



The Veterans Squash Rackets Club of Great Britain

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SUMMER 2010 NEWSLETTER

SIR MICHAEL EDWARDES

Sir Michael Edwardes was awarded the Burrell Trophy to much acclaim after the presentation of prizes on Finals Day 2010.

In his address, John Woodliffe said that Sir Michael, apart from being a dedicated player – and still playing – has done a huge amount for our Club over very many years.

He was our President for 13 years up to 1992 and he was instrumental in introducing doubles competitions into our annual Tournament, starting with the O45 in 1984, the O55 in 1986, the O65 in 1996 and the O70 in 2001.

Added to this, he generously presented the Edwardes/Berman Trophy for the O45 doubles competition, the President's Cup for the O50 singles, the Burch Trophy for the O65 doubles and the Leo Melville Trophy for the O70 doubles competition.

(Incidentally, he won the O55 Doubles in 1987 with Toddy Berman, the O65 Doubles in 1996 – again with Toddy

Awarded the Burrell Trophy 2010



Sir Michael Edwardes with the Burrell Trophy flanked by President Philip Ayton (left) and Chairman John Woodliffe.

Berman – and the O70 Doubles in 2001 with Frank Crowley,)

Sir Michael, together with Peter Trimmingham, Toddy Berman and Brian McGivern, in 1986 experimented with different widths for a doubles court and having decided that 4ft wider than a singles court seemed best, went ahead in 1988 to have the first doubles courts built

to that dimension at the RAC Country Club at Epsom.

Some while afterwards the World Federation agreed that this would be the standard size worldwide.

Sir Michael also sponsored a doubles court in St Francis Bay Squash Club in South Africa, where he spends some time every year.

That club now boasts two doubles courts and one singles court and an annual International Invitation Doubles Tournament has been held there for some years. The Tournament is now supported by over 100 competitors in different age-groups. A number of Vets Club members have been invited to take part in a very enjoyable competition.

Sir Michael Edwardes has been an inspirational supporter of our Club for over 30 years and richly deserves the award of the Burrell Trophy.



John Woodliffe, Lance Kinder, Sir Michael, Peter Trimmingham in St. Francis Bay, South Africa.



Michael Melville, Sheila and Sir Michael at St. Francis Bay Doubles Tournament.



Sir Michael with trophy and British contingent.

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CLUB CHAMP

Tournament Director's Report 2009/2010

The semi finals and finals of the Club Tournament were held over the weekend of 17th 18th April, hosted this year by Broxbourne Squash Club in Hertfordshire.

There were over 50 games played during the course of the weekend and as usual the squash was of the very highest standard.

There were nearly 20 internationals playing and winners of British Open and National titles competing. This again shows that the club is continuing to fulfil its aims, to encourage age group players to continue playing.

It is pleasing, with the number of Masters events throughout the season, the Regionals, The British Open and Closed, plus player's own club and league commitments, that we still have the entry levels that we do.

To continue at this level it is imperative that we encourage our members to recruit others to join and to participate in all of the club activities, whether social matches, our tournament or tours.

We will, with permission from the hosting clubs and England Squash Masters, actively try to recruit new members at the Masters events throughout the coming season.

It would also be hoped that this year's participants will try and find new members from within their own club and county set-ups.

As well as this we must aim to get existing members who no longer enter to do so again.

With a lot of work from Mandy Akin we have had the best supported Ladies events ever; but must try to build on this.

Again there were a considerable number of matches not played and walk-overs given, but as this was mostly through injury then there is not much we can do about it.

Highlights of the weekend:

The match between Darren Withey and Eamonn Price in the O'45, both England players, Eamonn being the National champion winning in 4 games.

The Willmor brothers getting back into winning ways in the 55 Doubles.

Karen Hume and Mandy Akin winning their respective singles and then joining together to win the Ladies doubles.

The 55 and 65 categories were won by National Title holders, Mark Cowley and Adrian Wright and recently crowned English Open over 70 Champion, Brian Philips in the O'70 group beating many times champion John Woodliffe.

John Woodliffe and Lance Kinder, never ones to leave empty handed, retained the O'70 doubles. If they do it again next year they will repeat their feat of five successive victories that they achieved in the O'65 Doubles.

Finally it was good to see our President Philip Ayton returning to full fitness and retaining the O'60 title, although he did confess to be playing "Old Man's Squash at last".

The pleasurable part was that although fiercely contested all games were played in the fairest of spirit

The Finals were followed on Sunday by the AGM, which passed off swiftly and without controversy, Gordon Coulthard standing down and David Garrett taking his place as Treasurer.

The doubles scoring system was commented on and we may consider revising this again next year. I am also proposing that the O'45 and O'50 age groups be canvassed as to whether they would wish to play PARS

After the prize giving the catering staff from Broxbourne provided us with a superb buffet attended by approximately 60 members and guests.

Thanks to Wendy and the staff at Broxbourne and to Karen Lane who did a fantastic job of liaising between us and Broxbourne.

I have contacted Colets and they confirm that they would be willing to host the Finals in 2011.

Easter 2011 falls late, Easter Sunday is 24th April so I propose that we provisionally plan the finals for the weekend before, on 16th 17th April.

Geoff Howes



Eamonn Price O45 Singles winner.



Mandy Akin winner Claire Baker runner up O40 Singles.



Karen Hume O50 Singles winner.



Alasdair Niven runner up Mark Cowley winner O55 Singles.

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Tournament Results 2009/10

Event	Winner(s)	Runner(s) Up	Result
Over 45 Singles <i>(Breakwell/Fisk Salver)</i>	Eamonn Price	Darren Withey	3-1
Over 45 Doubles <i>(Edwardes/Berman Trophy)</i>	C. Harland & E. Price	C. Ansell & K. Jones	3-1
Over 45 Doubles Plate	Albert & Mandy Akin	R. Smith & K. Hume	3-0
Over 50 Singles <i>(President's Cup)</i>	Chris Harland	Stuart Hardy	3-0
Over 50 Singles Plate	Alan Boulden	Chris Lowry	3-0
Over 55 Singles <i>(Walrond Cup)</i>	Mark Cowley	Alasdair Niven	3-2
Over 55 Singles Plate	Ian Smith	Tony Wheeler	3-0
Over 55 Doubles <i>(Warlingham Decanters)</i>	Peter & Brian Willmor	M. Tidy & G. Tarring	3-1
Over 55 Doubles Plate	R. Smith & A. Akin	R. Sulley & K. Hews	3-2
Over 60 Singles <i>(Burch Salver)</i>	Philip Ayton	Howard Cherlin	3-0
Over 60 Singles Plate	Tony Wheeler	Graham Whitehead	3-1
Over 65 Singles <i>(Dengel & Perkins Cup)</i>	Adrian Wright	Mike Clemson	3-0
Over 65 Singles Plate	Len Froggitt	Brian Dobson	W/O
Over 65 Doubles <i>(Burch Trophy)</i>	G. Aplin & L. Froggitt	A. Wright & R. Morrell	3-2
Over 70 Singles <i>(Pellew Salver)</i>	Brian Phillips	John Woodliffe	3-0
Over 70 Singles Plate	Graham Davies	Derek Tullett	W/O
Over 70 Doubles <i>(Leo Melville Trophy)</i>	J.Woodliffe & L.Kinder	A. Seare & B. Sayer	3-0
Over 75 Singles <i>Howell Cup</i>	Malcolm Gilham	Brian Sayer	3-0
Over 75 Singles Plate	Arnold Reed	Anthony Waller	W/O
Ladies Singles <i>(Gathercole Trophy)</i>	Mandy Akin	Claire Baker	Round Robin
Ladies Doubles <i>(Belle Salver)</i>	M. Akin & K. Hume	C. Baker & K. Ricks	Round Robin



Brian Sayer runner up
Malcolm Gilham winner O75 Singles.



Chris Lowry runner up
Alan Boulden winner O50 Singles Plate.



Brian Phillips winner
John Woodliffe runner up O70 Singles.



Stuart Hardy runner up
Chris Harland winner O50 Singles.



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Eamonn Price & Chris Harland
O45 Doubles winners.



Brian & Peter Willmor winners Mike Tidy & Guy Tarring runners up O55 Doubles.



Robert Smith & Albert Akin winners Roger Sulley & Keith Hews runners up O55 Doubles Plate.



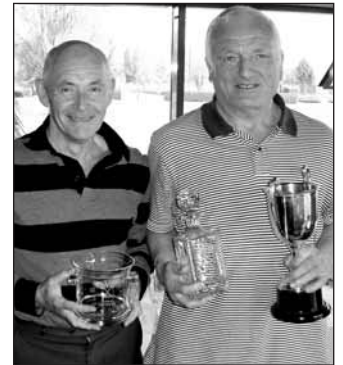
Ian Smith winner O55 Singles Plate.



Howard Cherlin runner up
Philip Ayton winner O60 Singles.



Tony Wheeler winner
O60 Singles Plate.



Mike Clemson runner up
Adrian Wright winner O65 Singles.



Brian Sayer & Tony Seare runners up
John Woodliffe & Lance Kinder winners O70 Doubles.



Markers: **Paul Allen, Jack Harris, Tony Seare, Philip Ayton (President) Dean Clayton, Nigel Belle, Brian Sayer, Gordon Ross.**



Len Froggitt winner O65 Singles Plate.



Graham Davies winner O70 Singles Plate.



Arnold Reed winner O75 Singles Plate.



Marking up the result: **Tony Seare.**

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Roger Morrell & Adrian Wright runners up Len Froggitt & George Aplin winners O65 Doubles.



Lesley Sturgess & Sue Pynegar.



Jane Belle & Terry Woodliffe helps over the finals weekend.



Cheers Willmors! Brian & Alison, Peter & Irene.



Gordon Coulthard outgoing Hon. Treasurer for he and his wife Jan.



Dilys & Mike Clemson enjoying the buffet.



Enjoying a glass or two! Norman Hunt, Oliver Pollard, Denis Hill.



Over from France: Tom & Di Hendry.



Enjoying the après squash: Arnold Reed and Tom Hannon.



Karen Lane organiser at the Broxbourne Club.



What is Howard Cherlin saying to Philip Ayton and Mark Cowley?

FREE CHAMPAGNE!!

A bottle of Champagne will be given to the member giving the most apt/funny caption to the picture on the left – Howard Cherlin, Philip Ayton and Mark Cowley.

Captions to Hon. Secretary by Christmas please

ACCOUNTS FOR YEAR ENDING 30 JUNE 2010 TO BE APPROVED AT 47TH AGM – APRIL 2011

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 30 JUNE 2010

	2010 £	2009 £
INCOME		
Subscriptions	5,553.00	5,608.00
Joining fees	230.00	160.00
Championship entry fees	1,360.00	1,340.00
Interest	66.38	139.35
Profit on sweaters	4.29	–
Profit on shirts	9.29	–
Book (sales)	–	30.00
Anniversary Dinner	–	4.11
Donation	–	10.00
	<u>£7,222.96</u>	<u>£7,291.46</u>
LESS: EXPENDITURE		
Loss on ties	99.00	87.50
Championship costs	767.75	668.48
Championship prizes	1,407.73	1,458.79
England Squash	130.00	253.50
Postage/telephone	466.83	421.56
Insurance	512.16	524.26
Handbook/newsletter	2,473.98	2,569.25
Stationery	79.00	5.94
Club matches (Irish visit)	598.00	–
Website	–	980.00
Sundries (misc.comm.exp)	186.50	–
Pins	115.00	–
Shields	194.64	–
	<u>7,030.59</u>	<u>6,969.28</u>
Surplus/(Loss)	<u>192.37</u>	<u>322.18</u>
	<u>£7,222.96</u>	<u>£7,291.46</u>

BALANCE SHEET FOR THE YEAR ENDING 30 JUNE 2010

	2010 £	2009 £
GENERAL FUND		
Balance at 01.07.08		12,401.07
Surplus to 30.06.09		<u>322.18</u>
		<u>£12,723.25</u>
Balance at 01.07.09	12,723.25	
Surplus to 30.06.10	192.37	
	<u>£12,915.62</u>	
REPRESENTED BY:-		
Balance at bank	12,182.00	12,308.05
12 shirts at cost	165.89	87.50
9 ties at cost	49.50	148.50
18 sweaters at cost	518.23	179.20
	<u>12,915.62</u>	<u>£12,723.25</u>

GORDON COULTHARD, HON. TREASURER

MATCH RESULTS

GB VETS vs BEACONSFIELD

14th MARCH 2010

This was the 13th annual match but only the 3rd GB Vets win!

The GB Vets got off to a brilliant start with **Mike Fagg** at No.5 and **John Nicholson** at No.4 both winning comfortably 3/0.

Dave Cooper struggled at No.1 losing 0/3 and **Chris Goodbourn** at No. 2 just managed to lose 6/9 in the fifth.

Len Froggitt clinched it for the GB Vets by beating fellow GB Vets member **Phil Courtenay-Luck**, 3/1.

Yet another excellent match and brilliant evening.

Jack Harris



From left: Standing: John Nicholson, Mike Fagg, 4th from left Jack Harris, Len Froggitt, end of row Phil Courtenay-Luck. Kneeling from left: Chris Goodbourn, Dave Cooper.

GB VETS vs NUFFIELD HEALTH

26th MARCH 2010

Always a needle match since all of the GB Vets players are also members of Nuffield Health (nee Cannons, nee Pinnacle, nee Bromley Town)

First on was **Nigel Belle** for the GB Vets, fresh back from a half-knee job playing **Robert Smith** fresh back from a full-knee job. He lost 1/3. **Peter Young** made the match level beating **Alan Nelson** 3/1. **Karen Hume** at No. 3 lost 1/3 but **Peter Willmor** at No 2 Levelled the score 2/2 by winning 3/2.

The much anticipated husband vs wife match, **Albert Akin** versus **Mandy** never materialised – did he have a bad back or did she have a headache?

Nuffield Health clinched the match 3/2 as **Dave Leach** at No 1 went down 1/3.

A most enjoyable match was rounded off with much banter, much liquid refreshment and an excellent meal.

Nigel Belle



From left: Nigel Belle, Peter Young, Dave Leach, Karen Hume, Peter Willmor.

GB VETS TAKE ON THE FRENCH!

Courtesy of Derek Tullett and his son Jonathan, seven Kent GB Vets plus wives and partners flew to Nice to do battle with the might of the French over the weekend 29th May – 1st June 2010.

All action took place in baking temperatures at the Antibes Squash and Fitness Club which, by the way, Derek and Jonathan now own!

If the almost unbearable temperatures were not bad enough, two more problems arose even before a ball was hit. Firstly, whilst the average age of the GB Vets was a respectable 60, the French average was at least half that, with a brilliant lady player just 17! Secondly the games were to be played PARS to 11 which can produce very short games. However the hot courts favoured longer rallies so the games were not that short.

On the Saturday four matches were lost 0/3 – Robert Smith, Gordon Freakes, Jon Miles (only 41 and not yet a GB Vet) and Nigel Belle. Only Nigel managed to get close, losing 8/11, 10/12, 10/12.

Two matches were extremely well contested, both Dave Leach and Peter Willmor battled hard but lost 1/3. But the match of the day was between Karen Hume and the 17 year old French lady. Neither of course wanted to be beaten – either by an over 50 year old or by a teenager! After a seesaw match which was of an extremely high standard, highly entertaining and played in the best of spirits, Karen managed to win 3/2 – 12/10, 11/13, 2/11, 12/10, 11/9.

The weekend also saw some most enjoyable squash doubles games, Racketball, gourmet meals and a great day in Cannes! So whilst the French may have won the squash it would be fair to say that the Brits won the après squash!

It is to be hoped that this will become an annual fixture and hopefully next time the teams will be more evenly matched both in age and ability. Our grateful thanks go to Derek and Jonathan and to Gloria Saunders for hosting a most fabulous weekend of squash and brilliant fun.

Nigel Belle



GB Vets from the left: Nigel Belle, Karen Hume, Peter Willmor, Dave Leach, Robert Smith, Gordon Freakes, Derek Tullett.

THE ENGLISH OPEN NOTTINGHAM MARCH 2010

This was the first 'Euro' tournament with unfortunately only 9 players entered from overseas. The draw was 100.

PARS was inflicted on all age groups – OK for professionals and ultra fit 35 year olds but disliked by the older age groups. Gawain Briars, the instigator of PARS, was at the Nottingham Club and he never, ever envisaged the game going to PARS for Masters – it wasn't set up for that. However, Club good and the vast majority enjoyed themselves.

Men's O45. Mark Hildred progressed to the _'s and Darren Withey to the semis.

Men's O50. Chris Harland reached the final having narrowly beaten Ian Bradburn (12/10 in the 5th) and Duleep Adhithetty on the way. Alan Thomson beat Chris in the final 3/1 having beaten Dermot Hurford 3/0 in the semis.

Men's O55. Only 8 in this draw with Mark Cowley beating Stuart Hardy 3/0 in the final.

Men's O60. Aubrey Waddy beat Chris Ansell 3/2 in the final.

Men's O70. John Preston, Lance Kinder, Tony Seare progressed to the _'s, Malcolm Gilham to the semis. Brian Phillips won the final 3/0.

Women's O50. Sue Pynegar progressed to the semis and Lynne Davies lost in the final.

Women's O55. Another win for Bett Dryhurst with Averil Murphy runner up.

Nigel Belle with apologies to Martin Pearse.

HOME INTERNATIONALS

Congratulations to those GB Vets members who have recently represented their Country. All England players except where noted.

CARDIFF April 23/24 2010

Men's O55: Mark Cowley, Peter Alexander, Stuart Hardy.

DUBLIN April 30/May 1 2010

Men's O50: Chris Harland, Richard Millman, Ian Bradburn, Chris Lowry (Ireland), Alan Thomson (Scotland)

Men's O70: Lance Kinder, John Preston, Malcolm Gilham, John Woodliffe, John O'Brien (Ireland), Alex Richardson (Ireland), Tom Hannon (Ireland), Brian Phillips (Wales), Gary Williams (Wales), John Batty (Wales).

Women's O50: Sue Pynegar, Karen Hume, Kath Kemp, Lesley Sturgess, Lynne Davies (Wales), Eunice Bond (Scotland), Faith Sinclair (Scotland)

NOTTINGHAM 7/8 May 2010

Men's O65: Adrian Wright, Mike Clemson, Tony Clifford, Graham Fisher, Tommy Elves, Jimmy Evans, Myron Evans (Ireland), John O'Brien (Ireland), Brian Phillips (Wales), Gary Williams (Wales).

Men's O45: Eamonn Price, Darren Withey, Alan Thomson (Scotland).

Women's O45: Mandy Akin, Claire Baker, Lynne Davies (Wales).

Women's O55: Bett Dryhurst.

EDINBURGH 14/15 May 2010

Men's O60: Martin Pearse, Ian Graham, Barry Featherstone, Geoff Howes, Larry Grover, Leighton Jenkins (Wales).

ENGLAND WON ALL THEIR MATCHES!

A list of Vets Club International players can now be viewed on our website. Please visit it and advise the Hon.Sec.of any omissions or errors. Thanks, **Ed.**

Membership News

NEW MEMBERS

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

Edward Woods	–	Camberley, Surrey
Richard Millman	–	Westchester, Charleston and Cromer
Paul Allen	–	Coolhurst & Broxbourne
Les House	–	Woodford Wells, Essex
Adam Pode	–	Squash in the City (HAC)

LOST MEMBERS

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

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

We are most saddened to learn of the deaths of the following members:

Duncan Alford Dick Robinson

Also Dr Vinod Jain who died this July. He was a member from 1986-1995, was a Match Manager and captained Woodford Wells for the 6 years they won the Summer Inter Club Tournament from 1986-1991. He leaves behind his wife, two sons and two granddaughters.

AN APOLOGY

In the report on the National Squash Championships February 2010 the Editor omitted to mention that Averil Murphy beat Bett Dryhurst to take the Women's O55 title. Apologies Averil! Ed.

CLUB SHOP

We have the following items for sale:



CLUB TIE

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NEW HON. TREASURER



David Garrett has taken over as Hon. Treasurer from Gordon Coulthard who has worked tirelessly for our Club for the past 14 years. David qualified as a Chartered Accountant with Deloitte in 1971. He became involved with the Cannons group just after the launch of its first club, in Wandsworth, in the early eighties, and as Finance Director helped take the group through to its sale to Vardon in 1996. He retired in 1998, and now lives happily with Debbie on an island in the Thames, just upstream from Hampton Court. They will be getting married in August of this year.

DG is 64 and has just celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of his first game of squash. In his youth he captained Manchester University and had the occasional game for Lancashire. He now plays a more sedate game commensurate with his age, and has played for Oxshott in the Surrey Vets league for many years. He also captains the Oxshott team in the Surrey Vintage league, and plays social and doubles squash at the RAC Woodcote Park. This year he had the honour of playing in the January inter-county round, representing Surrey O-60s in the match against Kent. He looks forward to turning 65 next February and gaining the relative protection of the next age grouping.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

10th WORLD MASTERS

23/28 August 2010 Cologne, Germany

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP FINALS

16/17 April 2011 Colets, Thames Ditton

REGIONAL TOURNAMENTS

EAST	24/26 Sept 2010	Bury St Edmunds
WEST	29/31 Oct 2010	Swindon
MIDLANDS	3/5 Dec 2010	Coventry
SOUTH	7/9 Jan 2011	Broxbourne
NORTH	5/6 Feb 2011	Pontefract



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