

### *Another great Winton!*



### **Sabreurs at the Winton**

**Congratulations to South West on winning the  
Winton Cup for the 5th successive year!**

**Photo by Editor**

**Winton Cup  
Scotland in Singapore  
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## Chairman's letter

Dear Members,

The 5th Winton cup was held successfully over the weekend of 10th and 11th November at Lilleshall and proved to be a thoroughly enjoyable event as was the dinner on the Saturday with 126 diners.

The Veterans Leeds Open competition was held on 3rd and 4th November and whilst the entry was disappointingly low, the competition was well fought by those taking part.

Our next major event will be the Age Group Championships on 26th and 27th January 2013 and details and entry forms for the first of our selection competitions will be issued in December on the website and by post to those who do not have access to the Internet.

We usually publicise this event at the end of October but we are waiting to hear whether the qualifying age date for the Veterans World Championships is to be changed by the FIE to 1st January for the 2013 season. If it should change, it will have a bearing on the age category entry for some members. The decision is due to be made on 8th December and we will make all members aware of this when it is announced.

Our Domestic Fencing Officer Peter Baron, has now got enough volunteers from members to field two full teams for our annual match against the Royal Navy on 25th November and we wish the teams well.

Our membership continues to grow and is currently running at 568 (compared to 533 at the end of last year). I would urge all members to make veteran age fencers in their clubs aware of our organisation and the opportunities it presents to fence at all levels and encourage them to join the BVF.

It is most noteworthy that this is our 25th year and veteran fencing has not only grown in the UK but world-wide. This landmark will be celebrated on 1st December with a dinner at the place it was all started by our Life President, Henry de Silva, at Beaumanor Hall in Leicestershire and there will be some of the original members present to join in the celebrations, as well as many who have joined in the succeeding years and enjoyed fencing on the domestic and international veteran stage.

Sincerely

**Frank Mills**  
**BVF Chairman**



## Veteran's Winton Cup 2012

This was the 5th year of our Veteran's Winton Cup and the weekend proved to be more popular than ever with teams from 9 "Regions" taking part in a great spirit of friendly, but fierce, competition.

There were a number of changes to the event with the date first having to be deferred due to the 2012 Olympics and Paralympics, the very late cancellation by last year's venue, RAF Cosford and a move to a new hotel.

Despite this, fencers were not daunted and we even enrolled over 20 new veterans who joined to take part. This is very much in the spirit in which the event was launched by Sir Nicholas and Bobby Winton who created the Winton Cup just after World War II to help encourage fencers back to the sport.

Fortunately, Lilleshall National Sports Centre was able to give us a suitable date and we returned to the Wenlock Hall, the venue for the first three competitions. Lilleshall were very helpful and made food and refreshment available throughout the two days of the competition.

No such big event could be run without the help of many people and I must publicly thank John Crouch for running the DT, Marcia Stretch for assisting him, Peter and Janet Huggins for providing their excellent Armoury services as well as additional refereeing and laying out the salle and Bob Head, assisted by Hannah Pullar who did much more than just man our long standing sponsor's stall for Leon Paul.

A great deal of work in the months leading up to the competition had taken place and the Team Captains must be congratulated for fielding strong, competitive teams once again.

My thanks, and I'm sure the thanks of the fencers, go to Kati Archer & Paul Cooper, Carole Seheult, Moya McNamara, Peter Baron, Jenny Morris, Jane Clayton & Alan Ault, David Sweeney, Mike Norfolk & Gillian Aghajan and Debbie Taverner & Mark Hall for all that they did.

The day started at 10.00 am and fencing was pretty continuous until around 5.30pm when, strangely, it was the male sabreurs who were the last to finish. One can only put this down to there being too much heckling and friendly chat, or perhaps Dr Hall's insistence on a full medical for each of his opponents before fencing them?



*Where's Wally ...?*



*Warning - Annoy the Armourers at your own risk! Janet and Peter Huggins at work!*

At the end of the first day's fencing, no clear pattern had emerged although three of the nine teams were showing good results and being chased hard by several others.

On Saturday evening, we held our Gala Dinner with 126 diners sitting down to celebrate the event. Well done to Gillian and Marcia for running a great raffle. There were so many prizes that there was almost a special prize awarded to the person who didn't win! Everyone was very generous and the raffle raised £440 for the funds.

It was an honour to be able to present, on behalf of British Fencing, a Gold Medal to Hilary Philbin for the outstanding work she did in heading up the Olympic and Paralympic Fencing at the Excel Centre, and to present a Silver Medal to Caryl Oliver, for her work on these events as a key member of Hilary's management team.

The weekend also coincided with Caryl's birthday and we were all able to sing to her and present her with a cake to mark the occasion. This ploy didn't work as she must have shared it around and was able to fence as well as ever the next day.

Sunday's fencing started early at 9.30am and despite some noticeable matchsticks propping open a few eyes as a result of the previous night's festivities, everyone threw themselves into the competition with fervour.

By mid afternoon, it was still a close competition with the South West and Yorkshire looking to be the main contenders for the title, but it was the South West who emerged victorious once again to win the competition for the fifth time.

Well done everyone who supported the event and I know, from the emails and comments received, that it proved to be a very friendly and enjoyable weekend.

### **Frank Mills**

**Gamesmakers  
at the Winton  
Photo courtesy  
of Frank Mills**



**Frank Mills  
presents the  
BF Gold Medal  
to Hilary  
Philbin**

**Photos by  
Editor**

## Winton Vets



*Photos by Editor*

## Scotland in Singapore

My apologies to the team and to the readers in general for my delay in writing this. Our small but perfectly formed squad of 7 had a hugely enjoyable time at CVFC 2012, and it was the perfect introduction to Veterans fencing for our newest recruits Mark McKenzie and Paul Donaldson. From the excellent preparations by Frances and team and the sumptuous surroundings of the hotel, to the warm receptions from officials and friends, to the challenges on piste and the banter off piste, everything conspired to make it one of the most enjoyable events we have ever attended. Of course, the icing on the cake has to be the results of our sabreurs, both men and women, individual and team, with the men's sabre team taking Gold, and individual medals for Julian Ghosh, Barry Coulter and Viv Frith. Michele Narey, Paul Donaldson and Mark McKenzie all turned in good performances as you can see from the final rankings posted at <http://cvfc2012.sg/results.html> - for myself, I think I need to get a few lessons to get myself back up the rankings!

I managed to sustain my enviable record of medical dramas at all the big events, this time suffering a cracked rib during the first day of fencing. I clearly need to work harder on both distance, and effective parries on that part of the torso! My personal thanks to all those who helped to treat it. Also, apologies to Richard Sage for giving him a huge fright during individual foil, when he thought he'd delivered a terminal blow after I failed to parry properly on his attack into that spot.

Also, some feedback from the WAGs and HAMs - they all had a great time and appreciated the friendliness of all the fencers and partners, and loved seeing Singapore. With this in mind, and in preparation for 2014, I'm intending to find some optional outings and other events over and above the normal dinner and reception, so that will give partners the opportunity for an even better experience. Frances set the bar high in delivering the event in Singapore, so being a wee bit competitive, my aim is to exceed that standard when I run the event in Scotland!

**Mike McEwan**  
**Team Manager Scotland**

**Team Scotland**

**(missing from photo  
- Barry Coulter and  
Julian Ghosh)**

**Photo by Editor**



## BVF Calendar

BVF CALENDAR 2012	
Nov 25	BVF v Royal Navy, A1:A9 HMS President, 72 St Katharine's Way, London E1W 1UQ
Dec 1	25th Anniversay Gala, Beaumanor Hall, Leicestershire (fencing at Radmoor Centre, Loughborough College)
BVF CALENDAR 2013	
Jan 26-27	Age Group Qualifiers, Bletchley
Feb 23-24	Hampshire (Veterans Torunament), Portsmouth
Mar 1-3	BVF Championships , Gloucester
Apr 13-14	West Midlands Open, Dudley, West Midlands
May 9 -12	European Individual Championships, Terni, Umbria, Italy
Sep 14-15 (tbc)	Veterans Winton Cup, Lilleshall
Oct 16-20 (tbc)	World Championships, Bulgaria

See BVF website home page  
for European competitions  
and events -  
[www.veterans-fencing.co.uk](http://www.veterans-fencing.co.uk)

### Training in Rome - January 2013

**Fencing Club Rome c/o C.P.O Acqua Acetosa, Largo Giulio**

From Wednesday, January 2 to Saturday, January 5, 2013.

Arrive in the afternoon of 2 by 14:00. Departure Saturday 5th after the tournament of the end of the course.

The training camp is organized by the AMIS in collaboration with the Italian Fencing Federation and the Fencing Club Rome. Participation fee € 75.00 entire period, € 20.00 single day, € 10.00 ½ day

Full details: <http://www.veterans-fencing.co.uk/events/romatraining2013.pdf>

All weapons



# European Individual Championships 2013

## 9-12 May, Terni, Umbria, Italy

The website for the European Individual Championships is now up and running:

<http://www.europei.circoloschermaterni.it/en>

Entry is not yet available and must be made through myself as team manager. I have exclusively blocked booked a 4 star hotel as the GB team hotel and rooms will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. Alternatively you may book accommodation via the website. The organisers will allocate a hotel according to your choice of cost but you will not have a choice of hotel by name.

As Frank mentioned in his Chairman's letter (page 2) the qualifying age date for the Veterans World Championships is expected to be changed by the FIE to 1st January for 2013 and the decision will be announced on 8th December. It is almost certain that the same qualifying age date will apply for the Europeans. I will be sending out details as soon as the qualifying date and the levy have been decided.

***Gillian Aghajan***  
***Team Manager***

**Excursions will be available to:**

**Lake Piediluco and the Marmore Falls**

**Todi and Assisi**

**Rome**



***Marmore Falls***

***Photo from***

***<http://www.europei.circoloschermaterni.it/en>***



## Competition results (top half)

### Shropshire Open - 22/9/2012

MF (35) 6 Anthony Conyard  
8 Paul Kennea  
16 Fred Sheppard  
17 Jacques Portal

ME (56) 5 Stephen Domak  
7 John Chalmers  
12 Anton Pollard  
14 Rob Brooks  
16 Daryl Hazlewood  
19 Robin Davenport  
20 Jonathan Stanbury  
24 Andrew Brown  
26 Rob Phelps  
27 Paul Willmott  
28 Paul Cooper  
29 Denis Callanan

MS (14) 5 Carl Morris  
11 Steve Potter  
12 Stefan Leponis  
15 Steve Ellwood

WF (11) 3 Jane Clayton  
5 Kati Archer

WE (16) 1 Susan Hanney  
3 Janet Baron  
6 Silvia Earl  
7 Jane Clayton

WS (15) 3 Nickola Beck  
3 Yvonne Walls

### Elite Epée - 28/10/2012

ME (93) 3 Chris Howser  
7 Neal Mallett  
21 Jason Scrimshaw  
22 Howard West  
26 Stephen Domek  
30 George Liston  
46 Adam Steiner

### Derry Open - 17/11/2012

WE (13) 1 Fiona Haldane

### Welsh Open - 10/11/2012

ME (96) 14 Howard West  
16 Stephen Domek  
37 Bill Osbaldeston  
42 Anton Pollard  
43 John Leahey

WF (48) 17 Dawn Townsend  
19 Angela Gould

WS (46) 8 Jane Hutchison

### Leeds Open - 3/11/2012

MF (76) 3 Nick Stokes  
14 David Exeter  
32 Jonathan Dawkins

ME (62) 10 Granville Ward  
14 Tom Chrisp  
26 Max Telfer

MS (34) 8 Stefan Leponis

WF (30) 5 Kate Harris  
6 Lynn Botelho  
8 Karen Garvie  
9 Angela Gould  
12 Cathy Heyes  
15 Penny Needham

WE (28) 10 Janet Baron

WS (14) 2 Silvia Earl  
5 Viv Frith  
6 Yvonne Walls

**Congratulations to:  
Sue Brooks (previously  
Hanney) - 1st WE Shropshire  
Open and Fiona Haldane - 1st  
WE Derry Open**

## Members' news

### News from the Netherlands

Competition: Ferrum Vetum - 5

Weapon: Epée

Date: 18.11.2012

Venue: Eindhoven, The Netherlands

Total number of competitors: 33 ( all over 40 years )

Lawrence Gough placed 11th. overall and 1st in the age group 60+

This is always a marvellous competition. I had 20 bouts, 4 in the poule and then there were two poules based on the results of the first round: 1 poule of 17 and 1 of 16, so everyone really had a full day's fencing!

I am so sorry I can't make it on the 1st December!

All the best.

Fencers' Salute

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**Lawrence Gough**

### London 2012 and the 'Vets'

Apologies to Michael Belfourd, whose name was not included in the article by Hilary Philbin in the October newsletter. Michael was a volunteer at the Test Event, the London A Grade Women's Sabre, the Olympics and the Paralympics (as a Team Leader).

**Editor**

### Membership Renewal

Memberships are due for renewal on January 1st.

If you pay by standing order then there is nothing to do.

If you pay by cheque or on-line transfer each year then do not do anything until you receive a request for payment from me - that will happen about January 10th.

Please do not fill in an on-line membership application to renew your membership - that confuses me no end.

If you have changed email or postal address then do let me know or else you can disappear off the radar.

**John Mason**



**Sue Brooks  
wins the  
Shropshire  
WE**

**Photo  
courtesy of  
Sue Brooks**

**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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# NOMURA

**Caption  
Competition  
November**

send your entry to Editor

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**Caption  
Competition  
October**

*Editor's choice*

*'A sabreur expresses surprise at being invited to join the Diplomatic Service!'*

**Paul Brenda**

*'A last minute supplier of hot air to the world record breaking high altitude jump project!'*

**Anthony Silver**



**Photos by  
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