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SUMMER 2013 NEWSLETTER

NOW IT'S TIME TO CELEBRATE!

GB Vets Member



You are invited to
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John Woodliffe
on enclosed form

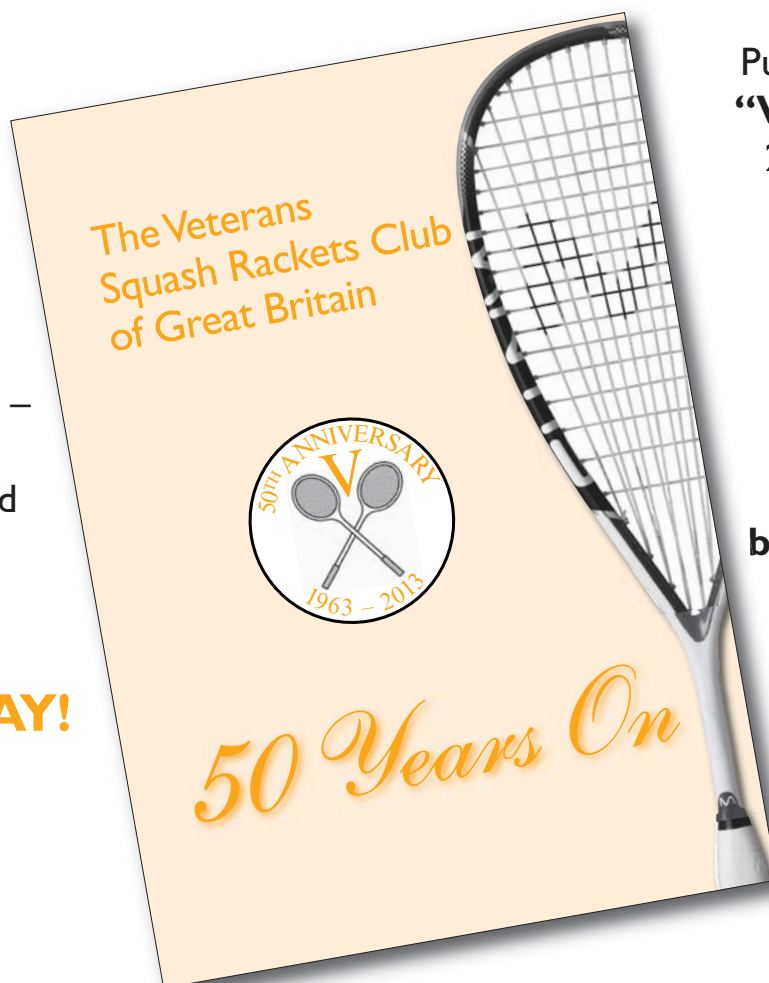
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BLACK ROD**

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WEEKEND FESTIVAL OF SQUASH

COME AND PLAY* OR SUPPORT
AT

ROYAL AUTOMOBILE CLUB
WOODCOTE PARK, EPSOM, SURREY
2/3 NOVEMBER 2013

CLUBS TAKING PART:
JESTERS, ARMY, ESCORTS, RAC, GB VETS

FROM 10.00am BOTH DAYS. REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE

**If you wish to be considered for a GB Vets team please contact:*

Dave Smith

Bigd1102@hotmail.com

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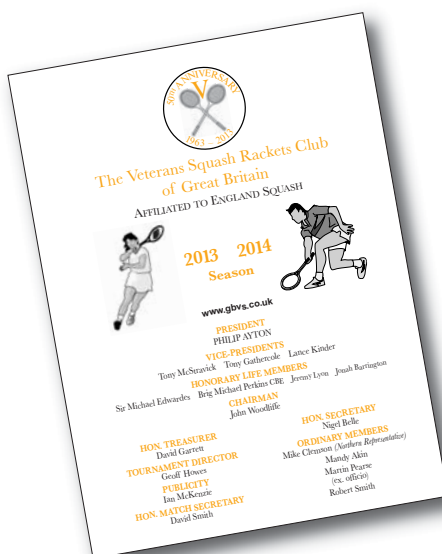


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THE CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS 2013

The full report, results and pictures can be found on the website.

Over the weekends of 16/17 March and 13/14 April this year the Vets Club tournaments were held at Colets and Broxbourne.

First the Doubles were played at Colets, up to and including the semi-finals. There were some last minute withdrawals so there were not quite as many matches as scheduled, but the competition was as fierce as ever. Some pairs, entering two events, elected to play Plate matches on the Saturday and so had plenty of time on court.

The singles and finals weekend held at Broxbourne again suffered from a spate of withdrawals resulting in several draw rearrangements. However the weekend itself was full of the customary rivalry. Full of the anticipation of success and the

disappointment of not quite making it.

Seeing the top players in action reminded many of glory days of the past, real and imagined.

After much discussion with players and organisers on the pros and cons of running two separate weekends for all singles and doubles matches, it was agreed by your committee to revert to the original way the tournament was run – all matches, up to the semi finals, to be played at individual members clubs between October and April. All semi finals and finals to be played over one weekend probably in mid April.

Geoff Howes

WINNERS

Singles

Ladies 040 Singles	Sam Mueller
Ladies 050 Singles	Sarah Howlett
Over 45 Singles	Darren Withey
Over 50 Singles	Dermot Hurford
Over 55 Singles	Stuart Hardy
Over 60 Singles	Stephen Jackson
Over 65 Singles	Philip Ayton
Over 70 Singles	Mike Clemson
Over 75 Singles	John Woodliffe
Over 80 Singles	Wilf Mann

Plate Winners – Singles

Over 50 Singles plate	Ian Mann
Over 55 Singles plate	Robin Mace
Over 60 Singles plate	Andy Hartley
Over 65 Singles plate	Keith Searle
Over 70 Singles plate	Vinnie Taylor
Over 75 Singles plate	John Batty

Doubles

Ladies Doubles	Tammy Bennett & Kim Ricks
Over 45 Doubles	Chris Ansell & Graham Hooper
Over 55 Doubles	Geoff Howes & Aubrey Waddy
Over 65 Doubles	David Garrett & Michael Shattock
Over 70 Doubles	John Woodliffe & Lance Kinder
Over 75 Doubles	No Competition

Plate Winners – Doubles

Over 55 Doubles plate	Robert Smith & Tammy Bennett
Over 65 Doubles plate	Tony Wheeler & Leighton Jenkins
Over 70 Doubles plate	Nigel Belle & Brian Hardcastle

2013/14 CHAMPIONSHIP PLANS

You will see from the above that this year's tournament will revert to being run over the winter months at individual member's clubs culminating in a finals weekend, for both singles and doubles, probably in April 2014.

An entry form is enclosed with this Newsletter. Please complete it as soon as possible, but at the very latest by 1st November 2013, and send it along with your cheque to Geoff Howes.

MEMBER DETAILS

Do please remember to advise the Hon.Sec. if you change any of your details – address, tel no.etc. Also if you have an e mail address and haven't let the Hon.Sec.know it, please do so NOW! Thanks.

TOURNAMENT RESULTS

THE ALLAM BRITISH OPEN, 20-26 MAY 2013

FINALS

MENS O50

Eamonn Price WON 3/0. 9/0, 9/1, 10/8

MENS O55

Peter Alexander Lost 0/3. 2/9, 1/9, 3/9

MENS O60

Stephen Jackson Lost 0/3. 5/9, 2/9, 6/9

MENS O65

Philip Ayton WON 3/1. 1/9, 9/5, 9/6, 9/4

MENS O70

Adrian Wright bt Mike Clemson 3/2

MENS O75

John Woodliffe Lost 0/3. 8/10, 1/9, 2/9

WOMENS O50

Mandy Akin WON 3/0. 9/0, 10/8, 9/2

WOMENS O60

Bett Dryhurst WON the round robin

Home Internationals

CARDIFF – 26/27 April 2013

Mens O50, O70, Womens O50

FITZWILLIAM – 3/4 May 2014

Mens O45, O65, Womens O45

NOTTINGHAM – 10/11 May 2013

Mens O40, O60, Womens O40

GLASGOW – 17/18 May 2013

Mens O35, O55, Womens O55

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL GB VETS WHO REPRESENTED THEIR COUNTRY

ENGLAND: Dermot Hurford, Adrian Wright, Mike Clemson, Brian Hardcastle, Andrew Beeston, Nigel Belle, Lance Kinder, Mandy Akin, Tammy Bennett, Lesley Sturgess, Eamonn Price, Steve McLoughlin, Barry Featherstone, Chris Goodbourn, Aubrey Waddy, Rod Boswell, Martin Pearse, Geoff Howes, David Manning, Alison Goy. **SCOTLAND:** Vinnie Taylor, Alastair McMeckan, Jim Dougal, Eunice Bond. **IRELAND:** John O'Brien, Myron Evans, Alex Richardson. **WALES:** Brian Phillips, Tony Darwent, Gary Williams, Eric Robinson, Lynne Davies.

3rd EUROPEAN MASTERS PRAGUE 29 AUGUST – 1 SEPTEMBER 2013

Some 25 GB Vets descended on the beautiful city of Prague in the Czech Republic for the 3rd European Masters which took place from 29 August – 1st September 2013.

After some early shades of Cologne, where the organisation was abysmal, the tournament was run extremely well for the 500+ competitors.

Centred and organised from the Top Hotel (its name, not necessarily the best!) where a perspex show court was erected on the first day of the tournament! There were 6 venues, each generally offering excellent courts and facilities – even one which had been devastated by the recent floods and the courts were still being rebuilt as we arrived!

The tournament ended on the Sunday evening with a presentation of trophies followed by a superb buffet dinner and dancing until the early hours.

The GB Vets came away with 10 medals – 4 Gold, 1 Silver and 5 Bronze.

Gold: Chris Ansell (O65), Bett Dryhurst (O65), Graham Fisher (O70), John Woodliffe (O75). **Silver:** Lance Kinder (O75). **Bronze:** Mandy Akin (O50), Mark Woodliffe (O50), Nigel Belle (O70), Rod Boswell (O65), Alex Richardson (O75).

Also competed: Tammy Bennett, Lynne Davies, Myron Evans, Alison Goy, Stuart Hardy, Tom Hendry, Mark Hildred, Gordon Kerr, Sam Mueller, Ripley Oyler, Martin Pearse, Nick Peel, Alan Thomson, Chris Wilson, Darren Withey.



Graham Fisher & Nigel Belle. O70 trophy winners



Lance Kinder, John Woodliffe & Alex Richardson. O75 trophy winners



Mandy Akin, bronze medalist



Myron Evans & Frank Fahey



Chris Wilson on right



Trophy Winners

Fixtures 2013/14

Below is a list of all fixtures for the coming season.

These can also be found on the website www.gbvs.co.uk

All players are urged to let Match Managers know as soon as possible of their availability.

Please do not wait to be asked to play in a particular match if you are available.

Proposed Date	Day	Time	Opponent	Match Organiser	Telephone	Email Address
1-13 October 2013			York Tour	John Woodliffe		jtwoodliffe@btinternet.com
22 October 2013*	Tue		Wimbledon Lakeside	David Esser		lesserstressed@yahoo.co.uk
2-3 November 2013	Sat/Sun		Inter Club Tournament RAC Woodcote	Dave Smith		bigd1102@hotmail.com
8 November 2013*	Fri		Five Rivers Liesure Centre Salisbury	Tony Bronsdon		tandjbronsdon@hotmail.com
9 November 2013	Sat		Chichester	Lance Kinder		lancekinder@yahoo.co.uk
8 November 2013*	Fri		Farnham Common	Don Williams		talk2patdon@ntlworld.com
10 November 2013	Sun		Lee-on-Solent	Lance Kinder		lancekinder@yahoo.co.uk
15 November 2013	Fri		Colets	Geoff Howes		geoff.chrishowes@ntlworld.com
16 November 2013*	Sat		RAC Woodcote Park	David Esser		lesserstressed@yahoo.co.uk
19 November 2013	Tue		Camberley	John Woodliffe		jtwoodliffe@btinternet.com
30 November 2013*	Sat		LA Fitness Dragons Northwood	Gordon Ross		rossgwr@talktalk.net
2 December 2013	Mon		Southbank/Civil Service	Geoff Howes		geoff.chrishowes@ntlworld.com
2 January 2014*	Thur		Beechdown	Lance Kinder		lancekinder@yahoo.co.uk
9 January 2014*	Thur		RAC Pall Mall	Chris Lowry		c.lowry@uhy-uk.com
17 January 2014	Fri		Beckenham	Nigel Belle		belles@waitrose.com
23 January 2014	Thur		Roehampton	John Woodliffe		jtwoodliffe@btinternet.com
24 January 2014	Fri		Park Langley	Nigel Belle		belles@waitrose.com
4 February 2014	Tue		Dorking	John Woodliffe		jtwoodliffe@btinternet.com
6 February 2014	Thur		New Malden	Nigel Belle		belles@waitrose.com
21 February 2014	Fri		Bexley	Nigel Belle		belles@waitrose.com
22 February 2014	Sat		Eton College	John O'Brien		jkaobrien@ntlworld.com
22 February 2014	Sat		Colets/Fitzwilliam	Geoff Howes		geoff.chrishowes@ntlworld.com
7 April 2014	Mon		Colets/Civil Service	Geoff Howes		geoff.chrishowes@ntlworld.com
10 April 2014	Thur		Ashstead	John Woodliffe		jtwoodliffe@btinternet.com
11 April 2014	Fri		Bromley/Nuffield Health	Nigel Belle		belles@waitrose.com
19 May 2014*	Mon		Hithercroft, Wallingford	Len Froggitt		klane55@hotmail.com

* TBC

PLANNED NOT YET CONFIRMED

TBC		Bromley/Cricket & Squash Club	Nigel Belle		belles@waitrose.com
TBC		Aldershot/Army	Dave Smith		bigd1102@hotmail.com
TBC		Beaconsfield	Neil Davies		neil@itsg.com
TBC		Wimbledon	Ian Robinson		ianrobinson@ianrsports.co.uk
TBC		David Lloyd Farnham	Dave Smith		bigd1102@hotmail.com
TBC		St George's Hill	John Woodliffe		jtwoodliffe@btinternet.com
TBC		Purley	Tony Claydon		a.claydon204@btinternet.com

CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

Formally, another squash season is about to start, but if my Club is anything to go by, there has been virtually no break for the summer.

However, November will be here all too soon and preparations to celebrate our 50th Anniversary are now well advanced. We want the occasion to be memorable – The Book is now printed, arrangements for the Weekend of Squash are well in hand with the participating Clubs and the menu for the Dinner is about to be selected!

We are looking forward to a great time and we want as many of you as possible to be involved. Please - order a book; put your name forward to play for the Vets' Club on the weekend of 2/3 November; apply to come to the Dinner – and offer to arrange a Friendly between your local club and the Vets' Club.

We need your help to make our 50th a truly bumper year!!

John Woodliffe



*Chairman
John Woodliffe*

2020 OLYMPICS SQUASH FAILS FOR THE THIRD TIME

Squash, as expected, lost out to Wrestling with Baseball/Softball coming second for a place at the 2020 Olympic games to be held in Tokyo.

Even so all may not be lost. The outgoing President of the IOC instituted a cap of 10,500 athletes and 28 sports, but there are suggestions (at the time of going to press) that the newly elected President, Thomas Bach, may raise these numbers.

In which case Squash may still be included in 2020. Here's hoping!

A NUN GRADING PAPERS

Can you imagine the nun sitting at her desk grading these papers, all the while trying to keep a straight face and maintain her composure!

Pay special attention to the wording and spelling. If you know the bible even a little, you should find this hilarious! It comes from a Catholic Elementary School Test.

Kids were asked about the old and new Testaments. The following statements about the bible were written by children. They have not been altered or corrected.

1. Lots wife was a pillar of salt during the day, but a ball of fire during the night.
2. The Jews were a proud people and throughout history they had trouble with unsympathetic genitals.
3. Samson slayed the Philistines with the axe of the apostles.
4. Moses led the Jews to the Red Sea where they made unleavened bread, which is bread without any ingredients.
5. The seventh commandment is thou shalt not admit adultery
6. Solomon, one of David's sons, had 300 wives and 700 porcupines.
7. When the three wise guys from the east side arrived they found Jesus in the manger.
8. Jesus was born because Mary had an immaculate contraption.
9. The people who followed the Lord were called the 12 decibels.
10. The epistels were the wives of the apostles.
11. One of the opossums was St. Matthew who was also a taximan.
12. St. Paul cavorted to Christianity, he preached holy acrimony, which is another name for marriage.
13. Christians have only one spouse. This is called monotony.
14. David was a Hebrew king who was skilled at playing the liar. He fought the Finkelsteins, a race who lived in biblical times.

Aren't children great!!

Membership News

NEW MEMBERS

We warmly welcome the following new members who have joined since the Spring 2013 Newsletter:

Neil Davies	Beaconsfield
Hamish Porter	MCC, Roehampton
Terry Reynolds	Frank Lee Leisure, Leys School Leisure
Paul Chaplin	LA Fitness, Salisbury
Simon Hughes	Dorking & Horsham
Gareth Ashington	Beaconsfield
Stephen McLoughlin	Chichester

'LOST' MEMBERS

We have lost touch with the 7 members listed below. Do you know their whereabouts? If so please let the Hon. Secretary know.

Alf Barker	John Dover	Terry Farrington
John Grieve	Robert McIntosh	John Rymer
David Summerscale		

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

REGIONAL TOURNAMENTS

EAST	Bury St Edmunds	27/29 September 2013
NORTH	Pontefract	3/5 January 2014
WEST	Wolverhampton	29 Nov/1 December 2013
SOUTH	Thames Ditton	25/27 October 2013
MIDLANDS	Coventry	31 Jan/2 February 2014
NORTH WEST	Stockport	7/9 March 2014

CLUB EVENTS

Club 'Weekend of Squash' at RAC Woodcote Park, Epsom	2/3 November 2013
50th Anniversary Dinner RAC Woodcote Park, Epsom	22nd November 2013

12th WORLD MASTERS

Hong Kong, China	4/12 July 2014
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OBITUARIES

PHIL CLAMP DIED 2012.
BOB GRIFFIN DIED 2013.
GEORGE TAYLOR DIED 2013.

TODDY BERMAN



Toddy Berman, who passed away earlier this year, aged 84, was a very enthusiastic and active squash playing member of the Vets Club of Great Britain, Jesters and Escorts clubs, for many years.

With Sir Michael Edwardes, Brian McGivern and Peter Trimmingham, Toddy was involved with the dimensions, layout and rules of the present day Doubles Squash Courts. Toddy was a very successful squash player into his eighties, winning many tournaments around the world.

He was born in England in 1928, the Berman family then moved to South Africa in 1943, where his squash career took off. He played for South Africa for many years, winning many South African titles and Provincial tournaments.

Toddy returned to England in 1978, settling in London. Toddy's passion for squash was unabated, joining the RAC in Pall Mall to continue his enthusiasm for the game he loved.

He won many GB Vets Tournaments: O65 singles 1993, O70 singles 1999/2000, O75 singles 2003/2004, O55 Doubles with Sir Michael Edwardes 1987, O65 Doubles, again with Sir Michael 1996.

A few years ago, Toddy upped sticks with his family and moved to Northern Spain, near Santander, and wasted no time in joining a squash club. For many years he hosted a Doubles tournament at the club. Members of the GB Vets, Escorts and Jesters Clubs were invited to participate. Toddy, Goldi, his wife and sons, Stefan and Raoul were great hosts. Bonhomie was the order of the days and nights. Sightseeing, food and drink and friendly yet, competitive squash games were on the itinerary and hosted to perfection. He married Goldi, who Toddy is survived by his wife, sons and daughter Peri.

Lance Kinder

JOHN 'TIMPERS' TIMPERLEY



Squash players and supporters worldwide will be saddened to learn that John Timperley died on June 10th 2013. For many years he was a prominent and influential figure in the game as it modernised in the 1970's and 1980's.

John played badminton for England and was ranked No.1 in the country before switching to squash at 28 after a back injury ended his game at the top. He was naturally gifted and reached county standard playing for the Surrey first team. He was captain of the Surrey team that won the O45 inter-county championships. He reached the quarter finals of the British Open O45 in 1979. He was also an advanced coach.

John was very much involved in the administration and refereeing of our sport. He refereed the British Open Final (maybe more than once) when it was played at Wembley.

He was involved in the early days of TV commentary and realised the power of the media in promoting squash. He was well ahead of his time on this.

John wrote or co-authored several squash books including 'Squash Rules OK' with a foreword written by Geoff Hunt, which was published in 1983. He also produced a video of the 1978 British Open Championships with the athletics commentator Ron Pickering.

John was our Hon. Secretary for 8 years from 1984-1992. He won the GB Vets O55 Doubles tournament with Mike Breckon in 1991 and with Owen Parmenter in 1989.

He was married to one of England's most successful badminton players June White, although they later divorced, and he was the father of three children, David, Nicky and Karen.

In his later years John became a lyricist, and writer of plays and musicals including one about JFK which was well received.

Danny Lee/Nigel Belle