



# The Veterans Squash Rackets Club of Great Britain

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## SPRING 2017 NEWSLETTER

This year's finals were again held at Colets in Thames Ditton over the weekend 1/2 April. The Club has had a major refurbishment of the changing rooms since we were last there and once again we were well looked after.

This year's entries were up in number in some categories, especially the Non-County events which seems to be proving more and more popular, but unfortunately down in most of the doubles events. Something we must try and address next year.

The squash was of a very high standard, with newcomer **Jonathan Gliddon** winning the O'45 event which was run as a round robin, and with his partner **Andy Normile** winning the O'45 doubles. **Darren Withey** won the O'50 and **Laurence Molke** the O'55 event. An all Colets final in the O'60 saw **Dave Clarke** beat **Stuart Hardy** 3-1 and in the O'65 final the current British O'70 holder and our President **Phil Ayton** beat his old adversary and friend **Howard Cherlin**.

**Leighton Jenkins** won the O'70 and new member **Brian Rand** beat **Brian Phillips** in the O'75. In the most senior age event those two old stagers went through their warm up routines and once again took to the stage to do

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*Brian Phillips receiving the Norman Hunt Trophy from Chairman Tom Hendry.*

battle with the holder **Lance Kinder** triumphing over **John Woodliffe** then joining forces to win the O'75 doubles.

There were wins for **Tariq Mushtaq** and **Stuart Harland** in the Non-County events and an all Colets team of **Dave Clarke** and **Alan Thomson** won the O'55 doubles. **Geoff Howes** and **Aubrey Waddy** won the O'65 doubles for the 3rd time and **Paul Ventham** and **James Dubois** from The RAC won the O'70 doubles.

The Ladies events were contested by **Keely Johnson** and **Sam Mueller** in the lower age group with Keely winning 3-1. The other group was played as a Round-robin with **Rachel Woolford** emerging victorious. **Karen Hume** and Keely won the Ladies doubles.

The Norman Hunt Trophy was awarded to **Brian Phillips**. I noticed that he won his first Title in the O'50 event in 1990.

There was a good attendance for the weekend from spectators, old friends and members of the Club alike, who whilst no longer playing at a competitive level still come and support.

After the formalities of the AGM and prize giving the traditional buffet was replaced by a hot meal and complimentary wine. Perhaps one reason the AGM is so well attended.

Geoff Howes  
Tournament Director



*Members at the 54th AGM*

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# COMPLETE 2017 TOURNAMENT RESULTS

## NON COUNTY

### EVENT

O/55/65 Singles Plate  
O55/65 Singles  
O65 Plate  
O65 Singles

### RUNNER-UP

Alan Leffen  
Sam Balsdon  
Andy Hartley  
Philip Courtney-Luck

### WINNER(S)

Stephen Pusey  
Tariq Mushtaq  
Keith Hews  
Stuart Harland

## MAIN TOURNAMENT

### EVENT

O/80 Singles (Averil Murphy Trophy) John Woodliffe  
O/75 Doubles (Kinder/Woodliffe Cup) Brian Phillips & George Aplin  
O/75 Plate Graham Edwards  
O/75 Singles (Howell Cup) Brian Phillips  
O/70 Doubles (Leo Melville Trophy) Nigel Belle & Syd Spittle  
O/70 Plate Syd Spittle  
O/70 Singles (Pellew Salver) John Odell  
O/65 Doubles Plate Tony Wheeler & Leighton Jenkins  
O/65 Doubles (Burch Trophy) Ali McMeckan & Roger Sulley  
O/65 Plate Andy Hartley  
O/65 Singles (Perkins/Dengel Cup) Howard Cherlin  
O/60 Plate Robin Mace  
O/60 Singles (Burch Salver) Stuart Hardy  
O/55 Doubles Plate Ali McMeckan & Ray Lanagan  
O/55 Doubles (Warlingham Decanters) Stephen Pusey & Alan Leffen  
O/55 Plate Chris Lowry  
O/55 Singles (Walrond Cup) Mark Taylor  
Ladies O/50 3rd Round Robin Nick Sheppard  
Ladies O/50 Singles (Keith White Trophy) Karen Hume  
O/50 Plate Nick Sheppard  
O/50 Singles (President's Cup) Nick Dart  
Ladies Doubles (Belle Salver) Rachel Woolford & Sarah Howlett  
O/45 Doubles Plate Mark Eames & Brian Butterworth  
O/45 Doubles (Edwardes/Berman Trophy) Cliff Martindale & Andy Murray  
Ladies O/40 Singles (Gathercole Trophy) Sam Mueller  
O/45 Singles 3rd Round Robin  
O/45 Singles (Breakwell/Fisk Salver) Jeremy Krzystyniak  
THE NORMAN HUNT TROPHY  
THE BURRELL TROPHY 2017 Not awarded

### RUNNER-UP

### WINNER(S)

Lance Kinder  
Lance Kinder & John Woodliffe  
Vinnie Taylor  
Brian Rand  
James Dubois & Paul Ventham  
Ray Illingworth  
Leighton Jenkins  
John Wild & John Odell  
Geoff Howes & Aubrey Waddy  
Keith Hews  
Philip Ayton  
Martin Miller  
Dave Clarke  
Chris Lowry & Nick Atkins  
Dave Clarke & Alan Thomson  
Nick Atkins  
Laurence Molke  
Sarah Howlett  
Rachel Woolford  
David Parker  
Darren Withey  
Karen Hume & Keeley Johnson  
Stephen Pusey & Alan Leffen  
Jonathan Gliddon & Andy Normile  
Keeley Johnson  
Andy Normile  
Jonathan Gliddon  
Brian Phillips

## MARKERS/REFEREES

Dean Clayton  
Robert Smith

Mike Halpin  
Geoff Howes

Nigel Belle  
Tom Hendry

## WORLD MASTERS GOLD MEDAL WINNERS SPECIAL PRIZES

O80  
O75  
O55

Malcolm Gilham  
Adrian Wright  
Karen Hume



# SINGLES PICTURES

ALL THESE PICTURES AND MORE CAN BE FOUND ON OUR WEBSITE

## NON-COUNTY



*Tariq Mushtaq O55/65 Winner*



*Stuart Harland O65 Winner*

## MAIN



*Andy Normile 3rd,  
Jeremy Krzystyniak RU,  
Jonathan Gliddon Winner*



*Keeley Johnson Ladies O40 Winner*



*Darren Withey O50 Winner*



*Karen Hume RU,  
Rachel Woolford Winner Ladies O50*



*Laurence Molke O55 Winner*



*Dave Clarke O60 Winner*



*Howard Cherlin RU,  
Philip Ayton O65 Winner*



*Leighton Jenkins Winner,  
John Odell RU O70*



*Brian Rand Winner,  
Brian Phillips RU O75*

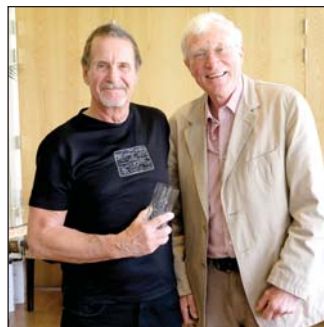


*John Woodliffe RU,  
Lance Kinder Winner O80*

## NON-COUNTY PLATE



*Stephen Pusey O55/65 Plate Winner*



*Keith Hews O65 Plate Winner*

## MAIN PLATE



*Nick Atkins O55 Plate Winner*



*Martin Miller O60 Plate Winner*



*Keith Hews O65 Plate Winner*



*Ray Illingworth O70 Plate Winner*



*Vinnie Taylor O75 Plate Winner*



*Vinnie Taylor receiving the 2016  
Norman Hunt Trophy*



# DOUBLES RESULTS



045 Andy Murray & Cliff Martindale RU & Andy Normile & Jonathan Gliddon Winners



Ladies Keeley Johnson & Karen Hume Winners & Rachel Woolford & Sarah Howlett RU



055 Dave Clarke (L) & Alan Thomson (3rd L) Winners & Stephen Pusey (R) & Alan Leffen



065 Aubrey Waddy & Geoff Howes Winners & Ali McMeekan & Roger Sulley RU

## DOUBLE PLATE WINNERS



070 James Dubois & Paul Venham (missing) Winners & Nigel Belle & Syd Spittle (missing)



075 George Aplin (L) & Brian Phillips (R) RU & John Woodliffe & Lance Kinder (middle) Winners



045 Stephen Pusey & Alan Leffen Winners

## MARKERS



055 Nick Atkins & Chris Lowry



065 John Wild & John Odell



Mike Halpin, Tom Hendry, Nigel Belle, Robert Smith, Geoff Howes

## SPECIAL AWARDS

World Masters  
2016 Gold Medal  
Winners



Karen Hume

Karen Hume O55,  
Adrian Wright O75  
Malcolm Gilham O80



# MORE WEEKEND PICTURES

## SEMIS & FINALS



*Dave Clarke vs Steve Jackson*



*Tariq Mushtaq vs Terry Whiter*



*Ray Illingworth vs Syd Spittle*



*Vinnie Taylor vs Graham Edwards*



*Brian Rand vs Brian Phillips*



*Martin Miller vs Robin Mace*



*Nick Atkins vs Chris Lowry*



*Dave Clarke vs Stuart Hardy*



*Sam Mueller vs Keeley Johnson*



*David Weston vs Jeremy Krzystyniak*



*Darren Withey vs Nick Dart*



*Phil Ayton vs Howard Cherlin*

## APRES SQUASH



*Bronstein, Rand, Lady*



*Sulley, Johnson, McMeekan*



*Markham-David, Culver, Krzystyniak*



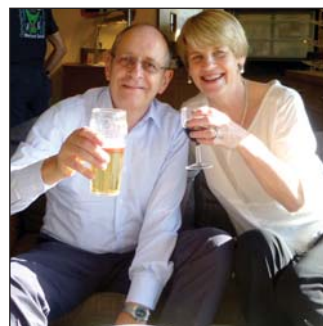
*Gordon Coulthard*



*Thomson, Clarke*



*Halpin, Howes*



*Smithumes*



*Woolford, Howlett*

# CHAIRMAN'S REPORT 2016-17

**I am delighted to report that your club is in good heart. Our finances are stable with a strong balance sheet. We continue to make encouraging progress in both our membership numbers and our outreach to all parts of the United Kingdom. We have recently had new members join from as far afield as West Yorkshire and Plymouth! We would be delighted to have more contact with Scotland and Wales.**

There was a significant rule change at the AGM in April, when the members voted overwhelmingly to reduce the eligible age for joining the GB Vets from 45 to 40 for men and 40 to 35 for ladies. This enables us to extend membership to a wider range of players who may not aspire to play at County and Masters level, but do want to continue to play in an active middle age and beyond! We have already extended the range of categories in our popular Club Tournament to include "non-County players" with great success; we will continue to widen this initiative.

We are, however, still struggling to add new friendlies to our fixture list, although we have succeeded in reenergising some previous favourites. This year has also seen further strengthening of the traditional weekends in Ireland and York;



the Festival of Squash, which has now become a popular annual event in November, has joined these. There are areas, however, that we still retain ambition to move forward on- they include the strengthening of the game (including doubles) outside of the South East, and overseas tours.

We were delighted that a number of our members played in the 2016 World Masters in South Africa. We congratulate all the players and especially mark the achievements of Karen Hume, Adrian Wright and Malcolm Gilham who won Gold medals. Congratulations also go to all our members who continue to excel in Regional and National Masters events.

There are, however, clouds on the

horizon. The sport that we all love is in decline, with the ability of the current England Squash organisation to move squash forward at all levels increasingly in doubt. Your Committee will continue to monitor the situation in the coming months. We have had a number of informal discussions with members of the Masters' Committee and will continue to do so. We will look to play an active role in defending and developing the Masters/Veterans game for the future.

Do please encourage new players to join. All standards are welcome and will be catered for. Please download an application form from our website and pass it on to potential members.

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 joining our Committee, arranging matches, tours or, indeed, in any way you are willing to contribute to the further development of our Club.

There is much to look forward to with the British Open Masters at Colets Club on 6th-11th June, the York Tour in July, the European Masters in Poland in August and the 5th Annual Festival of Squash at the RAC Woodcote Park, Epsom in early November.

Have a great summer, keep fit and continue to enjoy your squash!

Tom Hendry  
Chairman

## RECENT FRIENDLY FIXTURES – RESULTS

FULL MATCH REPORTS AND PICTURES CAN BE FOUND ON OUR WEBSITE

<u>DATE</u>	<u>OPPOSITION</u>	<u>RESULT</u>
<b>16th February</b> Alan Boulden, Ash Chakraborty, David Parker, Graham Chambers, John Woodliffe, Lance Kinder	<b>Dorking</b>	<b>Lost 2/3</b>
<b>27th February</b> Nick Dart, Keeley Johnson, Andy Bonner, Peter Young, Robert Smith	<b>Escorts</b>	<b>Won 3/2</b>
<b>28th February</b> Alan Boulden, Ash Chakraborty, David Parker, Ron Walker, John Woodliffe, Lance Kinder	<b>Camberley</b>	<b>Won 3/2</b>
<b>17th March</b> Adam Rich, Dan Sweeney, Peter Young, Robert Smith, Nigel Belle	<b>Purley</b>	<b>Lost 2/3</b>
<b>21st March</b> Chris Goodbourn, Ash Chakraborty, Tariq Mushtaq, Chris Lowry, Ron Walker	<b>RAC Pall Mall</b>	<b>Lost 0/5</b>
<b>30th March</b> Andy Bonner, Ash Chakraborty, Peter Young, Nigel Belle, Chris Lowry	<b>Hurlingham</b>	<b>Draw 2/2</b>
<b>13th April</b> Mike Stewart, Dave Smith, David Parker, Graham Jolly, Nigel Belle, John Woodliffe, Lance Kinder	<b>Ashtead</b>	<b>Won 4/2</b>



# MARTIN PEARSE

## *The Masters' Master*

MARTIN PEARSE founded England Squash Masters in 2004. Previously, Eric Cruttenden, a GB Vets member since 1975, had been in charge of selecting the Home International Teams, at O45 and O55 level, mainly from London players.

It was Martin who initiated the first O50 Home Internationals in 1997. As he was organiser and Captain of the GB Vets (all England players only) teams from 1996 to South Africa, it was logical for him with his contacts, to start the ball rolling.

In the last 13 years, England Squash Masters has become by far the leading Masters Group in the World.

Martin himself, has played for England every year since 1997, missing one year through injury and one through non-selection and has many records under his belt. First person to win 6 County Titles in one season, winner of the National O45 Club Championship with his beloved Leicester SRC, which his Father built in 1936. Martin played nearly 500 matches for Leicester until he left in 1982, returning occasionally to play in age group matches.

Clubs he has played for are: Leicester, Abbeydale, Kettering, Stamford, Old Wellingburians, Escorts, New Grampians, Cromer, West Norfolk, Lakenham, East Anglia, North Norfolk, Lenwade. Over 1,000 matches with an impressive win record of well over 75%. He played for Leicestershire 1st V at Senior level



*'Martin at the Jesters Tournament RAC Pall Mall 2017'*

over 100 times and for Norfolk at age group level exactly 102 times with 83 wins and 34 Norfolk titles, in his 26th years living at Sheringham.

His best result was the 10/9 10/9 9/0 win over Tony Martin of South Africa in the World Team O45 Final in Johannesburg in 1997 and he has won National Titles in Ireland x 2 (45), Scotland (45), Hungary (50/55), Switzerland (35), Germany x 3 (50) and European Masters 2008, European O60 in 2009 and 2

World medals, a Silver (60) and 2006 (70) and a Bronze in 2016 in Cape Town & Johannesburg. Plus 7 Regionals, District Titles and a number of Club titles.

Martin is also a formidable cricket player. He founded Seniors cricket in 2008 which has gone from strength to strength and now easily surpasses all opposition, consistently beating their main rivals, Australia. He has captained England 12 times vs Australia at 60 and 70 age groups and has many records to his name.

He has many varied interests: his company, MCP Motorsport, was the initiator for depreciation proof supercars and 98% of his stock sold over the last 20 years, has more than doubled in price.

Family wise he has been married to Jane since 1983 and has 3 children, Jack 34, Jo 33 and Laura 29, the latter being a talented portrait artist.

His memoirs, which include many hilarious sporting and non sporting escapades, are being written up as he prepares for the next chapter of his life – Masters Sport UK which is an umbrella organisation representing 40 Masters Sports, - to be turned into one large brand name for the benefit of the organisations themselves, plus, their individual members, a bit like a Sporting Saga!

*Martin, having just turned 70, clearly has many years of squash and cricket left in him and we wish him good luck and fortune in his new venture. Editor.*

## HOME INTERNATIONALS

The following GB Vets members have or are representing their Country in the Home Internationals 2017. A number of members have been represented in more than one age group. Congratulations to all! Apologies if I have left your name out. Ed.

<b>WO35/40</b>	Keeley Johnson	<b>MO45</b>	Jonathan Gliddon, Andy Normile, Andy Murray
<b>WO45</b>	Alison Goy	<b>MO50</b>	Steve McLoughlin, Eamonn Price
<b>MO55</b>	*	<b>WO55</b>	*
<b>MO60</b>	Mark Cowley, Steve Johnson, Stuart Hardy, John Rae, Jim Dougal		
<b>MO65</b>	Ian Graham, Peter Smith, Aubrey Waddy, John Rae, Jim Dougal		
<b>MO70</b>	Chris Goodbourn, Adrian Wright, Martin Pearse, Roger Booker, Myron Evans, Leighton Jenkins, Brian Phillips, Garry Williams, Ken Reid.		
<b>MO75</b>	*		

*\*Being played over the weekend 19/20 May*

**NEW MEMBERS**

We warmly welcome the following new members who have joined since the last Newsletter published in February 2017:

- Ron Walker – Uxbridge
- Martin Grayshon – Chapel Allerton SRC Leeds
- John Hings – Numerous
- Brian Rand – Colets, Thames Ditton
- Dan Binns – Sports Direct, Salisbury
- Graham Jolly – Camberley
- Brian Butterworth – Bromley Cricket Club

**‘LOST’ MEMBERS**

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

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

**2017/8 HANDBOOK**

Have you recently changed your address, email or telephone number? A new members Handbook will be printed in a few months time so please let the Hon.Sec have your amended details asap & pdq, thank you.

**IMPORTANT RULE CHANGE**

At the AGM in April the members overwhelmingly voted to lower the eligible age for joining the GB Vets Club from 45 to 40 for Men and from 40 to 35 for Ladies. There were only a couple of dissenting voices at the AGM and a similar number from social media, so clearly the members welcomed this rule change. This will now enable us to extend membership to a wider range of players who may not aspire to play at County and Masters level, but who wish to continue playing friendly and enjoyable competitive matches.

**OBITUARY**

It is with sadness we report that Tony Collins died on 1st March 2017. Tony joined the Club in 1980 so had been a member for 37 years – a great achievement! Our condolences go to his family especially his wife Margaret.

**2017/8 FIXTURES**

The Chairman, in his report, noted that we are still struggling to add new friendly matches to our fixture list. Could I please ask playing members, especially those who have recently joined, to consider hosting a team to play for your Club against a GB Vets team. Once established these matches are always great competitive enjoyable fun. If you would like to discuss the implications and mechanics of such a match please contact the Hon. Sec Nigel Belle or the Hon. Match Sec Nick Markham-David.

**COLIN PAYNE UPDATE**

You may remember that we reported, towards the end of last year, the sudden death of Colin at the age of just 54. He had been a member since 2008, was the men’s O50 National Squash Champion in 2016 and was a former Professional player on the PSA World Tour. He won the Kent Championships 5 times and represented his County on more than 100 occasions.

At the time his death was being linked to a murder inquiry. As we go to press I can report that the trial is now in progress. The Times of 10th May reported ‘Boy killed stepfather with one punch during row’.

The boy is Douglas Herridge, now 18, the son of Ina Herridge who had been living with Colin since August 2014. Mr Herridge denies murder and an alternative charge of manslaughter saying he did it in self defence. The trial continues. Ed.

**FORTHCOMING EVENTS 2017/18**

**BRITISH OPEN**

Colets, Thames Ditton 6-11 June 2017

**GLEN RAGOU CUP**

Sutton Coldfield 9 September

**GB VETS GOLF DAY**

Surbiton 11 September

**MASTERS REGIONAL EVENTS**

East East Anglia Squash Club 22-24 September

North Pontefract 13-15 October

Midlands Edgbaston Priory 10-12 November

South Winchester 1-3 December

West Exeter Golf & Country Club 5-7 January 2018

North West Grove Park, Stockport 26-28 January

**EUROPEAN MASTERS**

Wroclaw, Poland 28 Aug – 2 Sept 2017

**WORLD MASTERS**

Charlottesville, Virginia, USA 29 July – 4 Aug 2018

**SQUASH REDUCES RISK OF DEATH BY 47%!**

Playing squash, tennis and badminton is the best way to reduce the risk of suddenly dying, a study has found. The study, which looked at the impact of different sports on health of people found swimming cut the risk of death by 28%, aerobics by 27% and cycling by 15%.

Interestingly, it discovered that taking part in running and jogging, or football and rugby did not have a significant effect on cutting the chance of death. The study was based on 11 annual health surveys for England and Scotland from between 1994 and 2008.

The study, in the British Journal of Sports Medicine, aimed to quantify the impact of six different sports on the odds of beating death. It examined 80,306 adults over 30.

**So keep playing all you GB Vets members!!**

**OLD ENOUGH TO KNOW BETTER – YOUNG ENOUGH NOT TO CARE**

If you are finding ageing hard to swallow – just add more gin! Inside every older person is a younger person wondering what the hell happened.

If you obey all the rules, you miss all the fun. **KATHERINE HEPBURN**

The secret of staying young is to live honestly, eat slowly and lie about your age. **LUCILLE BALL**

I have the body of an 18 year old. I keep it in the fridge. **SPIKE MILLIGAN**

The bonus of getting older is alcohol can be regarded as medicinal!

You know you are getting older when ‘happy hour’ is a nap.

Growing old is compulsory growing up is optional. **BOB MONKHOUSE**

I’m at an age where my back goes out more than I do.