

# BAR BILLIARDS QUARTERLY No.31 (OCT 1998)

a.k.a "FAZZA'S FACTS AND FIGURES"

Produced by PETER FARRELLY, 46 PRATT RD, RUSHDEN, NORTHANTS, NN10 0EQ.  
Tel 01933-357023 or MOBILE 0589-095995

## HEADLINES FOR THIS QUARTER:

Pages 2-3	USUAL RANKING LISTS
Page 4	COMPLETE LIST OF MAJOR TROPHY WINNERS TO DATE
Page 5	LADIES PAIRS: MYRA & JILL WIN IT AGAIN
Pages 6-9	BERKSHIRE OPEN: MORE GLOOM FOR SAINSBURY
Pages 9-15	COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS including LADIES: OXFORD & KENT
Pages 15-18	LUDICROUSLY ALTERNATIVE RULES: GREEN KING OF THE TRIANGLE
Pages 18-19	GRAND PRIX STANDINGS and a little bit of fun
Pages 19-20	DESPATCHES! NOT MUCH INPUT FROM YOU THIS QUARTER. why?
Page 21	WHAT THE FINANCIAL TIMES THINKS ABOUT BAR BILLIARDS
Page 22	ALL TIME MONEY WINNERS

## EDITORIAL

A worrying trend has started.....three Opens have been cancelled this year, plus the Ladies Open (twice), due to lack of entries. I believe it is up to US, the more interested people in the game, to cajole, badger and encourage more of OUR friends to take part in future, or there will simply NOT be any competitions for us to take part in. THEREFORE IT IS UP TO US, DO WE WANT TO BE PLAYING IN A YEAR OR SO, OR NOT?

I still need more subscribers to keep the BBQ going into the next Millennium. I am about 15 down on last year's circulation, and I don't know the reason. Please note that although I have handed over the position of Northants Secretary to Chris Lawman, send all details AND entry forms of forthcoming events to BOTH Chris and myself, to be sure of receiving maximum response.

Unfortunately, my three new ACE reporters from Afghanistan S. HITSTURRA, TEL ITAZITIZ and KHAN T'MONE-IFFEUMISSTHUBRAKE are unable to get work permits and have been sent HOME by immigration officials. Although they all live in the area recently attacked by the United States air-force, I am hoping they can continue to send information to me. Tel offers his deep apologies for letting ANNE NOURAC down by not being able to meet her at Waterloo Station. If she wishes, she could start up a steamy pen-friend relationship. His temporary address will be: Tel Itazitiz, "Wethertheylikeitornot", 4 Everyones Sake, Orbestuckforeverin, Central Afghanistan.

**SPECIAL LATE NEWS:** News has broken "as we go to press" that the BBC are producing a new programme as a menopausal sequel to the children's favourite "Teletubbies", obviously to be shown just after pub-closing time. The new characters are said to be: WINGY-WINGY, WALSHY, LEW-LEW & KO (the latter being also known as MIL-KO). Can anyone think of anyone who could fill the costumes, or better still, NOT EVEN NEED COSTUMES.....Answers on a postcard to Tel Itazitiz at the address above.

Please note that ERIC HILL is **NOT** available as he has now moved to Dorset-by-the-Sea 124 UPLANDS ROAD, WEST MOORS, FERNDOWN, DORSET. BH22 0EY  
Tel 01202-871514

## THE QUIZ RETURNS:

- (1) How many people comprised the audience as Kevin Tunstall beat Paul Sainsbury for the Berkshire Open title.
- (2) Name them. But please note that Tony Walsh cannot enter the Quiz this time as it would be too easy for him simply to remember his own name.
- (3) Who went to the Berkshire Open and did not have to play until 6.00 p.m., then lost?
- (4) Which prat (from Pratt Road) did a 101-mile trip to Redhill to cover the Ladies Individual Open, only to find it had been cancelled, and everyone else knew about it; then, due to a lorry turning over on the M25 (which he had seen on the way down), made a diversion up the M40 road-works, and finally arrived home a total of 229 miles and FOUR hours after setting out? A LONG QUESTION WITH A TWO-LETTER ANSWER. 囧囧囧
- (5) Please tell me why I bother.

**TOP BRITISH RANKINGS**

POSITIONS		RANKING POINTS						
NOW	PROV			NOW	1996	1997	1998	prov 1999
1	2	Kevin Tunstall	Oxon	240.63	108.25	67.48	64.90	132.38
2	4	Keith Sheard	Oxon	218.70	97.40	57.60	63.70	121.30
3	1	Les Green	Kent	184.15	35.50	91.55	57.10	148.65
4	6	Paul Sainsbury	Berks	166.50	70.60	57.70	38.20	95.90
5	5	Mark Sawyer	Berks	150.40	33.75	81.85	34.80	116.65
6	3	John Burrows	Bucks	139.25	16.90	59.20	63.15	122.35
7	14	Kevin Clark	Kent	138.60	97.50	26.00	15.10	41.10
8	8	Steve Mariner	Sussex	118.85	51.55	45.30	22.00	67.30
9	7	Jim Millward	Sussex	111.50	28.00	59.40	24.10	83.50
10	9	Peter Farrelly	Northants	106.40	40.40	46.30	19.70	66.00
11	24	Tony Walsh	Berks	95.00	69.80	20.20	5.00	25.20
12	10	Paul Wing	Hants	81.70	30.60	47.50	3.60	51.10
13	12	Bernie McCluskey	Berks	78.50	30.20	30.90	17.40	48.30
14	13	Tony Woolvin	Hants	73.38	31.65	11.43	30.30	41.73
15	15	Steve Biggs	Northants	60.35	22.25	23.10	15.00	38.10
16	11	Mark Brewster	Kent	57.45	8.50	27.95	21.00	48.95
17	76	Simon Tinto	Surrey	55.05	47.85	7.10	0.10	7.20
18	23	Tony Martin	Oxon	54.00	26.30	11.40	16.30	27.70
19	33	Dennis Atkins	Oxon	52.70	31.30	13.30	8.10	21.40
20	20	Chris Saville	Kent	51.15	22.15	21.70	7.30	29.00
21	19	Jon Bamsey	Oxon	48.60	18.60	13.30	16.70	30.00
22	28	Geoff Jukes	Surrey	47.40	24.85	8.75	13.80	22.55
23	30	Terry Oakley	Surrey	46.70	24.50	22.20		22.20
24	16	Mark Turner	Berks	46.60	8.50	20.70	17.40	38.10
25	42	Max Dick	Oxon	41.70	26.00	14.80	0.90	15.70
26	65	Mick Lingham	Kent	41.50	31.90	9.60		9.60
27	17	Steve Ahier	Jersey	41.20	6.20	28.00	7.00	35.00
28=	21	Ray Sturgess	Oxon	39.80	11.40	16.40	12.00	28.40
28=	22	Gareth Lloyd	Sussex	39.80	11.80	20.70	7.30	28.00
30	25	Eric Hill	Bucks	39.28	14.50	22.88	1.90	24.78
31	27	Mark James	Sussex	38.90	16.30	18.10	4.50	22.60
32	48=	Geoff Pitt	Berks	35.90	23.10	6.30	6.50	12.80
33	35	Gary Johnson	Oxon	33.10	13.40	14.60	5.10	19.70
34	44	Pete Lee	Oxon	31.70	17.40	11.80	2.50	14.30
35	18	Ray Hussey	Bucks	30.50	0.20	11.00	19.30	30.30
36	26	Bill Trinder	Berks	29.90	5.50	16.10	8.30	24.40
37	39=	Dennis Helleur	Jersey	28.50	11.90	12.10	4.50	16.60
38	29	Phil Hawkins	Berks	28.40	6.00	14.70	7.70	22.40
39=	34	Sean Taylor	Sussex	27.40	6.40	5.70	15.30	21.00
39=	69	Don Cadec	Jersey	27.40	18.80	2.10	6.50	8.60
41	37	Alan Chaloner	Hants	25.80	8.00	6.90	10.90	17.80
42	48=	Chris Tupper	Sussex	25.70	12.90	12.60	0.20	12.80
43		Ian Moquet	Oxon	24.90	19.30	5.60		5.60
44	32	Steve Oram	Northants	24.00	2.20	2.50	19.30	21.80
45	36	Pete Welch	Oxon	23.30	5.10	17.80	0.40	18.20
46	61	Ernie Jordan	Bucks	23.25	13.25	7.80	2.20	10.00
47	31	Mick Eouzan	Jersey	22.30	0.20	22.10		22.10
48	45	Keith MacDonald	Cambs	21.10	7.10	5.50	8.50	14.00
49		John Slee	Sussex	21.00	14.30	4.30	2.40	6.70
50	75	Graham Bisson	Jersey	19.30	11.90	1.40	6.00	7.40
51=	57	Chris Newson	Hants	18.80	7.70	6.50	4.60	11.10
51=	62	Keith Lewendon	Berks	18.80	8.90	0.90	9.00	9.90
51=	74	Phil Buckle	Cambs	18.80	11.10	6.60	1.10	7.70
54=	38	Vernon Festou	Jersey	17.60	0.40	17.20		17.20
54=	46	Andy Haines	Bucks	17.60	4.00	8.20	5.40	13.60
54=	53	Trevor Gallienne	Guernsey	17.60	5.30	12.30		12.30

**TOP BRITISH LADIES RANKINGS**

POSITIONS		RANKING POINTS						
NOW	PROV			NOW	1996	1997	1998	prov 1999
1	1	Jan Taylor	Kent	143.95	56.65	55.60	31.70	87.30
2	4	Gail Woods	Surrey	117.03	67.93	29.10	20.00	49.10
3	2	Pauline Withey	Oxon	110.85	50.70	33.20	26.95	60.15
4	8	Sue Mariner	Sussex	98.18	69.33	27.10	1.75	28.85
5	5	Myra Hawkins	Berks	70.07	21.62	30.80	17.65	48.45
6	6	Penny Burch	Northants	61.37	13.17	34.05	14.15	48.20
7	3	Kim Beeching	Sussex	54.00	0.10	19.70	34.20	53.90
8	9	Denise Hoadley	Surrey	43.30	15.50	11.10	16.70	27.80
9	7	Josie Hogan	Surrey	39.20	0.15	29.00	10.05	39.05
10	10	Diana Welburn	Kent	39.10	15.60	6.55	16.95	23.50
11	14	Alison Norman	Surrey	36.52	19.22	12.10	5.20	17.30
12	20	Jill Josey	Berks	33.40	24.10	1.80	7.50	9.30
13	12	Sheila O'Brien	Sussex	31.75	13.55	17.65	0.55	18.20
14	11	Sally Mortimer	Surrey	27.90	9.20	8.40	10.30	18.70
15	15	Sue Redmond	Berks	26.77	14.27	12.50		12.50
16	13	Jill O'Brien	Kent	21.80	3.80	1.20	16.80	18.00
17		Jean Over	Sussex	18.80	17.70	1.10		1.10
18		Christine Toner	Hants	18.13	16.93	0.20	1.00	1.20
19	16	Jane Wood	Oxon	14.60	3.30	1.20	10.10	11.30
20	21	Janie Macoy	Kent	14.50	5.40	1.00	8.10	9.10
21=		Janet Hawkeswood	Oxon	13.40	13.40			
21=		Bella Stoner	Sussex	13.40	13.40			
23	17	Jan Bithell	Sussex	11.10	0.00	5.00	6.10	11.10
24		Dani Relf	Surrey	10.93	10.93			
25	18=	Janet Burns	Berks	10.45	0.60	8.75	1.10	9.85
26	24	Josie Maughan	Jersey	10.05	4.05	6.00		6.00
27	18=	Joyce Mannell	Hants	9.85	0.00	6.75	3.10	9.85
28	28	Tina Murphy	Jersey	9.33	4.33	5.00		5.00
29	27	Sue Leach	Oxon	7.75	2.55	4.20	1.00	5.20
30	22	Sheila King	Surrey	7.60	0.00	2.20	5.40	7.60
31=	31	Jackie Watson	Berks	7.30	3.10	3.10	1.10	4.20
31=		Ann Keen	Kent	7.30	6.30	1.00		1.00
33	23	Jenny Noel	Jersey	6.05	0.00	6.05		6.05
34	25	Anna Taylor	Sussex	5.80	0.10	5.70		5.70
35	26	Marilyn Izzard	Bucks	5.50	0.00	0.00	5.50	5.50
36		Jane Carless	Berks	5.30	4.20	0.10	1.00	1.10
37=	29=	Karen Aubert	Jersey	4.50	0.00	4.50		4.50
37=	29=	Doreen Yorke	Hants	4.50	0.00	0.00	4.50	4.50
39	34=	Alison Shilling	Sussex	4.30	1.20	0.00	3.10	3.10
40	32	Enid Wain	Oxon	4.10	0.10	4.00		4.00

**DATES FOR THE REST OF NINETY-EIGHT**

Nov 7-8	BRITISH ISLES OPEN	De Normandie Hotel, St Helier
Nov 15	NATIONAL TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS	Post Office S & SC, Reading
Nov 22	GRAND PRIX MASTERS	Post Office S & SC, Reading
Nov 22	UNDER-22 and OVER-50 CHAMPIONSHIPS	Post Office S & SC, Reading
	<i>Born after 1.1.76 or before 1.1.48 and you can have a go.</i>	
Nov 29	MIXED PAIRS	Alexandra Bowling Club, Hilsea, Portsmouth
Dec 13	ALL-ENGLAND A.G.M.	Skinnars Arms, High Wycombe

Prov 1999 preview: JERSEY v ENGLAND (Feb 6th), PAIRS (Mar 6-7), INTER-AREA (Mar 20-21), ALL-ENGLAND INDIV (Jul 11), COUNTY CHAMPS (Sep 26), LADIES COUNTY (Oct 3), ALTERNATIVE RULES (Oct 10), TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS (Nov 14), GRAND PRIX, UNDER 22, OVER 50 (Nov 21).

DEADLINE DATE FOR THE NEXT B.B.Q.: NOVEMBER 27th 1998



**MAJOR CHAMPIONSHIP FINALISTS: MEN**

	W	RU	3rd		W	RU	3rd		W	RU	3rd
Kevin Tunstall	23	6		Alan Le Blond	1	0		Alan Stevens	0	1	
John Burrows	15	5		Darrell Johnson	1	0		Andy Soper	0	1	
Bernie McCl'key	12	3		Darren Isard	1	0		Barry Radford	0	1	
Les Green	9	3		Dave Harris	1	0		Bob Taylor	0	1	
Paul Sainsbury	6	10		Dennis Helleur	1	0		Brian Paul	0	1	
Kevin Clark	6	2		Gary Johnson	1	0		C Neville	0	1	
Keith Sheard	5	10		Geoff Jukes	1	0		Chris Grimmett	0	1	
Pete Farrelly	5	4	1	Gerry Whatling	1	0		Clarrie Queree	0	1	
Steve Biggs	4	3		Harry Siddal	1	0		Colin Smith	0	1	
Bill Trinder	4	2		John Fullagar	1	0		Dave Cook	0	1	
Tony Martin	4	2		Keith Salt	1	0		Dave Millard	0	1	
Kent Murray	4	1		Ken Foster	1	0		Dave Plumstead	0	1	
Tony Walsh	3	6		Mike Hinton	1	0		Dennis Barfield	0	1	
Roy Buckle	3	1		Nigel Rosier	1	0		Derek Payne	0	1	
Jim Millward	3	0		Peter Mitchell	1	0		Derek Soper	0	1	
Mark Sawyer	2	3		Peter Rich	1	0		Gareth Lloyd	0	1	
Steve Mariner	2	2		R Scott	1	0		Geoff Pitt	0	1	
Paul Yeo	2	1		Ricky Brownlow	1	0		Gerry Lambert	0	1	
Steve Ahier	2	1		Ron Josey	1	0		Jack Lockyer	0	1	
Andy Harcourt	2	0		Roy Taylor	1	0		John Twell	0	1	
Pete Lee	2	0		Shaun Redmond	1	0		Jon Bamsey	0	1	
Will Leary	2	0		Stan Pratt	1	0		Keith Akers	0	1	
Chas Jones	1	6		Terry Isard	1	0		Mark Goodyer	0	1	
Mick Lingham	1	4		Terry Oakley	1	0		Mark Lee	0	1	
Allan Lacey	1	2		Tim Ringsdore	1	0		Mark Taylor	0	1	
Chris Saville	1	2		Trevor Gallienne	1	0		Mark Woods	0	1	
Dennis Atkins	1	2		Wayne Poingdestrel	0			Paul Frost	0	1	
Sean Taylor	1	2		Mark Brewster	0	4		Paul Webb	0	1	
Alan Donovan	1	1		Max Dick	0	3		Pete Phillips	0	1	
Curt Driver	1	1		Tony Woolvin	0	3		Phil Spencer	0	1	
Ernie Jordan	1	1		Brian Wood	0	2		Ray Sturgess	0	1	
Graham Bisson	1	1		Don Cadec	0	2		Stuart Giles	0	1	
Ian Street	1	1		Harry Barbet	0	2		T Drake	0	1	
Mark Turner	1	1		Ian Moquet	0	2		Terry Race	0	1	
Mick Nichol	1	1		Keith Lewendon	0	2		Tony Willis	0	1	
Paul Scouse	1	1		Micky Daw	0	2		John Davie	0	0	1
Peter Noel	1	1		Paul Douglas	0	2		John Willsher	0	0	1
Tony Franks	1	0	1	Simon Tinto	0	2		Ray Hussey	0	0	1
Alan Howes	1	0		Adam Cox	0	1					

*EXERCISE COURTESY OF Stefan HITSTURRA, who obviously has a very warped mind:  
As another bit of fun, see if you can see which is the most successful christian  
name as far as WINNING titles is concerned. Exclude KEVINs, JOHNs and BERNIEs.  
Clue: PAULs are very close behind.....but then he usually is.*

**MAJOR CHAMPIONSHIP FINALISTS: LADIES**

	W	RU	3rd		W	RU	3rd		W	RU	3rd
Viv Wright	13	2	1	Sylvia Vaughan	1	0		Penny Burch	0	1	
Jan Taylor	6	5		Sue Redmond	1	0		Janie Macoy	0	1	
Sue Mariner	4	2		Sally Mortimer	1	0		Doreen Yorke	0	1	
Chris Toner	4	1	1	Josie Hogan	1	0		Denise Hoadley	0	1	
Gail Woods	3	3		Ann Green	1	0		Ann Richards	0	1	
Myra Hawkins	3	2	1	Pauline Withey	0	3		Ann Keen	0	1	
Jill Josey	2	4	1	Alison Norman	0	3		Joyce Mannell	0	0	1
Gay Austin	2	0		Jill O'Brien	0	2		Heather McMillan	0	0	1
Jean Over	1	1	1	Kim Beeching	0	1	1	Daphne Mills	0	0	1
Sheila O'Brien	1	1		Sue Bewsey	0	1					
Pauline Ibbotson	1	0	1	Sheila King	0	1					

# The 6th BRITISH LADIES OPEN PAIRS

SUN 26th JUL 1998

at the FRENCHES CLUB, REDHILL

PREVIOUS WINNERS:

- 1993 Viv Wright & Sylvia Vaughan (Kent)  
 1994 Gail Woods & Sue Banting (Surrey)  
 1995 Myra Hawkins & Jill Josey (Berks)  
 1996 Gail Woods (Surrey) & Sue Mariner (Sussex)  
 1997 Josie Hogan & Sally Mortimer (Surrey)

(All the following information is courtesy of Gail Woods:)

	NR		City	RP	Round 1	Round 2	Qtr-final
	Beh	Aft					
MYRA HAWKINS/ JILL JOSEY	6/13	6/8	Ber	7.4		2570 4030	3540 8530
Janie Macoy/ Lyn Harcourt			Ken			3490 2610	
Penny Burch/ Janet Burns	5/22	5/21	Nor/Ber	1.0		3240 1670	3200 2120
Jane Wood/ Vee Richens			Oxf			2310 1100	
MICHELLE BADEN/ ALISON SHILLING			Sus	3.1		2530 4310	5110 2170
Jill O'Brien/ Diana Welburn	-/15	-/15	Ken	0.4		3420 2720	
Jan Taylor/ Alison Norman	1/9	1/9	Ken/Sur	1.1		740 6660	1570 4290
Sue Mariner/ Gail Woods	3/2	3/2	Sus/Sur	1.2		4500 1520	
SHEILA KING/ DENISE HOADLEY	45/12	24/11	Sur	5.4	6270 2830	7830 2870	7880 2470
Enid Wain/ Ruth Collett			Oxf		1230 3130		
Sue Loughran/ Ding Johnson			Sus	0.1		400 2930	
Gill Mackie/ June Davies			Sur	1.0			1170 1170
JOSIE HOGAN/ SALLY MORTIMER	10/14	10/13	Sur	3.2		6430 5540	4540 4210
Sheena Wood/ Bella Stoner	-/15	-/15	Sus			2480 3000	
Eileen Britton/ Jane Carless			Ber	1.0	400 3570	1260 4500	390 2950
Ann Keen/ Karen Keen	24/-	25/-	Ken		2770 1120		
Pauline Withey/ Jenny Abbott	4/-	4/-	Oxf			840 4320	

## THE LAST FOUR

	Semi-finals		Final (best of 4)			
HAWKINS/JOSEY	3130	5560	6250	3710	2240	2760 =14960
Baden/Shilling	3380	1670				
KING/HOADLEY	4450	2790	4450	5560	760	3610 =14380
Hogan/Mortimer	2850	4110				

## THE PLATE

	First Round		Second Round		Semi-finals		Final (4 legs)		
S Mariner/G Woods	5610	4060	6440	10270	540	13000	7260	4130	14230 3
G Mackie/J Davies	1800	2280							
A Keen/K Keen	3090	2790	2340	1940					
E Wain/R Collett	3420	2340							
J O'Brien/D Welburn			8770	960	9540	240			
J Macoy/L Harcourt			420	4900					
S Loughran/D Johnson			1460	4760	3430	5700	1520	3270	810 0
J Wood/V Richens			2200	2720					
S Wood/B Stoner			1110	4520	950	820			
P Withey/J Abbott			2610	1080					

BEST BREAKS: Woods 10,440 & 9,740 Mariner 8,190 Welburn 7,450 & 6,750  
 Hoadley 6,830 Hawkins 5,660

BEST COMBINED BREAK: Woods & Mariner 18,630

PRIZE LIST full details of prizes have, sadly, not been made available to the BBQ editor.

**The 7th BERKSHIRE OPEN**

SUN 9th AUG 1998

at the POST OFFICE S &amp; SC, READING

PREVIOUS FINALS	1992	JOHN BURROWS (BUCKS) beat BILL TRINDER (BERKS)
	1993	LES GREEN (KENT) beat MAXWELL DICK (OXON)
	1994	PAUL SAINSBURY (BERKS) beat SEAN TAYLOR (SUSSEX)
	1995	LES GREEN (KENT) beat KEVIN CLARK (KENT)
	1996	KEVIN CLARK (KENT) beat KEITH SHEARD (OXON)
	1997	JOHN BURROWS (BUCKS) beat LES GREEN (KENT)

		CTY	NR	RP	First Round		Second Round		Third Round	
		B'fore After								
Pete Farrelly	Nor	10	10		0	2,830				
Maxwell Dick	Oxf	26	23	0.6	=18,310	12,690	7,810	140		
GEOFF PITT	Ber	31	29	3.4			4,680	13,850	6,920	12,440
Dennis Claydon	Ber				3,030	3,230				
PETE PHILLIPS	Oxf			1.0	1,650	5,580	5,010	5,400	7,210	80
Brian Daniels	Han						940	2,980		
MARK SAWYER	Ber	5	5	5.5	8,950	6,280	walk-over		5,890	12,130
Keith Sheard	Oxf	2	2		950	210				
RAY STURGESS	Oxf	30	30	1.7	<sup>2</sup> 12,320	=16,690	12,150	6,630	2,800	250
Syl Murphy	Buc				1,220	0				
Terry Cook	Oxf						240	4,900		
John Smith	Buc				4,530	1,740				
KEVIN TUNSTALL	Oxf	1	1	12.2	180	<sup>2</sup> 15,150	6,240	<sup>2</sup> 15,680	14,910	10,300
Ernie Jordan	Buc	41	41				6,720	2,030		
Dennis Atkins	Oxf	21	22	0.2	9,030	<sup>2</sup> 10,500	0	2,770		
Ray Hussey	Buc	46	46		1,740	5,020				
BERNIE McCLUSKEY	Ber	13	13	1.6			=18,790	11,000	270	conc
Paul Wing	Han	12	12	0.5	7,110	<sup>2</sup> 20,820	4,760	3,350		
Dino Clark	Buc				2,050	160				
TONY WALSH	Ber	11	11	3.4			3,520	<sup>2</sup> 11,490	12,080	50
Les Green	Ken	3	4				1,660	4,470		
BILL TRINDER	Ber	35	34	1.0			3,570	4,170	2,960	7,280
GARY JOHNSON	Oxf	33	32	1.0					3,100	4,200
Phil Hawkins	Ber	43	43				3,410	90		
STEVE BIGGS	Nor	15	15	3.9			<sup>2</sup> 11,300	<sup>2</sup> 17,050	3,960	11,320
Darren Isard	Buc						140	6,180		
ERIC HILL	Buc	28	27	1.4			<sup>2</sup> 16,440	10,940	2,510	5,660
PAUL SAINSBURY	Ber	4	3	8.0					7,580	11,060
KENT MURRAY	Buc			1.3					0	14,580
KEITH LEWENDON	Ber			3.5			13,190	6,440	=16,770	330
Alan Chaloner	Ber						820	6,000		
Andy Haines	Buc	48	48				1,540	490		
TERRY ISARD	Buc			1.2			4,500	<sup>2</sup> 12,040	3,820	7,860
Steve Huntley	Oxf						3,620	3,120		
MARK TURNER	Ber	25	21	5.4			2,750	5,490	9,610	2,990

= DENOTES THAT THE ENTIRE RECORDED SCORE WAS MADE IN ONE BREAK.

<sup>2</sup> DENOTES OTHER BREAKS of 10,000+: Sturgess 12,110 Tunstall 14,050 11,700

Atkins 10,250 Wing 20,720 Walsh 10,300 Biggs 11,010 16,250 Hill 15,940 Isard 10,250

**THE LAST EIGHT**

	Quarter-finals		Semi-finals		Final	
Geoff Pitt	2,650	3,630				
Mark Sawyer	8,600	9,770	200	0 (conc)		
<b>KEVIN TUNSTALL</b>	12,320	9,000	18,800	2,050	=22,790	610
Tony Walsh	5,260	0				
Steve Biggs	8,200	6,850				
<b>PAUL SAINSBURY</b>	9,470	<sup>2</sup> 11,300	370	13,800	0	<sup>2</sup> 15,920
Keith Lewendon	2,040	0				
Mark Turner	9,770	7,590	11,020	1,110		

= DENOTES THAT THE ENTIRE RECORDED SCORE WAS MADE IN ONE BREAK.

<sup>2</sup> DENOTES OTHER BREAKS of 10,000+: **SAINSBURY 10,190 15,380****THE PLUS COMPETITION (PLAYED SIMULTANEOUSLY, TOP 32 INELIGIBLE)**

	First Round	Second Round	Third Round	Quarter-finals
Thomas Ellis-Rees Oxf	2,660 2,280			
Wayne Steere Han	3,380 8,100	740 3,210		
<b>*DIANA WELBURN</b> Ken		<sup>1</sup> 7,870 1,150	<sup>1</sup> 5,790 390	3,000 2,970
Gary Trussler Ber	2,610 1,100			
Mike Tiley Han	2,290 1,840	5,830 2,920	940 660	
Arthur Carless Ber		1,720 1,910		
Adam Stocker Ber		3,090 2,290	350 940	
<b>*JANE CARLESS</b> Ber		2,430 1,250		
<b>*JANET BURNS</b> Ber	4,660 2,060	2,170 <sup>1</sup> 5,410	5,920 2,680	2,640 400
Tony Webster Han	3,130 2,570			
Brian Dawkins Ber		4,040 0		
Richard Pembroke Ber		1,290 0		
Brian Jones Buc		2,310 980	1,300 910	
<b>DAVE EVANS</b> Oxf		1,950 3,160	1,460 7,740	3,890 6,530
Phil Rice Ber		3,190 1,730		
<b>DAVE BARNES</b> Oxf		a bye and two walk-overs		2,880 1,560
Richard Hockey Han		2,110 4,780	1,540 4,040	
Ron Britton Ber		4,180 890		
<b>ALAN HUNTLEY</b> Oxf		1,820 3,330	4,680 2,690	1,120 2,360
<b>*ANN GREEN</b> Ken		1,870 1,170		
Steven Sheard Oxf		2,400 5,010		
<b>CHRIS LAWMAN</b> Nor <b>NR-54</b>		5,760 3,730	5,300 7,740	7,700 6,250
<b>*PAULINE WITHEY</b> Oxf		2,600 3,490	2,290 1,510	
<b>*EILEEN BRITTON</b> Ber		3,750 1,650		
<b>*MYRA HAWKINS</b> Ber		3,850 5,080	1,770 1,200	
Neil Bickers Ber		2,970 1,670		
<b>NIGEL GOODWIN</b> Ber		1,520 4,300	6,980 8,630	6,620 4,190
<b>*MARION SEWELL</b> Han		1,780 2,480		
Chris Kirby Ber		2,490 1,410		
Darren McNeil Ber		4,240 6,040	530 2,890	
Charlie Gildersleve Buc		3,260 70		
<b>ANDY BURNS</b> Ber		1,950 4,590	4,860 5,790	1,410 6,070

<sup>1</sup> DENOTES LADIES BREAKS of 4,000+: **WELBURN 6,010 5,120 BURNS 4,330**



**SEMIFINALS and FINAL**

	<i>Semi-finals</i>		<i>Final</i>	
Diana Welburn	2,540	1,080		
Dave Evans	3,280	2,940	4,050	1,560
CHRIS LAWMAN	7,660	4,070	1,300	5,000
Nigel Goodwin	720	2,490		

**PRIZE LIST**

WINNER, £100	KEVIN TUNSTALL (OXON)
RUNNER-UP, £50	PAUL SAINSBURY (BERKS)
SEMI-FINALISTS	MARK SAWYER & MARK TURNER (BOTH BERKS)
HIGHEST BREAK AWARD, £20	PAUL WING (HANTS) 20,720 (TUNSTALL'S BEST OF 22,790 COULD NOT QUALIFY)
PLUS WINNER, £50	CHRIS LAWMAN (NORTHANTS)
PLUS RUNNER-UP, £25	DAVE EVANS (OXON)
PLUS SEMI-FINALISTS	DIANA WELBURN (KENT) NIGEL GOODWIN (BERKS)
PLUS HIGHEST BREAK, £20	NIGEL GOODWIN (BERKS) 5,780 (LAWMAN'S BEST OF 7,550 COULD NOT QUALIFY)
BEST LADY (EITHER COMP), £20	DIANA WELBURN (KENT)
LADIES HIGHEST BREAK (EITHER COMP), £20	JANET BURNS (BERKS) 4,330 (WELBURN'S BEST OF 6,010 COULD NOT QUALIFY)

**IT'S ANOTHER SAINSBURY GIVE-AWAY.....Tunstall wins again**

Four Grand Prix events so far in 1998, and FOUR runner-up prizes for Paul Sainsbury!

The Bexhill-on-Sea player who drives many miles each week just to play in Reading league matches, has shown a remarkable consistency all year, but just cannot capture a major prize, much to his own chagrin.

In fact, the run of runner-up results continue back to the Grand Prix Masters final in November 1997 when Sainsbury lost out to High Wycombe's John Burrows. But, although Sainsbury seems fairly depressed about his recent luck, no-one should feel too sorry for him, as, according to a recent report, he is second in the game's all-time list of money-earners.

Well ahead, though, is Kevin Tunstall, the Oxfordshire captain from Roke. The game's No.1 is again beginning to surge away from the rest at the top of the rankings, winning his 23rd major event at the Berkshire Open staged at Reading's PO Club.

It was the first time he had won this event, and now, as predicted in September's *Pot Black*, only needs to capture the Kent Classic for a complete set of major titles. But Tunstall will have to wait at least another year to complete his collection as he was disappointed to hear, like many other top players, that this year's Kent Classic was cancelled.

The Berkshire Open final, however, was a "classic" of the highest quality, but was watched by only a small crowd. Tunstall played out the entire first leg for the best break of the day, 22,790.

The final 8,000 was recorded at full throttle, but Sainsbury seemed to be in with a chance when he reached 15,000 with over five minutes to play, but then one standard shot was unkind to him, a ball whipping out of the 50 hole. It possibly destroyed both his confidence and his concentration, and he was off the table a couple of shots later.

Tunstall had beaten Wycombe's John Smith in the first round, and then a succession of top players: current Over-50's champion Ernie Jordan (Watford), England captain Bernie McCluskey and Tony Walsh, both from Reading, and then dangerous Mark Sawyer from Wokingham in the semi-final.

Sainsbury's passage was somewhat easier, initially. He was given a first round bye and then a second round walk-over when John Burrows (Wycombe) failed to make the starting line-up. His biggest test was against Rushden's Steve Biggs who started with an 8,100 break only to stand by and watch Sainsbury reply with 9,470, and then another 10,190 at the start of the second leg before being given another opportunity. Mark Turner (Wokingham) was his semi-final opponent, and Sainsbury found himself nearly 11,000 behind on the first leg before scoring over 13,000 in the second.

It is all sadly symmetrical for Turner, it was his third successive Open semi-final



appearance, but each time he has been beaten....by Sainsbury.

Tunstall could not claim the award for the highest break, so it went to Portsmouth's Paul Wing who made a superb 20,820 in the first round match with Dino Clark (Wycombe).

A bigger audience watched the final of the "Berkshire Open Plus" competition, a tournament for lower-ranked players played concurrently.

Kettering's Chris Lawman retained the title he won in 1997, beating Oxford's Dave Evans at the death.

Nigel Goodwin (Reading) scored the best break in the minor event, and Diana Welburn (Kent) and Janet Burns (Reading) won the special ladies' awards.

## COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS 1998

SUN SEPT 27th 1998

at the POST OFFICE S & SC, READING

### DIVISION ONE

Previous Winners:

1978 Bucks	1979 Kent	1980 Bucks	1981 Sussex
1982 Kent	1983 Oxford	1984 Berks	1985 Berks
1986 Bucks	1987 Bucks	1988 Bucks	1989 Berks
1990 Berks	1991 Berks	1992 Kent	1993 Berks
1994 Bucks	1995 Berks	1996 Berks	1997 Oxford

BUCKS	0	BERKS	7	OXFORD	5	NORTHANTS	2
T Isard	4,860	P Sainsbury	8,910*	K Godfrey	4,940	P Farrelly	7,280*
E Hill	1,480	K Lewendon	10,620*	D Atkins	9,640*	P Burch	3,460
J Burrows	9,100	R Josey	9,160*	P Burton	8,660*	C Lawman	8,620
K Murray	4,790	B McCluskey	10,470*	J Bamsey	1,530	S Biggs	13,050*
R Hussey	7,190	D Williamson	9,630*	K Tunstall	10,700*	A Walker	2,200
E Jordan	4,950	M Sawyer	10,180*	R Sturgess	9,190*	A Chambers	5,480
D Isard	2,450	P Hawkins	8,640*	K Sheard	15,700*	S Oram	3,450
	34,820		67,610		60,360		43,540
BREAKS: Burrows 9,100 Josey 9,160				BREAKS: Tunstall 10,170 Sheard 12,000			
McCluskey 10,330 Sawyer 10,180							

SUSSEX	2	BUCKS	5	BERKS	2	OXFORD	5
I Street	7,290*	T Isard	3,010	R Josey	3,870	K Godfrey	10,000*
C Tupper	1,890	E Hill	13,710*	B McCluskey	6,100	D Atkins	9,800*
S Mariner	5,140	J Burrows	13,020*	D Williamson	5,800	P Burton	9,500*
G Lloyd	6,000	K Murray	8,650*	M Sawyer	4,520	J Bamsey	10,520*
J Millward	10,470*	R Hussey	6,700	P Hawkins	11,950*	K Tunstall	3,400
J Slee	4,170	E Jordan	6,110*	K Lewendon	8,160*	R Sturgess	5,430
S Taylor	6,870	D Isard	10,900*	P Sainsbury	8,500	K Sheard	9,130*
	41,830		62,100		48,900		57,780
BREAKS: Burrows 13,020 Millward 10,400				BREAKS: Bamsey 10,460 Hawkins 11,950			

NORTHANTS	3	BERKS	4	OXFORD	5	SUSSEX	2
A Walker	5,020	P Hawkins	7,530*	K Godfrey	6,070	S Mariner	6,780*
S Biggs	590	M Sawyer	7,230*	D Atkins	5,810	G Lloyd	9,860*
C Lawman	3,080	D Williamson	9,980*	P Burton	9,840*	J Millward	5,500
A Chambers	3,480	K Lewendon	9,820*	J Bamsey	13,490*	J Slee	870
S Oram	11,680*	P Sainsbury	4,520	K Tunstall	9,700*	S Taylor	9,180
P Burch	9,300*	B McCluskey	1,480	R Sturgess	10,540*	C Tupper	3,090
P Farrelly	8,700*	R Josey	4,980	K Sheard	22,000*	I Street	0
	41,850		45,540		77,450		35,280
BREAKS: Oram 11,200				BREAKS: Tunstall 9,700 Taylor 9,180			
				Sheard 22,000			

<b>SUSSEX</b>		<b>5 NORTHANTS</b>		<b>2</b>
J Millward	13,720 *	C Lawman	2,550	
J Slee	12,140 *	S Biggs	1,150	
S Taylor	10,200 *	A Walker	4,520	
C Tupper	9,070 *	A Chambers	4,110	
I Street	5,530	S Oram	9,040 *	
G Lloyd	7,620 *	P Burch	6,250	
S Mariner	0	P Farrelly	7,740 *	
	58,280		35,360	

BREAKS: Millward 10,720

<b>NORTHANTS</b>		<b>3 BUCKS</b>		<b>4</b>
A Walker	5,040	D Isard	5,270 *	
A Chambers	8,370 *	E Hill	5,580	
S Oram	14,790 *	T Isard	1,200	
P Burch	5,130	K Murray	6,080 *	
P Farrelly	4,670	J Burrows	11,810 *	
S Biggs	10,650 *	E Jordan	6,290	
C Lawman	1,040	R Hussey	10,070 *	
	49,690		46,300	

BREAKS: Burrows 10,000+ Biggs 10,650

<b>BUCKS</b>		<b>6 OXFORD</b>		<b>1</b>
J Burrows	13,780 *	K Godfrey	130	
K Murray	8,440 *	D Atkins	5,820	
R Hussey	11,360 *	P Burton	2,260	
E Jordan	12,640 *	J Bamsey	1,150	
D Isard	4,470	K Tunstall	10,960 *	
E Hill	7,260 *	R Sturgess	5,940	
T Isard	3,860 *	K Sheard	270	
	61,810		26,530	

BREAKS: Hussey 11,110 Tunstall 10,540

<b>BERKS</b>		<b>3 SUSSEX</b>		<b>4</b>
D Williamson	9,420 *	J Millward	7,790	
M Sawyer	3,880	J Slee	4,640 *	
P Hawkins	0	S Taylor	16,450 *	
K Lewendon	2,540	C Tupper	8,110 *	
P Sainsbury	11,880 *	I Street	1,680	
B McCluskey	2,040	G Lloyd	12,180 *	
T Walsh	13,810 *	S Mariner	3,650	
	43,570		54,500	

BREAKS: Walsh 13,810

## DIVISION TWO

Previous Winners:

1988 Surrey	1989 Northants	1990 Surrey	1991 Sussex
1992 Hants	1993 Surrey	1994 Kent	1995 Hants
1996 Sussex	1997 Northants		

<b>CAMBS</b>		<b>3 SURREY</b>		<b>4</b>
D Franklin	4,180	A Gaskin	7,640 *	
K MacDonald	9,100 *	A Hastings	1,330	
E Burton	3,830 *	M Pellett	910	
M Cornish	1,740	D Constable	4,410 *	
N Elmer	560	G Jukes	14,520 *	
P Doherty	8,150	S Tinto	10,400 *	
P Buckle	7,860 *	L Roberts	4,780	
	35,420		43,990	

BREAKS: Jukes 14,200

Doherty 8,150 Tinto 10,400

<b>CAMBS</b>		<b>3 HANTS</b>		<b>4</b>
N Elmer	1,920	C Gregory	9,620 *	
M Cornish	1,480	T Woolvin	12,820 *	
P Buckle	4,280 *	B Radford	2,250	
P Doherty	4,030	A Chaloner	14,190 *	
E Burton	1,310	C Newson	7,010 *	
K MacDonald	15,200 *	P Wing	490	
D Franklin	6,620 *	A Rowley	2,950	
	34,840		49,330	

BREAKS: Woolvin 12,760

<b>HANTS</b>		<b>4 SURREY</b>		<b>3</b>
B Radford	14,690 *	L Roberts	450	
A Chaloner	13,530 *	S Tinto	150	
C Newson	11,450 *	M Pellett	1,300	
P Wing	520	A Hastings	13,730 *	
A Rowley	7,210 *	A Gaskin	4,210	
T Woolvin	1,580	D Constable	10,250 *	
C Gregory	3,970	G Jukes	10,750 *	
	52,950		40,840	

BREAKS: Hastings 11,130

<b>HANTS</b>		<b>3 KENT</b>		<b>4</b>
A Rowley	8,730 *	K Clark	4,110	
P Wing	1,030	T Heasman	10,520 *	
C Newson	2,980	M Brewster	14,770 *	
T Woolvin	11,680 *	L Green	6,630	
C Gregory	3,420	D Wicker	7,880 *	
A Chaloner	2,220	M Heasman	8,380 *	
B Radford	10,620 *	C Saville	3,420	
	40,680		55,710	

BREAKS: Woolvin 11,680 Radford 10,220

<b>SURREY</b>		<b>4 KENT</b>		<b>3</b>
G Jukes	6,710 *	D Wicker	5,970	
D Constable	6,820	L Green	10,590 *	
L Roberts	8,190 *	C Saville	6,820	
S Tinto	2,900	M Heasman	12,320 *	
M Pellett	5,800 *	M Brewster	1,890	
A Hastings	11,000 *	T Heasman	4,260	
A Gaskin	3,090	K Clark	10,270 *	
	44,510		52,120	

BREAKS: Green 10,260 Clark 10,020

<b>KENT</b>		<b>5 CAMBS</b>		<b>2</b>
D Wicker	7,360	N Elmer	7,790 *	
L Green	10,810 *	M Cornish	860	
C Saville	9,030 *	P Buckle	6,040	
M Heasman	5,090	P Doherty	11,090 *	
M Brewster	8,410 *	E Burton	3,100	
T Heasman	7,230 *	K MacDonald	4,800	
K Clark	10,810 *	D Franklin	2,840	
	58,740		36,520	

BREAKS:

## DIVISION ONE

	P	W	L	Aggreg	Pts
OXFORD	4	3	1	222,120	16
BERKS	4	2	2	205,620	16
BUCKS	4	3	1	205,030	15
SUSSEX	4	2	2	189,890	13
NORTHANTS	4	0	4	170,440	10

HIGHEST BREAK:  
KEITH SHEARD 22,000

## DIVISION TWO

	P	W	L	Aggreg	Pts
KENT	3	2	1	166,570	12
HANTS	3	2	1	142,960	11
SURREY	3	2	1	129,340	11
CAMBS	3	0	3	106,780	8

HIGHEST BREAK:  
GEOFF JUKES, 14,200

## AVERAGES

(# denotes National Ranking BEFORE: AFTER)

Pos		#	Cty	RP	W	L	Aver	Pos		#	Cty	RP	W	L	Aver
1	T Walsh	11:11	Ber	1.2	1	0	13810	33	P Hawkins	43:43	Ber	2.3	3	1	7030
2	J Burrows	7:6	Buc	17.7	3	1	11928	34	E Hill	27:29	Buc	0.2	2	2	7008
3	K Sheard	2:2	Oxf	16.9	3	1	11775	35	K Murray		Buc	2.2	3	1	6990
4	S Taylor	60:37	Sus	13.5	2	2	10675	36	J Bamsey	19:19	Oxf	0.3	2	2	6673
5	G Jukes	31:20	Sur	13.4	3	0	10660	37	M Sawyer	5:5	Ber	0.1	2	2	6453
6	A Chaloner	57:39	Han	10.5	2	1	9980	38	C Saville	18:18	Ken	0.1	1	2	6423
7	S Oram	69:42	Nor	12.6	3	1	9740	39	S Biggs	15:15	Nor	0.3	2	2	6360
8	K MacDonald	0:48	Cam	8.4	2	1	9700	40	A Rowley		Han	1.1	2	1	6297
9	J Millward	9:8	Sus	8.3	2	2	9370	41	P Buckle	47:51	Cam	1.0	2	1	6060
10	L Green	4:3	Ken	6.2	2	1	9343	42	P Burch		Nor	0.1	1	3	6035
11	B Radford	0:61	Han	5.4	2	1	9187	43	R Josey		Ber	0.1	1	2	6003
12	G Lloyd	33:28	Sus	7.3	3	1	8915	44	D Isard		Buc	0.1	2	2	5773
13	R Hussey	46:46	Buc	4.3	2	2	8830	45	C Gregory		Han	0.1	1	2	5670
14	D Williamson		Ber	5.3	3	1	8708	46	C Tupper	38:40	Sus	0.2	2	2	5540
15	T Woolvin	14:14	Han	1.4	2	1	8693	47	J Slee	44:49	Sus	0.2	2	2	5455
16	K Tunstall	1:1	Oxf	3.3	3	1	8690	48	A Chambers		Nor	0.1	1	3	5360
17	A Hastings		Sur	1.4	2	1	8687	49	K Godfrey		Oxf	0.1	1	3	5285
18	M Heasman		Ken	1.3	2	1	8597	50	B McCluskey	13:13	Ber	0.1	1	3	5023
19	P Sainsbury	3:4	Ber	0.4	2	2	8453	51	A Gaskin		Sur		1	2	4980
20	K Clark	6:7	Ken	1.2	2	1	8397	52	D Franklin		Cam		1	2	4547
21	M Brewster	25:24	Ken	1.4	2	1	8357	53	S Tinto	16:16	Sur	0.1	1	2	4483
22	K Lewendon	56:51	Ber	2.3	3	1	7785	54	L Roberts		Sur	0.1	1	2	4473
23	R Sturgess	30:32	Oxf	0.2	2	2	7775	55	A Walker		Nor		0	4	4195
24	D Atkins	22:23	Oxf	0.2	2	2	7768	56	S Mariner	8:9	Sus		1	3	3893
25	P Doherty		Cam	0.3	1	2	7757	57	C Lawman	54:59	Nor	0.1	0	4	3823
26	P Burton		Oxf	2.3	3	1	7565	58	I Street		Sus		1	3	3625
27	E Jordan	41:45	Buc	0.2	2	2	7498	59	N Elmer		Cam		1	2	3423
28	T Heasman		Ken	1.1	2	1	7337	60	T Isard		Buc		1	3	3233
29	D Constable		Sur	1.1	2	1	7160	61	E Burton		Cam		1	2	2747
30	C Newson	59:62	Han	1.2	2	1	7147	62	M Pellett		Sur		1	2	2670
31	P Farrelly	10:10	Nor	2.1	3	1	7098	63	M Cornish		Cam		0	3	1360
32	D Wicker		Ken		1	2	7070	64	P Wing	12:12	Han		0	3	680

## OXFORD WIN CLOSEST FOUGHT TITLE IN YEARS

The Oxfordshire county side had to nervously sweat out the final ninety minutes of the event staged at the Post Office Club in Reading before they could celebrate the retention of the County Championship title they had captured so impressively last year.

They had finished all their group matches, and had to sit out the final session of matches, hoping that Sussex could beat Berkshire, and Northants could somehow take three legs from their match with Bucks.

Amazingly, that it just what transpired, and the Oxfordshire lads were cock-a-hoop!

After winning only their second-ever title last year, Oxford started the tournament in confident style with a hat-trick of 5-2 victories over newly-promoted Northants and the powerful Berkshire and Sussex sides, which was rounded off with a magnificent 22,000



break, easily the best of the day, by No.2-ranked Keith Sheard against the unfortunate Ian Street (Eastbourne).

But Oxford were then staggered by a top-class performance by Bucks who had been threatened by the prospect of relegation when they lost their first game of the day 7-0 to Berkshire.

Bucks had rallied with an surprising 5-2 win over Sussex but could never have expected to beat high-flying Oxford 6-1. But they did so.

No.1 Kevin Tunstall was Oxford's only winner, scoring 10,960 against Bucks' promising teenager Darren Isard, although father Terry Isard, an ex-All England champion, inflicted the only defeat of the day on Sheard 3,860 - 270.

The tension built around the room as Oxford players watched the games without being able to control their destiny.

Bucks, needing a 5-2 success and some big scores to catch the aggregate points lead established by Oxford, struggled to take a 3-2 lead over Northants but then failed to capture the vital final two legs when Steve Biggs earned a 10,650 - 6,290 victory against the 1996 Over-50's champion Ernie Jordan.

Bucks therefore finished third in the table, one point adrift of both Oxford and Berks, the latter failing to beat Sussex and missing out on their ninth County Championship title.

Dave Williamson (9,420) had won the first leg, but No.5 Mark Sawyer lost to John Slee, Phil Hawkins lost to Sean Taylor and Keith Lewendon went down to Chris Tupper to take them 3-1 down.

Although Paul Sainsbury and reserve Tony Walsh won two of the last three legs, out of touch England skipper Bernie McCluskey lost to Gareth Lloyd (12,180).

Berks finished runners-up as they had won only two of their matches, while Oxford had won three. It was as close as that.

The competitiveness of the event was also reflected in the records of the individual players with a unique situation arising. All 35 players on show in the first division lost at least one of their four matches.

Kent have squeezed back into the first division for 1999, just holding off Hampshire and Surrey, to take the Second Division title by just one leg.

Kent, shocked to be relegated last season, started with a 4-3 win over Hants, but then lost by the same margin to Surrey.

The experienced men in the side gave them a vital 5-2 win over Cambridgeshire in their last match, with Hants ending the day by beating Surrey 4-3 at the death and taking the runners-up trophies by virtue of an aggregate score advantage of only 13,000.

Surrey's Geoff Jukes won the highest break award for his 14,200 effort made in the first match, and he was also the only unbeaten player in the division.

## **LADIES COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS 1998**

SUN OCT 4th 1998

at the POST OFFICE S & S C, READING

### **DIVISION ONE**

Previous Winners:

1973	Sussex	1974	Kent	1975	Sussex	1976	Hants
1977	Sussex	1978	Sussex	1979	Sussex	1980	Sussex
1981	Kent	1982	Oxford	1983	Kent	1984	Sussex
1985	Oxford	1986	Kent	1987	Oxford	1988	Sussex
1989	Kent	1990	Berks	1991	Kent	1992	Berks
1993	Kent	1994	Sussex	1995	Berks	1996	Surrey
1997	Sussex						

KENT A		4 BERKS		3	SURREY		5 SUSSEX	2
G Saville	2,020	J Carless	3,700 *		A Norman	4,360 *	J Bithell	4,320
J O'Brien	8,700 *	S Redmond	2,260		J Hogan	4,200 *	M Baden	1,860
A Keen	2,980	J Watson	3,230 *		D Hoadley	2,920 *	S Mariner	2,210
J Taylor	6,230 *	E Britton	1,360		G Woods	11,740 *	S Wood	1,130
D Welburn	6,140 *	J Josey	5,040		S King	0	K Beeching	3,630 *
J Peckham	2,210	M Hawkins	6,870 *		G Mackie	3,080 *	R Ridge	2,390
J Macoy	7,180 *	J Burns	260		S Mortimer	1,870	A Shilling	3,860 *
	35,460		22,720			28,170		19,400



BREAKS: O'Brien 5,600 Welburn 6,110  
Macoy 5,200

BREAKS: Woods 8,580

<b>KENT A</b>		<b>5 SUSSEX</b>		<b>2</b>
G Saville	2,570 *	S Mariner	2,520	
J O'Brien	5,920 *	M Baden	3,340	
A Keen	1,810	K Beeching	5,530 *	
J Taylor	5,290 *	S Wood	2,100	
D Welburn	7,340 *	A Shilling	1,420	
J Peckham	5,640 *	R Ridge	3,510	
J Macoy	2,440	J Bithell	4,120 *	
	31,010		22,540	

BREAKS: Welburn 5,030

<b>SURREY</b>		<b>3 KENT A</b>		<b>4</b>
S Mortimer	4,280	D Welburn	4,770 *	
G Mackie	4,850 *	J Peckham	2,470	
A Norman	2,640	J Macoy	4,710 *	
J Hogan	1,760	J O'Brien	7,160 *	
D Hoadley	6,200 *	G Saville	1,700	
G Woods	13,590 *	J Taylor	1,360	
S King	3,520	A Keen	4,630 *	
	36,840		26,800	

BREAKS: Woods 6,970 & 6,200

<b>BERKS</b>		<b>2 SURREY</b>		<b>5</b>
J Watson	5,310 *	S King	740	
E Britton	730	G Woods	10,840 *	
J Josey	1,800	S Mortimer	4,110 *	
M Hawkins	5,160 *	G Mackie	1,410	
J Burns	2,100	A Norman	5,040 *	
S Redmond	4,180	J Hogan	6,310 *	
J Carless	4,020	D Hoadley	5,740 *	
	23,300		34,190	

BREAKS:

<b>SUSSEX</b>		<b>3 BERKS</b>		<b>4</b>
K Beeching	11,680 *	J Watson	600	
S Wood	2,890	E Britton	2,990 *	
A Shilling	2,100	J Josey	2,950 *	
R Ridge	4,890 *	M Hawkins	4,090	
J Bithell	5,000	J Burns	6,120 *	
M Baden	1,920	S Redmond	3,790 *	
S Mariner	5,200 *	J Carless	1,920	
	33,680		22,460	

BREAKS: Beeching 8,090

## DIVISION TWO

Previous Winners:

1988 Hants	1989 Berks	1990 Surrey	1991 Sussex
1992 Oxford	1993 Surrey	1994 Oxford	1995 Surrey
1996 Sussex	1997 Kent		

<b>HANTS</b>		<b>4 KENT B</b>		<b>3</b>
J Mannell	5,730 *	A Cope	950	
B Hiatt	1,020	T Speller	1,620 *	
B Rowley	3,500 *	A Buckler	500	
P Gregory	2,290 *	M Morrison	1,910	
D Thorpe	2,450	K Keen	2,510 *	
L Penney	4,080 *	J Baker	760	
D Yorke	2,010	A Green	3,170 *	
	21,080		11,420	

BREAKS:

<b>HANTS</b>		<b>3 OXON</b>		<b>4</b>
B Rowley	1,320	J Wood	4,030 *	
P Gregory	2,180 *	J Parsons	2,030	
D Thorpe	2,030	S Leach	4,040 *	
L Penney	3,230 *	R Collett	2,540	
D Yorke	2,870	L Rose	4,950 *	
M Sewell	80	P Withey	12,010 *	
J Mannell	2,740 *	C Gough	1,870	
	14,450		31,470	

BREAKS: Withey 5,950 & 4,600

<b>BUCKS</b>		<b>3 HANTS</b>		<b>4</b>
M Izzard	3,330 *	D Thorpe	1,660	
C Shaw	4,710 *	P Gregory	1,880	
D Flattery	1,810	D Yorke	2,290 *	
C Burgess	2,110	L Penney	3,520 *	
S Haberman	810	J Mannell	3,500 *	
R Higham	5,880 *	B Hiatt	1,460	
		B Rowley	(3,870) *	
	18,650		18,180	

<b>BUCKS</b>		<b>2 OXON</b>		<b>5</b>
D Flattery	1,850	L Rose	3,920 *	
C Burgess	1,840	R Collett	2,470 *	
S Haberman	920	C Gough	1,210 *	
R Higham	150	P Withey	14,020 *	
		J Wood	(4,580) *	
C Shaw	1,980 *	J Parsons	1,680	
M Izzard	3,860 *	S Leach	2,260	
	10,600		30,140	

BREAKS: Withey 8,810

<b>KENT B</b>		<b>2½ BUCKS</b>		<b>4½</b>
A Cope	0	S Haberman	1,700 *	
T Speller	1,510	R Higham	2,350 *	
J Balderstone	(2,320) *			
M Morrison	1,590	C Shaw	2,660 *	
K Keen	2,570	M Izzard	3,090 *	
J Baker	1,900 =	C Burgess	1,900 =	
A Green	2,240 *	D Flattery	1,860	
	12,130		13,560	

BREAKS:

<b>OXON</b>		<b>6 KENT B</b>		<b>1</b>
J Wood	6,770 *	J Balderstone	1,020	
J Parsons	2,610 *	M Morrison	2,090	
S Leach	3,730 *	K Keen	820	
R Collett	4,650 *	A Buckler	1,120	
L Rose	3,080 *	A Green	2,530	
P Withey	4,420 *	T Speller	2,930	
C Gough	660	A Cope	2,350 *	
	25,920		12,860	

**DIVISION ONE**

	P	W	L	Aggreg	Pts
KENT A	3	3	0	93,270	13
SURREY	3	2	1	99,200	13
BERKS	3	1	2	68,480	9
SUSSEX	3	0	3	75,620	7

**HIGHEST BREAK:**

GAIL WOODS 8,580

**DIVISION TWO**

	P	W	L	Aggreg	Pts
OXON	3	3	0	87,530	15
HANTS	3	2	1	53,710	11
BUCKS	3	1	2	42,810	9½
KENT B	3	0	3	36,410	6½

**HIGHEST BREAK:**

PAULINE WITHEY 8,810

Bucks only had a team of six, so the opposing players with the walk-over were awarded the average winning score of all the other legs in the match. These count for team totals and are in brackets, but do NOT of course count towards a player's individual average.

**AVERAGES**

(# denotes National Ranking BEFORE: AFTER)

Pos		#	Cty	RP	W	L	Aver	Pos		#	Cty	RP	W	L	Aver
1	Gail Woods	2:2	Sur	18.8	3	0	12057	30	Jackie Watson		Ber	1.1	2	1	3047
2	Pauline Withey	4:3	Oxf	15.7	3	0	10150	31	Janet Burns	21:25	Ber	0.1	1	2	2827
3	Jill O'Brien	0:16	Ken	16.4	3	0	7260	32	Rosie Higham		Buc	1.1	2	1	2793
4	Kim Beeching	7:7	Sus	15.4	3	0	6947	33	Ann Green		KenB	1.0	2	1	2647
5	Diana Welburn	15:9	Ken	14.2	3	0	6083	34	Alison Shilling		Sus		1	2	2460
6	Jane Wood	0:19	Oxf	10.1	2	0	5400	35	Bez Rowley		Han		1	1	2410
7	Myra Hawkins	6:5	Ber	10.2	2	1	5373	36	Doreen Yorke		Han		1	2	2390
8	Denise Hoadley	11:8	Sur	11.2	3	0	4953	37	Michelle Baden		Sus		0	3	2373
9	Janie Macoy	0:20	Ken	8.1	2	1	4777	38	Pauline Gregory		Han	1.0	2	1	2117
10	Jan Bithell	0:23	Sus	6.1	1	2	4480	39	Jenny Parsons		Oxf		1	2	2107
11	Jan Taylor	1:1	Ken	6.2	2	1	4293	40	Gill Saville		Ken		1	2	2097
12	Josie Hogan	10:10	Sur	5.1	2	1	4090	41	Diane Thorpe		Han		0	3	2047
13	Alison Norman	9:11	Sur	4.1	2	1	4013	42	Sheena Wood		Sus		0	3	2040
14	Joyce Mannell		Han	3.1	3	0	3990	43	Tracy Speller		KenB		1	2	2020
15	Lisa Rose		Oxf	3.0	3	0	3983	44	Karen Keen		KenB		1	2	1967
16	Lyn Penney		Han	3.0	3	0	3610	45	Carole Burgess		Buc	0½	2½	1950	
17	Roz Ridge		Sus		1	2	3597	46	Marina Morrison		KenB		0	3	1863
18	Jackie Peckham		Ken	0.1	1	2	3440	47	Dawn Flattery		Buc		0	3	1840
19	Marilyn Izzard		Buc	3.0	3	0	3427	48	Eileen Britton		Ber		1	2	1693
20	Sally Mortimer	13:14	Sur		1	2	3420	49	Sheila King	24:30	Sur		0	3	1420
21	Sue Redmond	14:15	Ber		1	2	3410	50	Jean Baker		KenB	0½	1½	1330	
22	Sue Leach		Oxf	1.0	2	1	3343	51	Cher Gough		Oxf		1	2	1247
23	Sue Mariner	3:4	Sus	0.1	1	2	3310	52	Babs Hiatt		Han		0	2	1240
24	Jill Josey	8:12	Ber	0.1	1	2	3263	53	Sue Haberman		Buc		1	2	1143
25	Ruth Collett		Oxf	1.0	2	1	3220	54	Anne Cope		Ken		1	2	1100
26	Jane Carless		Ber		1	2	3213	55	Jean Balderstone		KenB		0	1	1020
27	Ann Keen	25:31	Ken		1	2	3140	56	Angela Buckler		KenB		0	2	810
28	Clare Shaw		Buc	3.0	3	0	3117	57	Marion Sewell		Han		0	1	80
29	Gill Mackie		Sur	1.0	2	1	3113								

**KEEN: QUEEN OF KENT**

Veteran Kent player Ann Keen was the toast of her team after she won the vital leg to capture the Ladies County Championship title just a year after winning promotion to the first division.

Kent went into the final session of matches one point behind Surrey, but only needed to win the match with their rivals 4-3 as that would give them the deciding unbeaten record.

An early 2-1 lead through Diana Welburn (4,770) and Janie Macoy (4,710) seemed to have set them on the way, but Gill Saville lost out to Denise Hoadley (6,200).

Jill O'Brien's 7,160 made it 3-2 for Kent, but they still needed one more from the last two legs.



**GROUP B (Contd)**

						RH (Buc)	PH (Ber)	RS (Oxf)	DSn (Sur)	DSt (Ber)	LG (Ken)
L Green	670	2,100	R Sturgess	1,730	1,450			3			2
R Sturgess	1,540	2,640	D Snashfold	1,610	1,420			3	2		
D Stemp	1,850	1,300	R Hussey	2,850	1,580	5				0	
<b>(Break 1,020)</b>											
R Hussey	1,750	640	D Snashfold	1,450	1,460	2			3		
P Hawkins	590	2,070	L Green	1,930	3,090		0				5
P Hawkins	1,370	1,250	R Sturgess	1,120	1,340		3	2			
D Snashfold	2,380	810	D Stemp	1,290	1,880				3	2	
<b>(Break 1,130)</b>											
L Green	2,460	2,590	D Stemp	660	350					0	5
<b>(Break 1,520)</b>											
R Sturgess	1,890	1,380	R Hussey	1,330	2,120	3		2			
R Hussey	3,560	1,930	P Hawkins	870	1,080	5	0				
D Stemp	1,540	1,590	R Sturgess	1,310	1,540			0		5	
L Green	1,890	1,600	D Snashfold	1,160	1,390				0		5
<b>(Break 1,300)</b>											
<b>points totals</b>						18	11	10	10	7	19
<b>ranking points</b>						8.0	4.9	4.2	4.1	2.8	14.5

**GROUP C**

						JP (Ken)	AM (Sus)	IH (Buc)	DC (Buc)	DB (Sur)
D Carswell	2,110	3,090	A Messer	1,760	960		0		5	
A Messer	1,570	2,200	D Bewey	1,550	1,420		5			0
I Haberman	1,250	1,930	D Carswell	3,430	2,040			0	5	
D Bewey	1,690	1,990	J Peckham	1,620	1,970	0				5
J Peckham	1,380	460	D Carswell	2,300	2,440	0			5	
A Messer	1,240	1,750	I Haberman	650	1,240		5	0		
D Carswell	2,240	2,130	D Bewey	2,020	1,240				5	0
I Haberman	580	990	J Peckham	880	1,370	5		0		
J Peckham	1,080	1,020	A Messer	2,170	2,080	0	5			
D Bewey	1,030	1,940	I Haberman	840	740			0		5
<b>points totals</b>						5	15	0	20	10
<b>ranking points</b>						2.5	7.8	0	12.2	5.1

**GROUP D**

						RB (Ber)	PL (Ox)	DA (Ox)	SM (Sus)	JW (Han)	MB (Ken)
R Britton	2,020	760	M Brewster	2,450	3,520	0					5
<b>(Break 1,070)</b>											
S Mephram	3,170	2,210	P Lee	770	1,500		0		5		
<b>(Break 1,120)</b>											
P Lee	1,030	1,850	J Wishart	780	1,870		3			2	
M Brewster	2,720	2,410	D Atkins	900	2,200			0			5
<b>(Break 1,050)</b>											
D Atkins	3,500	1,870	S Mephram	1,100	1,850			5	0		
<b>(Break 1,340)</b>											
J Wishart	1,400	1,640	R Britton	1,010	680	0				5	
R Britton	1,150	1,990	S Mephram	2,320	1,990	1			4		
P Lee	1,700	840	M Brewster	2,080	2,790		0				5
P Lee	820	800	D Atkins	3,080	1,680		0	5			
S Mephram	2,260	1,430	J Wishart	1,170	1,230				5	0	
M Brewster	3,260	3,090	J Wishart	850	710					0	5
D Atkins	2,340	1,240	R Britton	220	2,040	2		3			
R Britton	650	3,050	P Lee	2,900	800	2½	2½				
J Wishart	1,660	1,530	D Atkins	960	1,950			2		3	
M Brewster	1,650	2,780	S Mephram	2,100	1,870				2		3
<b>(Break 2,100)</b>											
<b>points totals</b>						5½	5½	15	16	10	23
<b>ranking points</b>						2.7	2.4	6.9	7.1	4.0	14.6



**SEMI-FINALS**

(losers £50)

<b>STEVE MARINER</b>	1,150 & 1,520	v	<b>LES GREEN</b>	1,740 & 1,340
<b>DOUG CARSWELL</b>	970 & 1,840	v	<b>MARK BREWSTER</b>	3,080 & 2,260

**FINAL**

(winner: £100 runner-up: £75)

<b>LES GREEN</b>	2,390 & 1,960	v	<b>MARK BREWSTER</b>	1,140 & 2,470
------------------	---------------	---	----------------------	---------------

**BEST BREAK OF THE DAY: MARK BREWSTER 2,100 (£25)****RANKING POINTS:**

It was decided that, due to the degree of difficulty in achieving high scores during this tournament, the threshold for ranking points would kick-in at 2,000 instead of the usual 8,000 as it is for other events in England, and then a bonus 0.1 for every 500.

**No.9 FOR GREEN IN NEW-STYLE TOURNAMENT**

Grand Prix event specialist Les Green has won the Alternative Rules Individual Championship for the first time, in a new-style tournament at the Post Office Club in Reading.

Green, from Rochester, won the 1997 All-England singles, the British Pairs with Chris Saville in 1995, he is the holder of the Mixed Pairs title with his wife Ann, and has won FIVE major Open events.....but none of that could have prepared him for THIS event.

The "Alternative Rules" Championship has been staged by the governing Association since 1983, and was usually used as a rehearsal by the top players for the British Isles Open Championship in Jersey a month later.

The "alternative" aspect was purely that every shot would have to be played from the "spot" in the centre of the "D", instead of using the whole "D", as is the standard rule in Jersey events.

However, in 1997, the rule-change progressed further in that the enormous advantage of taking first break in a game was nullified by having six balls placed in a triangle between the 100 and 10 holes at the start of each leg, forcing every player to have to retrieve the optimum break position in order to have the chance to tally up the big scores. The game would continue as normal once the table had been cleared, except for the long-standing "spot" limitation.

Even though all who took part confessed to enjoying the change, the association agreed to go a little further still this year, much to many top players' *chagrin*: each affiliated county can send three players to the event, but 16 of the current top 20 either failed to enter or failed to qualify.

It was decided that the six balls would be replaced each time the table was cleared, obviously likely to cull the high-scoring hopes of most of the top names.

Unluckily, three of those that DID play were consequently drawn in the same group. Steve Mariner (Brighton, no. 9), Peter Farrelly (Rushden, no. 10) and Tony Woolvin (Portsmouth, no. 14) were vying for one spot in the semi-finals, with Mariner coming out on top.

Green's closest challengers, meanwhile, were Oxford's Ray Sturgess (no.32) and Reading's Phil Hawkins (no.43). But it was High Wycombe's Ray Hussey who came closest to preventing Green's progress. Green had to beat Surrey's Dave Snashfold in his last match of the qualifying group matches to prevent Hussey causing the upset.

Mark Brewster, also from Rochester, looked a good favourite all day in the third group. A succession of great performances easily confirmed his place in the last four, culminating in the highest break of the day, 2,100.

Without being unkind to the players involved, five people were very pleased with the random draw for places in the four groups, made shortly before the start of play.

Alan Messer (Sussex) Ian Haberman (Bucks) and Dave Bewey (Surrey) are all occasional players on the game's busy circuit, but none of them are in the current top 100 players. Jackie Peckham (Kent) is the current No.66 in the ladies list, but the new star emerging from this golden opportunity was youngster Doug Carswell from High Wycombe.

Carswell, who won three games in his league play-offs to qualify, had never, ever, entered a tournament previously, but won BOTH legs in all four of his games in the group

and looked like winning the highest break prize for his 1,830 effort until it was beaten by Brewster.

Carswell was no match for Brewster in the semi-final, and Mariner also ran out of steam to lose by 400 points to Green.

Brewster is quickly getting a reputation for losing big finals. He was appearing in his fourth, but is still to take a title after losing the first leg 2,390 - 1,140. Although he managed to win the second 2,470 - 1,960, but it was not enough to overcome Green on aggregate.

The event benefited from £300 prize money donated by Bar Billiards Ltd., Ascot.

## GRAND PRIX STANDINGS

			Oxf	Nor	Sus	Ber	Jer	Total
1	Paul Sainsbury	Berks	10	10	10	10		40
2	Kevin Tunstall	Oxon	3	6	15	15		39
3	Keith Sheard	Oxon	6	15	3	-		24
4	Mark Turner	Berks	-	6	6	6		18
5	John Burrows	Bucks	15	X	X	X		15
6	Mark Sawyer	Berks	3	3	-	6		12
7	Les Green	Kent	6	3	-	-		9
8	Ray Hussey	Bucks	X	1	6	-		7
9	Geoff Pitt	Berks	3	X	X	3		6
10	Jon Bamsey	Oxon	1	3	X	X		4
11	Mark James	Sussex	3	-	-	X		3
	Chris Saville	Kent	-	3	X	X		3
	Bob Toye	Sussex	-	X	3	X		3
	Mark Brewster	Kent	X	-	3	X		3
	Pete Farrelly	North	-	-	3	-		3
	Tony Walsh	Berks	X	X	X	3		3
	Steve Biggs	North	X	-	X	3		3
	Keith Lewendon	Berks	-	X	X	3		3
19	Pete Phillips	Oxon	1	-	-	1		2
	Bernie McCluskey	Berks	1	X	X	1		2
	Kevin Clark	Kent	X	1	1	X		2
22	Tony Martin	Oxon	1	X	X	X		1
	Allan Lacey	Oxon	1	X	X	X		1
	Jason Cattermole	Oxon	1	X	X	X		1
	Steve Huntley	Oxon	1	-	X	-		1
	John Slee	Sussex	1	X	-	X		1
	Pauline Withey	Oxon	-	1	-	-		1
	Jon Coe	North	X	1	X	X		1
	Andy Haines	Bucks	-	1	-	-		1
	Andy Chambers	North	X	1	X	X		1
	Steve Minihane	Berks	-	1	-	X		1
	Ernie Jordan	Bucks	-	1	-	-		1
	Steve Mariner	Sussex	X	X	1	X		1
	Sean Taylor	Sussex	X	X	1	X		1
	Stuart Mephram	Sussex	X	X	1	X		1
	Paul Barnett	Sussex	X	X	1	X		1
	Sheila O'Brien	Sussex	X	X	1	X		1
	Vince Watts	Sussex	X	X	1	X		1
	Ian Street	Sussex	X	X	1	X		1
	Ray Sturgess	Oxon	-	-	-	1		1
	Bill Trinder	Berks	X	X	X	1		1
	Gary Johnson	Oxon	-	-	-	1		1
	Eric Hill	Bucks	-	X	X	1		1
	Kent Murray	Bucks	-	X	X	1		1
	Terry Isard	Bucks	X	X	X	1		1

Subject to the qualification requirements, the top 16 after JERSEY will be invited to play in the Grand Prix Finals in Reading on Nov 22nd. According to a proposal accepted at the 1997 AGM, only those having played in FOUR of the events can be invited, even though we did not know at the time that there would only be FIVE opens including Jersey. We have no right to overturn that AGM decision. The only exception is that BOTH finalists in the BIOC will automatically qualify.

"-" denotes DID NOT REACH LAST 16

"X" denotes DID NOT PLAY

### FINAL THOUGHTS

#### JUST IN TIME FOR JERSEY:

She offered her honour.  
He honoured her offer.  
And all night long,  
It was honour and offer.

SINCERE APOLOGIES in advance  
of any complaints.

#### VIAGRA

Isn't it worrying to hear about that large  
consignment of wonderdrug Viagra being  
stolen. Police are sure they are looking  
for a gang of "hardened" criminals.  
But, if you get some, take them with  
PROZAC, then if they don't work,  
YOU DON'T GIVE A DAMN.

#### Our game got a mention on TV in AUGUST:

Actor John Gordon Sinclair recently suggested in his sit-com "Loved by you" that the best way to get off the subject of his "wife's mother-in-law" when chatting to his new wife in the bedroom is to talk about the "Portuguese Wine Industry or Bar Billiards". So you'd better watch out for those Portuguese chambermaids in Jersey ..... in case they don't want to talk about wine.

### OR, IF THAT DOES NOT APPEAL, HOW ABOUT THIS MATHEMATICAL PUZZLE TO KEEP YOU INTERESTED:

What three figures conclude the following sequence?

1 4 4 2 4 2 4 6 2 6 4 2 4 6 6 2 6 4 2 6.....

Seriously, anyone able to give the correct answer WITH A PROPER EXPLANATION will win a free drink from the BBQ editor.

## DESPATCHES

**INTER-AREA CUP** Cambridge have qualified for their first ever Inter-Area final after beating the star-studded Reading A team in the semi-final. After winning 4-1 at home at the renowned Six Mile Bottom Club table, they managed the vital two legs in Reading just a few hours after playing in the County Championship.

Wycombe A only just made it past their own C team and will be Cambridge's opponents in the final.

**KENT** wish it to be known that their new season League Secretaries are:

**DOVER/DEAL:** Chris Saville, Sparrow Court, Northbourne Road, Gt Mongeham,  
Deal, CT14 0LB Tel 01304-372867

**MAIDSTONE:** Janie Macoy, "Fairholme", 396 Loose Road, Maidstone, ME15 9TX  
Tel 01622-758080

**MEDWAY:** Garry Speller, 18 Bruges Court, Kemsley, Sittingbourne ME10 2TH  
Tel 01795-429652

**TUNBRIDGE WELLS:** Peter Mercer, 16 Sassoon Close, Larkfield, Aylesford, Maidstone  
ME20 6UZ Tel 01732-848046 or work 0171-917-4873

**FAVERSHAM:** Sylvia Greenslade, 6 Barn Platt, Ashford TH23 7UH  
Tel 01233-663513

N.B. Paul Sainsbury is back in town..... now at 4 Heathfields, Sandrock Road, Tunbridge Wells, TN2 3PU Tel 01892-523433 or mobile 0585-520024

His message to me says that visitations are welcome and appreciated, but please telephone first. I assume he means it.

## THE 6<sup>th</sup> 3BQ BRIGHTON MASTERS

*Played at The Stadium Tavern, Hove, Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> September 1998*

Previous Winners - T.Race 1993. J.Millward 1994 & 1996. S.Mariner 1995. C.Tupper 1997.

☉ & 🚗		Round 1		Round 2		Semi Final	FINAL
3:15	(1)	<b>S.Mariner</b>	15,110	<b>S.Mariner</b>			
T 1	(16)	C.Rousseau	3,800	4:45 30,270	<b>S.Mariner</b>		
1:45	(9)	A.Messer	4,400	T 2 1,130	12,530		
T 1	(8)	J.Over *	9,900	J.Over *	5:30		
1:00	(5)	C.Smith	14,900	C.Smith	T 3		<b>Steve Mariner</b>
T 1	(12)	S.Mopham	6,600	4:00 7,710	100		20,570
2:30	(13)	B.Stoner *	2,010	T 2 20,210	J.Millward		
T 1	(4)	J.Millward	11,310	J.Millward			6:15
2:30	(3)	T.Race	17,590	T.Race			T 4
T 3	(14)	J.Robertson	5,420	4:00 21,880	T.Race		
1:00	(11)	I.Lelliott	13,430	T 1 3,400	12,060		420
T 3	(6)	B.Toys	4,210	I.Lelliott	5:30		<b>Sue Mariner</b>
1:45	(7)	<b>S.Mariner *</b>	8,580	<b>S.Mariner *</b>	T 2		
T 3	(10)	R.Frizzell	5,750	4:45 13,670	15,580		
3:15	(15)	K.Simmons	4,010	T 1 7,110	<b>S.Mariner *</b>		
T 3	(2)	C.Tupper	15,570	C.Tupper			

(3) = Seeding. \* = Lady Players. High Break 13,610 - S.Mariner.

The 6<sup>th</sup> 3BQ Brighton Masters was once again played at the Stadium Tavern, Hove. Again it was a good turn out with only Mark James and Dave Reeves missing from the original top 16. There were no real surprises in round one with only Bob Toys ranked N°6 not making round 2, being beaten by Ian Lelliott a team mate and a former Worthing Masters winner, so this was no disgrace. Round 2 saw some big matches, Colin Smith will be very disappointed at not beating Jim Millward. Jim started the first leg with only 450, and when Colin got the break back he could only manage 3,000. Jim then had another go at the break and put in 10,000. In leg two Colin started with 3,900, but Jim was back in and followed with another 7,000 and an easier win than he expected after the bad start. Terry Race mastered the pub table which had been moved for the day and was not shelling peas, to take care of Ian Lelliott. Sue Mariner showed she can play the tough tables as well as the easy ones, and knocked out the reigning champion Chris Tupper. The semi-finals saw Steve Mariner lock horns with Jim Millward for the second time in 2 weeks. Jim seeing off Steve on that occasion in a classic, both players running out the table in the Worthing Masters semi-final, but Steve got the better of Jim this time. Jim opened up with 9,000 but pegged them. Steve came back with 5,000, then only 2,000 in leg two. Jim couldn't get them back, Steve did and killed the game. A much better match was going on on the table next to them. Terry Race kicked off with 5,000 but miss-cued the one-up shot. Sue stepped in and ran out the first leg with 7,200. Sue then opened up with 6,500 and touched up leaving Terry needing 9,200 but not enough time to get them in. This showed that Sue could still keep up and beat most of the her Male opponents as well as the Female ones. She may now be coming back into some form which had been missing the last few years. Sue now becomes the first lady to make the Brighton Masters final. The final itself was a bit of a let down. Steve won the toss and put Sue in. Still playing the last table she put the break behind the right hand 50 hole and soon came off. Steve stepped in and put in the high break of the day, 13,610 to run out the leg. Then Steve started with 6,000 which was nough. This is his second Masters title and will stand nicely alongside the Sussex Champion of Champions and Sussex Men's Singles titles already in the bag this year.

☐ 3BQ - Brighton Bar Billiards Quarterly: N°23.

Finally, page 21 comprises a cutting from the Financial Times, no less, Tues Sept 7th.



# Celebrating the magic of mushrooms

Patrick Jenkins looks forward to a revival for bar billiards, a game of skill and risk that is to pool what real ale is to lager



## Hidden gems

Reginald Bosanquet was an icon of the 1970s. He was a charismatic anchorman on ITN's *News at Ten*. He drank. He womanised. And he played bar billiards.

His passion for the game was perhaps less well known than his fondness for darts and snooker, about which fellow newsreader Anna Ford has reminisced. But chalking up breaks in the thousands by avoiding the table-top mushrooms of bar billiards was such a draw for

Bosanquet that he was for several years patron of the All-England Bar Billiards Association.

Avoiding mushrooms is putting it a little simply: bar billiards is revered by its

fans as a game of great skill. The aim is to score points by potting balls, as with most derivations of billiards. But unlike its cousins, this game is played on a table peppered with holes, whose baize seems to sprout fungi.

The bar of the game's name refers not to the location of the table, as many assume, but to the barrier that is raised when the game begins and falls to stop proceedings about 15 minutes

later. Points are scored according to the hole into which the ball is potted - 10 for the easiest, 400 for the trickiest if you can do it with the double-scoring red ball. If you fell a white mushroom, you sacrifice your break: knock down a black one and your whole game score is nullified.

Peter Farrelly, former all-England champion, often tells the tale of one victorious game he played five years ago, when his rival for the title ran up an astounding 19,000-point break, only to catch the edge of a mushroom. The torture of losing a couple of hundred hard-earned points in a Sunday afternoon ale-watered session is bad enough, let alone 19,000 in an all-England final.

But the pain and pleasure of such huge scores - the world record break is more than 27,000 - is all part of the appeal. It is a game for the passionate. Real ale lovers play bar billiards; lager drinkers play pool. Indeed, bar billiards feels so like an archetypal English game that you might think it was one of the oldest of the 400-year-old billiards family.

Played in a pub with warm beer, crisps and sandwiches, it is hard to imagine a more English hobby. But bar billiards is in fact French. It was imported in the early 1600s and endeared itself to the English over the next few decades.

At its peak about 25 years ago there were 2,000 tables in England. But that figure has dwindled by half since pool came to these shores from the US in the 1970s. Bosanquet's death in 1984 coincided with a decline for his favourite game. The best bar billiards tables will take about only £60 a week, whereas even the worst pool tables will earn £90, so it is easy to appreciate why old-fashioned bar billiards was quickly usurped by pool.

But swings, roundabouts and bar billiards have a lot in common. There may well be a resurgence. In the game's popularity if growing number of Firkin pubs have anything to do with it, bar billiards fits well with the spit-and-sawdust appeal of the chain.

Apart from the all-England championship, there are regular tournaments in the south and the Channel Islands. There are also about 30 leagues in England, including 12 in Sussex - but none in London. If bar billiards was better known, its high-scoring thrills might easily seduce today's video-game generation and save the tables from extinction. Perhaps it could



This is the latest in a daily series

**MONEY-WINNERS 1991-JULY 1998**

According to statistics calculated from BBQ's 1-30 by Tel Itazitiz before departing back to Afghanistan, this is a complete list of CASH/CHEQUE prizewinners. It does NOT include prize VALUES or events where the BBQ editor was not given full cash prize lists. It is purely for FUN, and no correspondence OR discussion will be entered into. The Inland Revenue has been informed.

Kevin Tunstall	3,925	Keith Lewendon	105	Doreen Yorke	25
Paul Sainsbury	3,085	Maxi McDonnell	100	Earl Dugan	25
Keith Sheard	2,490	Steve Huntley	100	Geoff Powell	25
Les Green	2,100	Terry Race	100	Ian Young	25
John Burrows	1,742.50	Sean Taylor	95	Janet Burns	25
Kevin Clark	1,257.50	Ian Street	90	Jean Over	25
Steve Mariner	1,012.50	Sally Mortimer	90	Jill O'Brien	25
Tony Walsh	782.50	Eric Mills	85	Kevin Brocklebank	25
Mark Sawyer	725	Sue Redmond	85	Mick Freeman	25
Mick Lingham	712.50	Denise Hoadley	80	Paul Barnett	25
Max Dick	525	Mark Woods	80	Paul Douglas	25
Bernie McCluskey	495	Ann Green	70	Roger Taylor	25
Sue Mariner	485	Janie Macoy	67.50	Steve Blain	25
Steve Biggs	422.50	Chris Toner	62.50	Tony Cross	25
Pete Farrelly	400	Greg Hughan	60	Tony Lewis	25
Jan Taylor	400	Jason Byng	60	Alan Shubert	20
Chris Saville	395	Kent Murray	60	Anna Taylor	20
Mark Turner	385	Kim Beeching	60	Carolyn Richardson	20
Gail Woods	360	Eric Hill	55	Jackie Peckham	20
Pete Phillips	335	Ernie Jordan	55	John Fullagar	20
Tony Martin	320	Harry Leeson	55	Maurice Izzard	20
Mark Brewster	317.50	Simon Tinto	55	Paul Lawson	20
Myra Hawkins	295	Andy Packford	50	Cathy Sedgwick	18.33
Dennis Atkins	292.50	Chris Newson	50	Alan Stilwell	15
Chas Jones	290	Dave Bewey	50	Cliff Collins	15
Ian Moquet	290	Derek Soper	50	Dave Broughton	15
Jon Bamsey	280	John Slee	50	Gary Coupar	15
Geoff Pitt	277.50	Martin Leach	50	Ian Goulding	15
Gary Johnson	275	Phil Buckle	50	JJ Addley	15
Pauline Withey	250	Ray Hussey	50	Jon Coe	15
Pete Burton	232.50	Richard Powell	50	Tony Ewen	15
Jim Millward	230	Tony Willis	50	Allan Lacey	10
Viv Wright	205	Alan Donovan	45	Ann Keen	10
Chris Lawman	185	Chris Tupper	45	Anne Cope	10
Gareth Lloyd	180	Jill Josey	45	Carol Banting	10
Andy Harcourt	172.50	Pete Welch	45	Chris Grimmett	10
Alan Howes	170	Gary Speller	40	Dino Clark	10
Curt Driver	170	Sue Leach	40	Gina Sherratt	10
Penny Burch	160	Andy Chambers	35	Heather Banting	10
Stuart Giles	150	Keith MacDonald	35	Jason Cattermole	10
Alison Norman	150	Kevin Godfrey	35	Lorin Clough	10
Pete Lee	145	Steve Oram	35	Mick Wright	10
Mark James	140	Steve Searle	35	Micky Jones	10
Tony Woolvin	140	Sue Loughran	35	Paul Scouse	10
Bill Trinder	140	Alan Messer	30	Pete Whitear	10
Diana Welburn	140	Barry Radford	30	Pete Witney	10
Geoff Jukes	140	Emma Mackmin	30	Roger Chilton	10
Mick Nichol	130	Jason Dunkley	30	Wolfie Storch	10
Simon Degray	115	Alan Shaw	25	Joyce Mannell	8.33
Josie Hogan	115	Andy Walker	25	Sandra Hoyle	8.33
Paul Wing	110	Bob Toye	25	Terry Oakley	7.50
Paul Yeo	110	Bryan Lansdell	25	Don Cadec	5
Phil Hawkins	110	Dave Freeman	25	Gill Saville	5
Ray Sturgess	110	Dennis Claydon	25		
Sheila O'Brien	110	Dickie House	25		