The Veterans Squash Rackets Club of Great Britain

President: Philip Ayton www.gbvs.co.uk Chairman: Tom Hendry

SUMMER 2014 NEWSLETTER

NEW CHAIRMAN NEW SEASONS MESSAGE

Following the retirement of John Woodliffe after 20 years sterling service to our Club and squash in general, Tom Hendry has very kindly agreed to be a caretaker Chairman for the next few years.

Tom is no stranger to squash, having played at the very top in his 'youth' or the Club having been Hon. Secretary for 13 years.

Below is an extract from his first message as Chairman – which can be seen in full on the website:

I was honoured and delighted to be elected as your new Chairman at the well attended AGM at Colets on April 6th following another very successful Club Finals Weekend. I have been able to serve the GB Vets Club in various ways since taking over from the dearly remembered John Timperley as Hon Secretary in 1992. To become your Chairman following the retirement of John Woodliffe after his twenty years' service is at once a challenge and a privilege.

We were all pleased to acclaim John's magnificent contribution to our Club with a special presentation.

In our 50th Anniversary Book 50 Years On, John most appropriately provided

the final article Looking Forward-The Future of the Vets Club of GB. In a paragraph on the Club's strengths John highlighted friendly Inter-Club Matches, Tours, the Annual Club Tournament and Doubles. I am pleased to report that, at the first Committee meeting under my chairmanship in June, which was also attended by our President, it was agreed that we should drive the Club's ambitions forward in these areas. All members took upon a task- led by Match Manager David Smith- to organize at least two new friendly fixtures each during the 2014-15 season. Some of these may be the revival of previous events, others may be new.

With regards to Tours, although we recognized the increased cost of long-distance overseas Tours, we plan to investigate the viability of nearer Tours and, perhaps, of inviting overseas teams to tour Great Britain with the help and support of our Club.

We also considered a number of other ideas including the opportunity to sponsor a Midlands/Northern based Festival of Squash, the relaunch of the Veterans' Doubles under the auspices of the GB Vets and the expansion of the range of events in our Annual Club Tournament to provide separate events for "non- elite" players. I agreed to talk with both England Squash and England Squash Masters to discuss these initiatives.

I do believe that this combination of reviving previously successful events and pursuing some new initiatives will reinvigorate the appeal of our Club for our current and future members whilst preserving our objectives and our fundamental values.

TOM HENDRY

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2014/5 TOURNAMENT

Following discussions with numerous members and agreement by your committee the 2014/5 Tournament will be:

FORMAT:

As in previous years i.e. early rounds to be played at members own Clubs culminatingin a finals weekend. Semi finals on a Saturday, Sunday finals, AGM, buffet supper.

FINALS DATE:

Weekend of 18/19 April 2015.

FINALS VENUE:

Colets, St. Nicholas Road, Thames Ditton KT7 0PW

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CLOSING DATE: 1st NOVEMBER 2014

— 51st Annual General Meeting —

The 51st AGM took place at Colets on Sunday 6th April 2014 after the Championship finals. Main points:

1. A/C's very healthy.
2. Chairman's report covered
   a) a review of the highly successful 50th Anniversary celebrations
   b) a plea to increase the number of friendly matches
   c) a plea to recruit new members especially amongst the O45, O50 age groups
   d) thanks to Geoff Howes for organising a great Club Tournament
   e) thanks to the committee for their hard work throughout the year.
3. A presentation to John Woodliffe on his retirement as Chairman after 20 years.
4. Appointment of Tom Hendry as the new Chairman.

Full detailed minutes can be viewed on the website

THOUGHT YOU MIGHT LIKE THESE PUNS

Courtesy of J,L & D K.

1. I tried to catch some fog. **I mist.**
2. When chemists die, **they barium.**
3. Jokes about German sausage are the **Wurst.**
4. A soldier who survived mustard gas and pepper spray is now a **seasoned veteran.**
5. I know a guy who's addicted to brake fluid. **He says he can stop any time.**
6. How does Moses make his tea? **Hebrews it.**
7. I stayed up all night to see where the sun went. **Then it dawned on me.**
8. This girl said she recognised me from the vegetarian club, but I'd never met **herbivore.**
9. I'm reading a book about anti-gravity. **I can't put it down.**
10. They told me I had type A blood, but it was a **type O.**
11. A dyslexic man walks into a **bra.**
12. I didn't like my beard at first. **Then it grew on me.**
13. What do you call a dinosaur with an extensive vocabulary? **A thesauras.**
14. What does a clock do when it is hungry? **It goes back four seconds.**

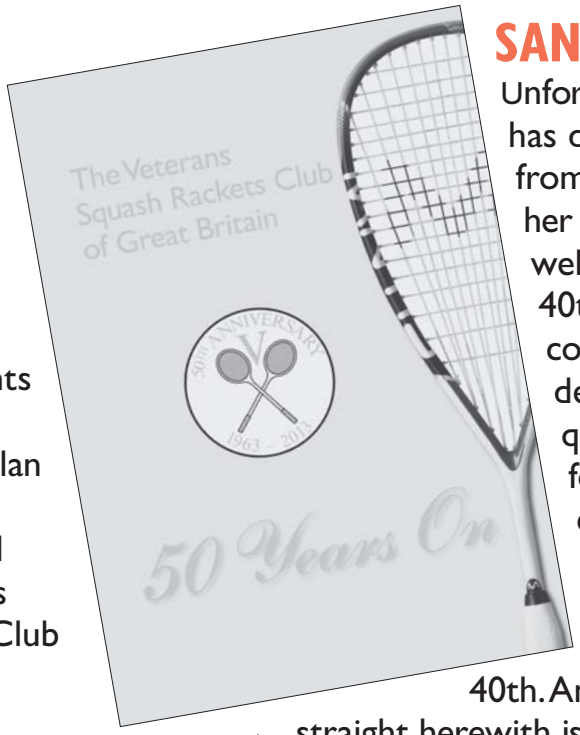
THE ANNIVERSARY BOOK

THANK YOU!

A huge thank you to all those of you who have purchased the Book – over 250 to date!

COMMENTS

Overall there have been extremely favourable comments regarding the content and production of the Book. We plan to produce a complete list of members who have purchased together with their comments which will be available at the Club finals weekend in April 2015.



PAID UP YET?

A number of members have been sent the Book but as yet have not paid for it. If you are one of those – and you know who you are! – please do pay now to save more reminders being sent. Alternatively if you do not wish to purchase then please return it asap thank you.

APOLOGIES

As with any undertaking of this nature there are bound to be some E's and O's. Thankfully there have been very few…that we have heard of. Somehow we managed to change RICK GRAHAM's name to Ian under the photograph on page 46 of the Book and completely left him out of the members list at the back! Humble apologies Rick, Ed.

SANDRA WRENCH

Unfortunately Sandra's name has disappeared into oblivion from the 50th Book although her many achievements were well documented in the 40th Book. The Book committee only printed details from returned CV questionnaires specifically for the 50th, however it could be argued that we should have automatically included her details from the 40th. Anyway to put matters straight herewith is a brief resume of some of her many achievements:

- Represented England in O45 team 1998, 1999 & 2000.
- Won British National O35 title in 1992 and O45 title in 1999, 2000 & 2001.
- Won British Open title O45 in 1998.
- She achieved her ambition of playing for England at two sports – tennis under 18 and squash O45.

CHEQUE IDENTIFICATION

A member paid for the Book by cheque – Billingshurst Higby Chard Firms A/C – who are you please?

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THE CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS 2014

The full report, results and pictures can be found on the website.

The finals were held over the weekend 5/6th April 2014 at Colets, Thames Ditton with 63 matches played in 16 different events.

Highlights of Saturday were a tight game between England O'65 players Barry Featherstone and Aubrey Waddy and the O'45 Doubles between Stuart Hardy and Dermot Hurford against last year's winners Chris Ansell and Graham Hooper,

Barry winning the singles and Stuart and Dermot the doubles.

The Ladies O'50 was played as a round robin on Saturday with Mandy Akin and Claire Baker coming out on top in each division. In Sunday's finals England No1 Mandy proved too strong for Claire and Lynne Davies won the Plate Final over newcomer to the club, Julia Ledger.

With only two entries in the Ladies O'40 the final was between Sam Mueller and Alison Goy with England Captain, Sam, winning 3-1.

The Ladies Doubles Final was a repeat of last year but with the opposite result – Mandy and Karen beating Tammy Bennett and Kim Ricks.

On Sunday the men's tournament provided some good squash. Mark Hildred drove from Boston in the morning to beat Nick Dart in the O'45 final. Darren Withey was pushed by Ian Mann in the O'50 Semi before Darren won 3-1 and then went on to beat Dermot Hurford 3-0 in the final. Stuart Hardy retained his O'55 title, as did Steve Jackson in the O'60, Philip Ayton O'65 John Woodliffe O'75 and Wilf Mann in the O'80. Brian Phillips won the O'70 singles and with George Aplin the same age doubles.

Doubles on a singles court played by top players can be a frantic affair. I'm pleased to say that no-one was injured in any of our matches. Darren Withey and Chris Harland coming out top in the O'45 event, Syd Spittle and Carlos Marques O'55, Geoff Howes and Aubrey Waddy moving into their correct age bracket the O'65, and not surprisingly John Woodliffe and Lance Kinder in the hastily arranged O'75.

The AGM followed the finals with a presentation to the retiring John Woodliffe, thanking him for his 20 years of service as Chairman and the election of Tom Hendry as a "Temporary" replacement.

The Cups, Salvers, Trophies and glassware were then presented to the winners and runners-up. The Burrell Trophy was awarded to David Garrett and the newly donated Norman Hunt Trophy "For a member considered to have made a special contribution to the spirit of the tournament" was awarded to our top referee Dean Clayton.

My thanks must go to Dean for marking almost non-stop over the weekend and to all those others who helped with this task. To Jane Belle for manning (ladying doesn't sound right) the desk and recording the results all weekend. Also to Terry Woodliffe and Christine Howes for their assistance on Sunday and to Colets for hosting the whole event.

Finally to the supporters and all players whose attitude and good humour makes this tournament a pleasure to run.

Geoff Howes
Tournament Director

WINNERS

Ladies O40 Singles
Alison Goy RU
Sam Mueller Winner

O45 Singles
Nick Dart RU
Mark Hildred Winner

O45 Doubles
Hardy/Hurford RU
Withey/Harland Winners

Ladies Doubles
Ledger/Baker Plate RU
Hume/Akin Winners

Ladies O50 Singles
Claire Baker RU
Mandy Akin Winner
Lynne Davies Plate Winner

O50 Singles
Dermot Hurford RU
Darren Withey Winner
Ian Mann Plate Winner

O55 Singles
Alan Boulden RU
Stuart Hardy Winner

O55 Doubles
Akin/Akin (Middle) RU
Spittle/Marques Winners

THE CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS 2014

O60 singles
Robin Mace Plate Winner
Steve Jackson Winner
Alastair Niven RU

O65 singles
Philip Ayton Winner
Barry Featherstone RU

O65 doubles
Howes/Waddy Winners
Lanagan/McMeckan RU

O70 singles
Brian Dobson RU
Brian Phillips Winner
Nigel Belle Plate Winner

O70 doubles
Aplin/Phillips Winners
Woodliffe/Kinder RU

O75 singles
Lance Kinder Plate Winner
John Woodliffe Winner
Vinnie Taylor RU

O75 doubles
Kinder/Woodliffe Winners
Edwards/Taylor RU

O80 singles
Jim Switzer Plate Winner
Wilf Mann Winner
Brian Sayer RU

Plate Winners – Singles

Over 50 Ian Mann
Over 55 Paul Roberts
Over 60 Robin Mace
Over 65 Keith Searle
Over 70 Nigel Belle
Over 75 Lance Kinder

The Burrell Trophy
David Garrett

Norman Hunt Trophy
Dean Clayton

Plate Winners – Doubles

Over 45 Lowry/Atkins
Over 55 Rosser/Howes
Over 65 Searle/Sebire
Over 70 Belle/Tullett

John Woodliffe & Tom Hendry

Robin Mace, Clark Adam

Brian & Maria Phillips, George Aplin

Dean Clayton, Gordon & Margaret Ross

The Dobsons

Albert & Mandy Akin

Karen Hume & Ros Featherstone

Shattocks & Garretts

ORIGINAL CARTOONS FOR SALE

Original Cartoons, as below, that were used in the Anniversary Book are still available to purchase.
Just £75 each inc p&p. Cheques payable to **'The Veterans SRC of GB'** please.

The Physical Warm-Up

Skipping

High Knee Kicks

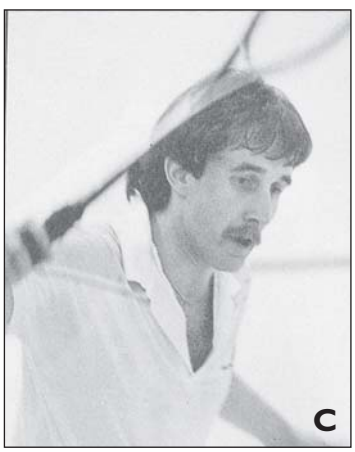
Ghosting

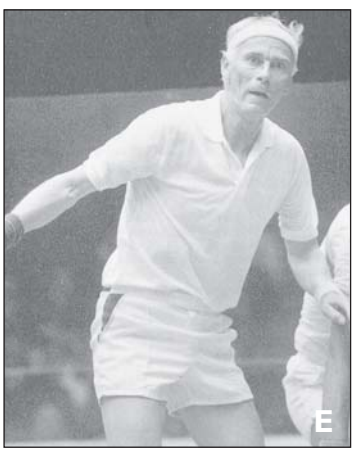
Never Gives In Does He?

What is this …Mixed Doubles?

Protective goggles etc.

WHO, WHAT, WHERE & WHEN





See Page 8 for the answers.

12TH WORLD MASTERS – HONG KONG 4TH – 12TH JULY 2014

AN EXCELLENT REPORT BY STUART HARDY CAN BE READ IN FULL ON THE WEBSITE.

LISTED BELOW ARE THOSE MEMBERS WHO MADE THE TRIP TO HONG KONG TOGETHER WITH RESULTS:

WO55 Karen Hume reached the semis
WO55 Eunice Bond reached the last 8
WO55 Lynne Davies reached the last 8
WO65 Bett Dryhurst reached the semis
WO65 AVERIL MURPHY WON GOLD!
MO50 Eamonn Price reached the last 8
MO55 Dermot Hurford reached the last 8
MO60 STUART HARDY WON BRONZE!

PRESENTATION TO ADAM WILSON CHAIRMAN OF HKFC

John Woodliffe presenting Adam Wilson with a GB Vets plaque and a copy of the 50th Anniversary Book surrounded by GB Vets members, from left: John Cox, Martin Wright, Adrian Wright, Lance Kinder, Nigel Belle and Vinnie Taylor..

MO60 Peter Alexander reached the semis
MO65 Chris Goodbourn reached the last 8
MO70 ADRIAN WRIGHT WON GOLD!
MO75 MALCOLM GILHAM WON SILVER!
MO75 John Woodliffe reached the last 8
MO75 BRIAN PHILLIPS WON BRONZE!
MO75 Lance Kinder reached the last 8
MO80 JOHN COX WON SILVER!

Averil Murphy & Adrian Wright

Other members who competed: Alison Goy, Tammy Bennett, Jackie Gregory, Steve McLoughlin, Martin Wright, Mark Hildred, Nick Dart, Chris Harland, Ripley Oyler, Richard Mosley, Jim Dougal, Robert Smith, Nigel Belle, Eric Robinson, Gary Williams, Vinnie Taylor.

THE ALLAM BRITISH OPEN, HULL 12-18th MAY 2014

A full report and pictures can be found on the website

5 WINNERS!

WO50 **Mandy Akin** bt Fiona McLean 3/1
MO50 **Colin Payne** bt Fredrik Johnson 3/0
MO60 **Peter Alexander** bt Stuart Hardy 3/2
MO 65 **Barry Featherstone** bt Aubrey Waddy 3/1
MO70 **Mike Clemson** bt Adrian Wright 3/2

6 FINALISTS!

WO35 **Sam Mueller** lost to Katie Lawrence
WO55 **Lynne Davies** lost to Helen Gould
MO60 **Stuart Hardy** lost to Peter Alexander
MO65 **Aubrey Waddy** lost to Barry Featherstone
MO70 **Adrian Wright** lost to Mike Clemson
MO75 **Vinnie Taylor** lost to Pat Kirton

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

NEW MEMBERS

We warmly welcome the following new members who have joined since the Spring 2014 Newsletter:

John Goodrich	–	Cottons & Ipswich Sports
Julia Ledger	–	Cheam squash
Colin Hunt	–	Downham, Norfolk
Melissa Jagger	–	Spelthorne Leisure Centre
Neil Harrison	–	Norton, Yorkshire
Ian Thomson	–	Nottingham SRC
Ian Chicken	–	Surbiton
David Weston	–	Wellington Health & Fitness Club

'LOST' MEMBERS

Any idea of the whereabouts of any of the members listed below? If so please let the Hon. Sec. or any member of the committee know asap, many thanks.

Jim Alexander	Alf Barker	John Dover
Terry Farrington	John Grieve	Robert MacIntosh
John Rymer	David Summerscale	

HELP!

I mentioned in the last Newsletter that I need urgent help with lightening my load as Hon.Sec. The job has got much bigger over the last few years due, hopefully, to the Club being run more efficiently and providing more/better services for its members. There are some 5 standalone jobs which I sincerely hope a member could take over at least one of them:

1. Running the members database.
2. Producing the Newsletter twice a year.
3. Administering the Club shop.
4. Keeping the website up to date.
5. Keeping the Club records/archives.

Apart from the Newsletter all other jobs probably take no more than an hour a month, some even less. Fancy taking on a little job? If so please get in touch with me.

FESTIVAL OF SQUASH

Similar to the one run as part of the 50th Anniversary celebrations at the RAC Woodcote Park, involving 5 Clubs. The date: the weekend of 22/23 November 2014-make a diary note now. David Smith is organising this event and further details will be posted on the website nearer the time.

VICE PRESIDENTS

These were not listed in the Anniversary Book, so here they are now! As far as I can ascertain there are or have been 12 since 1963:

Bill Walrond, John Dobbin MC, Maj Gen Geoffrey Birch CB, Cdr Tony Pellow, John Dobson MC, Ken Fisk, Don Allen CMG, Norman Hunt, Lance Kinder, Tony McStravick, Tony Gathercole and Lt. Col John Woodliffe.
If you know any different, let me know, thanks, Ed.

OBITUARIES

We are most saddened to learn of the deaths of the following members:
Robert Lockwood died February 2014.
David Weston (Oxford) died April 2014

2014/5 FIXTURES

These are being finalised now and will be published shortly on the website.

WHO, WHAT, WHERE, and WHEN?

A. HRH The Duke of Edinburgh shaking hands with….Yes our President, Phil Ayton on the occasion of the SRA 75th Anniversary in 1990.

B. Jack Dengel receives his 70+ Trophy from Mike Perkins at the 1993 GB Vets Finals at the Metropolitan Club, Twickenham.

C. Ian Robinson led Yorkshire to a 5-0 victory over Middlesex in the O35 Inter County Championship in 1989.

D. Averil Murphy won the O40 Intercity National Squash Championship in Bristol in 1989.

E. John Cox of Hereford beat Australian Jack Kampel in the O55 final of the Hi-Tec British Open Championships at the Wembley Conference Centre, April 1989.

(Note, also playing that year: Peter Chalk, Eric Cruttenden, Ron Martin, Malcolm Gilham, John Skinner, Peter Fuente, Mike Perkins.)

FORTHCOMING EVENTS 2014/15

VETS CLUB FINALS WEEKEND

Colets 18/19 April 2015

TOUR TO YORK

York 10/11 October 2015

TOUR TO JERSEY

Jersey 6/7 December 2014

Anyone interested in going on this tour should contact Phil Ayton, details on website.

INTER-CLUB TOURNAMENT

RAC, Woodcote Park 22/23 November 2014

NATIONAL BRITISH CLOSED

Manchester 9/15 February 2015

BRITISH OPEN

TBA TBA

REGIONAL TOURNAMENTS

East	26/28 Sept 2014	Bury St Edmunds
South	24/26 Oct 2014	Colets, Thames Ditton
West	28/30 Nov 2014	Wolverhampton
North	2/4 January 2015	Pontefract
Midlands	6/8 February 2015	Coventry
North West	27/28 Feb/1 Mar	Grove Park, Stockport

HOME INTERNATIONALS

MO50, MO70, WO50	8/9 May 2015	Nottingham
MO35, MO55, WO55	1/2 May 2015	Dublin
MO45, MO65, WO45	23/24 May 2015	Aberdeen
MO40, MO60, WO35/40	24/25 April 2015	Cardiff

CLUB SHOP

Polo Shirts	Men's	**£21.00**
	Ladies	**£20.00**
Tee Shirts	Men's	**£17.00**
	Ladies	**£17.00**
Club Ties	Standard	**£8.50**
	Special Anniversary	**£10.00**
Lapel pins		**£2.00**
Magnetic Book Markers		**£1.50**
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