

NVA News



OUR GOLD
MEDAL WINNERS !!!

Left Carol Wengraf
Right Jane Hutchison

Middle Sylvia Brown

Left John Troiano
Right Richard Cohen



WELL DONE
TO ALL
European Veterans

MEDAL WINNERS

Photos: Frank Mills



June 2009

13th Gateshead International FIE Satellite

13th Wrexham Open

20th Cumberland Open

28th Cauchard Cup- I hit mixed Epee

28th White Horse Team Trophy

July 2009

9th to 12th Commonwealth Veterans

Tournament Jersey

Other July Events

4th Bill Hoskyns Open

5th Cambridge Open Air Epee

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

WINTON CUP

FROM THE 10th OF JUNE

IN THE "LATEST NEWS" SECTION OF THE NVA WEB

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ON-LINE WINTON LUNCH ORDERING AND PAYMENT

ON-LINE WINTON GALA DINNER ORDERING AND PAYMENT

VIEW THE MEMBERS OF ALL TEAMS...

MANAGERS WILL BE ABLE TO SELECT THEIR FENCERS AND EDIT THEIR TEAMS

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

WE WILL STILL PROVIDE PAPER ORDERS FOR THOSE FENCERS WITHOUT ACCESS TO THE WEB

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The Veterans European Fencing Championships 2009

A Host of Medals from Hungary

A total of 68 fencers from Great Britain, together with a strong contingent of supporters including spouses and partners, journeyed to Balatonfured in Hungary for one of the most competitive championships held to date. We had strong hopes for our fencers and we were not to be disappointed when, by the time the week was over, our Great Britain squad returned with 5 Gold, 1 Silver and 7 Bronze medals and 2nd place in the overall country ranking.

In the Men's Sabre Cat 3 event, Richard Cohen had to fight hard in the DE's to obtain his place in the final but once there, he dominated to win the Gold 10-6.

Jane Hutchison gave us a few moments in the earlier DE's, but her Gold medal in Cat 2 was in no doubt once the final got under way, and her opponent was overcome by her speed and determination to complete the hat trick of World, Commonwealth and European Cat 2 Women's Sabre Champion.

John Troiano showed the sheer depth of his fencing ability throughout the Cat 2 Men's Foil, and emerged as Gold Medallist in an exciting final.

Carol Wengraf, after a tough final, won Gold for GB at Sabre at Cat 4.

Our Cat 4 women were major contributors to our medal total and none more so than Sylvia Brown who won a Gold medal at Epee, a Silver at Foil, and a Bronze at Sabre.

There were one or two surprises for our fencers in all categories and perhaps one of the most surprised was Tony Bartlett who had taken a vital DE to 9 hits all. He made a perfect hit to the centre of his opponents chest which was acknowledged by the opponent, only to have the hit annulled and a red card given to him by a very diligent referee who maintained that Tony had ducked his head on the attack and covered his target.

Generally, however, the standard of refereeing was high and our team of referees comprising Ian Hunter, Duncan Rowlands, Beth Davidson, Keith Bowers and Murray Morrison were worked very hard by the organisers as some countries failed to provide the required number of referees for the competition. Our referees did us proud through their high standards and competence, which was soon recognised by the Hungarian organisers who gave them a number of semi-finals and finals to conduct. At this point, our thanks must go to British Fencing for providing us with both Keith and Murray and therefore allowing Great Britain to meet its referee obligation.

To return to the fencers Silvia Earl, and Viv Frith at her first Europeans, both won bronze medals in Cat 3 Sabre. Connie Adam achieved double success by winning Bronze medals in Cat 4 Sabre and Cat 4 Epee, Ann Cornwall won a Bronze at Cat 4 Foil and, to complete a further double, Carol Wengraf won a Bronze in Cat 4 Epee.

This event demonstrated that the standard of veteran fencing in Europe is extremely high and very competitive, and is a real growth sector within the whole fencing community. Some 831 fencers from 30 countries took part and despite the numbers and an obvious desire to win medals, the atmosphere was friendly and without the histrionics seen in many sports.

Our fencers proved that the standard of veteran fencing in Great Britain is higher than most, and the depth of ability at all ages and across all weapons augers well for the forthcoming World Championships in Moscow later in the year. It was a real pleasure to act as Team Manager for a Great Britain squad who were always friendly and courteous to everyone they met and who rewarded the NVA with so many medals.

Frank Mills

10th European Veterans Fencing Individual Championships

Men's Sabre Category I.: 40-49	Ladies' Sabre Category I.: 40-49
42	18
1 LANHE Eduard BLR	1 JANSHEN Friederike GER
2 CECCHINATO Alessandro ITA	2 PANTELEEVA Natalia RUS
3 CODON Roberto ESP	3 NOLL Brigit GER
3 NICASTRO Carlo ITA	3 PADURA M Jose ESP
8 ROWLANDS Duncan GBR	8 MORWELL Neave GBR
15 PENTON Robert GBR	
27 SILVER Anthony GBR	
	Ladies' Sabre Category II.: 50-59
Men's Sabre Category II.: 50-59	19
40	1 HUTCHISON Jane GBR
1 CARRARA Vittorio ITA	2 BANDIERI Claudia ITA
2 CHMEAL Vit CZE	3 BELKINA Elena RUS
3 ANTINORO Enrico ITA	3 DAVADIE Axelle FRA
3 MAUCERI Gianni ITA	7 BORNEMISZA Lynne GBR
5 COULTER Barry GBR	9 CLAYTON Jane GBR
8 FOX Stephen GBR	12 AGHAJAN Gillian GBR
21 PREVETT Christopher GBR	18 WOODWARD Frances GBR
Men's Sabre Category III.: 60-69	Ladies' Sabre Category III.: 60-69
23	7
1 COHEN Richard GBR	1 GARDINI Iris ITA
2 RUSSO Francesco ITA	2 GREUNKE Brigitte GER
3 EGGER Gerhard AUT	3 EARL Silvia GBR
3 HELFRICHT Helmut GER	3 FRITH Vivien GBR
10 BONEHILL Richard GBR	6 SHEPHERD-FOSTER Patricia GBR
13 BORNEMISZA András GBR	
14 COMPTON Michael GBR	
15 BARON Peter GBR	
Men's Sabre Category IV.: 70&over	Ladies' Sabre Category IV.: 70&over
16	5
1 NETTINGSMEYER Wolf GER	1 WENGRAF Carol GBR
2 HIRT Franz GER	2 TADZHIEVA Ksenia RUS
3 AFTANDILOV Gari RUS	3 ADAM Constance GBR
3 PESTAL Milan CZE	3 BROWN Sylvia GBR
7 COOMBS Gordon GBR	5 COOMBES Joan GBR
10 WARD Dennis GBR	
11 AULT Alan GBR	
14 PILKINGTON James GBR	
15 HUNT Dennis GBR	
16 DE SILVA Henry GBR	

10th European Veterans Fencing Individual Championships

Men's Foil Category I.: 40-49	Ladies' Foil Category I.: 40-49
60	36
1 MARDUCHAJEW Peter GER	1 SADOVSKAYA Tatyana RUS
2 JACOBY Udo GER	2 WELTZIEN Silke GER
3 BUCHTERKIRCHEN Lutz GER	3 MELANDRI Magda ITA
3 MIRALDI Fabio ITA	3 URBAN Katrin GER
13 BURNEY Philip GBR	20 WORMAN Gillian GBR
37 ROSE Austen GBR	27 ARCHER Katalin GBR
41 DAWKINS Jonathan GBR	29 CODD Isabel GBR
48 STEINBERG Stephen GBR	
57 THORNTON Graham GBR	
	Ladies' Foil Category II.: 50-59
Men's Foil Category II.: 50-59	28
35	1 CHERNOVA Ludmila RUS
1 TROIANO John GBR	2 KIRCHEIS Astrid GER
2 HAERTTER Klaus GER	3 KNORR Eva GER
3 PAROLI Giulio ITA	3 NAGY Ágnes HUN
3 TIBERI Francesco ITA	8 PHILBIN Hilary GBR
5 FOX Stephen GBR	14 CLAYTON Jane GBR
9 WATKISS Lindsay GBR	27 KENNETT Dominique GBR
18 BARTLETT Anthony GBR	
29 CONYARD Anthony GBR	Ladies' Foil Category III.: 60-69
	20
Men's Foil Category III.: 60-69	1 PALM Kerstin SWE
27	2 SOMEROJA Marja-Liisa FIN
1 DE BARTOLOMEIS Arturo ITA	3 GARDINI Iris ITA
2 SZENTKIRÁLYI DR István HUN	3 MAYOROVA Liubov RUS
3 KLEIN Tomas GER	13 EARL Silvia GBR
3 STEFFEN Burkhard GER	16 PEARSON Janet GBR
5 CAUSTON Brian GBR	
10 SHEPPARD Frederic GBR	Ladies' Foil Category IV.: 70&over
18 MILLS Frank GBR	9
	1 CREMER-SCHLEDE Eva GER
Men's Foil Category IV.: 70&over	2 BROWN Sylvia GBR
16	3 CORNWALL Ann GBR
1 FISCHER Wolfgang GER	3 SARANICO Lia GER
2 KAMUTI DR Jenő HUN	5 AUSTIN Diane GBR
3 AFTANDILOV Gari RUS	
3 WULF Manfred GER	
6 AULT Alan GBR	
13 WARD Dennis GBR	
14 DE SILVA Henry GBR	

**10th European Veterans Fencing Individual Championships**

Men's Epée Category e I.: 40-49	Ladies' Epée Category I.: 40-49
127	47
1 ZIELINSKI Darius POL	1 APPAVOUPOLLE Pascale FRA
2 BURKARDT Michael GER	2 ALLES Renate GER
3 ANDERTON Grant IRL	3 HOHLBEIN Frauke GER
3 KOVÁCS László HUN	3 MEYER Veronique FRA
34 RAJ Jeremy GBR	28 SPENCE Sara GBR
43 DE BURGH Etienne GBR	34 MORWELL-NEAVE Kate GBR
62 STEINBERG Stephen GBR	
103 COOPER Paul GBR	
	Ladies' Epée Category II.: 50-59
Men's Epée Category II.: 50-59	37
93	1 CIRILLO Gianna ITA
1 BIELER Thomas GER	2 KIRCHEIS Astrid GER
2 SYROVATKO Stanislav UKR	3 AUBAILLY Corinne FRA
3 RANUZZI Alessandro ITA	3 REGUIGNE Patricia FRA
3 ZAYTSEV Alexander RUS	17 CLAYTON Jane GBR
27 VERYZER Hugo GBR	22 BORNEMISZA Lynne GBR
28 POLLARD Anton GBR	30 MASON Mariette GBR
48 MORRIS John GBR	32 AGHAJAN Gillian GBR
49 STRAUPMANIS Paul GBR	
69 ALLTON Malcolm GBR	Ladies' Epée Category III.: 60-69
	23
Men's Epée Category III.: 60-69	1 DEMAILLE Marie Chantal FRA
65	2 GARDINI Iris ITA
1 SCHARPFF Lars SWE	3 SOMEROJA Marja-Liisa FIN
2 CASSAGO Ermes ITA	3 WEST Heidrun GER
3 BEEKHUIZEN Gerrit NED	8 ELVIN Kathleen GBR
3 DAMAS Fernando ESP	18 EARL Silvia GBR
9 JOHNSON Ralph GBR	21 SEHEULT Carole GBR
51 ENDERS Bernhard GBR	23 SHEPERD-FOSTER Patricia GBR
Men's Epée Category IV.: 70&over	Ladies' Epée Category IV.: 70&over
29	9
1 BUCHER Peter SUI	1 BROWN Sylvia GBR
2 VISSER Hans GER	2 HAARLEM Christina SWE
3 FISCHER Wolfgang GER	3 ADAM Constance GBR
3 PREZENSKY Tibor RO	3 WENGRAF Carol GBR
22 WARD Dennis GBR	6 AUSTIN Diane GBR
24 PILKINGTON James GBR	9 CORNWALL Ann GBR
28 DE SILVA Henry GBR	
29 PERRY Robert GBR	

Hi Linda,

I have read the exchange of correspondence in the latest Newsletter between Cary and Frank. Cary has a point, which Frank has acknowledged on behalf of the Committee. The Committee has demonstrated honour and considerable goodwill in dipping its collective hands into its own pockets to meet the cost of the donation to BF, the view now being taken by the Committee that the Committee had no authority to make the donation from NVA funds.

In my view (and experience as a former Committee member) the Committee has always done its utmost to act in the best interests of the NVA. The individual members give an extraordinary amount of their time in preparing for and attending meetings and acting upon the decisions taken; this should be recognised by the NVA.

For my own part, regardless of whether or not I am happy with the donation, the issue of whether the donation to BF is outside the objects of the NVA is open to debate and some latitude should be allowed the Committee in how it interprets these where there is ambiguity.

The objects include
"to publicise and promote fencing within the Veteran age groups".

No-one should doubt Frank's assertion that the Committee decided the donation would ultimately benefit the NVA; accordingly, it may be argued that the donation was within the NVA's objects.

Certainly the Rules of the NVA provide "
17. The Committee shall have the power to offer financial assistance.... to a cause which it considers would be of benefit to the Association.". As such the Committee was, if the donation came within the Objects, properly entitled to make the donation.

Given all that the Committee does on the NVA's behalf I consider the membership of the NVA should stand behind the Committee and ratify the donation (whether or not we, in the shoes of the Committee, would have taken the same decision), thereby obviating the need for the Committee members personally to reimburse the NVA. I would be prepared to put a motion on next year's AGM agenda to this effect and would hope it would receive the full support of the membership.

Regards,

Geoff (Silverman)

Dear Hilary, Linda, Frank,

re. The NVA making a financial award to BFA

Surely, from the wording in The Sword, the award was not to British Fencing, but to two young fencers taking their first steps onto the Worlds fencing stage.

Unconstitutional it may have been, but in my opinion, a noble act from the Vets (The champions of the past) to the Juniors and Cadets (The champions of the future).

I wonder what the rest of the Vets think.

Yours sincerely

Ivan Ward

Edgar Amphlett (1867-1931)

Edgar Amphlett, a journalist on *The Times*, was a good all-round sportsman, but only started fencing at the age of 37. He soon made an impact and in 1905 reached the final poule of the foil championship where, for the first time, the AFA decided to award points for style.

It should be remembered that at that time the majority of fencers, while recognising the need to stimulate and develop foil through competition, found the rules antagonistic to the customs and conventions of the weapon. When the AFA was formed in 1901 bouts were for three hits, but it soon became apparent that unorthodox fencers could sometimes beat skilled opponents with a few lucky hits. In 1905 the scoring system was changed to an unlimited number of hits within a 5-minute time limit, taking into account the quality of the fencing as well as the hits scored. At the end of the final bout between Montgomerie and Seligman, both previously unbeaten, the score in hits was 5-4 to Seligman, but Montgomerie was declared the winner because of his superior style.

Amphlett was described as “a charming fencer, good in attack, good in defence, with excellent ‘legs’ (he was nicknamed *La Fleche*) ...one would not regret to see in his play a little more of ‘the devil’ that is needed in order to win the championship.” In due course he acquired a little of ‘the devil’, winning the British epee championship in 1910 at the age of 43 and the foil championship the following year.

At the 1908 Olympic Games Amphlett contributed largely to Britain’s victory over a strong Belgian epee team, winning three bouts out of four, to help his team to the silver medal. He also fenced foil and epee in the Games of 1912 and, remarkably at the age of 57, was selected for the British team at foil in 1924.

Malcolm Fare



Veterans Home International 2009 Report

The 2009 Veteran's Home International was held at the Royal Belfast Academical Institute over the weekend of 25/26 April 2009. This was the first time that all four nations had managed to field full teams at all weapons and this resulted in a close fought competition whose result was in doubt until the final matches.

The Saturday morning started with Men's Sabre and Women's Foil. It was quickly evident that Scotland had fielded a strong team and were determined to make their presence felt. At both weapons they swept all before them winning all their matches by clear margins. England managed to hold on to second place in both weapons with the Welsh and Irish each claiming a third. In the afternoon it was the turn of the Men's Foil and the Women's Sabre. The Irish men defeated each of the other countries although they had to resort to the final hit on priority to overcome England. The English women were clear winners of the sabre. At the end of the first day England and Scotland were both tied on 9 match victories, followed by Ireland on 4 and Wales on 2.

An excellent dinner was held at the hotel on Saturday evening where Jack Magill, President of Northern Ireland Fencing, was the guest of honour.

Sunday morning saw the two epee events with everything at stake. In the first round of matches both Scotland and England men won their matches whilst both women's team lost theirs – still all square. In the second round England men won, but Scotland lost to a strong Welsh team. However in the women, England lost to Ireland and Scotland beat Wales – still all square! With the organisers counting up hits in case there was a draw, both English epee teams beat Scotland in the last round. Detailed results are attached.

Many thanks and congratulations go to Fiona Haldane and Kate Elvin for all their hard work in organising the event.

Next year's event will be held in Scotland when, no doubt, Scotland will be out for revenge on home ground.

John Crouch

England Manager

Apologies to **Jon Dawkins** who fenced for England at the Quadrangular and was incorrectly named as Jeff Kiy.....and they don't even LOOK alike!
sorry Ed.

Connie Adams receiving the
Justin Smith memorial trophy
on behalf of England.
From Ian Sneddon, Chairman
Northern Ireland Fencing Union



England Polo Shirts
Commonwealth Games ORDER NOW !!

I am in the process of ordering England Polo shirts. These will be available for fencers who have entered the Commonwealth Veterans event in Jersey this July.

The cost will be £16.50 and I need orders by Wednesday 17th June 2009. If you wish to order a shirt please ring me with details of size. Tel 0113 2812766.

Moya McNamara

Veterans Home International 2009
Results

Women's Foil

England 45 – 18 Wales
Ireland 23 – 44 Scotland
England 45 – 34 Ireland
Wales 18 – 45 Scotland
Wales 23 – 45 Ireland
England 28 – 45 Scotland

1. Scotland 3 2. England 2 3. Ireland 1 4. Wales 0

Men's Sabre

England 45 – 31 Wales
Scotland 45 – 15 Ireland
Wales 36 – 45 Scotland
England 45 – 21 Ireland
England 34 – 45 Scotland
Wales 45 – 30 Ireland

1. Scotland 3 2. England 2 3. Wales 1 4. Ireland 0

Men's Foil

England 45 – 30 Wales
Scotland 25 – 44 Ireland
England 40 – 41 Ireland
Scotland 45 – 27 Wales
England 45 – 30 Scotland
Wales 21 – 45 Ireland

1. Ireland 3 2. England 2 3. Scotland 1 4. Wales 0

John Crouch

Women's Sabre

England	45 – 23	Wales
Ireland	42 – 45	Scotland
England	45 – 20	Ireland
Wales	42 – 45	Scotland
Wales	45 – 25	Ireland
England	45 – 22	Scotland

1. England 3 2. Scotland 2 3. Wales 1 4. Ireland 0

Men's Epee

England	45 – 42	Wales
Ireland	30 – 45	Scotland
England	45 – 33	Ireland
Wales	45 – 43	Scotland
England	45 – 28	Scotland
Ireland	28 – 45	Wales

1. England 3 2. Wales 2 3. Scotland 1 4. Ireland 0

Women's Epee

England	39 – 45	Wales
Ireland	45 – 28	Scotland
England	38 – 45	Ireland
Wales	35 – 45	Scotland
England	43 – 40	Scotland
Ireland	45 – 34	Wales

1. Ireland 3 2=. England 1 Wales 1 Scotland 1

Match Result

1. England	13 match victories
2. Scotand	11
3. All Ireland	7
4. 4. Wales	5

NOTABLES : Well Done !!

City Of Chichester Open - 23/5/2009

MF (52)	11 Paul LOWEN 41 Ian MCQUEEN 45 John FRUEN 48 Stewart SMITH
ME (72)	2 Howard WEST 17 Niall CAMPBELL 25 Rob BROOKS 27 Tom CHRISP 56 Simon PINK 58 Robert STREETER 63 Ian BRIGGS 69 Anthony ROSSITER
WE (37)	10 Susan HANNEY 17 Joanne REYNOLDS 25 Eileen BUIST

Oxfam Open - 30/5/2009

WF (15)	2 Caron HALE 8 Angela FINDLAY 12 Lynette ROBINSON
MF (42)	3 Austen ROSE 12 Adam HALL 22 Mark ROBERTSON 26 Ryszard ANDRUSIKIEWICZ
ME (57)	2 Howard WEST 5 Robin DAVENPORT 8 Keith BARNETT 31 Jamie MORRIS 32 Anthony ROSSITER 34 Mark ROBERTSON 41 Ryszard ANDRUSIKIEWICZ 42 Robert STREETER 43 Paul REES
WE (22)	19 Lyn ROBINSON 21 Patricia SHEPHERD-FOSTER
MS (22)	8 Nick HAWKSWORTH
WS (21)	6 Michele NAREY 11 Lisa EVANS 13 Vivien FRITH 19 Patricia SHEPHERD-FOSTER 21 Lucy WILLIAMS

Hertfordshire Open Sabre 2009 -

31/5/2009

MS (74)	21 Steve POTTER 22 Rob PENTON 30 Barry COULTER 39 Tony BARDELL 42 Andy PEARSON 45 Julian GHOSH 55 Robert PHIPPS 59 Jonty COOKE 61 Carl MORRIS
WS (39)	14 Grace ROBERTS 23 Jenny MORRIS 25 Michele NAREY 32 Vivien FRITH 34 Caroline CLANCY 35 Vanessa HENDRA 36 Monica GILMORE

Inverclyde Open - 30/5/2009

ME (48)	46 Andy PEARSON
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Above Silvia Earl and Viv Frith

Below Sylvia Brown and Ann Cornwall



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