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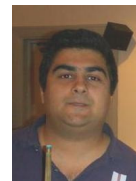
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AEBBA Newsletter Editorial

The end of the bar billiards year has come around so quickly. November's highlight was without doubt the World Championships in Jersey. Held at a cracking new venue, the Merton Hotel, Phil Collins became our new World Champion. He also won the doubles (with Leon Beer) to complete an incredible double. With Phil in this form we could see a three way fight in the coming year for the British number one spot. Kevin Tunstall currently holds a slight lead over Nigel Senior to go into 2010 as the number 1, which he has occupied since the rankings started back in 1991. However, none of these 3 players could win the end of season Grand Prix, won by Curt Driver—well done to him.



The Ladies game also will see a three way fight for the number one spot in the coming year. Chris Toner won the Ladies Grand Prix to add to her 6th All England Ladies title, Pauline Withey came back from illness to win the Special Ladies title but Jean Brackenridge will go into 2010 as ladies number 1, despite not winning a title this year, but is rewarded for her consistency over the last 3 years.

The AEBBA AGM saw some rule changes, please be aware that AEBBA comps at the PO Club will now start at 11.30am not 12pm. Also note the new dates for some competitions in the 2010 diary.

The AEBBA congratulates all the winners this year, the fact there were so many different ones shows the depth within the game right now. We also wish you a Merry Christmas and look forward to more great bar billiards tournaments in 2010!

World Championships @ Merton Hotel, Jersey, 6th/7th/8th Nov 2009

Phil Collins completed a unique double by taking first the World Pairs title (with **Leon Beer**) and then the singles title the day after. Phil was in incredible form all weekend and then treated us all to his version of "Against All Odds" in the karaoke on Sunday night. Phil overcame Berkshire's **Paul Sainsbury** in the singles final overturning a 4k deficit in leg 1 with a 11k break in leg 2.



174 players entered the tournament and by the time they were whittled down to 16, 11 UK mainland, 4 Jersey, and 1 Guernsey player were left in. Jersey's **Dennis Helleur** was the only Jerseyman and only former champion left in by the time the tournament reached the last 4 but he succumbed to a 17,410 opener from Paul Sainsbury. Phil beat the last Sussex player **Richard Wooton** in the other semi. Former 3 time winner **Jim Millward** took the high break prize (rounds 1-4 only count) with 17,000. **Sue Mariner** was the furthest lady making the last 32. The plate winner was last years plate runner up **Bernie McCluskey** beating Jersey's president **Nigel Bisson**

The later stages of the doubles saw some incredible scores—Phil & Leon overcame **Keith Sheard & Steven Sheard** in the final—a 19,110 break from Phil beating Steven's 16k effort. In fact Phil looked set to make the tournament's first ever 20k break in the semi before breaking down setting a target of 17k. In the other semi, Steven made a break of 18k to chase down **Curt Driver's** (partnering **Mark Trafford**)

Jersey did take one title over the weekend however, with **Zoe Jeanne** beating **Amber Hopwood** to win and retain her Junior World title. Finally the new venue was great—lets get the numbers up next year!!

Latest British Rankings (@ 31st December 2009)

MEN			
Pos	Player	County	PTS
1	Kevin Tunstall	Sussex	277.9
2	Nigel Senior	Sussex	265.0
3	Phil Collins	Oxon	218.0
4(+1)	Steven Sheard	Oxon	183.8
5(-1)	Keith Sheard	Oxon	166.4
6	Paul Sainsbury	Berks	155.1
7	Chris Reeves	Sussex	122.4
8	Richard Wooton	Sussex	121.1
9	Gareth Lloyd	Sussex	115.5
10(+1)	Mark Brewster	Kent	113.8

LADIES			
Pos	Player	County	PTS
1(+1)	Jean Brackenridge	Sussex	122.6
2(-1)	Pauline Withey	Oxon	105.8
3	Chris Toner	Hants	71.0
4(+1)	Hayley Tunstall	Sussex	53.5
5(-1)	Denise Wills	Surrey	47.2
6	Jenny Florey	Oxon	41.3
7	Lorraine Hall	Sussex	37.9
8(+1)	Jane Wood	Oxon	30.2
9(+1)	Sue Atkins	Oxon	26.2
10(-2)	Janet Burns	Berks	24.8

National Mixed Pairs @ Post Office Club, Reading, 22nd November 2009

Sue Atkins & Dave Tooke (pictured right) won

the National Mixed Pairs title beating the reigning champions

Dave Alder &

Jackie Watson. Both Sue and Dave have been the losing finalist before—Sue with Dennis Atkins in 2002 & 2007, Dave last year with Jenny Florey.



15 Mixed Pairs were split into 3 groups of 5, the top two in each group progressing. The two teams with the best records went straight into the semi finals. Dave & Sue had to progress from the play off beating **Dave Ingram & Colleen Park** before beating 2005 champs **Keith Sheard & Pauline Withey** in the semi. Dave & Jackie also had to battle through a play off before beating **Stuart & Jenny Florey** in the other semi final.

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

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Ladies Grand Prix, 29th Nov 2009

Chris Toner (pictured right, blue top) won her 1st Ladies Grand Prix title beating new ladies number 1 **Jean Brackenridge** in the final. Chris has had an exceptional year reaching 3 major ladies finals and winning 2 of them and looks set to make it a 3 way battle for the ladies number 1 spot. Some consolation for Jean is that



she made the highest break of the day with **5,830**.

Group A		
Pos	Player	Pts
1	Jean Brackenridge (Sus) (4)	6
2	Pauline Withey (Oxon) (1)	4
3	Hayley Tunstall (Sussex) (5)	2
4	Jenny Edwards (Sussex) (8)	0

Group B		
Pos	Player	Pts
1	Chris Toner (Hants) (2)	6
2	Denise Wills (Surrey) (6)	4
3	Lorraine Hall (Sussex) (3)	2
4	Colleen Park (Sussex) (7)	0

Final
Chris Toner
beat
Jean Brackenridge

Final Grand Prix Standings @ 8th Nov 2009

Pos	Player	Pts
1	Phil Collins	45
2	Nigel Senior	43
3	Paul Sainsbury	39
4	Keith Sheard	30
5	Kevin Tunstall	28
6	Jim Millward	25
7	Curt Driver	22
8	Richard Wooton	20
9	Steven Sheard	16
10	Pete Sainsbury	16
11	Tony Martin	16
12	Graham Bisson	15
13	Dave Ingram	14
14	Gareth Lloyd	12
15	Mark Brewster	11
=16	Dave France/ Ian Lelliott	10

Grand Prix @ Post Office Club, Reading, 29th Nov 2009



Curt Driver (pictured left) completed a great year by winning the end of season prestigious Grand Prix adding to his first open title (Bucks Open) won earlier this year. Curt (seeded 7) beat the number 9 seed **Steven Sheard** in the final. The top 16 performers (pictured right) on the open circuit this year were seeded and placed into 4 groups—winners progressing to the semi finals. Steven won Group A with a win over world champ **Phil Collins** in the crucial match. Curt beat 2nd seed **Nigel Senior** in Group B's decider.



Number 3 seed, **Paul Sainsbury** dominated Group C and Group D was the Group of Death which was won by **Gareth Lloyd**, beating **Keith Sheard**, **Kevin Tunstall** and **Mark Brewster**. Curt beat Paul and Steven beat Gareth in the semis. The highest break was **21,300** made by **Keith Sheard**.

Group A		
Pos	Player	Pts
1	Steven Sheard (Ox) (9)	6
2	Phil Collins (Ox) (1)	4
3	Chris Newon (Hants) (16)	2
4	Richard Wooton (Sus) (8)	0

Group C		
Pos	Player	Pts
1	Paul Sainsbury (Be) (3)	6
2	Dave Ingram (Sus) (11)	4
3	Jim Millward (Sus) (6)	2
4	Kevin Hall (Sus) (14)	0

Group B		
Pos	Player	Pts
1	Curt Driver (Kt) (7)	6
2	Pete Sainsbury (Kt) (10)	4
3	Nigel Senior (Sus) (2)	2
4	Clive Thompson (Sry) (15)	0

Group D		
Pos	Player	Pts
1	Gareth Lloyd (Sus) (12)	6
2	Keith Sheard (Ox) (4)	4
3	Kevin Tunstall (Ox) (5)	2
4	Mark Brewster (Kt) (13)	0

Semi Finals	
Steven Sheard	22,620
Gareth Lloyd	150
Curt Driver	14,980
Paul Sainsbury	2,370

Final	
Curt Driver	16,690
Steven Sheard	3,510

Over 50's and Over 60's @ Post Office Club, Reading, 29th Nov 2009

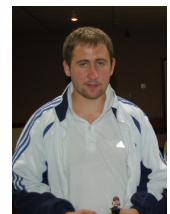


The Over 50's and 60's competitions were decided concurrently during the Grand Prix weekend. **Tony Martin**, (pictured left) a former 2 time winner of the over 60's, won the over 50's for the first time beating the 4 time champion **Bill Trinder**. The highest break was **Dave France's** (pictured right) **9,620**. Dave was the Tournament Director's nightmare by reaching the semis of the over 50's and the final of the over 60's. He won the Over 60's to join Tony Martin as a 2 time winner of this event (he previously won in 2007). Dave beat Hampshire's **Alan Chaloner** in the final who could console himself with the highest break in either competition of **12,530**.



Under 25's @ Post Office Club, Reading, 22nd Nov 2009

Steven Sheard (pictured right) won his 6th Under 25's title with another great performance. 10 players entered this years competition and were split into 2 groups of 5—the top 2 in each making the semi finals. 3 Oxon players made it through, Steven along with **Lewis Stratford** and **Ian Gordon**. The other semi finalist was **Adam Bateup** from Sussex. In the semis Adam beat Lewis and Steven beat Ian. Steven's vast experience was probably an advantage in the final, and he beat Adam 16,830—1,560, but Adam did very well to reach his first National final.



Alternative Rules, PO Club, Reading, 1st Nov 2009

Phil Collins won the Alternative Rules beating **Steven Sheard** in the final. 51 players entered for the 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. This results on lower scores than we usually see—**Kevin Tunstall** made the day's highest break of **1,740**. The plate was won by Hampshire's **Chris Toner** who beat **Dave Barnes** in the final (both pictured above).



Upcoming Events in January & February

6th Feb - England v Jersey - The men's and ladies international will take place this year at the Ardlington Hotel in Worthing. The England men will be looking to avenge a 22-11 hammering by the Jersey men last year, whilst the England Ladies will want to continue their fine run against the Jersey Ladies having won their last 12 encounters.

13th Feb - Oxon Open - The open season starts off at the Didcot Conservative Club for the Oxon Open. Last year Tony Martin won his first open title beating Tony Willis in the final.

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

- 6th Feb - England v Jersey (@ Ardlington Hotel, Worthing)
- 13th Feb - Oxon Open (@ Didcot Conservative Club)
- 6/7th Mar - British Pairs (@ Queens Hotel, Bournemouth)
- 11th Apr—British Ladies Open (@ Reigate Ex-Services Club)
- 18th Apr - Portsmouth Open (@ Moneyfields SSC)
- 1st May - Guernsey v England
- 2nd May - Guernsey Open
- 9th May - Surrey Open (@ St Nicholas school, Merstham)
- 13th June—Sussex Open (@ Roffey Club)
- 4th July - Kent Classic (@ SixinOne Club, Tonbridge)
- 25th July - Under 25's/Over 50's/ Over 60's (@ PO Club, Reading)
- 8th Aug - Bucks Open (@ Princes Riseborough Golf Club)
- 22nd Aug - Mixed Pairs (@ PO Club, Reading)
- 12th Sept - Berks Open(@ PO Club, Reading)
- 19th Sept - County Champs Div 1/ Div 2 (@ PO Club, Reading)
- 3rd Oct - Ladies County/ AE Open Singles (@ PO Club, Reading)
- 17th Oct- County Div 3/ Ladies AE Singles (@ PO Club, Reading)
- 31st Oct - Alternative Rules (@ PO Club, Reading)
- 5/6/7th Nov - World Champ Pairs/ World Champs singles (Jersey)
- 21st Nov - Team Champs/ Special Ladies (@ PO Club, Reading)
- 28th Nov - Grand Prix/ Ladies GP (@ PO Club, Reading)
- 5th Dec - AEBBA AGM (@ PO Club, Reading)