

Vets invited to fence with GB wheelchair fencers!



Simon Wilson in action (men's épée)
at the European Wheelchair Fencing Championships, Sheffield

Photo by Editor

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Chairman's letter

Dear Members,

This is one of the quieter times of the year for Veterans fencing, but your committee has continued working on a selection system and procedures and we should be in a position to publish a proposed points system in the next Newsletter, when your comments will be welcomed.

The Veterans Winton Cup takes place over the weekend 10th and 11th September and it looks as if it will be another excellent competition with new members as well as established fencers taking part.

The competition is now in its fourth year and exemplifies the spirit of friendly but serious competition for which the Vets are rightly proud and which prompted Bobby and Sir Nicholas Winton to launch the event for us. On a personal note as organiser of the Winton this year, may I remind any fencer taking part who hasn't yet booked for the Gala Dinner on the Saturday night, to please do so and help make it another memorable evening for the Vets.

Yours sincerely

Frank Mills

BVF CALENDAR 2011

Aug 28	Team match against BDFA, Bath
Sep 10-11	Veterans Winton Cup, RAF Cosford, Telford
Sep 27 - Oct 2	World Championships, Poreč, Croatia
Oct 8-9	Welsh Veterans Championships, Wrexham Contact Gillian Aghajan g.aghajan@virgin.net for details
Nov 25	BVF Christmas dinners

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A letter from Max Geuter, EFC



European Fencing Confederation Confédération Européenne d'Esgrime

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Information Letter no. 27-2011

Dear Member Federations,

Even during the high holiday season we want to inform you early enough with the attached calendar dates for the coming months.

We also ask the organisers of the various "Coupe d'Europe" to send us their proposed dates for the new season 2011/2012 in case they want to continue with these events.

At the moment we are looking to the 26th Summer UNIVERSIADE in Shenzhen, China, where our European student fencers are extremely successful.

Please also remind your veteran fencers of the deadlines of registration for Lignano-Sabbiadoro (ITA) – 2nd European Masters Games – and for Porec (CRO), the 15th edition of World Veterans Championships.

We wish you all a pleasant holiday season.

Best regards

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EFC/CEE Calendar dates 2011/2012

Coupe d'Europe 2012

Women's Sabre	?	Orléans	FRA
Men's Foil	?	Pisa	ITA
Women's Epée	?	Napoli	ITA
Men's Sabre	?	Konin	POL
Women's Foil	?	Budapest	HUN
Men's Epée	?	Heidenheim	GER

Championships and other events

2nd European Masters Games	14-16/09/2011	Lignano	ITA
15th World Championships Veterans	27/09-02/10/2011	Porec	CRO
World Championships Seniors	08-16/10/2011	Catania	ITA
FIE Congress	03-04/12/2011	Philadelphia	USA
6th European Championships Cadets	29/02-10/03/2012	Porec	CRO
European Championships Juniors	29/02-10/03/2012	Porec	CRO
World Championships Cadets/Juniors	31/03-07/04/2012	Moscow	RUS
World Championships Seniors	14-15/04/2012	Kiev	UKR
Olympic Games Qualification Europe	21-22/04/2012	Bratislava	SVK
5th European Championships U-23	25-29/05/2012 ?	Bratislava	SVK
European Championships Seniors	15-20/06/2012	Lignano	ITA
Olympic Games	28/07/-05/08/2012	London	GBR
16th World Championships Veterans	17-21/10/2012	Krems	AUT

Competition results (top half)

Wrexham Open - 11/6/2011

MF (27)	3T	Nick Stokes
	8	Jonathan Dawkins
ME (47)	3T	Granville Ward
	3T	Nick Stokes
	5	Chris Heaps
	6	Daryl Hazlewood
	11	Alan Knowles
	19	Paul Cooper
	23	Max Telfer
MS (16)	6	Steve Potter
	8	Steve Ellwood
WF (15)	6	Liz Chinn



Cumberland Open

WF (7) 1 Kate Harris

Team Wheelchair Fencing Match - Bath University Sunday 28th August

Dear All,

The GB wheelchair fencers are having a training camp at Bath University from 25th - 28th August.

Justine Willmott, Team Performance Manager (BDFA), has agreed that we can have a team match against her fencers on Sunday 28th (pm). Team format is relay to 45. The venue is the Sports Training Village (where Excalibur takes place), Bath University - time 13:30 (ready to fence).



Following the team matches there will be an opportunity for free play. This will be open to fencers not involved with the match. Because of the limitations of weapons in the Paralympics, required teams are:

Men's foil
Women's épée
Men's sabre

This would probably be of interest to those who have previously sampled fencing against disabled fencers and those with good basic hand skills.

If you would like to fence in this match please let me know **ASAP**. There are still some places left.

Equally if you would in any case wish to be involved with the free play, please let me know so that I can tell the organisers how many visitors to expect.



Kind regards

Gillian Aghajan
([contact details on page 12](#))

Originally devised at Stoke Mandeville Hospital, UK, competitive wheelchair fencing was first introduced in 1953 and has been a Paralympic sport since Rome in 1960. Popular in Europe since its inception, the sport is now practised in 25 countries worldwide. Unlike able-bodied fencing, wheelchair fencing is static: the fencers are clamped to the piste using a metal frame. Beyond this, the sport is largely similar to its able-bodied counterpart. More information can be found on the BDFA website: www.bdfa.org.uk - Editor

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Editor*

An Invitation to fence in Tasmania

Dear Fencers,

My name is Avril Holderness-Roddam. I am a fencer and coach in Tasmania, Australia.

My club, *Van Diemen Fencing Club*, opened early this year. Tasmania has seen a decline in numbers of fencers since I began fencing in 2000, and I'd like to build up the numbers again and provide the fencers with great fencing experiences.

At my club in Tasmania's capital, Hobart, we have fencers aged 6 to 60 of varying levels, from beginner through to State and National representatives. I am writing because I would like to hear from any fencers who are planning a trip to Australia. In return for a session of training/fencing with my club members, I offer visiting fencers, of any level, basic home stay, meals and transport visiting Hobart's tourism highlights. If a fencer is travelling with their family, small children etc, they are still most welcome. Our flat is used for child day care during the week, so it is fully equipped for babies and children, with lots of toys, nappy changing facilities, a kitchen and bathroom. If the fencer is not travelling with equipment, we are more than happy to loan them gear – our club is new and equipment is washed after every use, so everything is fresh.

Below are some good websites for visitors planning a trip to Tasmania (one of Australia's tourism hotspots).

www.puretasmania.com.au

Photos and information on attractions and accommodation in Tasmania.

www.discovertasmania.com

Information, travel deals and more lovely photos of Tasmania.

www.jetstar.com.au

Cheap flights to Tasmania from Melbourne and Sydney.

www.portarthurtasmania.com

Port Arthur Historic Site.

www.cascadebreweryco.com.au

Tasmania's Cascade Brewery, open for beer drinking and tours, not far from the beautiful Cascade Gardens.

www.hobartfencingclub.com.au

Our club website is basic, but we update our blog regularly – the link is on the website. So please, if you are planning to visit Tasmania, I would love to hear from you.

Regards,

Avril Holderness-Roddam

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Aldo's Fan Club

Aldo Montano of Italy, gold team sabre medallist at the recent Senior Europeans in Sheffield and individual gold medallist at the Olympics, Athens 2004, made time for to chat and pose for photos at Sheffield. Aldo is the son of Mario Aldo Montano, who won a gold and two silver medals in the team sabre at three different Olympic Games. His grandfather, also called Aldo Montano, competed for Italy at the 1936 and 1948 Olympics. Unfortunately for our Veteran ladies, Aldo is only 32 so is too young to compete as a Vet yet....!



Sheila does one better and poses with the Italian men's sabre gold team!

For sale (not Aldo's!)

Sabre Kit:

Mask, large (mesh) £65

Lame jacket, mens RH 40 £80

Sabre £35

All in very good condition, hardly used.

Contact **Jim Harris**, fencingjim@btinternet.com



Personal Payments



4th VETERANS WINTON

Inaugurated by Sir Nicholas & Bobby Winton



Be part of one of the most enjoyable
fencing competitions in the calendar

RAF Cosford, Wolverhampton

A 2-day competition between 9 Regional teams
at all 6 weapons

10th/11th September

Open to BVF Members (with BVF membership)

If you would like to fence, contact Frank Mills

Tel: 01908 310516

who will put you in touch with a Team Captain

Entry is £20 per person

(Cheques payable to BVF or online using the BVF website)

Accommodation has been arranged at the Park Inn, Telford
at special rates of £69 double or twin, £56 single

Tel: 01952 429988 and mention Vets Fencing

Gala dinner on Saturday night - book online

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!

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Caption Competition August

send your entry to Editor

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Caption Competition July

Editor's choice

"When they asked me to be a frame-handler, I thought it would just be a zimmer frame."

Sheila Williams

"Paul gets ready to play a practical joke on the foreign fencers by pretending to be a Customs Officer."

Steve Potter

"The House of Brenda previews its Sheffield collection in time for London Fashion Week."

Paul Brenda

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