

Love at the Hampshire Veterans Open!



Some of the prizes at the Hampshire Veterans Open (not the reading glasses!)

Photo by Frank Mills

Hampshire Veterans Open report and photos
West Midlands Open details
England Veterans news

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Chairman's letter

Dear Members,

Nearly another BVF year is now coming to an end, but what a successful one in terms of international success!

Let's hope that 2012 will also bring success to our veteran fencers in Sweden and Austria.

A large number of veterans will also be taking part as volunteers, or "Games Makers" in the London 2012 Olympic Games and it is good to see that the vast experience of so many of our members, together with an undoubted enthusiasm for the sport, has been utilised by the organisers putting together the team for the fencing events.

I was fortunate enough to be present at the Fencing Test Event last November, and the success of that weekend bodes very well for the London 2012 Olympic Fencing event itself.

Our Age Group Qualifiers in Bletchley in January saw a record number of entries and I hope that you will also be with us in Gloucester for the British Veteran Fencing Championships 2nd -4th March. If you haven't yet entered, please do so and we look forward to welcoming you for a great weekend's fencing and at the AGM on Friday 2nd at the Holiday Inn.

I would now like to take this opportunity to thank each member of the committee for the hard work and dedication they have given to the BVF over the last 12 months and therefore helped to maintain the high standards and reputation enjoyed by our organisation internationally and to you, our members, for the support you have given.

Sincerely

Frank Mills
Chairman

BVF - Annual General Meeting 2012

The meeting will be held at the Holiday Inn,
Crest Way, Barnwood, Gloucester, GL4 3RX
on Friday 2nd March 2012 at 20.15 hrs in the Tennyson Room.



A Thank you from Dave Sweeney

Dear all,

I would like to say a big thanks to all of you who have been in touch by phone, post and email to send me best wishes and messages of support. It was very touching to receive so many individual cards as well as the large card signed by so many of you who attended the Age Group Qualifiers.

At present I am feeling relatively fit and well. I am in good spirits, not to mention a pint or two of lager and the odd bottle of wine, and ready to fight through the difficulties to be expected over the next few weeks. I hope to be back in circulation in the not too distant future and soon to be fighting fit.

Once again thank you all for you good wishes.

Dave Sweeney

BVF Calendar 2012

BVF CALENDAR 2012	
Mar 2	BVF AGM Gloucester
Mar 2-4	British Veterans Championships, Oxtalls Indoor Tennis Centre, Gloucester Friday - Sabre; Saturday - Foil, Sunday - Epée
April 14-15	Veterans West Midlands Open
April 21-22	Home International (5 Nations) - Leeds
May 16-20	European Team Championships, Kalmar, Sweden
June 23-24	Celtic Challenge, Galicia, Spain - venue tbc
Sep 27-30	Commonwealth Veterans Championships, Singapore
Oct 13-14 (tbc)	Welsh Veterans Championships, Aberystwyth Contact Gillian Aghajan (g.aghajan@virgin.net) for details
Oct 17-21	World Championships, Krems, Austria
Nov 3-4 (tbc)	Veterans Winton Cup, RAF Cosford

See BVF website home page for European competitions and events - www.veterans-fencing.co.uk



The 2012 Hampshire Veterans Open Competition

On one of the coldest weekends of the year (it was -11°C when I left Milton Keynes at 6.00 am Saturday morning), the first Hampshire Veterans Open Competition took place at the Mountbatten Centre in Portsmouth.

All six weapons were fenced with some events like men's épée fielding twelve competitors and most between six and eight, but throughout the whole competition, a friendly atmosphere prevailed. This was mentioned to me by several of the five new members who joined the BVF to take part and one in particular summed up his feelings by saying "I hadn't realised just how friendly veterans events were until today, but still very competitive."

The Hampshire Open and Veterans Hampshire Open were efficiently organised and run by BVF member Jenny Morris and her team including, of course, husband Carl, and it was done in such a way that allowed BVF members to take part in both competitions at their chosen weapons.

Being so near to Valentine's Day, Jenny and Carl thoughtfully presented Valentine's Chocolates to the medal winners alongside the medals and trophies and, being one of the lucky recipients, this helped when I returned home to give Betty a large Chocolate disk inscribed "With Love."

As you can tell, this is not a report containing blow by blow match results as the full results were up on the BVF website, courtesy of John Mason, the day after the event, but I would like to say a big "Thank You" to Jenny, Carl and their team for organising such a successful weekend for all of us.

Frank Mills



Men's Épée

Robert Flatt	Silver
Philip Jordan	Gold
Steve Tatner	Bronze
Jonathan Stanbury	Bronze



Men's Foil

Malcolm Rule	Bronze
Brian Millo	Bronze
Frank Mills	Silver
Jonathan Dawkins	Gold



*Photos
courtesy of
Frank Mills*

Men's Sabre

**Keith Rogerson
Carl Morris
Brian Millo
Peter Baron**

**Silver
Gold
Bronze
Bronze**



Women's Epée

**Sue Hanney
Janet Baron
Jane Clayton
Joanne Wheeler**

**Silver
Gold
Bronze
Bronze**



Women's Foil

**Caron Hale
Dawn Townsend
Helen Easter
Jane Clayton**

**Silver
Bronze
Bronze
Gold**



Women's Sabre

**Michele Narey
Luce Wright
Dominique Kennett**

**Silver
Gold
Bronze**

The full results can be found on the website:

<http://www.veterans-fencing.co.uk/results.shtml#hamps>

Competition Results (top half)

Slough Open - 4/02/2012

MF (72)	16	Nick Fihosy
	29	Michael Thomas
	34	Paul Lowen
	35	David Exeter
ME (84)	2	Howard West
	3	Jason Scrimshaw
	7	Hugo Veryzer
	8	Anton Pollard
	13	Stephen Domek
	15	Stephen Munn
	38	Nick Lee
	40	Bill Osbaldeston
	41	Leslie MacDonald
	42	John Morris

MS (45)	8	Barry Coulter
	9	Jorge Esteves
	18	Peter Baron
	22	Carl Morris

WE (46)	20	Sara Spence
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WS (20)	2	Michele Narey
	3	Silvia Earl
	7	Vivien Frith

Hampshire Open - 12/02/2012

MF (30)	12	Jim Whelan
ME (52)	11	Graham Paul
	16	Gerry Simpson
	17	Alan Knowles
	19	Steve Tatner
	23	Simon Pink
	24	Jonathan Stanbury

Hampshire Open (contd) - 12/02/2012

MS (22)	3T	Keith Rogerson
	5	Carl Morris
	8	Peter Baron
	10	Chris Jupp
	11	Kevin Alexander

WF (25)	6	Caron Hale
	10	Marilyn Wheelband

WE (15)	7	Valerie Young
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WS (12)	3T	Luce Wright
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Merseyside Open - 18/02/2012

MF (91)	7	Nick Stokes
	23	Paul Kennea
	31	Paul Maxwell

ME (105)	11	John Morris
	13	Chris Heaps
	14	Darryl Hazlewood
	32	Robert Flatt
	36	Denis Callanan
	38	Granville Ward
	46	Paul Cooper
	50	Evert Van Gemeren

MS (52)	10	Steve Potter
	20	Julian Ghosh
	26	Stefan Leponis

WF (26)	6	Dawn Townsend
	8	Cathy Heyes
	9	Penny Needham

WE (31)	5	Fiona Haldane
	11	Alice Lawrence
	14	Lorette Laschetti

WS (23)	7	Yvonne Walls
	8	Wednesday Jones
	9	Monica Gilmore



3rd
BVF WEST MIDLANDS OPEN



Saturday 14th April 2012

Sunday 15th April 2012

**Castle High School,
St James's Road, DUDLEY DY1 3JE**



6 Weapons: MF, WF, MS, WS Saturday ME, WE Sunday

Note

**Prior entry limited by number & to one weapon only per day
due to time constraints. Entry to Sabre events *may* be
permitted on the day by those having competed in the foil**

**Open to all fencers of veteran age 40+
must be British Fencing members (or other NGB)**

**For full details & entry see
<http://www.veterans-fencing.co.uk>
or contact:**

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England Veterans Fencing Association

Chairman's Report 2012

The year has not been as busy with no Commonwealth Veterans and only the Home International in Wrexham. However, the committee have met several times to discuss our relationship with England Fencing and our selection process.

The fifth Home International was hosted by Wales in Wrexham in April. This again proved to be very competitive with Scotland determined to close the gap. The final result was always in doubt until the final weapon, with our épéeists beating Scotland to retain the Justin Smith trophy. Next year's event returns to England at the Royal Armouries in Leeds. We will need to continue to put out a strong team if we are to win again. The next Commonwealth championships are in Singapore in late September. This will just be a Veterans event and will be open to everyone. Please keep an eye on the newsletter for further details of these events.

We have been discussing our relationship with England Fencing and I have produced a discussion paper for this AGM, which asks for views over the coming year in order to make a proposal at next year's AGM.

Finally I would like to thank the members of the committee for the time and enthusiasm they have put into another successful year.

John Crouch
Chairman, England Veterans Fencing

Selection Process 2012

The committee decided that we would adopt the new selection process that British Veterans were discussing. Unfortunately this has not happened and so we have decided to stay with the same process as the last 2 years.

We have 2 events to select fencers for: the Home International in Leeds on 21/22 April and the Commonwealth Veterans in Singapore on 27-30 September.

For the Home International we will select from the results at the National Championships, taking into account the Age Groups if necessary.

For the Commonwealths we have only to select for the team events. This will be done by selecting the top 4 in the individual events. The Team Manager will have the final say should there be any issues.

John Crouch,
Chairman, England Veterans Fencing



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England Veterans Fencing Association Profit and Loss Account 2011



Income

Contribution BVF £408.00

Home International
Wrexham
Team entry fees £276.00

Polo Shirts £214.50

Expenditure

Home International
Wrexham
Team entry fee £270.00

Polo Shirts £171.60

Raffle Prizes £ 19.00

Accommodation
Non fencing official £ 75.00

£898.50

£535.60

BALANCE SHEET

Assets as at 1.1.2011

Bank Current A/C £1356.74

Assets as at 31.12.2011

Bank Current A/C £1708.12

Diane Austin
Hon Treasurer
EVFA

31st December 2011



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!

Send to me:

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Caption Competition Prize!

Robert Phipps is kindly donating a signed copy of his new book, *Body Language: It's What You Don't Say That Matters* as a prize for the best caption for February's caption competition. You can read some sample pages on:

<http://www.amazon.co.uk/Body-Language-What-Dont-Matters/dp/0857081748/>

Caption Competition February

send your entry to Editor

g.aghajan@virgin.net



Caption Competition January

Editor's choice

"And this is the wire that brings my green light on ..."

Hilary Philbin

"I think I know why Gillian wanted us to stand just here."

"Don't worry: if she publishes this her days as Newsletter editor are numbered!"

Paul Brenda

Photos by Editor



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