

GBR brings home the bling from Poreč!



Richard Bonehill flies the flag!
Gold Medallist MS 60-69

Photos by Gillian Aghajan

World Championships Medal Winners

Gold

Richard Bonehill	MS	60-69
Janet Cooksey	WE	70+
Janet Cooksey	WF	70+
Graham Paul	MF	60-69

Bronze

Janet Cooksey	WS	70+
Kate Elvin	WE	60-69
Steve Fox	MF	60-69
Clare Halsted	WF	60-69
Jane Hutchison	WS	50-59



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Chairman's letter

Dear Members,

I am sure that you will join me in congratulating our GB Vets Team for their excellent performance in the Veterans World Championships in Porec, Croatia earlier this month.

I understand that the competition is getting much tougher from other countries, so to achieve 2nd place in the overall medal tables was an achievement indeed, as were the individual results that gave us such success through the 4 World Championship Gold Medals and 5 Bronze medals.

Reports back from Australia on the Commonwealth Games have said how good the event and hospitality was and congratulations go to those with such good Veteran results for the Home Countries.

Our Life President, Henry de Silva, with whom I spoke on his return to the UK, informed me that he was personally very pleased to have won 2 Gold Medals .

The next Veteran's event is the Unisex Epee at the end of October, and there is still time to enter.

Do go to the website www.veterans-fencing.co.uk for details.

Yours sincerely

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Chairman



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BVF CALENDAR 2010

Oct 31	Middlesex Epée - details in September newsletter and on the website
Nov 27	Xmas dinner and fencing

World Championships Poreč – Croatia

Table of Medals

Order	Country	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
1	RUS	4	2	2	8
2	GBR	4	0	5	9
3	ITA	3	1	4	8
4	USA	2	5	4	11
5	FRA	1	3	6	10
6	UKR	1	1	0	2
7	AUS	1	0	0	1
7	SUI	1	0	0	1
7	SWE	1	0	0	1
10	GER	0	3	8	11
11	JPN	0	1	3	4
12	CAN	0	1	0	1
12	DEN	0	1	0	1
14	BUL	0	0	1	1
14	HUN	0	0	1	1
14	LAT	0	0	1	1
14	RSA	0	0	1	1
TOTAL		18	18	36	72



**Photos
by Editor**



World Championships Individual Results

Men's Épée 50-59 (50)

- 1 SOKOLOV Volodymyr UKR
- 2 TYSHKO Mykhaylo UKR
- 3 DOROSSENKO Andrejs LAT
- 3 SICOT Bertand FRA
- 11 STEINBERG Stephen GBR
- 18 MALLETT Neal GBR
- 40 POLLARD Anton GBR
- 50 VERYZER Hugo GBR

Men's Épée 60-69 (50)

- 1 FEDOROV Nikolay RUS
- 2 FRIIS Peter DEN
- 3 ECHE Regis FRA
- 3 HOTTIER Patrice FRA
- 12 BURR Lawrence GBR
- 21 JOHNSON Ralph GBR
- 24 DAVENPORT Robin GBR
- 25 PAUL Graham GBR

Men's Épée 70+ (32)

- 1 BUCHER Peter SUI
- 2 ADAMS James USA
- 3 BOSCHETTO Roberto ITA
- 3 CAMPE Kazimieras USA
- 6 PHELPS Robert GBR
- 21 PILKINGTON James GBR
- 24 GRAY Edmund GBR
- 27 HINCHLIFF Nigel GBR

Men's Foil 50-59 (46)

- 1 GALVAN Maurizio ITA
- 2 LECUYER Francois FRA
- 3 ROYER Bruno FRA
- 3 YAMAZAKI Yutaka JPN
- 10 BARTLETT Anthony GBR
- 13 TROIANO John GBR
- 34 KING Corsini GBR
- 37 SAGE Richard

Men's Foil 60-69 (40)

- 1 PAUL Graham GBR
- 2 KAWAGUCHI Daizo JPN
- 3 FOX Stephen GBR
- 3 NAKAJIMA Isao JPN
- 7 CAUSTON Brian GBR
- 19 FARE Malcolm GBR

Men's Foil 70+ (17)

- 1 AFTANDILOV Gari RUS
- 2 MIERNIK Marcel USA
- 3 FISCHER Wolfgang GER
- 3 KAMUTI Jeno HUN
- 11 PILKINGTON James GBR
- 12 WARD Dennis GBR
- 15 AULT Alan GBR
- 17 GRAY Edmund GBR

Men's Sabre 50-59 (39)

- 1 CARRARA Vittorio ITA
- 2 ANTHONY JR. Anthony USA
- 3 ANTINORO Enrico ITA
- 3 PREIS Paul GER
- 14 PREVETT Christopher GBR
- 16 COULTER Barry GBR
- 24 MORRIS Carl GBR
- 28 SILVER Anthony GBR

Men's Sabre 60-69 (31)

- 1 BONEHILL Richard GBR
- 2 SEXTON III Ray USA
- 3 CARMINA Riccardo ITA
- 3 FILIPPI Fabrizio ITA
- 7 CAWTON Malcom GBR
- 15 BORNEMISZA Andrej GBR
- 17 BARON Peter GBR

Men's Sabre 70+ (21)

- 1 AFTANDILOV Gari RUS
- 2 FINE Marvin CAN
- 3 NETTINGSMEYER Wolf GER
- 3 SPIRIDONOV Jheko BUL
- 7 AULT Alan GBR
- 11 PILKINGTON James GBR
- 16 CWYNARSKI Mark GBR
- 21 PERRY Robert GBR

World Championships Individual Results

Women's Épée 50-59 (44)

- 1 WILKS Victoria AUS
- 2 AUBAILLY Corinne FRA
- 3 BOSCO Marianne USA
- 3 ZHDANOVA Tatiana RUS
- 6 SMITH Kate GBR
- 18 MORRIS Jenny GBR
- 26 HALE Caron GBR
- 28 CLAYTON Jane GBR

Women's Épée 60-69 (29)

- 1 DEMAILLE Marie Chantal FRA
- 2 GARDINI Iris ITA
- 3 ELVIN Kate GBR
- 3 MAYOROVA Liubov RUS
- 6 HALDANE Fiona GBR
- 7 BEDROSIAN Patricia USA
- 9 EARL Silvia GBR
- 28 SILVERMAN Marish GBR

Women's Épée 70+ (12)

- 1 COOKSEY Janet GBR
- 2 PSHENICHKINA Galina RUS
- 3 KROTH Ellen GER
- 3 RICHTER Annemarie GER
- 5 BROWN Sylvia GBR
- 8 CORNWALL Ann GBR
- 12 ADAM Constance GBR

Women's Foil 50-59 (33)

- 1 CHERNOVA Liudmila RUS
- 2 WALTERS Anne-Marie USA
- 3 HILGERS Britta GER
- 3 VERHAVE Michelle USA
- 7 MORRIS Jenny GBR
- 23 WORMAN Gillian GBR
- 24 HALE Caron GBR
- 30 DE LARGE Kim GBR

Women's Foil 60-69 (29)

- 1 PALM Kerstin SWE
- 2 DEMAILLE Marie Chantal FRA
- 3 HALSTED Clare GBR
- 3 WILLARD Antoinette FRA
- 13 HARRIS Kate GBR
- 18 MYERS Margaret GBR
- 24 NORRIE Lynda GBR

Women's Foil 70+ (16)

- 1 COOKSEY Janet GBR
- 2 CREMER-SCHLEDE Eva GER
- 3 KIMATA Kuniko JPN
- 3 SARACINO Lia GER
- 5 BROWN Sylvia GBR
- 6 AUSTIN Diane GBR
- 8 CORNWALL Ann GBR

Women's Sabre 50-59 (29)

- 1 EYRE Jane USA
- 2 JANSHEN Friederike GER
- 3 HUTCHISON Jane GBR
- 3 REGUIGNE Patricia FRA
- 14 HALE Caron GBR
- 23 BENNEY Susan GBR
- 27 BORNEMISZA Lynne GBR

Women's Sabre 60-69 (21)

- 1 GARDINI Iris ITA
- 2 GREUNKE Brigitte GER
- 3 LANGTON Marguerite RSA
- 3 O'LEARY Ellen USA
- 5 MYERS Margaret GBR
- 9 FRITH Vivien GBR
- 11 EARL Silvia GBR
- 16 SHEPHERD-FOSTER Patricia GBR

Women's Sabre 70+ (10)

- 1 FELTY Louisa USA
- 2 TADZHIEVA Xeniya RUS
- 3 BUNN Irina GER
- 3 COOKSEY Janet GBR
- 5 ADAM Constance GBR
- 7 BROWN Sylvia GBR

Commonwealth Results

Men's Epée (35)

5	George Liston	SCO	Gold 50-59
10	Thomas Neal	WAL	
11	Niall Campbell	ENG	
15	Michael Thomas	ENG	
19	Bob Turner	WAL	
20	Michael Myer	ENG	
25	Paul Abrahams	ENG	
26	Mark Robertson	WAL	
28	Robert Streeter	ENG	
31	Roger Nickless	ENG	
32	Paul Gregory	GUE	
34	Henry de Silva	IOM	Gold 70+

Men's Epée Team (4)

3	ENG
4	WAL

Men's Foil (27)

3	Michael Thomas	ENG	
7	Paul Abrahams	ENG	
9	Steve Johnson	ENG	
12	Anthony Conyard	ENG	
15	Peter Howes	ENG	
17	Mark Robertson	WAL	
20	Paul Butler	WAL	
21	Henry de Silva	IOM	Gold 70+
22	Roger Nickless	ENG	
24	Paul Gregory	GUE	

Men's Foil Team (3)

3	ENG
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Men's Sabre (23)

1	Richard Cohen	NIR	Gold 60-69
3	Keith Rogerson	ENG	
5	Peter Howes	ENG	
7	Paul Abrahams	ENG	
8	Carl Moffat	ENG	
12	Steve Johnson	ENG	
16	Henry de Silva	IOM	
22	Paul Gregory	GUE	

Men's Sabre Team (2)

2	ENG
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Women's Epée (15)

3	Angela Findlay	ENG
6	Moya McNamara	ENG
10	Sandra Bottle	ENG
11	Wendy Batiste	GUE
15	Sharon Nickless	ENG

Women's Epée Team (2)

2	ENG
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Women's Foil (16)

6	Angela Findlay	ENG
7	Moya McNamara	ENG
9	Sharon Nickless	ENG
11	Vanessa Hendra	ENG
13	Wendy Batiste	GUE

Women's Sabre (5)

3	Vanessa Hendra	ENG
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Competition Results (top half)

Hamlet - 11/9/2010

WS (58)
6 Jane Hutchison

MS (113)
53 Julian Ghosh

Bristol Open - 18/9/2010

ME (135)
8 John Chalmers
29 Lawrence Burr
30 Robin Davenport
54 Niall Campbell

WF (42)
20 Caron Hale

WE (84)
35 Kate Smith

WS (37)
15 Jane Hutchison

Civil Service Fencing Championships -6/9/2010

Apologies to Moya for the error in
the last newsletter:

WF
1st Moya McNamara

Shropshire Open - 25/9/2010

MF (41)
2 Nick Stokes

ME (59)
3 Robin Davenport
12 Tim Pearce
16 Max Telfer
19 John Leahey
20 Darryl Hazlewood
26 Rob Phelps

MS (36)
12 Steve Potter
17 Michael Compton
18 Peter Baron

WF (17)
3 Liz Chinn
7 Kati Archer

WS (18)
5 Wednesday Jones
8 Michele Narey
9 Vivien Frith

Advalus Pro Sabre - 9/10/2010

WS (48)
19 Jane Hutchison

Message from Andrew Brown:

2010 World Championships fencing

Here are over 200 photos of the 2010 Veterans World Championships covering several days fencing and several fencers. They are best viewed as a fairly fast slide show as they are sequential photos. Each group tells its own story and shows the hope and ambitions of the fencers involved either achieved or dashed! Please share the links to any interested parties or add them to a web site.

The Greatest Match of all time?

When the French champion Lucien Gaudin met the brilliant Italian brothers Nedo and Aldo Nadi, there were always scores to settle. Gaudin, born in 1886, was thought by many to be the best foilist in the world. At the age of 25, he had defeated the 17-year-old prodigy Nedo Nadi, but a year later at the 1912 Olympic Games the French withdrew in protest at the exclusion of the upper sword arm as part of the target and Nadi won the gold medal.

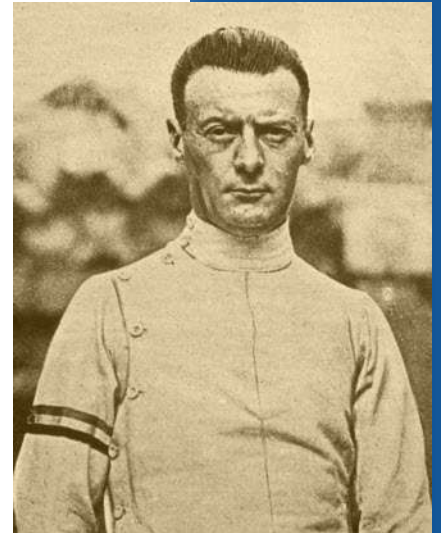
At the next Olympics in 1920, the Nadi brothers – Nedo and his 21-year-old younger brother Aldo – were the mainstay of the Italian foil team, inevitably facing the French in the final. Although Gaudin, then 34, beat Nedo and two of his teammates, he lost to Aldo and Italy won the match. In the preceding match against the Americans, Gaudin had been injured and he had to withdraw from the individual events. Nedo Nadi proceeded to set a record of victories that has never been equalled: five gold medals for the individual foil and sabre, and all three team events.

Anxious to capitalise on his success at the Games, Aldo Nadi wrote to Gaudin suggesting a return match of 20 hits in Paris. Gaudin agreed and on 30 January 1922 they met in the Cirque de Paris for a prize of 50,000 francs, 80% going to the winner and 20% to the loser. The meeting marked Nadi's debut as a professional, but Gaudin wished to retain his amateur status and donated his share to the French Fencing Federation.

Reporting for the Illustrated Sporting & Dramatic News, Leon Bertrand described the two protagonists: "Endowed with phenomenal qualities, Gaudin, who is a left-handed swordsman, possesses in the highest degree *doigté*. His play would seem positively somnolent – effortless. So perfect is the co-operation of hand and eye that the apparently sinuous attack entraps the opponent into a feeling of ephemeral security. There is an entire absence of ostentatious methods, and it takes the adversary and enthusiast to enjoy his subtlety.

Aldo Nadi is Gaudin's equal in finesse, but in every other respect he is the exact counterpart. A veritable firebrand in action, his attacks are delivered with wonderful impetuosity and with the requisite judgement of time. The predominant feature of his play which provokes especial comment is the astonishing speed of his footwork, and from the defensive point of view he seldom permits his opponent to approach within measurable hitting distance."

On the night of the encounter 7000 spectators filled the Cirque de Paris, some seats selling for up to 1000 francs, and more than 3000 people were turned away because there was no more room. Marshal Foch and several cabinet members were among the audience.



Lucien Gaudin



Aldo Nadi

President of the jury was Georges Trombert, with two French and Italian fencers as judges.

A crucial consideration was the target area. Prior to the 1920 Olympics the French had succeeded in making the upper sword arm part of the target if the arm was bent or shielding the body. In his autobiography, Nadi says he decided to keep his arm constantly extended throughout the fight, but he complained, "Every time I was touched... with my arm extended... I was considered hit. This infuriated me beyond words... I still hear after 34 years, Georges Trombert's voice proclaiming coldly, *Monsieur Nadi touché au bras.*" Moreover, Nadi's own advantage with the Italian foil (crossbar, ricasso and wrist strap) in executing actions on the blade was neutralised because a halt was called each time he disarmed Gaudin.

Bertrand called the event the greatest fencing match of modern times. The Daily Telegraph reported that Nadi fenced more like an epeeist than a foilist with sword arm extended and point in line. Most of his attacks were made with the fleche, but rarely succeeded because of Gaudin's rapid parry riposte. At the interval the Frenchman led 10-6. In the second half, fencing with increasing confidence and determination, Gaudin advanced steadily to victory, winning 20-11, but Jean Joseph Renaud noted that at least five hits arrived on Nadi's arm and Gaudin had an advantage at best of two or three hits. The match had lasted one hour and 20 minutes.

So outstanding a fencer was Gaudin that the French federation classified him *hors classe*, meaning that he did not need to qualify for any tournament, including the 1924 Olympics. This was to prove his undoing, as lack of competition led to his defeat in both foil and epee. Later that year, he met Aldo Nadi for the third time in an exhibition bout in Rome. Leo Nunes wrote in *American Fencing*, "The two great adversaries fenced superbly for about 15 minutes. Then the director asked for the last three touches... and Aldo had one of those superhuman moments. In quick succession, he scored all three touches against Gaudin, who called them in a loud voice as a tribute to the greatness of his opponent."

In the 1928 Olympics Lucien Gaudin, at the age of 41, finally won individual gold medals in foil and epee to crown a career that, but for the First World War and different problems in 1912 and 1920, might have been even more illustrious than it was. Aldo Nadi went on to defeat every world and Olympic champion at any weapon in exhibition matches until he ran out of opponents and retired in 1934.

Gaudin and the Nadi brothers dominated international fencing competition for nearly three decades. Their retirements brought to a close an era that has been called the golden age of fencing.



Gaudin (left) and Nadi (right) in their epic match in Paris

Photos courtesy of Malcolm Fare

Malcolm Fare

London Christmas Dinner

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- Christmas Pudding
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- Winter Berry Crumble

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Confirmation of bookings required by 1st November at the latest, meal choices 2 weeks prior - I will contact people on booking to sort dinner preferences.



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NB - we have a maximum of 40 places

Caption Competition October

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Photo by Editor

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



*Photo courtesy of
Malcolm Fare*

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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