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AEBBA Newsletter Editorial

A busy couple of months in the bar billiards year started with a great weekend in Bournemouth with a fantastic win for Keith Sheard and Mark Trafford. Keith was certainly the player of these couple of months with a win in the Portsmouth Open following in April—to end a lean spell for him as it was his first individual win since Sussex 2006.

Alison Norman finally took a major ladies title after many years of trying and a few near misses. With 2 All England runners up and 3 British Ladies runners up, it was 6th time lucky for Alison as she overcame Pauline Withey in the final.

Pauline can be consoled slightly as she regained the ladies number 1 spot and also Kevin Tunstall regained the men's number 1 position. These spots have been regained from Sussex players Jean Brackenridge and Nigel Senior respectively but they remain close behind. Proof that when you get to the top it is even harder to stay there!



British Pairs @ Queens Hotel, Bournemouth, 6th/7th March 2010

The first weekend in March always sees the bar billiards community travel to Bournemouth for the British Pairs. 64 pairs entered this years event, and **Keith Sheard & Mark Trafford** (pictured right) won the pairs together for the first time. Keith was in incredible form where he made four 15k+ breaks up to the semi final including the tournament's high break of **21,270** in the quarter final. Mark did his bit when needed in the final as he went off with a good opening break and they led by over 11k over **Phil Collins & Leon Beer** after leg 1. After an early miss in leg 2 by the World Champions, Keith wrapped up the match with consecutive 8k breaks in the next 2 legs for a 3-0 win.

The plate final was an all Bucks affair—2005 semi finalists, **Syl Murphy & Merv Yearwood** beat 2003 runners up **Dino Clark & Andy Haines**. Hampshire's **Joyce Mannell** secured the ladies high break with a **3,390**.



Some of our IT literate friends have been building a map showing where various bar billiards tables are across the world. It is an ongoing project which will need more collaborators across the country to add their leagues tables. If you would like to contribute visit the following thread on the bar billiards forum

<http://barbilliards.proboards.com/index.cgi?board=general&action=display&thead=7824>



Latest British Rankings (@ 30th April 2009)

<u>MEN</u>				<u>LADIES</u>			
<u>Pos</u>	<u>Player</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>PTS</u>	<u>Pos</u>	<u>Player</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>PTS</u>
1(+1)	Kevin Tunstall	Sussex	276.6	1(+1)	Pauline Withey	Oxon	113.1
2(-1)	Nigel Senior	Sussex	260.5	2(-1)	Jean Brackenridge	Sussex	107.9
3	Phil Collins	Oxon	245.0	3	Chris Toner	Hants	76.5
4(+1)	Keith Sheard	Oxon	183.9	4(+1)	Denise Wills	Surrey	46.9
5(-1)	Steven Sheard	Oxon	183.8	5(+2)	Lorraine Hall	Sussex	45.5
6	Paul Sainsbury	Berks	146.0	6(-2)	Hayley Tunstall	Sussex	45.4
7	Richard Wooton	Sussex	114.1	7(-1)	Jenny Florey	Oxon	43.4
8	Mark Brewster	Kent	112.9	8(+9)	Alison Norman	Surrey	32.3
9	Gareth Lloyd	Sussex	105.6	9	Janet Burns	Berks	24.8
10(+2)	Curt Driver	Kent	102.8	10(+1)	Sue Atkins	Oxon	24.2

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

Email nigelsen-ior05@googlemail.com with your suggestions

British Ladies, 11th April 2010

Surrey's **Alison Norman** (pictured below) has won her first national title, winning the coveted British Ladies title at the Reigate Ex-Services Club.



This is much deserved and overdue as Alison has had five near misses in major finals—3 in this tournament. She also overcame tough opponents in All England Ladies and Grand Prix Champ **Chris Toner**

in the quarter final, reigning British Champ **Lorraine Hall** in the semis and the England number 1 **Pauline Withey** in the final, plus she had the highest break of **5,410**.

The plate was won by outgoing number 1 **Jean Brackenridge** beating Sussex rival **Bella Stoner** in the final.

Latest Grand Prix Standings @ 30th April 2009 (after 3 events of 11)

Pos	Player	Pts
1	Phil Collins	16
2	Nigel Senior	15
=	Keith Sheard	15
4	Curt Driver	12
5	Mark James	10
6	Kevin Tunstall	6
7	Ian Moss	6
8	Barry Radford	6
9	Chris Newson	4
=	Steven Sheard	4
11	Dave Ingram	3
12	Dave Alder	3
13	Ian Lelliott	2
14	Chris Toner	2
=	Mark Brewster	1
16	Brian Daniels/Bob Hall	1

Portsmouth Open @ Moneyfields S&S Club, 18th April 2010

Keith Sheard (pictured right) won his 3rd Portsmouth Open. Cracking wins over **Kevin Tunstall** and **Phil Collins** setup a final with the 2008 winner **Mark James**. For Keith it ends a long (for him!) period without a individual win as his last win was in the 2006 Sussex Open. Keith picked up from where he left off at the Bournemouth pairs and barely missed all day. He made a 20,200 break in the final which was too much for Mark who broke down on around 8k before missing. Keith didn't quite take the high break



prize with that break—that went to **Phil Collins** who made a magnificent **22,160** in the quarter finals.



Sussex's **Ricky Dewdney** (pictured left) won the plate final beating Oxon's **Simon Ellam**. **Jean Brackenridge** took the ladies high break with a 5,450. Thanks to Brian Daniels, Kady Claydon and helpers for a great day.

Upcoming Events in May & June

1st May - England v Guernsey - The night before the Guernsey Open, England take on Guernsey at the Wayside, Guernsey. England have won all 5 matches since the first in 2005, 37-10 being the result last year in England and Guernsey will be looking to perform better than that this time on home soil.

2nd May - Guernsey Open - The 3rd Guernsey Open sponsored by Hamilton Trustees will take place at the Wayside Hotel, Sunday 2nd May. Jersey's **Graham Bisson** will be defending the title he captured last year defeating 3 time World Champ **Trevor Gallienne** in the final.

9th May - 2nd Surrey Open - A week after Guernsey we go to Surrey to St Nicholas' School, Merstham for the 2nd Surrey Open. **Nigel Senior** won the event last year, beating **Keith Sheard** in the final

13th June - Sussex Open - The 17th Sussex Open takes place at the Roffey Club, Horsham. The competition is as usual very popular and the organisers trying to accommodate 108 entries. 3 time World Champ **Jim Millward** won last year beating **Phil Collins** in the final.

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

6th Feb - England v Jersey result Eng men 25-8 Jer men, Eng ladies 12-9 Guest team

13th Feb - Oxon Open - winner Nigel Senior

6/7th Mar - British Pairs - winners Keith Sheard & Mark Trafford

11th Apr—British Ladies Open - winner Alison Norman

18th Apr - Portsmouth Open (@ Moneyfields SSC) - winner Keith Sheard

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)

Mark Trafford runs the 2010 London Marathon in aid of Pancreatic Cancer

As many of you know we lost our dear friend **Ray Sturgess** to Pancreatic Cancer in 2008. On the 25th April 2010 **Mark Trafford** (pictured right) ran the London Marathon to raise money in memory for his great friend and for the aid of cancer.



Mark completed the course which is a really fantastic achievement.

Who says bar billiards players aren't fit!

If you would like to make a donation you can use the website below

<http://www.justgiving.com/Mark-Trafford>