



# The Veterans Squash Rackets Club of Great Britain

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## SUMMER 2011 NEWSLETTER

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# CLUB CHAMP

## Tournament Director's Report 2011

Over the weekend of 16th/17th April Colets Health and Fitness, in Thames Ditton, hosted the Club Tournament Finals. Once again the quality of squash on display was excellent, with 3 of our World Champions in the mix for prizes and a considerable number of International and County players on display. Also present were the usual suspects, in the guise of markers, to see that fair play was adhered to.

Saturday was semi final day and highlights included the O'45 singles match between Mike Stewart and Darren Withey, and both O'45 Doubles going all the way in thrilling 5 setters with Mandy and Albert Akin beating Chris Harland and Alasdair Niven 11-10 in the 5th. Unfortunately a few matches were not played due to injuries and late withdrawals but those present enjoyed a day of quality squash. Finals day on Sunday and the matches started at 11.00 to enable a full program to be completed by mid afternoon.

The Plate Finals went on first and there were wins for Alan Boulden, Ed Beer, Philip Courtenay-Luck, Keith Searle and Graham Davies. Then followed the main event Finals. There were no upsets but some close matches gave for exciting viewing.

In the Over 60's Andy Larkin took the first game from our President Philip Ayton but then went down 3-1.

It was the same story for Stuart Hardy in the Over 55's. Playing some aggressive squash against Mark Cowley he went 1-0 up. World Champions don't give up easily, and so it was as Mark came through and won 3-1. The 45 and 50 titles went to Darren Withey and Chris Harland, the Over 75 title was won by Malcolm Gilham, another of our World Champions, and the Over 70's winner was our Chairman John Woodliffe, who played more games over the weekend than any other player as did his doubles partner Lance Kinder. The pair of them having combined ages of nearly 150.

The closest match of the afternoon was the Over 65's final

between Former World Champion Adrian Wright and current World Champion Chris Ansell. Adrian took a close first 10/8 and then the second 9-5. He seemed to take a rest for 2 games as Chris levelled the score at 2/2. In the fifth Adrian went into a 6-4 lead before Chris fought back to win 9/6.

The Ladies Finals produced wins, yet again, for Mandy Akin and Karen Hume with the two of them combining to win the Ladies Doubles. The Men's Doubles were won by Withey and Cowley in the 45's and the Willmor brothers Brian and Peter in the 55's. The Over 65's were won by Aplin and Froggitt and the Over 70's by Woodliffe and Kinder.

The Finals were followed by a remarkably short and uneventful AGM where the Committee all agreed to stand for another year and then Philip Ayton presented the prizes.

Most of us have a collection of dusty old plaques and shields in our attic, from Tournaments and Championships long past and forgotten, but the Vets Club Trophies, Glasses, Decanters and Vases remain on show and in use for many years.

Finally, what is for some, the highlight of the weekend, the buffet. A splendid spread was put on by Colets (when they remembered to bring out the sandwiches). A few glasses of wine and beer were drunk and time was spent with old and new friends. Those no longer playing reminisced on how it was in "Their Day" and the current bunch of players young and not so young trying to work out how to do better next year.

Entry forms for next year's Tournament will be sent out with the Summer Newsletter and I encourage you all to enter. Hopefully we will be able to hold the finals at Broxbourne.



*Geoff Howes, Tournament Director with his wife Chris.*

### Geoff Howes April 2011



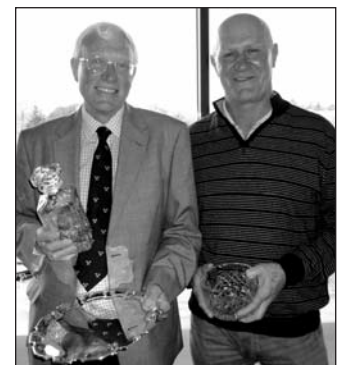
*Darren Withey, left, O45 singles winner, presented by President Philip Ayton.*



*Chris Harland, left, O50 singles winner, Gordon Kerr runner up.*



*Mark Cowley, left, O55 singles winner, Stuart Hardy runner up.*



*Philip Ayton, left, O60 singles winner, Andy Larkin runner up.*

# IONSHIPS 2011



## Tournament Results 2010/11

Event	Winner(s)	Runner(s) Up	Result
Over 45 Singles <i>(Breakwell/Fisk Salver)</i>	Darren Withey	Adam Pode	3-0
Over 45 Doubles <i>(Edwardes/Berman Trophy)</i>	Darren Withey & Mark Cowley	Mandy Akin & Albert Akin	3-1
Over 50 Singles <i>(President's Cup)</i>	Chris Harland	Gordon Kerr	3-0
Over 50 Singles Plate	Alan Boulden	Chris Lowry	3-0
Over 55 Singles <i>(Walrond Cup)</i>	Mark Cowley	Stuart Hardy	3-1
Over 55 Singles Plate	Ed Beer	Chris Johnstone	3-2
Over 55 Doubles <i>(Warlingham Decanters)</i>	Peter & Brian Willmor	Geoff Howes & Stuart Hardy	3-0
Over 55 Doubles Plate	Dave Borrie & John Howe	John Woodliffe & Lance Kinder	3-2
Over 60 Singles <i>(Burch Salver)</i>	Philip Ayton	Andy Larkin	3-1
Over 60 Singles Plate	Philip Courtenay Luck	Roger Sulley	3-2
Over 65 Singles <i>(Dengel &amp; Perkins Cup)</i>	Chris Ansell	Adrian Wright	3-2
Over 65 Singles Plate	Keith Searle	Terence Foley	3-0
Over 65 Doubles <i>(Burch Trophy)</i>	George Aplin & Len Froggitt	Adrian Wright & Roger Morrell	3-0
Over 70 Singles <i>(Pellew Salver)</i>	John Woodliffe	George Aplin	3-2
Over 70 Singles Plate	Graham Davies	Brian Sayer	3-0
Over 70 Doubles <i>(Leo Melville Trophy)</i>	John Woodliffe & Lance Kinder	Tony Seare & Brian Sayer	3-0
Over 75 Singles <i>Howell Cup</i>	Malcolm Gilham	Lance Kinder	3-1
Ladies Over 40 Singles <i>(Gathercole Trophy)</i>	Mandy Akin	Claire Baker	3-0
Ladies Over 50 Singles	Karen Hume	Lynne Davies	3-0
Ladies Doubles <i>(Belle Salver)</i>	Mandy Akin & Karen Hume	Claire Baker & Tammy Bennett	3-0



*Adrian Wright, left, O65 singles runner up, Chris Ansell winner.*



*George Aplin, left, O70 singles runner up, John Woodliffe winner.*



*Lance Kinder, left, O75 singles runner up, Malcolm Gilham winner.*



*Claire Baker, left, O40 singles runner up, Mandy Akin winner.*



# CLUB CHAMP



*Karen Hume* O50 ladies singles winner.



*Alan Boulden (L)* O50 singles plate winner, *Chris Lowry* runner up.



*Chris Johnstone (L)* O55 singles plate runner up, *Ed Beer* winner.



*Philip Courtney-Luck* O60 singles plate winner.



*Darren Withey & Mark Cowley (centre)* O45 Doubles Winners, *Albert Akin and Mandy Akin* runners up.



*Brian & Peter Willmor (centre)* O55 Doubles winners, *Stuart Hardy and Geoff Howes* runners up.



*George Aplin & Len Froggitt (centre)* O65 Doubles winners, *Roger Morrell and Adrian Wright* runners up.



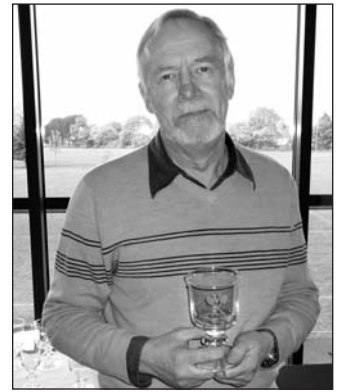
*Lance Kinder and John Woodliffe (centre)* O70 Doubles Winners, *Tony Seare (L) and Brian Sayer* runners up.



*Lynne Davies and Tamsin Bennett (centre)* Ladies Doubles runners up, *Mandy Akin (L) and Karen Hume* winners.



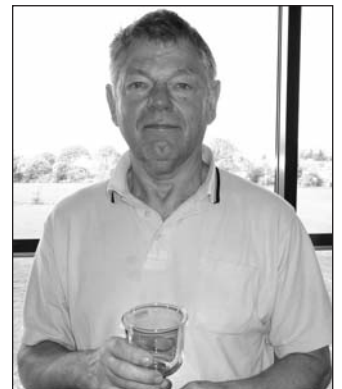
*Lynne Davies* Ladies O50 singles runner up.



*Keith Searle* O65 singles plate winner.



*Graham Davies (L)* O70 singles plate winner, *Brian Sayer* runner up.



*Ed Beer* O65 singles plate winner.

# IONSHIPS 2011



*Referees: Terry Foley, Dean Clayton, Gordon Ross, Tony Seare, Nigel Belle, Gordon Coulthard.*



*John Timperley (L) and Denis Hill.*



*Brian, Alison, Irene and Peter Willmor.*



*Terry Woodliffe, Mike Perkins, John Woodliffe, Tom Hendry.*



*Debbie and David Garrett, Maureen and Keith Searle.*



*Tom and Di Hendry.*



*The Smithumes! Robert and Karen.*



*Geoff and Chris Howes.*



*Jim Switzer and his wife*



*Albert and Mandy Akin, Claire Baker.*

# FREE CHAMPAGNE!!

What is Claire Baker saying to the Akins in this last picture? Best, most appropriate caption to receive a bottle of champagne. **Write, e mail the Hon.Sec. by 31st December 2011.**

## ACCOUNTS FOR YEAR ENDING 30 JUNE 2011 TO BE APPROVED AT 47TH AGM – APRIL 2012

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 30 JUNE 2011		
	2011	2010
	£	£
<b>INCOME</b>		
Subscriptions	5,494.00	5,553.00
Joining fees	150.00	230.00
Championship entry fees	1,200.00	1,360.00
Interest	81.00	66.00
Profit on merchandise	115.00	14.00
	£7,040.00	£7,223.00
<b>LESS: EXPENDITURE</b>		
Loss on ties	45.00	99.00
Championship costs	627.00	768.00
Championship prizes	1,366.00	1,408.00
England Squash	130.00	130.00
Postage/Telephone	431.00	467.00
Insurance	527.00	512.00
Handbook/Newsletter	2,687.00	2,474.00
Stationery	82.00	79.00
Club matches	626.00	598.00
Website	967.00	640.00
Sundries	296.00	186.00
Pins	0	115.00
Shields	0	194.00
	7,783.00	7,671.00
Surplus/(Loss)	-743.00	-448.00

BALANCE SHEET FOR THE YEAR ENDING 30 JUNE 2011		
	2011	2010
	£	£
<b>GENERAL FUND</b>		
Balance at 01.07.09		12,724.00
Surplus to 30.06.10		-448.00
		£12,276.00
Balance at 01.07.10	12,276.00	
Surplus to 30.06.11	-743.00	
	£11,533.00	
<b>REPRESENTED BY:-</b>		
Balance at bank	10,202.00	12,182.00
Merchandise at cost	1,331.00	734.00
Accrued expenses	0	-640.00
	11,533.00	£12,276.00

DAVID GARRETT, HON. TREASURER

# CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

I write this a few days after coming back from the British Masters Open Squash tournament, held at The Park in Nottingham.

The British Open is normally held in September in Manchester and includes the Masters events; this year the main Open will not be held, so we are indebted to Martin Pearse – Chairman of English Squash Masters – and his Committee for all the time and effort they put in to go it alone. It really was an action-packed weekend.

I was having a chat over a cup of tea with Jim Switzer and his wife on our Club Finals Day and he asked if we could introduce an O/80 singles event into our Tournament. The O/75 singles was inaugurated in 2001, so my reply was that as long as we can encourage someone else to play we will go for it. Well, a few phone



*Chairman John Woodliffe*

calls and emails to those soon to reach that age – and those already there – have confirmed that there will indeed be other takers, so eleven years after the introduction of the O/75 event we shall have an O/80.

Well done, Jim! Lance has asked for an O/75 doubles, so that also will be introduced....

However, we are not getting as many O/45 and O/50 entries to the Club Tournament as we would like – come on, the Young, please show a leg!!

We really would like some volunteers to run a tour in 2012. The South African Inter Provincials are to take place from 1st – 6th September 2012 in East London. It is a wonderfully friendly tournament for all ages and abilities and we have always been made very welcome in the past. Apart from this, I'm sure some of you with connections could find a club to host a team; tours are always so enjoyable.

Don't have too long a break over the summer and I wish you a lot of fun in the next season.

**John Woodliffe**

## MATCH REPORTS • MATCH REPORTS

### NUFFIELD HEALTH 8th April 2011

3/2 to Nuffield Health. **Nigel Belle** lost to fellow GB Vet **Alan Nelson** 0/3 as did **Robert Smith** after a gruelling day at the office. **Karen Hume** also lost but 1/3. **Peter Willmor**, waiting for a knee op, still managed a good 3/1 win. Match of the night though was battle of the sexes, **Mandy Akin** vs husband **Albert**. 2 all, then 6/6, then Albert ran out of steam allowing Mandy to win 9/6 in the fifth.

### ASHTEAD 14th April 2011

2010 lost 1/4, 2011 lost 2/4, so getting better! **Ian Robinson** (1) lost to fellow GB Vet **Mike Stewart** 0/3 as did **Rob Butler** to fellow GB Vet **Jon Gransden**. **John O'Brien**, also lost 0/3. It was left to **David Leakey**, after a busy day at the House of Lords, to win 3/1 and **Geoff Gill** to win 3/0. Messrs **Woodliffe & Kinder** lost their doubles match 1/3 with the excuse that they were saving themselves for the Club semi-finals!

### BEXLEY 21st April 2011

The GB Vets kept up their unbeaten record with a 5/1 win. Three matches went to 5. **Mandy Akin** was match ball down in the fourth but recovered to win 9/6 in the fifth. Both **Peter Young** and **Robert Smith** had match balls in the fourth but both lost it but both came back to win the fifth 9/5. Both **Karen Hume** and **Nigel Belle** won 3/0 whilst **Albert Akin** lost 0/3.

# 2011 THE BURRELL TROPHY WINNER

This year the Committee decided that the Burrell Trophy should be awarded to Jeremy Lyon.

We always try to make sure the recipient will be attending our Finals Day without letting him/her know why we are asking. It became clear this time that Jeremy was not going to be able to be there, so John and Nigel rang him with a cock-and-bull story about why they wanted to visit him a few days before the Final.

Jeremy's London home took a bit of finding, but we managed it. We were invited in for a delicious tea, told him about the History we intend to write for our forthcoming anniversary and asked him if he would contribute an article about his sporting background, including his squash achievements.

We then produced the camera and totally



*Jeremy Lyon receiving the Burrell trophy from Chairman, John Woodliffe.*

took him by surprise with the Award; for a little while he was completely lost for words!

Jeremy's sporting record is remarkable: as a young man he played squash for Great Britain and for England and then subsequently in the later age-groups. He is unique in that he has represented England at tennis, Real tennis and squash. He won the British Open at the O/45, O/55, O/60 and O/65 levels; the Jesters Championships O/55 and O/60 twice each and has been our Club Champion in the O/55 and O/60 age-groups three times each and once at the O/65 level.

In addition to this impressive array of squash achievements, Jeremy has been a wonderful ambassador for our Club and the game and also contributed a huge amount during his six years as our President until 2007.

He richly deserves this Award.

## O80's SINGLES

The O75 singles event was inaugurated in 2001, and now in 2011/12 we plan to introduce an O80's event! We have at least two entrants so far – Jim Switzer and Arthur Franks. So if you have reached this tender age and fancy a game or two enter now! We are also looking to introduce an O75 doubles event – Lance Kinder and John Woodliffe have already entered!

## O50's TROPHY

How about YOU having YOUR name on a trophy? No not by *winning* the event but by *presenting* a trophy for it. We are looking for someone to present a trophy for the O50 ladies – could this be you? All other events have a trophy except this one. Now is your chance to have your name remembered for future generations of squash players.

## WEBSITE

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

Have you visited the site recently? It's now brimming with news and what's going on, together with historical details and tournament information. You can also download a membership application form for potential new members.

## British Open Masters

8-12 JUNE 2011, NOTTINGHAM

GB VETS – 7 WINNERS, 6 RUNNERS UP!!

- WO45 MANDY AKIN** is back as British No1, having beaten the No 1 seed and comprehensively won the final 3/0.
- WO55 BETT DRYHURST** claimed her (30th?) British title by beating **JANE LAW** 3/0 in the final.
- MO45 EAMONN PRICE** unfortunately badly tore a calf muscle in the third game of the final and had to concede.
- MO50 MARK WOODLIFFE** completed a father and son duo – again – by winning the final 3/0 in just 26 minutes.
- MO55 MARK COWLEY** avenged his British Closed defeat by beating **PETER ALEXANDER** 10/9 in the fourth.
- MO60 KEITH JONES** found **ALLEN BROWN** a tough opponent but prevailed 9/4, 9/7, 9/7 in the end.
- MO65 ROD BOSWELL** beat newcomer to the age group, **MARTIN PEARSE** 9/5 in the fourth – a tough game.
- MO70 CHRIS STAHL** lacking match practice fell to the ever fit, quick, accurate Pat Kirton, 0/3.
- MO75 JOHN WOODLIFFE** father of the father son duo, see O50's above, won 3/1 in the final.

## HOME INTERNATIONALS

Congratulations to all those GB Vets members who represented their Country in the Home Internationals earlier this year. All England players except where noted.

### CARDIFF April 22/24 2011

**Men's O60:** Martin Pearse, Keith Jones, Allen Brown, Larry Grover, Aubrey Waddy, Jim Dougal (*Scotland*), Chris Wilson (*Scotland*), Leighton Jenkins (*Wales*).

**Women's O40:** Lesley Sturgess, Lynne Davies (*Wales*), Claire Thompson (*Scotland*).

### DUBLIN April 29/May 1 2011

**Men's O55:** Stuart Hardy, Peter Alexander, Mark Cowley.

### NOTTINGHAM 6/8 May 2011

**Men's O50:** Chris Harland, Ian Bradburn, Duleep Adhihetty, Dermot Hurford, Alan Thomson (*Scotland*), Graham Jones (*Wales*).

**Men's O70:** Andrew Beeston, Lance Kinder, John Woodliffe, Tony Seare, Malcolm Gilham, Tom Hannon (*Ireland*), John O'Brien (*Ireland*), Alec Richardson (*Ireland*), Gary Williams (*Wales*).

**Women's O50:** Karen Hume, Tammy Bennett, Kath Kemp, Eunice Bond (*Scotland*), Lynne Davies (*Wales*), Sue Pynegar.

### SCOTLAND 13/15 May 2011

**Men's O45:** Eamonn Price, Chris Wilson.

# Membership News

## NEW MEMBERS

We warmly welcome the following new members who have joined the Club since the Spring 2011 Newsletter:

Rob Butler – Oxshott, RAC.  
Graham Ososki – New Malden  
Barry Gage – BA & Colets  
Hazel Marsh – ?

## ‘LOST’ MEMBERS

Do you know the whereabouts of any of these members? If you do please advise the Hon. Sec.:

Alf Barker                      Kevin Bevington    Anthony Bodie  
John Dobbin                  John Dover            Terry Farrington  
John Grieve                  Ted Hare                Dave Hickman  
Robert McIntosh              John Rymer            John Batty  
David Summerscale        Stephen Withers

## CONGRATULATIONS!

It has been agreed by the England Masters Squash committee that they would make three awards annually to players who have made a significant contribution to Masters Squash during the year, both on and off court. The first trophies were awarded to GB Vets Mark Cowley and Eamonn Price and non GB Vet Fran Wallis.

## OBITUARIES

We are most saddened to learn of the deaths of the following members:

**DAVID ROBINSON** died December 2010 aged 73. He was a member since 2006 and was starting to become very breathless in 2008 when playing squash and was subsequently diagnosed with mesothelioma. Apparently he came into contact with asbestos in his job as an engineer in his early working days.

**RON GAWLER** died 9th March 2011 aged 86. A member for nearly 30 years he was O55 singles champion in 1984, O60's champion in 1988 & '89, O65's champion in 1990, '91 & '94, O70's champion in 1995 & '98 and O75's champion in 2001 & '02. A formidable record.

**JOHN UPTON** who died on 2nd May 2011, enjoyed an exceptionally long sporting career. A most talented and determined squash player, he was proud of the fact that he had represented Warwickshire in county matches over six decades, from Junior through to Veteran and Vintage level. In his prime, John usually played 3 or 4 alongside such stars as Mohtadi and Ramsden when Warwickshire were one of the strongest county sides on the circuit in the 1950's and 1960's. On court John was rarely outplayed and a feature of his play were his skilfully-concealed dropshots. John was a strong supporter of the GB Vets and played regularly in both singles and doubles club tournaments. John will be sorely missed by his many friends and we extend heartfelt sympathy to Pauline and her family.

*Gavin Roynon.*

## FUTURE NEWSLETTERS

This is YOUR Club and we would like to hear YOUR news. E mail or write to the Hon.Sec. with your (printable!) interesting, personal news from the last 6 months- eg ran a marathon, births, marriages, grandchildren, great grandchildren, business news, squash news. Perhaps we could start a 'letters to the editor' column?. Also please let us know if there are items you would like to be included or indeed excluded from future Newsletters. Your input is vital – please get writing now! Your Club Needs You!

# FORTHCOMING EVENTS

## 2ND EUROPEAN MASTERS

Oporto, Portugal                      1/4 September 2011

## REGIONAL TOURNAMENTS

**NORTH**                      Pontefract                      23/25 Sept 2011  
**WEST**                      Devon & Exeter                28/30 Oct 2011  
**EAST**                      Bury St Edmunds              16/18 Dec 2011  
**SOUTH**                      Broxbourne                      6/8 January 2012  
**MIDLANDS**                Coventry                        3/5 February 2012

## CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS (PROVISIONAL)

Broxbourne                      21/22 April 2012

## 11TH WORLD MASTERS

Birmingham, England              20/27 July 2012  
*(Closing ceremony concluding as the opening ceremony of the London Olympic Games begin)*

## INTER PROVINCIALS

East London, South Africa            1/6 Sept 2012

# CHURCH LADIES WITH TYPEWRITERS

This has got absolutely nothing to do with squash or veterans but the Editor found them amusing – I hope you agree. These sentences actually appeared in Church Bulletins or were announced in Church Services:

- The fasting and prayer conference includes meals.
- Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.
- Don't let worry kill you off – let the Church help.
- For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.
- Eight new choir robes are currently needed due to the addition of several new members and to the deterioration of some older ones.
- Please place your donation in the envelope along with the deceased person you want remembered.
- The Associate Minister unveiled the Church's new campaign slogan last Sunday – I Upped My Pledge, Up Yours.

# 50th ANNIVERSARY

As has already been mentioned a new Book on the history of our Club is to be written. Ideally we would like to feature 'something' on EVERY single member, together with of course, it's history, interesting articles and a complete membership list from 1963.

2013 may seem a long way off but planning and producing a quality book, as this will be, takes time...a lot of time!

Included within this Newsletter is a form for completion and return as soon as possible to the Hon. Secretary.

Please be sure to include a photograph(s) and advise whether or not you would like it returned in due course.

Remember this is YOUR Club – be a part of it's history.

Thank you for your help.