



British Veterans. Fencing



Fencing Winton Style!

NEWS April 2008



Bobby and Sir Nicholas Winton

The NVA is delighted to have been presented with the

Veterans Winton Cup

Kindly donated by

Sir Nicholas and Bobby Winton

Dates for your Diary 2008

April 26th and 27th Age Group Qualifiers

Milton Keynes

**NOT TOO LATE
TO ENTER**

May 8th to 11th European Team
Championships Ciudad Real Spain

Selected teams

July 26th Veterans Celtic Challenge
Wrexham

**If you are a
Celt, you can
fence!**

September 13th and 14th
Veterans WINTON CUP
New Venue to be announced.

**NOTE DATE
CHANGE**

September 28th Veterans Unisex Epée
Middlesex

Venue as usual

World Championships Limoges France
October 2nd to 5th

**Selection rules
apply**

An Opportunity for all NVA Members

The Winton name has been synonymous with the sport of fencing for over 50 years, and the Winton Cup has been an inspirational competition for fencers since 1949.

The NVA, through the generosity of Bobby and Sir Nicholas Winton, has been presented with a magnificent Veterans Winton Cup, on the understanding that the well established "Winton concept" where teams representing regions around the country, meet over a weekend in a central location for the fencing, and join together to make the event a social occasion to be enjoyed also by the partners of the fencers.

The event will be on held Saturday and Sunday 13th & 14th September 2008 at a venue in the Midlands with a Gala Dinner on the Saturday night, and we are currently looking at several suitable venues, each close to a range of hotels near to towns and cities where non-fencing partners can enjoy local attractions and shopping.

It will be a nine Region, 6 weapon event with poule unique, and, like the Loughborough event that it replaces, open to fencers who have not been selected to represent Great Britain abroad in the year of the competition. Again, like the Loughborough event, a fencer who has been selected for Great Britain abroad will be allowed to take part but not at the weapon for which they were selected.

So, this is a competition which will attract a wide cross section of our growing membership, now standing not far short of 400 veteran fencers, and one which we hope will encourage all of you to consider when planning your diary dates for the year.

We are most grateful to Sir Nicholas and Bobby Winton, and thank them for giving NVA members the chance to compete in what will be a prestigious event, and for recognising the NVA as an Association that has grown over the past two decades into a successful body worthy of their support.

I am sure that you, our members, will support your committee in organising the Veterans Winton Cup, and we look forward to seeing many of you taking part in this major event within the Veterans and fencing community's calendar.

Frank Mills
Chairman

STILL TIME TO ENTER THE AGE GROUP QUALIFIERS

SEE LAST MONTH'S NEWSLETTER FOR ENTRY FORM

OR THE WEB see back page for address

To be held at

MILTON KEYNES APRIL 26th 27th

VETERANS WINTON CUP SEPTEMBER 13th 14th 2008

COMPETITION INFORMATION

Entry is open to regions; in this inaugural year we have asked regional representatives to put teams together.

All competitors must be at least 40 years of age at the date of the start of the competition and must be both NVA and British Fencing members.

Each team will comprise 3 fencers at each of the 6 weapons of MF, WF, ME, WE, MS and WS.

Substitution, to a maximum of 2, will be allowed only if that substitute is entered on the poule sheet at the start of a match.

Doubling up weapons is permissible at the discretion of the competition organiser, providing it neither slows up nor impinges on the smooth running of the competition.

The competition will be fenced between teams of 3 in matches. During the weekend each team will fence all other teams, with each fight to 5 hits to determine the winner and each fight for a maximum duration of 3 minutes of fencing time.

If the score is equal at time in any fight the priority rule will apply.

All matches will be fought to a conclusion of 9 fights.

Any fencer missing from a team will concede victories to the opposing team 5-0.

If at the conclusion of the competition there is a draw based on total victories, team places will be determined by a count back of hits for and hits against.

Fencers who have been selected for the European team or World Championships in the year of the competition are ineligible to fence in the competition at the weapon for which they were selected.

It is the responsibility of each fencer to ensure that personal equipment is safe. The NVA recommends FIE standard clothing and masks for personal safety and requires maraging blades for the safety of others at foil and épée. Such blades have the letters FIE stamped on the blade somewhere near the guard. Sabre blades must comply with current standards of stiffness and be dated 2000 or later.

SEE PAGE 5 FOR YOUR REGIONAL CONTACT

COME AND JOIN US FOR A GREAT WEEKEND

VETERANS WINTON

To get the Competition rolling we have asked some regional representatives to put teams together.

The Maximum number of teams this year will be 9 FULL 6 weapon teams.
2 full days fencing.

If you would like to be considered please contact your representative as below.

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The Winton Cup: old enough to join the Vets!

I started fencing when I was 15, and we were told to buy the Roger Crosnier book on fencing straight away. Bobby Winton and Roger Crosnier thought up the idea of a regional fencing team competition after the war to encourage regional fencing, starting the Winton Cup in 1949.

I fenced at school and then gave it up for 6 or 7 years. I then decided to take fencing up again at Southside in Surrey, with Marcia Stretch and Brian Causton. After a couple of years I was elated to be picked for the Winton Cup South East region. In the team were Janet and Peter Huggins, Steve Lennox, Roger Pye and Joe Shackell. We didn't win, but we had a great weekend in Loughborough and I remember it still.

22 odd years pass and I haven't fenced since my children were born. Eventually I decide to fence again, and join the Vets and Wellesbourne Sword club.

I am delighted when I am picked for the Winton again for Southern region, that year we are in and win the Southcombe Cup. Another year passes and we are in the Winton Cup proper, just to keep our position would be nice, but we actually go on to win it, that was the Winton Cup last year. I thought, my last chance fencing in a Winton cup, well here we are and I am actually organising the first Veterans Winton. It means a lot to me. If it means a lot to you, let me know and get your Winton history published. If you haven't yet got a Winton history, TRY and get in a team this year for the first ever Veterans Winton Cup Team Competition. It's going to be a blast!

Linda Lawes

The Veterans Winton Cup





Date Confirmed: 21st & 22nd June 2008

<http://www.starswordclub.co.uk/ditp.html>

STOP PRESS How about SPONSORING
ALEX Paul in the London Marathon for Oxfam
See Leon Paul web page for Information.

**NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS 2008
LOST PROPERTY**

Unclaimed after the 2008 National Championships in Gloucester were two
right-hand fencing gloves.

If you think that one may be yours please contact Dave Sweeney on
07881908629.

All other lost property has now been reunited with its owner.

Letters to the Editor:

From Carol Wengraf

I would like to thank all the wonderful Vets for their kindnesses, encouragement, information and support they gave me after my injury at the National Championships. What a great crowd you all are.

I have now exchanged my pretty pink plaster for a huge boot which allows me to be much more mobile. My upper body strength has increased so much from using crutches so watch out everybody for when I return.

Carol

Caption Competition



Editor's Favourite
Poles dominate NVA championships !
Grahame Lawes

How many Chairs does it take to put up a banner?

New Agility competition at the NVA championships fails to catch on

Even with a new aerial Frank's mobile fails to get a signal

This wasn't what I had in mind Dave when you said come and fence

Are you absolutely sure they are all bringing flags?



NOTABLES

Top half



Nottingham Open - 1/3/2008

MF (78)	3 Lindsay WATKISS 8 Nick STOKES 21 Jeffrey KIY 24 Paul SIBERT 25 Anthony CONYARD
WF (34)	3 Jo BOWYER 7 Dawn TOWNSEND 12 Kate HARRIS 13 Moya MCNAMARA
ME (78)	3 Anton POLLARD 10 Anthony KLENCZAR 12 Rob BROOKS 28 Tom CHRISP 31 Jim WHELAN 35 Niall CAMPBELL
WE (38)	6 Kate ELVIN 14 Moya MCNAMARA
MS (49)	15 Steve POTTER

Edinburgh International - 8/3/2008

MF (28)	12 Mike ROLLINSON
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Invicta 2008 - 15/3/2008

MF (81)	16 Paul Baillache 37 Anthony Conyard
ME (79)	5 Jeremy RAJ 16 Ralph JOHNSON 17 Howard WEST 24 Ian BRIGGS 27 Andrew RAMSAY
WF (30)	2 Dawn Townsend 3 Angela Gould
WE (36)	10 Mariette MASON

Birmingham International - 22/3/2008

ME (131)	12 Anton POLLARD 32 Andrew RAMSAY 45 Rob BROOKS 54 Rick KENT 64 Max TELFER
MS (109)	24 Steve POTTER 40 Duncan ROWLANDS 49 Barry COULTER
WF (75)	11 Gillian WORMAN 19 Jo BOWYER 26 Kati SCHOLTZ 33 Angela GOULD
WS (49)	17 Jane HUTCHISON

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