



The Veterans Squash Rackets Club of Great Britain



NEWSLETTER – DECEMBER 2021

MERRY CHRISTMAS

AND A HAPPY, HEALTHY 2022!

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

Ladies and gentlemen members, thank you so much for supporting the Club again in this disjointed year. We have gained 20 new members and lost very few. The Newsletter continues to provide interest and I have a few more ideas to tempt you in 2022.

The main results of the Club Tournament are included but do not tell the whole story of last-minute withdrawals and amendments. Geoff Howes, the Belles with other willing volunteers ensured a successful conclusion and lively AGM.

*On behalf of all at GB Vets may I wish you a
Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.*

Ian Graham, Chair

THE NEWSLETTER NEEDS YOU!

It has become clear from the feedback from Newsletters that members enjoy reading about squash memories. Pictures of players at their Clubs seem to produce lots of stories from everyone's squash history. To tap into this rich vein of reminiscences I propose to ask members if they would write an article or get in touch, and I will write it up. The areas I hope will provoke interest are:

- **Great Squash Clubs no longer with us.** (*Gordon Coulthard will do the first article on the great Ealing Club*)
- **The day I won/lost.....**
- **The day I saw X play Y**
- **Advances in technology**
- **Great rivalries.**
- **Epic matches played/seen.**

You may have other ideas so please pass them on. Many thanks.

Ian Graham, Chair

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CLUB TOURNAMENT RESULTS

27/28 NOVEMBER 2021

MEN'S SINGLES

O50 Marvin Rust
 O60 Laurence Molke
 O65 Stuart Hardy
 O70 Ian Graham
 O75 Leighton Jenkins
 O80 Lance Kinder

DOUBLES

O50 Dermot Hurford & Nigel Stiles
 O60 Allen Barwise & Steve Edmondson
 O70 Ian Graham & Aubrey Waddy
 O75 Nigel Belle & Brian Dobson
 Ladies: Keeley Johnson & Karen Hume
 Mixed: Karen Hume & Fergus Burnett

LADIES

O40 Keeley Johnson
 O50 Dawn Robinson

NON COUNTY

O55/64 David Parker
 O65 Keith Ragg

BURRELL TROPHY: Nick Sheppard **NORMAN HUNT TROPHY:** Mandy Akin & Karen Hume

A FULL REPORT & PICTURES IN NEXT NEWSLETTER

NEW MEMBER

We warmly welcome the following new member who has joined since the last Newsletter:

John Prestwich
Oxshott

AGM REPORT

The 58th AGM took place at Colets on Sunday 28th November 2021. There were no dramas and officers of the Club were elected as follows:

President: Phil Ayton
Chair: Ian Graham
Hon. Secretary: Nigel Belle
Hon. Treasurer: Robert Smith
Tournament Director: Geoff Howes
Hon. Match Secretary: Nick Sheppard
Publicity: Ian McKenzie
Ordinary Member: Karen Hume
Ex Officio (ESM Chairman): Stuart Hardy

Area Representatives:
Allen Barwise (North)
Ian Ross (Scotland)
Lynne Davies (Wales)
Andy Murray (Midlands)

The full minutes can be viewed on the Home Page of our website and will be formally approved at the 59th AGM.

GEOFFREY ATKINS

It is with much sadness that we announce that Geoffrey Atkins, world racket champion, Jesters member since 1950 and GB Vets member since 1985 died peacefully on 6th November aged 94. Geoffrey held the world rackets championship title for 18 years (1954-1972), was an excellent squash player representing England twice and won the British Amateur real tennis championship 3 times. He will be sadly missed by his family and friends.

BRITISH OPEN

8/12 DECEMBER 2021

3 WINNERS

MO60 John Parkes MO70 Ian Ross
 WO75 Ann Manley

6 FINALISTS

MO65 Stuart Hardy MO70 Terry Belshaw
 MO75 Adrian Wright WO50 Sam Mueller
 WO60 Lesley Sturgess WO75 Bett Dryhurst

MERRY CHRISTMAS
STAY FIT, SAFE, HEALTHY & HAPPY!

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

GB Vets Match	Roehampton	13 January
ESM Regional – East	Ipswich Sports Club	14-16 January
GB Vets Match	Oxford University	29 January
Jesters Tournament	RAC Pall Mall	28-31 January
ESM Nationals	TBC	9-13 February
GB Vets Match	Escorts	21 February

GB Vets Match	Hurlingham	10 March
GB Vets Golf Day	Windermere	9 May
GB Vets Match – Doubles	RAC Epsom	12 May
European Masters	Edinburgh	22-25 June
World Masters	Wroclaw	21-27 August
GB Vets Golf Day	Surbiton	5 September