

Malcolm 's on top of the World!



Malcolm Cawton, World Champion Men's Sabre Cat C

Photo by Editor

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Vice Chairman's letter

Dear Members,

Frank Mills is still battling illness and at the time of publication of this issue is in hospital. I know that you will join me in wishing him the very best in receiving treatment and returning to good health.

The Veterans World Championships took part in Varna, Bulgaria earlier this month and our fencers had mixed fortunes. Some of our fencers were disappointed with their results but the standard is getting higher and higher each year and overall Great Britain was 6th in the individual medal table, which is a more than creditable result. I had the pleasure to be there and witness some superb fencing.

Congratulations to all our medal winners, in particular Malcolm Cawton, now World Champion in Men's Sabre (Category C), adding to his silver medal from the European Championships. Malcolm also won silver at the Worlds in Men's Foil (Category C). You will find the other medal results for winners Richard Bonehill, Janet Cooksey, Silvia Earl, Jane Hutchinson, Malcolm Fare and Bill Osbaldeston in this newsletter together with a report and photos. This year saw a trial team competition, which was well received by the competitors, with medals won by GBR teams; Men's sabre, silver; Women's épée, Men's épée and Women's sabre, bronze.

Following feedback from members on this year's Age Groups the committee has been looking at the Age Group rules and has agreed on the new draft format which is included in this newsletter for your perusal and comments.

2016 seems a long way off but plans are moving forward for the European Team Championships which, as you know, BVF will be hosting in Medway, Kent. We are now starting to recruit and would like to appoint volunteers for the following roles as soon as possible: Graphics Designer, Fundraising Manager, Venue Manager and Deputy Project Manager. Details can be found later in this newsletter.

Sincerely,

Gillian Aghajan
Vice Chairman BVF

BVF Calendar 2013

BVF CALENDAR 2013

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BVF Calendar 2014

BVF CALENDAR 2014	
Mar 7-9	BVF Championships 2014, Gloucester
Mar 7	BVF AGM, Holiday Inn, Barnwood, Gloucester
Apr 26-27	Veterans Home International, Edinburgh
May 15-19	European Team Championships, Porec, Croatia
June 7-9	Age Groups 2014, Newport Pagnell
Sep 6-7	Veterans Winton Cup, Lilleshall
Oct 11-12 (tbc)	Welsh Veterans Championships, Wrexham
Oct 15-19?	World Championships, Mauritius
Nov 16-19 (tbc)	Veterans Commonwealth Championships, Largs, nr Glasgow

See BVF website home page for European competitions and events -

www.veterans-fencing.co.uk



Malcolm Cawton and Peter Baron meet to clash swords at the World Championships in Varna

2013 World Veterans Championships, Varna, Bulgaria

The 2013 World Veterans Individual Championships were held in Varna, Bulgaria on 1st to 6th October. There were 646 entries (616 starters) from 47 countries. A test team event was also included in the program.

The Championships started well for the GBR squad with two Silver medals and one Bronze being won on the first day. In the Women's Sabre Category A semi final, Jane Hutchison beat Zini (FRA) to earn a place in the final with Janshen (GER) but was beaten (10-6) into the Silver medal place.

In the Men's Foil Category C event Malcolm Cawton fought his way through to meet Aftandilov (RUS) in the Final. Unfortunately the Russian was on top form and dispatched Malcolm into the Silver medal position.

Janet Cooksey won a Bronze medal in the Women's Foil Category C.

The second day was not as successful for GBR but Richard Bonehill won a Bronze medal after being eliminated from the semi finals by the eventual gold medal winner Paroli (ITA).

On day three the GBR highlight was Malcolm Fare's Bronze in the Men's Epée Category C. Connie Adam had a personal victory when she beat Demaille (FRA) in the pools. This was Demaille's only defeat in Women's Sabre Category C.

Silvia Earl was the star on the fourth day when she won a Bronze medal in the Women's Sabre Category B.

The fifth day was definitely the best for the GBR squad winning Gold, a Silver and a Bronze medal. Janet Cooksey opened the medal haul with Bronze in the Women's Epée Category C. In the Men's Sabre Bill Osbaldeston and Malcolm Cawton progressed steadily. From the L16 Bill beat Aftandilov (RUS) 10-4 and Spertini (FRA) 10-5 to earn a place in the semi final. Meanwhile Malcolm knocked out Baron (GBR) 10-9 and Bianchini (USA) 10-8 to join Bill in the semi finals. Malcolm eliminated Sexton (USA) 10-5 and Bill knocked out Nettingsmeyer (GER) 10-6 to set up an all GBR final. In the final Malcolm initially moved ahead but Bill fought back in the middle of the bout. Malcolm then took control and won the Gold medal 10-6 in a very enjoyable match. Bill won a well deserved Silver medal.

The GBR squad's medal count put them 6th in the Individual Championships table.



Richard Bonehill and Jane Hutchison



A very happy Silvia Earl with her coach Jonathan Katz



Janet Cooksey

Bill Osbaldeston and Malcolm Cawton

(Malcolm Fare had to leave before his medal presentation)

Photos by Editor

2013 World Individual Veterans Championships Medal Table

Position	Federation	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
1	GER	3	6	5	14
2	USA	3	3	8	14
3	FRA	3	2	3	8
4	ITA	3	1	4	8
5	RUS	2	1	0	3
6	GBR	1	3	5	9
7	JPN	1	0	4	5
8	FIN	1	0	0	1
8	UKR	1	0	0	1
10	HUN	0	1	3	4
11	LUX	0	1	0	1
12	NED	0	0	2	2
13	DEN	0	0	1	1
13	SWE	0	0	1	1

GBR Medal winners

Malcolm Cawton	Gold	MS Cat C, Silver - MF Cat C
Bill Osbaldeston	Silver	MS Cat C
Jane Hutchison	Silver	WS Cat A
Janet Cooksey	Bronze	WF Cat C, WE Cat C
Richard Bonehill	Bronze	MS Cat B
Silvia Earl	Bronze	WS Cat B
Macolm Fare	Bronze	ME Cat C



The Test Team event was held on the 6th day. The aim of the test was to try out the format, in which teams consisted of one member from each of the age categories and these members only fenced against the opposite number in the same age group to 10 hits or to time. The highest cumulative score was the winner. A report is to be submitted to the FIE recommending that a World Team Championships, based on this format be adopted by the FIE.

There was a total of 39 weapon team entries and the format was generally enjoyed by the participating teams. Although it was thought that a different timetable should be devised so that at least some of the team events would be run alongside the Individual events.

In the Team Events GBR were 5th in the Men's Foil, 3rd in the Men's Epée and 2nd in the Men's Sabre. In the Women's Team events GBR were 5th in the Women's Foil, 3rd in the Women's Epée and 3rd in the Women's Sabre.

Thanks are due to Huw Barton and Mike Thornton who assisted the squad by refereeing on behalf of GBR and to Gillian Aghajan for covering when I was at an official meeting.

David Sweeney GBR Team Manager

Full individual results are available on the website:

http://www.fencingveterans2013.com/?page_i



Rankings in Team Events

Men's épée		Women's épée		Men's Foil		Women's Foil		Men's sabre		Women's sabre	
1	UKR	1	USA	1	HUN	1	GER	1	USA	1	USA
2	FRA	2	FIN	2	RUS	2	USA	2	GBR	2	GER
3	GBR	3	GBR	3	USA	3	JPN	3	FRA	3	GBR
4	GER	4	RUS	4	GER	4	HUN	4	GER	4	RUS
5	HUN	5	FRA	5	GBR	5	GBR	5	BUL		
6	USA	6		6	FRA	6	FRA	6	HUN		
7	JPN			7	JPN						
8	RUS			8	CAN						
9	CAN										
10	BUL										

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Greetings from Varna!



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Competition results (top half)

Hamlet Open - 28/9/2013

WS (54) 20 Jane Hutchison

Shropshire Open - 28/9/2013

ME (47) 3 George Liston
12 Andrew Brown

MS (32) 9 Stefan Leponis

WF (12) 3 Dawn Townsend

WE (14) 6 Marie Matheson

WS (15) 3 Rachel Lasance
7 Yvonne Walls

Leon Paul Open - 12/10/2013

WE (54) 1 Georgina Usher

WS (27) 7 Jane Hutchison

Coventry Open - 13/10/2013

MF (36) 16 David Exeter

ME (28) 6 Keith Phillips
9 Max Telfer
10 David Hiam

MS (18) 3 Stefan Leponis

WF (10) 3 Gillian Worman

WS (11) 3 Michele Narey
3 Lucy Wright

Bedford Open - 13/10/2013

ME (40) 3 Malcolm Allton
7 Anton Pollard
8 Julian Parker
9 Stephen Domek
12 Howard West

WE (17) 7 Mariette Mason

Sussex Open - 12/10/2013

MF (34) 7 Brian Causton
8 Nick Mort

ME (54) 7 Mark Richardson
12 Will Miller
13 Jeremy Raj
17 Howard West
19 John Hyde

WE (8) 1 Nicola Hull

Leeds Open - 19/10/2013

MF (72) 16 Lindsay Watkiss
23 Nick Stokes

ME (57) 3 Chris Heaps
5 Stephn Munn
6 Max Telfer
9 Anton Pollard
12 Mark Richardson
13 Andrew Brown
16 David Exeter
19 Paul Willmott
20 Duncan Salter
28 Paul Drake

WF (21) 8 Kim De Large
9 Karen Garvie

WS (11) 2 Rachel Lasance
3 Silvia Earl
7 Tracy Russen

Congratulations to

***Georgina Usher - 1st WE, Leon Paul
& Nicola Hull - 1st WE, Sussex!***

BVF Age Group Qualifiers - Proposed New Rules

(The current rules can be seen on the BVF website.)

1. General:

The event is held annually on the first or second weekend in June.

2. Eligibility:

The event is open only to paid up members of BVF who are eligible to hold a British passport.

This event will be used for selection for the next World Championships, therefore your category is determined by the rules for the next World Championships.

3. Relevance:

At Categories 2, 3 and 4, the top three places at each weapon will automatically qualify for selection for the next World Championships.

4. Medals:

Gold, silver and bronze medals will be awarded at each weapon-category. At Category 1, which is fenced unisex, medals will also be awarded to the highest placed man and highest placed woman.

5. Format:

Up to 23 entrants:

Poule unique. First, second and third places will be determined by victories then second and third indicators. Places will be determined by barrage only when all three indicators are equal.

24 or more entrants:

First round of pools: Fencers are seeded on the basis of their results in the most recent British Veterans Age Group Qualifiers and the most recent British Veterans Championships. Any other relevant data may be taken into account to give as accurate a seeding as possible.

There will be a separation on the basis of club in the first round only.

Second round of pools: Fencers are seeded on the first round results.

Third round of pools: Fencers are ranked on the results of the first two rounds ie victories, second (HS-HR) and third (HS) indicators. The top 12 fencers are divided into two semi-final pools The top three fencers from each of the semi-final pools will fence in a final pool of 6. All remaining fencers will be allocated places on the basis of results from the previous rounds.

In the first and second round, pool size is determined as follows:

- a) If numbers permit no pool will be smaller than five or larger than six.

Medallists

First, second and third place will be determined by victories then second and third indicators taken from the final pool. Places will be determined by barrage only when all three indicators are equal.

Abandon

If a fencer withdraws partway through any pool, the results of any bouts completed by the outgoing fencer will be ignored.

If a fencer withdraws during either of the seeding rounds of pools, he/she will be ranked in last place in the tournament. If two or more fencers withdraw, they will be ranked in the last places, in the order of their original seeding.

If a fencer withdraws from the final round of pools, he/she will be ranked last in that pool. If two or more fencers withdraw, they will be ranked in the last places, in the order of their seeding to that round.

General:

All bouts are to five hits or three minutes of fencing time.

If the score is equal at time then the referee determines priority randomly and the fencers continue for a maximum of one minute. If a hit is scored, then that fencer wins the bout. If no hit is scored then the fencer with priority wins the bout.

6. Equipment:

It is the responsibility of each fencer to ensure that personal equipment complies with British Fencing guidelines.

7. Organisation:

The organisers reserve the right to make any changes that they deem necessary to the smooth running of the competition.

***Connie Adam and
Sylvia Brown at the 2013 Age Groups
- both medal winners***



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Graphics Designer

The Graphics Designer is responsible for designing a logo and colour scheme that can be used on:

- The website
- Correspondence with potential sponsors
- Banners around the venue
- Signs around the venue
- Goods for sale such as T-Shirts
- The Volunteers uniform

The logo and colour scheme should indicate [EVFC](#) and [BVF](#).

Fundraising Manager

The Fundraising Manager is responsible for raising money from:

- BVF members by raffles, 100-Club lotteries etc
- Known sponsors of fencing e.g. Beazley and Leon Paul
- Sponsors as yet unknown

The target to raise is the amount needed to turn the event from a minimum cost into the best of its kind i.e. £35,000.

Venue Manager

The Venue Manager during the event is responsible for laying out the non-fencing areas of the venue in accordance with the plans set by the Project Planner. This includes:

- Accreditation desk
- DT desk
- Armourers' area
- Information points
- Information Desk, Lost Property Desk
- Signs
- Photo opportunity area
- Presentations area

The Venue is Medway Park in north Kent. The management team there are very willing and positive and we should be able to get a number of things done through them e.g.:

- Lighting and backcloth for the finals piste
- Banners and Posters
- Plasma screen

It would be very useful to have a Venue Manager who lives locally to help progress these items and to maintain a close relationship with the Medway staff.



Deputy Project Planner

The Project Planners are responsible for defining the tasks to be done and when they should be done along with mechanisms to enable the committee to assign people to complete these tasks.

The tasks are defined in a web database and the progress monitoring software is based on PHP/MySQL

We need someone who is conversant with these technologies and who has experience of project management so that he/she can take over if and when the present project planners are hot by a bus.

Welsh Veterans Fencing Association - Nationals 2013

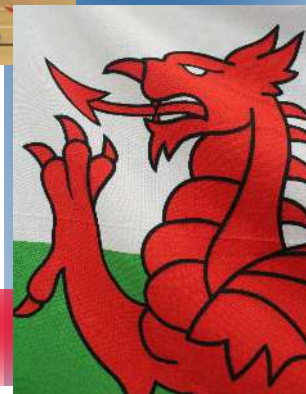
What a good weekend was had by all in Swansea at the WVFA National Championships. A very warm welcome to our new members.

As always as at any Welsh Vets events there was a mix of good fencing and great fun. A very special bond of camaraderie.

Thanks go to Tony Westacott and Wynford Seymour, who with their band of helpers organised the event, and to Huw Barton, FIE referee, who was able to return to his native Wales to referee for us. Huw will soon be moving to Australia and our best wishes go with him.

Next year the Championships return to Wrexham but before that we have events in Scotland to look forward to; the Veterans Home International and the Celtic Challenge, and after the Championships the Veterans Commonwealth in November.

Gillian Aghajan



**Caption
Competition
October**

send your entry to Editor

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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!

Send to me:

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*Photo
courtesy of
John Rees*

**Caption
Competition
September**

Editor's choice

*'Not Allowed!!! But I paid a fortune
for this designer foil jacket!'*

Paul Brenda



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