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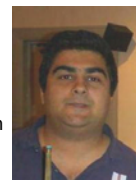
## AEBBA Newsletter Editorial

We have come to the end of the bar billiards year and it has been a great year for bar billiards and the AEBBA would like to congratulate all the winners. The year's highlight was without doubt the World Championships in Jersey, where Jim Millward won his record 4th title to move him clear of three time winners Kevin Tunstall and Trevor Gallienne.

Although Kevin lost that record to Jim, he did have a very successful year by his standards. He won 5 of the 12 individual titles on offer this year, which equals his best title haul which he achieved in 2006. Kevin finished the year with victory in the Grand Prix (his 7th) and also cemented his position as the games number 1. Kevin beat Nigel Senior in that Grand Prix final, but Nigel had a good year winning 2 titles and temporarily took the number 1 ranking from Kevin twice during the year. Outgoing World Champ Phil Collins won one title this year and was very consistent to close the gap on Kevin and Nigel in the rankings, and now leads the 2 year list, meaning he has a real chance of taking the number 1 spot in 2011. Our other winners this year were new All England singles champ Paul Sainsbury, Keith Sheard and first time open winner Leon Beer—well done to them.

In the ladies game the four titles were taken by four different ladies—Pauline Withey, Jean Brackenridge, Chris Newson and Alison Norman. Pauline was also runner up in 2 of those events and that consistency helped her end the year ladies number 1.

The AEBBA wishes you all a Merry Christmas and look forward to more great bar billiards tournaments in 2011!



## World Championships @ Merton Hotel, Jersey, 5th/6th/7th Nov 2010

**Jim Millward** won his record 4th title at the World Championships in Jersey. Jim beat 1982 champion **Graham Bisson** in a cracking final. Graham was asked to take first break and made an 11,990 run out. Jim's reply was to make a 13,400 break which was far from routine as he showed his full repertoire of shots, including a very memorable swerve round the black peg to hit and pot a tough ball near the 10 pocket. Graham did get a visit in the 2nd leg but the 1,410 lead that Jim had was just enough to end Graham's chances. Jim's 4th title is a new record and is quite fitting as he beat 3 time winners **Kevin Tunstall** and **Trevor Gallienne** on route to the title

164 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. **Graham Bisson** was the only Jerseyman left in the last 4, and he came up against 3 time former semi finalist **Steve Mariner**. Unfortunately for Steve it was not 4th time lucky as Graham overturned a 12k deficit to make the final. Jim met **Trevor Gallienne** in the other semi final and Trevor looked set to progress to the final but lost an 8k break in the 2nd leg when only another couple of thousand would have seen him home.

The World Championship Doubles was won by **Keith Sheard & Steven Sheard** who went one better than last year. They beat Kent's **Mark Brewster & Curt Driver** in the final. Steven completed his weekend with the plate title beating Jersey's **James Jeanne**. Jersey did have some success—**Kimberly Gallichan** took the junior title beating **Jaz Mariner**.

To celebrate the 30th running of these championships a photo was taken of available past winners (pictured above). They are (back row l-r) Graham Bisson (1982 winner), Alan Le Blond (1988), Wayne Poingdestre (1987), Terry Oakley (1996), Keith Sheard (1998), Graeme Le Monnier (2005), Phil Collins (2009), multiple winners on the front row (l-r) Terry Race (2002,2004), Bernie McCluskey (1985,2000), Jim Millward (1997,2001,2003,2010), Trevor Gallienne (1989,2007,2008), Kevin Tunstall (1993,1994,2006), Steve Ahier (1990,1991). Finally thanks to Jersey bar billiards league for another great tournament—the venue again was great—lets get the numbers up next year!!



## Special Ladies @ Post Office Club, Reading, 21st November 2010

### **Jean Brackenridge**

(pictured right) won the Special Ladies title for the 2nd time adding to her 2008 success. Jean defeated number 1 rival **Pauline Withey** in the final. Jean carried nearly a 5k lead into the 2nd leg of the final and Pauline wasn't able to make any inroads into Jean's advantage.



13 ladies entered the event and Jean defeated tough opponent **Denise Wills** in the Quarter Finals before overcoming 2003 champion **Dawn Jordan** in the semi finals. Pauline defeated **Jenny Florey** and **Sandra Race** before beating **Kirsty Jarvis** who was competing in her first national semi final.

The plate was won by **Jenny Florey** and she beat **Jackie Watson** in the final.

The highest break was made by **Pauline Withey** with a 9,500 effort.

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

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## Latest British Rankings (@ 31st December 2010)

<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	271.4	1	Pauline Withey	Oxon	111.7
2(-1)	Nigel Senior	Sussex	257.1	2	Jean Brackenridge	Sussex	101.4
3	Phil Collins	Oxon	236.7	3	Chris Newson	Hants	80.7
4	Keith Sheard	Oxon	197.5	4	Hayley Tunstall	Sussex	47.9
5	Steven Sheard	Oxon	174.4	5	Lorraine Hall	Sussex	47.0
6(+1)	Curt Driver	Kent	145.2	6	Denise Wills	Surrey	46.4
7(-1)	Paul Sainsbury	Berks	136.2	7(+1)	Alison Norman	Surrey	28.9
8	Richard Wooton	Sussex	120.3	8(-1)	Jenny Florey	Oxon	28.7
9(+1)	Leon Beer	Oxon	108.9	9(+1)	Shauna Nicholls	Surrey	21.8
10(+1)	Mark Brewster	Kent	108.2	10(+4)	Colleen Park	Sussex	21.0

## Ladies Grand Prix, 28th Nov 2010

**Chris Newson** (pictured top row 2nd from the right) retained her Ladies Grand Prix title beating **Mel Standbridge** in the final. Chris was seeded 6, but came through her group unbeaten which included ladies number 1 **Pauline Withey** and British champ **Alison Norman**. Mel's performance was exceptional as she was only seeded 8th out of the 8 players but she beat ladies number 2 **Jean Brackenridge** and held on to top the



Pos	Player	Pts
1	<b>Mel Standbridge (Ox) (8)</b>	<b>4</b>
2	Jean Brackenridge (Sus) (1)	4
3	Lorraine Hall (Sus) (4)	4
4	Kirsty Jarvis (Ox) (5)	0

Pos	Player	Pts
1	<b>Chris Newson (Hants) (6)</b>	<b>6</b>
2	Pauline Withey (Ox) (2)	4
3	Sandra Race (Sus) (7)	2
4	Alison Norman (Sur) (3)	0

group on aggregate. Chris also made the highest break of **6,550**.

Final
Chris Newson 10,840
beat
Mel Standbridge 7,490

## Final Grand Prix Standings @ 7th Nov 2010

Pos	Player	Pts
1	Kevin Tunstall	<b>53</b>
2	Phil Collins	<b>43</b>
3	Nigel Senior	<b>43</b>
4	Keith Sheard	<b>28</b>
5	Leon Beer	<b>25</b>
6	Steven Sheard	<b>23</b>
7	Curt Driver	<b>20</b>
8	Jim Millward	<b>20</b>
9	Mark Brewster	<b>18</b>
10	Simon Ellam	<b>16</b>
11	Mr Chris Newson	<b>15</b>
12	Gareth Lloyd	<b>15</b>
13	Graham Bisson	<b>15</b>
14	Barry Radford	<b>14</b>
15	Mark Trafford	<b>13</b>
16	Paul Sainsbury	<b>12</b>

## Grand Prix @ Post Office Club, Reading, 28th Nov 2010



**Kevin Tunstall** (pictured left) completed a great year by winning the end of season prestigious Grand Prix for a record 7th time. Kevin (seeded 1) beat the number 3 seed **Nigel Senior** in the final. In the final Kevin went first and made 23,220, Nigel's response was to get up to 13k on time to get close to Kevin's score but a white peg ended

his challenge.

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. Kevin won Group A outscoring **Mark Brewster** (seeded 8). **Phil Collins** won Group B which was certainly the group of death containing **Gareth Lloyd, Richard Wooton & Curt Driver**. **Nigel Senior** and **Keith Sheard** were unbeaten in their groups to ensure the top 4 seeds progressed to the semis. Phil was unlucky against Nigel as he was on target to chase down 23,320 when he had a kick on the split, Keith and Kevin's semi was extraordinary as Keith 4 timed the break when on a winning score. Keith could only slightly console himself with the days highest break of **23,700** - very impressive as he was chasing **Paul Sainsbury's** first leg score of 21,860



Pos	Player	Pts
1	<b>Kevin Tunstall (Sus) (1)</b>	<b>4</b>
2	Mark Brewster (Kent) (8)	4
3	Geoff Powell (Ox) (16)	2
4	Chris Newson (Hants) (9)	2

Pos	Player	Pts
1	<b>Nigel Senior (Sus) (3)</b>	<b>6</b>
2	Steven Sheard (Ox) (6)	4
3	Barry Radford (Hants) (11)	2
4	Martin Smith (Sus) (14)	0

Pos	Player	Pts
1	<b>Phil Collins (Ox) (2)</b>	<b>4</b>
2	Gareth Lloyd (Sus) (10)	4
3	Richard Wooton (Sus) (15)	2
4	Curt Driver (Kent) (7)	2

Pos	Player	Pts
1	<b>Keith Sheard (Ox) (4)</b>	<b>6</b>
2	Mark Trafford (Ox) (12)	4
3	Paul Sainsbury (Berks) (13)	2
4	Leon Beer (Ox) (5)	0

### Semi Finals

Kevin Tunstall 7,640
Keith Sheard 5,680
<b>Nigel Senior 23,320</b>
Phil Collins 18,300

### Final

Kevin Tunstall 23,230
Nigel Senior 0

## All England Team Championships @ Post Office Club, Reading, 21st Nov 2010

The **New Sussex Hotel** have won the AEBBA team champs for the first time captained by England number 1 Kevin Tunstall. They beat Oxon's **Didcot Conservative Club** in a close final which went to a deciding leg. **Ricky Dewdney & Kevin Tunstall** won for the New Sussex Hotel but **Phil Collins** and **Leon Beer** won for the Oxon side to make the score 2-2. **Geoff Jukes** took first go in the final leg and made 14,210 and **Simon Ellam** could only make 610 in reply. A great win for Geoff who only other success in this competition came 34 years ago in 1976 winning with Surrey's Flying Scud.



The Sussex side came through a tough group with reigning champs **Caversham WMC** from Berks plus strong sides from Kent and Hampshire. A 3-2 loss to the Kent champions was not an ideal start, but a 5-0 win against Hampshire's representatives set up a winner takes all clash against Caversham, which they won 3-2. Didcot's route to the final was more straight forward winning 13 legs of 15. Kent's **Mark Brewster** made the high break in the group stages with **19,900**.

The winning team (pictured below), comprised (l-r) **Ricky Dewdney, Kevin Tunstall, Jim Greensted, Chris Lawman (res), Geoff Jukes & Kevin Hall**.



### Group 1

Pos	Team	Pts
1	<b>Didcot Cons Club (Ox)</b>	<b>13</b>
2	The Garland (Sur)	8
3	The Fox Inn (Nor)	5
4	Royal Standard (Bucks)	4

### Group 2

Pos	Team	Pts
1	<b>New Sussex Hotel (Sus)</b>	<b>10</b>
2	Caversham WMC (Berks)	9
3	Rochester Social Club (Kent)	7
4	Langstone Harbour (Hants)	4

### Final

New Sussex Hotel 3
Didcot Cons Club 2

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

- 5th Feb - Jersey v England (@ Ambassadeur, Jersey)
- 19th Feb - Oxon Open (@ Didcot Conservative Club)
- 12/13th Mar - British Pairs (@ Queens Hotel, Bournemouth)
- 10th Apr - Portsmouth Open (@ Moneyfields SSC)
- 17th Apr—British Ladies Open (@ Salfords Club, nr Horley)
- 30th April/1st May - Guernsey Pairs/ Guernsey Open (@ Les Rocquettes, Guernsey)
- 8th May - Surrey Open (@ St Nicholas School, Merstham)
- 11th June— England v Guernsey (@ Roffey Club)
- 12th June—Sussex Open (@ Roffey Club)
- 10th July - Kent Classic (@ SixinOne Club, Tonbridge)
- 24th July - Under 25's/Over 50's/ Over 60's (@ PO Club, Reading)
- 7th Aug - Bucks Open (@ Princes Riseborough Golf Club)
- 21st Aug - Mixed Pairs (@ PO Club, Reading)
- 11th Sept - Berks Open (@ PO Club, Reading)
- 25th Sept - County Div 1/ Ladies AE Singles (@ PO Club, Reading)
- 2nd Oct - Ladies County/ AE Open Singles (@ PO Club, Reading)
- 9th Oct - Alternative Rules (@ PO Club, Reading)
- 23rd Oct - Team Champs/ Special Ladies (@ PO Club, Reading)
- 20th Nov- County Div 2 (@ PO Club, Reading)
- 4/5/6th Nov - World Champ Pairs/ World Champ Singles (Jersey)
- 27th Nov - Grand Prix/ Ladies GP (@ PO Club, Reading)
- 4th Dec - AEBBA AGM (@ PO Club, Reading)

## Upcoming Events in January & February

**5th Feb - Jersey v England** - The men's and ladies international will take place this year at the Ambassadeur Hotel in Jersey. The England men will look to avenge a 22-11 hammering by the Jersey men 2 years ago despite winning 25-8 at home last year, The England Ladies will want to continue their fine run against the Jersey Ladies having won their last 12 encounters and will happy to have a match after the no show from the Jersey ladies last year.

**19th Feb - Oxon Open** - The open season starts off at the Didcot Conservative Club for the Oxon Open. Last year Nigel Senior won his 2nd Oxon open title beating Phil Collins in the final .