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The men's International kicked off the bar billiards year in February and a great performance by the England Men's team saw them wrestle back the trophy from Jersey. Sadly there was no ladies match, but the England ladies were also successful against a Guest team. It was great to see some spectators at the match as the venue in Worthing attracted some local players to come and watch.

The first open was held in Oxon, it was won by Nigel Senior and in doing so he captured the number 1 spot for the first time. It is very close though with Kevin Tunstall just 6.3 points adrift.

Dave Alder and his team have made a great start with delivering the tables to competitions and we are very grateful for the work they put in. The coming month sees the British Pairs in Bournemouth, which I am sure will be a fantastic weekend as it always is.



England v Jersey @ Ardington Hotel, 6th February 2010

The first major event of the bar billiards year was the annual meeting between the **Jersey** (pictured below) and **England** (pictured right) Mens teams. In a new venue at the Ardington Hotel, Worthing, the England Men were looking to avenge last years landslide defeat of 22-11 at the hands of the Jersey men.

Jersey made a decent start winning 3 of the first 7 legs to trail by one, but they lost the next 4 to trail 3-8 at half time. **Nigel Senior** made a **20,540** break which was the match's highest break. In the second half England turned up the pressure and took 6 of the first 7



legs and with aggregates coming into play the lead grew to 21-4. A late rally by Jersey saw them win 2 matches by **Bob King** and 2005 World Champ **Graeme Le Monnier** making the final score **25-8**. **Mark Brewster, Steven Sheard, Nigel Senior, Richard Wooton & Geoff Jukes** recorded the 3-0 wins for England.

Sadly no ladies match took place, but the England ladies played a Guest team, They ran out 12-9 winners. **Jean Brackenridge, Chris Toner, Pauline Withey** (capt) and debutant **Lorraine Hall** were the England winners.



International Records

This year was the 28th running of the England v Jersey international. The first match took place in Southampton in 1982. Here is how the 2 teams compare.

Mens match -

Oversll—Played 28, England won 18, Jersey won 9, 1 Drawn match

Home—Played 14, England won 12, Jersey won 1, 1 Drawn match

Away—Played 14, England won 6, Jersey won 8

Ladies match—

Oversll—Played 24, England won 20, Jersey won 4,

Home—Played 11, England won 11, Jersey won 0

Away—Played 13, England won 9, Jersey won 4

Latest British Rankings (@ 28th February 2009)

MEN				LADIES			
Pos	Player	County	PTS	Pos	Player	County	PTS
1(+1)	Nigel Senior	Sussex	280.0	1	Jean Brackenridge	Sussex	120.6
2(-1)	Kevin Tunstall	Sussex	273.7	2	Pauline Withey	Oxon	102.2
3	Phil Collins	Oxon	229.2	3	Chris Toner	Hants	74.0
4	Steven Sheard	Oxon	189.1	4	Hayley Tunstall	Sussex	53.5
5	Keith Sheard	Oxon	167.8	5	Denise Wills	Surrey	47.2
6	Paul Sainsbury	Berks	153.3	6	Jenny Florey	Oxon	42.4
7(+1)	Richard Wooton	Sussex	115.2	7	Lorraine Hall	Sussex	38.0
8(+2)	Mark Brewster	Kent	115.0	8	Jane Wood	Oxon	30.2
9	Gareth Lloyd	Sussex	104.1	9(+1)	Janet Burns	Berks	24.8
10(-3)	Chris Reeves	Sussex	103.3	10(+1)	Sheena Wood	Sussex	22.3

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

Nigel Senior has won the first national open of the new decade, but I thought it might be interesting to see who were the most successful players of the decade just gone. It will be no surprise to see who is on top, but 10 players won 3 national events or more. Below is a table of who were the most successful male players of the noughties. The most successful lady player of the last decade is **Pauline Withey** who has won all of her 13 individual titles in the noughties—surprisingly she had not won any before her Special Ladies win in 2001

Pos	Player	Won
1	Kevin Tunstall	30
2	Nigel Senior	8
3	Keith Sheard	6
4	Phil Collins	5
5	Dennis Atkins	3
=	Bernie McCluskey	3
=	Pete Farrelly	3
=	Mark James	3
=	Mark Turner	3
=	Jim Millward	3

Latest Grand Prix Standings @ 28th February 2009 (after 1 event of 11)

Pos	Player	Pts
1	Nigel Senior	15
2	Phil Collins	10
3	Curt Driver	6
=	Barry Radford	6
5	Steven Sheard	3
6	Kevin Tunstall	3
=	Ian Moss	3
=	Dave Ingram	3
9	Ian Lelliott	1
=	Chris Newson	1
=	Pete Burton	1
=	Tony Martin	1
=	Dick Dewdney	1
=	Robert Hall	1
=	Brian Daniels	1
=	Chris Toner	1

Oxfordshire Open @ Didcot Con Club, 13th February 2010

Nigel Senior (pictured right) won the first national open of the year by winning the 2010 Oxfordshire Open. Nigel beat World Champion **Phil Collins** in the final. This is Nigel's 2nd win in the event after his previous victory in 2006. Nigel rode his luck on his way to the final and the semi with Hampshire's **Barry Radford** was a classic. Barry, who's one national final was a 1989 runners up in the All England Singles, looked set to overhaul a 15k deficit before missing after the bar had dropped only 20 points behind. A relieved Nigel cleared the balls to win.



Curt Driver succumbed to Phil Collins in the other semi but the Grand Prix champ had another great day beating **Keith Sheard** in Round 1 and **Kevin Tunstall** in the quarter finals.

Keith Sheard went onto win the plate, beating **Jon Bamsey** in the final. His son, **Steven Sheard**, made the days highest break of **20,820**. **Jenny Florey** made an impressive high lady's break with **8,130**, sadly for her it was not quite enough to win her match! **Chris Toner** was the furthest lady making the last 16.

Many thanks to **Pete Ewins** and **Tony Willis** who ran the day so well.

Upcoming Events in March & April

6/7th Mar - British Pairs (Bournemouth) - The 28th British Pairs will take place at the Queens Hotel, Bournemouth. **Nigel Senior & Chris Reeves** will be looking to defend their title they captured for the first time last year

11th Apr - British Ladies - The 17th British Ladies Open will take place at Reigate Ex-Services Club, in April. **Lorraine Hall** will be defending the title she won last year, taking out the top two lady players **Jean Brackenridge** and **Pauline Withey** on the way to her victory.

18th Apr - Portsmouth Open - The longest running open (other than Jersey) of all the current opens will see its 18th running in April. **Kevin Tunstall** beat first time finalist **Dave Ingram** last year and will be chasing his 7th title.

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 (@ Queens Hotel, Bournemouth)
 11th Apr—British Ladies Open (@ Reigate Ex-Services Club)
 18th Apr - Portsmouth Open (@ Moneyfields SSC)
 1st May - Guernsey v England
 2nd May - Guernsey Open
 9th May - Surrey Open (@ St Nicholas school, Merstham)
 13th June—Sussex Open (@ Roffey Club)
 4th July - Kent Classic (@ SixinOne Club, Tonbridge)
 25th July - Under 25's/Over 50's/ Over 60's (@ PO Club, Reading)
 8th Aug - Bucks Open (@ Princes Riseborough Golf Club)
 22nd Aug - Mixed Pairs (@ PO Club, Reading)
 12th Sept - Berks Open(@ PO Club, Reading)
 19th Sept - County Champs Div 1/ Div 2 (@ PO Club, Reading)
 3rd Oct - Ladies County/ AE Open Singles (@ PO Club, Reading)
 17th Oct- County Div 3/ Ladies AE Singles (@ PO Club, Reading)
 31st Oct - Alternative Rules (@ PO Club, Reading)
 5/6/7th Nov - World Champ Pairs/ World Champs singles (Jersey)

AEBBA Tables

Thankfully last year we raised enough money to purchase the Bar Billiards tables to ensure the survival of our game at a local and national Level. We are very grateful to all those who invested.



Dave Alder and his team of helpers will be delivering tables round the country all year, to ensure that local and national events can take place. Dave's (pictured above on the left) first call this year was a tournament in Merstham, Surrey where the International warm-up took place between England and Surrey. Tournament organiser **Gary Powell** (pictured above on the right) was the first of many grateful recipients of the tables this year.