



## NEWSLETTER - JUNE 2013

***Planning starts for 2016 European team Championships!***

**2016 – Make it Medway, GREAT BRITAIN!**



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**EVF Congress  
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## Chairman's letter

Dear Members,

In last month's Newsletter I mentioned that we had been successful in our bid to host the European Veteran Team Championships in 2016. The event will be held on 5th - 8th May 2016 at Medway Park, Gillingham, Kent and the Committee is now developing the plans for the running of the event.

We will keep you informed of progress and will be looking for volunteers to assist us with the many facets needed to make this another great event hosted by GB.

Following feedback after this year's competition, we are undertaking a revision to the Age Group Qualifier rules and will shortly be publishing proposed changes to enable you to give us your views and comments.

A reminder for all of you taking part in the Veterans Winton Cup to book your accommodation and dinner for the event in good time. Details can be found on our website together with the facility to book your dinner on line and we look forward to seeing you in Lilleshall in September.

Sincerely

**Frank Mills**  
**Chairman BVF**

## BVF Calendar 2013

**See BVF website home page for  
European competitions  
and events -  
[www.veterans-fencing.co.uk](http://www.veterans-fencing.co.uk)**

<b>BVF CALENDAR 2013</b>	
<b>Sep 7-8</b>	<b>Veterans Winton Cup, Lilleshall</b>
<b>Oct 1-6</b>	<b>World Championships, Bulgaria</b> There will be a test Team event at all 6 weapons.
<b>Oct 12-13</b>	<b>Welsh Veterans Championships, Swansea</b>
<b>Dec 1</b>	<b>BVF v Royal Navy, HMS President 72 St Katharines Way. London. E1W 1UQ</b>

## Annual Congress of EVF - 8th May 2013 - summary

The following is a summary of decisions made at the EVF Congress meeting which was held on 8<sup>th</sup> May at the European Individual Championships, Terni.

- EVFC members of honour allowed to vote at EVF Congress.
- Bid for ET16 - Medway Park, Gillingham. This was the only legitimate bid. The PowerPoint presentation was well received and the bid unanimously accepted.
- Change of age qualification date to continue as per new rule - age as at 31<sup>st</sup> December.
- An additional age group for European Team Championships to be introduced in Croatia 2014, (subject to agreement of organisers). Total age on piste of  $\geq 195$ , one of whom must be Cat 4.
- For existing teams, change of total age of women's teams from 140 to 150.
- Competition rules will be updated to reflect changes.
- No limitation on participation in future European Individual Championships.
- Medical certificates will not be required for European events; disclaimer will be sufficient. (Medical certificates are compulsory for World Championships.)
- Supply of referees - the new system (referees supplied by organisers) will continue.
- Election of Officers
  - Chairperson - Tom Rafter (Ireland)
  - Vice-President - Marja-Liisa Somerroja (both re-elected)
- Nando Capelli (Italy) elected as a member of honour.

**Gillian Aghajan**  
**GBR European Representative**

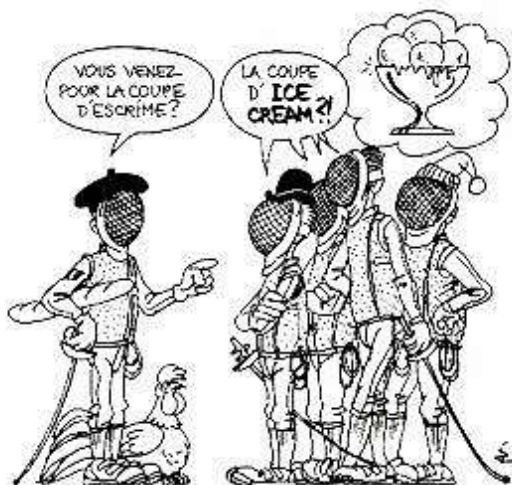
*Photo by  
Editor*



## Flying Friendship Club

The first international meeting was in London on 30 October 1959, at the invitation of BEA, (later to become British Airways). A few months later, on March 26, 1960, Jack W. Beuzeval (Jersey Fencing Club), Joe Garratt (BEA) and Robert Giraud (Sports Association of the Paris Airport, ASADP) created in Jersey, a triangular competition. London won the trophy - a magnificent Louis XIV sword.

Since then, the meeting has become a European Cup, which later took the name of the **Flying Friendship Cup**. Jersey has dropped out, but from the 1970s, clubs of KLM, Air France, and Icelandair have joined the initial teams. The cup was contested every year with few interruptions, alternatively in the UK, Amsterdam, Brussels (Icelandair) and Paris. Unfortunately the beautiful debut trophy was stolen many years ago and has been replaced by a cup on which is engraved the name of the team winner.



I have to confess stealing the cartoon from Les Duellistes website!  
<http://www.lesduellistes.net/partie-public/la-flying/lhistoire-de-la-flying.html>

After a gap the Flying Friendship Cup restarted on 20 February 1982 with our own Joe Garratt as the BA representative.

This annual event still takes place, and after Joe came to Wellesbourne Sword Club, became part of the club scene. WSC hosted this year's event in High Wycombe on the 15<sup>th</sup> June playing hosts to a large team from Les Duellistes (Aéroport de Paris) and teams from Air France and Brussels (Iceland Air). Malcolm Allton officiated on the day.

This photo shows Joe preparing to fence Jean-Louis Pigeon in 1998. Is this a young Malcolm Fare in the background? It is surprising how long the Vets have been involved.



Many Vets have helped out as part of the BA team over the years and this has continued until this year when we fenced as the Veterans Team consisting of – Peter Baron – Sabre, Silvia Earl – Foil, Andrew Brown – Epée, Malcolm Fare – Foil with Janet Baron and Nigel Hinchliff fencing épée individually.



In the Flying Friendship Cup the Vets team came third with Iceland Air second and BA winning the cup for the first time in 20 years.

In addition to the team cup an individual weapon competition is run with gold medals for each weapon.

In the women's foil Individual event quarter finals Silvia Earl scored a hit with a second left on the clock to equal at 8 all but narrowly missing out on a place in the final and taking bronze. Malcolm Fare surprised a young fencer in the semi final to take silver in the men's foil event.

A fencer from Iceland Air (who is also cat C) Yves Bertino fenced magnificently to take gold in the Epée. Vive les Vétérans!

The Veterans team has been invited to take part in next year's event to be held in Brussels.

**Andrew Brown**

*Photos  
courtesy of  
Andrew  
Brown*



## Competition results (top half)

### Chichester Open - 25/05/2013

MF (41) 5 Paul Lowen  
10 Nick Mort  
17 Nick Hills  
19 Brian Causton

ME (46) 2 Howard West  
16 Brian Millo  
23 Adam Steiner

WF (20) 9 Jenny Morris

WE (29) 6 Jenny Morris  
8 Mariette Mason  
14 Nadya Yordanova

### Herts Open Sabre - 26/05/2013

MS (50) 21 Julian Ghosh  
23 Carl Morris  
25 Steve Potter

WS (33) 6 Rachel Lasance  
7 Jane Hutchison  
13 Michele Narey  
15 Grace Coulter  
16 Silvia Earl

### Inverclyde Open - 01/06/2013

MF (32) 6 Mike McKay

MS (18) 8 Stephen Rennie

### Wrexham Open - 08/06/2013

MF (34) 6 Austen Rose  
11 Paul Kennea

ME (51) 10 David Hiam  
12 Paul Willmott  
13 Tristan Spicer  
15 Denis Callanan  
16 Max Telfer  
23 Lee Kite  
24 Tom Chrisp  
25 Joe Craig

MS (21) 6 Steve Potter

WF (14) 3T Kati Archer  
3T Catherine Heyes  
7 Susan Uff

WE (7) 3T Viv Frith

## Remembering Carol

It was year ago, on 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2012, that Carol Wengraf died on the piste in Santiago de Compostela, Galicia, at the Celtic Challenge. To those of who were there, (and many others too), I am sure that you have been thinking of her and the events that followed her death. Our Galician friends have posted tributes on Facebook together with this photo.

We will never forget ....



# Where in the world.....?

## Some places where Vets competitions have been held



*Photos by Editor*

## Editor's Note:

The BVF newsletter is your voice: a chance for you to put forward your views, send reports, letters, photos or articles.

Please speak up!

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### Caption Competition

#### June

send your entry to Editor

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### Caption Competition May

*Editor's choice*

*'That's interesting! They all seem to be holding theirs at the big end.'*

*'The next one to call me Tommy Cooper is going to get a real riposte. Just like that!'*

**Paul Brenda**



**Photos  
by Editor**



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