



The Veterans Squash Rackets Club of Great Britain

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SPRING 2012 NEWSLETTER

YOUR 'GOLDEN' ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE



Terry & John Woodliffe, Tom & Di Hendry (back), Lance & Jacqui Kinder (front), Nigel & Jane Belle

10 years on from the 'Ruby', this same hard working, good looking, attractive, unpaid crew are setting about planning the celebrations for our 'Golden' 50th Anniversary to be held in 2013. The following events have been agreed and are now at the planning stage:

- A black tie dinner to be held on Friday 22nd November 2013 at the RAC Woodcote Park, Epsom, Surrey,
- A 'Golden' Anniversary Book. Plenty of history but much, much more than our 'Ruby' book,
- A 'Weekend of Squash' with other Clubs – Jesters, Army, RAC, Roehampton and of course GB Vets.

There are many other ideas and events on the table but these are embryonic at the moment. Do you have any ideas or thoughts you would like the Committee to consider?

As you will appreciate this is a huge undertaking both physically and financially and on this latter point if you feel able to 'pledge' an amount, any amount towards the costs of the celebrations this

would be fantastic and would also put a huge smile on the Hon. Treasurer face! We are of course not looking for anything immediately but if you feel able to 'pledge' an amount now that would help the Anniversary Organising Committee enormously in planning, financially, the year's events. Please let the Hon. Secretary know.

You will also see on Page 6 a list of those members who have completed their squash CV for inclusion in the Book. Have you done yours yet? If not please do so now – forms can be downloaded from the website – www.gbvs.co.uk – if you have lost the original.

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THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2012

Notice is hereby given that the 49th Annual General Meeting will take place at

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

On Sunday 22nd April 2012

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

AGENDA

1. Minutes of the 2011 AGM
2. Interim Statement of Accounts
3. Chairman's Report
4. Election of Officers
5. Any other business

THE CLUB SEMI-FINALS AND FINALS

The **semi-finals** of all competitions, Main and Plate, will commence at 11.00am on Saturday 21st April 2012.

The **finals** of all competitions will commence at 11.00 am on Sunday 22nd April 2012.

The Finals will be followed by the AGM, Presentations and the traditional buffet.

Everyone is most welcome to come along on both days to Broxbourne Sports Club – please support your Club and enjoy a great weekend of squash. Details of how to find Broxbourne SC are below.

The address of the Club is shown in the AGM notice and contact telephone numbers are:

01992 440209 – Club / 07836 335494 – Geoff Howes

Broxbourne web site: www.broxbournesquash.co.uk

Details, including maps/routes to the Club and accommodation in the area, are shown on the website.

THE ROUTE:

From the M25 Junction 25 head North up the A10 for 2.5 miles. Exit left to Broxbourne and join the A1170 for 2 miles. Go past Mill Lane (No right turn) and turn round at Richmond Court. Return to Mill Lane. Mill Lane Close is 1st right. From the north coming down the A10 exit to Hoddesdon. Join A1170 and head into Broxbourne. Mill Lane is on the left after the Station Road traffic lights. Mill Lane Close is 1st right.

Message from the Chairman March 2012

Since my last report – January 2012 for the website – all 5 Regional Tournaments have now been completed, North (Pontefract), West (Exeter), East (Bury St Edmunds), South (Broxbourne), Midlands (Coventry). Players are awarded points depending on how far they progress in each Tournament and these combined with the 'National' results dictate who represents their Country – England, Scotland, Wales, Ireland – in the Home Internationals usually played at the beginning of May.

The 'Nationals', the British Closed, were completed in February and the next major event after our Club Finals Weekend, will be the British Open. There is a new sponsor, Allam, and the Masters part of the tournament will now be played at Coulhurst SRC, North London, unfortunately not the O2 as previously announced. I am sure the GB Vets will be well represented – tournament dates 12-16 May.

The Club Tournament is drawing to a climax with the Finals at Broxbourne over the weekend 21/22 April. Good luck to those



still in the hunt for trophies and for those not, do please come along to watch and support over the weekend, attend the AGM and the buffet supper afterwards on the Sunday.

The Olympics will be on TV in July but more importantly for us, either to watch or play, the 11th Squash World Masters will be held in Birmingham between 20th and 28th July but will not be on TV! It will be a great deal of fun and well worth going to watch some of the games. The main venue will be the excellent Edgbaston Club.

One last request, I would be grateful if our younger players would do all they can to encourage other players whom they meet in matches or friendlies to join our Club. We really are a bit short in the 45-60 range. Application forms can be downloaded from our web.

Best wishes for the rest of the season and enjoy the summer!

John Woodliffe

ST. FRANCIS BAY DOUBLES

An annual doubles tournament has been held in St. Francis Bay- a little town not too far from Port Elizabeth- in South Africa – since 2004 and has been organised each year by Peter Bridges. It is an all ages tournament and includes juniors, an Open and various age groups.

On the first occasion there were about 40 players; it has gradually grown in popularity and this year there were some 106 players took part between the 17th and 19 February.

Because of the number of entries and events the matches were limited to twenty minutes each in a draw called 'Swiss Pairings'. This system is used in order that all players get an even number of matches and has proved to be very successful.

The tournament could easily be called 'The Friendly Games'



Martin Matthews (RAC), Sir Michael Edwardes, David Rawle (RAC), Lance Kinder, Malcolm Lees, Peter Tringham, John Arkwright (RAC), David Garrett, John Woodliffe, Vinnie Taylor.

for the way that players mark matches themselves and a ball seen to be out from the gallery is played as a 'let'. There is always a great deal of laughter on the court as well; the matches are played in a really lovely spirit.

The number of courts in the club has grown from one singles court to one singles and two doubles courts and they all get a lot of use.

The tournament is an invitation event and has always had a number of RAC and VC of GB members taking part. This year our David Garrett together with Rick Graham won the Over 65 event and the photograph shows a number of VC of GB members who took part.

John Woodliffe

To see how you can win a free bottle of wine and free entry to next year's tournament go to www.gbvs.co.uk (Not open to members of the Committee!)

2012 CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

At the time of going to press, the 2011/12 Club Championships have reached the following stages:

Men O'45 Singles Round Robin

Darren Withey, Alan Boulden, Mike Stewart, Alan Nelson, Paramjit Deol

O'45 Doubles Semi-final

Chris Harland & Darren Withey or
Nick Atkins & Chris Lowry
Keith Jones & Paramjit Deol

v Geoff Howes & Stuart Hardy or
Alastair McMeckan & Ray Lanagan

v Peter & Brian Willmor or Syd Spittle & Carlos Marques

Men O'50 Singles Semi-finals

Dermot Hurford or Martin Miller
Gordon Kerr

v Nick Atkins or Alan Boulden
v Chris Harland

Men O'55 Singles Semi-finals

Mark Cowley or Robin Mace or Keith Ragg
Stuart Hardy

v David Leakey
v David Manning or Terry Whiter

O'55 Doubles Semi-final

Willmor & Willmor or McMeckan & Lanagan
Tony Wheeler & Leighton Jenkins or
Martin Matthews & Mark Haydon

v Robert Smith & Albert Akin or Howes & Hardy

v Ansell & Jones

Men O'60 Singles Semi-finals

Philip Ayton or Aubrey Waddy
Barry Featherstone or Geoff Howes

v Andy Larkin or Trevor Cox or Ian Graham
v Chris Goodbourn or Howard Cherlin

Men O'65 Singles Semi-finals

Chris Ansell or Keith Searle or David Garrett
Chris Goodbourn or Graham Nichols or Brian Phillips

v Mike Clemson or Jenkins or Chambers
v Martin Pearse

Men O'65 Doubles Semi-finals

George Aplin & Mike Clemson
Searle & Williams or Fagg & Skelding

v Nigel Belle & Robert Smith
v Chambers & Khalifa or Woodliffe & Kinder

Men O'70 Singles Semi-finals

Adrian Wright or Tony Seare or Roger Middleton
George Aplin or John O'Brien

v Vinnie Taylor
v Brian Phillips or Lance Kinder

Men O'70 Doubles Semi-finals

John Woodliffe & Lance Kinder
Tony Seare & Brian Sayer

v John O'Brien & Adrian Wright
v George Aplin & Brian Phillips

Men O'75 Singles Semi-finals

John Woodliffe
Lance Kinder or Ray Rook

v Tony Seare or Graham Davies
v Malcolm Gilham or Keith Spurgeon

Men O'75 Doubles Semi-finals

John Woodliffe & Lance Kinder
Graham Davies & Don Williams

v Tony Seare & Brian Sayer
v Ray Rook & Derek Tullett

Men O'80 Singles Semi-finals

James Switzer
Arthur Franks

v Brian Youngs
v Alex Hamilton

Ladies O'40 Singles Semi-final Round Robin

Claire Baker, Sam Mueller, Alison Goy, Sandra Dunn

Ladies O'50 Singles Semi-final Round Robin

Karen Hume, Lynne Davies, Averil Murphy, Tammy Bennett, Jackie Gregory

Ladies Doubles Semi-final Round Robin

Mueller & Goy, Baker & Bennett, Hume & Dunn



**CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS FINALS WEEKEND
BROXBORNE – APRIL 21-22**

REGIONAL RESULTS... REGIONAL RESULTS...

NORTH OF ENGLAND... PONTEFRACT – 23-25 SEPTEMBER 2011

- WO50 Winner **Tammy Bennett**, 2nd **Sue Pynegar**.
MO50 **Ian Bradburn** lost in the semis, **Chris Harland** in the ¼'s.
MO55 **Mark Cowley** lost 5/9 in the 5th in the semis, **Ripley Oyler**, **Ian Holmes**, **Stuart Hardy** and **Alasdair Niven** lost in the ¼'s.
MO60 **Barry Featherstone** bt **Allen Brown** 3/1 in the final. **Howard Cherlin** had to retire in the semis. **Larry Grover** reached the ¼'s.
MO65 **Mike Clemson** bt **Graham Fisher** 3/2 and then **Chris Ansell** (for the first time ever!) 3/2 but then lost to **Martin Pearse** 3/2 in the final. **Martin** bt **Dave Hardern** 3/2 in the semis.
MO70 **Adrian Wright** didn't lose a game, beating **Andrew Beeston** and **Lance Kinder**.
MO75 As seen on Sky Sports, TV Superstar **Lance Kinder** beat **Malcolm Gilham** in the 5th

WEST OF ENGLAND... EXETER 28-30 OCTOBER 2011

- WO50/55 **Lynne Davies** runner up, **Jane Law** 5th.
MO50 **Dermot Hurford** bt **Chris Harland** in the semis then won a thrilling final 10/9 in the 5th.
MO55 Winner **Mark Cowley**, **Keith Jones** lost in the semis and **Ian Holmes** in the ¼'s.
MO60 **Barry Featherstone** bt **Larry Grover** 10/8 in the 5th in the ¼'s and **Geoff Howes** in the semis (**Geoff** having beaten **Howard Cherlin** in the 5th in the ¼'s). In a thrilling final **Allen Brown** bt **Barry** 9/2 in the 5th.
MO65 Round Robin: Winner **Chris Ansell**, 2nd **Martin Pearse**, 3rd **Mike Clemson**, 4th **Nigel Belle**.
MO70 Round Robin: Winner **Adrian Wright**, 2nd **George Aplin**, 3rd **Lance Kinder**, 4th **Chris Stahl**.

EAST OF ENGLAND... BURY ST EDMUNDS – 16-18 DECEMBER 2011

- WO40/45 **Mandy Akin** and **Sam Mueller** reached the semis, **Alison Goy** lost in the ¼'s.
WO50/55 **Karen Hume** bt **Jane Law** in the final having beaten **Tammy Bennett** 10/9 in the 4th in the semis. **Lynne Davies** lost to **Jane** in the semis.
MO45 **Eamonn Price** won the final 3/0. **Mark Hildred** reached the ¼'s.
MO50 **Ian Bradburn** bt **Chris Harland** in the ¼'s then lost in the semis.
MO55 A win for **Duleep Adhihetty**, **Stuart Hardy** reached the semis.
MO60 **Larry Grover** reached the semis, **Geoff Howes** the ¼'s.
MO65 **Chris Goodbourn** bt **Martin Pearse** 3/1 in the final. **Graham Fisher** lost to **Chris**, **Chris Ansell** lost to **Martin** in the semis.
MO70/75 Round Robin: Winner **Adrian Wright**, 2nd **John Woodliffe**, 3rd **Lance Kinder**.

SOUTH OF ENGLAND... BROXBORNE – 6-8 JANUARY 2012

- WO40/45 Round Robin: 2nd **Sam Mueller**, 3rd **Alison Goy**.
WO50/60 Round Robin: 2nd **Tammy Bennett**, 4th **Lynne Davies**, 5th **Karen Hume**.
MO45 **Eamonn Price** lost in the final, **Darren Withey** reached the ¼'s.
MO50 **Chris Harland** bt **Dermot Hurford** 3/0 in the final, **Ian Bradburn** reached the ¼'s.
MO55 **Duleep Adhihetty** bt **Ian Holmes** in the ¼'s, **Stuart Hardy** in the semis and won the final as his opponent withdrew.
MO60 **Barry Featherstone** bt **Howard Cherlin** 3/2 in the semis but lost to **David Cooper** in the final.
MO65 **Rodney Boswell** bt **Adrian Wright** and **Martin Pearse** to reach the final. **Chris Goodbourn** bt **Dave Hardern** and **Chris Ansell** to reach the final. Fantastic final which **Rodney** won 9/7 in the 5th.
MO75 Round Robin: Winner **Andrew Beeston**, 2nd **John Woodliffe**, 3rd **Lance Kinder**.

MIDLANDS... COVENTRY – 3-5 FEBRUARY 2012

- WO40 Round Robin: Winner **Alison Goy**, 3=**Sam Mueller**.
WO45 Round Robin: Winner **Mandy Akin**.
WO50 **Lynne Davies** lost in final, **Lesley Sturgess** and **Tammy Bennett** reached semis.
WO55 Round Robin: Winner **Jane Law**.
MO45 **Paramjit Deol** reached the ¼'s.
MO50 **Ian Bradburn** won a thrilling final 3/2 having beaten **Chris Harland** in the semis.
MO55 **Peter Alexander** won having beaten **Ian Holmes** in the semis. **Stuart Hardy** reached reached the semis, **Ripley Oyler** the ¼'s.
MO60 **Allen Brown** and **Larry Grover** reached the semis, **Howard Cherlin** and **Barry Featherstone** the ¼'s.
MO65 A rare beating of **Rodney Boswell** – by **Dave Hardern** 10/8 in the 5th in the semis then saw **Dave** up against **Chris Goodbourn** in the final. **Chris** won with a walkover as **Dave** was unable to contest the final because of the inclement weather.
MO70/75 Round Robin: Winner **Adrian Wright**, 2nd **Vinnie Taylor**.

MATCH REPORTS...MATCH REPORTS...MATCH REPORTS...

FOR MATCH REPORTS AND PICTURES VISIT THE WEBSITE –
www.gbvs.co.uk

2011 – LEE-ON-SOLENT 6th November

Full report by David Garrett on a 1-4 defeat

2011 – CAMBERLEY 7th December

Full report by John Woodliffe on a 4-1 win

BEACONSFIELD 19 February, 2012

This was the 15th annual match played against Beaconsfield which we just lost 2 – 3. As ever it was most enjoyable with some excellent squash followed by another good meal. Our team has always included mainly members who play at Broxbourne and this was again the situation this year.

The first strings have now played each other no less than 6 times with some very close results and this year our man, **Dave Cooper**, was in superb form beating Chris Gildersleeve 3 – 0. At two, **Peter Smith** of Uxbridge playing for us for the first time, also won playing against the Beaconsfield captain and organiser of the function in another good match. We did not do so well in the other three games. **Mike Fagg**, who had not played a competitive match for some time, lost heavily to **Phil Courtenay-Luck** who was in top form. **Barry Skelding** started well against Laurie Smith of Beaconsfield but then lost in four. **Berge Kay** at 5, returning after a long period of incapacity, lost 3 – 0 but did well in the first two games against Howard Machin.

Beaconsfield have a large number of vets and vintage players and although they are well ahead of us in the results over the 15 years, always provide a well balanced opposition. Their club has first class facilities and it is always a pleasure to play there.

GB Vets		Beaconsfield	
Dave Cooper	beat	Chris Gildersleeve	3/0
Peter Smith	beat	Bob Heard	3/1
Mike Fagg	lost to	Philip Courtenay-Luck	0/3
Barry Skelding	lost to	Laurie Smith	1/3
Berge Kay	lost to	Howard Machin	0/3

Jack Harris – Vets of GB non-playing captain



Howard Machin, Bob Heard, Barry Skelding, Phil Courtenay-Luck, Chris Gildersleeve, Peter Smith, Berge Kay, Mike Fagg, Dave Cooper.

ROEHAMPTON 1st March 2012

An excellent evening, as always. In the singles **Geoff Howes** had a great game; at 2 all and 0-7 down he did a Houdini and took it 9-7! Good stuff. **Keith Jones** and **Stephen Jackson** both had good games, both winning 3/0. **Andy Craig** worked hard but I think needs a bit more practice with **Geoff Gill** at the Camberley Club. **Lance Kinder** and **John Woodliffe** usually play doubles, but John had a gammy leg and Lance had a senior moment. He went to Dorking instead of Roehampton, drank two cups of coffee which he got **Don Ayton** to pay for and at about 8p.m. began to wonder why no VC players were turning up! **Steve Johnson** and **Andy Craig** filled the gap and enjoyed their game.



Both teams post match

The full results were:

GB Vets		Roehampton	
Keith Jones	beat	Kim Graham	3-0
Stephen Jackson	beat	James Dearman	3-0

Geoff Howes beat Nick Charteris-Black 3-2
 Andy Craig lost to Nigel Clarke 0-3

Stephen Johnson and Andy Craig lost to Tony Forshaw and Ross Heffler

Vets Club of GB won 3/2

John Woodliffe.

BEXLEY 9th March 2012

Unfortunately a number of regulars for this match were unavailable and whilst, over the last few years, the GB Vets have won this fixture, this year we went down 2/3, although in number of games we won 10/9! **Andrew Bonner**, back from injury, played well but went down 1/3 and **Peter Young** just lost 6/9 in the 5th. Unfortunately **Roger Sulley** became ill at 1/1 and had to retire. **Alan Nelson** had a comfortable win 3/0 as did **Nigel Belle** who beat fellow GB Vet **John Prowse** by the same margin.

A thoroughly enjoyable evening was had by all.

The full results were:

GB Vets		Bexley	
Andrew Bonner	lost to	Dave Thompson	1/3
Peter Young	lost to	Tony Smith	2/3
Roger Sulley (retired)	lost to	Neil Badger	1/3
Alan Nelson	beat	Nick Eagle	3/0
Nigel Belle	beat	John Prowse	3/0



Alan Nelson, Peter Young, Nigel Belle, Roger Sulley, Andrew Bonner.

DORKING 13th March 2012

The annual match was again a memorable evening. We are always made to feel so welcome by **Bob Gray** who seems to have hosted this match forever. Sadly he could not play due to an injury but it was good to see Harriet his wife on court against **Nigel Belle**.

Keith Jones was due to head our team but twisted his knee a couple of days before the match and had to scratch; **Stephen Jackson** had to move up to No 1. It was an excellent game to watch but his opponent was just a bit too strong – and too young. **Geoff Gill** had won his previous 2 matches against Dorking but could not manage it this time. **Dave Smith**, a new member, took the place of **Geoff Howes** and played very well in his first match and did well to get a game. **Keith Searle** tried his best but could not match the strength of his opponent. **Nigel Belle** was one game down and had to concentrate like mad to hold his own. He had some excellent reaction shots and very accurate drops to finally manage a well deserved win. **Lance Kinder** and **John Woodliffe** were two love down in their doubles match but finally managed to come through.

The full results were:

GB Vets		Dorking	
Stephen Jackson	lost to	Mark Kubli	0/3
Geoff Gill	lost to	Scott Sullivan	0/3
Dave Smith	lost to	Jerry Robson	1/3
Keith Searle	lost to	Tom Richardson	0/3
Nigel Belle	beat	Harriet Gray	3/1
Lance Kinder & John Woodliffe	beat	Alan Atkinson & Tony Heron	3/2

Dorking won 4/2.



Geoff Gill, John Woodliffe, Nigel Belle, Steve Jackson, Lance Kinder, Dave Smith, Keith Searle

HAVE YOU SUBMITTED YOUR CV YET FOR 'THE' BOOK?

The Anniversary Committee wish to thank those listed below who have returned their CV and urge those who haven't done so yet to do so NOW! If you have mislaid your form you can download one from the website: www.gbvs.co.uk

Mandy Akin	Albert Akin	Paul Allen	Nick Atkins	Geoffrey Atkins
Claire Baker	Robin Bawtree	Toddy Berman	Dave Borrie	Brian Cane
Jim Cattermole	Bill Christie	Brian Clark	Mark Cowley	Claud Claudet
Mike Clemson	Phil Courtenay-Luck	Eric Cruttenden	Michael Edwardes	Patrick Fleming
Michael Guintini	Ian Graham	Terry Hartland	Jack Harris	Leslie House
Norman Hunt	David Jones	Berge Kay	David Leakey	Lawrence Lowenthal
Hazel Marsh	Martin Matthews	Robert Milne	Verney Montague	Roger Morrell
Averil Murphy	Alasdair Niven	Mike Perkins	Brian Phillips	Oliver Pollard
Ian Russell	Andrew Preston	Tom Ransley	Joe Richardson	Ian Robinson
Michael Roberts	Gordon Ross	Steve Sherren	Ian Smith	John Smith
Syd Spittle	Chris Stahl	John Timperley	Aubrey Waddy	Darren Withey

To date just 10% only of members have responded. This is your Club, your Anniversary Book, please complete the form today and send it to the Hon.Secretary. Thank you.

JESTERS TOURNAMENT 28-30 JANUARY 2012



VINTAGE O55.
Mark Cowley won for the 3rd consecutive year, 3/0.



VENERABLES O60.
Geoff Howes right, beat Tony Wheeler 3/1.



VULNERABLES O65.
Chris Goodbourn right, beat Martin Pearse 3/0.

Other GB Vets competing: Howard Cherlin, Nigel Belle, Vinnie Taylor, John Woodliffe, Roger Sulley, Brian Donnelly.

HAVE YOU HAD YOUR SAY ON 'PARS' YET?

Following the World Masters in Cologne a survey was conducted by the WSF (World Squash Federation) to consider moving from PAR (Point a Rally) 11 for all matches to PAR 15 for some older age categories. Having received all the results the WSF Management Committee decided there will be no amendment to the current World Championship Regulations and so PAR 11 will continue to be used for all World Masters age categories.

This directive is currently for World Masters Events only. However there is a move afoot by England Squash to adopt/impose PARS on all their events. Now is your chance, probably your last chance, to voice your opinion on the matter. Keep to the traditional Hand in-Hand out (HiHo) system or move to PARS? Make your views known now, write to the Hon.Sec. If enough of our members are against the imposition of PARS then England Squash should listen – after all we are the only, the main, voice of age group squash. ACT NOW!

MORE CHURCH LADIES WITH TYPEWRITERS!

You appeared to enjoy the actual Church Bulletins that were printed in the last Newsletter – here are some more...

The sermon this morning: 'Jesus Walks on the water.' The sermon tonight: 'Searching for Jesus.'

Miss Charlene Mason sang 'I will not pass this way again,' giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.

Irving Benson and Jessie Carter were married on October 24 in the Church. So ends a friendship that began in their school days.

A bean supper will be held on Tuesday evening in the Church Hall. Music will follow.

The ladies of the Church have cast off clothing of every kind. They may be seen in the basement on Friday afternoon.

Low Self Esteem Support Group will meet Thursday at 7pm. Please use the back door.

Weight Watchers will meet at 7pm at the First Presbyterian Church. Please use large double door at the side entrance.

Forthcoming Events

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

Broxbourne 21/22 April 2012

HOME INTERNATIONALS

MO45, WO45, WO55, MO65 Cardiff 27/28 April 2012

MO40, WO40, MO60 Dublin 4/5 May 2012

MO35, WO35, MO55 Nottingham 25/26 May 2012

MO50, WO50, MO70 Scotland 18/19 May 2012

BRITISH OPEN

(The Allam British Open Squash Championships)

Coolhurst LT & SC, Crouch End,

London N8 8EY

12/16 May 2012

Entries Close 27th April, Entry fee £30.00

www.britishopensquash.net

www.coolhurst.co.uk

INTER PROVINCIALS

East London, South Africa

1/6 September 2012

Membership News

NEW MEMBERS

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

Robin Mace	–	Finchley Manor
Mo Khalifa	–	Uxbridge
Brian Cane	–	Rodmersham
Paramjit Deol	–	Uxbridge, Mowsbury Park
Steve Johnson	–	Camberley
Sam Mueller	–	Chesham Bois & Tring
Martyn Collins-Ballands	–	Lee-on-Solent
Ripley Oyler	–	Caversham
Mick McLaughlin	–	British Airways
Sandra Dunn	–	New Malden, Colets
Alison Goy	–	Trent Bridge
Peter Smith	–	Chesham Bois & Uxbridge
David Smith	–	Army, David Lloyd Farnham

'LOST' MEMBERS

Any idea where any of these members are now? If so please let the Hon.Sec know.

Alf Barker	John Batty	Kevin Bevington
Anthony Bodie	John Dobbin MC	John Dover
Terry Farrington	John Grieve	Robert McIntosh
John Rymer	David Summerscale	

CAPTION WINNER

From the many entries, I particularly liked 'the Club official' saying "Excuse me, we have a room at the back for this activity." However Andrew Beeston wins the bottle of Champagne for his two entries: 1) Fairy Godmother saying "One kiss and he'll turn into a handsome prince" and 2) Wicked stepmother saying "Little does she know that one kiss and he will turn back into a frog again." Congratulations Andrew, Ed.

HELP! SQUIRRELS NEEDED!

Who keeps EVERYTHING from their 11 + papers to the Valentines cards they received from unknown lovers from 1974? The Hon.Sec. desperately needs GB Vets fixture lists and Members Handbooks for the years 1967/8 through to 1975/6 and also 1978/9. Can you help?

AUBREY WADDY

Aubrey has written the first novel set in the world of competitive professional squash: 'Sex and Drugs and Squash'n'Roll' Squash is the story's background; the title suggests some of the foreground. Read about the Book and the Author: www.writersworld.co.uk/squash_n_roll.html Paperback: ISBN 978-0-9570979-0-2.

LANCE KINDER

Did you see Lance on Sky Sports in an exhibition match beating fellow GB Vet Malcolm Gilham? He was also interviewed for a Squash magazine talking about an O80's category being added to the 2012 World Masters to be held in Birmingham this July. Lance was one of the first to sign up to compete in the O75 age group. "I am looking forward to meeting players worldwide who are not only rivals on court but friends," said Lance.

O75 DOUBLES TROPHY

That well known duo of Lance Kinder and John Woodliffe have very generously agreed to present a cup for the O75 Doubles. They hope their names will be the first to be engraved on their trophy!

KEITH WHITE MBE

Keith received his MBE for services to sport in the New Year's Honours and went to Buckingham Palace on 29th February to receive it from Prince Charles. Keith has also very generously presented a cup for the Ladies O50 Singles, which will be on display at the finals weekend. A full report and pictures of his MBE and the presentation of his Cup will feature in the Summer Newsletter.

11th WORLD MASTERS (see opposite under forthcoming events)

The World Masters are held every two years and the last time they were held in England was in 1999 and were a great success. The event is great fun and we hope we will have a good number of VC of GB members taking part. John Woodliffe, Chairman.

ANYONE FOR YORK?

A number of highly enjoyable weekends have been spent in the past at the Wiggington Squash Club in York. There is a plan afoot to go again this November. If anyone is interested in going please contact Chairman John Woodliffe, details in Handbook.

OBITUARIES

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

ROBERT STRANG STEEL died 20th April 2011. He was a member since 1989.

PETER GRACIE died 2nd July 2011 aged 88. A member since 1970, he was the first to win the Walrond Cup (for O55's) in 1981 which he won in 1982 as well. He also won the Jesters Amateur Vintage Championship in 1980. He also wrote an interesting and thought provoking article in the 40th Anniversary Book regarding the use of 'spin' in squash.

MIKE BUCHANAN died 7th January 2012 after a long illness.

BILL LITTLE died 6th June 2011 less than two weeks short of his 75th birthday, after a 12 month battle with cancer. Like many of us Bill was not a great player but a very enthusiastic club player. Bill joined the Vets Club in 1985 and was an active member throughout, having played through all the age groups from O45's to O70's. During the run of the Summer Inter Club Tournament he played for both the Vets Club and then for Uxbridge when we entered the Tournament. He could always be seen at the Club's finals weekend and the AGM's that followed.

His intention was to be at the 2011 finals at Colets but a week away became too ill to attend. I have lost a good friend and the Club a loyal follower.

Our condolences go to Bill's wife Sandra and daughter Julie. *Graham Davies.*

CLAUD CLAUDET died 30th December 2011 aged 82. A member since 1987 he was a passionate player and loved the GB Vets. He was our O60's champion in 1990, O65's champion in 1996 and '97 and O70's champion in 2001. He also, with partner Mike Perkins, won the O65 doubles in 1997. He also loved ballroom and Latin dancing when not playing squash. Many of his squash colleagues attended his funeral. He is survived by his wife Ann, a highly accomplished artist, and son Andrew. *Nigel Belle.*

NORMAN HUNT died 17th February 2012. Norman joined the club in 1970, he was a keen and very able player with a great love of the game. He won the inaugural over 50's doubles in 1981 with Don Howell.

He served on the committee responsible for running the annual tournament between 1981-1987. The number of entries at that time tended to be bigger than these days and of course there was no internet support! He was helped by his partner Margaret and all the playing times and results were recorded on a chalk board during the finals week-end. He then arranged to have all the trophies engraved and delivered later to the respective winners.

He handed over the appointment to Lance Kinder and gave him a great deal of support and advice during Lance's first year.

Norman was appointed Vice Chairman in 1999 and was awarded the Burrell Trophy in 2002. He carried on supporting our club right to the end and he and Margaret always enjoyed coming to the finals week-end.

We will miss him a great deal. *John Woodliffe.*

GB VETS SCOOP 18 MEDALS AT THE 2ND EUROPEAN MASTERS PORTUGAL, SEPTEMBER 2011

Over 300 players competed for glory in the 2nd European Masters in a rather overcast Porto, Portugal 1/4 September. Whilst the UK basked in relative heat and sun the changeable weather in Porto helped to cool down some very hot courts and produce some very worthy medal winners – 18 out of a total GB Vets contingent of 30. Congratulations to all:

GOLD

WO50 KAREN HUME
WO60 BETT DRYHURST
MO50 MARK WOODLIFFE
MO60 KEITH JONES
MO65 ROD BOSWELL
MO70 JOHN WOODLIFFE

SILVER

WO45 MANDY AKIN
MO50 IAN BRADBURN
MO55 MARK COWLEY
MO65 CHRIS ANSELL
MO70 MYRON EVANS

BRONZE

WO50 LYNNE DAVIES
MO45 EAMONN PRICE
MO50 ALAN THOMSON
MO55 STUART HARDY
MO60 JIM DOUGAL
MO65 MARTIN PEARSE
MO70 LANCE KINDER

Also played: Claire Baker, Tammy Bennett, Darren Withey, Mark Hildred, Gordon Kerr, Harvey Kember, Alastair McMeckan, Robert Smith, David Garrett, Nigel Belle, Sam Mueller, Paramjit Deol.



**John & Mark Woodliffe.*



Nigel Belle appears happy to have lost to Martin Pearse in the O65's 3, 4 play off.



Medal Winners



Mandy Akin and Claire Baker about to do battle in the semi final.



Knackered! Robert Smith lost to David Garrett 14/12 in the 5th in the 9, 10 play off.



Rodney Boswell beat Chris Ansell in the O65 final.



Bett Dryhurst. Happy to have lost count of the number of titles she's won! Is it 30+ now?



When in Porto! Mark Woodliffe and Nigel Belle taking International squash very seriously!



Mandy and Albert Akin taking in the Porto sights.



Found it! Jane Belle behind a deserted Hotel bar.



Myron Evans lost to John Woodliffe 1/3 in the final of the Men's O70.

**Chairman John Woodliffe has achieved a unique grand slam – Mens O70 World and now European Champion together with the British Open and Closed titles. His son Mark won the European O50 title and the British Open Masters title in Nottingham in 2011 and the British Closed in 2012.*

NATIONALS, BRITISH CLOSED, FEBRUARY 2012 5 GOLD, 7 SILVER, 14 ¼ FINALISTS FOR GB VETS

GOLD

MO50 MARK WOODLIFFE
MO55 PETER ALEXANDER
MO65 PHIL AYTON
MO70 ADRIAN WRIGHT
MO75 JOHN WOODLIFFE

¼ FINALISTS

MO50 Ian Bradburn
MO65 John Smith, Rodney Boswell
MO75 Malcolm Gilham
WO50 Tammy Bennett, Lesley Sturgess
WO60 Bett Dryhurst

Special Note: Another Father/Son triumph! The Woodliffes rule the courts again!

SILVER

MO50 ALAN THOMSON
MO55 MARK COWLEY
MO65 CHRIS GOODBOURN
MO75 LANCE KINDER
WO40 SAM MUELLER
WO45 MANDY AKIN
WO55 EUNICE BOND
WO60 FAITH SINCLAIR

MO55 Ian Holmes, Duleep Adhihetty
MO70 Brian Phillips, Andrew Beeston
WO40 Alison Goy
WO55 Lynne Davies, Jane Law

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