



# The Veterans Squash Rackets Club of Great Britain

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## SPRING 2016 NEWSLETTER

# CLUB TOURNAMENT ISSUE

**Another year has passed and another tournament finished. Some players have moved up an age group, some were missing through injury but over the weekend of 16/17th April at Colets the Vets Club showed why we exist.**

Again the tournament produced some superb squash with both Nigel Stiles and Dermot Hurford being pushed hard to win the O'50 and O'55 titles. Andy Normile had an easier ride in the O'45 age group as did Stuart Hardy in the O'60. With Philip Ayton picking up an injury in a close semi-final with Howard Cherlin, Ian Graham had a walk-over in the final. Newcomer to the Club John Odell surprised Chris Ansell in the O'70 by taking the first 2 games. Chris did what he always does and dug deep to survive to win 3-2. Both Brian Philips and Lance Kinder moved up an age group and won the O'75 and O'80 respectively.

The women were mixed into one draw this year and new member Rachel Woolford was successful,

beating Sam Mueller in the final.

There were new categories for Non-County or International players introduced this year to encourage those who might not enter as they felt they had no chance of winning to join in.

This proved a small success so hopefully we may get more entrants next year. The 55-64 age group was won by Tariq Mushtaq and the 65+ by Philip Courtenay-Luck.

There were plate events in most categories for the first match losers.

The Burrell Trophy was awarded jointly to Jacqui Kinder and Terry Woodliffe for all the work they have done for the club over many years.

The Norman Hunt Trophy was awarded to Vinnie Taylor who resides in Canada, plays for Scotland and supports the GB Vets whenever and wherever he can.

All results can be found on the Championship Web Site.

As usual we welcomed many non-playing members who turned up to support and enjoy meeting up with old friends .



**BURRELL TROPHY**

*President Phil Ayton presenting the Burrell Trophy jointly to Terry Woodliffe (left) and Jacqui Kinder.*

With so much Masters Squash now available it's good to see that our own Championship can still attract a strong field. However without an increase in participation the Tournament will become far less of an event on the squash calendar. I therefore hope that many of you who have not entered this year for whatever reason will be able to enter next season and so increase the participation up to numbers we had a few years ago.

Geoff Howes  
Tournament Director

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# SINGLES RESULTS



MO45

Richard Winter RU (left) **ANDY NORMILE** Winner



MO50

**NIGEL STILES** Winner



MO50

Marvin Rust RU



MO55

**DERMOT HURFORD** (left) Winner. Nick Peel RU



MO55

**TARIQ MUSHTAQ** plate Winner



MO60

Ian Smith RU (left) **STUART HARDY** Winner



MO65

**IAN GRAHAM** (left) Winner Phil Aytton RU



MO70

John O'Dell (left) RU **CHRIS ANSELL** Winner



MO70

**KEITH SEARLE** Plate Winner



MO75

John Woodliffe (left) RU **BRIAN PHILLIPS** Winner



MO80

Nick Markham-David (left) RU **LANCE KINDER** Winner



Ladies **RACHEL WOOLFORD** (left) Winner

Alison Goy Plate Winner



# DOUBLES RESULTS



MO75  
**GEORGE APLIN** (2nd left) &  
**BRIAN PHILLIPS** (right) *Winners.*  
*John Woodliffe* (left) and *Lance Kinder* (back) RU



MO45  
**NIGEL STILES & DERMOT HURFORD** (centre)  
*Winners, Cliff Martindale & Stuart Farrar RU*



MO70  
*Len Froggitt & Nigel Belle RU*



MO70  
**GEORGE APLIN & BRIAN PHILLIPS** *Winners*



MO65  
**ROGER SULLY & ALASTAIR McMECKAN**  
*Winners*



MO55  
**MARK EAMES & STEVE PUSEY** (centre) *Winners,*  
*Roger Sully & Alastair McMeckan RU*



**RACHEL WOOLFORD & KAREN HUME**  
*Winners*



*Lynne Davies & Alison Goy RU*



MO65  
**LEIGHTON JENKINS & TONY WHEELER**  
*Plate Winners*

## ..... NON COUNTY RESULTS .....

O55/65 SINGLES PLATE  
 Chris Lowry RU  
**Martin Miller** Winner



*Picture of O55/65 singles*  
 Steve Pusey (right) RU  
**Tariq Mushtaq** (left) Winner

O65 SINGLES PLATE  
 Allan Whittow RU  
**Andy Hartley** Winner

O65 SINGLES  
 Peter Child RU  
**Philip Courtney-Luck** Winner



# MORE WEEKEND PICTURES



*Chris Ansell, John Woodliffe*



*Jane Belle, Karen Hume*



*Sam Mueller, Rachel Woolford*



*Gordon Coulthard, Tony McStravick,  
Tariq Mushtaq*



*Stuart Farrar, Cliff Martindale,  
Dermot Hurford, Nigel Stiles*



*David Garrett, Keith & Maureen Searle,  
Allan Whitow*



*Mike Haplin, Geoff Howes, Di Hendry*



*Di Hendry, Gordon Coulthard*



*Nick Peel, Phil Ayton, Andy Normile*



*Terry & John Woodliffe, Tom Hendry*



*Lance Kinder, Geoff Howes*



*Jane Belle, Maureen Searle, Chris Howes*



*Nick Peel, Dermot Hurford*



*Richard Winter, Andy Normile*



*John Odell, Chris Ansell, Stuart Hardy*



*Phil Ayton, Gordon Coulthard*



*Dean Clayton, Mike Halpin, Phil Ayton*



*Spectators*



*Karen Hume, Rachel Woolford, Robert Smith*



*Jacqui Kinder, George Aplin*

# CHAIRMAN'S REPORT 2015-16

**When I first took over as your Chairman two years ago, your Committee and I set out a plan of action for the next couple of years.**

You may remember that the areas mentioned opportunities to revive and extend the appeal of our club; these included attracting and recruiting new members with the accent on youth; extending the friendlies fixture list by reviving old matches and setting up new ones; arranging overseas tours; expanding the annual tournament and promoting a national drive for the neglected doubles game.

I am pleased to report that we have continued to build on the progress I reported at last year's AGM.

We have been able to sustain the increase in membership. Indeed, we have already exceeded the total number of new members in 2015 in the first three months of this year. Also, it is good to report that the majority of new members are below the age of 60.

I can also report that we have arranged five new fixtures – Escorts, Petersfield, Hurlingham, Bishop's Stortford and Oxshott. I personally remain committed to arrange friendlies with The Oxford and Cambridge Club, Sandown and St. Georges Hill.

Our popular weekend trip to York will take place in June this year, and will be run by Adrian Wright. The November 2015 Festival of Squash was, courtesy of



the RAC Woodcote Park, a great success with lots of enjoyable and competitive matches played. The Army managed to retain the trophy but were closely pursued by the GB Vets team. It is great that this has, by popular demand, now become a regular feature of the season.

I would have liked to report progress on our plan to spread the doubles game, but this has proved to be a challenge; we have now, however, been able to identify sufficient interest in the South East Region and Robert Smith will be driving an initiative on this front over the next few months.

A Chairman can only be as good as his supporting Committee. We are lucky that we have a strong and hard working Committee who continue to dedicate their time to our Club. I thank them on

behalf of all our members. However, our previous Hon. Match Secretary, David Smith has resigned, and our Hon. Treasurer of eight years, David Garrett, is also standing down. I forget how many times over the last year I have urged our younger members to come forward and serve our club, but so far, this has been of no avail. We are fortunate, however, that we have two willing volunteers to take over key aspects of our club. Nick Markham-David has joined the Committee to take over as Match Secretary, whilst my wife Di Hendry (once a professional book-keeper) has agreed to take over as our Treasurer for a short time. Whilst thanking them both enormously for their willingness to put some of their energies into securing the future of our club, I will observe (in the most respectful way!) that when they join the Committee, our average age will increase! I will continue to urge our younger members to come forward to serve our club in the future.

Your Committee is always working hard to find new blood and energy to run the GB Vets. So please volunteer if you are able to help in any way, perhaps by arranging matches, tours or, indeed, in any way you are willing to contribute to the further development of our Club.

I do believe that, despite the challenging times that squash is going through, our Club is in good heart.

Thanks for all your continued support.

Tom Hendry  
Chairman

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## 53rd AGM REPORT

40 members, including 7 Committee, attended the AGM at Colets, Thames Ditton on Sunday 17th April 2016.

As mentioned in the Chairman's report above a new Hon. Treasurer and Hon. Match Secretary were elected and all

other officers were re-elected.

The Chairman also highlighted the achievements made over the last year, thanked the outgoing and current Committee members for their support and hard work and appealed (again) for

'younger' members to volunteer in any way they can to help in running the Club.

Under AOB the question of including Racketball within GB Vets was raised. Following discussion and a show of hands this idea was rejected.

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## 5 OF KEN DODD'S BEST JOKES

1. I wanted to take the dog to obedience class but it wouldn't go.
2. Five out of three people have trouble understanding fractions.
3. Did you hear about the shrimp that went to the prawn's cocktail party? *He pulled a mussel.*
4. Try shoving an ice-cube down your wife's front at night – *"There's the chest freezer you wanted"*.
5. How many men does it take to change a toilet roll? *Nobody knows – it's never been done before.*



# NATIONAL 'CLOSED' CHAMPIONSHIPS

## Manchester February 10-14 2016

### 5 NATIONAL WINNERS!!

MO55 MARK WOODLIFFE  
MO60 MARK COWLEY  
MO65 PETER SMITH  
MO70 ADRIAN WRIGHT  
WO65 BETT DRYHURST

### 6 FINALISTS!!

MO55 Dermot Hurford  
MO60 Duleep Adhichetty  
MO65 Jim Dougal  
MO70 Mike Clemson  
MO75 Andrew Beeston  
WO50 Mandy Akin  
WO60 Jane Law

### 11 SEMI-FINALISTS

MO50 Darren Withey, Eamonn Price. MO55 Alan Thomson. MO65 Barry Featherstone, Howard Cherlin. MO70 Chris Ansell. MO75 John Shaw, John Woodliffe. WO55 Karen Hume, Lesley Sturgess. WO60 Bett Dryhurst.

## CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL!

# HOME INTERNATIONALS

The following GB Vets members have or are representing their Country in the Home Internationals 2016. A number of members have been represented in more than one age group. Apologies if I have left your name out. Ed.

**MO45** Steve McLoughlin, Andy Normile.

**WO35/40** Sam Mueller.

**WO45** Alison Goy, Bev Vatcher, Lynne Davies.

**MO50** Darren Withey, Raymond Burke MBE.

**WO50** Rachel Woolford, Mandy Akin.

**MO55** Neil Harrison, Mark Woodliffe, Mark Taylor, Ian Bradburn, Alan Thomson.

**WO55** Tammy Bennett, Sarah Howlett, Karen Hume, Lesley Sturgess, Eunice Bond.

**MO60** Stuart Hardy, Duleep Adhichetty, Peter Alexander, Mark Cowley, Jim Dougal, John Rae.

**MO65** Ian Graham, Peter Smith, Leighton Jenkins.

**MO70** Adrian Wright, Chris Ansell, Rod Boswell, Mike Clemson, Brian Hardcastle, Dave Hardern

**MO75** Lance Kinder, Andrew Beeston, John Woodliffe, Brian Phillips, Garry Williams, Alex Richardson, Vinnie Taylor.

At the time of going to press England had won all their matches except MO65 where they came 2nd behind Scotland and MO75 where they came 3rd behind Wales and Scotland.

The **MO50**, **MO70** and **WO50** will be played in Aberdeen 20/21 May.

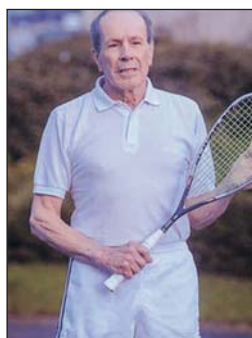
# LANCE KINDER — 80 AND STILL GOING STRONG!

Following an interview with Phillip Wright of England Squash at the Nationals in February an article appeared in the Express under the headline:

*“Meet Britain’s oldest competitive squash player who also hits the gym three times a week”*



Lance with O55 trophy



Lance now



Lance with Phillip Wright (left) & cameraman

*Like to see and know more?* Then follow these links:

Express article: <http://www.express.co.uk/news/uk/644351/Britain-oldest-competitive-squash-player-gym-fitness-health>

England Squash video: <https://youtu.be/47fyY-C1vu0>

# FRIENDLY FIXTURES – RESULTS

FULL MATCH REPORTS AND PICTURES CAN BE FOUND ON OUR WEBSITE



## DORKING – 16th February 2016

Only the everlasting duo of John Woodliffe and Lance Kinder managed to win their doubles match. Graham Chambers and Nigel Belle lost 1/3 and Phil Ayton 0/3.

Thanks to Bob and Harriet Gray for excellent evening.

A Dorking win 3/1.



## ESCORTS – 22nd February 2016

A new fixture played at Finchley Manor well organised by Berge Kay. A tough night. Although all good, hard fought tight matches Dave Leach, Andy Bonner and Peter Young all lost. Only Nigel Belle managed an emphatic win.

An Escorts win 3/1 (although technically 3/2 as Robert Smith's opponent was a no show).



## PURLEY – 18th March 2016

Looking to overturn a loss of 4/1 in 2015 Nick Wise got us off to a good start with a 3/0 win, and then Peter Young won a marathon match against fellow GB Vet Fabio Goriup 3/2. But Adam Rich and Andy Bonner both lost - 1/3 and 0/3 respectively.

A draw 2/2 (although technically a win for the GB Vets as Nigel Belle's opponent had to cry off at the last minute).



## HURLINGHAM – 31st March 2016

A new fixture played in their brand new sports pavilion organised by fellow GB Vet Nick Atkins. The doubles pair of Nigel Belle and Roger Sulley lost to basically a better pair 0/3 although they were 12/10 up in the third. Peter Young and Chris Lowry lost in 3 and Andy Bonner was our only winner.

A Hurlingham win 3/1.



## BEXLEY – 22nd April 2016

A depleted GB Vets team due to illness, injury and unavailability. Andy Bonner, Nigel Belle and Mark Eames all lost in 3 – Mark 8/1 up in the second but lost it 9/10! Nick Wise 0/2 down came back in the 3rd but then lost the 4th 8/10. Only Karen Hume, on excellent form, won 3/1.

A Bexley win 4/1.



## OXSHOTT – 6th May 2016

Another new fixture courtesy of fellow GB Vets Mike Shattock and Rob Butler. A well balanced match – Keith Searle and Dave Leach both winning 3/0, Mark Eames and Fabio Goriup both losing. The doubles pair of Nigel Belle and Roger Sulley needed to win but after a see-saw match lost in the 5th 11/15.

An Oxshott win 3/2 (although on 'games won' it was 9/9!).



# MEMBERSHIP NEWS

## NEW MEMBERS

We warmly welcome the following new members who have joined since the last Newsletter published in February 2016.

Paul Clarke	–	Clements
Joe Collett	–	The Bourne Club
Bedford Lloyd	–	The Bourne Club
John O'Dell	–	Reigate
John Rae	–	Bridge of Aran
Kevin Osborough	–	Camberley
Alan White	–	Market Harborough
Jacqui Kinder	–	–
Paul Temple	–	Colets
Vittorio Vanloo	–	Colets
Raymond Burke MBE	–	Leyburn

## 'LOST' MEMBERS

Surely someone must know the whereabouts of one of the members below? If you do please contact the Hon. Secretary.

Alf Barker	John Barton	John Dover
Terry Farrington	John Grieve	Tim Higginson
T. Peter Jones	Robert McIntosh	Geoffrey Mortimer

## GB VETS GOLF DAY

Following the success of last year's event this will be repeated on **MONDAY 26th SEPTEMBER**. Bacon Rolls and Coffee 12.00. Surbiton Golf Club, KT9 1UG. Book NOW to avoid disappointment! Entry Form from Geoff Howes (H) 020 8224 3873 (M) 07836 335494

## GLEN RAGOU

Whilst never a GB Vets member Glen will be well known to many of you. After a long fight with cancer he died last December at the age of just 47. There is to be an annual tournament in his memory, where a Masters team from the 'North' will play a Masters team from the 'South'. The organisers are hoping for 50 players per team. The first annual event will be held on Saturday 13th August 2016 at Sutton Coldfield Squash Club. More information and anyone interested in playing should contact Alison Goy at [alisongoy@hotmail.com](mailto:alisongoy@hotmail.com)

## CLUB SHOP – ON LINE

Don't forget you can now (only) buy Club merchandise on line. Not only are the usual items – polo and tee shirts – available but now also shorts and warm-up jackets. Go to [www.iprosports.co.uk](http://www.iprosports.co.uk) click on the 'Club Zone', scroll down and click on the GB Vets logo and then follow the instructions! *Exception:* Lamb's wool v neck pullovers are bought from a different supplier. For information on these and to order contact the Hon. Secretary Nigel Belle.

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS 2016/17

### BRITISH OPEN MASTERS

Colets, Thames Ditton 1-5 June

### GB VETS GOLF DAY

Surbiton Golf Club 26 September

### GLEN RAGOU CUP

Sutton Coldfield 13 August

### WORLD MASTERS

Johannesburg SA 23-30 September

### GB VETS FESTIVAL OF SQUASH

RAC Woodcote Park 6 November

### MASTERS REGIONAL EVENTS

East	Bury St. Edmunds	2-4 September
North	Pontefract	21-23 October
West	Vivo Bristol	25-27 November
North West	Stockport	16-18 December
Midlands	Coventry	6-8 Jan 2017
South	Winchester	27-29 January

# OBITUARIES

## TONY CLAYDON



It is very sad to report that Tony Claydon died peacefully in his sleep of pancreatic cancer this February. Tony became a GB Vet in 1997 and for 20 years or so was also very involved with Civil Service Squash having spent an active and successful career in both the Navy and Army. It was little surprise that his lifestyle would produce a squash player who could 'mix it' with the best! He has represented the Gloucestershire County Squash team in various age groups and has played in the Civil Service Representative team in numerous fixtures.

Tony was our Hon. Match Secretary from 1998/9 to 2001/2 and was always a very keen willing player who played against many Clubs including Camberley, Sandhurst, Chichester, Lee-on-Solent to name but a few. He also went on many tours the latest one to York.

Tony was however more than just another great player – he was undoubtedly a great bloke. His competitive nature on court was always tempered by his acute sense of fair play, his sense of humour was always evident, he was reliable and a good friend and companion to so many.

Tony will be sadly missed but not forgotten.

## DAVID VAUGHAN



Late last year, David Vaughan passed away in his 90th year...

David had been a member and loyal supporter of the Great Britain Veterans Club since 1973.

His squash career went back long enough to involve some great names from the past: He won squash blues at Oxford, playing alongside the likes of Collin Haycraft, Glyn Evans, and Lawrence Verney. At club level, he played at the RAC, Hurlingham, South Kensington (including regular battles with Leonard Rossiter), and Richmond amongst others. He was an elegant and gifted player who, amongst many of his other titles, won the original British Amateur Veteran's championship for two years.

David was also thrilled to be introduced to real tennis in the late 1970's. In no time, he mastered that game. So much so indeed, that he won World Over 60's Singles title in Australia in 1990. He claimed this was only because he was slightly less incapacitated than the rest of the field!

Throughout all of his sporting career, there was one club which he loved possibly more than any other which was the Jesters Club, of which he was a member for 65 years, sitting on its committee for most of them and serving first as Chairman and then as President until just before his death. He was the doyen of the club representing it for many years at both squash and real tennis, touring with them abroad to the States, Canada and South Africa; David also, with wife Jane, hosted many overseas Jesters' teams at their house in Fulham in their gracious and inimitable way.

Taking my cue from Robert Dolman's fine speech\* at a subsequent Thanksgiving Service for David: *we are sad you are no longer with us but you would not want us to be sad for long. We shall remember you, all of us in our separate ways and cherish the wonderful memories we have of you, our much-loved dear friend.*

Tom Hendry

\* Special thanks to Robert now President of the Jesters.

## JAMES CUNNINGTON

James died on 30th January 2016 aged 79. A member since 1992 he was still playing squash until late 2014.