



# The Veterans Squash Rackets Club of Great Britain

President: Philip Ayton

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Chairman: John Woodliffe

## SPRING 2013 NEWSLETTER

# HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

## HOW WE PLAN TO CELEBRATE

**72 PAGE HARDBACK  
BOOK**

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BOOK**

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FOR EVERY  
MEMMBER**



**SPECIAL ANNIVERSARY HANDBOOK**

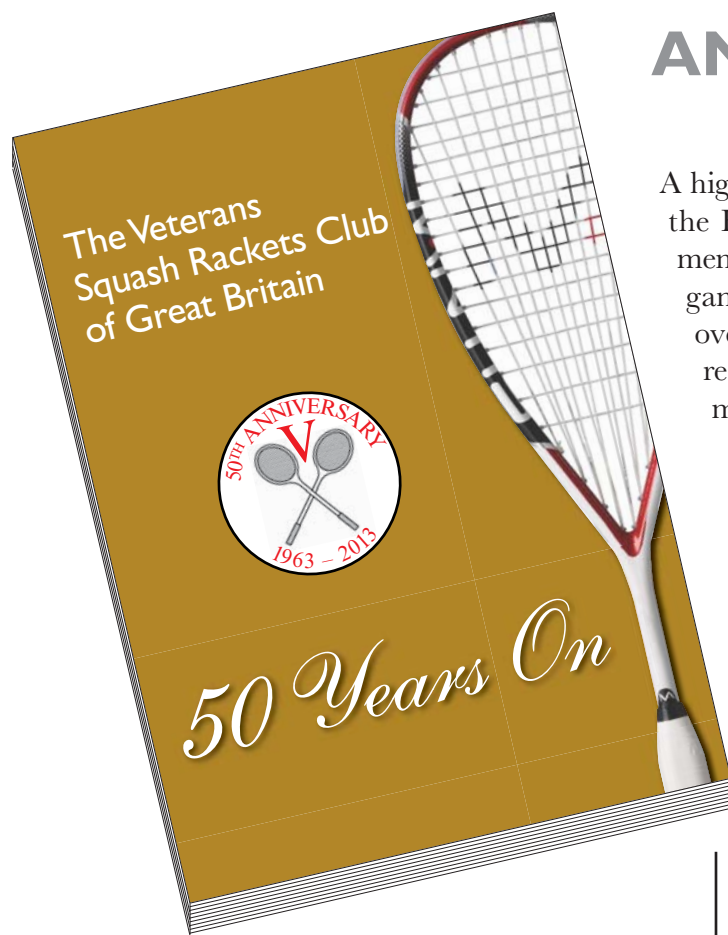
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# 'GOLDEN' PLANS FOR 2013

## ANNIVERSARY BOOK – 50 YEARS ON

A highly readable, interesting and fascinating Book covering the History of Squash and the GB Vets Club, umpteen member articles, hints on health and warming up before a game, tours, letters from influential people, CV's of well over 100 members, Club Championship pictures and results, a list of ALL members since 1963 and much, much more..... Due out mid summer.



## WEEKEND FESTIVAL OF SQUASH

Taking place over the weekend 2/3 November at the RAC, Woodcote Park, Epsom, Surrey a 'Festival' of squash for both players and spectators. Teams from the Jesters, RAC, Escorts, Army and the GB Vets will compete not only for glory but for being part of the 'Golden' celebrations. Teams will consist of singles and doubles players with an anticipated total number of 70 players over the 2 days. Spectators will be very welcome for part or all of the weekend. Food and drink will be available throughout both days.

## BLACK TIE DINNER

Will be held at the RAC, Woodcote Park on Friday 22nd November. The three course meal with wine will be preceded by pre dinner drinks and port or brandy at the end. Members are encouraged to make up tables of 10 or 12. Make a diary note now – full details of the event will be available later in the year.

## KEN FISK BOOK

Ken Fisk was a founder member of the GB Vets Club and it's Treasurer until 1984. To commemorate his achievement he was presented with a book at the end of his 21 years devoted service. In beautiful calligraphy it details all members at that time with other Club information and some early photographs. The current Secretary has taken it upon himself to update the book so that it is a permanent record of 1: Officers of the Club, 2: Club Championship results and report and 3: appropriate photographs. The plan is to have it available and on display at each Club Championship finals weekend and AGM.

## SPECIAL ANNIVERSARY TIES



Two special ties have been commissioned and produced. One blue and one 'golden' colour they depict the crossed rackets motif and the dates 1963-2013. They will be on sale at the Club Championships weekends in March and April.

## FREE GIFT FOR EVERY MEMBER

A surprise free gift will be sent out to all members with the Summer 2013 Newsletter and Handbook.

## SPECIAL ANNIVERSARY HANDBOOK

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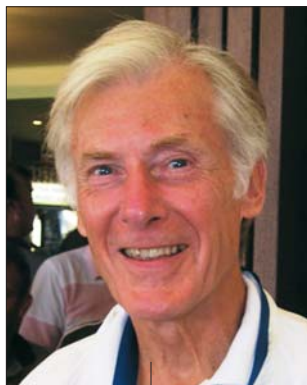
# ANNIVERSARY MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

We are fast approaching our 50th Anniversary on December 19th 2013 and I feel very fortunate to have such a committed and hard-working Committee prepared to put in a great deal of effort to ensure the occasion is marked appropriately.

You will note that a history of our first fifty years is being compiled. This is a monumental task which is being spearheaded by a small sub-committee. Many members have contributed to it, but I am particularly grateful to Nigel Belle and Tom Hendry for consolidating the articles and masterminding the job; it is taking hours of their time.

I do hope you will buy a copy of the book when it is published. I can assure you it will be a good read and something you will refer to many times over the coming years.

The weekend of squash on November 2nd and 3rd promises to be a great deal of fun and we are very grateful to the RAC at



Woodcote Park for allowing us to use their wonderful club as the venue for the matches – and later in the month for the Dinner on the 22nd. Please note the dates in your diaries and attend all or part of the celebrations if you possibly can.

As you can see from the results of some of the major tournaments, we have a lot of very good players in the Club. However, the majority of our members are good 'jobbing' players who love the game and who get a great deal of enjoyment from it. Please volunteer to play in our 'friendlies' and, if you possibly can, to offer to run one in your area. They are always memorable evenings.

Enjoy the rest of the season – and then get ready for the next one!

**John Woodliffe**

## 2013 CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

As was agreed at the last AGM the Club Championships will this year take place over 2 weekends –  
Doubles, up to and including semi finals at Colets and Singles + Doubles finals at Broxbourne.  
If successful this format will be repeated in future years.

### DOUBLES

at Colets, St. Nicholas Road,  
Thames Ditton KT7 0PW  
Tel. No: 0208 398 7108.

[www.coletshealthclub.co.uk](http://www.coletshealthclub.co.uk)

**March 15, 16, 17.**

### SINGLES

at Broxbourne, Mill Lane Close,  
Broxbourne, EN10 7BA  
Tel.No: 01992 440209.

[www.broxbournesquash.co.uk](http://www.broxbournesquash.co.uk)

**April 12, 13, 14.**

**ALL DRAWS  
CAN BE FOUND  
ON WEBSITE:**

**[www.gbvs.co.uk](http://www.gbvs.co.uk)**

**Tournament**

**Director**

**Geoff Howes**

**07836 335494**

### THE 50TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2013

Notice is hereby given that the 50th Annual General Meeting will take place at

**Broxbourne Sports Club, Mill Lane Close,  
Broxbourne, Hertfordshire EN10 7BA**

On Sunday 14th April 2013

Following the Club Finals and prior to the Presentations and Buffet Supper.

#### AGENDA

1. Minutes of the 49th AGM
2. Approval of Accounts (see page 7)
3. Chairman's Report
4. Election of Officers
5. Any other business

# REGIONAL TOURNAMENTS

The first Regional Tournament was East, played in 2004 at Bury St. Edmunds, Suffolk. Following its success the North, South and Midlands were quickly added and then latterly the West.

In 2004 England Squash Masters was formed with Martin Pearse as Organiser and Chairman and operated as an Independent section under the umbrella of England Squash and Racketball.

The Masters section now runs all 5 highly successful Regional Events each season, normally attracting up to 140 competitors from age groups – 35-75 in Men's and 35-55 in Ladies.

Each event attracts points (as do the British Open and British Closed) and at the end of the season the top four points scorers in each section (5 year age groups) are automatically selected to play for England in the annual Home Internationals. Scotland, Wales and Ireland have their own selection process.

The Masters Committee and England Squash and Racketball operate PAR (Point a Rally) scoring only in the Men's O35 and O40 age groups. All other age groups operate the traditional HiHo (Hand in Hand out) scoring.

Since their inception the Regional Events have produced over

400 winners across all age groups – this equates to nearly 120 players of which 45 are members of the Veterans Squash Club of Great Britain.

**Roll of Honour, Hall of Fame:** (*up to February 2013*)

Top GB Vets winners:

1	Adrian Wright	16 wins
2=	Lance Kinder	
	Barry Featherstone,	
	Mike Clemson	11 wins
5	Mark Cowley	10 wins

Other GB Vets who have notched up 5 or more wins:

Ian Bradburn (9), Howard Cherlin (7),  
Eamonn Price (7), Mandy Akin (7), Chris Ansell (6),  
Karen Hume (6), Keith Jones (5),  
Richard Millman (5)

The current venues for the Tournaments are:

East	Moreton Hall, Bury St. Edmunds, Suffolk
North	Pontefract Squash Club, Pontefract
West	Bristol LT & SC
South	Broxbourne Squash Club, Herts
Midlands	Coventry & North Warwicks Squash Club

## 2012/13 REGIONAL RESULTS...

### NORTH OF ENGLAND... PONTEFRACT – 26/28 OCTOBER 2012

- MO55 **Stuart Hardy** won 3/0 in the final. **Ripley Oyler** reached the semis.  
MO60 **Paul Reader** and **Geoff Howes** reached the ¼'s.  
MO65 **Barry Featherstone** beat **Martin Pearse** 3/0 in the final.  
**Aubrey Waddy** and **Dave Hardern** reached the semis.  
MO70/75 Round Robin: **Mike Clemson** beat **Andrew Beeston** in the final.

### WEST OF ENGLAND... BRISTOL 30 NOV – 2 DEC 2012

- MO45 **Eamonn Price** won 3/1 in the final.  
MO50 **Dermot Hurford** reached the semis.  
MO55 **Duleep Adhihetty** beat **Stuart Hardy** 3/1 in the final.  
MO60 **Paul Reader** lost 1/3 in the final. **David Leahey** reached the semis.  
MO65 **Rod Boswell** beat **Barry Featherstone** in the final.  
**Aubrey Waddy** and **Martin Pearse** reached the semis.  
MO70 Round Robin: **Mike Clemson** beat **Brian Hardcastle** 3/0 in the final.  
WO40 **Mandy Akin** lost 1/3 in the final.  
WO50 **Tammy Bennett** reached the semis.

### EAST OF ENGLAND... BURY ST EDMUNDS – 28/30 SEPTEMBER 2012

- MO45 **Eamonn Price** lost 1/3 in the semis.  
MO55 **Stuart Hardy** lost 0/3 in the final.  
MO60 **Paul Reader** lost 1/3 in the semis.  
MO65 **Chris Goodbourn** beat **Aubrey Waddy** 3/1 in the final.  
**Barry Featherstone** & **Martin Pearse** reached the semis.  
MO70/75 Round Robin: **Adrian Wright** beat **Mike Clemson** 3/2 in the final.  
WO50/55 **Mandy Akin** won 3/1 in the final. **Tammy Bennett** reached the semis.

### SOUTH OF ENGLAND... BROXBORNE – 4-6 JANUARY 2013

- MO50 **Nick Peel** lost 0/3 in the final. **Dermot Hurford** reached the semis.  
MO55 **Mark Cowley** beat **Duleep Adhihetty** 3/1 in the final.  
**Stuart Hardy** reached the semis.  
MO60 **Paul Reader** reached the semis.



**MO65** **Barry Featherstone** beat **Aubrey Waddy** 3/2 in the final.  
**Martin Pearse** and **Chris Goodbourn** reached the semis.  
**MO70/75** Round Robin: **Mike Clemson** 1st, **Brian Hardcastle** 2nd.  
**WO35/40** Round Robin: **Mandy Akin** 1st, **Sam Mueller** 3rd.  
**WO45/50** **Tammy Bennett** & **Sarah Howlett** reached the semis.  
**WO55** Round Robin: **Lynne Davies** 1st, **Jane Law** 2nd.

## **MIDLANDS... COVENTRY – 1-3 FEBRUARY 2013**

**MO50** **Nick Peel** reached the semis.  
**MO55** **Peter Alexander** had to retire in the final. **Stuart Hardy** reached the semis.  
**MO60** **David Manning** reached the semis.  
**MO65** **Aubrey Waddy** beat **Geoff Howes** 3/0 in the final.  
**Chris Ansell** and **Barry Featherstone** reached the semis.  
**MO70/75** **Brian Hardcastle** lost 0/3 in the final.  
**Andrew Beeston** and **Vinnie Taylor** reached the Semis.  
**WO35/40** **Alison Goy** reached the semis.  
**WO45/50** **Lesley Sturgess** reached the semis.  
**WO55** Round Robin: **Lynne Davies** 1st, **Jane Law** 3rd.

## **MATCH REPORTS...MATCH REPORTS...MATCH REPORTS...**

**FOR A FULL REPORT, RESULTS AND PHOTOS PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE**

### **DUBLIN 9/10 FEBRUARY, 2013**

Every 2 years the Fitzwilliam Lawn Tennis and Squash Club hosts a match between the GB Vets and Fitzwilliam Vets. In the alternate years we host a return match, usually in London. The match is for the McVeigh Trophy and started 27 years ago. After 4 consecutive defeats at the hands of the Irish, a very strong GB Vets team was assembled. Following a punishing training regime, the team arrived in Dublin in confident mood to play the challenge match on Friday evening:

Steve Jackson – 1; Chris Wilson – 2, Alasdair Niven – 3, Peter Leary – 4, Peter Culver – 5, Aubrey Waddy – 6.

After a sticky start, with Alasdair losing a tight match 1/3 at No.3 the rest of the team had fairly comfortable 3/0 wins for an



*Peter Leary (right) receiving the McVeigh Trophy.*

the Club for some social squash followed by lunch.

In the evening the presentation dinner was held at the Fitzwilliam Club and I accepted the trophy on behalf of the GB Vets.

overall 5/1 victory and a recapture of the McVeigh Trophy. With the serious business over, the alcohol ban was lifted and a great evening followed.

Next morning everyone struggled back to



*GB Vets team: Aubrey Waddy, Chris Wilson, Alasdair Niven, Stephen Jackson, Peter Culver, Peter Leary.*

The team received fantastic hospitality throughout from our Irish hosts and the Fitzwilliam Club is a tremendous venue. Our thanks go to the hosts and the Club and we look forward to welcoming the Irish team here next year.

**Peter Leary, Match Manager**

### **BECKENHAM 25 JANUARY, 2013**

This annual local Derby was as enjoyable as ever. Both sides have hardly changed their sides over the last 7 years!

The overall results this year were rather disappointing for the GB Vets – going down 0-5, although 4 matches went to 4.

Mandy Akin at No.1 and Andrew Bonner at 2 lost to rather youthful and useful opponents whilst Karen Hume at 3 (now married to Robert Smith) and Nigel Belle at 5, lost in hard fought games against familiar foe.

The last match on court was a fun affair with the Smiths (Robert for the GB Vets and Ian for Beckenham, also a GB Vet) vying for the gallery's laughter and approval in equal measure!

Excellent food, wine and port ended the evening with the GB Vets promising to do better on court next year.

**Nigel Belle**



*Robert Smith, Simon Joyce, Nigel Belle, Cathy Russell (front), Karen Hume, Andy Bonner, Rob Belcher, Mandy Akin, Oliver Pollard, Ian Smith, Geoff McMullen.*

# MATCH REPORTS...MATCH REPORTS...MATCH REPORTS...

## BEXLEY 2 FEBRUARY 2013

It was to be hoped that the 2/3 defeat inflicted on the GB Vets in 2012 would be turned into a win for 2013. No such luck!

Robert Smith at No.4 and Andrew Bonner at 2 both went down 0/3. A very spirited effort by Mandy Akin at No.1 took the first game 10/8 but then lost the next three, all very close.

Brian Cane, ex member at Bexley, had a see saw match that could have gone either way but in the end he narrowly lost 6/9 in the fifth.

It was left to Peter Young at 5 to save the GB Vets from a whitewash, as he won 3/0..

Excellent squash, excellent company, excellent food thanks to Bexley's non playing Captain John Prowse (also a GB Vet) for arranging a most enjoyable evening.

Bexley		GB Vets	
1. Graham Davis	beat	Mandy Akin	3/1
2. Christo	beat	Andy Bonner	3/0
3. Lee Atkins	beat	Brian Cane	3/2
4. Peter Lewis	beat	Robert Smith	3/0
5. Terry Ireland	lost to	Peter Young	0/3



Brian Cane, Nigel Belle, Peter Young, Mandy Akin, Robert Smith, Andy Bonner.

## YORK 2-4 NOVEMBER, 2012

An excellent weekend at the Wigginton Squash Club where Chairman Nick Clifford looked after us, on and off the court. The GB Vets were delighted to get 4 of our 'northern' members to play and the match on the Friday evening. unfortunately they all lost! All close games however – Adrian Wright, his son Martin, Tommy Elves and John Shaw. Tom Hendry also lost 1/3 whilst Nigel Belle and John Woodliffe both won. Result GB Vets lost 2/5.

Perhaps a ploy to wear us out, on the Saturday morning we had an exhausting but interesting hike around the City walls and the Minster, and after lunch faced our opposition again. We fared no better losing again 2/5, only Adrian and John W winning. We have been invited back next year, but results indicate we need to do more training before then!

**John Woodliffe**



John Shaw, Adrian Wright, Tommy Elves, Martin Wright, Nick Clifford (Wigginton), John Woodliffe, Tom Hendry, Nigel Belle.

## DORKING 20 FEBRUARY 2013

It's always a pleasure for the GB Vets to visit Dorking and we always have a thoroughly enjoyable evening both on and off the squash court – Bob and Harriet Gray see to that!

The evening started with a most exciting titanic exhibition doubles match with John Woodliffe and Lance Kinder scraping home 17/15 in the final game.

Stephen Johnson (stepping in for a poorly Nigel Belle) and David Garrett went down 0/3, whilst Alastair Niven, although managed to win a game lost 1/3.

A match of the highest quality and a delight to watch saw the GB Vets No 1 Alan Thomson go down 0/3 although all close games.

It was left to David Smith to salvage some honour by winning 3/0

Overall result – Dorking 4 GB Vets 2.

The evening was rounded off with a delicious meal, a 'few' drinks, captain John Woodliffe thanking Dorking for their usual superb hospitality and vowing to do better next year!

Dorking		GB Vets	
1. Mark Kubli	beat	Alan Thomson	3/0
2. Jerry Robson	beat	Alastair Niven	3/1
3. Graham Nicholson	beat	David Garrett	3/0
4. Nitin Patel	lost to	David Smith	0/3
5. Ken Caldwell	beat	Stephen Johnson	3/0

### Exhibition Doubles

Alan Atkinson & Tony Heron	lost to	John Woodliffe & Lance Kinder	2/1
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David Smith, Lance Kinder, Alan Thomson, David Garrett, John Woodliffe, Stephen Johnson, Alastair Niven.

## CHICHESTER 10 NOVEMBER, 2012

The 24th match between the Vets Squash Club of GB and Chichester took place on Saturday 10th November 2012 at Chichester.

Chichester turned out a very strong side winning 4 out of the 5 singles matches and all 4 doubles matches. Our only success was Ian Robinson winning his match by 3 games to 2, although John Woodliffe and Lance Kinder narrowly lost their second doubles match of the afternoon by a single point in the final game.

Everyone had a very sociable afternoon in very pleasant surroundings and were entertained very well by the host club.

Next year is the 25th time the match against Chichester has been held, so GB Vets need to start training now!

**Tony Seare**



## ROEHAMPTON 28 FEBRUARY 2013

We have been lucky over so many years to have had the opportunity to play against Roehampton. We are always made to feel most welcome, the squash is competitive and then we talk about it for an hour over a lovely meal!

The match last night was another superb occasion. John Woodliffe gives their captain Nigel Clarke about a fortnights notice and Nigel does his best to ensure we are all well matched. All the games were good, but Keith Jones at his tender age played a very good seventeen year old and only lost after some seventy minutes of play!

### The results were:

Keith Jones lost to Seb Coe 2/3

David Smith beat Rory Ross-Russel 3/0

Chris Lowry beat Chris Sebire 3/1

*Chris S played as a guest of the Roehampton club*

Nigel Belle lost to Nick Charteris-Black 0/3

Andy Craig beat Andi Kuesters 3/0

John Woodliffe and Lance Kinder lost to Nigel Clarke and James Dearman 0/3

The final result then was a draw as far as we are concerned at three all! Officially Roehampton won 3/2! Whatever, a great deal of fun.



*Chris Lowry, Nigel Belle, Lance Kinder, John Woodliffe, Keith Jones, David Smith, Andy Craig, Chris Sebire.*

## CLUB ACCOUNTS – 18 MONTHS TO 31<sup>st</sup> DECEMBER 2012 TO BE APPROVED AT THE AGM 14<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2013

At the AGM in 2011 it was suggested that future accounting periods might end on December 31<sup>st</sup> rather than June 30<sup>th</sup>, so as to present more up-to-date accounts at the April AGMs. This proposal was subsequently accepted by your Committee. The accounts below are therefore for a unique 18-month period, to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2012, following which all future accounts will be for the calendar year. The following points may be useful when inspecting the figures.

The vast majority of our subscription income arrives by standing order on 1<sup>st</sup>

July each year, and the accounts therefore show two tranches in this respect. However, championship fees (and costs/prizes) represent just one annual tournament - due to the change in format this year we did not take our usual autumn revenue in 2012 and it will fall into spring 2013 instead.

We have made significant savings in expenditure, especially under the Handbook/ Newsletter heading, where two years' autumn expenditure (say £5000) has been limited to just over £3400 by withholding the annual handbook

update for 2012-13. Savings were made by the non-renewal of insurances, but website costs were up as we prepared for the database and members' access thereto online. The £1825 contributed to date towards our anniversary fund is shown as a balance sheet item.

The 12 months accounts to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2013 are expected to revert to normal, with no further extraneous increases or decreases as a result of the change in accounting date.

**David Garrett**  
**Hon. Treasurer**

### PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR 18 MONTHS ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2012

	£	Year Ending 30/6/11 £
<b>INCOME</b>		
Subscriptions	10,633	5,494
Joining fees	280	150
Championship entry fees	1,480	1,200
Interest	0	81
Profit on merchandise	42	115
	<u>£12,435</u>	<u>£7,040</u>
<b>LESS: EXPENDITURE</b>		
Loss on ties	188	45
Championship costs	746	627
Championship prizes	1,466	1,366
England Squash	130	130
Postage/Telephone	535	431
Insurance	0	527
Handbook/Newsletter	3,404	2,687
Stationery	0	82
Club matches	430	626
Website	1,998	967
Sundries	780	296
Pins	0	0
Shields	0	0
	<u>9,677</u>	<u>7,783</u>
Surplus/(Loss)	<u>2,758</u>	<u>-743</u>

### BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2012

	£	Year Ending 30/6/11 £
<b>GENERAL FUND</b>		
Balance at 01.07.10		12,276
Surplus to 30.06.11		-743
		<u>£11,533</u>
Balance at 01.07.11	11,533	
Surplus to 31.12.12	2,758	
	<u>£14,291</u>	
50th Anniversary Fund	<u>1,825</u>	
<b>REPRESENTED BY:-</b>		
Balance at bank	14,930	10,202
Merchandise at cost	1,186	1,331
	<u>£16,116</u>	<u>£11,533</u>

**DAVID GARRETT, HON. TREASURER**

# 50 Shades - a poem from an ageing GB Vet?

Me missus bought a paperback  
Down town on Saturday,  
I had a peep into her bag;  
'Twas "Fifty Shades of Grey."

Well I just left her to it,  
And at ten I went to bed.  
An hour later she appeared;  
The sight filled me with dread.

Her left hand held a length of rope;  
And in her right a whip!  
She threw them down upon the floor,  
And then began to strip.

Well fifty years or so ago  
I might have had a peek;  
But Doris hasn't weathered well;  
She's eighty four next week.

Watching Doris bump and grind  
Could not have been much grimmer.  
Things then went from bad to worse;  
She toppled off her Zimmer!

She struggled up upon her feet  
A cuppla minutes later;  
She put her teeth back in and said  
That I must dominate her!!

Now if you knew our Doris,  
You would see just why I spluttered,  
I'd spent two months in traction  
For the last complaint I'd uttered.

She stood there nude, just naked like,  
Bent forward just a bit ....  
I took a pace to brace myself  
And stood on her left tit!

Old Doris screamed, her teeth shot out;  
My god what had I done?  
She moaned and groaned then shouted out:  
"Step on the other one!"

Well readers, I won't tell no more  
What happened on that day.  
Suffice to say my jet black hair  
Turned "fifty shades of grey".

## MEMBERSHIP NEWS

### NEW MEMBERS

We warmly welcome the following new members who have joined since the Autumn 2012 Newsletter:

David Rees	-	Triangles, Chelmsford
John Shaw	-	Chester-le-Street
Martin Wright	-	Hermitage Squash Club
Andrew Jennings	-	Oxshott & Sutton Squash
Sarah Howlett	-	Comberton Village College
Paul Roberts	-	Bromley Cricket Club
Stuart Farrar	-	The Wimbledon Club

### 'LOST' MEMBERS

We are now down to just 8 members for whom we have no address, no contact details. Do you know the whereabouts of any of them? If so please contact the Hon.Secretary.

Alf Baker	Kevin Bevington	John Dover
Terry Farrington	John Grieve	Robert McIntosh
John Rymmer	David Summerscale	

### MEMBER DETAILS

Where we have your e mail address you will now appreciate that your details, and those of all members, are available to view on our website. Should your details change – address, telephone number, e mail etc – please be sure to advise the Hon.Secretary.

### OBITUARIES



We are most saddened to learn of the death of Frank Abrahams and Brian Youngs. Jack Harris, a lifelong friend of Brian, writes as follows:

Brian Youngs died 29 November, 2012 aged 88 at his home in Kenton, Middlesex. He had played squash from the age of 39 and was a member of clubs in Eastcote and Northwood which he represented as a team player. A member of the Vets of GB from 1994, he regularly entered the tournaments. His greatest success was as winner of the over 70's in 1996 and 1997. He entered the over 80's in 2011/12 but was unable to participate through injury. However, he continued to play squash to the end albeit in the last year or so in a very leisurely format.

He had many other interests including skiing, walking and trekking. After graduating in zoology and chemistry from University College London in 1949 he became a teacher at Highbury Grammar School in North London. Thereafter, he studied naturopathy and osteopathy and became a professional osteopath in the 1950s. He continued in practice for the rest of his life and was much respected in the profession becoming President of the BNOA from 1964 to 1966.

He was very happily married to his childhood sweetheart, Anne, who died in 2004. They had five sons, one sadly dying whilst a baby. Brian was a man of considerable intellect and character and the most delightful company. Always courteous and friendly with a great sense of humour and endearing roar of laughter. He is much missed by his many friends gathered over his long life.

Jack Harris

## THE BRITISH CLOSED

14-17 February 2013

### NATIONAL RESULTS

CHAMPION		RUNNER UP
MO60 David Manning		MO65 Aubrey Waddy
MO65 Barry Featherstone		MO70 Adrian Wright
WO50 Mandy Akin		MO75 John Woodliffe
WO60 Bett Dryhurst		
SEMI FINALISTS		
MO55 Peter Alexander,	WO40 Alison Goy	
Duleep Adhihetty		
MO70 Brian Hardcastle, Mike Clemson		
WO55 Lynne Davies		
MO75 Lance Kinder		

## JESTERS RESULTS

1-4 February 2013

VINTAGE O55	Stuart Hardy won 3/0
VENERABLES O60	James Dubois won 3/1
VULNERABLES O65	Terry Reynolds bt Tony Clifford 3/0

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

### CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

Doubles Weekend	15,16,17 March 2013
Singles Weekend, AGM, Buffet Supper	12,13,14 April 2013

### HOME INTERNATIONALS

MO45,WO45,WO55,MO65	Dublin	3,4 May 2013
MO40,WO35/40,MO60	Nottingham	10,11 May 2013
MO35,WO35,MO55	Edinburgh	17,18 May 2013
MO50,WO50,MO70	Cardiff	26,27 April 2013

### ALLAM BRITISH OPEN

University of Hull	22-26 May 2013
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### EUROPEAN MASTERS

Prague, Czech Republic	29/8-1/9 Sept 2013
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### WORLD MASTERS GAMES

Turin, Italy	2-11 August 2013
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### GB VETS WEEKEND OF SQUASH

RAC Woodcote Park, Epsom	2,3 November 2013
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### GB VETS 50th ANNIVERSARY DINNER

RAC Woodcote Park, Epsom	22 November 2013
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### 12th WORLD MASTERS

Hong Kong, China	4-12 July 2014
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