



# The Veterans Squash Rackets Club of Great Britain

## MINI NEWSLETTER – MARCH 2018

# 2018 CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

All draws are now on the website. To access: Click 'Tournaments' on Home Page, then click 'League Master', then 'GB Vets Championships 2018', then 'event' which will take you to the draws. Please ensure you arrange and play your game by the due date. Don't forget finals weekend 28/29 April. AGM, presentation of prizes and free buffet supper on Sunday 29th.

## CHAIRMAN'S REPORT OUR EMERALD CELEBRATION!

This year is another special year for us. On the 19th December 2018, we will pass another landmark when it is fifty-five years since our club was formed. The history and success of our club over those 55 years is especially evidenced by the enormous contribution by many of our members who have acted as catalysts for the expansion of veterans' squash in many ways. The history of our club was encapsulated in the splendid book "50 Years on" in 2013. If you do not have a copy, you can still buy one of the few remaining copies from Nigel Belle.

Although squash is going through challenging times, I am delighted to report that we continue to thrive. After a dip in our membership in recent years, it is great to report that over the last two years we have welcomed over sixty new members. Your Committee is dedicated to maximising the range of activities that will encourage senior squash players to continue playing our game into their dotage! We also continue to celebrate the involvement of our members, including Martin Pearse, Stuart Hardy and Adrian Wright who formed England Masters which continues to attract the best to extend their playing careers.

Do come and join us at the Club Championship finals at the Colets Club over the weekend of April 28/29. This is the only veterans event at which you can enjoy watching the best singles and doubles. Later in the year, you are also invited to come and enjoy the Festival of Squash at the RAC, Woodcote Park, Epsom on Sunday 4th November.

Oh yes, and don't forget to raise a glass to our Club's EMERALD achievement!

*Tom Hendry*

## SPRING INTO A NEW LOOK

Be the smartest on court with a new shirt as well as that new shot.

## 20% OFF ALL CLUB KIT!

APRIL ONLY –  
OFFER MUST END  
30 APRIL

NOW is the time to take advantage of this FANTASTIC offer – 20% off ANY item of GB Vets merchandise – FOR APRIL ONLY.

Visit the IPROSPORTS website NOW – [www.iprosports.co.uk](http://www.iprosports.co.uk) – click Club Zone, scroll down to GB Vets logo, click, then follow the online instructions, simple!

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LOOK SMART FOREVER!**

## NEW MEMBERS

We warmly welcome the following new members who have joined the Club since the publication of the December 2017 Mini Newsletter: **Bryan Francis, Andy Davies, Ian Ross, Harry Parkes, Rik Brown, Tim Taylor, Simon Chambers, Bev Boag.**

## 'LOST' MEMBERS

If you know the whereabouts of the following members please advise the Hon. Sec Thank you. **Alf Barker, Eric Cruttenden, John Grieve, Tim Higginson, T. Peter Jones, Robert McIntosh, Geoffrey Mortimer, Aubrey Smith.**

## 6 WINNERS 7 FINALISTS

# NATIONALS

## MANCHESTER 14/18 FEB 2018



O40 Jamie Goodrich



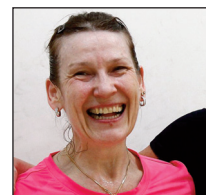
MO55 Mark Woodliffe



MO65 John Goodrich



MO70 Barry Featherstone



WO50 Rachel Woolford



WO55 Mandy Akin

## FINALISTS

MO60 Ian Bradburn

MO70 Philip Ayton

MO75 Adrian Wright

MO80 John Woodliffe

WO40 Keeley Johnson

WO60 Karen Hume

WO65 Bett Dryhurst



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## TOURNAMENT RESULTS

### WEST REGIONAL

5/7 JAN 2018

#### A RECORD!

#### 8 WINNERS

MO45 Andy Normile  
MO50 Steve Mcloughlin  
MO65 John Goodrich  
MO70 Barry Featherstone  
MO75 Adrian Wright  
WO50 Rachel Woolford  
WO55 Lesley Sturgess

#### 4 FINALISTS

MO35 Jamie Goodrich  
MO55 Nick Peel  
WO35/40 Katie Lawrence  
WO60 Lynne Davies

### NORTH WEST REGIONAL

26/28 JAN 2018

#### 4 WINNERS

MO65 John Goodrich  
MO70 Ian Ross  
WO50 Rachel Woolford  
WO55 Lesley Sturgess

#### 5 FINALISTS

MO50 Andy Murray  
MO55 Gary Raw  
MO60 Ian Bradburn  
MO70 Mike Clemson  
MO75 Adrian Wright

### JESTERS TROPHY

RAC PALL MALL 2/5 Feb 2018

O55 Vintage Winner  
Lawrence Molke



O60 Venerables Winner  
Stuart Hardy



O65 Vulnerables Winner  
John Goodrich

### 'FRIENDLY' MATCH RESULTS

**BROMLEY CC** 17 NOV 2017 **LOST** 15pts/21

The 4th annual doubles match, each pair playing 2 matches of best of 3, ended with a close win for Bromley. GB Vets players: Adam Rich, Mandy Akin, Karen Hume (Match Manager), Nick Wise, Robert Smith, Graham Edwards & Nigel Belle whilst Bromley also fielded some GB Vets: Steve Pusey, Alan Leffen, Ali McMeckan & Dan Sweeney.

**CHICHESTER** 18 NOV 2017 **LOST** 2/3

A Saturday fixture of 4 singles and one doubles saw Paul Reader (MM) and Tony Stanley-Jones win whilst Chris Wilson and Andy Hartley lost singles and the everlasting duo of Lance Kinder & John Woodliffe just lost the doubles. Ian Graham and Graham Fisher, also GB Vets, represented Chichester.

**ROEHAMPTON** 11 JANUARY 2018 **WON** 4/1

Wins for all singles players – Alan Boulden & Graham Chambers (MM) each 3/0 and Ash Chakraborty & Bryan Francis, having been games down, both came back to win 3/2. The distinguished pair of Lance Kinder and John Woodliffe, average age 82, narrowly lost to a much younger pair.

**BECKENHAM** 12 JANUARY 2018 **LOST** 2/4

Fielding National and World Champion Ladies the GB Vets had high hopes of an overall win. It was however not to be. Whilst the Ladies, Mandy Akin & Karen Hume, won their matches the men – Andy Davies, Adam Rich, Robert Smith (MM) & Nigel Belle all lost theirs, although Nigel, with a little help from the marker, only just lost 14/16 in the 3rd.

**ETON COLLEGE BOYS** 3 FEBRUARY 2018 **DRAW** 3/3

This annual clash of titans once again proved to be a fun and competitive occasion. 5 singles and an unforgettable doubles with octogenarians John Woodliffe & Lance Kinder ended in an honourable draw. GB Vets: Dave Smith (MM), Dave Parker, Graham Jolly, Alan Boulden & Kevin Osborough.

**ESCORTS** 26 FEBRUARY 2018 **LOST** 2/4

With high hopes of repeating last year's win, with, we thought a stronger team, it was not to be. Good 3/1 wins by Paramjit Deol and Nick Dart but losses by Chris Goodbourn, Ron Walker and Nigel Belle (MM). Andy Bonner was disappointed to go down 1/3 to National O55 finalist Jill Campion.

**CAMBERLEY** 27 FEBRUARY 2018

Unfortunately our No 1 Paramjit Deol did not manage to arrive in time to play which rather meant the overall result was a 'muddle'. Alan Boulden lost at No.2, however there were good wins by Bryan Francis 3/0 and Graham Chambers (MM) 3/2. Lance Kinder and John Woodliffe had various enjoyable games against Dave Smith and Andy Craig (both GB Vets playing for Chichester)

Full reports and pictures for most matches can be found on the GB Vets website.

### TOM HANNON

It is with much sadness that we announce the death, at the end of December 2017, of Tom Hannon, a member since 1984. Tom spent much of his time in New Zealand but was interred in his beloved Ireland. Tom will be remembered for being the life and sole of a party, he played for Ireland in the Home Internationals and he will be sorely missed by his many friends and of course his wife Margaret.

### FORTHCOMING EVENTS

**Club Championships Finals Weekend**  
Colets, Thames Ditton 28/29 April 2018  
**The Club's 55th AGM**  
Colets, Thames Ditton 29th April 2018  
**British Open Masters**  
Colets, Thames Ditton 5/10 June 2018  
**Glen Ragou Memorial Tournament**  
Sutton Coldfield 8th Sept 2018  
**Golf Day**  
Surbiton 10th Sept 2018  
**World Masters**  
Charlottesville, USA 29 July/4 Aug 2018  
**Festival of Squash**  
RAC Woodcote Park 4th November 2018

### YOUR CLUB NEEDS YOU!

We urgently require an Hon. Match Secretary to organise and nurture our existing 'friendly' fixtures and to try and encourage more Clubs to raise a team to play against a GB Vets team. Interested? Like to know more? Contact the Hon. Secretary or any Committee member.