



NEWSLETTER - JULY/AUGUST 2015

Who will win?!



The Frank Mills Trophy



Fencers at the 2014 Winton Cup

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Dear Members,

Summer seems to have been and gone very quickly with some very variable weather. Let's hope we may see an Indian Summer!

It's been a quiet time for news so this issue covers July and August.

Those of you who use Facebook will have most certainly seen or joined in the discussion about SeniorPlus on the BVF group page. We heard at the beginning of August that the FIE Veterans Council were recommending to the FIE changing the name Veteran to SeniorPlus. Since then I have found out some information which I am pleased to share:

The Veterans Council of the FIE has representatives from regions around the world and has been discussing the name Veterans for about eighteen months as many countries struggle with the military associations, the animal doctor association and, it seems, lack of interest from sponsors.

The original discussion between the council representatives centred around a logical continuation from Cadet, Junior, Senior... It was agreed that in an ideal World Veterans should be Seniors, as they are in Germany, and the current seniors should be Open. Some of the names they discussed and rejected for various reasons included Masters, Elders, Silvers, Greys - Senior Plus emerged as a positive name without particular connotations of oldness or tiredness.

When the Council members met this year in Bucharest at the end of July they agreed to present the name SeniorPlus to the FIE for COMEX (executive committee) endorsement for subsequent passage through to the FIE Congress on which it may be voted by all member countries. The Council created a Facebook Page (FIE Senior Plus) in order to harness the debate from all around the World. I understand that the new name and logo was met with enthusiasm by the various representatives from other Commissions in Bucharest. If the FIE Congress votes in favour of the name change then the Veterans World Championships will become the SeniorPlus World Championships and the European Veterans Championships would almost certainly follow suit.

No matter what outcome from the FIE Congress, British Veterans Fencing does not have to change our name and would not do so without a full consultation with our members. There have already been some negative and positive responses to the name SeniorPlus- this is a healthy debate to have.

British Fencing represents us at the FIE Congress on 21st November in Guangzhou, China, and I have been having discussions with Georgina Usher about our reaction to this proposal - we can certainly make representations to BF to ask them to vote for or against this proposal if that is our consensus (assuming it is being voted on). This does not mean that it will get voted down as other countries may vote for it.

Please make any constructive comments for or against it on the Facebook page – we will follow the debate and formulate the response that best represents the views and wishes of our members. If you are not a Facebook user and would like to express your view, please email me.

I am sure you will join me in congratulating Mr and Mrs Brown on their wedding. Andrew Brown and Silvia Earl married on 20th August in Scotland.

I am looking forward to seeing some of you at the Winton Cup, 5th and 6th September at Lilleshall, and meeting those of you who will be competing in your first Veterans competition.

There is a new cup, The Frank Mills Trophy, which will be awarded to the foilist (male or female) with the most individual victories over the weekend. The trophy is a fitting memorial to Frank as the Winton Cup was special to him as event manager.

You will see, on page 5, a photo and details of the ET16 commemorative badge. These will be on sale on the Winton - a chance for you to show your support! We also hope to sell any remaining Club 100 tickets so that the draw can take place at the Winton dinner.

Sincerely,

Gillian Aghajan
Chairman

A chance to be on TV!

Do you have a passion for antiques and collectables? Could you pick out a priceless treasure hidden amongst ten-a-penny objects?

ITV is looking for pairs of contestants for a brand new ITV game show, where there is a cash prize to be won! Whether you're friends, colleagues, siblings or mother and daughter, ITV wants to hear from you if you're up for a challenge on this exciting new show!

For more information or to receive an application form please email antiquesgameshow@spungoldtv.com

All participants must be aged 18+ and be legally resident in the UK. The closing date for applications is 30th September 2015. ITV T&Cs apply.



**A very happy
Silvia and
Andrew!**

**Photo by
Jane Clayton**



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Henry reminisces

To the Editor:

Past Memories

- 1st European Championships 11th August 1991
- Entry fee £5 per weapon
- £50 to include B&B for 6 days (in huts), other meals extra
- Prizes: 1st - Cup 2nd and 3rd - medals
- Special category prizes - 1st 3 56+
1st 3 66+
- Each entrant to bring a bottle for each event entered
- All given as prizes
- There were 88 entries from 11 countries

Just been told that the 1st Edition of my book - hard backed and signed - is selling for over £4,000. I do have a list of the ones who had a hard backed book. I have bought the sole rights of my book.

Henry de Silva *BVF Life President*

Henry's book - The Skills of the Game Fencing

The first European Veterans Championships were organised by Henry in 1991 and were held in Loughborough. There were 1145 weapon entries at this year's European Individual Championships in Poreč, Croatia.

ET16 will be the 25th European Championships (individual and team) and it is fitting that Great Britain is the host country.

Editor



ET16 commemorative badges

Show your support for ET16 and be one of the first to purchase an exclusive design ET16 boxed commemorative badge! The badge features the silver ET16 logo and comes in a special 25th anniversary box. Only available in the UK at present. The cost is £20 plus £3.75 P&P including insurance. Size 40mm diameter. All profits to ET16 funds. Contact Editor for further details.

Available for purchase at the Winton Cup!

Design by Anne Mills



BVF 100 Club

MANY THANKS FOR SUPPORTING THE BVF 100 CLUB

We have already raised **£2,000** for ET16

It has been decided to launch one more, and definitely the last, 100 Club.

This time there will be **10 prizes of £100** each

Numbers will cost £20 as before

Choose your lucky number and contact Sue Church

sue.trysport@tiscali.co.uk



BVF CALENDAR 2015

Aug 29-30	Ohrid Lake Cup, Struga, Macedonia
Sep 5-6	Veterans Winton Cup 2015, Lilleshall Event Manager - Marcia Stretch
Oct 10-11	WVFA Championships, Aberystwyth (WVFA members only) Details - Catherine Bowd
Oct 20-25	World Championships, Limoges Event Manager - Gillian Aghajan
Nov 29	BVF v Royal Navy, HMS President 72 St Katharine's Way, London. E1W 1UQ Event Manager: Peter Baron

See BVF website home page for European competitions and events - www.veterans-fencing.co.uk

Competition results (top half)

Cambridge Open Air Epée - 05/07/2015

ME (26)	3	Jon Nottingham
	11	Philip Jordan
	13	Paul Townson

Elite Epée - 11/07/2015

ME (72)	3T	Chris Howser
	29	John Leahey
	35	Howard West

Much Wenlock Olympic Games - 12/07/2015

MF (23)	7	Tony Williams
	11	Steve Potter

Chichester Open - 18/07/2015

ME (47)	7	Stephan Munn
	13	Will Miller
	15	Robin Davenport
	16	Mark Richardson

WE (20)	6	Helen Thouless
	10	Mariette Mason

London Open - 25/07/2015

ME (30)	14	Mark Richardson
WE (13)	3T	Mariette Mason
WS (10)	3T	Rachel Lasance

Leon Paul Summer Open - 16/08/2015

MF (18)	6	Paul Abrahams
	8	Tony Williams
ME (61)	15	Will Miller
	28	Tim Buzwell

Competition results compiled
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**Caption
Competition**

July/August

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 by
Richard Sage*



**Caption
Competition**

June

Editor's choice -

'We could have won the team fencing if you hadn't entered us in the team schnapps competition last night!'

Paul Brenda



*Photo by
Editor*

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