



# The Vets



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## WELL DONE : WELL DONE

HERE IS YOUR GOLD MEDAL  
IN RECOGNITION OF ALL THE EFFORT,  
TIME AND MONEY YOU  
PUT IN TO MAKE  
BATH 2006

AWARDED TO THE NVA BY BRITISH FENCING  
FIRST EVER AWARDED TO A GROUP



We accepted this on your behalf

Photo: courtesy of Rob Kirby

# TORONTO 2007: COMMONWEALTH GAMES

This was an open event, with teams selected from the competitors on the day.

Home Nations represented were:

Scotland, Wales, England, Northern Ireland and the Isle of Man



## TEAM RESULTS: GB VETERANS

GOLD MEDAL	SILVER MEDAL	BRONZE MEDAL
Women's Foil: England A Sue Benney Linda Lawes Moya McNamara	Women's Foil: England B Jenny Morris Jane Hutchison, Lynne Bornemisza	
	Men's Foil: Wales Nicholas Hawksworth Carl Morris Harry Toland Stephen Gristock	Men's Foil: England Tony Conyard Steve Fox Brian Causton Frank Mills
	Women's Epée: England A Jenny Morris Lynne Bornemisza Sue Hanney	Women's Epée: England B Moya McNamara Jane Hutchison Sylvia Brown Connie Adam
		Men's Epée: England Anton Pollard Richard Sweatman Jamall Nasir Richard Bonehill
Women's Sabre: England A Jane Hutchison Lynne Bornemisza Sue Benney Jenny Morris		Women's Sabre: England B Pat Rees Sylvia Brown Connie Adam
Men's Sabre: England Andy Bornemisza Alan Ault Richard Bonehill	Men's Sabre: Scotland Alex Winchester Roy Clarke Julian Ghosh	Men's Sabre: Wales Nicholas Hawksworth Carl Morris Harry Toland Stephen Gristock



## AGE GROUP RESULTS: GB VETERANS

	GOLD MEDAL		SILVER MEDAL	
	Women	Men	Women	Men
50-59 Foil	Jenny Morris		Sue Benney	
50-59 Epée	Lynne Bornemisza	Rob Brooks	Sue Hanney	
50-59 Sabre	Jane Hutchison		Jenny Morris	
60-69 Foil		Brian Causton		Frank Mills
60-69 Epée	Pat Shepherd-Foster	Richard Sweatman		Bob Turner
60-69 Sabre	Pat Shepherd-Foster	Andy Bornemisza		
70+ Foil	Sylvia Brown	Alan Ault	Diane Austin	Henry de Silva
70+ Epée	Connie Adam	Henry de Silva	Sylvia Brown	Alan Ault
70+ Sabre	Sylvia Brown		Connie Adam	Alan Ault

# COMMONWEALTH INDIVIDUAL RESULTS: OVERALL WINNERS



	GOLD MEDAL		SILVER MEDAL		BRONZE MEDAL	
	Women	Men	Women	Men	Women	Men
FOIL		Brian Causton		Stephen Gristock	Jenny Morris Sue Benney	Carl Morris
EPEE				Rob Brooks	Lynne Bornemisza	
SABRE	Jane Hutchison	Carl Morris	Jenny Morris	Richard Bonehill	Lynne Bornemisza	Alex Winchester



England A, Australia and England B  
Women's Sabre



GB clean sweep at Men's Sabre



Richard and Bob



England A and B foil teams



Part of the England Squad



England Women's Epee A team

***This edition: special thanks to all my roving photographers***

Moya McNamara, John Crouch, Sue Hanney, Rob Brooks, Jane Hutchison,  
Alan Ault, Gabby Weiss, Richard Sweatman.

This would not have been such a great issue without your help.

Please send me the Australia photos as well!!



One Happy Rob



A Canadian-Scots Ref



How could I resist this one?



We also serve who sit and wait....



Only Carl is ready for the photo....

### *Recognised at the National Championships this year*

On the front page is your Gold medal. In the same ceremony Dave Sweeney was presented with a personal Gold. This was for his vision and tenacity in bringing the Bath World Championships to a great conclusion.

Pat Casey, a great help in all our competitions, was awarded a Silver medal for the work she carries out for British Fencing in her capacity as a referee. Pat continues to give her time to Veterans. Thanks Pat and well done.

## Who Travelled to Toronto? Full GB Vets teams.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Country</u>	<u>Epée</u>	<u>Foil</u>	<u>Sabre</u>
Ann Cornwall	England	Yes	Yes	No
Constance Adam	England	Yes	Yes	Yes
Diane Austin	England	Yes	Yes	No
Jane Hutchison	England	Yes	Yes	Yes
Jenny Morris	England	Yes	Yes	Yes
Linda Lawes	England	No	Yes	No
Lynne Bornemisza	England	Yes	Yes	Yes
Moya McNamara	England	Yes	Yes	No
Patricia Rees	England	No	No	Yes
Sue Benney	England	No	Yes	Yes
Susan Ann Hanney	England	Yes	No	No
Sylvia Brown	England	Yes	Yes	Yes
Alan Ault	England	Yes	Yes	Yes
Andras Bornemisza	England	No	Yes	Yes
Anthony Conyard	England	No	Yes	No
Anton Pollard	England	Yes	No	No
Brian Causton	England	Yes	Yes	No
Frank Mills	England	No	Yes	No
Jamall Nasir	England	Yes	No	No
Richard Bonehill	England	Yes	No	Yes
Richard Sweatman	England	Yes	No	No
Steve Fox	England	No	Yes	No
Henry de Silva	Isle of Man	Yes	Yes	Yes
Alexander Winchester	Scotland	No	No	Yes
Julian Ghosh	Scotland	No	No	Yes
Roy Clarke	Scotland	No	No	Yes
Anne Mary Crosby	Wales	Yes	Yes	No
Patricia Shepherd-Foster	Wales	Yes	No	Yes
Rosemary Gregory	Wales	Yes	No	Yes
Alun Davies	Wales	Yes	No	No
Bob Turner	Wales	Yes	No	No
Carl Morris	Wales	No	Yes	Yes
Harry Toland	Wales	Yes	Yes	Yes
Jamie Morris	Wales	Yes	No	No
Nicholas Hawksworth	Wales	Yes	Yes	Yes
Robert Brooks	Wales	Yes	No	No
Stephen Gristock	Wales	No	Yes	Yes



**What's missing???**



**CN Tower**



**Well YOU are (and the glasses)**



**The Welcome evening in a Bank Vault!**  
(Best place for these two...)



**Niagara Falls and Maid of the mist**

## “VETS BEHAVING BADLY”



Alan: Not sure her husband has noticed!  
Gold medal celebration England style  
Photo Gaby Weiss



And I thought I had a bad hair day!!

**CAPTION COMPETITION!!!**  
SEND YOUR ENTRIES TO THE EDITOR  
(see front cover)



Photo: anon.....

## ARE YOU A WEB PAGE DESIGNER?

If you are we need your help.

Our web pages are put together by John Mason, and we would like a big, flashy, wow of a front page.

Do you think you could help with this one request? Take a look at the web site, if you would like to design the front end please email or ring John Mason for more information. See front cover for phone number etc.

Let's get the VETS noticed!!!!

## GB-GERMANY-FRANCE TEAM MATCHES IN BONN

18-19 AUGUST 2007

### Final Teams

	Women's Foil	Women's Epée	Women's Sabre
1	Gillian Worman	Lynne Bornemisza	Jane Hutchison
2	Linda Lawes	Fiona Haldane	Lynne Bornemisza
3	Caron Hale	Mavis Thornton	Yvonne Walls

	Men's Foil	Men's Epée	Men's Sabre
1	Tony Bartlett	John Chalmers	Steve Potter
2	Brian Causton	Ian Worthington	Andy Bornemisza
3	Geoff Silverman	Jonathan Stanbury	Brian Causton

**Teams Manager – Dave Sweeney**

**GOOD LUCK TO THE SQUAD. MORE PHOTOS PLEASE**

**STOP PRESS Brian Causton has a broken collar bone (get well soon) STOP PRESS  
Replacements: Richard Sage (foil) and Mike Compton (sabre)**

### ENGLAND NEWS

#### England haul - 58 medals

At the Commonwealth Veterans Championships in Toronto the England team brought home 58 medals of assorted colours. From a squad of 22 that represents an excellent all round performance. Detailed results elsewhere.

Individual gold went to Brian Causton in the men's foil and Jane Hutchison in the women's sabre. Age group gold to Brian Causton, Alan Ault, Sylvia Brown (2), Lynne Bornemisza, Richard Sweatman, Connie Adam, Sue Benney, and Andy Bornemisza. In the team events we collected 3 gold at men's sabre and women's foil and sabre; 2 silver at women's épée and foil; 4 bronze at men's foil and épée and women's épée and sabre.

The event was well run by the Canadians and everyone had plenty of fencing in an excellent venue. The team was well turned out and looked good in their new polo tops. The whole team performed well, but there are two performances I would like to single out beyond the individual winners, Brian and Jane. The results of the women's team were outstanding. They supported each other and swept almost everyone away at all levels. The other was seeing Alan Ault perform in the team sabre. At over 70 and fencing alongside experienced Richard and Andy, he more than held his own winning fights beyond his expectation. At the meal that evening we had to keep fetching him down from the ceiling!

Well done to everyone and let's have more men next time.

#### Future event:

Home Quadrangular – 26/27 January 2008 in Manchester.

John Crouch



**WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS - SYDNEY**

**13-16 SEPTEMBER 2007**

**FINAL SQUAD**

<b>50-59</b>	<b>Women's Foil</b>	<b>Women's Epée</b>	<b>Women's Sabre</b>
1	Hilary Philbin	Sue Hanney	Jane Hutchison
2	Moya McNamara	Kate Harris	Gillian Aghajan
3	Jane Clayton	Moya McNamara	Hilary Philbin
4	Kate Harris	Janice Pearce	

<b>60+</b>	<b>Women's Foil</b>	<b>Women's Epée</b>	<b>Women's Sabre</b>
1	Lynda Norrie	Silvia Earl	Silvia Earl
2	Silvia Earl	Sylvia Brown	Sylvia Brown
3	Carole Dixon	Connie Adam	Connie Adam
4	Connie Adam	Carole Seheult	Pat Shepherd-Foster

<b>50-59</b>	<b>Men's Foil</b>	<b>Men's Epée</b>	<b>Men's Sabre</b>
1	Tony Bartlett	Ralph Johnson	Jim Philbin
2	Paul Lowen	Anton Pollard	Cary Zitcer
3	Geoff Silverman	Jonathan Stanbury	Richard Bonehill
4	Steve Fox	Rob Brooks	Chris Prevet

<b>60+</b>	<b>Men's Foil</b>	<b>Men's Epée</b>	<b>Men's Sabre</b>
1	Malcolm Fare	Robin Davenport	Michael Compton
2	Frank Mills	Malcolm Fare	Tony Bardell
3	Fred Sheppard	Jim Pilkington	Peter Baron
4	Mike Compton	Bob Turner	

**Team Manager Dave Sweeney**

**Referees Ian Hunter  
AN Other**

**GOOD LUCK TO THE SQUAD**

**SEND LOTS OF PHOTOS TO THE EDITOR PLEASE!!**





"AT THIS POINT, FRED REALISED HIS DANDRUFF WAS OUT OF CONTROL"

But don't be put off - enter your name for a really enjoyable day of fencing at

**Loughborough Leisure Centre  
at the 2nd Annual**

# **VETS TEAM CHALLENGE**

**SUNDAY 7th OCTOBER 2007**

**ANY VET WHO HAS BEEN SELECTED FOR GREAT BRITAIN SINCE MARCH 2007 IS NOT ELIGIBLE TO FENCE THE WEAPON FOR WHICH THEY WERE SELECTED**

**ENTER NOW & WE'LL PLACE YOU IN A TEAM OF 9 FENCERS -  
3 MIXED FOIL, 3 MIXED EPEE & 3 MIXED SABRE**

CLOSING DATE. 30TH SEPTEMBER 2007

NAME..... ADDRESS.....

BFA No.....

Email..... TEL.....

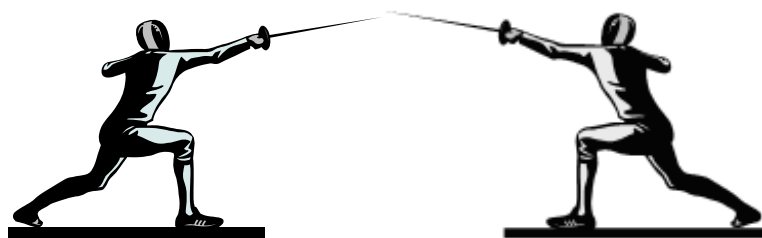
**OR**

Telephone either  
Linda Lawes 01235 530090 or  
Frank Mills 01908 310516  
to secure a place

**IF YOU ARE ABLE TO PUT TOGETHER A TEAM OF 9 ELIGIBLE VETS  
WE WOULD BE PLEASED TO HEAR FROM YOU**

**ENTRY: £10.00 PER PERSON (CHEQUES PAYABLE TO NVA OR COLLECT ON THE DAY)**

**HOT & COLD FOOD ALL DAY    SPECIAL HOTEL RATE - £45 DINNER B & B**



*Well Done - Well Done - Well Done*

Top Half or Last 32!!

To ensure that YOUR result is in the newsletter please email [Linda.lawes1@btinternet.com](mailto:Linda.lawes1@btinternet.com) or phone 01235 530090.

Wrexham Open	Foil	Epée	Sabre
<b>Women's</b>		(20)	
		6 Kate Elvin	
<b>Men's</b>	(63)	(65)	(27)
	=3 Nick Stokes	7 David Stobbs	6 Steve Potter
	10 Jeffrey Kiy	32 Nick Stokes	7 Peter Baron
	22 Jim Harris		

Norfolk Open	Foil	Mens Epée (62)	Sabre
<b>Women's</b>	(22)	6 Robin Davenport	
	=3 Jo Bowyer	8 Malcolm Allton	
	6 Dawn Townsend	9 Andrew Brown	
	8 Kate Harris	13 Ian Briggs	
<b>Men's</b>	(53)	14 Jim Harris	(18)
	=3 Nick Stokes	17 Chris Green	8 Tony Bardell
	19 Jim Harris	23 Max Telfer	
		27 Bernard Harbourn	
		32 Iain Rugheimer	

British Nationals	Foil	Epée	Sabre
<b>Women's</b>	(63)		(57)
	18 Jo Bowyer		5 Jane Hutchison
	28 Gillian Worman		
<b>Men's</b>		(112)	
		21 Robin Davenport	
		25 Howard West	

# The Celtic Challenge 2008

## First Call for attendees...

The Welsh Vets are organising their Biannual Celtic Challenge at the end of July 2008

(Final date awaiting confirmation of the British Championships).

This competition will be held in Wrexham at the NEWI Sports Centre,

Recommended accommodation is the Ramarda Plaza Hotel.

We are hoping that any fencer who is a member of the NVA and is of Celtic Blood will

contact their Celtic Country of origin, (back to both sets of Grandparents)

with a view to taking part in this competitive but very friendly competition.

Contacts are as follows

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I trust this will be of interest to you Celts!

Mike Norfolk

## NEUSFA

### NEUSFA Announces Veterans Challenge 7

Saturday & Sunday, September 29-30, 2007  
AT THE BOSTON FENCING CLUB  
110-2 CLEMATIS St., WALTHAM, Massachusetts

Once again Bill Hall and the New England Division bring you the Veterans Challenge. Great fencing.  
Great food. No one under 40...

Complete information is now available at the [New England Division](#)  
website.

Mail-in registration form available on the New England Division website.

Online registration:

## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

***Germany/France/GB  
Triangular match. Teams  
selected using NVA  
Selection Criteria.  
Bonn: August 16 to 19***

***SEPTEMBER 14 TO 16  
World Championships  
AUSTRALIA  
Squad selected using NVA  
selection criteria***

***September 30  
Middlesex Veterans Unisex Epée  
Individual OPEN  
May be a Spanish friendly  
the day before  
Entry form in this newsletter***

***Sunday OCTOBER 7  
Veterans Team Challenge,  
Loughborough  
NO selection required, OPEN.  
Enter as a full team of 9,  
or  
as an individual  
and we will assemble teams.  
Entry form in THIS newsletter  
ENTER NOW!!!!!!***

## ***CHRISTMAS DINNER AND FENCING***

***WREXHAM***

***Saturday DECEMBER 1***

***Entry forms in a later newsletter***

### **AMAZING WHAT A GOOD BATH CAN DO!**

Over the weekend of 16<sup>th</sup>/17<sup>th</sup> June John Mason organised the Unisex Foil & Sabre Competition and this year saw an added bonus for those attending in the form of a Sports Psychology Lecture for Fencers presented by Professor Jonathan Katz.

The 2 - hour lecture provided us with a really useful insight and ideas to apply to our fencing, so there will be some 14 fencers who attended now viewing their game, and opponents, from a different perspective.

Jonathan also ran a personal performance course for foil and sabre over the weekend, and although numbers for the whole weekend were low, it was a most enjoyable two days packed with everything a fencer could need from mind to body (and tummy if one includes the excellent "All you can Eat" Chinese meal on the Saturday night).

Frank Mills

## **Spanish Arm – ada?**

Out of the blue last week, I received an email from the Spanish Veterans Board asking for details of the Vets Team Challenge in Loughborough on October 7<sup>th</sup>, and it transpires that Hilary Arnold received one from them enquiring about the Unisex Epée being held the weekend before Loughborough.

Seems that our Spanish colleagues are planning an invasion for a week, which will be an added bonus for those taking part in either or both events. I know that Hilary is already planning to organise a team match with them should they come over.

Watch this space!

Frank Mills