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Berkshire Open @ Post Office Club, Reading, 12th September 2010

Nigel Senior (pictured right) won the Berkshire Open for the 2nd time adding to his 2008 title. He beat Kent's **Mark Brewster** in the final who is the unlucky player to appeared in the most national finals without winning one— 6 in total. Nigel started his day with a win over **Lorraine Hall** before overcoming **Steven Sheard** in a tough Round 2 match. Wins followed over **Sandra Race, Tony Walsh** and **Phil Collins** to set up his final clash with Mark. Mark led by 5,300 going into leg 2 in the final but a 12k opener by Nigel ended his hopes. Two 20k breaks were made- **Phil Collin's 21,960** beating Nigel's 21,090. **Jenny Florey** won the ladies high break with a 6,180 and she was joint furthest lady with **Sandra Race** reaching the last 16.

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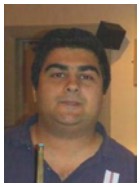
AEBBA Newsletter Editorial



A very busy couple of months in the Bar Billiards calendar has seen Berkshire crowned the new county champions for the first time since 1996. We had the All England singles played in October where Paul Sainsbury added to his county team's success by winning his 3rd All England Individual title. Pauline Withey won her 3rd All England ladies title in a very competitive tournament and cemented her position as the ladies number one. In the open rankings Nigel Senior took over the number one spot after the winning the Berkshire Open. Kevin Tunstall finished October strongly with his 4th title of the year by taking the Alternative Rules but was unable to wrestle the number 1 position from Nigel but is now just 1.3 points behind. Phil Collins is close as ever to these two now 28.0 points behind Nigel and a repeat of his 2009 exploits in Jersey could see him number 1 at the end of the year. Speaking of Jersey, if you play bar billiards and have never been, you really must give it a go one day—it's a great weekend. See you in Jersey!

County Champs @ Post Office Club, Reading, 19th Sept/17th Oct 2010

Berkshire A (pictured left) won the county championship title—it has been the first time since 1996 they have won the title. **Tony Walsh, Paul Sainsbury, Bernie McCluskey** and **Phil Hawkins** were present in both the 1996 and 2010 winning sides. Berkshire won all 4 matches and started with an impressive 5-2 win over **Sussex A**. They followed that with a 4-3 win over **Oxon A**. 4-3 and 5-2 wins over **Hampshire** and **Kent A** respectively was enough to seal the title. **Tony Walsh** was unbeaten along with Sussex's **Kevin Tunstall** who also had the days high break of **16,840**. **Oxon B (pictured right)** gained promotion in Division 1 by pipping **Surrey A** to the Division 2 title, Oxon B crucially beat Surrey A 5-2 when they matched up and they won all their matches to win by 1 leg. Three Oxon B players went unbeaten, **Terry Cook, Geoff Powell** and **Kevin Godfrey** and they were joined by **Geoff Jukes** and **Gary Powell** who were unbeaten for Surrey A. Division 3 was played 4 weeks later where it has to be said it was disappointing to have only 2 teams again. This did give all the players to have 7 games against each player from the opposing side—**Berks B** won 27 legs to **Kent B's** 22 to win the division. Berks B player **Mick Shepherd** won 6 of his 7 games.

Division 1

Pos	Team	Pts
1	**Berks A**	**18**
2	Oxon A	17
3	Sussex A	13
4	Hants	12
5	Kent	10

Division 2

Pos	Team	Pts
1	**Oxon B**	**20**
2	Surrey A	19
3	Sussex B	14
4	Northants	9
5	Bucks	8

Division 3

Pos	Team	Pts
1	**Berks B**	**27**
2	Kent B	22

Latest British Rankings (@ 31st October 2010)

MEN

Pos	Player	County	PTS
1(+1)	Nigel Senior	Sussex	**280.5**
2(-1)	Kevin Tunstall	Sussex	**279.1**
3	Phil Collins	Oxon	**252.5**
4	Keith Sheard	Oxon	**206.6**
5	Steven Sheard	Oxon	**173.5**
6	Paul Sainsbury	Berks	**153.2**
7(+1)	Curt Driver	Kent	**130.4**
8(-1)	Richard Wooton	Sussex	**127.3**
9	Gareth Lloyd	Sussex	**115.0**
10	Leon Beer	Oxon	**114.3**

LADIES

Pos	Player	County	PTS
1	Pauline Withey	Oxon	**123.8**
2	Jean Brackenridge	Sussex	**94.3**
3	Chris Toner	Hants	**85.3**
4	Hayley Tunstall	Sussex	**51.8**
5(+1)	Lorraine Hall	Sussex	**48.3**
6(-1)	Denise Wills	Surrey	**47.5**
7	Jenny Florey	Oxon	**39.3**
8	Alison Noramn	Surrey	**28.9**
9(+4)	Myra Hawkins	Berks	**23.3**
10(-2)	Shauna Nicholls	Surrey	**21.8**

All England Ladies, 17th Oct 2010

Pauline Withey (pictured right) won her 3rd All England Ladies title adding to her 2003 & 2004 successes. This year the 7 ladies played each other in a round robin format. Pauline won her first 5 matches to ensure that a loss to British Ladies champ **Alison Norman** in her last game was not important as the title was already in the bag.

The standard of the bar billiards was high—5 of the ladies averaged over 4k per leg and Pauline averaged 6,123. Also there were 6 breaks of 5k+. Sussex's **Bella Stoner** had the highest two–**8,800** being the biggest. This helped her on the way to the runners up spot—one win behind Pauline.

Final Standings

Pos	Player	Pts
1	**Pauline Withey (Oxon)**	**10**
2	Bella Stoner (Sussex)	8
3	Alison Norman (Surrey)	6
4	Jackie Peckham (Kent)	6
5	Chris Toner (Hants)	6
6	Janet Burns (Berks)	4
7	Marilyn Izzard (Bucks)	2

Latest Grand Prix Standings @ 31st October

Pos	Player	Pts
1	Kevin Tunstall	**52**
2	Phil Collins	**43**
3	Nigel Senior	**43**
4	Keith Sheard	**28**
5	Leon Beer	**25**
6	Steven Sheard	**23**
7	Curt Driver	**17**
8	Mark Brewster	**17**
9	Simon Ellam	**16**
10	Barry Radford	**14**
11	Mr Chris Newson	**12**
12	Paul Sainsbury	**11**
13	Mark Trafford	**10**
14	Mark James	**10**
15	John Beck	**10**
16	Gareth Lloyd	**9**

Ladies County Champs @ Post Office Club, Reading, 3rd October 2010

Sussex A retained the ladies county championship. It was their 8th win out of the last 10 years only Oxon (2004 & 2007) have interrupted Sussex's domination. They won 5 of their 6 matches— **Oxon A** inflicting a 4-1 defeat in their first meeting, but Sussex A crucially beat them 3-2 in the last match of the day. The Sussex A team consisted of **Jean Brackenridge, Sandra Race, Jan Bithell, Lorraine Hall (captain) and Bella Stoner**. **Sheila King** was impressive for Surrey A as she helped her team avoid relegation into 3rd place with the only 100% record in Division 1 with 6 wins out of 6. Sussex's **Sandra Race** had the days highest average with 4,100 over her 6 games

Division 1

Pos	Team	Pts
1	**Sussex A**	**19**
2	Oxon A	16
3	Surrey A	13
4	Sussex B	12

Division 2

Pos	Team	Pts
1	**Berks**	**12**
2	Surrey B	10
3	Oxon B	8

Division 2 was won by **Berkshire**, by 2 points from **Surrey B**. Surrey B did beat Berkshire in the last match of the day but it was not enough. **Myra Hawkins** and **Jackie Watson** both were unbeaten for Berkshire with 4 wins from 4.

All England Individuals @ Post Office Club, Reading, 3rd October 2010

Paul Sainsbury (pictured right) won his 3rd All England title adding to his 1986 & 1999 wins. He joins **Kevin Tunstall** (7 wins), **Bernie McCluskey** (4), **John Burrows** (3) as the only other 3 time winners since the tournament started in 1975. Paul was the only former winner present and he was drawn into the group of 5 county champions. A loss to Northants **Simon Coleman** was not an ideal start, but Paul scored heavily and beat **Curt Driver, Cliff Slade and Phil Buckle** and with other results going his way he ensured his passage to the final. Surrey's **Gary Powell** joined him there with 3 wins out of 3 in the group of 4 with wins over **Barry Radford, Mick Jones and Richard Wooton**. In the final, Paul led by 3,600 with his break to come and although Gary had chances in the 2nd leg the table was tricky and he was unable to overcome the deficit and Paul sealed his 3rd crown.

Group 1

Pos	Player	Pts
1	**Gary Powell (Sur)**	**6**
2	BarryRadford (Hants)	4
3	Mick Jones (Oxon)	2
4	Richard Wooton (Sus)	0

Group 2

Pos	Player	Pts
1	**Paul Sainsbury (Ber)**	**6**
2	Simon Coleman (Nor)	6
3	Curt Driver (Kent)	6
4	Cliff Slade (Bucks)	2
5	Phil Buckle (Cam)	0

Final

Paul Sainsbury 12,820

Gary Powell 6,160

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 result Eng 40-18 Gue
2nd May - Guernsey Open - winner Kevin Tunstall
9th May - Surrey Open - winner Kevin Tunstall
13th June—Sussex Open (@ Roffey Club) - winner Leon Beer

4th July - Kent Classic - winner Kevin Tunstall

25th July - Under 25's/Over 50's/ Over 60's (@ PO Club, Reading) - winners U25's Martin Cole, O50's Keith Sheard, O60' Tony Martin
8th Aug - Bucks Open - winner Phil Collins

22nd Aug - Mixed Pairs - winners Kevin & Hayley Tunstall

12th Sept - Berks Open(@ PO Club, Reading)- winner Nigel Senior
19th Sept - County Champs Div 1/ Div 2 (@ PO Club, Reading)—winner Div 1 Berks A, Div 2 Oxon B
3rd Oct - Ladies County/ AE Open Singles (@ PO Club, Reading)—winner Div 1 Sussex A, Div 2 Berks, AE Singles Paul Sainsbury
17th Oct- County Div 3/ Ladies AE Singles (@ PO Club, Reading)—winner Div 3 Berks B, AE Ladies Pauline Withey

31st Oct - Alternative Rules (@ PO Club, Reading) - winner Kevin Tunstall
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)

Alternative Rules, PO Club, Reading, 31st October 2010

Kevin Tunstall has won his 7th Alternative Rules title—his 5th under the current "triangle" format. Kevin beat Oxon's **Mark Trafford** in the final. Kevin also overcome ranking rival **Nigel Senior** in a close semi final. 49 players turned out 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 - **Curt Driver** made the day's highest break of **1,850**, the high ladies break was made by Chris Toner with **1,060**. The plate was won by **Steven Sheard** who beat **Tony Woolvin** in the final.

Upcoming Events in November & December

5th/6th/7th Nov - World Championship Pairs/ World Championship Singles (Jersey) - the BIG one. Reigning champs are Phil Collins (singles) & Phil Collins & Leon Beer (pairs)

21st Nov - All England Team Champs/ Special Ladies - Berkshire's Caversham WMC won last years team championships. The Special Ladies was won by Pauline Withey for the 6th time last year.

28th Nov - Grand Prix/ Ladies Grand Prix– Curt Driver will be defending his Gran Prix title. Chris Toner defends the ladies Grand Prix title.