat Matt in a high scoring match **5,170-3,470**. The plate was won by **Tony Martin** who beat **Jon Tyson**.

Upcoming Events in November & December

30th Oct - Over 50's/Over 60's/Under 25's - Reigning champs are **Dennis Atkins** (over 50's), **Geoff Pitt** (over 60's) and **Phil McFarland** (under 25's).

6th Nov - County Championships Division 2 - Last year **Northants** won Division 2 to earn promotion.

11th/12th/13th Nov - World Championship Pairs/ World Championship Singles (Jersey) - the BIG one. Reigning champs are **Paul Sainsbury**, (singles) & **Jim Millward & Trevor Gallienne** (pairs)

27th Nov - Grand Prix/ Ladies Grand Prix - **Nigel Senior** won last years Grand Prix title. **Jenny Florey** won the Ladies Grand Prix title.

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) - winners Gue Pairs Jim Millward & Martin Cole, Gue Open Martin Cole
- 7th May - AEBBA Mixed Pairs (@ Salfords Club, Redhill)- winner Ian Lelliott & Genette Nicholls
- 12th June—Sussex Open (@ Roffey Club, Horsham) - winner Curt Driver
- 3rd July - Kent Classic (@ SixinOne Club, Tonbridge) - winner Mark Trafford
- 24th July - British Ladies (@ Hurst Club, Hurstpierpoint) - winner Pauline Withey
- 7th Aug - Bucks Open (@ Cressex Con Centre, High Wycombe) - winner Curt Driver
- 21st Aug - Northants Open (@ Cock Inn, Northampton) - winner Kevin Tunstall
- 4th Sept - Berks Open (@ Arborfield Club, Reading) - winner Kevin Tunstall
- 18th Sept - County Div 1/ Ladies AE Singles (@ Didcot Con Club, Didcot) - winner County Sussex A, AE Ladies Denise Wills
- 25th Sept - Ladies County/ AE Open Singles (@ Didcot Con Club, Didcot) - winner Ladies County Sussex A, AE Singles Curt Driver
- 9th Oct - Alternative Rules (@ Didcot Con Club, Didcot) - winner Curt Driver
- 16th Oct - Team Champs/ Special Ladies (@ Didcot Con Club, Didcot) - winner AE Team White Hart, Special Ladies Pauline Withey
- 23rd Oct - National Off the Spot Open (@ Salfords Club, Salford) - winner Curt Driver
- 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)