

# NVA News

## July 2009

11th Len Camin Open Epee  
11th Manchester Open  
12th Much Wenlock Open  
18th Aberdeens Doric Open  
18th Norfolk Open  
25th GB Individual National Championships  
26th GB Team National Championships

## August 2009

Support the team at Duel on the Beach  
Bank holiday weekend Cornwall

## September 2009

12th 13th Veterans Winton Cup  
24th 27th World Championships Moscow



More photos from the Quad-  
Full England Team with All Ireland  
Full England team with Scotland  
(Karen was accidentally cut from the last photos  
- sorry !!) photos Moya McNamara



Both our White Horse Teams !  
Look how they warm up ( or should that be warm  
down??)  
photos Gillian Aghajan



# WINTON CUP

<http://www.veterans-fencing.co.uk/latest.shtml>

**PLACE YOUR ORDERS OR MISS OUT !!!!!**

*ON-LINE WINTON T-SHIRT ORDERING AND PAYMENT BY 13th AUGUST*

*ON-LINE WINTON LUNCH ORDERING AND PAYMENT*

*ON-LINE WINTON GALA DINNER ORDERING AND PAYMENT*

**INDIVIDUAL ENTRY FEES WILL BE PAID TO THE TEAM MANAGERS NOT ON LINE**

**HOTEL DEAL: Room rate at the Park Inn is £52.50 per night for single occupancy B & B  
or £65.00 Double or Twin room.**

Call 01952 429900 between 8.00 am and 6.00 pm, and mention Veterans Fencing or Winton Cup

**IF YOU ARE NOT YET SELECTED AND WISH TO BE IN A TEAM**

**RING LINDA LAWES 01235 530 090**

**URGENTLY NEEDED FOILISTS FOR SOUTHERN TEAM**

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## **Poland few weeks ago - fatal incident ( Piece copied from the fencing forum )**

In a training bout between two fencers—one seventeen years old, the other forty—the older went on flèche aiming at the opponent's arm. His blade broke in two and the stump entered through the victim's armpit, damaging the artery.

The fact that there was no suitable hospital nearby did the rest causing the fencer's death by acute hemorrhage.

The victim was wearing an Allstar uniform in good condition just as the blade—made in 1996—was of good quality and broke as expected [no pointed shard].

However, the victim was **not** wearing a **plastron** underneath and maybe if he had this could have saved him.

**WEAR YOUR PLASTRON EVEN IN TRAINING.**

# 2009 Veterans Winton T Shirt Order on line or use this form

Choose size and post form and cheque to Linda Lawes

Order must be received by the 13th AUGUST

printed  
to  
order  
only

dont  
delay

order  
today



Sizes  
xsmall 34/36  
small 36/38  
medium 38/40  
large 40/42  
xlarge 42/44  
xxlarge 44/46

All nine team names will be on the back .

Send order and cheque to  
Linda Lawes  
30 Inkerman Close  
Abingdon  
OX14 1NH  
01235 530 090  
To arrive no later than

Thursday 13 th AUGUST

This years colour  
is Mid Grey



Name /team	SIZE	Number at £8 each
Total enclosed		
T-Shirts will only be printed to order and available at the Winton weekend		

## British Fencing Awards 2009 – An Opportunity for Vets.

British Fencing have recently announced the launch of the first fencing Awards for a number of categories and have included “Veteran Fencer of the Year” as one of them.

There will be a dinner on 12 September, after the British Fencing AGM, where the awards will be presented, and details of this event will be announced shortly.

We have been asked to publicise the awards in our Newsletter and I hope that NVA members will respond to the opportunity to put forward the names of those vets who they think merit honours.

So come on vets, let’s make sure that the many fencers in our organisation who merit an award, whether that be through attaining World or European titles, coaching achievement or perhaps club or volunteer recognition, have your support.

The closing date for nominations is 31<sup>st</sup> July and must be sent to British Fencing by email or post.

Frank Mills Chairman NVA

### BRITISH FENCING AWARDS DINNER 12<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2009 – Award Nomination Form

#### Instructions

Please fill out the form on the next page to nominate someone for one of the awards listed.

Please provide as much information as you can but if you do not know some of the information you may leave it blank.

You do not have to supply contact details as a nominator, but it may be helpful if we wish to contact you to get more information about your nomination.

Please bear in mind that information contained in this nomination form may be extracted and used when publishing the shortlist information form prior to opening the voting. No confidential information should therefore be included. The content of the shortlist information form will be determined by British Fencing and may include information from more than one nomination form where there are multiple forms submitted per nominee. The decision of British Fencing with regard to the composition of any shortlist will be final. Names and details of nominators and seconders will not be disclosed at any point.

Please send this form and any other supporting information or continuation sheets to [headoffice@britishfencing.com](mailto:headoffice@britishfencing.com) or post to 1 Baron's Gate, 33-35 Rothschild Road, London W4 5HT

The closing date for nominations is **31 July 2009**.

**BRITISH FENCING AWARDS DINNER 12<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER  
2009 – Award Nomination Form**

Name of award nominee:			
BF Membership number of nominee:			
Please indicate which award you wish to nominate the nominee for (select only one):			
Fencer of the Year (M)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Coach of the Year	<input type="checkbox"/>
Fencer of the Year (F)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Team of the Year	<input type="checkbox"/>
Junior Fencer of the Year (M)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Club of the Year	<input type="checkbox"/>
Junior Fencer of the Year (F)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Volunteer of the Year	<input type="checkbox"/>
Veteran Fencer of the Year	<input type="checkbox"/>	Disabled Fencer of the Year	<input type="checkbox"/>
Lifetime Achievement Award	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Weapon of award nominee:			
Date of birth of nominee:			
Please list below the reasons why you wish to nominate			
Name of nominator:			
BF Membership number of nominator:			
Phone number of nominator:			
Email address of nominator:			
Please enter the details of any seconders, use continuation sheet if necessary			
<b>Name</b>		<b>BF Membership Number</b>	

***10th European Veterans Fencing Individual Championships  
Sorry - Sheila Williams left out of Hungary results Ed.***

Ladies' Sabre Category II.: 50-59
19
<b>1 HUTCHISON Jane GBR</b>
2 BANDIERI Claudia ITA
3 BELKINA Elena RUS
3 DAVADIE Axelle FRA
7 BORNEMISZA Lynne GBR
<b>8 WILLIAMS Shelia GBR</b>
9 CLAYTON Jane GBR
12 AGHAJAN Gillian GBR
18 WOODWARD Frances GBR

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**Diamond Swords, a big swordplay spectacular at  
Warwick Castle on Sunday 6th September**

<http://www.warwick-castle.com/entertainment/events-calendar.aspx?css=1>

**British Academy of Fencing 'Diamond Swords' Event 6th September from 7:30pm**

Join us at Warwick Castle for an unforgettable 'once only' celebration of 60 years of fencing and a look to the future of fencing as a truly modern day sport.

The British Academy of Fencing was re-formed in 1949 after the austerity years of WW2. This marks 2009 as the Academy's 60th Anniversary and by coincidence the 500th Anniversary of their original founder, King Henry VIII's accession to the throne.

During the weekend The British Academy of Fencing and the British Academy of Dramatic Combat will have spaces around the grounds with displays of fencing, period sword fighting and some 'have a go' sessions to get stuck into!

As for the show you can expect superb sword fights, plush period costume, merry music and a slightly irreverent view of history.

The Castle Courtyard will provide an unforgettable backdrop for this once only' celebration on Sunday 6th September 2009, a truly unique show and not to be missed!

Buy your tickets online or download the leaflet for more information.

Roy & Angela Goodall

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**Italian Training Camp- open to all!!!!  
23rd to 30th August**

The Italian Veterans have announced a pre-WC training camp in Imola open to all vets.

Details are here: <http://www.european-veterans-fencing.com/events/imola-training2009.pdf>



## Electric Foil Bibs

As you will probably know the regulations for Foil regarding the bib have been changed and are due to come into force at competitions in the UK at the beginning of September. The bib of a Foil mask will be required to be electrically conducting from a line level with the shoulders downwards.

It is possible that some organisers of competitions this year will insist upon the new regulation while others may not.

Several NVA members have made enquiries about how it will affect them and what options are available. I will explain the situation as I see it. Please be aware that these notes refer specifically to **Foil masks only**.

Most importantly you should check your mask, or get someone with more knowledge and experience, preferably a qualified armourer or the manufacturer, to make sure that it is safe and fit for purpose. If there is any doubt about its' safety you should replace it with a new one.

If you have decided that a new mask is required then the best solution is to buy a FIE approved mask which allows for the changing of the bib from time to time or if it is damaged. This is particularly important if you want to fence at both Foil and Epée. You can see an example of these masks in the Leon Paul Shop Catalogue, (FIE X-Change 1600 N or the FIE X-Change Vision 2000 1600N for the transparent version). With these masks you can purchase replacement X-Change bibs, a conducting one for Foil and a non conductive one for Epée.

If you have decided that your mask is, apart from the electric bib, safe and fit for purpose, don't panic, there are inexpensive retro-fit options to bring your Foil mask in line with the new regulations. The options are as explained below.

If you intend to enter FIE competitions then you may purchase an FIE approved retro-fit lame bib pouch, (an interesting choice of words and not mine). This pouch is fitted over and is glued to the existing bib so that it offers a conduction surface to your opponent but is insulated on the reverse side. An electrical connection is made to the electric jacket by use of a mask clip connected between a tab on the bib and the tab on the electric jacket. This retrofit option has been approved by the FIE for all FIE competitions up to the London Olympics in 2012. It should be noted that the bib will not be conductive without the mask wire.

If you do not intend to compete in FIE events there is another retro-fit option. You can purchase a "Wire free" version of the pouch. As with the FIE approved version the pouch is fitted over and glued to the existing mask bib. With this version not only is the front of the bib conductive, offering a valid target to your opponent, but it also has lame on the back. This lame makes contact with the electric jacket thus obviating the need for a mask wire when fencing at club level. When competing nationally however you must have the mask wire connecting the bib to the electric jacket. **Please note that this option is not permitted for FIE competitions.**

You can find examples of both types of retro-fit pouches in the Leon Paul catalogue.

One point to bear in mind is that if you are using the non FIE approved retro-fit pouch when competing in an event where other people are not using electric bibs you will be disadvantaged because this bib will register valid hits on the bib. Under these conditions you would be better to use the FIE version without the mask wire. The choice is yours.

I make no apologies for the blatant use of the information in the Leon Paul catalogue and thank them for their assistance. Of course other manufacturers may have other systems and may offer advice of their own.

Dave Sweeney

## White Horse Team Trophy Abingdon 28<sup>th</sup> June '09

The NVA fielded two teams in the event, which had a total of 15 teams. Jane Hutchinson pulled out to protect a slight injury and desperate attempts to find a replacement appeared to be failing when Mike Bradbury, just back from holiday, phoned at the eleventh hour to enquire whether he might be required. The answer was to leave his épées behind and bring foils.

Sticking to the ethos of the event two mixed teams were made up "demoting" Rob Brookes to the "B" team. It turned out that there were only a total of 3 women in the event and there would therefore have been no complaints if we had made up an all male team "A". Our teams were:

<b>F</b>	Mike Bradbury	Tony Bardell
<b>E</b>	Sue Hanney	Rob Brooks
<b>S</b>	Peter Baron	Gillian Aghajan

Gillian and Sue struggled a little against the men in the first round poule unique but Sue won 4 fights and Gillian managed 3 victories. All the men worked on a win-a-few, lose-a-few principle, most winning slightly more than losing. The round ended with the "A" team seeded 6<sup>th</sup> and the "B" team 9<sup>th</sup>.

In the first round DE's the "A" team order was épée-sabre-foil and they came through comfortably after a worrying start. In the first fight, the épée, Sue held her opponent to a narrow lead until the final minute of the 4 arrived, when he raced away to a 10-4 victory. Peter brought the score round with an easy victory in the sabre to lead 20-18, giving Mike a couple of hits to defend. He didn't need the clock, however, as he calmly took the fight to a 30-23 victory.

Meanwhile, the "B" team couldn't quite match that. Gillian was first up with sabre and put up a valiant fight, scoring valuable hits. Rob Brooks closed the score in the épée but not enough to give Tony a very realistic chance of making up the deficit and they duly went out.

In the quarters the "A"'s again drew the same épée-sabre-foil order as in the previous round. Sue struggled even more this time. Again holding her opponent for a time she eventually succumbed 10-1. Peter was then pitted against a young Portuguese junior international who had won most of his first round fights including over the former. Fencing much more competently than earlier in the day, Peter gradually whittled away the lead until the score stood at 19-19, when a slip cost him the lead. This left Mike with a deficit of 1 to overcome. Fortunes in the fight swung to and fro. Mike catching up then his opponent opening up a lead of 3 points or so. This carried on until the crucial point of the fight when the younger fencer drew away and ended the Vets interest at 30-25.

Final places of 6<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> are, however, quite reasonable.

Peter Baron

## NOTABLES

### Bill Hoskyns Epee - 4/7/2009

ME (117)	31	Keith BARNETT
	49	John CHALMERS
	56	Timothy PEARCE



## **NVA SELECTION: WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS**

**MOSCOW, 24-27 SEPTEMBER 2009**

### **Exciting News!!!!**

## **70+ Men (all 3 weapons) to be included in this year's World Championships**

### **Selections**

The following selections have been made, based on the NVA selection rules (available on the NVA website or by request to the NVA Secretary).

However, because of the late decision to include men's 70+ categories, there was one exception to the normal rules: normally at least 1 of the 4 qualifying results should be from the current year, but this was not applied as a) the 70+ fencers were unaware of any requirement to qualify, and b) they had no opportunity to apply for a discretionary place if unable to attend this year's qualifying events.

Please note that selection is subject to the NVA appeals process. Any appeal should be sent to Frank Mills by email or in writing (see newsletter for contact details), to arrive no later than Monday 27 July 2009.

<b>Men's Foil 70+</b>	<b>Men's Epee 70+</b>	<b>Men's Sabre 70+</b>
Alan Ault Jim Pilkington Austen Moore Dennis Ward	Alan Ault Jim Pilkington Nigel Hinchliff Edmund Gray	Jim Pilkington Alan Ault Mark Cwynarski Dennis Hunt

NB: It may be that some fencers have since turned down their places, but this list reflects their initial selection.

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