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NVA name change

At the Annual General Meeting of the NVA in Gloucester on 5th March, the members voted to change the name of our organisation to

British Veterans Fencing

It was felt that the new name more accurately describes the organisation and its activities. The BVF Committee is now working on the administrative changes required, including a new logo.

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| Apr 17 | Oxford Unisex Foil & Sabre - details & entry form with this mailing |
| Apr 24-25 | 4 Nations Championships. Edinburgh. Teams selected by Home Country selectors. |
| May 27-30 | European Team Championships, Skopje, Macedonia - (Selection event) |
| July 3-4 | 1st Veterans Open - Midlands - details and entry form on website |
| Jul 17-18 | Celtic Challenge. Hosted by Truro Fencing club in Cornwall. |
| Sep 11-12 | Veterans Winton Cup, Lilleshall National Sports Centre |
| Sep 29 - Oct 3 | World Championships, Porec, Croatia. (Selection event) |
| Sep 29 - Oct 5 | Commonwealth Veterans. Melbourne, Australia |
| Oct 9-10 | Welsh Veterans Championships, Swansea (tbc). Contact Gillian Aghajan for details |
| Oct 31 | Middsx Epée—details to follow |
| Nov 27 | Xmas dinner and fencing—details to follow |



British Veteran Fencing Championships 2010

British Veterans Fencing staged another well-attended championships in Gloucester, with all weapon entries except sabre up on last year.



Robert Kiss and Graham Paul

Of the top seeds in the 45-strong men's foil event, Graham Paul and John Troiano reached the semi-finals unscathed. Elsewhere in the DE, No.2 seed Austen Rose was unfortunate to meet in the L16 double Olympic finalist and seven times Hungarian foil champion Robert Kiss, who had warmed up slowly in the poules after a 10-year break from competition and was languishing as 15th seed. No. 3 seed Lindsay Watkiss fell to Julian Burney, 5th seed Tim Miles to Malcolm Fare and 6th seed Gerry Gajadharsingh to Jacques Portal. Richard Sage came through to the semis from 11th seed, but then met a rampant Robert Kiss. In the other semi Paul had a surprisingly easy victory over Troiano, who lacked his usual speed and accuracy. The final was never in doubt as Kiss demonstrated his class with a clinical display of fast well-timed attacks.

In women's foil Maggie Myers and Jane Clayton overcame the third and fourth seeds, Clare Halsted and Lynda Norrie, respectively to reach the semi-finals where they were joined by the top two seeds, Linda McMahon and Gillian Worman. While Worman had a straightforward victory over Myers, a desperately slow struggle developed between McMahon and Clayton before the five times British champion finally emerged victorious at 5-3. The final was equally uninspiring as both fencers made ineffective attacks, parried and missed or hit off target. Eventually, McMahon found a few scoring moves and duly won her first vets title 6-2.



Duncan Rowlands and Richard Cohen

Three of the top four seeds in the 50-strong men's epee made their way to the semi-finals without too much difficulty – Anton Pollard, Neal Mallett and Howard West. But in the bottom half of the draw, the No. 2 seed, Jonathan Stanbury, just lost his first DE fight to 31st seed Jim Whelan, who lost in turn to Jon Rawlinson, who emerged as the fourth semi-finalist after beating Roger Nickless. Pollard and Mallett defeated West and Rawlinson respectively and then put on an enthralling final that at one stage saw Pollard 6-3 ahead before Mallett equalised a few seconds before time expired. A final riposte allowed Mallett to retain his title.

Among the women epeeists, all the top seeds except last year's winner Sara Spence fell by the wayside. Spence was joined in the last four by 12th seed Jane Clayton, 11th seed Kate Morwell-Neave and 7th seed Kate Smith. Clayton reversed last year's final against Spence by winning 10-8 in one semi, while a tense battle developed between the two Kates in the other, Smith equalising at 8-all as time expired. A last attack by Morwell-Neave saw her through to the final, where she found her best efforts thwarted by the long and slippery reach of Clayton, who went on to win her first vets title 10-7.



Kate Morwell-Neave and Jane Clayton

In men's sabre the No. 1 and No. 3 seeds, Rob Penton and Carl Morris, duly reached the semi-finals, where they were joined by 12th seed Duncan



Neal Mallett and Jon Rawlinson

Rowlands and the old fox himself, Richard Cohen, 12 times veteran champion, who had taken out the No. 2 seed Keith Rogerson. Cohen went on to reach his 14th final by beating Morris 10-7. The other semi saw Penton race to a 5-1 lead at the break. A few wise words in Rowlands's ear from Beth Davidson were not immediately heeded as Penton made another fast attack to go 6-1 up, but then Rowlands lengthened the distance, causing Penton's attacks to fall short, and scored the next nine hits to win the encounter. Rowlands continued to fence well in the final and all Cohen's experience could not disturb his timing and accuracy as he went on to win his first vets title 10-6.

The biggest upset of the championships occurred in women's sabre, when Jane Hutchison, No. 1 seed and champion for the past six years, fell to Caron Hale 9-10 in the quarter-finals. Hale had an equally close victory in her semi-final against Michele Narey. No. 2 seed Beth Davidson stormed through the other half of the draw, beating Jenny Morris 10-5 in her semi before overwhelming Hale 10-2 in the final.

Brian Causton and Jenny Morris retained their champion at arms titles.

Malcolm Fare



Men's Sabre

| Ranking | Name | First name |
|---------|-------------|------------|
| 1 | ROWLANDS | Duncan |
| 2 | COHEN | Richard |
| 3 | MORRIS | Carl |
| 3 | PENTON | Rob |
| 5 | ROGERSON | Keith |
| 6 | BARNETT | Keith |
| 7 | COULTER | Barry |
| 8 | BARON | Peter |
| 9 | HAWKSWORTH | Nick |
| 10 | SILVER | Anthony |
| 11 | FOX | Steve |
| 12 | PREVETT | Chris |
| 13 | BONEHILL | Richard |
| 14 | POTTER | Steve |
| 15 | CAWTON | Malcolm |
| 16 | PHIPPS | Robert |
| 17 | BORNEMISZA | Andy |
| 18 | MOFFAT | Carl |
| 19 | NORRIE | John |
| 20 | ZITCER | Cary |
| 21 | CAUSTON | Brian |
| 22 | VAN GEMEREN | Evert |
| 23 | CWYNARSKI | Mark |
| 24 | GREEN | Chris |
| 25 | BARDELL | Tony |
| 26 | COMPTON | Michael |
| 27 | BAILLACHE | Paul |
| 28 | DAWKINS | Jonathan |
| 29 | WHELAN | Jim |
| 30 | PILKINGTON | Jim |
| 31 | TAYLOR | Geoffrey |
| 32 | DI CAMILLO | Patrick |
| 33 | WARD | Dennis |
| 34 | MILLO | Brian |
| 35 | PERRY | Bob |
| 36 | NORFOLK | Mike |
| 37 | MORRIS | Peter |

Women's Sabre

| Ranking | Name | First name |
|---------|-----------------|------------|
| 1 | DAVIDSON | Beth |
| 2 | HALE | Caron |
| 3 | MORRIS | Jenny |
| 3 | NAREY | Michele |
| 5 | HUTCHISON | Jane |
| 6 | REYNOLDS | Joanne |
| 7 | EARL | Silvia |
| 8 | FRITH | Vivien |
| 9 | MORWELL-NEAVE | Kate |
| 10 | JONES | Wednesday |
| 11 | HENDRA | Vanessa |
| 12 | AGHAJAN | Gillian |
| 13 | WENGRAF | Carol |
| 14 | BROWN | Sylvia |
| 15 | WOODWARD | Frances |
| 16 | BARNETT | Joe |
| 17 | MYERS | Margaret |
| 18 | SHEPHERD-FOSTER | Patricia |
| 19 | ATKINSON | Sue |
| 20 | HALLEY | Lynn |
| 21 | COOKSEY | Janet |



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Men's Foil

| Ranking | Name | First name |
|---------|----------------|------------|
| 1 | KISS | Robert |
| 2 | PAUL | Graham |
| 3 | SAGE | Richard |
| 3 | TROIANO | John |
| 5 | LOWEN | Paul |
| 6 | MARTIN | Andy |
| 7 | BURNEY | Julian |
| 8 | FARE | Malcolm |
| 9 | ROSE | Austen |
| 9 | WATKISS | Lindsay |
| 11 | MILES | Tim |
| 12 | CAUSTON | Brian |
| 13 | ABRAHAMS | Paul |
| 14 | WILLIAMS | Tony |
| 15 | FOX | Steve |
| 16 | PORTAL | Jacques |
| 17 | GAJADHARSINGH | Gerry |
| 18 | WHELAN | Jim |
| 19 | BAILLACHE | Paul |
| 20 | KING | Corsini |
| 21 | BRADBURY | Mike |
| 22 | GREEN | Chris |
| 23 | SHEPPARD | Fred |
| 24 | DAWKINS | Jonathan |
| 25 | MILLS | Frank |
| 26 | ROBERTSON | Mark |
| 27 | AULT | Alan |
| 28 | BONEHILL | Richard |
| 29 | MILLS | Ralph |
| 30 | BARON | Peter |
| 31 | COMPTON | Michael |
| 32 | HAGGETT | Paul |
| 33 | BROADBENT | Dale |
| 34 | NORRIE | John |
| 35 | MILLO | Brian |
| 36 | MOORE | Austen |
| 37 | ANDRUSIKIEWICZ | Ryszard |
| 38 | GREGORY | Paul |
| 39 | BOWDEN | Alan |
| 40 | GOULD | Andrew |
| 41 | BEX | Michael |
| 42 | TAYLOR | Geoffrey |
| 43 | WARD | Dennis |
| 44 | MORRIS | Peter |
| 45 | BUTLER | Paul |

Women's Foil

| Ranking | Name | First name |
|---------|---------------|------------|
| 1 | MCCMAHON | Linda |
| 2 | WORMAN | Gillian |
| 3 | CLAYTON | Jane |
| 3 | MYERS | Margaret |
| 5 | HALSTED | Clare |
| 6 | NORRIE | Lynda |
| 7 | MORRIS | Jenny |
| 8 | COOKSEY | Janet |
| 9 | HALE | Caron |
| 10 | ARCHER | Kati |
| 11 | MCNAMARA | Moya |
| 12 | HUTCHISON | Jane |
| 13 | FINDLAY | Angela |
| 14 | REYNOLDS | Joanne |
| 15 | AUSTIN | Diane |
| 16 | ROBINSON | Lynette |
| 17 | CORNWALL | Ann |
| 18 | GERMAN | Dee |
| 19 | HALLEY | Lynn |
| 20 | MORWELL-NEAVE | Kate |



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Men's Epee

| Ranking | Name | First name |
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| 1 | MALLETT | Neal |
| 2 | POLLARD | Anton |
| 3 | RAWLINSON | Jon |
| 3 | WEST | Howard |
| 5 | NICKLESS | Roger |
| 6 | BROWN | Andrew |
| 7 | FARE | Malcolm |
| 8 | RAJ | Jeremy |
| 9 | STEINBERG | Stephen |
| 10 | BEVERIDGE | Peter |
| 11 | ALLTON | Malcolm |
| 12 | KLENCZAR | Anthony |
| 13 | OSBALDESTON | Bill |
| 14 | TURNER | Bob |
| 15 | SWEATMAN | Richard |
| 16 | WHELAN | Jim |
| 17 | STANBURY | Jonathan |
| 18 | GREEN | Chris |
| 19 | CAUSTON | Brian |
| 20 | BURR | Lawrence |
| 21 | SIMPSON | Gerry |
| 22 | PILKINGTON | Jim |
| 23 | BRADBURY | Mike |
| 24 | BARNETT | Keith |
| 25 | ROBERTSON | Mark |
| 26 | HIGGINSON | Stephen |
| 27 | BONEHILL | Richard |
| 28 | PHELPS | Robert |
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| 30 | MORRIS | John |
| 31 | HARVEY | Colin |
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| 47 | GREGORY | Paul |
| 48 | PERRY | Bob |
| 49 | HASTILOW | Dig |
| 50 | WARD | Dennis |

Women's Epee

| | | |
|----|-----------------|-----------|
| 1 | CLAYTON | Jane |
| 2 | MORWELL-NEAVE | Kate |
| 3 | SMITH | Kate |
| 3 | SPENCE | Sara |
| 5 | MORRIS | Jenny |
| 6 | HALE | Caron |
| 7 | HANNEY | Susan |
| 8 | COOKSEY | Janet |
| 9 | HUTCHISON | Jane |
| 10 | MASON | Mariette |
| 11 | HALDANE | Fiona |
| 12 | MCNAMARA | Moya |
| 13 | ELVIN | Kate |
| 14 | BARNETT | Joe |
| 15 | EARL | Silvia |
| 16 | HALSTED | Clare |
| 17 | BARON | Janet |
| 18 | LAWRENCE | Alice |
| 19 | BROWN | Sylvia |
| 20 | BOTTLE | Sandra |
| 21 | CORNWALL | Ann |
| 22 | REYNOLDS | Joanne |
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Women's Epee finalists





British Veterans Championships Age Category Winners

Men's Sabre: Cat 1: D. Rowlands Cat 2: C. Morris Cat 3: R. Cohen Cat 4: M. Cwynarski

Women's Sabre: Cat 1: B. Davidson Cat 2: C. Hale Cat 3: S. Earl Cat 4: C. Wengraf

Men's Foil: Cat 1: R. Kiss Cat 2: J. Troiano Cat 3: G. Paul Cat 4: A. Ault

Women's Foil: Cat 1: G. Worman Cat 2: L. McMahon Cat 3: M. Myers Cat 4: J. Cooksey

Men's Epee: Cat 1: J. Rawlinson Cat 2: N. Mallett Cat 3: H. West Cat 4: J. Pilkington

Women's Epee: Cat 1: K. Morwell-Neave Cat 2: J. Clayton Cat 3: K. Elvin Cat 4: J. Cooksey

A SELECTION FROM THE FINALS

(Photos courtesy Rob Kirby)



Men's Foil Medallists



Men's Sabre Medallists



Linda McMahon and Gillian Worman



Men's Epee Medallists



Mayor of Gloucester, Councillor C. Witts with Sabre winner Beth Davidson



Richard Cohen and Carl Morris



Howard West and Anton Pollard



Caron Hale and Jenny Morris



Women's Sabre Medallists



Sheriff & Deputy Mayor of Gloucester, Councillor D. Brown & Mrs Brown with Champions at Arms Jenny Morris and Brian Causton



Duncan Rowlands & Rob Penton



LETTERS

I would like to say a huge thank you to the organisers of the National Championships for the superb way the event was run. I would also like to recognise the significant amount of time, effort and planning it must have taken to lay the pistes out and arrange the noticeable and laudable piste adverts. As participants we tend just to turn up, fence and leave without too much thought for those who set up and break down the event so sincerest thanks is but a small gesture to one and all involved in this event and the Age Groups.

Cary Zitcer

My club in Southend on Sea, Club Activ8 is trying to bring wheelchair fencing to the Southend area. This is being sponsored by the sports centre Southend Tennis and Leisure at Garons Park, Southend on Sea. In pursuance of this I fenced in the Rushcliffe Open, Nottingham, a competition sponsored by Nottingham Council for both able bodied and wheelchair fencers. I was 5th at Sabre (the first time I have competed in a sabre competition since 1967, (yes sixty seven!) and the first time fencing electric sabre. I was 3rd at epee and the experience of competing in a wheelchair with experienced wheelchair fencers enthused me to find prospective wheelchair fencers in the Southend area. If you have any ideas or suggestions please contact me - chris@epeefencing.com

Chris Green

BOOK REVIEW

Naval Swords

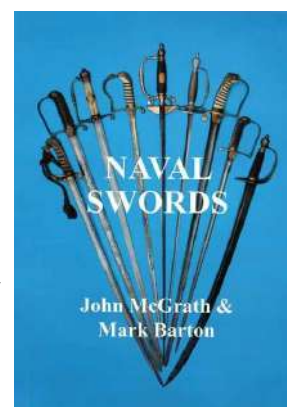
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I like it when nice things happen. They should be celebrated and shared. After reading Derek Evered's review of *Naval Swords* in the January issue of *The Sword* I ordered a copy from The Royal Navy Amateur Fencing Association. A couple of days later the book dropped through my letter box accompanied by a hand written note from one of the authors, Mark Barton. The book which is illustrated with over 70 plates, most of them in colour is a real gem and fantastic value at £11 (including postage). It describes the evolution of naval swords and accoutrements through the ages. There are also sections on dating, conservation and care of swords. Both authors have been competitive fencers in addition to Naval Officers. John McGrath has held the Welsh and Royal Navy foil and epee titles and represented Wales at The Commonwealth Games in 1966 and 1970. Mark Barton is a regular member of the Royal Navy Fencing team and a former Royal Navy Sabre Champion. I have also learnt that he is one of the NVA's most recent recruits. Having previously co-written other titles in the series including *Naval Cutlass Exercise*, *Bayonet Exercise & Bayonet Fencing* and *Fencing in the Royal Navy and Royal Marines* I look forward to crossing swords – and maybe bayonets - with him in the future at an NVA tournament.

For anyone with an interest in British Naval history and weapons, *Naval Swords* is a really enjoyable and informative read. I recommend it highly. All the profits from the sale of the book go to support the Royal Navy Amateur Fencing Association.

Copies can be obtained from Mark Barton by emailing mark.barton@virgin.net or sending a cheque for £11 to The Royal Navy Fencing Association, HMS Temeraire, Portsmouth, Hants, P01 2HB.



Richard Bonehill



The 2010 Celtic Challenge, 17th/18th July 2010, Truro, Cornwall

The Celtic Chieftains have sent out word to all the warriors of Brittany, Channel Islands, Cornwall, Galicia, Isle of Man, Northern Ireland, The Republic of Ireland, Scotland, and Wales to attend the gathering in The Duchy of Cornwall in July.

Warriors must be a minimum of 40 years of age and a member of their national governing body. To qualify to fight they must be a member of a club in one of the Celtic regions or have a parent or grandparent who was born in one of the regions.



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AGE GROUPS 2011

Following a number of complaints about the lighting and heating at the Luton venue this year, the Age Groups will be moving to a newly built Leisure centre in Bletchley where the lighting and heating are superb.

The staff are friendly and helpful, and the centre boasts a cafeteria, gym, excellent changing facilities with lockers and ample car parking.

Details will be given later in the year.

A Modern Suffragette (taken from the Norwich local paper)

“ To become a champion takes skill, hard work and heart—all attributes which have also helped grandmother Connie Adams in her battle to overturn an outdated rule which prevented free women becoming freemen. The 82 year old Commonwealth Veterans Fencing Champion is hoping to be among the first women to be given the ancient Norwich honour, which has previously only been passed down from father to son. And, after years of placard-waving protests, it is well deserved. Inequality is something that Norwich and Norfolk women have never taken lightly—from Edith Cavell to the Suffragettes, including city-born Dorothy Jewson. Now we can add Connie Adams to the list.”



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Notables

Plymouth Open

Men's Foil

3rd Austen Rose
12th Jonathan Dawkins
14th Alan Large

Men's Epee

3rd Keith Barnett
8th Peter Smith

Men's Sabre

7th Andy Bornemisza

Women's Foil

3rd Caron Hale
5th Astrid Merrick
6th Dawn Townsend
10th Margaret Myers

Women's Epee

8th Lynne Bornemisza

Women's Sabre

3rd Lynne Bornemisza
6th Lisa Evans
7th Vanessa Hendra

Hampshire Open

Men's Sabre

3rd Richard Bonehill

Women's Sabre

1st Jane Hutchison

Nottingham Open

Men's Foil

14th Nick Stokes

Men's Sabre

15th Malcolm Cawton

Women's Sabre

8th Lisa Evans
13th Sheila Williams

Slough Open

Men's Epee

18th Howard West

Men's Sabre

7th Barry Coulter

Women's Foil

13th Gillian Worman

Women's Sabre

7th Michele Nary
9th Vivien Frith
10th Gabriele Trinczek

Merseyside Open

Men's Sabre

11th Julian Ghosh

Women's Foil

12th Kati Archer

Women's Epee

10th Kate Elvin

Women's Sabre

14th Monica Gilmore
16th Wednesday Jones



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