

NVA News



Ralph Johnson scores a hit on Bjerch-Andresen in the final

Richard Cohen and Jane Hutchison- Our GOLD medal Winners



Gari Aftandilov-
Russian TRIPLE Gold Medalist



A demonstration of wheelchair fencing during the opening ceremony



Arturo De Bartolomeis celebrates Italian style when he wins the last hit on his way to the quarterfinals

Photos from the 2009 Veterans World Championships in Russia

Photos from <http://www.veteransfencing2009.ru>

November 2009

November 1st Middlesex Epee - Still time to enter - space available

Entry forms on the web or ring Hilary Arnold

November 21st Christmas Dinner and Fencing

NEW FUN FENCING FORMAT see inside

Great Britain Fencers grab second place at the 2009 World Championships in Moscow

Great Britain Fencers took second place in the World Veterans Fencing Championships in Moscow. Gold medal winners Jane Hutchison and Richard Cohen, Silver medallists Kate Smith and Ralph Johnson and Bronze medal winners Janet Cooksey, Vivien Frith and John Troiano beat the USA into 3rd place in the Championship Medal Table.

This year, for the first time, there was a Category C event at all three weapons for Men of 70 years of age and over.

After some anxiety over whether entry visas would arrive in time, the Great Britain Squad arrived in Moscow where 449 participants from 35 countries had collected for the 2009 World Individual Veterans Fencing Championships.



Parade of flags during opening ceremony

The first events were the Women's Foil and Men's Sabre Category A events followed by Women's Epée Category B and Men's Sabre Category C.

In the Women's Foil Jane Clayton and Sharon Nickless did not make the cut after the seeding round of pools. Jenny Morris was eliminated in the Last 16 and Caron Hale, ranked 4th in the quarterfinals, was eliminated before she could gain a medal position finishing a creditable 8th in her first World Championships. Chernova RUS beat Walters USA in the final to win the World Championships for the second consecutive time. Kennesey-Gasparin USA and Knorr GER won the Bronze medals.

All the GBR fencers survived the cut in the Men's Sabre Category A but Steve Fox and Chris Prevett were eliminated in the Last 32 stage. Unfortunately

Carl Morris and Barry Coulter met in the Last 16 and Carl was eliminated. Barry progressed to the Last 8 where he was very unlucky to be eliminated finishing 7th. The hot favourite Etopolski BUL won Gold, Antinoro ITA won Silver and Jacobson and Tass, both of the USA, won the Bronze medals.

The Women's Category B Epée event saw Silvia Earl not making the cut and Sylvia Brown, Kate Elvin and Janet Cooksey being eliminated in the Last 16. In the Final ex World Champion Demaille FRA could not find a way round the defence of Gardini ITA and had to settle for the Silver medal. The Bronze medals were won by Martin FRA and Someroja FIN.

In the Men's Category C Sabre Dennis Hunt failed to make the cut after the seeding round. Jim Pilkington was eliminated by Mark Cwynarski in the first round of DE. Alan Ault and Mark were eliminated in the Last 8 finishing 6th and 8th respectively. Aftandilov RUS won Gold, Nettingsmeyer GER won Silver and Cappelli ITA and Gerendas GER took the Bronze medals.

On the second day of the championships, in the Men's Category B Foil, John Norrie did not make the cut. Both Frank Mills and Peter Baron were eliminated at the Last 32 stage. GB's hopes for a medal were dashed when Graham Paul was eliminated at the Last 16 Stage. De Bartolomeis ITA and Steffen won Bronze medals while Nakajima JPN won Gold from his countryman Ide JPN in the final.

In the Men's Category A Epée all of our fencers made it through the cut. John Hyde was eliminated in first round of DE. Jonathan Stanbury, Rob Brooks and Neal Mallett were all eliminated in the Last 32. Dragonetti USA won Gold, Tishko UKR won Silver and the Bronze medals were won by Kluge GER and Zagorsky UKR.

The Women's Category B Sabre event saw all of our fencers safely through the cut. Sylvia Brown was eliminated from the Last 16 while Maggie Myers, Silvia Earl and Vivien Frith made it through to the Last 8. Only Vivien made it through to the last four where she won a Bronze medal, her first World Championship medal and the first for GBR in the Championships. The other Bronze was won by Gardini ITA. Langton RSA won the Gold medal for the third successive year and O'Leary USA won the Silver medal.

Category B Women's Sabre medal winners left to right O'Leary (Silver), Langton (Gold), Frith and Gardini (Bronze)



Someroja FIN won the other Bronze. Palm SWE won Gold and Arskaya RUS won the Silver.

Next it was the turn of the Men's Category B Sabre and all of our fencers progressed to the direct elimination stage. Michael Compton was eliminated in the Last 32 stage, Andy Bornemisza was eliminated in the Last 16 and Richard Cohen and Richard Bonehill fought their way through to the Last 8. Bonehill was eliminated finishing 6th but Cohen won through to the final. All of GBR's hope was on Richard for our first Gold of the Championships and, in what turned out to be an exhibition match, Richard easily won through to take the Gold. Panon FRA won the Silver and Filippi ITA and Sexton USA won the two Bronze medals.



Men's Category B Sabre medal winners left to right Panon (Silver), Cohen (Gold), Filipi and Sexton (Bronze)

Dennis Ward just failed to make the cut in the Men's Foil Category C event. Alan Ault was eliminated in the Last 16 and Jim Pilkington was eliminated from the Last 8. In the Final Aftandilov RUS won the Gold and Fisher GER the Silver. The Bronze medals were won by Chang USA and Kamuti HUN.

The third day started with Women's Category A Epée and Women's Category B Foil. In the Women's Epée Lynne Bornemisza and Jane Clayton did not make the cut. Jenny Morris was eliminated from the Last 32 but Kate Smith fought her way to the final beating her nemesis Aubailly in the semi-final. The final was closely fought but Kate had to settle for the Silver medal with Chernova RUS winning the Gold. Aubailly FRA and Stoiber GER won the Bronze medals.



Women's Category A Epée medal winners - left to right Smith (Silver), Chernova (Gold), Stoiber and Aubailly (Bronze)

Edmund Gray did not make the cut in the Category C Men's Epée. Jim Pilkington was eliminated in the Last 32 and Nigel Hinchliff and Alan Ault eliminated from the Last 16. Aftandilov RUS won Gold making a clean sweep of all three weapons. Chouviat FRA won Silver and Fisher GER and Kilberth GER won the two Bronze medals.

The GBR squad had high expectations of winning medals on the final day of the championships. All of our fencers made it through the cut in the Men's Category A Foil. Paul Lowen and Steve Fox went out in the Last 32 but Paul Sibert and John Troiano fought through to the Last 8. Paul finished 7th however John won a Bronze medal in the semifinal. Blaschka AUT won the Gold and Galvan ITA the Silver. Lecuyer FRA won the second Bronze medal.

In the Women's Foil Silvia Earl and Lynda Norrie failed to make the cut. Maggie Myers was eliminated in the Last 16 but Janet Cooksey fought her way through to the semi-finals where she won a Bronze medal.



Men's Foil Category A medal winners- left to right Galvan (Silver), Blaschka (Gold), Troiano and Lecuyer (Bronze)

In the Men's Category B Epée all of our fencers made the cut. Stephen Higginson went out in the Last 64, Chris Green in the Last 32 and Graham Paul in the Last 16. Ralph Johnson battled his way to the final where he faced Bjerch-Andersen NOR. Ralph made a slow start and the Norwegian pulled out a lead with several well timed hits to Ralph's arm. A couple of lightning flèche attacks against Ralph put him under pressure and he was finally beaten into the Silver medal position. The two Bronze medals were won by Cochrane USA and Fedorov RUS.



Men's Category B Epée medal winners left to right Johnson (Silver), Bjerch-Andersen (Gold), Cochrane and Fedorov (Bronze)

The final event of the championships was the Women's Category A sabre. All of our fencers made it to the direct elimination stage. Unfortunately Lynne Bornemisza met Jenny Morris in the Last 32 and Lynne was eliminated. Jenny and Sue Benney progressed to the Last 16 where they both lost their bouts. Jane Hutchison fought her way through to the Final to meet Turner USA. Jane immediately took the initiative, demoralising Turner with her lightning

fast attacks mixed with well timed stop cuts and riposts, and won the Gold medal with relative ease. The Bronze medals were won by Belkina RUS and Rizhkova RUS.

Overall the championships were a success for Great Britain's fencers who finished second to Russia in the Championships medal table.

Our referees, Ian Hunter and Matt Haynes, worked hard during the championships and were a credit to the GBR squad. The overall rankings of each of our fencers is given in the table below. The full ranking lists and a collection of excellent photos from the championships can be seen at

<http://www.veteransfencing2009.ru>

Dave Sweeney



Women's Category A Sabre medal winners left to right Turner (Silver), Hutchison (Gold), Belkina and Rizhkova (Bronze)

WORLDS MEDAL TABLE

	Gold	Silver	Bronze
1. Russia	5	1	3
2. Great Britain	2	2	3
3. USA	1	3	6
4. Italy	1	2	4
5. Japan	1	1	0
=6. Austria	1	0	0
=6. Bulgaria	1	0	0
=6. Norway	1	0	0
=6. South Africa	1	0	0
=6. Sweden	1	0	0
11. France	0	3	3
12. Germany	0	2	7
13. Ukraine	0	1	1
14. Finland	0	0	2
15. Hungary	0	0	1

GBR Squad Overall Rankings

Men's Foil
 =3 John Troiano
 7 Paul Sibert
 20 Steve Fox
 28 Paul Lowen

Men's Foil
 9 Graham Paul
 22 Peter Baron
 28 Frank Mills
 34 John Norrie

Men's Foil
 8 Jim Pilkington
 10 Alan Ault
 13 Dennis Ward

Women's Foil
 8 Caron Hale
 14 Jenny Morris
 26 Jane Clayton
 29 Sharon Nickless

Women's Foil
 =3 Janet Cooksey
 11 Maggie Myers
 26 Silvia Earl
 29 Lynda Norrie

Category A (50-59yrs)

Men's Epée
 18 Neal Mallett
 20 Rob Brooks
 31 Jonathan Stanbury
 33 John Hyde

Category B (60-69yrs)

Men's Epée
 2 Ralph Johnson
 12 Graham Paul
 22 Chris Green
 35 Steve Higginson

Category C (70yrs+)

Men's Epée
 14 Nigel Hinchliff
 15 Alan Ault
 19 Jim Pilkington
 21 Edmund Gray

Category A (50-59yrs)

Women's Epée
 2 Kate Smith
 22 Jenny Morris
 30 Lynne Bornemisza
 30 Jane Clayton

Category B (60yrs+)

Women's Epée
 10 Janet Cooksey
 12 Kate Elvin
 16 Sylvia Brown
 23 Silvia Earl

Men's Sabre
 7 Barry Coulter
 10 Carl Morris
 19 Chris Prevett
 23 Steve Fox

Men's Sabre
 1 Richard Cohen
 6 Richard Bonehill
 13 Andy Bornemisza
 18 Michael Compton

Men's Sabre
 6 Alan Ault
 8 Mark Cwynarski
 9 Jim Pilkington
 11 Dennis Hunt

Women's Sabre
 1 Jane Hutchison
 11 Sue Benney
 15 Jenny Morris
 19 Lynne Bornemisza

Women's Sabre
 =3 Viv Frith
 5 Silvia Earl
 8 Maggie Myers
 11 Sylvia Brown



Jane Hutchison jumps for joy after retaining her World Championship title



NOTABLES: WELL DONE

Shropshire Open - 26/9/2009

MF (40)	3	Austen ROSE
ME (75)	11	John CHALMERS
	17	Anton POLLARD
	21	Ian BRIGGS
	26	Anthony KLENCZAR
	30	Max TELFER
	36	Denis CALLANAN
MS (34)	10	Julian GHOSH
	16	Andy PEARSON
WF (23)	3	Dawn TOWNSEND
	5	Kati ARCHER
WS (19)	8	Michele NAREY
	9	Monica GILMORE

Hamlet Open Sabre - 13/9/2009

MS (127)	47	Richard COHEN
WS (74)	15	Jane HUTCHISON

Bristol Open - 19/9/2009

MF (112)	30	Austen ROSE
	38	Tim MILES
	46	Paul SIBERT
ME (177)	16	John CHALMERS
	47	Howard WEST
	66	Keith BARNETT
	70	Rob BROOKS
	73	Hugo VERYZER
	83	Ralph JOHNSON
MS (100)	47	Andy BORNEMISZA
WF (65)	25	Caron HALE
WS (49)	10	Jane HUTCHISON

And Finally

another photo from Russia-

may just explain why some of our fencers did not do as well as they might !!

The caption I was sent for this photo was

Opium Den !!!!!

can you better this???





LEVI OPEN 30.-31.1.2010

The international and world's Northern most fencing tournament, Levi Open Arctic Challenge, will be held in Levi, Lapland now already for the 12th time! The competition has become a tradition to some international fencers, thanks to the exotic surroundings of Lapland and the vast possibilities of Levi.

The tournament is organized by Helsingin Miekkailijat Helsingfors Fäktare ry rf (the Helsinki Fencer's Association) in co-operation with Oulun Miekkailuseura and Rovaniemen Miekkailijat. Weapons are foil and epee. Best veteran fencers are rewarded. Welcome to fence!

The Competition venue is Hotel Levitunturi sporthall and SPA.

Timetable

Saturday 30 th January

at 9 am epee ladies, check in
9.30 Competition starts
13.30 epee men, check in
14.00 Competition starts
19.00 Fencer's dinner (optional).

Sunday 31 st January

at 9.30 foil men, check in
10.00 Competition starts
12.30 foil ladies, check in
13.00 Competition starts

Please send your applications by 21.1.2010 via e-mail: helsinginmiekkailijat@hotmail.com.
The competition fee is 15 € and should be paid, when you register on the competition day.

Travel and Accommodation

The return-flight by Finnair from Helsinki costs about 150-200 €, if you fly from Sunday to Wednesday. More info at www.finnair.fi. Blue1, www.blue1.fi, is also possible with about the same price. It is also possible to fly from Stockholm to Kittilä (KIT).

Hotel accommodation at Hotel Levitunturi:

3 days 270 € in single room, 150 €/ person in double room. 150 €/person in double room, 135 €/person in triple room (family room)

7 days 490 € single room, 315 €/person in double room, 280 €/person in triple room

Price per night per room includes breakfast, the use of David-Center, sauna- and spa facilities plus entrance to the hotel's dancing restaurants.

Reservations:

Hotelli Levitunturi / Spa Hotel Levitunturi

Myyntipalvelu / Sales office

Tel +358 16 646 200, Fax +35816646660, hotelli.levitunturi@levi.fi

Reservation code : Levi Open

Or new Sokos Hotel Levi in Levi center. www.sokoshotels.fi

85 €/day single or double room, including buffet breakfast and sauna in the evening, extra bed 20 €

95 €/day single or double room with sauna in the room, including buffet breakfast

Reservations directly to Sokos Hotel Levi from Monday-Friday 9-16.30 o'clock +35816-321555.

More details about Levi and other hotels at the area you can find on www.levi.fi and you could also look at sites www.kittilajournal.com.

The director of the competition will be Marja-Liisa Someroja mobile +358 405559564

We look forward seeing you in Levi!



'Love fencing!' tournament on veteran foil and épée www.jaf.dk

November 14th and 15th 2009

Jysk Akademisk Fægteklub, JAF, hereby has the pleasure to invite you to the JAF Jubilee Tournament held in Aarhus, Denmark. The senior Men's and senior Women's épée competitions are part of the Nordic FIE Satellite Tournament, Coupe du Nord.

Venue: Frederiksbjerg-hallerne, F. Vestergaards Gade 5, 8000 Århus C
Organiser: Jysk Akademisk Fægteklub and the Danish Fencing Federation

Schedule: Saturday November 14th

Men's épée (senior): FIE Satellite Tournament – last call 9.30 and start 10.00

Veteran's 40-49, 50-59, 60-69 and 70+ foil – last call 13.00 and start 13.30

Veteran's 40-49, 50-59, 60-69 and 70+ épée – last call 14.00 and start 14.30

Friendship night at Restaurant Cucos – start 20.00

Registration has to be done one hour before start.

Regulations: For the senior épée competitions the official rules for FIE Satellite Tournaments apply. For the other tournaments FIE rules with Danish modifications apply.

Prizes: Senior épée and foil: 1st 100 €, 2nd 50 € and 3rd 25 €.

Entry: All other entries have to be made using the online registration on www.jaf.dk no later than the 10th of November 2009.

Veteran (40-49, 50-59, 60-69 and 70+) foil and épée competitions:
One round of poules with no elimination. Everybody to direct elimination.

Fee: Cadet / junior / veteran tournaments: 15 € / 100 DKK.

Equipment: FIE 800 newton jackets and breeches (knickers) and FIE 800 newton plastrons must be worn. Masks 1600 newton. FIE blades mandatory for the senior épée competitions.

Referees: Senior épée competitions: As per FIE rules

Other competitions: 1-3 fencers = 0 referee

4-7 fencers = 1 referee through out the day

8-11 fencers = 2 referees through out the day

12-16 fencers = 3 referees through out the day

17 or more = 4 referees through out the day

For every 4 fencers entered in the other competitions each club must provide a referee for a whole day or pay 100 € / 750 DKK.

Please subscribe the referees on the website, using the online registration on www.jaf.dk no later than the 10th of November 2009.

Weapon control Weapon control will be carried out.

Doping control: Doping control will take place in the senior épée competitions.

Venue site: The fencing venue is situated close to the train station (map enclosed last page). It will be possible to buy food and beverages.

Friendship night: We hope you will join us on friendship night celebrating the JAF Jubilee Tournament.

Friendship night will take place at Restaurant Cucos, a nice restaurant. Please subscribe for the friendship night on the website if participating.

www.jaf.dk for all details

Gérard Lapouge

It is with deep regret that I report the death of our veteran fencing friend Gérard Lapouge from France

Gérard was who was a triple Veterans World Champion, died at the age of 68 shortly after an accident and being totally paralysed. Those of us who knew him will remember his passion for veterans fencing at National, European and World level. His enthusiasm and sense of humour, both on and off the piste, will surely be missed.

Our thoughts go out to his family and friends in France and around the world.

David Sweeney
President EVFC



Gérard above in 2007- Bonn cutting the tops off Champagne bottles with his sabre!

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VETERANS MIXED TEAM COMPETITION AND CHRISTMAS DINNER NEW FORMAT

Saturday 21st November
The Mercure Holland House Hotel and Spa
Redcliff Hill, Bristol, BS1 6SQ

The Veterans Festive Season event will be held in Bristol and will have a NEW format this year, as usual fencing will take place in the same hotel as the dinner.

Fencing will be for mixed teams of men and women. Entries are invited from any mixed team of 3, one member at Foil, one member at Epée and the final team member at Sabre. If you would like to compete, but cannot form a whole team please apply to be placed, with others, in adhoc teams.

Venue

The Bristol Mercure Holland House Hotel has an enviable location with views across the city centre and the harbour. It is situated in the city centre, walking distance of the Old City and Market, the bustling harbour-side, the Bristol Mall and Cabot Circus shopping centres, ideal for Christmas shopping, and Bristol Temple Meads railway station. The hotel has a fitness suite, a swimming pool and Spa Naturel. For our female guests the hotel is offering a 20% discount on all pre-booked treatments in their Vital Spa. For details use this link

<http://www.mercure-uk.com/spa-naturel/holland-house-hotel-spa-bristol>

Fencing format

There will be a first round of pools at each weapon to determine seeding. The pools will be to 5 hits in 2 minutes and will be fought at each weapon simultaneously. The ranking, after the pools, of each member of nominated teams will be added together. The team with the lowest total score will be ranked 1st, the second lowest will be ranked 2nd etc.

The teams will then fence off, using the relay system, in a Direct Elimination Tableau to determine the winning team. The order of bouts will be decided before each match by the throw of a dice.

Prizes

There will be prizes for the best individual weapon from the pools and for the winning team.

Check-in 09:30 am

Start Time – 09:45 am

Entry Fee - £5.00 per person

Closing date – 9th November 2009

Christmas Dinner

There will be a 3 course dinner and disco in the Forest Suite at the Hotel Mercure Holland House Hotel starting at 7:30pm for 8:00pm. The cost is £35.00. Dress code is Black Tie Optional or Lounge Suit. Please make your menu selections on the attached entry form.

Accommodation

A special accommodation deal has been negotiated with the Mercure Holland House Hotel at £69 per room (single, twin or double) on a bed & breakfast basis. The rooms will be held at this rate for our event until 1st November. Please telephone the hotel directly on 0117 9689 900 to make your reservation and quote “National Veterans Fencing” to obtain the special rate.

Car Parking

There is onsite parking at a cost of £5.00 per 24 hrs. There is limited on-street parking to the rear of the hotel.

Travel directions

From the M4 - exit at Junction 19 towards M32 Bristol. Continue for approximately 3 miles, follow the A4032 (Newfoundland Street) towards the City Centre, turn left into A4044 (Temple Way), turn right at the A4 (Temple Gate) then onto the A370 (York Road). At the roundabout, take the fourth exit to the A38 and Redcliffe Hill.

Hotel Web site

<http://www.mercure.com/gb/hotel-6698-mercure-holland-house-hotel-spa-bristol/index.shtml>

Entries

Please send entries & dinner reservations to:

Peter Baron 1 Sandringham Road, STOURBRIDGE, DY8 5HN. or email nva@baronfencing.plus.com.

Cheques should be made payable to NVA. Payment may also be electronically to the NVA account

Account Name: NVA, Sort Code 52-30-31, Account Number 6585 1765

2009 MIXED TEAM COMPETITION ENTRY FORM

I wish to take part in the 2009 Mixed Team Competition on **Saturday 21st November 2009**

Team Name	Mixed teams Men and Women Team Members Are	
One team member at FOIL :		
One team member at EPEE:		
One team member at SABRE:		
I am not in a team and would like to placed in an adhoc team		Weapon fenced:
	Entry Fee £5 per person	

2009 Christmas Dinner Reservation and Menu Choice

Please reserve _____ places for me at the Festive Dinner at £35.00 per person

My menu selections are given below

I enclose a cheque made payable to "NVA"/will pay the NVA electronically for _____ Total amount due

Account Name: NVA, Sort Code 52-30-31, Account Number 6585 1765

Name _____ Date _____

Name of Guest _____

Menu Selections

Starters	Member	Guest
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Honey roast parsnip & thyme soup

Smoked salmon & monkfish terrine with champagne dressing

Mosaic of chicken & oyster mushroom with red onion marmalade

Main Courses

Traditional carved black feather turkey with chestnut stuffing, chipolatas, cranberry jus

Pan seared salmon on potato cake, tomato, olive & lemon oil

Caramelised red onion, wild mushroom, brie & red current tart

Desserts

Traditional Christmas pudding with brandy cream

Passion fruit & dark chocolate délice with berry syrup

Selection of British cheeses

To finish coffee or tea with fruit mince pies