



WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP SUCCESS

IN AUSTRALIA FOR GB FENCERS



**Our 3 Golds and a Silver
Well done Jim, Robin, Jane and Tony
Photo: Frank Mills**



**Happiness is Bronze coloured!
Well done Silvia
Photo: Frank Mills**



**This says it all!!
Well Done Jane
Photo: Richard Bonehill**



**And so does this!!!! Well done Jim
Photo: Frank Mills**

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS 2007

RESULTS

Top three and all GB Placing

Men's Foil Cat 1(30)				Women's Foil Cat 1 (25)			
1	GALVAN	Maurizio	ITA	1	KNORR	Eva	GER
2	BARTLETT	Antony	GBR	2	OFFERLE	Judith	USA
3=	HIRUKAWA	Koichi	JPN	3=	CIRILLO	Gianna	ITA
3 ^F	MARECHAL	Didier	FRA	3=	STARKS-FAULKNER	Jennette	USA
22	FOX	Stephen	GBR	14	CLAYTON	Jane	GBR
25	SILVERMAN	Geoffrey	GBR	15	PHILBIN	Hilary	GBR
27	LOWEN	Paul	GBR	17	McNAMARA	Moya	GBR
				23	HARRIS	Kathleen	GBR
Men's Epée Cat 1(36)				Women's Epée Cat 1 (28)			
1	FISCHER	Volker	GER	1	MARTIN	Annick	FRA
2	DRAGONETTI	Walter	USA	2	AUBAILLY	Corinne	FRA
3=	LE LOUARN	Serge	FRA	3=	REGUIGNE	Patricia	FRA
3=	PIANCA	Giuliano	ITA	3=	STILL GONSALVES	Sally	USA
11	JOHNSON	Ralph	GBR	12	McNAMARA	Moya	GBR
16	POLLARD	Anton	GBR	17	HANNEY	Susan	GBR
21	STANBURY	Jonathan	GBR	24	PEARCE	Janice	GBR
34	BROOKS	Robert	GBR	28	HARRIS	Kathleen	GBR
Men's Sabre Cat 1 (26)				Women's Sabre Cat 1 (22)			
1	PHILBIN	James	GBR	1	HUTCHISON	Jane	GBR
2	KARDOLUS	Oscar	NED	2	AUBAILLY	Corinne	FRA
3=	NASEWICZ	Alfred	FRA	3=	BANDIERI	Claudia	ITA
3=	SCHERBAKOFF	Alex	AUS	3=	REGUIGNE	Patricia	FRA
12	ZITCER	Cary	GBR	6	PHILBIN	Hilary	GBR
15	BONEHILL	Richard	GBR	13	AGHAJAN	Gillian	GBR
19	PREVETT	Christopher	GBR				
Mens Foil Cat 2 (31)				Womens Foil Cat 2 (21)			
1	AFTANDILOV	Gari	RUS	1	PALM	Kerstin	SWE
2	KAWAGUCHI	Daizo	JPN	2	SOMEROJA	Marja-Liisa Tuulikki	FIN
3=	ADAMS	James	USA	3=	GREUNKE	Brigitte	GER
3=	DANGLLOT	Regis	FRA	3=	O'LEARY	Ellen	USA
5	SHEPPARD	Frederick	GBR	5	NORRIE	Lynda	GBR
10	FARE	Malcolm	GBR	13	EARL	Silvia	GBR
20	COMPTON	Michael	GBR	18	ADAM	Constance	GBR
24	MILLS	Frank	GBR	20	DIXON	Carole	GBR
Men's Epée Cat 2(35)				Women's Epée Cat 2 (22)			
1	DAVENPORT	Robin	GBR	1	SOMEROJA	Marja-Liisa	FIN
2	KOPSCH	Frieder	GER	2	KALLUS	Diane	USA
3=	MODZOLEVSKI	Viktor	RUS	3=	GREUNKE	Brigitte	GER
3=	SEXTON III	Ray	USA	3=	SHINKI	Masako	JPN
29	PILKINGTON	James	GBR	10	BROWN	Sylvia	GBR
30	FARE	Malcolm	GBR	13	EARL	Silvia	GBR
33	TURNER	Duncan	GBR	15	SEHEULT	Carole	GBR
				19	ADAM	Constance	GBR
Men's Sabre Cat 2 (23)				Women's Sabre Cat 2 (16)			
1	APOSTOL	Paul	USA	1	GREUNKE	Brigitte	GER
2	BOITE	Patrick	FRA	2	LANGTON	Marguerite	RSA
3=	KOVACS	Alexander	USA	3=	EARL	Silvia	GBR
3=	NETTINGSMEYER	Wolf	GER	3=	O'LEARY	Ellen	USA
6	COMPTON	Michael	GBR	6	ADAM	Constance	GBR
8	BARDELL	Anthony	GBR	7	BROWN	Sylvia	GBR
9	BARON	Peter	GBR	11	SHEPHERD-FOSTER	Patricia	GBR



Our very best supporters!!
 Kate and Jim Harris
 Well Done Kate....



Unknown Sabreur and the Olympic flame
 (OK flame at last...)

A Sydney Sounding

In dribs and drabs the GB Squad arrived at what must be one of the best venues in terms of the history of the Vets World Championships; The Sydney Olympic Park. It is still a vibrant centre for all sports with a large number of specialist arenas all contained within 30 acres some 50 minutes from the centre of the city.

Some had arrived a week or so before the championships and toured Australia, and some were delaying their tours until after the event, and yet others dropped in for a week before the 22 hour journey back.

You will have read about the GB Squad's achievement of three Golds, a Silver and a Bronze and there are inevitably many tales of "if only".

The fencing was extremely well organised and some innovations were noticeable like coloured mats around pistes (most helpful for finding your way to report 10 minutes before the off as we were required to do) and the quarter boards showing not only who was fencing who in the DEs but also the times. This helped supporters plan their cheerleading admirably, and there was much to cheer.

Silvia Earl was the first to achieve a medal, a Bronze in Sabre, and this was an obvious inspiration for others.

Jim Philbin provided us with a fine display of classical Sabre in his final, and both Robin Davenport and Jane Hutchison looked invincible from the start in their march to the Gold.

Tony Bartlett came up against old hand and previous winner Galvan from Italy, and even Tony said afterwards that up to 6 all, he thought that he would win. Galvan pulled out every stop with his massively long and fast attacks however to take the Gold, but all praise to Tony who fenced him to the finish in an exciting final.

For those of us who didn't make history, it was summed up nicely by one of our fencers who said "You know, it's initially disappointing to have got knocked out, but when you think about it, even if you're placed at the bottom, you've fenced well enough to be selected by your country to represent them, and there will be hundreds in each country who will be more disappointed in not having made it – and you still go away with a WORLD ranking"

Frank Mills



Robin's Final

MIDDLESEX UNISEX EPEE

So there we were, 15 veteran fencers standing around at 9.30am on a sunny Sunday morning making small talk with one another and looking as if we were waiting for the bus to take us on a day trip to Blackpool.

Well, not everyone was standing, Nigel Hinchliff had decided he wouldn't waste his energy and had retired to his car, seat in reclining position, waiting for the news. What news? Had the sports hall manager turned up yet to open the place? As organiser of the event, Hilary Arnold was un poco agitato as she had arranged for the hall to be opened at 9am in readiness for a 10am start.

At 10.15, with still no sign of the manager, Frank Mills and Hilary went off to try to persuade the security man to open up. Hooray, success! We finally gained entry at 10.30. The only problem now was that the switch for the lights was in the manager's office and that remained locked. But a lack of lighting wasn't going to stop us and we eventually got under way at 11am just as a young man turned up looking bewildered that his hall was occupied by old codgers in fencing kit.

The competition got under way as a poule unique with Jes Smith, Ian Worthington and Mike Bradbury the early leaders followed closely by Tim Schofield, David Hydes and Jim Philbin.

By the end of the second phase of fights only Ian Worthington remained undefeated and it was apparent that he would take some stopping. Enter Tony Bardell. A hard fight in which floor hits were causing Ian no

amount of frustration resulted in Tony inflicting Ian's first defeat of the day.

As we entered the final phase, Ian and Jim had one defeat each and were joined in mini poule by Bob Perry and Hilary. Ian proved too much of a handful for Bob and Jim defeated Hilary to set the scene for a last fight decider.

Could the mobile footwork of an ageing sabreur outmanoeuvre the more accurate and deadly point of an epeeist. The excitement was intense. Ian took an early lead but some quick exchanges saw Jim race to a 4-3 lead. Surely it was all over for Ian, the dancing sabreur couldn't possibly lose now. But no, Ian launched an attack that landed on the arm - a typical sneaky epee move. The scores were level and so to the deciding hit. Caution reigned for a few seconds as they each sparred to set up a winning hit. Then suddenly, with the roar of a wounded bear, Ian launched himself at Jim who reacted in the only way he could, closed his eyes, stuck his arm out and hoped. One light! The epeeist had won!

Hilary Arnold took the prize for best placed woman followed by a very youthful looking Ruth Shaw, Connie Adam and Dorinda Balchin.

As always, it was an enjoyable day's fencing and well organised by Hilary who took the problematic start to the day in her stride.

JP

1 Ian Worthington
2 Jim Philbin
3 Mike Bradbury
4 Jes Smith
5 Tim Schofield

6 David Hydes
7 Nigel Hinchliff
8 Iain Rugheimer
9 Frank Mills
10 Hilary Arnold

11 Bob Perry
12 Tony Bardell
13 Ruth Shaw
14 Connie Adam
15 Dorinda Balchin

Clare Halsted

As you may know Clare Halsted lost her husband Nick , who passed away on Saturday September 22nd.

Nick ,a former President of British Fencing, had been ill for some time .

On behalf of the membership the Committee send their condolences at this sad time.

'No flowers thank you but donations welcome to the National Hospital for Neurology and Neurosurgery or the Medical Foundation for the Victims of Torture, c/o Green Endings, 141 Fortess Road, London NW5 2HR.'

British Fencing Honours for the NVA

British Fencing Honours Committee has awarded honours to more NVA members. Bronze medals were awarded to Brian Speight for his voluntary work for British Fencing and Richard Bonehill for his coaching and leadership in Cornwall.

Very well deserved and well done to both Brian and Richard. We are very lucky that they are in the NVA. Ed.



NVA members results for September

WELL DONE: WELL DONE: WELL DONE: WELL DONE

ESSEX OPEN	WF (72)
	13 Gillian Worman
	ME(129)
	=6 Howard West
	13 Robin Davenport
HAMLET OPEN SABRE	WS (51)
	13 Jane Hutchison
	18 Jenny Morris

FENDUKO...Solution

The first ever Fenduko From an original idea by Linda Lawes!
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A	R	F	S	E	O	B	I	L
B	S	I	F	R	L	A	E	O
E	O	L	I	B	A	S	F	R
L	A	O	E	I	S	R	B	F
R	I	E	O	F	B	L	S	A
S	F	B	A	L	R	I	O	E
F	B	S	L	A	E	O	R	I
I	L	R	B	O	F	E	A	S
O	E	A	R	S	I	F	L	B

Weapon Control Lessons learnt

There were as usual a few problems for the competitors during weapon control at the World Championships in Sydney.

Blade Length

There were problems for some competitors but not, as far as I am aware for any of the GBR squad, regarding length of blades at Foil and Epée.

The problems stemmed from one or two situations, the first concerns the guards and the second involves the point barrels.

Some weapons are set up for use of a guard without a reinforcing plate attached on the outside where the blade passes through it. The rules state that the length of the blade is measured from the curved surface of the guard where the blade passes through it to the tip of the button. Anything in front of the guard is deemed to be part of the blade. If an unreinforced guard is substituted by a reinforced model then the effective blade length is increased by the thickness of the reinforcing plate. This may be enough to cause the weapon to fail equipment control on blade length.

The second problem might occur when a different point barrel is fixed to a blade. From time to time and between manufacturers the length of point barrels changes or has changed. It is possible that when a barrel designed for a particular blade is replaced by a barrel that is longer than the original the weapon blade may fail the control test on blade length.

Obviously a combination of the two above scenarios will be additive. A simple check using a good quality steel rule to ensure that the length of the blade from the curved part of the guard where the blade passes through, (measured from behind any reinforcing plate), to the tip of the point is within the rules, i.e. at both Foil and Epée the maximum blade length permitted is 90cm, would save embarrassment and rejection by weapon control.

Bodywires

Several of the British contingent suffered rejection of bodywires due to high resistance caused by corrosion and or loose screws. A simple check of screw tightness could have avoided these rejections. The more serious failures were because the A line, (the single core wire connecting the three pin plug and the crocodile clip) of foil and sabre bodywires were too short. The A line wire, not including the plug or the crocodile clip, should be a minimum of 40cm and must be soldered to the crocodile clip.

The equipment rules apply to all competitions and it is essential that fencers, or some competent person, carry out the simple checks before an event so that frustration and panic is avoided.

Dave Sweeney

September CAPTION COMPETITION ENTRIES

Jane's first attempt at water divining gets off to a shaky start.

Richard told me I would be World champion, if only I could get this spell right.....

Malcolm: "Take one of these green pills daily, Jane, and you too will come to drive like me.

That's right, Jane, you distract them with your magic tricks whilst I hide the cashbox.

Jane uses her homemade slide rule to show just how much fun accountancy really can be.

Editor's Favourite

Members of the Green Party, meeting in one of the oldest natural woodlands in Europe, were enthralled by Jane's knowledgeable demonstration of the wide range of useless objects that can be made from old trees.

Paul Brenda



NATIONAL COLOUR RIBBONS

There appears to be some confusion caused by information sent out to 2007 World Veterans Championship squad members concerning the GBR ribbons.

Allstar Ullman have assured me that the ribbons they supply conform to the FIE registered design and are virtually indistinguishable from other approved suppliers products.

I apologies to all concerned for any confusion that information I sent to Squad members may have caused.

David Sweeney

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2007



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AND FENCING

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Saturday DECEMBER 1

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VETS CHRISTMAS 2007 MENU

SATURDAY 1st December 2007

Starter

- Cream of Parsnip and Apple Soup
Salmon and Haddock Parfait served with Capers and Lemon Dressing
Fan of Melon, garnished with Fresh Passion Fruit Coulis

Main Menu Choices

- Traditional Roast Cheshire Turkey with Chestnut and Cranberry Stuffing
Sirloin of Beef with a Fricassee of Wild Mushrooms, Shallot and Red Wine Sauce
Supreme of Salmon with a Red Pepper and Spring Onion Salsa
Creamed Artichoke and Shallot Tartlet, glazed with Emmental Cheese

Dessert

- Traditional Christmas Pudding served with a Rum Sauce
Baileys Cheesecake, Irish Liqueur Cream and Chocolate Sauce
Citrus Tart served with a Strawberry and Mint Salsa

Freshly Brewed Coffee or Tea with Mince Pies

Please reserve places at Dinner @ £35 per person
I have marked the menu choices with a tick for each diner

I wish to take part in the Fun Fencing Competition
£5 for ANY number of weapons. Please indicate which weapons you will fence.
Foil Epée Sabre

Please send full payment for dinner and fencing (cheques payable to NVA)

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Guest Name _____

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