



## NEWSLETTER - MARCH-MAY 2016

### **Action at the BVF Championships!**



**Mens Foil final at the BVF Championships**

Photo courtesy of Rob Kirby

**BVF Championships winners -  
results and photos**

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## European Veterans Team Championships 2016

### Chairman's letter

Dear Members,

Please accept my sincere apologies for the lack of newsletters since February. This year so far has been an incredibly busy time for me and for the other members of ET16 Organising Committee, so much so that there has been little time for anything else. What a fantastic event it was though! Congratulations and thanks to everyone involved in making the Championships a great success. Reports and results are in the special ET16 edition newsletter.

The major event in March was the BVF Championships with 265 weapon entries. Thanks to Event Manager John Crouch and his team, John Mason and Mike Robinson for an excellently organised and well run event. This was the qualifying event for team selection for the European Team Championships and the first of two for the World Championships. Congratulations to all those who were selected for ET16.

The BVF AGM was well attended. David Sweeney did not stand for re-election as International Officer and there were no other nominations for this post. However the committee will now look at sharing the work amongst existing members. On behalf of the committee I express sincere thanks to David for all the work he has done and commitment he has given over the years for the benefit of BVF. A warm welcome to Duncan Rowlands who was elected as Development Officer.

Thanks to Peter Baron who organised and ran the West Midlands Open, held over the weekend of 19-20 March in Dudley.

England Veterans Fencing hosted the Home Nations in early April at Durham University with a Gala dinner at Durham Old Town Hall. This was a very enjoyable weekend. Congratulations to England on retaining the Justin Smith Trophy. Thanks to organiser Beth Davidson and DT John Crouch and Mike Robinson.

You will have had the opportunity to comment on the proposal and complete the online survey about competition, selection, and ranking scheme. The committee will be discussing the recommendations of Development Officer, Duncan Rowlands, based on the survey results and comments sent by email and on Facebook, at our next committee meeting on 28<sup>th</sup> May.

The Age Groups will take place on 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> June at Bletchley. Details and online entry are on our website:

<http://www.veterans-fencing.co.uk/latest.shtml#agg>

Entries must be received on or before 27<sup>th</sup> May.

Sincerely,

**Gillian Aghajan**  
**Chairman**

## BVF Calendar 2016

BVF CALENDAR 2016	
Jun 4-5	Age Groups 2016, Bletchley Event Manager: Marcia Stretch
July 23-24	Celtic Challenge, Dublin City University, Dublin, Ireland Event Manager: Michael Ryan
Sep 24-25 Note change of date	Veterans Winton Cup 2016, Lilleshall 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 <a href="http://www.cvfc2016.nz.com">www.cvfc2016.nz.com</a>
Nov 27	BVF v Royal Navy, HMS President, 72 St Katharines Way, London E1W 1UQ Event Manager: Peter Baron

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

### Henry's Competition - 75+ Isle of Man



Dates: 18/19/20 August  
 Age categories: over 75, over 80 and over 85 years, men and women, all weapons  
 Cost: £10 per weapon

There will be no elimination.  
 Accommodation details can be supplied on request for hotels, bed & breakfast or self-catering.  
 A sightseeing tour will be arranged.

Phone Henry de Silva for further details - 01624 880863



# European Veterans Team Championships 2016

## **BVF Competitions**

The BVF committee is proposing a new competition, ranking and selection scheme for next season.

The aim is two-fold. First to improve the quality of the British squad at the European team and World Championships, increasing our chances of Great Britain winning medals, and secondly to increase participation. The scheme is also designed to retain the original social aim of the association of all veterans fencing together.

Under the scheme fencers will be able to score ranking points at domestic and international events, including the European and World Championships. The total counting ranking points is the sum of the best five events, with no more than three being international competitions. Details of the scheme, and some Frequently Asked Questions, can be viewed via the links below.

The committee believes that the proposals will be beneficial to the development of veterans fencing in this country. If the new scheme is adopted the committee will conduct a review of how well it worked at the end of the season.

### Documents

- [Summary](#)
- [Proposed Competition Organisation](#)
- [Proposed Ranking Scheme](#)
- [Proposed Selection Scheme](#)
- [FAQs](#)

Before introducing this scheme the committee has given the membership the opportunity to comment on the proposal via a survey monkey poll.

The report on the responses received in the survey on the proposed competition / ranking / selection scheme can be viewed here: [Survey Report](#). (You may have to hold down the CTRL key when clicking on this link)

The committee will consider the responses, and how it should implement the views expressed, at its next meeting on 28 May 2016.

***Duncan Rowlands***  
***BVF Development Officer***



# European Veterans Team Championships 2016

## GBR Squad selected for ET16

(team members' names in alphabetical order)(C) denotes captain

VETERANS	GRAND VETERANS
<b>Men's Foil</b> Jeffrey KIY - 2 Mike McKAY - 1 Nicholas MORT - 1 Graham REID - 1 John TROIANO - 2 (C)	<b>Men's Foil</b> Anthony BARTLETT - 3 Mike BRADBURY - 4 David MILLER - 4 Graham PAUL - 3 Paul WEDGE - 3 (C)
<b>Women's Foil</b> Caron HALE - 2 Kate MORWELL-NEAVE - 1 Kate O'CONNELL - 1 Fiona TURNBULL - 2 Gillian WORMAN - 2 (C)	<b>Women's Foil</b> Sheila ANDERSON - 3 Diane AUSTIN - 4 Sue CHURCH - 4 Clare HALSTED - 3 (C) Jenny MORRIS - 3
<b>Men's Epee</b> Keith BARNETT - 2 Nigel FANCOURT - 2 Chris HEAPS - 2 Chris HOWSER - 1 (C) Paul TOWNSON - 1	<b>Men's Epee</b> Robin DAVENPORT - 4 Robert PHELPS - 4 Jonathan STANBURY - 3 (C) Alasdair URQUHART - 3 Howard WEST - 3
<b>Women's Epee</b> Nicola HULL - 1 Mariette MASON - 2 Helen THOULESS - 1 Georgina USHER - 1 (C) Valerie YOUNG - 2	<b>Women's Epee</b> Sylvia BROWN - 4 Jane CLAYTON - 3 Fiona HALDANE - 3 Jenny MORRIS - 3 (C) Carole SEHEULT - 4
<b>Men's Sabre</b> Barry COULTER - 2 Stefan LEPONIS - 1 Duncan ROWLANDS - 2 (C) Edward SIMPSON - 1 Andrew THORNLEY - 1	<b>Men's Sabre</b> Peter BARON - 4 Malcolm CAWTON - 4 Michael COMPTON - 4 Mike GARRITY - 3 Carl MORRIS - 3 (C)
<b>Women's Sabre</b> Beth DAVIDSON - 1 (C) Jane HUTCHISON - 2 Michele NAREY - 2 Emma POTTER - 1 Emma-Louise WALLER - 1	<b>Women's Sabre</b> Connie ADAM (4) Silvia BROWN (EARL) - 3 (C) Jenny MORRIS - 3 Patricia SHEPHERD-FOSTER - 4 Yvonne WALLS - 3

Selected but injured - Kristin Payne WF GV (4) and Richard Phelps ME (2)



## BVF Championships

### Mens Foil

1	Graham Reid	Cat 1 Medal
2	Paul Wedge	Cat 2 Medal
3T	Jeffrey Kiy	Cat 2 Medal
3T	Mike McKay	
27	Mike Bradbury	Cat 4 Medal



### Mens Epee

1	Richard Phelps	Cat 2 Medal
2	Chris Howser	Cat 1 Medal
3T	Keith Barnett	
3T	Paul Townson	
6	Howard West	Cat 3 Medal
22	Robin Davenport	Cat 4 Medal



### Mens Sabre

1	Andrew Thornley	Cat 1 Medal
2	Duncan Rowlands	Cat 2 Medal
3T	Richard Cohen	Cat 3 Medal
3T	Barry Coulter	
6	Andy Bornemisza	Cat 4 Medal



### Master at Arms

Mens - Nathan Miller  
 Womens - Jenny Morris

## BVF Championships

### Womens Foil

1	Clare Halsted	Cat 3 Medal
2	Gillian Worman	Cat 2 Medal
3T	Caron Hale	
3T	Kate O'Connell	Cat 1 Medal
28	Kristin Payne	Cat 4 Medal

### Womens Epee

1	Georgina Usher	Cat 1 Medal
2	Nicola Hull	
3T	Valerie Young	Cat 2 Medal
3T	HelenThouless	
9	Jane Clayton	Cat 3 Medal
38	Carole Seheult	Cat 4 Medal

### Womens Sabre

1	Beth Davidson	Cat 1 Medal
2	Jane Hutchison	Cat 2 Medal
3T	Michele Narey	
3T	Silvia Brown	Cat 3 Medal
19	Patricia Shepherd-Foster	Cat 4 Medal



Full results can be found on our website:

<http://www.veterans-fencing.co.uk/results.shtml#national>

*Photos courtesy of Rob Kirby*

## Home Nations Results

### Overall winners - ENGLAND

#### Womens Foil

1	SCOTLAND	ANDERSON, CABRELLI, PITT, STEELE
2	ENGLAND	HALE, MORWELL-NEAVE, TURNBULL, UFF
3	IRELAND	LASCHETTI, MION, WORMAN
4	WALES	FISHER, HOLLAND, ROBINSON, THOMAS

#### Womens Epee

1	IRELAND	HALDANE, LASCHETTI, MCGINNITY, MION
2	SCOTLAND	GRANT, SMITH, TAIT
3	ENGLAND	MASON, McNAMARA, THOULESS, YOUNG
4	WALES	FAIRWEATHER, GREGORY, KING, MARTIN

#### Womens Sabre

1	ENGLAND	BROWN, DAVIDSON, HUTCHISON, POTTER
2	WALES	AGHAJAN, KING, SHEPHERD-FOSTER, WALLER
3	SCOTLAND	FRITH, HALL, NAREY, WOODWARD
4	IRELAND	CLANCY, de BUIN, WHITAKER

#### Mens Foil

1	SCOTLAND	MCKAY, MILNE, MORT, STANBRIDGE
2	ENGLAND	COURTNEY, PAUL, WATKISS
3	IRELAND	DEMPSEY, DIGHT, LEE
4	WALES	BRUNDLE, RICHARDS, ROBERTSON, THOMAS

#### Mens Epee

1	ENGLAND	DOMEK, HEAPS, TOWNSON
2	IRELAND	MUNN, SALTER, WHELAN
3	WALES	BROOKS, CONOVER, DAVIES, THOMPSON
4	SCOTLAND	HOFFMANN, KERNOHAN, ROUXEL, TOLAND

#### Mens Sabre

1	ENGLAND	POTTER, ROWLANDS, SIMPSON, THORNLEY
2	WALES	CRAWFURD, ELLWOOD, HUGHES- THOMAS, SELBY
3	SCOTLAND	DAVIDSON, DRUMMOND, MACINNES
4	IRELAND	DIGHT, LePERE, NESIRKY





## Home Nations - Durham





# European Veterans Team Championships 2016

## **Annual General Meeting of England Veterans Fencing Association**

held on Friday 6th March 2016, 21:50 hrs at the Holiday Inn, Gloucester

### **Present:**

John Crouch - Chairman, Tracy Russen, Silvia Brown, Moya McNamara - Secretary, Evert Van Gemeren, Kristin Payne, Diane Austin - Treasurer, Andrew Brown, Mike Frith, Sue Uff, Jenny Morris, Dave Bridges, Peter Baron, Sue Church, Malcolm Cawton, David Miller, David Sweeney, Janet Baron

### **1) Apologies for absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Sue Brooks.

### **2) Minutes of the AGM held on 28th February 2014**

The minutes were accepted as a true record. Proposed by Ev Van Gemeren and seconded by Mike Frith.

### **3) Matters Arising**

4c) John Crouch confirmed that the England Veterans Fencing (EVF) contribution had been refunded to British Veterans Fencing (BVF) as a donation to the ET16 fund. Consideration would be given to doing the same this year but with the Veterans Commonwealth's in New Zealand we are likely to have more expenses this year.

### **4) Report of Officers**

#### **a) Chairman's Report**

A copy of the report had previously been circulated in the BVF newsletter and he had nothing further to add.

#### **b) Secretary's Report**

The committee had met once during the year and communicated by email and telephone throughout the year. This year it was encouraging to see that the number of members has increased and as of 31st December 2015 stood at 518 (490 in 2014). At that date there were 147 (130) women and 371 (390) men. The age distribution as of 31<sup>st</sup> December 2015 was:

Women:	Category 1 = 51	Category 2 = 49	Category 3 = 31	Category 4 = 16
Men:	Category 1 = 94	Category 2 = 142	Category 3 = 88	Category 4 = 47

Thanks go to John Mason for providing the information to help the compilation of this report and to Gillian Aghajan for ensuring England items appear in the BVF newsletter.



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### c) Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's report had been published in the newsletter. Diane confirmed that the BVF contribution had been passed back to BVF. She thanked England Fencing (EF) for their support and confirmed we were likely to have more expense this year with the Commonwealths Veterans event in New Zealand.

John Crouch added that EF would pay the entry fee for the Home International in Durham in April and the Commonwealths in New Zealand. He was negotiating with EF for them to pay towards team manager's expenses in New Zealand. If they did then we may be able to make a retrospective contribution to ET16 with the money from BVF. The Treasurer's report was accepted. Proposed by Peter Baron and seconded by Ev Van Gemeren.

### 5) Election of Officers and Committee members

The Chairman reported that all current committee members were willing to stand for re-election. These were John Crouch (Chairman), Moya McNamara (Secretary), Diane Austin (Treasurer) and Peter Baron and Ev Van Gemeren (Committee members). It was proposed by Silvia Brown and seconded by Jenny Morris that they be elected en bloc. This was carried nem. con. There is 1 vacancy on the committee.

### 7) Any Other Business

a) The chairman informed the meeting that we were using the EF website to advertise the selection process for EVF teams (Durham and New Zealand) as well as the BVF website and newsletter.

The meeting closed at 22.03 hours.



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*John Crouch receives the Justin Smith Trophy on behalf of Team England from The Mayor of Durham Jan Blakely*



# European Veterans Team Championships 2016

## Competition results (top half)

### Edinburgh Open - 12/03/2016

MF (40)	8	Mark McKenzie
MS (24)	10	Keith Davidson
WF (19)	9	Sheila Anderson

### Belfast Open - 19/03/2016

MF (13)	3	Duncan Salter
ME (21)	3	Duncan Salter
WE (14)	3	Fiona Haldane
WS (8)	3	Michele Narey

### Birmingham International - 26/03/2016

ME (83)	10	Chris Taylor
	11	Chris Heaps
	13	John Leahey
	14	Keith Barnett
	15	Stephen Domek
	37	Mark Richardson
40	Anton Pollard	
MS (9)	11	Peter Wright
WE (75)	33	Karen Grant
WS (30)	3	Rachel Lasance

### Elite Epée - 03/04/2016

ME (89)	18	Neal Mallett
	21	Chris Howser
	22	Anton Pollard
	24	John Leahey
	25T	Will Miller
	27	Keith Barnett
	28	Howard West
	29	Pete Eames
	32	Hugh Kernohan
	40	Stephen Domek

### Cardiff Epée - 02/04/2016

MF (12)	3T	Jim Pilkington
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### Liverpool Open - 09/04/2016

WF (10)	2	Kati Archer
	5	Amanda Baxendale

### BF Championships - 16/04/2016

MF (72)	23	Neal Mallett
	26	Keith Barnett
	28	Chris Taylor
	30	Hugh Kernohan
	31	Stephen Domek
	WS (23)	9

### Bill Hoskyns Open - 23/04/2016

ME (59)	13	Hugh Kernohan
	21	Etienne DeBurgh
	23	Chris Heaps







# European Veterans Team Championships 2016

## Competition results (top half)

### Uhlmann Trophy - 23/04/2016

MF (42)	5	Mike McKay
	16	Paul Kennea
	19	Keith McCarthy
ME (33)	3T	Anton Pollard
	3T	Alan Browne
	7	Tom Chrisp
	14	Max Telfer
	16	Daniel Alexander
MS (30)	10	Andrew Thornley
WF (18)	7	Catherine Heyes
	8	Kate Harris
WS (16)	5	Jacqueline Esimaje-Heath

### Cole Cup - 07/05/2016

WS (16)	7	Rachel Lasance
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### Hampshire Open - 14/05/2016

ME (41)	2	Gavin Moulton
	9	Duncan Salter
	17	Stephen Tatner
	18	Mark Richardson
	20	Tim Schofield

MS (19)	3T	Carl Morris
	8	Peter Baron

WE (13)	1	Ingrid Heskett
	2	Marj Oniye
	5	Valerie Young

WS (6)	2	Michele Narey
	3T	Jane Hutchison
	3T	Caroline Clancy

### Wellington Open - 14/05/2016

MF (23)	3T	Tony Williams
	7	Jon Dawkins
	11	Nathan Miller

ME (29)	2	Nathan Miller
	7	Robert Phelps
	9	Paul Donnelly
	12	Peter Smith
	14	Stephen Tatner

MS (22)	3T	Ralph Mills
	3T	Jason Ball
	6	Dave Atkins
	11	Jon Dawkins

WF (10)	2	Caron Hale
	3T	Ann Dawkins

WE (9)	1	Caron Hale
	3T	Angela Findlay

### 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.*

**Competition results compiled using Trawler software**  
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### Congratulations to

**Caron Hale - 1<sup>st</sup> WE Wellington Open**  
**Ingrid Heskett - 1<sup>st</sup> WE Hampshire**

**Caption  
Competition  
March - May**

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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**Caption  
Competition  
February**

**Editor's choice -**








*"Gillian wishes good luck to the British Team, "Break a finger!"*

**Paul Brenda**



**Photos - Editor**

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