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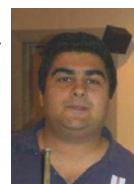
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AEBBA Newsletter Editorial

Apologies for this newsletter being issued a little late but here is the news for March/April 2011. Reports of the Guernsey, Surrey & Sussex Opens will follow in the next newsletter.

In March we all went to the Queens Hotel, Bournemouth for the British Pairs. Steven Sheard added the pairs title to his Oxon Open win in February to continue his fantastic start to the year. He also became the 2nd person after his dad, Keith, to hold the British and World pairs titles simultaneously. Mention should also be given to Steven's partner Pete Philips who played extremely well in the semis and final.



Well done also to our April winners—Leon Beer won his 2nd open title at Portsmouth and Sandra Race took her first national title win taking the British Ladies title held in Horley.

British Pairs @ Queens Hotel, Bournemouth, 12th/13th March 2011

The first weekend in March always sees the bar billiards community travel to Bournemouth for the British Pairs. 53 pairs entered this year's event (slightly down on previous years), and **Steven Sheard & Pete Philips** (pictured right) won the pairs together for the first time. The final was a cracker against Oxon's **Tony Willis & Jon Bamsey**. Pete went first and opened with **14,280**. Although they went 2-0 up Steven couldn't finish it off in leg 3, but they were 14,590 up going into leg 4—a target too high for Tony Willis to chase. Steven & Pete had a slight scare in round 3 when Sussex's **Jenny & Pete Edwards** ran them close losing by only 2,020 points. In the semi finals they met former World Pairs champions **Phil Collins & Leon Beer**.



Both Pete (**15,060**) and Steven (**21,200**) ran the table out, leaving Leon a too bigger task in the 4th leg needing 22,740 to win. Jon & Tony's run to the final was arguably the tougher, defeating **Geoff Powell & Max Dick, Kevin Tunstall & Kevin Hall**, reigning champs **Keith Sheard & Mark Trafford** and then **Nigel Senior & Marc Chipman** in the semi final. The high breaks were **Steven Sheard's 21,200** effort in that semi final and **Bella Stoner** made a tremendous **12,490** for the high ladies break. In the plate two time winners **Paul Sainsbury & Bernie McCluskey** beat Buck's **Darren Isard & Ray Hussey**.

Horsham Diamond Jubilee

A message from Ian Giffen regarding the Horsham Diamond Jubilee celebrations—

"We are holding a special day on the 26th June at Roffey Club starting at 12.00, an open invite stands for any player that has had a connection with the League over the years.

We are having a 3 way challenge match with The Presidents Chairman's & under 30's teams taking part.

This event will also be in the memory of Ron Childs who sadly passed away recently who is a former Horsham player who is reported to have played every season for the last 57 years"

Latest British Rankings (@ 30th April 2011)

<u>MEN</u>			
<u>Pos</u>	<u>Player</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>PTS</u>
1(+1)	Nigel Senior	Sussex	257.3
2(+1)	Phil Collins	Oxon	249.3
3(-2)	Kevin Tunstall	Sussex	248.2
4(+1)	Steven Sheard	Oxon	194.1
5(-1)	Keith Sheard	Oxon	191.0
6	Curt Driver	Kent	162.2
7	Paul Sainsbury	Berks	140.1
8(+2)	Leon Beer	Oxon	124.3
9	Mark Brewster	Kent	112.7
10(-2)	Richard Wooton	Sussex	112.0

<u>LADIES</u>			
<u>Pos</u>	<u>Player</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>PTS</u>
1	Pauline Withey	Oxon	98.6
2	Jean Brackenridge	Sussex	89.8
3	Mrs Chris Newson	Hants	80.0
4	Lorraine Hall	Sussex	49.6
5	Hayley Tunstall	Sussex	44.8
6	Denise Wills	Surrey	42.8
7	Alison Norman	Surrey	38.9
=	Jenny Florey	Oxon	38.9
9(+2)	Sandra Race	Sussex	37.6
10(+4)	Genette Nicholls	Surrey	27.0

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, 17th April 2011



Sussex's **Sandra Race** (pictured below, left) has won her first national title, winning the coveted British Ladies title at the Salfords Club, Horley. Sandra took out reigning champ **Alison Norman** in the semi finals, and met Surrey's **Genette Nicholls** in the final. With both players chasing their first major title, judging by the scores it must have been a nervy affair but Sandra came through 4,440 –3,210. England's numbers 1 & 2, **Pauline Withey** and **Jean Brackenridge** met in a big 1st round clash with Pauline winning through but she succumbed to **Alison Norman** in the Quarter Finals.

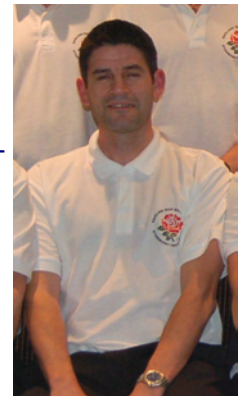
2009 champ **Lorraine Hall** (pictured above, right) beat Oxon's **Melissa Standbridge** in the plate final. The high break was made by **Jenny Florey** with **6,020**, although **Melissa Standbridge** made a slightly higher 6,420 in the plate.

Latest Grand Prix Standings @ 30th April 2009 (after 2 events of 9)

Pos	Player	Pts
1	Steven Sheard	15
2	Leon Beer	15
3	Curt Driver	13
4	Phil Collins	10
5	Dennis Atkins	6
6	Martin Smith	6
7	Rick Dewdney	6
=	Tony Webster	6
=	Gary Johnson	6
10	Kevin Tunstall	4
11	Ian Lelliott	3
=	Bill Kerr	3
13	Paul Sainsbury	3
14	Gerry Fitzjohn	3
15	Mark Trafford	2
16	Lee Radford	2

Portsmouth Open @ Moneyfields S&S Club, 10th April 2011

Leon Beer (pictured right) won the Portsmouth Open held at the Moneyfield S&S Club defeating Kent's **Curt Driver** (pictured below left) in the final. Leon survived a close game with Mark James in round 3, but followed with fairly comfortable wins against **Ian Moss**, **Ian Lelliott** and **Martin Smith**. Leon overturned a 1,480 deficit to Curt in leg 1 to finally win 11,430—5,340. This is Leon's 2nd open title adding to his 2010 Sussex Open triumph. Curt was looking to add to his two titles (winning the 2009 Bucks Open and Grand Prix) but had to be content with runner up this time.



Phil Collins won the plate final beating Hampshire's **Tony Woolvin**. In a day of tough scoring, only 3 breaks over 10k were made the highest being **Paul Sainsbury's 14,300**. **Pauline Withey** made the high ladies break of **5,190**.

Upcoming Events in May & June

30th April - Guernsey Pairs - The day before the Guernsey Open, the first Guernsey Pairs will take place as a warm up to the main event. In addition the fiercely contested annual Guernsey v Jersey match will take place..

1st May - Guernsey Open - The 4th Guernsey Open will take place at the Les Rocquettes Hotel, Sunday 2nd May. **Kevin Tunstall** will be defending the title he captured last year defeating Guernsey's **John Beck** in the final.

8th May - 2nd Surrey Open - A week after Guernsey we go to Surrey to St Nicholas' School, Merstham for the 3rd Surrey Open. **Kevin Tunstall** won back to back opens last year, beating **Paul Sainsbury** in the final

11th June - England v Guernsey - The 7th England v Guernsey match takes place the day before the Sussex Open. England haven't lost one yet and ran out 40-18 winners last year.

12th June - Sussex Open - The 18th Sussex Open takes place at the Roffey Club, Horsham. The competition is as usual very popular and the organisers trying to accommodate 108 entries. **Leon Beer** won his first open last year beating **Steven Sheard** in the final.

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

5th Feb - Jersey v England (@ Ambassadeur, Jersey) **Jer men 16-17 Eng men, Jer Ladies 6-12 England ladies**
 19th Feb - Oxon Open (@ Didcot Conservative Club) **winner Steven Sheard**
 12/13th Mar - British Pairs (@ Queens Hotel, Bournemouth) **winner Steven Sheard & Pete Phillips**
 10th Apr - Portsmouth Open (@ Moneyfields SSC) **winner Leon Beer**
 17th Apr—British Ladies Open (@ Salfords Club, Horley) **winner Sandra Race**
 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 Champs Singles (Jersey)
 27th Nov - Grand Prix/ Ladies GP (@ PO Club, Reading)
 4th Dec - AEBBA AGM (@ PO Club, Reading)

National Pairs Titles

The 1st Guernsey Pairs tournament will take place 30th April giving us 4 national pairs tournaments this year for the first time. I thought it may be of interest to check the records of players who have won multiple pairs titles is a list of the players who have won 2 or more pairs titles.

		PAIRS	JER PRS	MIXED	PAIRS
1	Kevin Tunstall	7	1	5	13
2	Keith Sheard	3	1	1	5
=	Bernie McCluskey	5			5
=	Tony Martin	5			5
5	Paul Sainsbury	3			3
=	Les Green	2		1	3
=	Peter Farrelly	3			3
=	Steve Biggs	3			3
9	Kevin Clark	2			2
=	Steven Sheard	1	1		2
=	Ray Sturgess	2			2
=	Mark Brewster	2			2
=	Kent Murray	2			2
=	Chris Saville	2			2
=	Roy Buckle	2			2
=	Will Leary	2			2