

### ***BVF plans Vets competition at the new Leon Paul Centre!***



### **GLL Camden International Sabre Cadet Tournament at the Leon Paul Centre**

Photo courtesy of Leon Paul

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## Chairman's letter

Dear Members,

I am happy to be able to inform you that I resumed my place on the BVF Committee last Sunday and received a warm welcome back from the members of the Committee.

My thanks go to Gillian Aghajan for taking on the Chairman's role during my absence and to the Committee members for supporting her during this time. We had a good meeting with a large number of matters covered, and the minutes can be viewed by members on the BVF website.

I am very pleased to announce that Peter Baron, on behalf of the committee, is planning a Veterans competition at the Leon Paul Centre. This will be a new spring event and I hope that many of you will be able to take part. The date is most likely to be 22<sup>nd</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> March and details will be published soon.

The Committee and I look forward to seeing many of you at the BVF AGM and the Championships in Gloucester and you will find the AGM Agenda, Chairman's Report and Accounts being sent to you shortly.

Sincerely,

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

## BVF Championships 2014 - 28<sup>th</sup> February - 2<sup>nd</sup> March

Full details and online entry are on the website: <http://www.veterans-fencing.co.uk/latest.shtml>

The AGM will be held on Friday 28th February 2014 at 20:15 in the Tennyson Room, Holiday Inn, Crest Way, Barnwood, Gloucester, GL4 3RX

## Transparent Masks

Complying with the decision taken by the FIE (International Fencing Federation) at its Congress last November, **British Fencing is banning the use of transparent ("Vision") masks for all fencing with metal weapons with effect from 1st March 2014.**

**BVF is also adopting this ban.**



# BVF Calendar 2014

BVF CALENDAR 2014	
Feb 28	BVF AGM, Holiday Inn, Barnwood, Gloucester GL4 3RX
Feb 28 - Mar 2	BVF Championships 2014, Gloucester Fri - Sabre; Sat - Foil; Sun - Epée Event Manager - David Sweeney
Mar 22-23	Vets Spring Open, Leon Paul Fencing Centre, London Event Manager: Peter Baron
Apr 3-6	Copa Venezuela, Veneta Island, Venezuela
Apr 12-13	West Midlands Open 2014, Dudley, West Midlands Event Manager - Peter Baron
Apr 26-27	Veterans Home International, Edinburgh
May 15-18	European Team Championships, Porec, Croatia Event Manager - Gillian Aghajan
May 31 - Jun 1	Can/Am Veterans Cup, Toronto
June 7-8	Age Groups 2014, Newport Pagnell Event Manager - Frank Mills
Sep 6-7	Veterans Winton Cup, Lilleshall Event Manager - Frank Mills
Oct 11-12 (tbc)	Welsh Veterans Championships, Wrexham
Oct 21-26	World Championships, Győr, Hungary Event Manager - David Sweeney
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](http://www.veterans-fencing.co.uk)

Did you guess who?  
(December issue)

Gillian Stone and Kate Elvin!



I counted 38!  
Editor

## A letter from Henry de Silva - a review of 2013

Dear Member,

A healthy New Year to you all!

During 2013 there were many photos in the newsletters: the Age Groups in January, a visit to Russia. In March the BVF Championships were well supported. Georgina Usher, a new veteran fencer, ex Olympian, starts to make her name winning the women's epee. Fiona Haldane becomes a local hero in April. At the Individual European Championship in May, GBR wins 13 medals including gold for Georgina Usher in WE Cat A and silver for Malcolm Cawton in MS Cat C. In July Maggie Myers features on the cover of WI magazine LIFE. There was great news for the Vets in August as Hilary Philbin becomes the new President of British Fencing.

The Winton grows in importance and is hoped the regions will all be able to compete with full teams. The Wellesbourne, one of the first competitions that the Vets entered and won, is still going.

October sees a jubilant Malcolm Cawton become World Champion in MS Cat C. The World Championships and the Europeans has put British Fencing on the map and it is wonderful to hear the National Anthem being played. (They never seem to play the national anthem of the Isle of Man when I have won in the Commonwealth!)

One Veteran who has made the most of veteran fencing is Connie Adam with her smile.

I sympathise with Malcolm Fare. I did a day's filming for a children's programme 'Madabout' and got seven minutes.

We sadly lost some of our members:

Bob Turner  
Barbara Knowles  
Bill Hoskyns  
and Denis Willcock

Others have been ill: Frank Mills, David Sweeney, Dawne Bird and Bob Perry.

The Roman god Janus looked back and also looked forward. There are more and more competitions for Veterans and more and more people here and around the world are not only benefitting their health, but also keeping friends and making more. Also financially all the various equipment shops are thriving and we appreciate of all the help that Leon Paul has given us.

Your President,

Henry de Silva



## BVF Age Group Qualifiers Rules

Following publication of the draft rules in a previous issue of the newsletter and on the BVF website there was no adverse response from members so the rules as follows have been ratified by the committee. The change to the Eligibility rule has been withdrawn to retain consistency with the rule for the BVF Championships.

The Format rule is modified so that pools are invoked at 25 fencers not 24.

### 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 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 24 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.

25 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.
- b) If numbers permit, pools will all be the same size.



### 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.



**Some of the BVF committee members  
at the 2013 Age Groups**

**Photos by Editor**

# England Veterans Fencing Association

## Chairman's Report 2013

This has been a quiet year with no Commonwealth Championships. The Home International was held in Dublin resulting in another fine win. The committee has met once and communicated by email and telephone to select teams and organise events.

Communication with members has continued through the BVF newsletter thanks to Gillian, and John has maintained our membership database.

Finally I would like to thank the members of the committee for the time and enthusiasm they have put into another successful year.

### John Crouch

#### Chairman

#### England Veterans Fencing

(The profit and loss account was not available at the time of publication of this newsletter.)

## Constitution (proposed)

The Constitution was last amended on 5 June 2005

1. The Association shall be known as England Veterans Fencing (EVF).
2. EVF shall be concerned with veteran fencing in England. A veteran is defined as anyone who has attained their 40<sup>th</sup> birthday.
3. As an Associated Body of England Fencing the Association remains an independent organisation able to conduct its own affairs with the exception of those which are the responsibility of British Veterans Fencing (BVF), and England Fencing as the governing body for the sport of fencing in England.  
The Association will keep England Fencing informed of its policies and any changes to such policies relating to:
  - a. the organisation of national events run in the name of the Association
  - b. the process of selection of Association teams and individuals to represent England.
4. EVF shall control the design of its own logo, colours and team clothing, except for teams representing England.
5. The objects of EVF shall be:
  - a. to select teams and individuals to represent England in veterans competitions
  - b. to contribute to the development of veterans fencing in England
  - c. to undertake such other duties as BVF or England Fencing may reasonably request.



6. Membership is restricted to men and women who:
  - a. are members of BVF
  - b. are English as defined in the Commonwealth Fencing Federation rules.
7. Committee members at the time of their election must be members of EVF. The Committee shall consist of the Officers, being Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Match Secretary and Chair of Selectors, and up to two other elected members.
8. Committee shall have the power to combine any of these offices except the office of Chairman, if circumstances dictate this. The Committee shall have the power to co-opt individuals (who shall not have a vote or count towards the quorum) onto the Committee on a temporary basis, and to fill vacancies which arise between one AGM and another.
9. The Committee shall meet at least once in each financial year. No meeting of the Committee can take a decision unless a quorum of voting members is present, as follows: if there are three, four or five Committee members, then the quorum is three voting members; if there are six or seven Committee members, then the quorum is four voting members.
10. An Annual General Meeting of EVF shall be convened each year. Twenty-one days' written notice of such a meeting shall be given to all members of EVF by the Secretary. With this notice and an agenda for the meeting the Secretary will circulate the Annual Report and a copy of the accounts for the previous financial year.
11. Officers and committee members shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting. They shall serve for one year and be eligible for re-election.
12. The Committee, or not less than seven individual members, shall be entitled to call an Extraordinary General Meeting to discuss and vote upon any matter. A written agenda shall be circulated by the Secretary no less than twenty-one days before such a meeting is to be convened. No business other than that on the agenda will be discussed at an Extraordinary General Meeting.
13. EVF shall hold a Bank and/or Building Society or appropriate Account which will be administered by the Treasurer. Payments out of the Account will be sanctioned by two signatures from among the members of the Committee.
14. EVF's financial year will run from 1<sup>st</sup> January to 31<sup>st</sup> December.
15. All property, financial and other assets of EVF shall be vested in the Committee who shall acquire or dispose of it in the best interests of EVF's members.



16. No alteration(s) or addition(s) may be made to the Constitution except at an Annual or Extraordinary General Meeting of EVF. Such alteration(s) or addition(s) must be approved by two thirds of the members present and voting. Notice of such alteration(s) or addition(s) must be made in writing and received by the Secretary at least thirty-five days before the meeting at which the resolution is to be brought forward. At least twenty-one days' notice of such a meeting must be given by the Secretary to all voting members and must include notice of the alteration(s) or addition(s) proposed.
17. Dissolution of EVF
- If at any General Meeting of EVF a resolution be passed calling for the dissolution of EVF the Secretary shall immediately convene a Special Meeting of EVF to be held not less than 28 days thereafter to discuss and vote on the resolution.
  - If at this Special Meeting the resolution is approved by at least two thirds of the full members present at the meeting the General Meeting shall thereupon or at such date as has been specified in the resolution proceed to release the assets of EVF and discharge all debts and liabilities of EVF.
  - After discharging all the debts and liabilities of EVF the remaining assets shall not be paid out or distributed amongst the full members of EVF but shall be given or transferred to BVF.
18. If any disputes arise on the interpretation of this constitution or the need arises to deal with any matter not catered for, they shall be decided by the members of the committee.

## Welsh Veterans Fencing Association

The Welsh were again well represented at the 26th Annual Professor Duffy memorial cup. It is an annual team épée competition held in Dublin. The men's event is held on Saturday and the ladies' on Sunday. This year there were 26 teams from afar afield as Germany, France and Israel. The standard is high but there are a number of veterans involved so we are far from the oldest! The Welsh entered 3 teams and full details are available on the following link:

<http://www.pitchero.com/clubs/dublinuniversityfencingclub/news/professor-duffy-memorial-cup-2014-1141139.html>

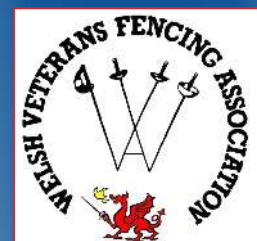
If you would like to join us next year then please get in touch with me. I would welcome anyone interested or indeed you can make up your own team and we will see you there!

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### Denis Callanan

*Photo courtesy of Nigel Williams*

<http://www.cameracat.co.uk>



# England Veterans Fencing Association Annual General Meeting

**Venue: Holiday Inn, Crest Way, Barnwood, Gloucester,  
GL4 3RX**

**Date and Time: Friday 28th February 2014, 21:00 hrs \***

## Agenda

1. Apologies
2. Minutes of the AGM held on 1st March 2013
3. Matters arising
4. Reports of Officers
  - a. Chairman
  - b. Secretary
  - c. Treasurer
5. Election of Officers and committee members
6. Constitution (see attached)
7. Any other business

\* Please note that the meeting will follow the BVF AGM. The time given above is approximate and time may be limited.

Any items for AOB should be received by the Secretary no later than 7 days before the meeting (i.e. 21st February 2014)

Nominations for Officers and Committee may be made at the meeting, but prior notification is welcome.

It is proposed to amend the constitution. If you have any queries about the proposed amendments please contact John Crouch.



***England medal winners at  
the Home International  
Gala Dinner in Dublin, 2013***

***Photo by Editor***



## Competition results (top half)

### Cambridge Winter Tournament - 04/01/2014

MF (65)	5	Paul Lowen
	10	Nicholas Mort
	15	Richard Sage
	24	Paul Abrahams
	25	Paul Sibert
	26	Daniel Hazlewood
ME (51)	5	Paul Townson
	6	Stephen Domek
	12	Daryl Hazlewood
	15	Etiennne DeBurgh
	18	Paul Willmott
	20	Max Telfer
	21	Tom Chrisp
25	Andrew Brown	
MS (29)	10	Edward Simpson
	12	Adrian Medhurst
WE (24)	5	Sara Spence
	10	Susan Uff
	12	Susan Brooks
WS (17)	3	Silvia Earl
	3	Tracy Russen

### Scottish Open - 11/01/2014

MF (61)	7	Nicholas Mort
	19	Mike McKay
ME (53)	3T	Anton Pollard
	9	George Liston
	11	Duncan Salter
	14	Michael McEwan
	15	Tristan Spicer
	18	Brian McMiken
WF (28)	10	Caron Hale

### Lancaster Open - 25/01/2014

ME (20)	1	Chris Heaps
	3	Tom Chrisp

***Congratulations to Chris  
Heaps -***

***1<sup>st</sup> Men's Epée at the  
Lanacaster Open!***

### 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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### Caption Competition

#### January

send your entry to Editor

[g.aghajan@virgin.net](mailto:g.aghajan@virgin.net)



### Caption Competition

#### December

*Editor's choice*

*'And this is a selfie of me in the shower.'*

**John Mason**

*'If you press these buttons with numbers on it's just like dialling on a real telephone!'*

**Paul Brenda**





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