



The Vets



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The following speech from Keith Smith was read out to NVA members and partners at the NVA National Championships Dinner on Saturday 10th March 2007

Ladies and Gentleman and fellow VETS, (yes Hilary and John have extracted my membership again from me!!)

My apologies for not being with you tonight but I am unavoidably detained at home.

I do hope that you all had a productive AGM and that you are having a fun and successful NVA Championships.

As you know I was stunningly impressed by the organisation of the World Veteran's Championships in Bath back in September and I felt at the time and still feel that the NVA did British Fencing and the world of veterans fencing proud. Since then many federations have said to me how pleased they were that you had made them feel that the Veteran World Championships was being taken very seriously and some said that for the first time they felt they had been treated like truly world class fencers.

This sentiment is echoed by the FIE and by British Fencing. It was also tremendous to see our fencers on the podium and my congratulations once again to all our medal winners.

I admitted at the time to feeling deeply grateful and indeed rather humble as I saw senior veterans laying pistes and doing whatever was needed to make this event so successful. The Opening and Closing Ceremonies were simply great and the whole atmosphere was splendid. The fact that the volunteers paid to volunteer made a truly memorable impression on all those who participated. If we can galvanise this spirit for London 2012 then it will be a truly memorable success.

I feel strongly that British Fencing should always thank those who contribute to fencing and I am pleased to announce that the Honours Committee of British Fencing has decided to award a Gold Medal to David Sweeney for Chairing the Organising Committee and for galvanising his team.

The Honours Committee, upon my proposal, has also, I think for the first time ever, decided to award a second British Fencing Gold Medal to a whole group of people. This second GOLD Medal is awarded to the NVA. This is to recognise the truly immense efforts that were made by all of you in preparing and delivering this splendid Veteran's World Championships.

Once again I hope you all have a very enjoyable evening and I am sorry not to be there.

Very best wishes and my thanks to you all,

Keith

Keith Smith
President
British Fencing

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National Championships 2007 Full results

Men's Foil

- 1 Tony Bartlett Category 2 Medal
- 2 Brian Causton Category 3 Medal
- 3 Graham Thornton Category 1 Medal
- 4 Tim Miles
- 5 Jim Philbin
- 6 Geoff Silverman
- 7 Richard Sage
- 8 Nick Stokes
- 9 Simon Hartley
- 10 Paul Abrahams
- 11 Tony Conyard
- 12 Jeff Kiy
- 13 Paul Lowen
- 14 Frank Mills
- 15 Roman Seniuk
- 16 Michael Compton
- 17 Fred Sheppard
- 18 Richard Bonehill
- 19 Andy Bornemisza
- 20 Steve Fox
- 21 Dennis Ward Category 4 Medal
- 22 Malcolm Cawton
- 23 Jon Dawkins
- 24 Mike Bradbury
- 25 Kevin Nelson
- 26 Edward Ben-Nathan
- 27 John Norrie
- 28 Tony Kingsley
- 29 Alan Ault
- 30 Mark Robertson
- 31 Peter Townsend
- 32 Austen Moore
- 33 Tony Bardell
- 34 Henry de Silva

Women's Foil

- 1 Dawn Townsend Category 1 Medal
- 2 Gillian Worman
- 3 Sarah Kellett
- 4 Hilary Philbin Category 2 Medal
- 5 Jenny Morris
- 6 Jo Bowyer
- 7 Lynne Bornemisza
- 8= Jane Clayton
- 8= Linda Lawes
- 8= Lynda Norrie Category 3 Medal
- 8= Kate Harris
- 12 Caron Hale
- 13 Moya McNamara
- 14 Jane Hutchison
- 15 Janet Pearson
- 16 Silvia Earl
- 17 Pressie Madrangca
- 18 Diane Austin Category 4 Medal
- 19 Jenni Fiander
- 20 Carole Dixon
- 21 Ann Cornwall

Men's Epée

- 1 Neal Mallett Category 1 Medal
- 2 Robin Davenport Category 3 Medal
- 3 Howard West Category 2 Medal
- 4 Ralph Johnson
- 5 John Chalmers
- 6 Steve Lavington
- 7= Keith Barnett
- 7= Rob Brooks
- 7= Bill Osbaldeston
- 7= Ian Worthington
- 7= Jonathan Stanbury
- 7= Malcolm Allton
- 13 Simon Hartley

- 14 Malcolm Fare
- 15 Nick Stokes
- 16 Niall Campbell
- 17 Chris Green
- 18 Mike Bradbury
- 19 Brian Causton
- 20 Steve Higginson
- 21 Gerry Simpson
- 22 Kelvin Harvey
- 23 Lawrence Burr
- 24 Jim Pilkington Category 4 Medal

- 25 Bob Turner
- 26 Richard Bonehill
- 27 Max Telfer
- 28 Paul Cooper
- 29 Anthony Klenczar
- 30 Andrew Brown
- 31 Kevin Nelson
- 32 Colin Holburn
- 33 Robert Falzon
- 34 Nick Hawksworth
- 35 Peter Harvey
- 36 Tony Louis
- 37 Tim Schofield
- 38 Brian Speight
- 39 Iain Rugheimer
- 40 Massoud Aref
- 41 Evert van Gemeren
- 42 Edmund Gray
- 43 Tony Westacott
- 44 Dennis Ward
- 45 Peter Townsend
- 46 Mick Meyer
- 47 Colin Harvey
- 48 Tony Bardell
- 49 Andy Bornemisza
- 50 Jon Dawkins
- 51 Austen Moore
- 52 Mike South
- 53 John Mason
- 54 Bob Perry
- 55 Paul Williams
- 56 Frank Mills
- 57 Jeff Kiy
- 58 Richard Sweatman
- 59 Wynford Seymour
- 60 Michael Compton

Women's Epée

- 1 Lynne Bornemisza Category 2 Medal
- 2 Fiona Haldane
- 3 Mavis Thornton
- 4 Mariette Mason Category 1 Medal
- 5 Jenni Fiander
- 6 Sue Hanney
- 7 Moya McNamara
- 8 Carol Wengraf Category 3 Medal
- 9 Kate Elvin
- 10 Jane Hutchison
- 11 Kate Harris
- 12 Jenny Morris
- 13 Sylvia Brown Category 4 Medal
- 14 Janet Baron
- 15 Silvia Earl
- 16 Ann Cornwall
- 17 Diane Austin
- 18 Anne Crosby
- 19 Rose Gregory
- 20 Carole Seheult
- 21 Sheila Wicks
- 22 Irene Howard
- 23 Julie Schofield
- 24 Gillian Aghajan

Men's Sabre

- 1 Jim Philbin Category 2 Medal
- 2 Richard Cohen
- 3 Carl Morris
- 4 Steve Potter Category 1 Medal
- 5 Andy Bornemisza Category 3 Medal
- 6 Duncan Rowlands
- 7 Richard Bonehill
- 8= Malcolm Cawton
- 8= Brian Causton
- 8= Mark Hall
- 8= Michael Compton
- 8= Chris Prevett
- 13 Kevin Nelson
- 14 Cary Zitcer
- 15 Alex Akoulitchev
- 16 Geoff Silverman
- 17 Joe Shackell
- 18 Barry Coulter
- 19 Warren Wilkinson
- 20 Tony Bardell
- 21 John Norrie
- 22 Evert van Gemeren
- 23 Peter Townsend
- 24 Simon Oliphant-Hope
- 25 Rodney Greenhalgh
- 26 Jon Dawkins
- 27 Keith Rogerson
- 28 Dennis Ward Category 4 Medal
- 29 Mark Cwynarski
- 30 Ron Tjoa
- 31 Mike Garrity
- 32 Mike Norfolk
- 33 Bob Perry

Retired: Peter Baron

Women's Sabre

- 1 Jane Hutchison Category 1 Medal
- 2 Jenny Morris Category 2 Medal
- 3 Lynne Bornemisza
- 4 Hilary Philbin
- 5 Vicki Garrity
- 6 Pat Rees
- 7 Carol Wengraf Category 3 Medal
- 8 Lynn Keogh
- 9 Silvia Earl
- 10 Caron Hale
- 11 Sylvia Brown Category 4 Medal
- 12 Gillian Aghajan
- 13 Joan Coombs
- 14 Pat Shepherd-Foster

Men's Champion At Arms

- 1 Brian Causton (30)
- 2 Richard Bonehill (51)
- 3 Kevin Nelson (69)
- 4 Andy Bornemisza (73)
- 5 Michael Compton (87)
- 6 Dennis Ward (93)
- 7= Jon Dawkins (99)
- 7= Peter Townsend (99)
- 9 Tony Bardell (101)

Women's Champion At Arms

- 1 Lynne Bornemisza (11)
- 2 Jenny Morris (19)
- 3 Jane Hutchison (25)
- 4 Silvia Earl (40)



National Results 2007

Women's Sabre

1st Jane Hutchison

2nd Jenny Morris

3rd Lynne Bornemisza

After a poule unique, the victors are here.

National Results 2007

Mens Epée

1st Neal Mallett

2nd Robin Davenport

3rd Howard West

A huge entry of 66 fencers. 11 poules for 2 rounds, semi finals and then final. The result was not clear until the final fight!



National Results 2007

Women's Epée

1st Lynne Bornemisza

2nd Fiona Haldane

3rd Mavis Thornton

After a full days fencing, women's épée produced these winners. Lynne is on her way to the Champion at Arms.



National Results 2007

Men's Sabre

1st Jim Philbin

2nd Richard Cohen

3rd Carl Morris

An exciting final ended in a barrage for first place. A delighted Jim won through.



National Results 2007

Women's Foil

1st Dawn Townsend

2nd Gillian Worman

3rd Sarah Kellett

A hard fought final all the way; women's foil produced a Cat 1 victory across the board....

National Results 2007

Men's Foil

1st Tony Bartlett

2nd Brian Causton

3rd Graham Thornton

A hard fought day with a superb final produced some spectacular men's foil.

Cheer up lads, just another year and we do it all again.



Welsh Veterans News

Four Nations

In Memory of Justin Smith the 4 Nations trophy will be named

The Justin Smith Trophy.

Welsh Veterans Nationals

13th 14th October

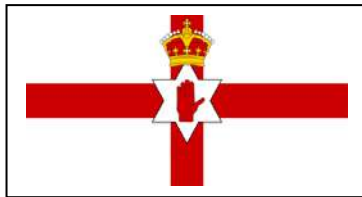
Swansea Entry and Accommodation details in a later Welsh Veteran Newsletter.



Scottish Veterans News

News from Scotland:
your corner waits

Your Veterans
Your News



Northern Ireland Veterans News

News from Northern Ireland:
your corner waits

Your Veterans
Your News



England Veterans News

The committee were re-elected at the AGM with the addition of Peter Baron.

Four Nations

Thanks to Wales for organising an excellent weekend despite the tragic death of Jason Smith. We are proud to be the first holders of the trophy that bears his name. Congratulations to all those who fenced.

We have agreed to run next year's event in Manchester at the end of January.

Commonwealth Championships

Dave Sweeney is looking at travel and accommodation. We are investigating Official tops. Team selection will be the best 4 performers at the weapon in the individual competition.

John Crouch
Chairman EVA

Ready Steady Fence!!!

The Philbins have been competing again – not with foils and sabres, but with whisks and spoons! Hilary and Jim recently took part in BBC2's Ready Steady Cook programme, which was screened on Tuesday 20 March.

Hilary partnered Phil Vickery (or, as Hilary calls him, "the lovely Phil Vickery"), and Jim assisted Tony Tobin. They donned their aprons and quickly knocked up an amazing selection of dishes. In between their various chopping, stirring and tasting activities they had a few words with host Ainsley Harriott about fencing. It transpired that Ainsley fenced at school, and was keen to demonstrate that he hadn't forgotten it all. (He hadn't.)

In the event, Jim and Tony's gorgonzola-stuffed chicken and upside-down pear cake narrowly beat - by 1 vote - Hilary and Phil's tea-steamed duck with plum sauce followed by hot chocolate soufflé. Jim therefore won the £100 prize, but Hilary seemed very happy at the prospect of a consolatory Ready Steady Cook hamper. And yes – they did get to eat all the food they'd prepared, washed down with a bottle of wine.

Competitive to the end, there was a discussion – sadly, off camera – regarding the scoring. Suffice it to say, Phil Vickery scrawled across Hilary's apron those well known words: "We was robbed!"

For anyone wanting a good laugh – there will be an opportunity to see the programme during the weekend of the Age Group event.
HP

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

[Merseyside Open full Results of Vets Fencing!!!!](#)

Men's Foil (89)

9 Jeff Kiy
15 Nick Stokes
19 Graham Thornton
25 Anthony Conyard
39 Peter Lloyd
43 Roman Seniuk
45 Frank Mills
63 Mark Robertson
80 John King
83 Martin Brown

Women's Foil (30)

2 Dawn Townsend
7 Jo Bowyer
11 Linda Lawes

Men's Sabre (43)

11 Duncan Rowlands

Women's Sabre (15) (none)

Men's Epée (92)

13 David Stobbs
22 Stephen Hannah

40 Paul Williams
42 Rick Kent
52 Anthony Klenczar
56 Gary Longthorn
63 Denis Callanan
79 Colin Holburn
80 Ritchie Roberts

Women's Epée (28)

8 Fiona Haldane
15 Kate Elvin
17 Linda Kent
25 Carole Seheult

Regards Gary Longthorn

Nationals 2007 trial format

To assist with Committee assessment of the trial format, a questionnaire was circulated to all participants at the 2007 National Championships.

There have been 69 returns so far:

2 seeding pools + DE	44
2007 trial format	11
1 seeding pool + DE + repêchage	5
NVA traditional format	3
2 seeding pools + DE + fence-off of losers	2
1 seeding pool + DE	1
Other	3

If any participant has not yet made a return but wishes to do so, please contact Hilary Arnold by 02/04/07.



Match Secretary's Corner

Well Done

Top Half or Last 32!!

HAMPSHIRE OPEN

	WF (25)
6	Dawn Townsend
10	Jo Bowyer
	MS (29)
9	Carl Morris

NOTTINGHAM OPEN

	MF (87)
2	Lindsay Watkiss
12	Jeffrey Kiy
14	Nick Stokes
22	Tony Conyard
28	Jim Harris
	WF (41)
2	Dawn Townsend
J3	Jo Bowyer
13	Kate Harris
14	Moya McNamara
	ME (77)
1	Anton Pollard
J3	Robin Davenport
5	Niall Campbell
16	Anthony Klenczar
25	Rick Kent
	WE (48)
12	Lynne Bornemisza
14	Moya McNamara
17	Jenni Fiander
20	Linda Kent
21	Kate Elvin
31	Janet Baron
	MS (40)
12	Andy Bornemisza
13	Duncan Rowlands
	WS (21)
6	Lynne Bornemisza
7	Vicky Garrity

Well, following our AGM at the Nationals, a new season starts for the Vets and I am continuing to encourage all members to take part in team events around the UK (and further) in order to promote our organisation, and particularly to have an enjoyable time in the process.

In February, a team of Vets took part in The Christopher Holdsworth Fencing Competition at Maiden Castle in Durham. It was a mixed team event across all weapons and against 7 other teams mainly comprising university fencers, although an Armed Services Team also took part.

No surprise then that our team were introduced as "The Old Ones!"

Steve Hannah doubled up at Men's Foil and Sabre (fencing electric sabre for the first time) with Janet Pearson fencing Women's Foil, Max Telfer Men's Epee, Carole Seheult Women's Epee and Carol Wengraf Women's Sabre.

The event was organised into poules of teams followed by direct elimination, and we acquitted ourselves very well by being placed in 5th position having missed the semi-final by just two hits.

Everyone taking part told me how much they had enjoyed the event, and I will certainly be organising teams for next year's competition.

The next team opportunity will be the Crystal Team Open on 6th May, and we will be sending three teams to take part. I have already registered our interest with the organisers (entry forms are not yet released at the time of writing).

Each team will comprise 3 fencers – 1 Foilist, 1 Epeeist and 1 Sabreur and team members can be male or female.

So, if you would like to fence please let me know either by 'phone 01908 310516 or email: millsfba@aol.com

I am also looking at other events where NVA members at all levels can take part, and will be calling new members and members of long standing during the course of the year.

Even if you have given up regular competitions, do consider participating during the year as I know from those who have taken part for the first time, that being part of a Vets team is an excellent way to meet new fencing friends and enjoy fencing within a growing and increasingly influential body of UK fencers.

Frank Mills
Match Secretary

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

APRIL 28-29

NVA Age Group Qualifiers
Stantonbury Campus, Milton
Keynes

MAY 17-20

*European Veterans Individual
Championships, St Gallen, Switzerland*

**NO SELECTION REQUIRED, OPEN.
ALL FENCERS WELCOME AND
ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND....**

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JUNE 2-3

**BATH Unisex Sabre (2nd) and BATH
Unisex Foil (3rd)**

JUNE 15-17

GBR vs Germany, Berlin, Germany

Selection based on NVA Selection Rules

JUNE 24th

**Dunstan Epée and Foil, Glastonbury
OPEN**

JULY 13 - 15

**Commonwealth Veterans Championships,
Toronto, Canada
Individual OPEN.**

Team selected by Home Countries.

Details in a later newsletter

September 14-16

**World Championships
Sydney Australia**

September 30

**Middlesex Veterans Unisex Epée
Individual OPEN**

OCTOBER 7 SUNDAY

**Veterans Team Challenge, Loughborough
NO selection required, OPEN. Teams put
together on the day.**

LEFT AT THE NATIONALS

1. One Plastron 800N
2. One Sabre Arm Guard
3. One Sock (!)
4. One T shirt (wet and soggy!)
5. Two Towels
6. One épée body wire

Ring Linda Lawes or Dave Sweeney
or email linda.lawes1@btinternet.com

NEXT COMPETITION: AGE GROUP QUALIFIERS FOR WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP SELECTION

April 28th and 29th Milton Keynes.

Entry form with this newsletter and on the Web.

Make the squad and travel to Australia in September.