

Olympics Time!



The GB 2012 Olympic Fencing Team - Good luck from BVF members!

Photo courtesy of British Fencing

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Chairman's letter

Dear Members,

This is normally the "quiet" season for fencing, but for many of us in the Vets, the opportunity of a lifetime is just a few days away. The Olympic Fencing event at London's Excel will be home to us during the Olympic Games and I must congratulate our Fencing event organisers, led by Hilary Philbin, for the excellent preparation for the event and for the way in which they have kept all of us, as volunteers, well informed during the run up.

I am sure that every member of the BVF joins with me in wishing every success to the Fencing Team organisers and to our competitors in both the 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

Our next big event after the Games will be the 5th Veterans Winton Cup at Lilleshall, and we hope to welcome back many of our regular fencers to the competition as well as new veterans who have joined every year to take part in a veterans' event for the first time.

Details of the competition can be seen in this Newsletter and on our website where those taking part can choose the menu for the Event dinner on the Saturday night.

The next event will be the celebration of our 25th Anniversary on 1st December and this will be a truly Gala occasion held at the original "home" of our organisation, Beaumanor Hall near Loughborough. Our Life President, Henry de Silva will host the dinner and there will be a fencing competition at a nearby venue where teams of 3 are invited to take part. It will be a friendly competition for 1 fencer at each weapon, and teams will be mixed men/women.

Details will be available shortly and we hope that many of you will take part to celebrate our achieving 25 years and becoming a major world player in veteran fencing.

Sincerely

Frank Mills
BVF Chairman





BVF Olympians

Tony Bartlett	1988, 1992	Men's team foil
Richard Cohen	1972, 1976, 1984	Men's individual and team sabre
Janet Cooksey (Bewley-Cathie- Wardell-Yarburgh)	1964, 1968, 1972	Women's individual and team foil
Clare Halsted (Henley-Halsted)	1972, 1976	Women's individual and team foil
Henry (Bill) Hoskyns	1956, 1960, 1964, 1968, 1972, 1976, Silver medals in 1960 (team), 1964 (ind)	Men's individual and team all weapons. Men's épée team and individual silver medals
Peter Jacobs	1964, 1968 (team)	Men's épée individual and team
Allan Jay	1952, 1956, 1960, 1964, 1968 (MF team) Silver medals in 1960 (team and ind)	Men's individual and team foil and épée, Men's team sabre 1956. Men's épée team and individual silver medals
Ralph Johnson	1968, 1972, 1976, 1984 (team)	Men's individual and team épée
Neal Mallett	1980, 1984 (team)	Men's individual and team épée and team foil
Linda McMahon (Martin)	1980, 1984	Women's individual and team foil
Graham Paul	1968, 1972, 1976, 1984 (team)	Men's individual and team foil
Hilary Philbin (Cawthorne)	1976, 1980	Women's individual foil
Jim Philbin	1984	Men's team sabre
Jonathan Stanbury	1984	Men's individual and team épée

And still fencing.....



You know who they are!

Photos - Ralph Johnson, Linda McMahon and Jonathan Stanbury by John Mason

Tony Bartlett by Beth Davidson

Graham Paul, Janet Cooksey, Richard Cohen, Clare Halsted and Hilary Philbin by Editor

BVF Olympic Torchbearers

BVF members Connie Adam and Henry de Silva were both honoured to be Olympic Torchbearers

"I had a wonderful time carrying the Olympic torch in Norwich. I enjoyed it fabulously. I thought it was wonderful and I felt like royalty. Everyone was shouting 'Connie! Connie!' and I saw people I haven't seen for years; people from fencing, badminton, bridge club. I felt so important and have never felt like that before.

I shall keep the torch in pride of place at home. I know I've got lots of medals but nothing is going to top this. I'm thrilled to bits!

It hasn't stopped yet. I'm now taking it everywhere for people to see it and touch it and take photos; even the postman, schools, clubs!"

Connie Adam



Connie carries the Torch in Norwich



Henry proudly shows the Torch in the Isle of Man



Photos courtesy of Connie Adam and Henry de Silva

Competition results (top half)

Bill Hoskyns Open - 30/6/2012

ME (80)	7	John Chalmers
	13	David Hiam
	15	Robert Flatt
	30	Stephan Munn
	35	Paul Willmott
	36	Paul Cooper

See BVF website home page
for European competitions
and events -

www.veterans-fencing.co.uk

Celtic Challenge Galicia Spain - 23-24/6/2012

Full individual results are not yet
available.

BVF Calendar

BVF CALENDAR 2012	
Sep 27-30	Commonwealth Veterans Championships, Singapore
Oct 13-14	Welsh Veterans Championships, Aberystwyth Contact Gillian Aghajan (g.aghajan@virgin.net) for details
Oct 17-21	World Championships, Krems, Austria
Nov 10-11	Veterans Winton Cup, Lilleshall, Telford (Note NEW DATE)
Nov 25	BVF v Royal Navy, HMS President, 72 St Katharines Way, London E1W 1UQ
Dec 1	25th Anniversay Gala, Beaumanor Hall, Leicestershire (fencing venue tbc)
BVF CALENDAR 2013	
Jan 26-27	Age Group Qualifiers, Bletchley

Do you know?

Competitive fencing as a sport flourished in Europe in the last decade of the 19th century and as a result, it was included on the programme of the first modern Olympics. The founder of the modern Games and the champion of amateur sport, Pierre de Coubertin, was himself a fencer.

In 1956 Gillian Sheen became Britain's first and to date only fencing Olympic gold medallist when she won the women's individual foil title. But we have also won nine silver medals, the last by Bill Hoskyns in the 1964 individual epee. And in 1932 a British fencer displayed one of the greatest acts of sporting behaviour in the history of Olympic sport. Fencing for the gold medal at the Los Angeles Games, Judy Guinness twice acknowledged a hit made by her opponent but not seen by the judges in a fight she lost by two hits.

<http://www.teamgb.com/summer-sports/fencing>



5th

VETERANS WINTON CUP

Inaugurated by Sir Nicholas & Bobby Winton



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

Saturday 10th & Sunday 11th November 2012

at

Lilleshall National Sports Centre, near Newport, Shropshire TF10 9AT

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

Open to BVF Members (with BFA membership)
who are invited to apply to be part of a Regional team

If you would like to fence, contact

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who will put you in touch with a Team Captain

Entry is £25 per person via a Regional Team Captain

Accommodation has been arranged At The Telford Whitehouse Hotel, Telford TF1 2NJ
at special rates

of £55 double or twin, £45 single. **Tel. 01952 250700** and mention Vets Fencing.

There is a Gala Dinner on Saturday night
and details will appear shortly on the BVF website.

**If you're fencing, book your hotel now to avoid disappointment
as rooms in Telford that weekend are in short supply.
Rooms not booked by 2nd October will be released by the hotel**

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

June

send your entry to Editor

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Caption Competition

May

Editor's choice

"The favourite takes her turn in the Vets False Teeth Flicking Championships"

Paul Brenda

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