

Middlesex Epée down to the wire!



Dale Broadbent and Andrew Brown fight for 1st place in the Middlesex Epée

Photo by Silvia Earl

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Chairman's letter

Dear Members,

After the last Newsletter, you will have received the correspondence from Hilary Arnold and from me announcing her resignation from the committee.

I really must thank Hilary for the many years of working on our committee and for organising numerous events for our organisation and we wish her well for the future.

The committee have taken on the various activities previously undertaken by Hilary and Acting Secretary is Peter Baron whilst I have taken on the role of Event Manager for the Age Group Qualifiers in January.

As is always the case, details and entry forms for this event, which will be taking place at the newly built Bletchley Leisure Centre, Milton Keynes on 22nd & 23rd January, will be published in the December Newsletter and on the website.

This year, the Vets Christmas celebrations are taking a different form with a number of Christmas Dinners being organised by members.

The largest event is in London at the Prospect of Whitby and is being organised by Sharon Nickless. I understand that she may have a few places left if you're quick (details in last month's and this Newsletter). Carole Seheult is arranging an informal Christmas dinner in the North East for vets taking part at an event just before Christmas and I am having an informal Christmas Dinner at a fine food local hostelry in Milton Keynes, The Black Horse, Great Linford. If you would like to join us at the Black Horse on 27th November, then please contact me.

Our next committee meeting is 21st November at which we will be discussing the selection review that has been in process this year and we will report back to you as soon as possible after that meeting. If you have any other matters that you would like to place on the agenda for the 21st, then please contact either Peter Baron or myself.

Sincerely

Frank Mills



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BVF CALENDAR 2010

Nov 27 **Regional Christmas dinners**

ENGLAND

Commonwealth Veterans Championships Melbourne 2010

England sent a team of 16 fencers to the Commonwealth Veterans Championships held in Melbourne on 30 Sep to 5 Oct. This was the first time that the Veterans event had been held in conjunction with the Senior Championships. This certainly lent a great atmosphere to the event and I feel that each age group gained from the experience. Our team was quite depleted by the fact that a lot of our fencers were competing in the World Championships in Croatia. As expected the Australians had turned out a strong team and we did well to come home with 3 silver and 6 bronze medals. Especially as for most of the team it was their first experience of competition at this level. See below for the medal winners.

Congratulations go to Keith, Michael, Vanessa and Angela on their bronze medals. But I think the highlight for me was the performance of the men's sabre team who, with the vocal support of the seniors, ran Australia very close for the gold medal. I would like to congratulate the whole team on their spirit and encouragement for each other. It was a pleasure to be their team manager. I would also like to thank England Fencing and Beth Davidson for their support.

The next Championships, just for Veterans, are in 2012 and will probably be held in Singapore. These will be open and anyone will be able to enter.

John Crouch

England Medal Winners Individual Bronze

Michael Thomas	MF
Keith Rogerson	MS
Angela Findlay	WE
Vanessa Hendra	WS

Team

Silver	MS
Bronze	MF
	WF
	ME
	WE



Detailed results and photographs can be seen on the Commonwealth Federation website at www.CFC10.org

*England team
Photo courtesy
of Steve
Johnson
(not present
Paul Abrahams)*

Spirit of the Commonwealth Award

John Crouch went to the Commonwealth Veterans Championships as Manager of the England Veteran Fencers team and referee. However he is also Secretary of The Veterans Commonwealth Association and during the course of the championships he attended meetings and presented medals in this capacity. In addition he acted as one of the Assistants to the referee during the finals of several events and generally helped in the smooth running of the event. In fact he sometimes managed to wear all these hats in one day carrying out these duties in his usual calm and professional manner. This did not go unnoticed by the organisers and he received an AWARD FOR SIGNIFICANT PERFORMANCE (Spirit of the Commonwealth Award).

The England Commonwealth Veteran team 2010 would like to record their congratulations and thank John for all the work he did on our behalf.

Moya McNamara

Competition Results (top half)

Bedford Open Epée - 17/10/2010

ME (68)

6 Anton Pollard
21 David Karlin
26 Darryl Hazlewood
28 Simon Pink
32 Paul Drake

WE (16)

2 Amanda Webster

Coventry Open - 30/10/2010

MF (48)

20 Jonathan Dawkins
22 Jim Harris

ME (37)

10 Granville Ward
14 Paul Willmott
15 John Morris
17 Tim Pearce

MS (33)

10 Steve Potter
11 Jorge Esteves
12 Michael Compton

(Coventry contd)

WF (15)

6 Kate HARRIS
7 Lynda NORRIE

WS (10)

3 Nickola BECK
3 Sheila WILLIAMS
5 Vivien FRITH

Leeds Open - 6/11/2010

MF (59)

8 Anthony Conyard
17 Nick Stokes
27 Jim Harris

ME (34)

3 Granville Ward
12 Andrew Brown
16 Colin Harvey

WF (21)

8 Liz Chinn

WE (12)

3 Gillian Stone

WS (14)

6 Monica Gilmore
7 Vivien Frith

Middlesex Epée 2010

by some of the participants

A lovely relaxed day amongst friends, old and new. It went like clockwork with lots of fencing across a wide range of abilities but at the top end, the ranked fencers really had to work for it. A great day out.

Alex Jablonowski

I found the event very well organised. The poule unique was an opportunity to fence all abilities and experience which I thoroughly enjoy and appreciate. The fencers are all very friendly and helpful with tips as usual which makes the vets events something to look forward to.

Jacqueline Hibbert

A great day of fencing with a friendly bunch of vets. I really enjoyed it despite only winning a couple of bouts!

Mark Richardson

I found the venue easy to get to being near Oakwood tube, a big incentive for those of us who don't own a car! The general atmosphere of the competition as usual was friendly and the organisation very efficient. It has been a competition that I have promoted within my own club, the Met Police Fencing Club (MPFC), as great fun. This year we had Phil Jordan from the MPFC return to fencing and I am hoping to bring more next year.

Peter Beveridge

I had a wonderful time at the Middlesex Epee and happy to say did not come totally last...!!!! given that being much shorter than a lot of the men my lowline hits were taken with good spirits.!

Helen Easter

I really enjoyed the day, a good venue (easy to find and to park at) and well organised.

A good friendly atmosphere, and with the poule-unique system working well, a lot of fencing.

I am particularly grateful to Stefan Munn who turned up with a (spare) pair of trainers that would fit me - since I had arrived with two left fencing shoes.

A good example of the friendly nature of the fencers on the day willing to help out where necessary.

Dale Broadbent

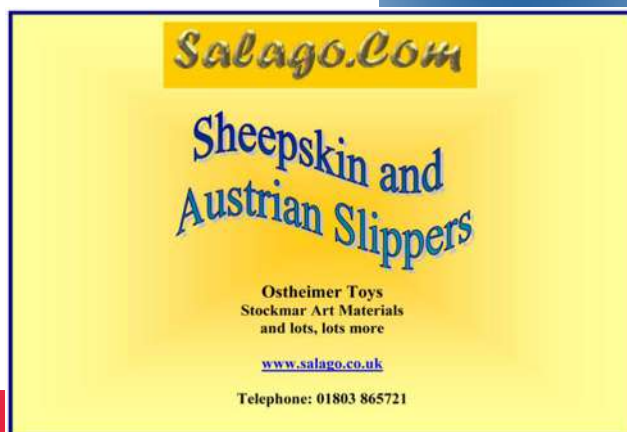
A great day's fencing, thank you. Well organised - I would expect nothing less!! I enjoyed meeting some old friends and meeting some younger newcomers. T'was good fun.

Silvia Earl

I found it to be a well run competition with a good standard of fencing. Everybody seemed to enjoy themselves and disruption due to electrical failure or egos was almost completely absent. All the fencers were friendly, welcoming and honourable. I will be recommending the event to others on the Island.

Adam Bonner

[Adam flew in from Guernsey for the event]



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There were 18 of us competing - plus one vital member - 'Hilary' providing a seamless stream of poule sheets. It was, as usual, a little gem of a competition.

The winner was Dale Broadbent who beat Andrew Brown in a barrage - very exciting! Jacqueline Hibbert won the ladies. All these over forties appear so young. I hope their birth certificates are checked. I, on the other hand had only modest successes, lightened however by taking Andrew's scalp 5/4 and only losing to Dale by the merest 5/4. Not bad going - on my second pacemaker!

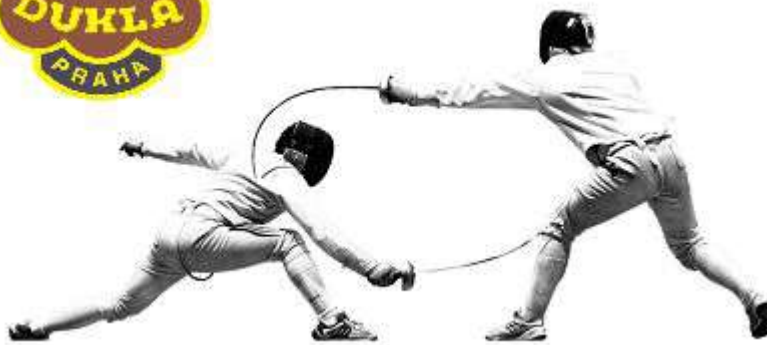
This event should be the model for competitions dotted around the country. All day fencing at a central point where 20 or so members can include their journeys to and from, without falling asleep at the wheel or incurring overnight expenses.

Colin Lutman

A poule unique of 18 is run over seven rounds, and usually the early rounds show that there are two or three clear favourites. This year, even as we entered the seventh round, there were **seven** fencers still in contention for first place. This is unprecedented in my experience, and and gave us a very tense last round. In the end, Dale Broadbent and Andrew Brown, each with 14 victories, barraged for first place, with Dale beating Andrew 5-4.

Hilary Arnold

MIDDLESEX 2010		V	HS	HR	S-R
1	DALE BROADBENT	14	79	39	40
2	ANDREW BROWN	14	77	50	27
3	PHILIP JORDAN	13	76	42	34
4	ADAM BONNER	13	76	54	22
5	PETER BEVERIDGE	12	78	47	31
6	STEFAN MUNN	12	77	54	23
7	SIMON PINK	12	69	52	17
8	PAUL BAILLACHE	10	70	60	10
9	SIMON WHITE	8	64	60	4
10	ALEX JABLONOWSKI	8	65	67	-2
11	JACQUELINE HIBBERT	8	59	69	-10
12	TONY BARDELL	8	61	72	-11
13	SILVIA EARL	6	56	75	-19
14	BOB PERRY	5	52	75	-23
15	COLIN LUTMAN	4	45	79	-34
16	HELEN EASTER	3	44	78	-34
17	MARK RICHARDSON	2	58	82	-24
18	CAROLE SEHEULT	1	31	82	-51
		V	HS	HR	S-R



Czech Master Cup 2010 (epée and foil) 27th - 28th November

- Event** - Epée and foil AK0, AK1, AK2 a AK3+AK4
- Organiser** - ASC Dukla Praha
- Director** - Bohumil Hrudka TEL: +420606393320
- Chief Judge** - Bohumil Hrudka
- Venue** - Sports hall of club Dukla Praha, Stadion Juliska
The Czech Republic, Prague 6, Na Julisce 28/
GPS: 50°6'37.73"N, 14°23'16.121"E
Bus number 131 from Hradčanská to Juliska
UTM zone 33: N 5561975 E 559582
- Date and time** - Saturday 27.11.2010
- 9:00 foil AK1 (40-49 years)
- 11:30 foil AK0 (30-39 years)
- 13:00 foil AK2 (50-59 years)
- 15:00 foil AK3+AK4 (60 and more years)
- Sunday 28.11.2010
- 9:00 epée AK1 (40-49 years)
- 11:30 epée AK0 (30-39 years)
- 13:00 epée AK2 (50-59 years)
- 15:00 epée AK3+AK4 (60 and more years)
- Registration** - By email: hrudka@o2active.cz until 21.11.2010
or 30 min before starting of categories
- Registration fee** - 10 EUR for every event
- Note** - Participation at one's own risk



International Veterans Fencing Tournament

VETCUP 2010 - Nijmegen, 18 and 19 December 2010

Organisers:

Dutch Fencing Federation in cooperation with de 3 Muskietiers

The VETCUP tournament is open to all male and female foilist, epéeists and sabreurs who are in the following age groups: 40-49, 50-59, 60-69 and 70+ on the day of the competition.

All competitors must be a member of their national fencing organisation.

Venue : Sporthal de Zwaluw, Zwaluwstraat 200 , 6541 NP Nijmegen, tel : +31 24 378 9521

For directions and transport information, please contact the organisers.

Format

The format will be decided at the organiser's discretion and will be made known to all competitors prior to the start of each weapon. Format is dependent on the number of competitors for each weapon and age group. In the event that there are less than 4 entries for any one weapon, the tournament for that weapon may be cancelled.

Programme

Women's and Men's Epee 18-12-2010 - 11:00 Registration opens 11:30 Scratch / 12:00 Start

Women's and Men's Sabre 18-12-2010 - 09:00 Registration opens 09:30 Scratch / 10:00 Start

Women's and Men's Foil 19-12-2010 - 13:00 Registration opens 13:30 Scratch / 14:00 Start

Registration

Entries will be accepted in writing only (per letter, fax or email) and should be addressed to:

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Tel: +31 79 3166541 / Fax: +31 842 128836 / Mob: +31 6 26062335E-mail : knas.wedstrijden@hetnet.nl

Entries must include: club, nominated contact person per club, telephone number and per entry;

surname, first name, date of birth, male/female and weapon.

Closing date for entries is 14 December 2010.

Entry fee: EUR 15,-- per entry, to be paid in cash on the day of the tournament.

Referees : Referees will be invited by the Dutch Fencing Federation.

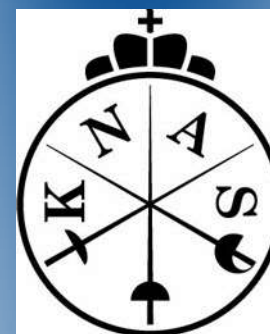
Doping Checks : Random doping checks may take place during and after the tournament.

General Rules

The tournament will be run in accordance with the KNAS rules for competitions. All clothing and weapons must comply with F.I.E. and Dutch Federation requirements. (800N suite / 1600N Mask)

The organisers cannot be held responsible for any accident, loss or damage sustained at the VETCUP

KNAS Wedstrijden
Oscar Kardolus





Christmas Training Camp 2010

27 – 30 December

Birmingham (venue to be confirmed)

Team Melia are organising their 4th Christmas Performance training camp and would like to invite veterans of all ages and weapons to join them in Birmingham for an end of year fencing opportunity.

The training will be tailored to suit the needs of all fencers and will include conditioning, technical sessions, tactical exercises and freeplay. Individual lessons will also be available for those who want personal attention from the coaches who are: Federico Meli (ITA), Glen Golding, Lynne, Jamie & Rhys Melia.

Attendance can be for a single or multiple days at a price of £30 per day or £100 for all 4 days. Local accommodation can also be arranged; Team Melia will be using the local Premier Inn at Great Park, Rubery for the younger fencers; however, there are several well priced B&Bs in the area that are recommended.

Full details will be provided on request or receipt of booking. To secure a place please contact warren@teammelia.org.uk or phone 07507 645667.



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London Christmas Dinner 27th November

Venue:

Prospect of Whitby, Wapping - between Tower Bridge & Limehouse, easy access via Wapping Overground, Shadwell DLR, Tower Hill Tube

For details visit [Prospect of Whitby](#)

Christmas menu is £19.99 per head for 3 courses. (Chose one starter, main and dessert)

Starters:

- Roast Parsnip & Sweet Potato Soup
- Prawn Cocktail
- Chicken Liver & Honey Paté
- Wexford Mushrooms

Mains:

- Roast Turkey
- Roast Beef
- Salmon Fillet
- Provençal Pork
- Lentil & Vegetable Shepherd's Pie

Desserts:

- Christmas Pudding
- Chocolate Fudge Cake
- Winter Berry Crumble

Plus Coffee & Mince Pies

Dinner is 7.30 for 8.00 pm (i.e. hot food on table by 8 pm) - dress standard - as smart or casual as you like - no black tie by popular request (unless people want to!). There will also be a walking tour of London (flat shoes in your handbags girls) just prior. Detailed timings will be sent to those confirming a booking, but provisionally walking tour starts 6-6.30, arrive at the Prospect for 7.30 pm/pre dinner drinks.

There are a few places left - contact me for details

Sharon Nickless

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NB - we have a maximum of 40 places



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
November
send your entry to Editor
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Photo by Editor

Caption Competition
October Editor's choice

"A rare photo of the International Team Selection Process" - **Paul Brenda**

"It's amazing the heat you can get from solar panels these days" **Eileen Buist**







Which current veteran epeeist is seen here in mid-flight over the ducking form of Mike Howard during the 1962 Challenge Martini?
Answer:
Steve Higginson



Photo courtesy of Malcolm Fare

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