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Editorial

Andrew Garrard, outgoing Editor

*When last Editor,
Swore not to do all reports.
So now, just haikus.*

*Sorry this is late.
You want Winking World on time,
Send in articles.*

The ETwA National Pairs

7th-8th May 2011, The Chadwick Room, Selwyn College, Cambridge

Report by Andy Purvis

Editor's note: Those with good memories will recall that a write-up of this Tournament by Charles Relle was included in Winking World 95. This additional report is provided in the spirit of all reports being welcome...

Ten pairs meant an all-play-all followed by a play-off among the top four and a three-round Swiss for the rest. Matthew and I were hoping to defend the title, with Alan & Larry the most obvious challengers. The lack of a mat rotation helped keep the tournament moving. One table was extremely wobbly, especially when leant on by winkers of Traditional Build. Luckily, Keith & Harley played several games on that one.

What I remember best about the Saturday is the lunch. These days, for me, four pints of beer generally constitutes a heavy evening, rather than lunch. Some players cunningly ordered their food late to extend lunch's duration without, obviously, compromising on the intensity. Dave commemorated his 50th winks trip to Britain with a 50-pint round. By the end of Saturday, three of the top four seeded pairs were well placed, but Patrick & Geoff were looking like they might not qualify: Charles & Steve were in with a shout, but Dave & Jon looked favourites for the fourth spot, with easier-looking games to come. Not for the first time, Charles ignored the logic: he and Steve finished 7, 6, 6 to romp into the playoffs as the others stuttered.

So to the play-offs. Alan & Larry, 5 points ahead, consolidated with a quick 7-0 over Charles & Steve. We played our best winks of the weekend so far against Matt and Timmy: building on an outrageous fluke baseline squop of Matt's big greens, we pushed hard to get the pot-out late in rounds. Timmy then ran a really good six.

Now trailing by six, we needed a big win over Charles & Steve. Steve had a testing but gettable early pot-out chance, and we were relieved to see him squop Matty's attacker. Imagine our surprise when he potted out next turn. We salvaged two points, so Alan & Larry now knew a win over

Matt & Timmy would secure the title with a game to spare. A tactically complex game of many small piles and few flat winks ensued, with Matt & Timmy having rather the better of it. Ending round 5, Alan tried a difficult lunch from a three-wink pile that would have turned 3-4 into 4-3. He missed, losing half a point, so he and Larry led by 'only' 6½.

Both pairs knew the script for the final game (especially when Charles's blitz on the other table meant we were sure to at least finish second, with Matt & Timmy third): I lined up my blues, Larry tried to stop me, Matty tried to stop him, and Alan arranged all his yellows out of harm's way, ready to follow in but unwilling to blitz. Matty outsquopped Larry but I missed my third wink into Alan's area and he squopped it securely. Usually, that would have been that, but soon Matty had six free reds (though many were on greens). Larry & Alan couldn't consolidate because of an equal combination of our squops from distance and their misses from close range. As rounds neared, we started boondocking, I potted what I had, and Matthew attacked superbly to free the last blue. Alan, who'd missed a few easier squops, made no mistake this time, and also resquopped solidly when Matthew got back on. All hope extinguished; but Matthew then played simply the best knock-off I've ever seen, butting the little blue out from under all three winks. I potted out in round 4, leaving two greens and two yellows at the edge. Matthew had potted very solidly all weekend, and he now followed in without undue alarm to leave all four of us shaking our heads in disbelief. It certainly felt fantastic to win a tournament by getting the needed 7-0 against the leaders: I thoroughly recommend it (unless I'm leading, obviously).

I don't have the game scores of the Swiss, but I did see Harley give a great reminder of when play was quick. He nonchalantly potted out of a pile in round 5, leaving himself another pot for the win. Rather than – as most of us do these days – psyching himself up/out, he immediately leant over and potted it. The last game to finish is also an entertaining one to watch, if not marked by such quick-fire play. Dave & Jon need anything more than a 5 to pip Patrick & Geoff for fifth. Stew pots 5, is squopped. Dave knocks off from a yard, and Jon pots two from a foot in round 5 to pot out; but both Stew and PBB beat Dave in the race.

Pos'n	Team	Score
1	Andy Purvis & Matthew Rose	58
2	Alan Dean & Larry Kahn	57½
3	Matthew Fayers & Tim Hunt	49½
4	Charles Relle & Steve Welch	47½
5=	David Lockwood & Jon Lockwood	49
5=	Patrick Barrie & Geoff Thorpe	49
7	Andrew Garrard & Sarah Knight	37
8	Stewart Sage & Philip Buckham-Bonnett	34
9	Keith Seaman & Harley Jones	24
10	Joe Crouch & Ben Fairbairn	14½



World Singles 65

28th October 2011

Report by Patrick Barrie

Game 1

Squop missed. M: "Come on Matthew"

Short pot missed. L: "Get in there"

Short pot missed, leaving a doubleton. M: "Oh Matthew"

Doubleton gained. L: "Phew"

Game 2

Long pot missed. M: "The other five looked nice"

Short pot missed. L: "I only potted one of mine"

Squop onto quadruplet. M: "Let's switch game plan"

Pile containing all the reds. L: "I'm going to whack the **** out of this"

Winks moving in all directions. L: "Too ****ing far"

Squop missed. M: "Oh Matthew"

Long squop missed. L: "It's all gone pretty pussy"

Yellow frees three red winks. M: "There goes my chance of first place"

Game 3

Short squop missed. L: "Dammit"

Long squop missed. M: "I almost kept the pile"

Indelicate pile nudge. L: "That could have gone better"

Successful pot off a wink. M: "That's better"

Game 4

Pot off a wink. L: "Let's try potting out with blue"

Green plays yellow to end near a blue. M: "Oh no you don't"

Long squop by red onto yellow. L: "Maybe I do"

Plink... plink... plink... plink...

Sixth blue is 12 inches from pot. L: "Do I go for it?"

PLINK.

Game 5

Successful squop. L: "I'm on top now"

Sub into pile. M: "Come on Matthew"

Scrunge. L: "Well I might get first without it"

Sub into pile. M: "Ouch"

Game 6

Rolling wink. M: "Oh Matthew"

Brundle. L: "I'm not going to try the pot-out"

Long squop. M: "Yes!"

Rescuing squop. L: "I just keep some reds free"

Pile break. M: "I might get some points now"

Simple squop. L: "I won't bother potting for first place"

Larry Kahn	6	4	2½	5*	6	2	25½
Matthew Fayers	1	3	4½	2*	1	5	16½

The ETwA National Singles

29th-30th October 2011, Selwyn Diamond, Selwyn College, Cambridge

1	Patrick Barrie	55
2	Andy Purvis	54
3	Matthew Rose	49½
4	Matt Fayers	45½
5	Alan Dean	39½
6	Geoff Thorpe	37½
7	Alan Harper	37
8	Larry Kahn	36
9	Tim Hunt	35
10	Paul Moss	28
11	Andrew Garrard	26
12	Sarah Knight	21

Winks shots long ago.

Sarah squops better than me.

Not my finest hour.



The Plate

Pos'n	Player	PPG	Played	Final H'cap	Start H'cap
	Deborah Fisher	5 1/2	1	.5	0
1	Ben Fairbairn	5 13/40	5	1.5	0
	John Haslegrave	4 5/12	3	3.5	3
2	Stew Sage	4 3/8	6	3	2
	Jammie Patmore	4 1/8	1	0	0
3	Francis Wragg	4 1/10	6	0	0
4	Jonit Fischmann	4 1/12	3	.5	0
5	Patrick Driscoll	3 17/20	6	4.5	4
	Daniel Wyman	3 7/16	2	0	0
6	Friedrich Lenz	3 7/32	4	.5	0
7	C J Barrie	3 3/20	5	0	0
8	Andy Drizen	2 19/20	5	-.5	0
9	Raul Tharmakulasingam	2 7/8	3	-.5	0
10	Nicholas Illman	2 7/10	5	-1.5	0
	Harley Jones	2 13/24	3	.5	1
	David Storey	1 15/16	2	-.5	0
	Emma Powel	1 7/8	1	-.5	0



*More Plate than Singles.
People know which tournament
Is more fun to play.*

The National Handicapped Individual Pairs

20th November 2011, Oxford

Pos'n	Player	H'cap	Played	PPG
1	Tony Xiaoshi Ren	1	5	5 1/20
	Matt Fayers	7	3	4 5/6
2	Alan Dean	7	6	4 2/3
3	Andy Drizen	1	6	4 5/8
4	Ben Fairbairn	3	6	4 1/8
5	Nick Inglis	6	6	4 1/12
6	Patrick Driscoll	7	6	4 1/24
7	Harley Jones	2	6	3 19/24
8	Nick Illman	1	6	3 13/24
9	David Storey	1	6	3 1/2
10	Stew Sage	5	6	3 11/24
11	John Faben	1	6	3 1/6
12	Michael David Higham	1	5	3
13	Jon Mainwaring	1	5	2 9/10
14	Ed Green	1	6	2 19/24
15	Andrew Garrard	7	6	2 2/3
16	Jessica Anne Enright	1	5	1 1/2
17	Charles Relle	7	6	1 5/12

*OUTS shows signs of life.
Attendance was pretty good.
Shame my play was not.*



The NATwA Singles

20th November 2011

Report by Larry Kahn

Not strictly ETwA; unlike Andrew I am ashamed to have to report the result of the NATwA singles. We had a piss-poor turnout of 5 (but at least they were our top five) due to some unlucky last minute bad timing for a number of other potential attendees. I wish I had played as well during the recent ETwA singles. I did manage to win, and even better, beat Dave both times by 6-1.

The Shrewsbury Open

27th November 2011, Shrewsbury School

Pos'n	Player	PPG	Played	H'cap
1	Patrick Driscoll	4 5/7	7	4
2	Charles Relle	4 9/14	7	5
3	Andrew Garrard	4	7	4
	James Humpish	4	2	0
4=	Sarah Knight	3 5/7	7	1
4=	Stew Sage	3 5/7	7	2
6	Charlie Oakley	3 4/7	7	2
	Dan Still	3 1/2	4	0
7	Nick Inglis	3 3/7	7	5
8	Alan Dean	3 3/14	7	6
9	Catherine Goodwin	2 1/2	7	2
	Ed Thomason	1 2/3	3	0

Shrewsbury is cold.

Winks timer makes crunching sound.

Where are the school kids?



The Jubilee Trophy

18th December 2011

Report by Alan Dean

Alan Dean defended the trophy against Patrick Driscoll, 5-2, 2½-4½, 6-1, 6-1, for a final score of 19½ - 8½.

The first two games, before lunch, were competitive. After lunch, the games were more one-sided.

The Cambridge Open

21st-22nd January 2012, Selwyn Diamond, Selwyn College, Cambridge

Pos'n	Player	PPG	Played
1	Patrick Barrie	5 5/26	13
2	Charles Relle	4 5/7	14
	Patrick Driscoll	4 1/2	5
	Geoff Thorpe	4 3/8	4
3	Matt Fayers	4 1/3	12
4	Alan Dean	4 1/14	14
5	Andrew Garrard	3 17/18	12
	Ed Wynn	3 7/8	4
6	Phil Carmody	3 13/18	12
	Alan Harper	3 11/16	8
	Liz Ackland	3 19/30	5
	Paul Moss	3 5/8	4
	Stew Sage	3 1/2	6
	Steve Phillips	3 1/2	4
7	Bob Wilkinson	3 3/7	14
	Harley Jones	3 1/6	9
	Sarah Knight	3 1/8	4
8	John Haslegrave	3 3/26	13
9	Richard Ackland	3 1/42	14
	Tim Hunt	3	6
	Aylin Cakiroglu	2 9/10	5
	Nick Illman	2 1/2	5
	Ed Green	2 3/10	5
	Ben Fairbairn	2	4
	C J Barrie	1 9/16	8
	Becky Phillips	1	2
	Rob Lever	0	1



*Christian Gowers thinks:
"Rice crispies in puddle bad.
Oh. Hello, policemen."*



The ETwA National Teams of Four

24th-25th of March 2012, Bangor

Pos'n	Team	Members	Adjusted PPG
1	Men-in-git-is	Philip Buckham-Bonnett Ben Fairbairn Andrew Gould Alan Harper	3.717
2	Harley's Angels	Josh Bird Ed Green Harley Jones Geoff Thorpe	3.674
3	Essex Boys	James Gudgeon Keith Seaman Bob Wilkinson	3.652
4	Gang green	Patrick Driscoll Sarah Knight Charlie Lyden Stew Sage	3.359
5	Winkeroonies	Alan Dean Rosie Stevenson Jonathan Wong	3.038

*Didn't we have a
Lovely time the day we
Went to Bangor? Yes.*

*Image credit:
Bob Wilkinson*



World Pairs 39

27th April 2012

Matthew Fayers & Larry Kahn	0*	2	5	6	5	4	5*	25
Andy Purvis & Matthew Rose	7*	5	2	1	2	3	2*	24

*Andy will lose two
Tournaments in three days by
One and a half points.*

The ETwA National Pairs

28th-29th April 2012, The Chadwick Room, Selwyn College, Cambridge

Pos'n	Players	Score	PPG
1	Alan Dean & Larry Kahn	75 1/2	5 11/28
2	Andy Purvis & Matthew Rose	75	5 5/14
3	Charles Relle & Steve Welch	58 5/6	4 17/84
4	Patrick Driscoll & Alan Harper	53	3 11/14
5	Matt Fayers & Andrew Garrard	52 1/6	3 61/84
6	Sarah Knight & Stew Sage	38	2 5/7
7	Ed Green (singles)	23	1 9/14
8	Ben Fairbairn & Harley Jones	16 1/2	1 5/28

Ed pots out against

Matt and Andrew, on his own.

It was Fayers' fault.



The London Open

14th July 2012, Queen Mary College, London

Pos'n	Players	Points	PPG
1	Alan Dean & Charles Relle	28.5	4 3/4
2	Andy Drizen & Matthew Fayers	28	4 2/3
3	Patrick Barrie & Ed Green	25.5	4 1/2
4	Matthew Rose & Stew Sage	22	3 2/3
5	Andrew Garrard & Jenny Klim (last 4 games)	17.5	2 11/12
6	Patrick Driscoll & Ben Fairbairn	16.5	2 3/4
7	Aylin Cakiroglu & Nicholas Illman	9	1 1/2

Queen Mary, not Keys.

We can tell green from blue!

Bonus novices.



The Salutation Open

18th-19th August 2012, The Salutation, Sandwich

Pos'n	Name	PPG	Played	Category
1	Charles Relle	4 7/12	11	Expert
2	Adam Evans	3 4/5	4	Adult
3	Alan Dean	3 1/2	9	Expert
4	Andrew Garrard	3 1/7	6	Expert
5	Phil Carmody	3 1/9	8	Expert
6=	Dave Arnollt	3	1	Adult
6=	Dominic Parker	3	1	Adult
6=	Jean Evans	3	1	Adult
6=	Sadie Irven	3	1	Adult
10	Cath Gregory	2 3/4	1	Adult
11=	Jim Gregory	2 1/2	1	Adult
11=	Ross Gregory	2 1/2	1	Junior
13	Simon Clublely	2 1/3	2	Adult
14=	Linda Smith	2 1/4	1	Adult
14=	Paula Fielder	2 1/4	1	Adult
14=	Phil Game	2 1/4	1	Adult
17	Jane	2	1	Adult
18	Anna Shefl	2	4	Expert
19	Ed Green	1 9/10	9	Expert
20	Deb	1 1/2	1	Adult
21=	Charlotte Clublely	1 1/4	1	Junior
21=	Danielle Game	1 1/4	1	Adult
21=	Honor Parker	1 1/4	1	Junior
24	Felicity Jobson	1 1/4	3	Adult
25=	Alastair Gregory	1	1	Junior
25=	Ewan Gregory	1	1	Junior
27	John Gregory	3/4	1	Adult
28	Tigger	2/3	2	Adult
29=	Christina Dyer	1/2	1	Adult
29=	John Bowman	1/2	1	Adult
29=	Margaret Bowman	1/2	1	Adult
29=	Sam Arnollt	1/2	1	Junior
29=	Simon Bourn	1/2	1	Adult
34	Adam Phillips	0	1	Adult

Report by Charles Relle

When Dominic Parker, of The Salutation and The Secret Garden in Sandwich, mooted the idea of a celebratory Tiddlywinks Championship on his demesne, he contacted ETwA, and Andrew Garrard and I went to visit him, Andrew representing ETwA, and I because I live in Kent. The idea was to hold the tournament in August in the open air, but Dominic acknowledged that he needed quite a lot of help about the technicalities of the game, even as far as the rules and the size of playing surface. We gave a demonstration, and I left behind a short account of the game, and a copy of some simplified rules, which I subsequently emailed to Dominic; they then appeared on his web site. Before we left, we were allowed to look round The Secret Garden, which is a must for anyone visiting the area, or who is an enthusiast for gardens. In the words of Michelin, “Ça vaut le voyage”.

Came the day of the tournament, and Alan Dean and I travelled down together. I had been billed in the local press, and I believe on radio, as “English Champion”. Well, I am English, and I have won some championships, but that was, as P. G. Wodehouse said, “paltering with the truth”. When we arrived, we found every possible facility. Dominic had said that tables would be available, and had had specially made eight tables of six feet by three, and a bar was in operation, with real ale and cider, and Pimms, as well as non-alcoholic drinks for drivers. The weather smiled on us almost throughout the weekend. On the Sunday, there were about 15 minutes of rain, and some gusts of wind, but otherwise it was uniformly still, warm and sunny, an ideal combination for outdoor Tiddlywinks and real ale or cider. “He maketh his sun to shine on the evil and on the good”, says the scripture, and it is just as well that it was true on this particular weekend.

Besides Alan Dean and me came Andrew, Phil Carmody and his girlfriend Anna, in England for a series of beer festivals, and Ed Green: he had a strategically placed aunt in the area, who provided him with accommodation and an enviable picnic lunch. Dominic had circulated all the sports and social clubs in Kent with information about the tournament, but many people clearly preferred the beaches on a hot dry weekend that might have been the last of the summer. Certainly the state of the roads

on the way back suggested this.

Nevertheless twenty-eight people tried their hand at Tiddlywinks, and all were surprised, and many impressed, at the complexity of the game. The emphasis was on enjoyment, and all seemed to enjoy the experience, even though they were mostly visitors to the garden, and came upon the Tiddlywinks by chance.

Andrew had brought one of his computers, and we relied on it for the draw. It worked superbly. We had numerous beginners and few experts, but the games were never overwhelmingly one sided (unless you count the game in which Phil Carmody beat Alan Dean and Anna Shefl 7*-0*), and many of them were very close. Andrew asserts that he continues to refine his programs, and certainly this version was very successful indeed. We had twelve rounds at a relaxed pace over the weekend, and in all but two there were newcomers. Notable was round 3, in which the Gregory family filled two tables. Dominic and those with him also participated, Dominic himself gaining a notable 6-1 victory.

In an endeavour to keep people playing as many games as possible, Andrew decided that the final scores should be decided by dividing the number of points a player gained by the number of games played plus one. Unfortunately, not enough newcomers played a substantial number of games for the idea to be tested properly, but it certainly ought to be tried again.

Trophies were presented at the end. Sam Arnollt, to his own surprise, was awarded the Under-16 cup, and Adam the barman another. The third went to your correspondent, who thus to an extent vindicated the pre-tournament publicity.



The NATwA Singles

22nd-23rd September 2012

Won by Larry Kahn.

*Larry Kahn gets
More chances to challenge for
His own world title.*

World Singles 66

26th October 2012

Larry Kahn	6	6*	5*	1*	1½	3	6	28½
Patrick Barrie	1	1*	2*	6*	5½	4	1	20½

*Larry won the match.
Patrick points out that he did
Win the second half.*

The ETwA National Singles

27th-28th October 2012, Selwyn Diamond, Selwyn College, Cambridge

Report by Patrick Barrie

The format for this event followed the traditional pattern of one day of qualifying followed by a Grand Final on the second day.

For the qualifying day, entrants were divided into two leagues, with each player in the italic league playing a game against each player in the roman league. The top six in each league would then qualify for the final. I quite like this format, but its fairness depends on the leagues being of roughly equal strength. In this case, however, the tournament organiser had been uncertain what seeding to give former world singles champion Jon Mapley because he hadn't played for a few years. Treating him as a complete novice for seeding purposes wasn't the most sensible decision.

Over the course of the day, the italics, goths and vandals all beat the romans. Indeed, seven of the nine italic players ended up with a p.p.g. of 3.5 or higher. Matthew Rose won all his games, Dave Lockwood was unbeaten (he had one draw), and Patrick Barrie only lost one game – and that was a 3-4 result against Larry Kahn who escaped by potting well in round 5 after being squopped up earlier in the game. Patrick Driscoll, Keith Seaman and Jon Mapley all produced a fine string of results to take the other qualifying spots. Andrew Garrard played well in patches, but finished in 7th place, 6 points adrift. At the bottom of the league, two successful pot-outs for Ben Fairbairn gave him 8th place ahead of Sarah Knight who had a single pot-out victory.

Larry Kahn won the roman league but was not his normal clinical self, losing three games, and failing to dominate others. Alan Dean was the only other roman player to have a p.p.g. greater than 3.5. John Haslegrave, Stew Sage, Nick Inglis and Geoff Thorpe all achieved three wins from nine games, and this was sufficient for them to fill the other qualifying positions with only 2½ points separating them. In the battle to avoid the roman wooden spoon, Harley Jones managed two wins while Ed Green ended up entirely defeated with 5 pot-outs going against him.

Qualifying table: Italic league				
Pos'n	Name	Games	Points	PPG
1	Matthew Rose	8	46	5 3/4
2	Patrick Barrie	8	44	5 1/2
3	Dave Lockwood	8	43	5 3/8
4	Patrick Driscoll	8	38½	4 13/16
5	Keith Seaman	8	35½	4 7/16
6	Jon Mapley	8	34	4 1/4
7	Andrew Garrard	8	28	3 1/2
8	Ben Fairbairn	8	17	2 1/8
9	Sarah Knight	8	13½	1 11/16
	Italic total	72	299½	4 23/144

Qualifying table: Roman league				
Pos'n	Name	Games	Points	PPG
1	Larry Kahn	9	39	4 1/3
2	Alan Dean	9	35½	3 17/18
3	John Haslegrave	9	27	3
4=	Stew Sage	9	26½	2 17/18
4=	Nick Inglis	9	26½	2 17/18
6	Geoff Thorpe	9	24½	2 13/18
7	Harley Jones	9	15½	1 13/18
8	Ed Green	9	10	1 1/9
	Roman total	72	204½	2 121/144

The finalists gathered at 8.30 am for 11 rounds of winks. This wasn't quite as bad as it seems – the clocks had gone back during the preceding night. [Would we be able to cope with a 12 player all-play-all format for the Final if we played the Singles any other weekend?]

Keith Seaman was present but feeling unwell... and chose to withdraw from the competition. Rather than continuing with 11 players and hav-

ing a bye each round, Andrew Garrard was summoned and offered the 12th place based on his qualification performance. He duly started with a rushed zero against Larry.

In the morning session of 5 rounds everybody beat up on everybody else and the tournament situation was very close. Dave Lockwood was lunch-time leader on 23 points, but had lost to Jon Mapley. Patrick Barrie was on 22½ points, having lost narrowly to Alan Dean and Jon Mapley. Jon



was on 22½ points, his good work in beating the leading two players being diminished by a loss to Geoff Thorpe. Nick Inglis was on 22½ points, having lost to Dave Lockwood and Patrick Barrie. Larry Kahn had 21 points, having had narrow

losses to Dave, John Haslegrave and Patrick Driscoll (for the second time in the weekend). Alan Dean had 19 points, having eked out some narrow wins, but had lost to Nick Inglis. Alan's 4-3 win over Patrick Barrie was a surprising one, as Alan had given up all hope of victory when he went for a pot to end round 5, only to miss and squop a key wink lurking behind the pot and transform the game score. Matthew Rose's challenge was faltering after pot-out losses against Alan Dean and Nick Inglis.

When two novices turned up in the lunch interval, Andrew Garrard partnered one of them and John Haslegrave the other in a plate game. This was wise in the sense that new players must be encouraged. However, it had the unfortunate side-effect that Andrew didn't return from his lunch until most round 6 games had finished. This meant that his round 6 game against Patrick Barrie had to be postponed until a convenient moment, namely after the normal end of the tournament (it would have been earlier if both players had been involved in pot-out games that finished early).

During the afternoon, players carried on beating up on everyone else with two exceptions. Stew Sage lost all his games, but got useful 3 pointers against Larry Kahn and Jon Mapley. Patrick Barrie won all his afternoon games, the two key ones being a squop-up against Larry Kahn, and a 7-0 pot-out against Dave Lockwood.



Some players can recite a list of their favourite pot-outs in their careers. The latter win wouldn't be in my top five, but might make my top ten. I'd let a good early position slip by getting 5 greens squopped by just two enemy winks. I got back in the game after a (desperate) John Lennon memorial shot worked, and had the greens back in my control early in rounds. Dave didn't seem to realise the danger, and I was delighted to pot them in a single turn – one from distance, one from under a pile, and one from on a pile. It was an important win because it put me within $\frac{1}{3}$ of a point of the lead... and I still had a game in hand because of Andrew's lunch arrangements. As a result, I was able to play slightly conservatively in rounds in the remaining games, accepting safe 5-2 and 5½-1½ wins, to end up as tournament winner.

Larry Kahn pipped Alan Dean for 2nd place, helped by a rapid blitz pot-out against him, while Jon Mapley finished 4th showing that he remains a class player.

At the end of the tournament, one question was left hanging in the air: what have the romans ever done for us?

Final Results

Pos'n	Player	Points
1	Patrick Barrie	57 2/3
2	Larry Kahn	50
3	Alan Dean	49
4	Jon Mapley	44 1/2
5	David Lockwood	44
6	Nick Inglis	41 1/3
7	Andrew Garrard	40 1/2
8	Matthew Rose	36 1/2
9	Patrick Driscoll	33
10	Geoff Thorpe	25 1/2
11	John Haslegrave	23
12	Stew Sage	17

The Plate

Pos'n	Player	PPG	Played	Final h'cap	Start h'cap
	John Haslegrave	6 1/4	1	6.5	6
	Nicky Collins	6 1/4	1	1.5	1
1	Ed Green	4 1/4	5	4	3
2	Ben Fairbairn	3 17/20	5	3	3
3	Harley Jones	3 11/16	4	2	2
4	Sarah Knight	1 2/3	3	4	5
	Andrew Garrard	3/4	1	6.5	7
	Richard Wang	3/4	1	0.5	1

The NATwA Pairs

10th-11th November 2012

Won by Larry Kahn and Jon Lockwood.

New challenge for Pairs.

Won since Bob can't seven-nil.

US pairs are close.

The National Handicapped Individual Pairs

25th November 2012, Queen Mary College, London

Pos'n	Player	PPG	Played	Expertise	H'cap
1	Aylin Cakiroglu	5 7/24	6	Novice	1
2	Ben Fairbairn	4 43/72	6	Inter.	2
3	Charles Relle	4 11/24	6	Expert	7
4	Tim Hunt	3 19/24	6	Expert	5
5	Sarah Knight	3 17/24	6	Inter.	2
6	Ed Green	3 2/3	6	Novice	1
7	John Haslegrave	3 11/18	6	Inter.	4
8	Andrew Garrard	3 2/5	5	Expert	5
9	Nicky Collins	3 7/24	6	Novice	0
10	Nicholas Illman	3 1/4	6	Novice	1
11	Alan Dean	2 23/24	6	Expert	7
12	Steve Phillips	2 43/60	5	Inter.	4
13	Stew Sage	2 5/8	6	Inter.	4
14	Sune K Jakobsen	2 5/12	6	Novice	0
15	Nick Inglis	2 1/4	6	Expert	6

*Queen Mary sunny.
Aylin will do Deutsch
write-up;
Lost in Germany?*



The Somerset Invitation

3rd-4th January 2013, The Somerset Wagon, Chilcompton

Pos'n	Player	Score
1	Ed Wynn	62
2	Philip Buckham-Bonnett	48
3	Andrew Garrard	47 2/3
4	Stew Sage	46 5/6
5	Alan Harper	44 1/2
6=	Sarah Knight	41
6=	David Storey	41
8	Tim Hunt	40 1/2
9	Harley Jones	40 1/3
10	Ben Fairbairn	38 1/6
11	Nicky Collins	38
12	Ed Green	34 1/2
13	Nick Jarman	23 1/2

Somerset Wagon.

Beer, winks and pepper powder.

It is chuffing cold.



The Cambridge Open

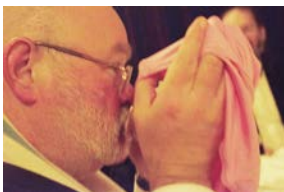
26th-27th January 2013, Selwyn Diamond, Selwyn College, Cambridge

Pos'n	Player	PPG	Played
1	Patrick Barrie	5 11/14	14
	Patrick Driscoll	5 1/3	3
2	Alan Dean	4 2/3	15
	Paul Moss	4 1/4	4
3	Andrew Garrard	4 7/30	15
	Stew Sage	3 3/4	4
4	Tim Hunt	3 15/26	13
	Geoff Thorpe	3 4/7	7
	Sarah Knight	3 1/4	2
	Ben Fairbairn	3	4
	Ed Green	2 11/12	6
	Harley Jones	2 17/22	11
	Bob Wilkinson	2 2/5	10
	James Murray	2 5/14	7
	C J Barrie	1 5/8	4
	David Storey	1 1/2	2
	Elizabeth Whalley	1 2/5	5
	Marie Moss	1 1/3	3
	Rob Lever	1	1

Many winkers play.

Only a devoted few

Come back from the pub.



The NATwA Individual Pairs

7th April 2013

Pos'n	Player	Total	Played	PPG
1	Dave Lockwood	32	7	4 4/7
2	Bob Henninge	29	7	4 1/7
3	Ferd Wulkan	26½	7	3 11/14
4	Mac MacAvoy	26	7	3 5/7
5	Joe Sachs	22½	7	3 3/14
6	Sunshine	21½	7	3 1/14
7	Larry Kahn	21	7	3
8	Rick Tucker	16½	6	2 3/4
	Daniel Sachs	1	1	1

Yanks' NHIPper envy.

Larry lets compatriots'

Rantings rise for once.

World Pairs 40

26th April 2013, Emmanuel College, Cambridge

Report by Patrick Barrie

This challenge resulted from Alan Dean & Larry Kahn winning the 2012 National Pairs. Larry wasn't allowed to play as both a champion and a challenger at the same time, and chose to defend his title with Matt. This left Alan to nominate a partner as challenger, and he chose Charles to be the surrogate Larry.

The general pattern in the match was close games, with both partnerships being cagey, particularly with their best-placed colour. For instance, after 22 minutes of play in the first game, four of the best players in the world had only managed to construct three singleton squops between them. Larry and Alan shared the resulting potting race for first place.

Piles, when they did exist, tended to be neutral. One such pile in game 2 was described as "a piece of crap", but with nothing else for the players to do, it simply became a larger piece of crap. In round 5 with all to play for, winks were potted by Alan but Charles failed to squop Matt who calmly potted three yellow winks and then took an excellent squop to gain first place. Game 3 always looked like a 4-3 win to Matt & Larry, despite Alan's brave play in rounds, and so it turned out.

With players bringing in well and squops only being attempted when necessary, vague pot-out threats rumbled throughout the match. In game 4, Matt's winks became free with five minutes to go in the timed period. He went for the pot, but missed the fifth wink in the enemy area. It wasn't disastrous: his partnership was able to hold on to 1st place for another 4-3.

Things changed after the bring-in in game 5. Matt had five easy reds and a nurdled little wink. Charles had a realistic yellow pot-out threat. Matt played before Charles, and that was pretty much that. I give the man of the match award to Matt for consistent play and good potting under pressure.

Matthew Fayers & Larry Kahn (champions)	4	5	4	4	7*	5	29
Alan Dean & Charles Relle (challengers)	3	2	3	3	0*	2	13

The State of NATwA

Report by Larry Kahn

Given the number of active players, perhaps the title should have been “The Town of NATwA.” This will catch you up on what’s been happening since early last year. [*Ed note: report submitted in 2013*]

In 2012 we got off to a slow start due to Severin’s temporary health problems which impacted winks at Ithaca High School. Both the singles and pairs were delayed into the fall.

The 2012 singles had the (unfortunate) usual result in that I won it. Not that I mind winning, but it’s starting to look bad that it’s now been 11 straight years. I’ve been very fortunate along the way as I’ve been pretty lucky a few times and at least half of these matches have come down to the final game. The one good thing about the streak is that it helped us finally get rid of using a knock-out format (certainly for the singles) since it refuted one of Dave’s original arguments that knock-out would increase the chances of other people winning.

John Lockwood and I ended up winning the 2012 Pairs when Bob and his partner couldn’t come up with a 7 in the last game against us. Bob couldn’t remember the last time he tried to play for a 7 (or even got a 7) so it was an uphill battle for them. Our pairs has been “unstacked” for a long time so all the games tend to be close, rather than a lot of 6-1 results.

The 2013 spring individual pairs at my house was very notable for a number of reasons: 1) Dave won something, 2) Sunshine (and Joe) played an entire tournament 3) Dave played using the perimeter rule (although with a bit of squawking during the first game). I’m virtually certain this tournament set a record for the highest average age per game. Must have been close to 60 years despite Daniel Sachs playing in one game. Everyone else was late 50’s or even higher.

Meanwhile, we have hopes of NATwA making it to 50 years, which would be in 2016 sometime. It would be great to have a group of Brits again, and we’ll certainly take that into account for scheduling things. Hopefully some of us will come over for your 60th but the disgustingly high airfares

might make it difficult.

Also, welcome to Patrick Driscoll who will be forgoing alcohol and wearing his super-powered undies for the next 2 years.

The ETwA National Pairs

27th-28th April 2013

Pos'n	Team	Points
1	Matthew Rose & Alan Harper	63
2	Alan Dean & Charles Relle	53
3	Larry Kahn & Patrick Driscoll	52
4	Tim Hunt & (Sunday only) Andrew Garrard	43/18.5
5	Ben Fairbairn & Ed Green	29.5
6	Philip Buckham-Bonnett & Sarah Knight	27
7	Stew Sage & Francis Wragg	26.5



*Your Editor sacked.
Claimed problem: no articles.
Still no Pairs report!*



*Winking World complete.
I hope that you enjoyed it.
Ben's edition next!*

