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## **THE VETERANS SQUASH RACKETS CLUB OF GREAT BRITAIN**

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Herewith some news since the last Newsletter.

**APPOINTMENT OF HON. MATCH SECRETARY** Nick Markham-David has very kindly agreed to take over from Dave Smith. Nick is already in the driving seat so if you have any issues regarding matches please contact him - his mobile number is in the new Handbook.

**APPOINTMENT OF HON. TREASURER** Di Hendry, wife of Chairman Tom, has also very kindly agreed to take over from David Garrett at the next AGM in April 2016. We are now assured of another safe pair of hands to keep our finances in good order.

**NEW MEMBERS** We are very pleased to welcome the following new members: David Parker, Nick Wise, Di Hendry and Mark Eames.

**2015/6 CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS** Have you entered yet? The closing date for entries has now been extended until the 20th December 2015. Finals weekend is 16/17 April 2016 at Colets, Thames Ditton.

**NEW CLUB MERCHANDISE** Following the highly successful 1/2 price sale in November, we have now appointed a new supplier. However there are still a few items left at the sale price - Large & XL Men's tee shirts (£9), Ladies polo shirts (£10), tee shirts (£8) and small & XL V neck pullovers (£15). Buy now whilst stocks last! Details of the new merchandise will be available shortly. In essence you will now be able to order on line, click on what you want and have it delivered. Apart from shirts and pullovers additional associated items will also be available.

**MATCH REPORTS** Full reports can be viewed on our website - [www.gbvs.co.uk](http://www.gbvs.co.uk)

**Festival of Squash - 8 November** The third annual Festival of Squash took place at the RAC, Woodcote Park. The GB Vets, the Army, the Escorts and the RAC each fielded 4 singles and 6 doubles players and did battle for the coveted trophy. Very ably organised once again by John and Terry Woodliffe the event ended with the Army just beating the GB Vets, 63 points to 59 thereby retaining the trophy they won in 2014. The evening was rounded off with free canapes and beer and wine courtesy of the GB Vets.

**GB Vets vs Chichester - 14 November** The GB Vets triumphed 4/2. Team: Paul Reader, Barry Featherstone, Tony Claydon, Andy Hartley, John Woodliffe and Lance Kinder.

**GB Vets vs Lee-on-Solent - 15 November** Another GB Vets triumph, this time 4/1. Team: Steve McLoughlin, Paul Reader, Tony Claydon, Brian Phillips, John Woodliffe and Lance Kinder.

**GB Vets vs Bromley Cricket Club - Doubles 20 November**Result: an honourable draw, 18 points each! Team: Dave Leach, Andy Bonner, Robert Smith, Nick Wise, Nigel Belle, Roger Sulley and Karen Hume.

**European Masters Games - Nice October 2015** Stuart Hardy won Gold for the 'Open' (National & International players) MO60's and Sam Balsdon Silver and Lance Kinder Gold for the 'Open' MO75's. Sam Balsdon also received Silver for the 'Classic' (Non National & International players) MO60's.

**Regional Tournament - West - Wolverhampton 27/29 November** 5 Winners: Mark Cowley (MO60), Barry Featherstone (MO65), Chris Ansell (MO70), Vinnie Taylor (MO75) and Jane Law (WO60). 4 Runners Up: Paul Reader (MO60), Ian Graham (MO65), Adrian Wright (MO70) and Sarah Howlett (WO55). Semi-finalists: Alison Goy (WO45), Sam Mueller (WO35/40), Tony Clifford (MO70), Dave Hardern (MO70), Peter Smith (MO65), Ian Bradburn (MO55), Darren Withey (MO50).

**Have a great, stressfree Christmas and a healthy, fit New Year!**

**Nigel Belle, Hon Sec/Editor**