



# The Veterans Squash Rackets Club of Great Britain

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## SPRING 2011 NEWSLETTER

### GB VETS TAKE 12 MEDALS AT 10TH WORLD MASTERS IN COLOGNE!



*Some of the GB Vets members on the rostrum at the closing ceremony. More pictures on Page 4.*

### ROLL OF HONOUR

**6 GOLDS** — Malcolm Gilham (075) Brian Phillips (070) Chris Ansell (065) Keith Jones (060) Mark Cowley (055) Averil Murphy (060)

**4 SILVER** — Ray Rook (075) Peter Leary (060) Peter Alexander (055) Alan Thomson (050)

**2 BRONZE** — Eamonn Price (045) Karen Hume (050)

**Nearly 800 competitors from 60 Countries took part in the 10th World Masters Squash Championships. 77 participants (second only to Germany) were from Great Britain of which no fewer than 48 were members of the GB Vets Club.**

Whilst the squash was of the highest world standard, (even though PARS was inflicted on all age groups!) the organisation was abysmal and a complete shambles. German efficiency was non-existent. The problems became so apparent that the Vice President of the German Squash Federation was replaced after 2 days of the Championships and a free bottle of wine was given to each competitor!

The Vice President of the World Squash Federation, at the closing ceremony, apologised for the many problems encountered and promised that they would never happen again.

In two years time the 11th World Masters will be held in Birmingham, England. Sheffield was superbly organised in 1999 and we are sure Birmingham will be the same.

# 2011 CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

At the time of going to press, the 2010/11 Club Championships have reached the following stages:

<b>Men O'45 Singles Semi-finals</b>	Eamonn Price Mike Stuart	v Adam Pode or Nick Peel v Darren Withey
<b>O'45 Doubles Semi-final</b>	Harland & Price Willmor & Willmor or O'Malley & Robson	v Rosser & Mosley or Akin & Akin v Peel & Withey
<b>Men O'50 Singles Semi-finals</b>	Chris Harland Gordon Kerr or Chris Lowry	v Gary Spindler or Marlon Solomons v Dillwyn Rosser or Dermot Hurford
<b>Men O'55 Singles Semi-finals</b>	Mark Cowley or Chris Johnstone David Manning or Terry Whiter	v Alasdair Niven or David Leakey v Stuart Hardy or Ian Smith
<b>O'55 Doubles Semi-final</b>	Willmor & Willmor Howes & Hardy or Borrie & Howe	v Wheeler & Jenkins or Woodliffe & Kinder v Tidy & Taring or Sulley & Hews
<b>Men O'60 Singles Semi-finals</b>	Philip Ayton or Aubrey Waddy Howard Cherlin Leighton Jenkins Chris Goodburn or Patrick Flemming	v Geoff Howes or David Garrett v Andy Larkin or Tony Wheeler
<b>Men O'65 Singles Semi-finals</b>	Chris Ansell or Dave Hardern Mike Clemson or Tony Claydon	v Graham Fisher or Anthony Clifford v Syd Spittle or Adrian Wright
<b>Men O'65 Doubles Semi-finals</b>	Aplin & Froggitt Fagg & Skelding	v Belle & Stevens or Seare & Sayer v Wright & Morrell
<b>Men O'70 Singles Semi-finals</b>	George Aplin or Ray Rook John Woodliffe	v Tony Seare or Jack Harris v Graham Davies
<b>Men O'70 Doubles Semi-finals</b>	Woodliffe & Kinder Seare & Sayer	v Aplin & Williams or Tullett & Rook v O'Brien & Barrett
<b>Men O'75 Singles Semi-finals</b>	Malcolm Gilham or Keith Spurgeon Alex Hamilton or Derek Tullett	v Ray Rook v James Switzer or Lance Kinder
<b>Ladies O'40 Singles Semi-finals</b>	Mandy Akin Jackie Gregory	v Kim Ricks v Claire Baker
<b>Ladies O'50 Singles</b>	Karen Hume Tammy Bennett	v Sue Vine or Eunice Bond v Lynne Davies
<b>Ladies Doubles Semi-final</b>	Mandy Akin & Karen Hume Claire Baker & Jackie Gregory	v Eunice Bond & Lynne Davies v Tammy Bennett & Kim Ricks



**CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS FINALS WEEKEND  
COLETS - APRIL 16-17**

## THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2011

Notice is hereby given that the 48th Annual General Meeting will take place at  
**Colets Health & Fitness Club**  
**St. Nicholas Road, Thames Ditton Surrey KT7 0PW**

On Sunday 17th April 2011

Following the Club Finals and prior to the Presentations and Buffet Supper.

### AGENDA

1. Minutes of the 2010 AGM
2. Interim Statement of Accounts
3. Chairman's Report
4. Election of Officers
5. Any other business

## THE CLUB SEMI-FINALS AND FINALS

Saturday 16th April and Sunday 17th April 2011

### COLETS HEALTH & FITNESS CLUB

St Nicholas Road, Thames Ditton, Surrey KT7 0PW

Tel No: 0208 398 7108

[www.coletshealthclub.co.uk](http://www.coletshealthclub.co.uk)

The semi-finals of all competitions, main and plate, will commence at 11.00 on Saturday 16th April.

The finals of all competitions will commence at 11.00 on Sunday 17th April.

The finals will be followed by the AGM, presentations and the traditional buffet.

Everyone is most welcome – come along on both days. Enjoy great squash, meet up with old friends, make some new ones!

For details of hotels and B&B's in the area please contact the Tournament Director:

**Geoff Howes 0208 224 3873**

## CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE



It occurred to me the other day – when my drive needed a major snow-clearance job and the boot of my car needed to carry essentials such as a spade, a box of grit and a blanket – how lucky I was to be able to look forward to a game of squash.

**1 court booked + 1 other player =  
1 hour of fun.**

I know there are a number of indoor tennis courts about in the country, but not that many; the tennis club I play at in Frimley – no indoor courts – had had no tennis for nearly three weeks. Christmas is now long past and I read that in the country as a whole we Brits will have put on some 68,000 tons of weight over the holiday period!

Only a small share of that will apply to us squash players because we keep on playing through all weathers and have a huge amount of fun doing it.

Quite apart from our own superb Tournament, there are now five Regional Tournaments, the National, the British Closed and the European for those keen on competition, whatever our age. I make no apology therefore, for again encouraging you to take part in our Friendly Matches and if possible, to offer to run one at your local club which we could add to our fixture list. They are such fun evenings.

Just get in touch with Tony Seare and let him know date, time and venue.

I wish you all a very happy, injury free and active 2011.

**John Woodliffe**

## CLUB SHOP

*We have the following items for sale:*

- |  |                                  |
|--|----------------------------------|
| Blue, v-neck pullovers with Club logo          | – £33 excluding post & packing   |
| White, polo style squash shirts with Club logo | – £16 excluding post & packing   |
| Club ties                                      | – £7.50 excluding post & packing |
| Club lapel pins                                | – £2 excluding post & packing    |

*Please contact Nigel Belle, Hon. Sec, if you wish to purchase any item.*

www.gbvs.co.uk  
www.gbvetssquash.co.uk

Have you visited our website recently? If you haven't then you should! It's undergone a makeover and we think you will be very pleased with the result.

There are now up to date match reports,

# WEBSITE

latest news, tournament results, historical information and much, much more.

What the website needs now.....is you! We need your news, views and articles. Let it be a forum for what's going on in

your squash world – a sort of Vets facebook!

Also please let us have your views – good or bad – on the new site.

Many thanks,  
**Geoff Howes**  
**Nigel Belle**

## PENALTY POINTS IN DOUBLES?

At last year's AGM there was considerable discussion about the possible introduction of penalty points in the doubles game, where currently every such rally, at least in GB Vets squash, is called as a let. I thought I might therefore contribute a few personal pearls of wisdom which might form the basis for a more structured discussion in due course.

For most of us who have played for decades, the "point" situation in singles is reasonably clear, and arises in one of three situations:

1. The striker's potential shot direct to the front wall would hit the non-striker
2. The non-striker has not made every effort to give the striker a clear swing or view
3. Despite the non-striker's every effort to get out of the way, the striker was prevented from making a clear winner.

I'm sure that the Rules of Squash put this in much more precise language, but hopefully all squash players would recognise the above. Most of us are able to play games without the benefit of markers and to agree on "let" or "point" decisions by general agreement and the use of common sense (most of the time!)

Sadly, these situations do not translate well into the doubles game, for the following reasons (using the numbers above):

1. The dynamics of the game with four people on court mean that a player can be stranded between his opponent and the front wall through no fault of his own (unlike singles, where the situation would have arisen through his own poor or unfortunate play). A point seems a bit draconian in this situation.
2. Similarly, on a more crowded court with four people jostling for the T and less

predictable dynamics, there may simply be no room for the non-striker to give the striker a full swing

3. Potential clear winners are far more difficult to adjudicate in doubles, when a heroic rescue effort by the non-striker's partner may redeem a seemingly lost rally

For these reasons I personally believe that, in most routine doubles rallies, a "let" is the fair result. (It would also be very difficult for four people to come to an agreed "let" or "point" consensus without a marker)

### HOWEVER...

I do believe that, in a doubles game with a marker, there is a particular situation where a point is a fair result. It occurs when one person's style of play repeatedly minimises his opponent's ability to swing or his view of the front wall. The non-striker may repeatedly stand too close, not through the vagaries of an unusual rally, but as a matter of course, even when he has room to step away. Or, when having driven his opponent to the back, he may systematically come across too far, thus reducing the striker's channel to the front wall. No doubt we all recognise what I'm trying to portray and hopefully a few heads are nodding in agreement?

I believe this playing style detracts greatly from the enjoyment of the game, and is immensely frustrating for the poor opponent. It is my suggestion that, in such a situation, the Marker recognises what is happening and warns the offending player that he must allow more room when there is space to do so. Then if the offending player persists, a point is awarded on the next appropriate occasion, and on every occasion thereafter. I suspect that there would only have to be one or two points awarded

before the penny dropped that the Marker meant business, and playing styles were adjusted, for more enjoyment and a fairer game all round.

David Garrett  
February 2011

### RESPONSE BY GORDON ROSS *(in charge of markers and referees for finals)*

I believe the World Squash Doubles Rules 2003 plus the changes agreed in 2008 cover what David is suggesting (see interference -Rule 12 and guideline 6). Four examples of when a stroke should be awarded are given in the Rules. Most referees are reluctant to apply the interference rule in doubles by awarding strokes. On most occasions this does not cause a problem and enables the match to progress smoothly. David has also summarised the reasons why referees are reluctant to award strokes in doubles matches being played on a singles court. Clearly there are situations where persistent blocking gives rise to potential conflict on court and this should be where the stroke is used. Warning of further penalties available to the referee may be required in exceptional situations at this point. I believe the more lenient interpretation of the interference rule in the doubles situation has worked in the vast majority of matches over the years. I understand however that the committee now feel that we need to be stricter in the application of this rule in future and I will therefore pass that on to the referees for this year's finals.

Gordon

*Following much discussion your committee has agreed that points can and will be awarded for 'dangerous' play and persistent interference.*

## 10TH WORLD MASTERS PICTURES



075 Malcolm Gilham winner, Ray Rook runner up



Harvey Kember on left.



Mandy Akin on right.



060 Keith Jones winner, Peter Leary runner up.



Eamonn Price left, Dean Clayton referee.



Claire Baker on right.



Mark Woodliffe on left.



Averil Murphy 060 winner on right

# REGIONAL RESULTS... REGIONAL RESULTS...

## EAST OF ENGLAND... BURY ST EDMUNDS – 24-26 September 2010

- WO45 **Mandy Akin** came second in her group.  
WO50 **Lynne Davies** recorded a tight 3/2 win over **Kath Kemp** to come second.  
MO45 **Eamonn Price** lost 5/9 in the fifth in the final having beaten **Mark Hildred** on the way. **Darren Withey** got to the last 8.  
MO50 No.1 seed **Richard Millman** won 3/1 in the final against **Chris Harland**. **Ian Bradburn** made the last 8.  
MO55 No.1 seed and world champion **Mark Cowley** blitzed all before him including **Alasdair Niven** in the ¼'s. **Stuart Hardy**, fresh from 2 serious knee operations, made it to the last 4.  
MO60 Top seeds **Howard Cherlin** and **Barry Featherstone** failed to progress to the last 4. **Larry Grover** made it to the final after a tight match vs **Martin Pearse**, then lost 5/9 to new GB Vet **Allen Brown**.  
MO65 World Champ **Chris Ansell** beat all before him – **Graham Fisher**, **Dave Hardern** and **Mike Clemson**.  
MO70 **Malcolm Gilham** was not able to capitalise on a 2/0 lead and lost to **Lance Kinder** 2/3

## WEST OF ENGLAND... SWINDON – 29-31 October 2010

- WO45 **Mandy Akin** won the final 3/0 to win the title and regain her No.1 spot.  
WO50 Only 3 in the group, **Lynne Davies** taking the title.  
WO55 **Jane Law** recorded her first Regional win.  
MO45 **Eamonn Price** won a tight final 3/1 having beaten **Chris Wilson** in the semis.  
MO50 Plenty of GB Vets here. **Dermot Hurford** reached the final having beaten **Ian Bradburn** on the way and **Richard Millman**, having beaten **Duleep Adhietty** in the semis, the beat **Dermot** in the final 3/0.  
MO55 Another title for **Mark Cowley**. **Alasdair Niven**, **Stuart Hardy** and **Paul Reader** reached the last 8.  
MO60 **Barry Featherstone** lost in the final. New GB Vet **Allen Brown** beat **Aubrey Waddy** in the ¼'s.  
MO65 **Chris Ansell** reached the final having beaten **Mike Clemson** and **Brian Hardcastle** on the way. He then beat **Adrian Wright** 3/2 having saved 2 match balls in the 4th.  
MO70 Round robin: World Champion **Brian Phillips** 1st, **Malcolm Gilham** 2, **Tony Seare** 3, **Lance Kinder** 4.

## MIDLANDS... COVENTRY – 3-5 December 2010

- WO45 Only 3 entrants, **Mandy Akin** came 2nd.  
WO50/55 **Karen Hume** took the title beating **Lynne Davies** and **Jane Law**.  
MO45 **Chris Wilson** beat **Mark Hildred** in the semis but lost in the final. **Darren Withey** lost in the ¼'s.  
MO50 **Duleep Adhietty** took the title having beaten **Chris Harland** and **Ian Bradburn**. **Dermot Hurford** lost in the semis.  
MO55 No.1 and 2 seeds, **Mark Cowley** and **Peter Alexander** duly met in the final. 3/0 to **Mark**. **Stuart Hardy** lost in the semis.  
MO60 **Keith Jones** took the title without dropping a game. **Aubrey Waddy**, **Howard Cherlin**, **Rodney Boswell** and **Martin Pearse** all made it to the last 8.  
MO65 A great tournament for **Graham Fisher**, beating **Adrian Wright** and **Dave Hardern** on his way to the final which he then lost, just, 5/9 in the fifth to **Chris Ansell**. **Tony Clifford** made it to the semis.  
MO70 **Brian Phillips** sneaked the title 9/8 in the fifth against **John Woodliffe**. It couldn't have been closer!

## SOUTH OF ENGLAND... BROXBORNE – 7-9 January 2011

- WO45 **Mandy Akin** third.  
WO50 **Lynne Davies** second, **Karen Hume** third.  
MO45 Both two top seeds duly met in the final, **Eamonn Price** losing 1/3.  
MO50 **Ian Bradburn** reached the final having beaten **Duleep Adhietty** and **Dermot Hurford** on the way. **Chris Harland** lost in the semis.  
MO55 **Mark Cowley** took the title winning all his matches 3/0. **Stuart Hardy** lost in the semis.  
MO60 **Keith Jones** & **Larry Grover** final, after the latter had 5 setters against **Martin Pearse** and **Allen Brown**. 3/0 Jones. **Howard Cherlin** made it to the semis.  
MO65 Upsets galore in the semis – **Graham Fisher** beat **Chris Ansell**, **Rodney Boswell** beat **Adrian Wright**. **Graham** 8/5 up in the fifth lost 8/10 to **Rodney** – tears flowed in the Fisher camp!  
MO70 Resurgence of **John Woodliffe**, winning all his matches. **Lance Kinder** 2nd, **Malcolm Gilham** 3rd.

## NORTH OF ENGLAND... PONTEFRAC T – 5-7 February 2011

- WO40 **Lesley Sturgess** came second.  
WO50 **Kath Kemp** came third.  
WO55 **Jane Law** came second.  
MO50 A **Richard Millman**, **Ian Bradburn** final. The former beat **Chris Harland** in the semis and the latter **Duleep Adhietty** who had to retire with an Achilles injury. **Millman** won the final 3/1.  
MO55 **Dave Manning** swept all before him winning the final 3/0. **Stuart Hardy** reached the semis.  
MO60 The final went by seeding; No.1 **Larry Grover** beating **Allen Brown** (who beat **Martin Pearse** 9/7 in the fifth in the previous round) in the semis. **Howard Cherlin**, with 2 walkovers, the won the final 3/2.  
MO65 **Rodney Boswell** had many senior moments – he should have lost to **Brian Hardcastle**, but won, and should have won against **Mike Clemson**, but lost. **Graham Fisher** beat a still under par **Adrian Wright** but lost the final to **Mike** 0/3.  
MO70 The everlasting **Lance Kinder** won. **Tony Seare** 2nd, **Andrew Beeston** 3rd.

# MATCH REPORTS

## CHICHESTER 20 November 2010

### Normal scoring Match

Brian Phillips	beat	Malcolm Lamb	3/1
Paul Reader	beat	Dave Harriot	3/0
Ian Robinson	beat	Andy Henshaw	3/0

**Result: GB Vets 3 Chichester 0**

### Round Robin Match

This took the format of 15 minutes continuous play with each player taking alternate 2 serves irrespective of the outcome of these serves. Points were then given to the player who won most rallies in the 15 minutes.

John Woodliffe	lost to	Graham Fisher	24/29
Lance Kinder	beat	Jimmy Evans	36/22
John Woodliffe	beat	Tony Carruthers	37/27
Brian Sayer	lost to	Graham Fisher	30/40
Lance Kinder	beat	Tony Carruthers	51/17
Brian Sayer	lost to	Jimmy Evans	25/33
Lance Kinder	beat	Graham Fisher	38/30
John Woodliffe	beat	Jimmy Evans	32/27
Brian Sayer	beat	Tony Carruthers	31/28

**Result: GB Vets 6 (304 points) Chichester 3 (253)**

## CAMBERLEY 7 December 2010

Andy Craig of the Camberley SC organised an excellent evening against our team at the RMA Sandhurst. We had a pretty early start as we wanted to play singles and doubles. As ever there were some excellent games with three going to the wire in the fifth.

The Vets Club were well supported by our non playing captain Tony McStravick who was there to see fair play! Tony is a Vice Chairman of our Club and was Match Secretary for some five years until 1988.

The other reason for starting early was to ensure the beer and food had not run out at "The Standard"!

For the record the results of the singles were:

GB Vets		Camberley	
Ian Robinson	beat	Geoff Gill	3/0
Lance Kinder	lost to	Andy Craig	0/3
John Woodliffe	beat	Edward Woods	3/2
Seumas Kerr	beat	Sam Coulter	3/2
Andy Hartley	beat	Eddie Gamal	3/2

**So a victory for the GB Vets 4/1.**

The doubles were a mix and match and played in an excellent spirit with a great deal of humour but of course was still very competitive!

John Woodliffe

## ROEHAMPTON 11 January 2011

As always, we had a thoroughly enjoyable match against Roehampton Country Club on Wednesday evening 11th January 2011. This match has been a regular fixture in our calendar for over 20 years and our team manager until 2007 was Don Allen who organised it superbly for certainly 17 years.

Nigel Clarke has very kindly made all the arrangements at Roehampton over the last few years and we always seem to manage to match our respective strengths pretty well. It was certainly very even this time. After the match we had a very happy time over a glass of wine and a superb dinner discussing every aspect of our respective games!

For the record the GB Vets won 3-2.

VC of GB		Roehampton	
Keith Jones	beat	Rory Ross-Russell	3-2
Paul Reader	beat	Nick Charteris-Black	3-2
Andy Craig	lost to	Nigel Clarke	1-3
Edward Woods	lost to	Chris Manfield	0-3
Lance Kinder and John Woodliffe beat Philip Greenhalgh and Neil Symons 3-1			
John Woodliffe			



## BECKENHAM 14 January 2011

With regular players Peter Willmor and Dave Leach unable to play we knew we could be in trouble against, on paper, a strong Beckenham team...and so it was! Robert Smith and Nigel Belle were on first and both at 1/1 looked potentially to make it wins for the GB Vets. But both eventually lost 1/3. The stalwart lady vets, Mandy Akin and Karen Hume both succumbed 0/3 – Mandy not at her best and nursing a niggling injury and Karen unusually outplayed.

So at 0/4 down it was left to a very tanned, recently turned 60 in Cape Town, Peter Young, to salvage some pride and honour and save us from a whitewash. His opponent, Ian Smith, also a GB Vet, went 0/2 down so a win was a distinct possibility. However Ian's dogged play wore Peter down and after an exciting, tense match came through a 9/7 in the fifth winner.

But a heavy defeat was soon forgotten as we all tucked into a marvellous four course meal washed down with ample supplies of beer, wine and port!

It was good to see Oliver Pollard supporting and looking so well at 80+.

Speeches were mercifully short – Ian inviting the GB Vets back next year for a return match and Nigel in reply thanking Ian for organising a brilliant evening and vowing to reap revenge in 2012!

GB Vets		Beckenham	
Mandy Akin	lost to	Simon Joyce	0/3
Robert Smith	lost to	Geoff McMullen	1/3
Karen Hume	lost to	Cathy Ruffle	0/3
Peter Young	lost to	Ian Smith	2/3
Nigel Belle	lost to	Rob Belcher	1/3



*The teams and supporters. A reclining Albert Akin clearly enjoying being on the laps of four gorgeous ladies!*

Nigel Belle

## ESPORTA 24 January 2011

I had a pleasant surprise a little while ago when I had a call from a Chris Sebire saying he had looked at our website, was impressed and asked if we would like a friendly against his club in Bracknell, Surrey. I, of course, bit his hand off and we had a great evening.

Chris Lowry and Chris Ansell could not have had closer matches at No 1 and No 2, both going to five and both very entertaining to watch.

Edward Woods at No 4 had a good game against a much younger man. Lance Kinder played a couple of games against Chris Sebire – one all – and then played doubles with both Chris Lowry and John Woodliffe against Chris Sebire and Mike Graves.

### Esporta VC of GB

Mike Graves	beat	Chris Lowry	3-2
Ian Tims	beat	Chris Ansell	3-2
Chris Sebire	drew with	Lance Kinder	1-1
Jacques Du Toit	beat	Edward Woods	3-0
Mike Graves & Chris Sebire beat Chris Lowry & Lance Kinder 2-1 and lost to Lance Kinder & John Woodliffe 0-1			

The whole evening was good fun and very sporting and a return match will take place in March.

John Woodliffe.



*Edward Woods (GB Vets), Jacques Du Toit, Chris Ansell (GB Vets), Ian Tims, John Woodliffe (GB Vets), Chris Lowry (GB Vets), Mike Graves, Chris Sebire.*

## NEW MALDEN 28 January 2011

This welcome new fixture, arranged by Vets Hon. Sec. Nigel Belle and fellow GB Vet and New Malden Club Manager Claire Baker, was an excellent event, played in an excellent spirit with excellent post match bonhomie.

First on was Nigel, who took an early lead but then succumbed to a cold court and better play by the lovely Claire.

Mandy Akin then took on fellow GB Vet and recently crowned Surrey O60's champion Andy Larkin. 0/2 down, 2/2, 6/2 up in the fifth – gripping stuff – but a string of mistakes by Mandy allowed Andy to scrape through 9/6.

An out of sorts Robert Smith never got going in his game and Peter Young 1/0 up unfortunately pulled his hamstring (again) and was unable to effectively contest the next three games.

It was left to Karen Hume to rescue the GB Vets from the dreaded 0/5 defeat. A very tight match against fellow Vet, Keith Searle, saw the consistent, positive play of Karen take victory 9/7 in the fifth.

### GB Vets 1. New Malden 4.

A great evening was had by all.

#### New Malden

Andy Larkin	beat	VC of GB	
Len Goss	beat	Mandy Akin	3/2
Keith Searle	lost to	Peter Young	3/1
Denis Champion	beat	Karen Hume	2/3
Claire Baker	beat	Robert Smith	3/0
		Nigel Belle	3/1

Nigel Belle.



Picture both teams: Karen Hume, Robert Smith, Keith Searle, Len Goss, Claire Baker, Nigel Belle, Mandy Akin, Andy Larkin, Peter Young, Denis Champion.

## BEACONSFIELD 13 February 2011

This match was the 14th consecutive year in which we have played against Beaconsfield. Over the years they have beaten us more often than not, but we have won the last two encounters.

This year we came out 3-2 after an exciting final match between the No 1 strings which if we had won would have given us a 4-1 result.

For all but one of these annual matches, our first string was Dave Cooper and to his credit he has won more than half his matches. Yesterday, although not fully fit but with the full encouragement and guidance of his coach, Gill, he was unlucky not to win, going down 8/10 in the fifth.

Chris Goodbourn at 2 played very well to beat their captain 3/0, and thus reverse the result of their meeting last year. Beaconsfield's No 3, Philip Courtenay-Luck, also a Vets of GB member, beat our No 3, Alan Thomas, who kindly came in as a last minute replacement.

At 4, Barry Skelding, a regular Vets of GB member in this event, played very well to come out the winner 9/5 in the fifth. Beaconsfield played a lady at No 5 but unfortunately in the time available I was not able to recruit a lady from our Club and our No 5, Bob Taylor, beat her fairly comfortably.

All in all another enjoyable event well organised by our friends at Beaconsfield and rounded off with the usual excellent meal.

Jack Harris

(Non-playing captain)

## DORKING 2 February 2011

This annual match is always a delight – perfectly organised by fellow GB Vet Bob Gray, more than ably helped by his wife Harriet for the delicious meal afterwards.

A late pull out by Nigel Belle due to a knee injury and seeing the Dorking No.1 on their batting list did not bode well for the GB Vets.

However the everlasting great doubles duo of John Woodliffe and Lance Kinder started the evening well with a 3/0 win.

John O'Brien was next on against fellow GB Vet Keith Searle. At 0/2 down, 8/8 match ball down it looked like curtains for John, but he took the third 9/8 but then lost the fourth 6/9.

Geoff Howes then took on Bob Gray – a seesaw match with Geoff eventually clinching a win 9/3 in the fifth.

Geoff Gill was rather outplayed losing 0/3, so, at 2 all in main matches, it was left to No.1 Ian Robinson to make it a win for the GB Vets. A match of the highest standard had the gallery in raptures but in the end Ian was no match for the Dorking No.1.

In the absence of Nigel B, John W and Lance K had 2 games each against the Dorking No.5 – John lost 0/2 and Lance drew 1/1

### Dorking 5, GB Vets 2, Drawn 1.

A thoroughly enjoyable evening ended with John W accepting an invitation for a return match next year.



The Dorking and GB Vets teams and friends.

# JESTERS 2011

(see website for pictures)

The annual Jesters Championships took place at the RAC Pall Mall over the weekend 29/30 January with the finals on Monday 31st.

Three age group categories were won by GB Vets:

**VINTAGE** – Mark Cowley for the second year running.

**VENERABLES** – Aubrey Waddy also for the second year running.

**VULNERABLES** – Tony Clifford for the second time.

Other GB Vets taking part were: Tony Wheeler, Martin Pearse, Geoff Howes, Nigel Belle, Syd Spittle.

For well over two decades now Peter Chalk has run and organised these Championships with terrific enthusiasm – long may he continue!

## BRITISH NATIONAL SQUASH CHAMPIONSHIPS 2011 ALL MEN'S MASTERS EVENTS WON BY MEMBERS OF THE GB VETS!!

**MO45 EAMONN PRICE** Won 3/2 in 104 minutes!

**MO50 MARK WOODLIFFE** Richard Millman retired hurt after 6 minutes. Chris Harland and Alan Thompson reached the semis.

**MO55 PETER ALEXANDER** beat Duleep Adhihetty 3/1. Mark Cowley reached semis.

**MO60 KEITH JONES** Won 3/0. Phil Ayton and Allen Brown reached the semis.

**MO65 RODNEY BOSWELL** Won 3/1. Adrian Wright, Chris Ansell in semis.

**MO70 ANDREW BEESTON** Won 3/1. Malcolm Gilham, John Woodliffe in semis.

**MO75 LANCE KINDER** Won against the only other one entrant!

### WOMEN'S RESULTS – FINALIST

**WO55 Bett Dryhurst** lost 0/3 in the final.

**SEMI FINALISTS WO40 Lesley Sturgess, WO45 Mandy Akin. WO50 Karen Hume, Lynne Davies. WO55 Jane Law.**

# Membership News

## NEW MEMBERS

We warmly welcome the following new members who have joined the Club since the Summer 2010 Newsletter:

Martin Brooke	– Hyde Cricket & Squash Club
Miles Clarke	– Westridge, Ryde, I.O.W.
Sue Vine	– Ardleigh Hall
David Barnes	– Lansdown, Bath
Roger Middleton	– March & District
Jim Dougal	– Watsonians & Edinburgh Sports Club
Chris Wilson	– Wykeham
Vinnie Taylor	– Toronto Cricket, Skating & Curling Club, Goodlife Queensview (Ottawa), Jesters.
Andrew Beeston	– The Northern Club, Crosby
Allen Brown	– Jersey Squash & Racketball Club
Tamsin Bennett	– Colets

## 'LOST' MEMBERS

Any help you can give in contacting these 'lost' members would be much appreciated. Hon. Sec.

Alf Barker	Dave Hickman	Ted Hare
Kevin Bevington	John Dobbin	Robert McIntosh
Anthony Bodie	John Dover	Stephen Withers
John Grieve	Terry Farrington	

## OBITUARY – DON HOWELL

It is with great sadness to record the passing of Don Howell. A member of the GB Vets for 40 years.

It has been my privilege to have been his partner in many doubles tournaments over the last 30 years.

Despite sustaining severe injury to his ankle during WW2, a more resolute, determined player and friend would be hard to find.

He will be greatly missed.

### John Skinner

#### Don's record in the Club Tournaments:

Won O55 doubles with Norman Hunt in 1986,

Won O60's singles in 1985 • Won O65's singles in 1992.

He also generously presented 'The Howell Cup' for the O75 singles.

## CAPTION WINNER

The mail bag was full to the brim with captions to the picture in the Summer 2010 Newsletter of 'what was Howard Cherlin saying to Philip Ayton and Mark Cowley?'

After careful consideration the caption by John 'Timpers' Timperley was thought to be the most apt and funny:

*"OK we both need a nose job!"*

I trust you have a good lawyer John! Bottle of Champagne to be presented on Club Finals day.

## 50th ANNIVERSARY – 2013

A sub committee has been formed to consider and plan celebrations for the Club's Golden Anniversary in 2013.

We hope to be able to hold our dinner at the RAC Woodcote Park again as the last two held there were so successful, together with celebratory matches, perhaps over a weekend, against other Clubs such as Jesters and Escorts. Also a new book is being considered – some history yes but much, much more member involvement than our very successful and readable 40th book.

Whilst 2013 may seem a long way off, now is the time for you to think about what contribution you would like to make, what you would like to see in the book.

Ideas/comments to the Hon.Sec. please, thank you.

# Forthcoming Events

## CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

Colets 16/17 April 2011.

## HOME INTERNATIONALS

WO40, MO40, MO60	Cardiff	22/24 April 2011
WO35, MO35, MO55	Dublin	29 Apr-1 May 2011
WO50, MO50, MO70	Nottingham	6/8 May 2011
WO45, WO55, MO45, MO65	Scotland	13/15 May 2011

## 2nd EUROPEAN MASTERS

[www.pt-squash-org/EMC2011](http://www.pt-squash-org/EMC2011)

Oporto, Portugal 1/4 September 2011

## INTER PROVINCIALS

Port Elizabeth, South Africa 2/7 September 2011

## 11th WORLD MASTERS

[www.squashworldmasters.com](http://www.squashworldmasters.com)

Birmingham, England 20/27 July 2012

*(Closing ceremony concluding as the opening ceremony of the London Olympic games begins).*

## SQUASH TOURS

A large number of our members have enjoyed tours abroad over the years. Looking through my records I see we have been to Malta, Northern Ireland, South Africa, Denmark, France, Spain, Belgium, Dublin, New York, Hong Kong and Singapore to name but a few! We have also had a few weekend tours in the UK mainly to York.

In recent times we have been to Majorca, Dublin, South Africa but the numbers taking part have been relatively small. We do not have a committee member dedicated to arranging tours but we do get a volunteer from time to time and of course the committee give full support.

'It had been hoped that Robert Smith and Mandy Akin would take a side to play in the Inter Provincials in South Africa in September. However the event clashes with the 2nd European Masters in Portugal, so this will now be considered for 2012.'

I would like to encourage members with connections abroad to consider raising a team, they are always memorable affairs but of course do take a bit of planning.

Looking through my records, how about this bunch of fine men from nearly ten years ago!

John Woodliffe

## S.A. MASTERS SQUASH INTER PROVINCIAL DURBAN 2002



Back row: Dave Hardern, Trevor Wilkinson, John Smith  
Front row: John Perrott, Martin Pearce, Adrian Wright