



# The Vets

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# Leon Paul

## World Championships

Linda Lawes

By now you will all have seen the Sword. A great article: all about the Worlds coming to Bath in September. Dave Sweeney is the mastermind behind this and I took a few moments to find out more.

**Linda:** Dave, £60,000 is a lot of money, why do we need so much?

**Dave:** We want this event to be the best ever, the eyes of the world will be upon us and so aim is to make it an event that the NVA and British Fencing as a whole will be proud of. To make this a really fantastic event takes lots of money. The expected income will be about £20,000 from competitors that leaves a shortfall of £40,000 to pay for the venue, the officials, feeding and watering the volunteers, bussing the participants and all of the many things required in an FIE World Championships.

**Linda:** In the Sword the article said that you need lots of volunteers. How many and when?

**Dave:** We will need about 100 volunteers over the course of the event, everything from checking in fencers to acting as marshals. We have already identified some specialist jobs such as floor managers, and we will need linguists to help out with participants and guests.

**Linda:** What sort of viewing opportunities will there be?

**Dave:** We have a fantastic venue, with tiered seating; so that we can see first class fencing from around the globe and watch our world champions Richard Cohen and Ralph Johnson defend their titles.

**Linda:** if I cannot get down on the weekend what can I do to help?

**Dave:** That's an easy one, please help by raising all the cash you can. We are launching a lottery next week (details further down, Ed.) Please sell as many books of lottery tickets as you can, join the 100 Club and take part in the various fund raising activities.

**Linda:** So Dave one more question before I let you get back to your pint (did I not say we were in a pub.) Where can we get hold of all the latest news and views?

**Dave:** Log in to the great new web site, watch the newsletter and ring me, Dave Sweeney with any offers of help, sponsorship or any way you can think of raising money.

**Linda:** Actually Dave I did think of something, having a people/skills auction, you know us fencers can do lots of things, what do you think?

**Dave:** Keep it clean Mrs. Lawes, keep it clean... Check out the link.

[www.veterans-fencing.co.uk/wc2006](http://www.veterans-fencing.co.uk/wc2006)

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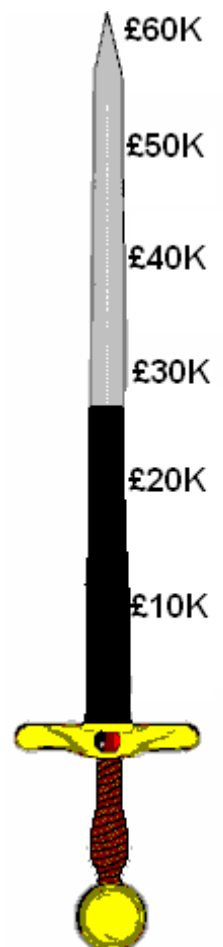
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### Worlds Fund

## Have you paid your Subs?

A quick reminder that the Subs are now due. If you want to fence in the National Championships, in order to try to qualify for the European or World Championships, you must renew  
**NOW.**

Also with this newsletter is the notice for the AGM. The vets is run by vets for vets so please think about supporting the committee by coming to the AGM.

**The 100 Club needs your support! Join now!**

### Airline Survey

Linda Lawes

Having just flown out to Dublin on BMI, the extra costs we sometimes have to pay is in the forefront of my mind. We flew from Heathrow with one bag each, our kit bag with all our clothes and kit in.

BMI decided that we would have to pay £15 extra each way for special items. The web site only stipulated golf clubs and skis as extra cost. We argued, to no avail, so in true team spirit we held up the entire queue whilst we took masks and weapons out of three bags and put them into one, thereby ensuring we only paid one lot of £15.

On our return flight BMI Dublin charged us nothing!! What I want to know is: What is your experience of flying and with whom?

Aer Lingus did not charge, Ryanair did. BMI did one way. It is a minefield but if you have any recent experience please email Linda Lawes at [Linda.lawes@ntlworld.com](mailto:Linda.lawes@ntlworld.com) and I will report back the findings.

## Caption Competition



### What's Richard thinking?

You should have noticed by now that we are aiming to put lots more photos into the Newsletter, with your help. Can you think of a caption for the photo above?

No real prize other than the glory of your name in print. So feel free to email me

[Linda.lawes@ntlworld.com](mailto:Linda.lawes@ntlworld.com)

with your caption ideas. This is your newsletter, can't make it full of news without your help.

# HAVE YOU EVER WANTED TO MURDER SOMEONE?

Well, now's your chance - not only can you indulge in a spot of skulduggery, you can also raise money for the World Championships in Bath. If you're unclear about how to arrange the perfect murder, just follow these step-by-step instructions:

1. Identify a group of 6 or 8 potential victims and murderers (including yourself) and invite them to dinner at your house. Everyone will be allotted a 'part' in advance, and asked to come dressed accordingly!
2. Email a master criminal ([hilary.philbin@ntlworld.com](mailto:hilary.philbin@ntlworld.com)) for assistance. She will lend you one of a number of boxed murder games, complete with invitations, characters, scripts, dinner party format, etc.
3. Email a master chef ([hilary\\_arnold@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:hilary_arnold@yahoo.co.uk)) for advice on easy low-cost dinner party menus and recipes.
4. Invite your victims to donate £20 each (used notes are best!) to a good cause, in exchange for a dinner with a difference. They might also want to bring a bottle of wine.
5. After the crime, email Mr Big ([john@jrmason.demon.co.uk](mailto:john@jrmason.demon.co.uk)) for instructions re handing over the loot.

Don't forget to take lots of pictures – just think of the blackmail opportunities!

The Godmother



## ***Launching the Vets World Championship Lottery***

You should have realised by now that we are striving hard to get the cash in place for the World Championships September 1<sup>st</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup> in Bath.

To support this effort we are launching a fabulous lottery event. Next week you will receive 5 books of tickets. Each book will contain 5 tickets at £2 each. It will be easier, and less work for you, to sell a book of tickets for £10 to your family and friends rather than individual tickets.

This is a way of casting the net further than just fencers, get everyone you know to buy a book of tickets!!

There are many prizes; here are the top three:

1<sup>st</sup> Prize, a week's holiday for two

2<sup>nd</sup> Prize, a weekend break for two in the Hotel Radisson, Leicester Square, London, plus 2 theatre tickets

3<sup>rd</sup> Prize, a night's stay in the St James Hotel, St James Square, London (next to Buck House, so quiet neighbours) plus 2 theatre tickets

**There is also a £250 prize for the person who sells the most lottery tickets.**

Please sell your allotment of tickets as soon as possible (get it out of the way) and return the counterfoils to Hilary Arnold with a cheque made out to NVA for the amount sold. If you want extra tickets contact Hilary Arnold: [NVASecretary@veterans-fencing.co.uk](mailto:NVASecretary@veterans-fencing.co.uk) or 020 8373 7953.



**Confused looking Vets at the last Worlds in Tampa 2005**

## Dates for your Diary

### **NVA National Championships, 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> March 2006. GL1 Leisure Centre, Gloucester.**

Open to all NVA members. Results will be used for selection for the 2006 European Team and the Individual World Championships. Entry forms have been circulated.

### **Bath Unisex Sabre & Foil, 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2006. University of Bath.**

Open to all NVA members. Enjoy fencing and dinner on Saturday night. More details and entry forms in a later Newsletter

### **European Team Championships, 25<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> May 2006. Turku, Finland.**

Selection will be based on the results of the NVA National Championships 2006.

### **NVA Age Group Qualifiers, 3<sup>rd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> June 2006**

Open to all NVA members. Results will be used for selection for the 2006 World Championships

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

Selection will be based on the results of the NVA National Championships 2006 and the NVA Age Group Qualifiers 2006. Details will be circulated to those selected.

## Veterans' Notable Results: January 2006

### Last 32 or top half

#### Aldershot Open

##### **MF (68)**

- 21 Jonathan Dawkins
- 27 Tony Conyard

##### **ME (115)**

- 5 Howard West
- 15 Jonathan Stanbury
- 25 Gerry Simpson

#### Plymouth Open

##### **MF (38)**

- 10 Andy Bornemisza
- 12 Jonathan Dawkins

##### **WF (35)**

- =3 Astrid Merrick
- 5 Dawn Townsend
- 8 Caron Hale

- 12 Maggie Myers

##### **ME (34)**

- 5 Gerry Simpson
- 10 Bill Osbaldeston

##### **WE 26)**

- 1 Vanessa Wilen
- 8 Jane Hutchison

##### **MS (16)**

- =3 Andy Bornemisza
- 6 Chris Prevett

##### **WS (19)**

- 7 Lynne Bornemisza

*If you have any notable results from open or other competitions that you would like to be included in the Newsletter please telephone or email Hilary Arnold.*