



# The Veterans Squash Rackets Club of Great Britain

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## SPRING 2009 NEWSLETTER

### Coming of (Veteran) Age Dinner

**Some 96 members and their guests attended the 45th Anniversary Dinner held at the RAC Woodcote Park, Epsom, on Friday 21st November 2008.**

His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh, Patron of England Squash and who had been a very keen squash player in his time, was invited to attend, but sadly sent his regrets. However, he very kindly sent the following message which was read out by Jeremy Lyon, who then proposed the Loyal Toast: 'Many congratulations on achieving your 45th anniversary. It is good to know the Club continues to be so successful in encouraging squash players to continue to enjoy the game for as long as possible'.

The evening started with a champagne reception and ended with a fine glass of port. During the wonderful meal, each table in turn was entertained by the quite marvellous sleight of hand of Jon Tremaine from Close-Up Magic, who left a trail of bemused people behind him.

Before proposing a toast to the Club, Philip Ayton praised the guidance and support received from the three Presidents who between them have been in office for the past 29 years – Sir Michael Edwardes, Brigadier Mike Perkins and Jeremy Lyon.



*Current President: Philip Ayton,*

*Past Presidents: Sir Michael Edwardes, Jeremy Lyon.*

*Insert: Brig. Michael Perkins CBE*

He also thanked the Committee for the work they do for the Club.

John Woodliffe, in his reply, thanked everyone for coming and stated that the age-range of those attending accurately reflected our Club, being from 49 to 84. He was immediately put in his place by Mandy Akin who reminded him that she was much younger than 49!

John had been looking at the youngest male member there – Gordon Kerr... the oldest member present was the sprightly Brian Youngs and the member of longest standing was Norman Hunt, with 38 years membership behind him.

John thanked the Dinner Sub-Committee – Nigel and Jane Belle, Gordon and Jan Coulthard, Lance and Jacqui Kinder and Terry Woodliffe – for all their input and work that helped so much in ensuring the Dinner was as successful as possible.

*More pictures from the Dinner on Page 2*

# CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS WEEKEND

## APRIL 18-19 – AT COLETS

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# 45TH ANNIVERSARY DINNER PICTURES



## NEWSLETTER BY E MAIL

Nearly half the GB Vets membership will have received this Newsletter by e mail.  
The Summer Newsletter will continue to be sent by post as the Members Handbook is always included with this issue.

### What do YOU think?

Those e mailed, do you wish to continue to receive it in this format?

If you have received it by post this is because we have no e mail address for you.

If you wish to receive the Newsletter in future by e mail then please forward your address to me, Nigel Belle:

**belles@waitrose.com**

E mailing the Spring Newsletter is an experiment –  
your opinion now will help your committee decide on how future Newsletters will be distributed.

## THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2009

Notice is hereby given that the 46th Annual General Meeting will take place at

**Colets Health & Fitness Club**  
**St. Nicholas Road, Thames Ditton, Surrey KT7 0PW.**

On Sunday 19th April 2008

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

### AGENDA

1. Minutes of the 2008 AGM
2. Interim Statement of Accounts
3. Chairman's Report
4. Election of Officers
5. Any other business

# THE CLUB SEMI-FINALS AND FINALS

Saturday 18th April and Sunday 19th April 2009

Colets Health & Fitness Club

St Nicholas Road, Thames Ditton, Surrey KT7 0PW

Telephone: 0208 398 7108

www.coletshealthclub.co.uk

The semi-finals of all competitions, main and plate, will commence at 11.00am on Saturday 18th April.

The finals of all competitions will commence at 11.00am on Sunday 19th April.

The finals will be followed by the AGM, presentations and the traditional buffet.

Everyone is most welcome – come along on both days.

Enjoy great squash, meet up with some old friends, make some new ones!

A map of how to get to the Club can be found on the Colets Website above.

A new local Holiday Inn has just opened in Surbiton.

Details of this and other hotels and B&B's in the area please contact the Tournament Director:

**Geoff Howes 0208 224 3873**

## TOURNAMENT NEWS

### BRITISH CLOSED – 10-16 FEBRUARY

#### VETS TRIUMPH IN MANCHESTER!

**IAN BRADBURN** won the Men's O50's beating Chris Harland 3/1 in the final.

**PHILIP AYTON** won the O60's beating Howard Cherlin 3/0 in the final.

**MIKE CLEMSON** won the O65's beating Adrian Wright 3/0 in the final.

**SAM WALLIS** won the Women's O40's.

**MANDY AKIN** won the O45's.

Other GB Vets participating in Manchester:

**Men's O45** Darren Withey, Eamonn Price (reached the semis) Alan Thomson (reached the semis) Gordon Kerr.

**O50** David Taylor, Duleep Adhichetty (reached the ¼'s), Stuart Hardy, Peter Alexander (reached the ¼'s), Chris Lowry, Mark Cowley (reached the ¼'s).

**O55** Ian Holmes (reached the ¼'s), Steve Rudd, Paul Reader, John Limb, Alasdair Niven reached the ¼'s).

**O60** Patrick Fleming, Mike Taylor, Tony Wheeler (reached the ¼'s), Barry Featherstone, Aubrey Waddy (reached the ¼'s), Rod Boswell (reached the semis) Geoff Howes, John Smith (reached the semis) Chris Ansell, Martin Pearse (reached the ¼'s).

**O65** Tony Clifford (reached the ¼'s), Nigel Belle, Jimmy Evans, Brian Hardcastle (reached the ¼'s), Berge Kay, Roy Bradley (reached the ¼'s), Roger Morrell, Len Froggitt (reached the semis).

**O70** Lance Kinder and Tony Seare reached the semis, Malcolm Gilham, Gordon Ross, John Preston all reached the ¼'s.

**Women's O45** Claire Baker and Lesley Sturgess reached the ¼'s

**O50** Karen Hume (reached the semis), Bett Dryhurst.



*Linford Christie at Sportcity National Squash Centre, Manchester*

### NORTH OF ENGLAND

PONTEFRACT – 6-8 February 2009

#### Men's

**O45's Eamonn Price** bt Richard Millman 3/1.

Other GB Vets: **Darren Withey, Gordon Kerr**

**O50's Chris Harland** bt Duleep Adhichetty 3/2

Other GB Vets: **Ian Bradburn, Stuart Hardy, Peter Alexander, Mark Cowley.**

**O55's** GB Vets playing: **Alasdair Niven, Steve Rudd,**

**Ian Holmes, Paul Reader, Mark Thompson.**

**O60's Howard Cherlin** bt Barry Featherstone 3/0

Other GB Vets: **Tony Wheeler, Geoff Howes, Mike Taylor, Rod Boswell, Martin Pearse, John Alderson.**

**O65's Adrian Wright** bt Mike Clemson 3/1

Other GB Vets: **Nigel Belle, Jimmy Evans, Tony Clifford, Roy Bradley, Brian Hardcastle.**

#### Women's

There were no GB Vets members playing.



*Duleep Adhichetty, Chris Harland*



*Eamonn Price*



*Howard Cherlin, Barry Featherstone*



*Adrian Wright, Mike Clemson*

# 2009 CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

At the time of going to press, the 2008/9 Club Championships have reached the following stages:



## Men Over 45 Singles

**Semi-finals** Alan Thomson v Dermot Hurford or Nick Peel  
Eamonn Price v Dave Stanton or Alan Boulden

## Men Over 45 Doubles

**Semi-finals** Howes & Thomson or Willmor & Willmor or Rosser & Mosley  
Alexander & Carson  
Peel & Withey or O'Malley & Robsonv Ansell & Jones or Spittle & Marques

## Men Over 50 Singles

**Semi-finals** Stuart Hardy or Chris Lowry v Richard Mosley or Philip Alexander  
Tony Blott or Terry Easton v Mark Cowley or Terry Whiter

## Men Over 55 Singles

**Semi-finals** Ian Graham v Trevor Cox or Alasdair Niven  
Steve Jackson or Andrew Lowenthal v Ian Smith or Dave Manning

## Men Over 55 Doubles

**Semi-finals** Wilkinson & Perrott or Howes & Greenwood or  
Cox & Thompson Mathews & Ventham  
Willmor & Willmor or Wheeler & Jenkins or Spittle or Allam or  
Goriup & Morrison or Belle & Smith Ansell & Jones or Smith & Ray

## Men Over 60 Singles

**Semi-finals** Philip Ayton or Brian Dobson or Geoff Howes or Trevor Wilkinson  
Harvey Kember  
Barry Featherstone or Chris Ansell v Patrick Fleming or Howard Cherlin

## Men Over 65 Singles

**Semi-finals** Mike Clemson or Roland Bostock v Graham Fisher or Len Froggitt  
Anthony Clifford or Brian Phillips v Gray Wilson or Adrian Wright

## Men Over 65 Doubles

**Semi-finals** Aplin & Froggitt v Wright & Morrell  
Seare & Sayer or O'Brien & Dobson v Woodliffe & Kinder or Belle & Stevens

## Men Over 70 Singles

**Semi-finals** John Woodliffe v Tony Seare or Gordon Ross or Brian Sayer  
Lance Kinder or Tom Hannon v John O'Brien or Graham Davies

## Men Over 70 Doubles

**Semi-finals** Woodliffe & Kinder v Davies & Little  
Seare & Sayer v O'Brien & Barrett

## Men Over 75 Singles

**Semi-final** Jim Grandage v Anthony Waller  
James Switzer v Brian Sayer or Brian Wise



**Ladies Singles** Sam Willis v Karen Hume  
Mandy Akin v Claire Baker

**Ladies Doubles** Willis & Baker v Akin & Hume

# REGIONAL RESULTS... REGIONAL RESULTS...

## **EAST OF ENGLAND...** BURY ST EDMUNDS – 20-22 September 2008

### **Men's**

O50's **Duleep Adhichetty** bt **Mark Cowley** 10/9 in the fifth!

Other GB Vets players: **David Taylor, Stuart Hardy, Chris Lowry.**

O55's GB Vets players: **Paul Reader, Alasdair Niven** (both lost in semis) **David Cooper, Steve Rudd, Trevor Cox.**

O60's **Howard Cherlin** bt **Barry Featherstone** 3/1. **Martin Pearse** and **Chris Ansell** reached the semis.

Other GB Vets players: **Dave Hardern, Geoff Howes, Mike Taylor, Tony Wheeler.**

O65's **Mike Clemson** bt **Tony Clifford** 3/1. **Adrian Wright, Len Froggitt** (both lost in semis)

Other GB Vets: **Jimmy Evans, John Preston, Brian Hardcastle.**

O70's **Lance Kinder** bt Martin Sweeney 3/0. **Malcolm Gilham, Tony Seare** (both lost in semis)

Other GB Vets: **Gordon Ross.**

### **Women's**

O35/40's Newcomer **Sam Willis** won all her games.

O50/55's **Karen Hume** won all her games.

Other GB Vet: **Bett Dryhurst.**

O50's **Ann Windle** won the round robin.

## **WEST OF ENGLAND...** SWINDON – 31 October – 2 November 2008

### **Men's**

O45's Newcomer **Eamonn Price** bt John Cordeaux 9/5, 10/8, 10/9.

Other GB Vets: **Chris Harland, Nick Peel, Darren Withey.**

O50's **Stuart Hardy** bt Tom Burton 3/1.

Other GB Vets: **Mark Cowley, Ian Bradburn, Chris Lowry.**

O55's **Alasdair Niven** bt John Goodrich 3/1.

Other GB Vets players: **Paul Reader, Trevor Cox, Michael Tidy.**

O60's **Martin Pearse** bt **Rod Boswell** 10/9 in the fifth!

Other GB Vets players: **Harvey Kember, Mike Taylor, Chris Ansell, Patrick Fleming, Geoff Howes, Larry Grover.**

O65's **Mike Clemson** bt **Tony Clifford** 3/0.

Other GB Vets players: **Len Froggitt, John Preston, Brian Phillips, Brian Hardcastle, Jimmy Evans.**

O70's Only 2 contestants - **Tony Seare** bt **Gordon Ross** 3/0.

### **Women's O50's**

O40's **Sam Willis** won the round robin.

## **MIDLANDS...** COVENTRY – 5-7 December 2008

### **Men's**

O45's **Eamonn Price** bt Greg Pearman 9/7 in the fifth.

Other GB Vets players: **Nick Peel, Darren Withey.**

O50's **Mark Cowley** bt **Stuart Hardy** 3/0

Other GB Vets: **Chris Harland, Chris Lowry, Peter Alexander.**

O55's GB Vets players: **Alasdair Niven, Steve Rudd, Paul Reader, Michael Tidy, John Limb.**

O60's **Howard Cherlin** bt **Barry Featherstone** 3/1.

Other GB Vets: **Tony Wheeler, Dave Hardern, Harvey Kember, Rod Boswell, Geoff Howes, Mike Taylor, Martin Pearse.**

O65's **Adrian Wright** bt **Len Froggitt** 3/1.

Other GB Vets: **Mike Clemson, Brian Phillips, Roger Morrell, Jimmy Evans, Brian Hardcastle, Tony Clifford, Roy Bradley.**

O70's Round Robin: **Tony Seare** 2nd, **Lance Kinder** 3rd, **Gordon Ross** 4th, **Malcolm Gilham** 5th.

### **Women's**

O40's **Sam Willis** won. Other GB Vet playing: **Jackie Jones.**

## **SOUTH OF ENGLAND...** BROXBOURNE – 2-4 January 2009

### **Men's**

O45's Greg Pearman bt **Eamonn Price** 3/0

Other GB Vets: **Darren Withey.**

O50's **Chris Harland** bt **Peter Alexander** 3/2

Other GB Vets: **Mark Cowley, Chris Lowry, Stuart Hardy, Duleep Adhichetty.**

O55's Mike Broomhall bt **Alasdair Niven** 3/0

Other GB Vets: **Paul Reader, Steve Rudd.**

O60's **Barry Featherstone** bt Larry Glover 3/0

Other GB Vets: **Howard Cherlin, Patrick Fleming, Martin Pearse, Mike Taylor, Chris Ansell, Geoff Howes, Robert Smith, Tony Wheeler.**

O65's **Len Froggitt** bt **Mike Clemson** 9/5 in the fifth.

Other GB Vets: **John Preston, Roy Bradley, Jimmy Evans, Tony Clifford, Brian Hardcastle, Nigel Belle.**

O70's **John Woodliffe** bt **Tony Seare** 3/1

Other GB Vets: **Malcolm Gilham, Lance Kinder, Tony Seare, Gordon Ross.**

### **Women's**

O45's **Mandy Akin** won the round robin

Other GB Vets: **Claire Baker**

O50's **Karen Hume** won the round robin having saved match balls.

Other GB Vets: **Averil Murphy.**

# MATCH REPORTS

## GB VETS vs BEACONSFIELD

8TH FEBRUARY 2009

This was the 12th consecutive match against Beaconsfield which once again unfortunately resulted in a defeat for the GB Vets.

Our hosts won 4-1 in as enjoyable a match as ever. We didn't start too well when Beaconsfield No.4 was too strong for our man Barry Skelding but the match was squared by a good win for our No.3 John Nicholson over Phil Courtenay-Luck (who is also a Vets GB member).

Then Len Froggitt at No. 2, albeit with a shoulder problem, succumbed too easily for him in 3 games to another GB Vets member, Phil Whitaker of Beaconsfield. At 5 for us, Berge Kaye played well but lost 1-3.

Finally, in a repeat of their meeting last year at No.1 string, our man Dave Cooper played well in a long well contested match but just lost in the fifth.

A most entertaining and sociable match but to date we have only won twice – but next year.....

**Jack Harris (non playing captain)**



GB Vets team from left to right: Len Froggitt, Dave Cooper, Jack Harris (Captain), Berge Kaye, John Nicholson, Barry Skelding.

## GB VETS vs DORKING

16th FEBRUARY 2009

Our annual fixture against the Dorking SRC was held on February 16th and as usual, was a great deal of fun. Our team included one over 45, one over 55, one over 65 and three over 70's. Our boy player Geoff Gill was on fire and gave his opponent no time to adjust to a power game; Geoff won 3/0. Our senior player Lance Kinder had a close game but managed to serve out at a vital point of the match, which boosted his opponent's morale and helped him to win. John O'Brien was carrying an injury that held him back from his normal energetic and accurate game; he lost 0/3. John Woodliffe had a very close five games but just lost in the fifth. Nigel Belle was our 'star' and kept the flag flying for the Vets with a solid 3/1 win.

Chris Wilson, our No.1, had a superb game against a 'nearly' vet! The gallery were treated to a match that gives squash such a good name. It had everything – power, attrition, finesse, stamina (Chris was breathing heavily!) and 100 per cent effort and was played by fine sportsmen. In the end Chris lost 1/3, but what a match!

Bob Gray the Dorking skipper was unable to play for Dorking as he is suffering from an elbow problem, nevertheless his wife Harriet was there and prepared a lovely meal to help the liquid – which we so much needed – to go down.

It was a delight to have two Vets Club members there to lend us support – Don Ayton and Jim Cattermole.

For the record Dorking won 4/2.

**John Woodliffe.**



GB Vets team from left to right :  
Chris Wilson,  
John O'Brien,  
Lance Kinder,  
Nigel Belle,  
John Woodliffe,  
Geoff Gill

## OBITUARIES

We are most saddened to learn of the deaths of the following since the last Newsletter.

**TONY BREAKWELL.** Tony was a great supporter of our Club and well known for his stamina. He was a very keen 'Fell Runner' and that meant he would not 'fade' on court. He was the Club Over 45 singles champion three times running and he played for England in all the age group Home Internationals and enjoyed many tours with our Club over the years. He will be sorely missed.

**SHAUN FREEMAN.** Shaun Freeman started playing his squash at Ealing and finished at Colets with many a club in between. His death from cancer after a short illness came as a great shock to all who knew him, as he was still hitting tennis balls 3 weeks before. His love of life (and of wine and beer) was legendary, always the life and soul of any gathering. Shaun was never a half empty person, always Half Full. As he would have said "Marvellous".

**IAN WRIGHT.** Whilst not a GB Vet Ian will have been known by many. Not only had he been Secretary of Kent Squash for more than 40 years but was also on the England Squash Council and had been the national governing body's official archivist for many years. He died of a heart attack on court, age 74, playing the game he loved.

**OTTO HART.** Otto was a member from 1991 until recently. Born in Holland, but for many years lived in Germany running an antiques business and more recently residing in France, where a number of players have received his generous hospitality. Always on the menu was a game of Squash!

His love and enthusiasm for squash took him to all parts of the world, last October to the World Championships in New Zealand. During the Championships, Otto celebrated his 85th birthday. He will be fondly and sadly missed by all his friends.

## NEW MATCH SECRETARY



Tony Seare has very kindly agreed to take over as Match Secretary from Ann Windle. Would all members please note and Match Managers please in future forward results to Tony.

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W.Sussex BN12 6QS

**Telephone:** (H) 01903 501808

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## Champagne Winner



Robert Smith won the bottle of Champagne for his caption in the Summer '08 Newsletter of the Hon. Sec. being kissed by two beautiful GB Vets members – Karen Hume and Mandy Akin.

*Caption: 'Belle receives a stroke in Ladies Doubles'*

*Hon.Sec on left presenting Robert with his Champagne.*

## PARS

(Point A Rally Scoring)

Basically, for Masters Squash, PARS is a complete non-starter. Political gerrymandering throughout Europe and elsewhere saw the proposal to implement PARS through the back door, so to speak, was thwarted by a concentrated effort from a number of parties. All information can be gleaned from Squash Site and Squash Player at the bottom of the front page of England Squash Masters website.

The Irish received an incredibly strong backlash from senior players who found the tournaments implementing PARS a complete waste of time with playing time cut by at least 35%. In short PARS is suitable for full time Professionals and top youngsters whose retrieving abilities far exceed the vast majority of Masters players – amongst a host of other reasons!

**Martin Pearse, Chairman, England Squash Masters Committee.**

*(In short therefore standard 'hand in, hand out' scoring will continue for the foreseeable future. Ed)*

## CLUB SHOP

We have the following items for sale:

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|--|----------------------------------|
| Blue, v-neck pullovers with Club logo          | – £30 including post & packing   |
| White, polo style squash shirts with Club logo | – £15 including post & packing   |
| Club ties                                      | – £7.50 including post & packing |
| Club lapel pins                                | – available shortly – price tbc  |

Please contact Gordon Coulthard, Treasurer, if you wish to purchase any item.

## Membership News

### NEW MEMBERS

We warmly welcome the following new members who have joined since the Summer 2008 Newsletter:

Aubrey Waddy	– Chesham Bois Tennis & Squash Club
Tony Waller	– RAC
Mark Cowley	– Finchley Manor, Southgate
Guy Tarring	– Wellington Squash Club
Eamonn Price	– Harpenden
Paul Robson	– Christophers
Philip O'Malley	– Christophers
Gary Spindler	– Stevenage
Samantha (Sam) Willis	– Kettering Squash & Rugby Club
Keith Ragg	– Cannons (Nuffield Health), St. Albans

### 'LOST' MEMBERS

Our list of members that we have lost contact with seems to grow ever longer. If you know the whereabouts of any of those listed below please advise the Hon.Sec. Nigel Belle.

Alf Barker	Kevin Bevington
Anthony Bodie	Eunice Bond
John Dobbin	John Dover
Terry Farrington	Ted Hare
Tony Roots	Stephen Withers

To all members: If/when you move house/country don't forget to add the GB Vets to your list of people/companies/clubs to advise of your new address.

### AN APOLOGY

To Chris Wilson. The editor omitted his name from the list of members representing Scotland in the Home Internationals (O55's) in Nottingham last May. Sorry Chris! Ed.

## Forthcoming Events

### CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

18/19 April at Colets, Thames Ditton.

### HOME INTERNATIONALS

Women's O35, Men's O35,O40	1/2 May, Dublin
Women's O40, Men's O45,O50	8/9 May, Scotland
Women's O45, Men's O55,O60	15/16 May, Cardiff
Women's O50, Men's O65,O70	1/2 May, Nottingham

Visit [www.englandsquashmasters.com](http://www.englandsquashmasters.com) for chosen players.

### HUNGARIAN OPEN

12/14 June at Szeged, Hungary.

More info: [www.squashclub.hu](http://www.squashclub.hu)

### 1st EUROPEAN MASTERS

26/28 June at Krefeld, Germany.

More info: [www.englandsquashmasters.com](http://www.englandsquashmasters.com)

### 1st INTERNATIONAL MASTERS IN EGYPT

22/27 October.

More info: [www.englandsquashmasters.com](http://www.englandsquashmasters.com)

### BRITISH OPEN

8/14 September, Manchester.

### 2009 WORLD MASTERS GAMES

10/18 October, Sydney, Australia.

Visit [www.2009worldmastersgames.com.au](http://www.2009worldmastersgames.com.au)

# 2008 WORLD MASTERS CHRISTCHURCH, NEW ZEALAND

## 19-25 OCTOBER 2008

With the medal haul for GB Vets of 14 (3 Gold, 4 Silver, 7 Bronze) in Cape Town in 2006 expectations were high for 2008. In the event we achieved just 1 gold, 1 silver and 7 bronze.

### Congratulations to:

**Averil Murphy** winning gold in the women's O60.  
**Sue Williams** winning silver in the O45 (a GB Vet but playing under the Australian flag!)  
 And the following for winning Bronze:  
**Claire Baker** in the O45's  
**Bett Dryhurst** in the O60's  
**Philip Ayton** in the O60's  
**Adrian Wright** in the O65's  
**Graham Fisher** in the O65's  
**John Woodliffe** in the O70's  
**Lance Kinder** in the O70's

Other GB Vets taking part down under (all England except as indicated):

### Men

O50 **Duleep Adhietty** progressed to the ¼'s  
**Ian Bradburn** progressed to the ¼'s  
 O55 **Chris Wilson** (Scotland)  
 O60 **Barry Featherstone; Peter Wilson** (Scotland);  
**John Smith**  
 O65 **Nigel Belle; Roger Morrell; Garry Williams**  
 (Wales)  
 O70 **Gordon Ross; Malcolm Gilham**

### Women

O40 **Jackie Jones**

## A STORY FROM DOWN UNDER

During the World Masters in Christchurch, Chris Wilson met up with Susan Devoy, many times decorated with squash titles and reminisced about their training sessions together. Whilst touring New Zealand, after the tournament, Chris purchased a book: **'Susan Devoy Out on Top' Author: Robyn Scott Vincent.**

On reading the book he came across this little snippet: Susan said of herself:

'Speed was not my strong point. Like Freddy Flintstone I would sort of run on the spot for the first set of any match before I could work up a speed.

There was one player in particular who joined our group who used to amaze me. **Christopher Wilson, an awfully English chap,** was in the army and ultra determined. We played together reasonably often as part of my training and at first he would give me an absolute thrashing. He used to try so hard, however, that he'd go sliding across the court striving after every shot and would come off after our matches with his knees all scraped and bleeding. It became an obsession each time I played him, to see if I could go one better.'

Not the first mention in a squash player's book but the first time to be called 'an awfully English chap!' Chris is in fact a Scot and has won many titles, including the British National in 1988.

The tournament was thoroughly well organised from start to finish and enjoyed by all.

A fuller report can be found in the Squash Player Magazine Issue 1 2009, Article by Gordon Ross – page 21.

Next World Masters will be in Cologne in October 2010.



*Barry Gardiner, Championship Director, being presented with an Anniversary Book by President Philip Ayton with John Woodliffe (left) and Nigel Belle (right).*



*Lance Kinder flying the flag with other English players.*



*Averil Murphy O60's winner.*



*Claire Baker thrilled with her bronze with Jane Belle.*



*Pat Fisher and Terry Woodliffe enjoying the farewell party.*



*Ros & Barry Featherstone, Graham Fisher.*



*Sue Williams O45's silver on left, Claire Baker bronze on right.*



*O65 bronze medal winners Adrian Wright and Graham Fisher.*