



# The Vets

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 Germany


 Hungary

 Ireland

 Italy

 Japan

 Luxembourg

 Republic of Macedonia

 Netherlands

 Norway

 Poland

 South Africa

 Russia

 Switzerland

 Sweden

 Thailand

 Ukraine

 United States

**BATH 2006**  
**Friday September 1st to Sunday September 3<sup>rd</sup>**  
**Bath University Sports Village**

**BE THERE!**

## THE SOCIAL WHIRL

When the fencing is done and dusted, what people remember about world and European veterans' championships are the social events. Too often, those that burn themselves into the memory tend to be the disasters, like the freezing gala dinner under a tent next to an ear-splitting local disco in Weinfeld, Switzerland, or the cringe-making efforts by the master of ceremonies in Tampa 2002 to get each national group to sing something traditional – the sight and sound of the Brits piping up with *Ten Green Bottles* and a lone Frenchman finally being persuaded to give a rendition of *La Vie En Rose* will take a long time to heal.

But in Bath the NVA is determined to make the social events memorable for all the right reasons. Entertainments Manager Richard Bonehill has promised slickly professional half-hour opening and closing ceremonies involving audio-visual presentations and live entertainment. And a sumptuous gala dinner will be held in the magnificent Assembly Rooms, which were originally the focal point for the affluent Regency residents of Bath, followed by dancing until 1 am. Oh, and just remember, Jane, there is a restriction on noise of 95 db.

Masterminding the organisation of these events is Gillian Aghajan. To kick off, a Civic Reception will be held in the elegant Regency Pump Room at the Roman Baths on Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> August at 8 pm. Entry will include a glass of wine and nibbles. Transport will be provided from and back to the University. Official guides will be strategically placed around the Baths to answer questions on the history of the buildings, which include the stone remains of one of the finest religious spas in the ancient world. You can see the ruins of the temple of Minerva, goddess of the thermal spring, and visit the bathhouse that local residents and pilgrims used nearly 2000 years ago.

The Opening Ceremony will take place in the University's Sports Training Village at 3 pm on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> September in the finals hall and will include short speeches by the FIE and BFA Presidents. Seating is in banked tiers accommodating 480 people.

Each day meal and drink tickets will be issued to referees, staff and volunteers. On Saturday evening there will be a free hot buffet and disco for volunteer helpers.

The Closing Ceremony is on Sunday at 5:30 pm in the finals hall, following which the action moves back to the Assembly Rooms for the gala dinner hosted by Dave Sweeney and expected to be attended by 400 people. Transport will be provided from the University between 7 and 8 pm.

There will be an information centre at the venue with information and advice about nearby places to visit, such as a boat trip on the Kennet and Avon Canal to the village of Bathampton where there are fine riverside restaurants and a pub.

And if the championships leave fencers battered and bruised, the recently opened Thermae Spa Bath offers bathing in warm natural spring waters and state-of-the-art spa facilities designed to refresh the body and soothe the mind.

**MF**

## Can you speak da lingua?

We have a serious shortage of linguists at the World Championships.

Jobs include dealing with non-English-speaking participants, making announcements, and acting as an itinerant translator who can be called upon during the event.

If you speak French, German, Italian, Spanish, Russian or ANYTHING, and would be prepared to attend on any or all of Friday 1<sup>st</sup>, Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> and Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> September, please contact Hilary Arnold on 020 8373 7953 or

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# The Trials OF ~~Heracles~~—err John.....

Dear Linda,

It is the 1st August and there is still 10 days to go before the closing date of the World Championships.

Like all fencing events, the stress for the organisers at this point is considerable. Will the Country A put a team in? Why has Team B not booked any dinner tickets? Why is Team C seemingly unable to use a web based entry form? Why does Team D apparently refuse to use a web based entry form? Are they all on holiday? Are they not going to enter at all?

Most teams have fencers, usually a single official, the team manager, and a small number of partners.

Team X has entered. Their team has NO fencers, 7 officials and 12 partners. The best explanation I can think of is that my invitation was mis-understood and that these people think they are coming to the World Kick Boxing Championships or a football tournament or something popular. The worst explanation involves money laundering and drug running. I have to pluck up courage to send them a diplomatic letter asking for clarification for their visit.

We have a group of Marshals responsible for good order at the event, led by Lawrence Burr. I now have this schoolboy urge to call him Wyatt every time I see him but so far have resisted. I have been emphasising that the Marshals should have soft skills so that visitors have the impression that they are really welcome and that they are the first visitors of the day. I call this the DisneyWorld effect. I personally do not have these soft skills especially when confronted by 19 Team X with the outline of an AK47 showing through their clothing. But I am sure Lawrence will have it sorted and it will be OK on the day.

John

Number of Fencers participating in the Worlds:

Number of Teams: 28

Cat A Entries: 191

WFA 31	MFA 30
WEA 32	MEA 49
WSA 22	MSA 27

Cat B Entries: 166

WFB 27	MFB 28
WEB 27	MEB 43
WSB 14	MSB 27

## CAN YOU HELP!!!!!! WINTON CUP

Dear Hilary

I was referred to Penny Spink by John Ramsey who I approached last year on this matter. In turn Penny referred me to Malcolm Fare as Archivist and also to your good self re The Veterans

Below I set out the story to date

U19s LONDON SCHOOLBOYS CUP - THE WINTON CUP  
Have you any idea what happened to the cup - see title above.

### BACKGROUND

I fenced from 1968 to 1976. My fencing teachers were Prof. Froeschlen, Madame Froeschlen and Derek Allen (foil and epee) and, for a short time, George Ganchev for sabre. I was never equal to the top standard but was a reasonable club standard fencer and fenced for both in their time the Froeschlen club and the Allen club including the Civil Service. For a couple of years I did arrange and organise the then annual London vs The Rest match at all four weapons - namely  
Ladies foil  
Men Foil  
Men Epee  
Men Sabre, and, in addition I organised The London League competition for a few years .

In 1973 and 1974 the Allen club took on board the organisation and running of the London Schoolboys Foil fencing competitions for the three age groups.

At that time whilst there were cups for the younger group winners there was no cup for the U19s age group and so I had a cup prepared by Fowlers and donated it for that purpose.

I named it after Bobbie Winton, with his agreement, in order that the particular age group of boys had a similar prize as the winner of the same age group of school girls who was awarded the Summerfield cup.

I did check with John Ramsay some little time ago as to whether or not the Winton Cup I had donated was the same Winton Cup now competed for.

He assured me that it was not.

Just as a matter of curiosity do you know what happened to that cup I had donated. It was quite a large cup bearing the obvious lettering

The Winton Cup

Who had donated it

The competition for which it was awarded to the winner. I do know that during the period I fenced many of the cups donated to the British Fencing Assn. then housed at the old De Beaumont Centre near Queens Club, were not strictly monitored and disappeared. This was generally because winners of the cups were often not diligent enough to return them to the old HQ building for the competition in the following year.

I have raised the matter with Malcolm Fare who also fenced for the civil Service during the same period as myself and I have provided him with the above details and some further informations which I hope will be of use.

Malcolm

Many thanks for such a prompt reply to my enquiry.

Unfortunately I gave up fencing in 1976 to concentrate more on my work. I am now 71 and retired.

However I remain mentally and physically active by being part and parcel of a group of retired civil servants under the canopy of The Civil Service Retirement Fellowship. I serve on the committee of the local group at Edgware and Stanmore and for my sins wear the cloak of Treasurer.

I am glad to hear that you are still actively participating in the sport. I must admit that when I decided to give it up it was with a great deal of regret but I had to think of

promotion and how that affects the pension etc. at the end of the working road.

ANYWAY TO MY ENQUIRY RE THE ABOVE CUP.

Unfortunately I was not involved in the organisation etc. of the competition after 1975 and so am unable to let you have a date about the last time that particular competition took place.

I can tell you that the Allen Club organised the competition and held it at the Parliament Hill School for Girls and after the competition in 1973 when there was no cup for the winner of the U19s school boys competition but the younger age group winners did receive cups I decided to donate a cup for the 1974 competition. So the first time the U19s London Schoolboys fencing competition winner received a cup was in 1974. I have no idea as to who that was although I used to attend in the organisation as a member of the Allen F C and assist in presiding during the competition.

The competition was generally organised to take place in mid January to mid February but generally took place about the end of January of the year in question.

That is about as much that I can recall.

Unfortunately ageing is a bit of a nuisance and the 1974 diary together with the receipt from Fowlers is tucked away safely to such a degree that I can't recall where I have put it. Most frustrating !!

Some body who might recall the last time the Allen F C organised the competition would be Derek Crawthorne because he was a leading light in the club at that time But generally I only raised the matter out of curiosity once I saw the Fowlers receipt. ( If I recall correctly I think the charge for the cup was less than twenty pounds (£20), but that represented a greater value then than it does today.) My curiosity was aroused as to what might have happened to the cup after all these years.

I hope that it does reveal itself because it might have an interesting tale to reveal about the past years and holders. In fact I think a then very young Bruniges won the cup one year.

Hi Malcolm.

I have found my diary for 1974 and the Fowler's receipt. The receipt is dated 2nd Nov 1973 and the value of the cup at that time was £20.35 including the cost of engraving. The first time the cup was presented was the week end 26/27 January 1974.

The competition was the London Schoolboys Foil . Held, as I previously stated, at the Parliament Hill School for Girls N W London.

**Is it possible that one of the previous winners of this cup and now possibly a veteran might have a memory of what happened to it??**

**Any thing you might be able to discover about the fate of the cup would be much appreciated.**

**Len Linger (Edgware)**

**If you can help, please contact Hilary**

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**World Veterans Fencing Championships,  
1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> September 2006.  
University of Bath.**

**Middlesex Unisex Epée,  
1<sup>st</sup> October 2006.  
Middlesex University.**

Open to all NVA members. Entry forms and details will be circulated with a later newsletter

**New Competition: Sabre**

**Cornwall Pro Sabre  
Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> October**

Cash Prize for the best Veteran. See June newsletter for details

**Veterans Team Challenge  
ENTRY FORM IN THIS NEWSLETTER**

**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> October**

Loughborough Charnwood Leisure Centre.  
Group booking at the Quality Hotel Saturday night, special rates. Group dinner Saturday night.

Contact Linda Lawes or Frank Mills and register your interest.

**Xmas Fun Fence, Dinner and Dance,  
18<sup>th</sup> November 2006.  
Coventry.**

Open to all NVA Members. Entry forms and details will be circulated with a later newsletter.

**Veterans' Notable Results: top half or last 32.**

**If you have a result which should go in here, please email me directly. We try to keep up with all the new members' names and we want everyone included. [Linda.lawes@btinternet.com](mailto:Linda.lawes@btinternet.com)**

**Omissions from last time:**

Sheffield Open:  
Men's Foil  
15 Jeffrey Kiy

Wrexham Open:  
Men's Foil  
2 Jeffrey Kiy

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BRITISH NATIONALS

WF (66)  
26 Sarah Kellett  
28 Clare Halsted  
ME (111)  
21 Robin Davenport  
31 Andrew Brown  
WE (84)  
30 Sue Hanney  
MS (107)  
18 Richard Cohen  
WS (79)  
25 Jane Hutchison

NORFOLK OPEN

MF (47)  
1 Tony Bartlett  
2 Nick Stokes  
8 Simon Hartley  
11 Mike Bradbury  
13 Jim Harris  
17 Tony Bardell  
WF (17)  
1 Jane Clayton  
6 Kate Francis  
ME (41)  
2 Rob Brooks  
7 Andrew Brown  
10 Bernard Harbourn  
11 Malcolm Allton  
16 Ian Briggs  
17 Mick Meyer  
WE (19)  
7 Kate Francis  
MS (11)  
J3 Tony Bardell

CAMBRIDGE OPEN AIR

ME (52)  
12 Rob Brooks  
18 Ian Briggs  
25 Nigel Middleton

Well done, great results for the Vets once again.



# ENTRY FORM

## THE VETS TEAM CHALLENGE SUNDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2006

For teams of 9 fencers, comprising: 3 mixed foil, 3 mixed epee and 3 mixed sabre and excluding any Veteran qualifying internationally this year.

**Loughborough Leisure Centre**, Brown's Lane, Loughborough, Leicestershire LE11 3HE  
Tel: 01509 611080 (Mobile on the day: 0779 8824707)

**Last report time:** 9.00 a.m.

**Entries to:** Frank Mills, 7 Audley Mead, Bradwell, Milton Keynes MK13 9BD  
Tel.01908 310516 email: [Millsfba@aol.com](mailto:Millsfba@aol.com)

**Eligibility:** Every competitor must be a member of British Fencing, to ensure that he/she is insured, and membership cards will be examined.

**Closing Date:** 30<sup>th</sup> September 2006

**Equipment:** It will be the individual's responsibility to ensure that the equipment and clothing used in the competition meets the acceptable safety standards laid down in the latest rules of British Fencing for club level, and that the equipment and clothing is in a fit condition to use competitively without the risk of personal injury or risk of injury to a competitor or bystander. Maraging blades will not be a requirement for this competition, but for sabre, all blades must carry the year 2000 stamp.

**Refreshments:** Hot food and drinks available

**Accommodation:** A special rate of £40 per person has been arranged at the Quality Hotel, New Ashby Road, Loughborough (J23,MI) Tel. 01509 211800 and mention NVA when booking.

**Therapist:** A Therapist will be available providing Bowen Therapy and concentrating on limbs, neck and shoulders. (to be booked in advance @ £5 per 15 minutes).

### ENTRY FORM

I wish to enter a team of 9 fencers @ £10 per person

**Team Name**.....

**Contact Name**.....

**Address**.....  
.....  
.....

**Tel. & email**.....

I enclose a cheque for £90 payable to NVA

I wish to reserve ( ) sessions with the therapist

**OR**

If you wish to enter, but do not have a team arranged, we will assist in placing you in a team. If this is the case, please fill in above details, circle below to indicate your weapon of choice, and enclose a cheque for £10 payable to NVA.

**Foil**                    **Epee**                    **Sabre**

**Signed**.....                    **Date**.....