



European Veterans Team Championships 2016



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ET16 merchandise online at: <http://et16shop.moonfruit.com/>

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ET16 - Lansdowne Club International Foil

Competition results



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ET16 countdown - only 3 full months to go! Have you volunteered or donated yet to be part of this amazing 25th European Championships Event? Contact the ET16 Organising Committee!

Details here: <http://www.et16.eu/contact.aspx>

Chairman’s letter

Dear Members,

I hope you had an enjoyable and peaceful Christmas and I wish you good health, happiness and successful fencing in 2016.

There are not many weeks left until ET16. Thank you to those of you who have already volunteered or donated, but if you haven’t yet please do so as soon as you can. Details can be found at the top of this page. Volunteer roles will be assigned towards the end of January following the next ET16 Organising Committee meeting.

BVF is delighted that the Lansdowne Club is hosting the Lansdowne International Foil Team Event on Saturday 6th February to raise funds for ET16. Details were in the last newsletter but you can find them in this issue on pages 5-6, so if you have not yet reserved a dinner ticket for this prestigious event, don’t delay!

The ET16 online shop is open to all, not just those who will be taking part in the Championships. There is a great range of good quality merchandise, including 25th Anniversary items. Purchased goods can be collected at the event free of charge, or posted to a UK address. You will find all the items here: <http://et16shop.moonfruit.com/>

Before ET16 the main event is the BVF Championships in Gloucester - March 4th - 6th. Online entry and full details including accommodation are on the website: <http://www.veterans-fencing.co.uk/latest.shtml>. The closing date for entries is 26th February.

The AGM will be held in the Tennyson room on Friday 4th March at the Holiday Inn, Crest Way, Gloucester at 20:15hrs. Full documents will be sent out in February.

Sincerely,

***Gillian Aghajan
Chairman***

*25th Anniversary
Rugby shirt -
ET16 online shop*



Veterans Home International 2016 - 9th/10th April

England Veterans Fencing is pleased to be hosting the 2016 Home Nations.

Venue - Graham Sports Centre, Durham University, Maiden Castle, Durham DH1 3SE.

Gala dinner.- Saturday 9th April at Durham Old Town Hall, Market Place, Durham. Arrive 7.30 for 8pm serving. Cost - £26. Link to order meal

[Home Nations dinner](#)

Closest hotel to dinner: Premier Inn Freemans Quay Durham City Centre. [Premier Inn Durham](#)

Members News

Congratulations to Maggie Tait for being shortlisted for the Orkney Sports Awards 2015.

More information here:

<http://www.orkadian.co.uk/2016/01/orkney-sports->



Maggie Tait

Quincy Rabot informs us he has a new book on fencing body mechanics published - The Fencer and the Zen Body, published by SKA Swordplay books and available on Amazon fencing books.



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BVF Calendar 2016

BVF CALENDAR 2016	
Feb 6	Lansdowne International Foil, London
Mar 4-6	BVF Championships 2015, Gloucester Sabre - Friday. Foil - Saturday. Epee - Sunday Event Manager: John Crouch
Mar 4	BVF AGM, Holiday Inn, Barnwood, Gloucester GL4 3RX
Mar 19-20	West Midlands Open 2016, Dudley, West Midlands Event Manager: Peter Baron
Apr 9-10	Vets Home International, Durham Event Manager: Beth Davidson
May 5-8	European Team Championships, Medway, Great Britain
Jun 4-5	Age Groups 2016, Bletchley Event Manager: Marcia Stretch
Sep 3-4	Veterans Winton Cup 2016, Gloucester Event Manager: Marcia Stretch
Oct 10-16	Veterans World Championships, Stralsund, Germany Event Manager: Gillian Aghajan
Nov 17-20	Commonwealth Veterans Championships, Christchurch, New Zealand www.cvfc2016.nz.com

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

Events to consider:

Veterans Epee - St Maur, France 12-13 March

<http://www.vgastmaurescrime.com/page-6161807.html>

Veterans Fencing Camp (Marx Fencing Academy, New England) - Bordeaux, France
22-28 August

<http://marxfencingacademy.com/veterans-camp-2016/>



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ET16 - Lansdowne Club Event - 6th February

**Fundraiser for European Veterans Fencing Team Championships
at the Lansdowne Fencing Club -
International Veterans Foil Team Invitation Event & Gala Dinner**

Saturday 6th February 2016

The Lansdowne Fencing Club is delighted to invite you to a very special event to help raise funds for the European Veterans Fencing Team Championships to be held in Medway, Kent, UK in May 2016.

Seven Veteran Men’s Foil teams from Europe will fence during the day, including teams from Germany, Italy, Sweden, Hungary and the Lansdowne club. It is a truly world class field with 2015 World Championship medalists from Germany, Italy and GB all taking part. The final will be between the first two placed teams from the preliminary rounds and will fence off on an Exhibition Piste in the Ballroom.

Guests arrive at 5pm for drinks to be seated in the Ballroom by 5.30pm for the Gala Final.

The final is expected to finish by 6.30pm followed by pre dinner drinks and some fundraising activities including a Raffle and Auction of Promises, to help raise funds for the European Veterans Fencing Team Championships 2016.

Guests will then take their seats in the Ballroom by 7.30pm for the Gala Dinner, which will be a 3 course meal including a vegetarian option.

Speeches and presentation will take place around 9.30-9.45 with the event ending by 10.30pm.

Tickets are priced at £70 per ticket and include entrance to the Gala Final and Gala Dinner with a 3-course meal. Red, white wine and soft drinks will be available from 5pm until the start of dinner with a bottle of red and white wine provided for each table, after which you are welcome to order any additional beverages from the cash bar. Proceeds from the ticket sales, the raffle and the auction of promises will be donated to help fund the European Veterans Fencing Team Championships.



It is anticipated that tickets for this world class fencing event will be in high demand, so if you wish to see some excellent fencing in the surrounds of the fabulous ballroom, join us for drinks and our Gala Dinner and of course help raise funds for the European Championships next year - don't delay and book your tickets soon.

Tickets are available, priced £70 each from Ms. Anna Gherman by email on

socialbutterfly@lansdowneclub.com

or call Anna on 020 7318 6115.

You will be asked for your meal preferences, which will include a vegetarian option.

If you feel you can help with Suggestions / Donations of Prizes for the Raffle and Auction of Promises we would be delighted to hear from you directly.

Gerry Gajadharsingh - gerryg@thehealthequation.co.uk

Richard Sage - richard_a_sage@hotmail.co.uk

Dress Code

The Club's dress code is conventional jacket and long sleeved collared shirts for gentlemen and appropriate dress for women. Gentlemen are no longer required to wear a tie in the Club. Denim and sports shoes are not permitted.

This is going to be fantastic event so don't delay!

ET16 Organising Committee and BVF Committee are extremely grateful to BVF Lansdowne Club members for organising this event.

Information about the Lansdowne Club can be found on the Club website:

www.lansdowneclub.com



**The Lansdowne Club
Ballroom**

Photo:

www.lansdowneclub.com

Memories of BVF Championships



2013



2012

Photos by Editor



2013



2012



2014



2015



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Competition results (top half)

Oxfam Open - 12/12/2015

MF (26)	12	Tony Williams
ME (17)	3T	Ben Dishman
WF (8)	3T	Catuscha Lupinetti

Scottish Open - 10/01/2015

ME (43)	2	Anton Pollard
	9	Tristan Spicer
	19	Mark McKenzie
MS (13)	3T	Duncan Rowland
WE (26)	2	Marg Oniye
	10	Maggie Tait

Reminder

Please remember to enter competitions using the name on your BVF membership card. If you use another name your results will not be found by the software that compiles the report as above.

Cambridge Winter Open - 02/01/2015

MF (49)	5	Mike McKay
	21	Peter Thompson
ME (58)	2	Howard West
	9	Stephen Domek
	15	Rob Brooks
	16	Paul Baillache
	20	Stephan Munn
	23	Adam Steiner
	25	Daryl Hazlewood
	27	Kola Ayanwale
	28	Paul Townson
MS (13)	3	Julian Ghosh
	5	Michael Compton
WF (29)	9	Fiona Turnbull
WE (35)	11	Mariette Mason
	13	Fiona Turnbull
	16	Susan Brooks
WS (11)	2	Caroline Clancy

**Competition results compiled using Trawler software
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Merseyside Open 13th/14th February Greenbank Sports Academy, Liverpool

Medal for the Best Veteran in all six weapons for members of BVF and similar international organisations.

Saturday 13th February - MF, MS and WS

Sunday 14th February - ME, WE and WF

Entries may be made online or by post – the tournament website at www.moft.co.uk contains both the online entry form and the postal entry form, which can be downloaded as a PDF.

The entry fee is £25 for one weapon and £40 for two weapons. Any entries accepted after the closing date of Saturday 30 January 2016 will be subject to a late entry surcharge of £5 per weapon.

Discounts to any club that enters 10 or more members.



England Veterans Fencing Association

Chairman's Report 2016

The year has been quiet with only the Home International in Cardiff. The committee have met once and communicated by email to select teams and organise events.

The ninth Home International was hosted by Wales in April. We again retained the Justin Smith trophy after an exciting weekend of fencing. This year's event will be in Durham on 9/10 April. The Commonwealth Championships will be held in Christchurch, New Zealand on 17-20 November.

England Fencing continues to be very supportive as well as funding some of our expenses.

I would like to thank Gillian Aghajan for putting information in the BVF newsletter and John Mason for sending out numerous emails. Also thanks to the members of the committee for the time and enthusiasm they have put into another successful year.

John Crouch
Chairman
England Veterans Fencing



England WE team



**John Crouch with the
Justin Smith Trophy**



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England Veterans Fencing Association Annual General Meeting



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

Date and Time: Friday 4th March 2016, 21 00 hrs *

Agenda

1. Apologies
2. Minutes of the AGM held on 6th March 2015
3. Matters arising
4. Reports of Officers
 - a. Chairman
 - b. Secretary
 - c. Treasurer
5. Election of Officers and committee members
6. 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. 26th February 2016).

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

Reminder of events for 2016

9/10 April 2016 - Home International in Durham

17/20 November 2016 - Veterans Commonwealth – Christchurch, New Zealand

Selection Policy

Home International

The highest placed English fencers at each weapon at the British Veterans Championships in March will be offered places. Please be ready to accept or decline the offer.

Commonwealth Veterans

The individual weapons are open.

For the team events the two highest placed fencers in the top 16 at each weapon at the British Veterans Championships in March will be offered places. Two further places will be given to the highest placed fencers at the event. The team manager's decision will be final. Should there not be two fencers in the top 16 wishing to go, then the additional place or places will be decided at the event.

There is a requirement to appoint a team manager. There may be some help with expenses. Would any England fencer with appropriate experience and who is interested in offering their services please contact me.

John Crouch



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ENGLAND FENCING

England Veterans Fencing Association Profit and Loss Account 2015

<u>Income</u>	£	<u>Expenditure</u>	£
BVF Contribution	490.00	Refund to BVF as a contribution to European Team Champs. 2016 as agreed at AGM 6.3.2015	490.00
Home International Cardiff 18/19.4.2015			
Meals	189.00	Meals	189.00
Polo Shirts	162.00	Polo Shirts	159.00
Entry Fees	360.00	Entry Fees	360.00
		Raffle Prizes	26.00
		Stock of lapel pins	126.00
		Engraving of Trophy	6.50
Total	711.00	Total	866.50
Expenditure over Income for the year	155.50		

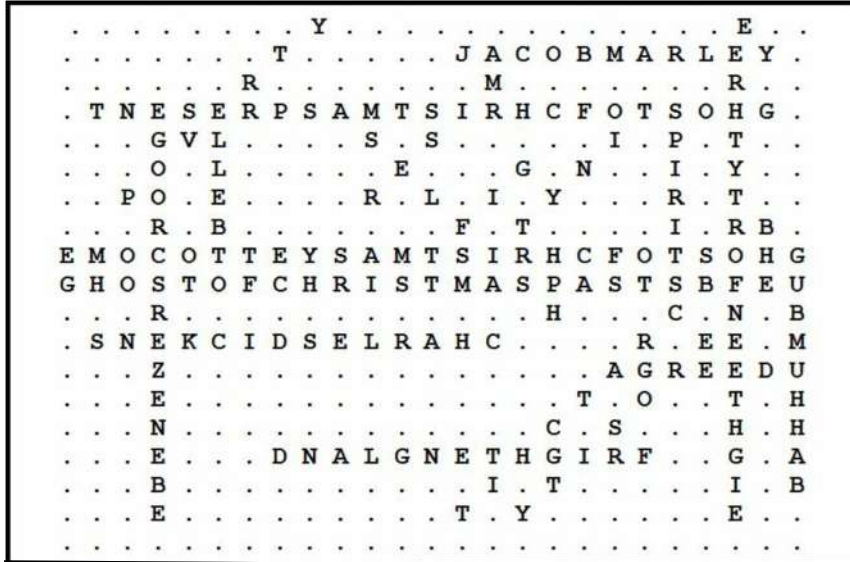
BALANCE SHEET

Assets as at 1.1.2015		Assets as at 31.12.2015	
Bank Current Account	£2689.52	Bank Current Account	£2534.02

Diane Austin,
Hon Treasurer EVFA

31st December 2015

Dickens' A Christmas Carol - SOLUTION



How many snowflakes?



62 I think...!
Ed

Trivia 1: In what year was Dicken's novella, *A Christmas Carol*, first published?

1843

Trivia 2: In the story, Scrooge lost the true love of his life because of his greed and love for money. What was the first name of his "true love"?

Belle

Christmas quiz - answers

1. 26th December
2. Jacob Marley
3. Holiday Inn
4. Norway
5. Ladies dancing
6. Comet, Cupid, Dasher, Dancer, Prancer, Vixen, Donner, Blitzen (or Dunder and Blixem)
7. God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen
8. The Nightmare before Christmas
9. White
10. Clarence (Oddbody)
11. Balthasar, Melchior, Caspar
12. Hogmanay
13. Christmas cracker
14. 1984 (Band Aid II was 1989, Band Aid 20 was 2004)
15. Turkey
16. Dr Seuss
17. Mexico
18. Robert Burns
19. Six
20. Panettone

**Caption
Competition
January**

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:
g.aghajan@virgin.net



**Caption
Competition
November/December**
Editor's choice -










*"Please, Brian ... WHERE are the
toilets?"*

Paul Brenda



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