



The Veterans Squash Rackets Club of Great Britain

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SPRING 2018 NEWSLETTER

TOURNAMENT REPORT 2018 FINALS WEEKEND COLETS 28/29 APRIL

Once again the GB Vets descended en masse to Colets in Thames Ditton for the finals of the Club Championships. As always we received a warm welcome from what many consider to be one of the best venues in the country for squash events.

Although the numbers of entries this year were about normal, there were an unfortunate quantity of injuries that reduced the actual amount of squash that was played.

The squash that was played though was of a very high standard, with victory in the O'45 event for **Jeremy Krzystyniak**. **Nick Dart** won the O'50 and **Laurence Molke** again the O'55 event. An all Colets final in the O'60 saw **Dillwyn Rosser** win for the first time and in the O'65 final the current British Masters Open O'65 Champion **Steve Jackson** narrowly beat **Howard Cherlin**, who has turned 70.

Stuart Harland won the O'70 and with last year's winner **Brian Rand** injured, **Brian Phillips** returned to the winners platform in the O'75. The long running competition between **John Woodliffe** and **Lance Kinder** continued in the O'80 category, with John coming out on top this time. Together they make a formidable doubles team, having won a total of 23 doubles events starting in 1992 and winning again this year in the O'75 event.

Kevin Laughton travelled all the way from Hull on Sunday morning to win the



Honorary Treasurer Honoured. Di Hendry receiving The Burrell Trophy from President Phil Ayton



Mike Halpin receiving the Norman Hunt Trophy

semi-final, then the final in the Non-County 55-64 age group, with **Sam Balsdon** winning the 65+ Category.

In the doubles events **Graham Hooper & Darren Gray** won the O'45, **Mark Taylor & Chris Harland** the O'50, both first time winners, with **Alistair**

McMeckan & Roger Sulley regaining their title in the O'65. **Geoff Howes** and **Aubrey Waddy** moving up an age group, won the O'70 beating last year's winners **Paul Ventham** and **James Dubois** from the RAC.

The Ladies competitions were played as round robin events. **Keeley Johnson** winning the lower age group, with **Karen Hume** winning the older. **Karen Hume** and **Mandy Akin** won the Ladies doubles, beating Keeley and **Rachel Woolford** 3-2.

Di Hendry agreed to act as our temporary treasurer when **David Garrett** stood down to concentrate on his Padel project. She is still doing the job and for this was awarded the Burrell Trophy.

Without one group the finals weekend would not work and they are the markers. A number of members filled in so that almost all games had a marker. However, one member who travelled all the way from Edinburgh, marked almost continually over the weekend. For this **Mike Halpin** was awarded the Norman Hunt Trophy.

It was good to see so many old friends get together over the weekend to support the players and equally importantly the club, of which some have been members for over 35 years.

A well attended AGM and prize giving was followed by a traditional buffet and complementary wine. I look forward to seeing many of you during the course of next season and hope that we may encourage even more entrants next year.

Geoff Howes
Tournament Director

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COMPLETE 2018 TOURNAMENT RESULTS

NON COUNTY

EVENT

O55/64 Singles Plate
 O55/64 Singles (The Hendry Jug)
 O65 Singles Plate
 O65 Singles (The Robert Smith & Karen Hume Salver)

RUNNER-UP

Nick Atkins
 James Dubois

WINNER(S)

David Parker
 Kevin Laughton
 Andy Hartley
 Sam Balsdon

MAIN TOURNAMENT

EVENT

O80 Singles (Averil Murphy Trophy)
 O75 Doubles (Kinder/Woodliffe Cup)
 O75 Singles (Howell Cup)
 O70 Doubles Plate
 O70 Doubles (Leo Melville Trophy)
 O70 Plate
 O70 Singles (Pellew Salver)
 O65 Doubles (Burch Trophy)
 O65 Plate
 O65 Singles (Perkins/Dengel Cup)
 O60 Plate
 O60 Singles (Burch Salver)
 O55 Doubles Plate
 O55 Doubles (Warlingham Decanters)
 O55 Plate
 O55 Singles (Walrond Cup)
 Ladies O50 Singles (Keith White Trophy)
 O50 Singles (President's Cup)
 Ladies Doubles (Belle Salver)
 O45 Doubles (Edwardes/Berman Trophy)
 Ladies O40 Singles (Gathercole Trophy)
 O45 Singles (Breakwell/Fisk Salver)
 The Burrell Trophy 2018
 The Norman Hunt Trophy

RUNNER-UP

Lance Kinder
 Brian Phillips & George Aplin
 Brian Dobson
 James Dubois & Paul Ventham
 James Dubois
 Robert Smith & Ian Smith
 Howard Cherlin
 Stuart Hardy
 Dave Clarke & Alan Thomson
 Nick Peel
 Kim Ricks
 Nick Sheppard
 Rachel Woolford & Keeley Johnson
 Stephen Pusey & Alan Leffen
 Mandy Akin
 Richard Winter

WINNER(S)

John Woodliffe
 Lance Kinder & John Woodliffe
 Brian Phillips
 Nigel Belle & Robert Smith
 Geoff Howes & Aubrey Waddy
 Brian Dobson
 Stuart Harland
 Ali McMeckan & Roger Sulley
 Philip Courtenay-Luck
 Steve Jackson
 Chris Lowry
 Dillwyn Rosser
 Stephen Pusey & Alan Leffen
 Mark Taylor & Chris Harland
 Tariq Mushtaq
 Laurence Molke
 Karen Hume
 Nick Dart
 Karen Hume & Mandy Akin
 Graham Hooper & Darren Gray
 Keeley Johnson
 Jeremy Krzystyniak
 Diana Hendry
 Mike Halpin

MARKERS/REFEREES



Sam Balsdon, Robert Smith, Nick Peel, Mike Halpin, Dillwyn Rosser, Nick Sheppard, Nigel Belle.





SINGLES PICTURES

NON-COUNTY



Nick Atkins 055-64 RU



065 Andy Hartley Plate Winner, Sam Balsdon Winner, James Dubois RU



Kevin Laughton 055-64 Winner

MAIN



080 Lance Kinder RU, John Woodliffe Winner



075 Brian Phillips Winner, Philip Ayton President



Ladies 040 Keeley Johnson Winner, Mandy Akin RU



070 Stuart Harland Winner, James Dubois RU



065 Steve Jackson Winner, Howard Cherlin RU



060 Dillwyn Rossewr Winner, Stuart Hardy RU



055 Tariq Mushtaq Plate Winner



055 Nick Peel RU, Laurence Molke Winner



Ladies 050 Karen Hume Winner



050 Nick Dart Winner, Nick Sheppard RU



060 Chris Lowry plate winner



065 Philip Courtenay-Luck Plate Winner. Presented by Jane Belle



045 Richard Winter RU, Jeremy Krzystyniak Winner





DOUBLES RESULTS



075 Doubles **George Aplin & Brian Phillips** RU,
Lance Kinder & John Woodliffe Winners



075 Doubles Plate Winners
Robert Smith & Nigel Belle



055 Doubles **Chris Harland & Mark Taylor** Winners,
Alan Thomson & Dave Clarke RU



070 Doubles **Geoff Howes & Aubrey Waddy** Winners,
James Dubois & Paul Ventham (missing) RU



065 Doubles **Roger Sulley**
& **Ali McMeckan** Winners



Ladies Doubles **Rachel Woolford & Keeley Johnson** RU,
Karen Hume & Mandy Akin Winners



055 Doubles Plate Winners,
Alan Leffen & Steve Pusey



045 Doubles **Alan Leffen**
& **Steve Pusey** RU

**MORE
WEEKEND
PICTURES**



Smith, Waddy, Ayton & Hume



Andy Hartley



Lance Kinder
& **Mike Halpin**



Woolford, Johnson & Sulley



Mandy Akin & Mum



Nick Sheppard & Nick Peel



Chris Howes & Jane Belle



James Dubois
& **Geoff Howes**



George Aplin
& **Brian Phillips**



Andy Hartley
& **Chris Ansell**



Gordon Coulthard





GDPR

(GENERAL DATA PROTECTION REGULATION)

PRIVACY NOTICE FOR OUR MEMBERS

As you may well be aware, from May 25th 2018 organisations, such as The Veterans Squash Rackets Club of Great Britain, which process personal data, must comply with new EU rules known as GDPR.

These rules replace those contained in the 1998 Data Protection Act. It strengthens the security of personal information and reinforces the obligations of those who hold it.

We, the Committee of The Veterans Squash Rackets Club of Great Britain, have appointed a Data Protection Officer (DPO)

and have produced a detailed Privacy Notice which can be viewed on our website – see details below.

This explains how we may use personal information we collect before, during and after your membership with us.

It applies to you if you have registered to become or are an existing member of our Club. This explains how we must comply with the law on data protection, what your rights are and how we will protect your personal information.

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- 1. We are committed to respecting your privacy and the confidentiality of your personal information,**
- 2. We will keep your details safe and secure,**
- 3. We will never pass your details onto a third party,**
- 4. The Club's detailed Privacy Notice can be viewed on the Home Page of our website – www.gbvs.co.uk**
- 5. In the event of any query, comment or complaint in connection with the information we hold about you please email, write or telephone:**

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55th AGM & REPORT

The 55th AGM of the Club took place at Colets at 15.25 on the 29th April 2018 before the presentation of prizes/trophies and the buffet supper.

51 members attended which included our President, 6 Committee members and 3 Vice Presidents – Lance Kinder, Tony McStravick and John Woodliffe.

The formal items on the Agenda were dealt with quickly and effectively – approval of last year's minutes, matters arising and the Club's 2017 a/c's, the latter continues to show our finances to be in good health.

The Chairman delivered his report, which covered our early beginnings up to our 55th year – Emerald Anniversary, our strengths, our aspirations, particularly regarding friendly matches, a doubles tournament, recruiting 'younger' members

and urging members to come forward and serve the Club.

He thanked all Committee members who continue to dedicate their time and energy for the Club, in particular Di Hendry, Geoff Howes and Nigel Belle.

He welcomed Nick Sheppard onto the Committee – all last year's members were re-elected.

The future role of our Hon. Match Secretary and various AOB points were discussed. He ended by thanking all for their continued support.

The full Chairman's report and detailed minutes of the AGM will appear on the website in due course.

The President thanked all for attending and closed the meeting at 16.05.





RECENT 'FRIENDLY' MATCHES

THE BOURNE, FARNHAM

Stiff opposition here. Hard fought matches by **Kevin Osborough, Dave Parker, Neil Davies** and **Graham Jolly** all regrettably did not produce a win. Graham unfortunately had to retire, from a winning position, with a hamstring injury. **Dave**



14th MARCH 2018

LOST 1-5

Smith, Match Manager, had a good match vs fellow GB Vet, **Steve Jackson**, but lost 1/3. It was only the evergreen duo of **Lance Kinder & John Woodliffe** who battled away for a win. Match lost but lasagne eating contest after the match, won!

HURLINGHAM CLUB

A very mature and experienced GB Vets team, with an average age of 68, just managed to lose 2/3. A win by National O65 National Champion, **John Goodrich** at No.1 was followed by losses – **Ash Chakraborty** and **Bryan Francis** 1/3 and **Ron**

16th MARCH 2018

LOST 2-3

Walker 0/3. It was the masterful duo of **Lance Kinder & John Woodliffe** who managed to win 3/2 in the doubles. The usual superb hospitality of the Hurlingham Club ended a most enjoyable evening.

FITZWILLIAM CLUB, DUBLIN

This year the match took place at the Roehampton Club. **Alan Thomson** at No.1 found himself playing a Surrey Cup 1st Division player and went down 0/3. Other singles players **Steve Jackson** No.2 and **Peter Culver** No.3 went down 1/3

17th MARCH 2018

LOST 2-4

whilst **Bedford Lloyd** and **Tammy Bennett** at No.4 and No.5 respectively had excellent wins. With **Bedford** and **Kim Ricks** losing the doubles it was game, set and match to Fitzwilliam 4/2.

DORKING

There were high hopes of reversing last year's defeat but with the GB Vets No.1 unable to play at the last minute this was going to be a tall order. And so it proved. All 5 singles lost – **Dave Parker, Alan Boulden, Ash Chakraborty, Bryan**



20th MARCH 2018

LOST 1-5

Francis and **Nigel Belle** with Bryan the only player to get 2 games off his opponent. However the great duo of **Lance Kinder & John Woodliffe** saved a whitewash by winning the doubles 3/1. A great evening as always, revenge required next year!

R.A.C. PALL MALL

Surely with the GB Vets fielding 4 National or World title holders victory would be assured following last year's defeat? But no, **John Goodrich** at No.2 and **Robert Smith** at No.5 narrowly lost 2/3, **Mandy Akin** at No.3 lost 1/3



16th APRIL 2018

LOST 1-4

and **Karen Hume** at No.4 lost 0/3. It was only No.1 **Keeley Johnson** who saved the day winning 3/1. A superb evening in fabulous surroundings – could and must do better next year!

ASHTEAD

Knowing Ashtead to be fielding a strong side 2 new recruits (**The Ashman's Phil & Yvette** – not yet GB Vets) were drafted in. There were 2 doubles matches – **Chris Lowry & Kevin Osborough** and **Lance Kinder & John Woodliffe** which the GB Vets won, the former couple winning by 2 points

17th APRIL 2018

DRAWN 3-3

in the fifth! **Dave Smith** played at No.4 and new member **Paul Thomas** at No.5 and the whole match ended in a 3-3 draw. Splendid curry, rousing speeches by the Captains ended another great evening of squash.

SURREY SPORTS CLUB

Dave Smith Match Manager at No.1, **Neil Davies** at 4 and **Dave Parker** at 5 all won their matches 3/1. **Phil Ashman** and **Steve Jackson** both won very entertaining and hard fought



25th APRIL 2018

WON 5-1

matches 3/2 ending 15/13 and 15/12 to the GB Vets in the 5th. The formidable pairing of **Lance Kinder** and **John Woodliffe** narrowly lost their doubles match. So a much deserved reversal of last year's defeat.

FULL REPORTS AND PICTURES OF ALL MATCHES CAN BE FOUND ON OUR WEBSITE



HOME INTERNATIONALS

The following GB Vets members have represented their Country in the Home Internationals 2018. A number of members have been represented in more than one age group.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL!

- WO35/40** Keeley Johnson
- WO45** Alison Goy, Sue Pynegar, Lynne Davies
- WO50** Rachel Woolford, Lynne Davies
- WO55** Mandy Akin, Sarah Howlett, Karen Hume, Lesley Sturgess, Eunice Bond, Claire Thompson
- MO40** Jamie Goodrich
- MO45** Jonathan Gliddon, Jeremy Krzystyniak, Andy Normile
- MO50** Steve McLoughlin, Cliff Martindale, Andrew Murray, Eamonn Price
- MO55** Nick Peel, Gary Raw, Alan Thomson
- MO60** Stuart Hardy, Ian Bradburn
- MO65** Ian Graham, John Goodrich, Steve Jackson, Jim Dougal
- MO70** Martin Pearse, Rod Boswell, Barry Featherstone, Aubrey Waddy, Ian Ross, Ali McMeckan, Garry Williams
- MO75** Mike Clemson, Nigel Belle, Beverley Boag, Adrian Wright, Alex Richardson, Brian Phillips.

VENUES: Cardiff, Nottingham, Dublin, Aberdeen.

ENGLAND WON ALL AGE GROUP TITLES THIS SEASON IN THE 4 HOME INTERNATIONALS

JONATHAN GLIDDON - Masters Chairman THE MARATHON DES SABLES – “The toughest Footrace on Earth”

Jonathan decided to take on the challenge to raise money for St. Luke's Hospice where his cousin had been recently admitted.

This involved running 156 miles across the Sahara Desert, in up to 50C heat over 7 days, carrying all his own food and equipment for the week on his back!

An illness 2 days prior to the start meant that things didn't go



quite to plan but he eventually finished strongly and was so pleased that he was able to be a 'Marathon Des Sables Finisher' – finishing about mid-pack at 557th overall.

He says that it was an incredibly brutal but rewarding experience that he will never forget. He visited some very dark places (mentally and physically) that he wouldn't ever want to repeat. However he learnt so much about himself and was amazed in the possibilities of what the mind can do to turn around a very difficult situation into a success....Brutal, Arid, Possible!

He is still raising money for St Luke's Hospice on the following link:



www.justgiving.com/fundraising/jonathangliddonmnds

Congratulations Jonathan. At least you should now be better equipped to last 5 games of squash!



Every one of his toes were lanced by the doctors during the week, pumped with iodine and strapped, due to extreme blisters!

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NEW MEMBERS

We warmly welcome the following new members who have joined since the last Newsletter, March 2018:

Jeremy Dowler – Connaught, Escorts.
Paul Thomas – Winchester
Catherine Ruffle – Beckenham
Rik Boxer – Coolhurst

'LOST' MEMBERS

Alf Barker **John Barton** **Eric Cruttenden**
John Grieve **Tim Higginson** **T Peter Jones**
Robert McIntosh **Geoffrey Mortimer** **Aubrey Smith**

If you know the whereabouts of any of the above members please notify the Hon. Sec.

OBITUARIES

GAVIN ROYNON

It is with great sadness we report the death of Gavin Roynon a member since 1985, who died on 2nd March 2018.

HAZEL MARSH

Hazel sadly died on 9th May 2018. Ian Bradburn remembers her: "I was very sorry to hear the news that Hazel had passed away. I first met her in Helsinki in 2003 when she became WO75 World Champion and to celebrate she partied like a thirty year old. (She was also O70 World Champion in Melbourne 2001) Her email address became 'granzaworldchamp'. We continued to meet at various events and she decided that I was to be her 'Toy Boy'....which involved lots of dancing and the responsibility of refilling her glass with Rose wine at every opportunity. It was difficult to keep up! She was a remarkable lady who loved to travel, had interesting and forthright views on most subjects and, of course, was an inspirational squash player to everyone who knew her".



Ian with Hazel in Cologne 2010.

A NEW BEDTIME WINE

A single glass at night could mean a peaceful uninterrupted night's sleep. Clare vintners in South Australia, which primarily produce Pinot Blanc, Pinot Noir and Pinot Grigio wines, have developed a new hybrid grape for Seniors that acts as an anti-diuretic. It is expected to reduce the number of trips older people have to make to the bathroom during the night. The new wine will be marketed as.... Pinot More. I heard it through the grapevine! With grateful thanks to Howard C for this important info!

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

BRITISH OPEN MASTERS

Colets, Thames Ditton
 5/10 June 2018

WORLD MASTERS

Charlottesville, USA
 29 July/4 Aug 2018

GLEN RAGOU MEMORIAL

Sutton Coldfield
 8 September 2018

GB VETS GOLF DAY

Surbiton
 10 September 2018

FESTIVAL OF SQUASH

RAC Woodcote Park
 4 November 2018

BRITISH CLOSED, NATIONALS

Manchester
 9/13 January 2019

Venues for next season's Regional Tournaments will be announced after the British Open but the dates are:

21/23 Sept 2018
12/14 October
9/11 November
14/16 December
15/17 February 2019

CLUB MERCHANDISE

Several of you took advantage of the 20% discount on Club Merchandise during the month of April. Well there are a few items still available at the discounted price so if you are interested contact the Hon. Sec. Nigel Belle. Otherwise all merchandise is available on line. Go to 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 further information on these again contact the Hon.Sec.

EMERALD ANNIVERSARY

After careful consideration by your Committee it has been agreed not to undertake any formal celebrations to mark our 55th Anniversary. However we will celebrate, in style, our 60th in 5 years time. Watch this space!