

British Veterans Fencing



[open website](#)

Find us on Facebook



Membership to BVF is open to anyone who is passionate about fencing and is aged 40 or over on 31 December of the year of joining

Inside this issue:

- President's intro- 2
Bard's Bash
- Pilates for 3
fencers
Worlds selection
- European 4
Championships
- Fencer's profile 10
Lisa Drage
- New members 11
- EVF Fencer of 12
the Year
- Competition 13
results
- Training camp in 14
Hungary
- Truro Summer 16
camp
- Caption 18
competition



BVF Newsletter

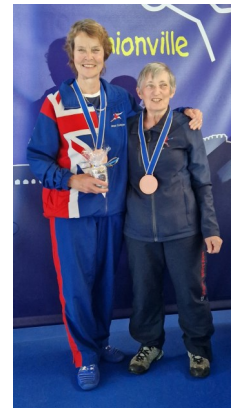
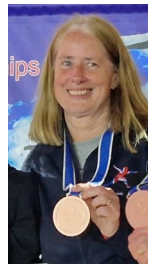
June 2023

Success in Thionville!

Our GBR squad returned from the European Veterans Individual Championships held in Thionville, France last month with a haul of 11 medals including 3 Gold, and a finish of 4th on the medal table.

Congratulations to all!

Report and results inside.



Being a Vet

Foilist, Lisa Drage, who has qualified to fence at the Veterans World Championships in Florida, writes about her challenges as a Veteran fencer.

Competition Results

See how BVF fencers have been doing at recent events, and who are EVF Fencer of the Year winners.

President's intro

Hi all

And welcome to the second newsletter of 2023.

Firstly a big thanks to Nicola our previous editor and Gillian who has offered to take over as editor helped by Luce and myself forming the editorial team. I hope you enjoy the new issues.

Lots of info and pics on our members' recent results in the European Championships in Thionville.

A great article from Lisa Drage demonstrating how success will come by setting goals and going for it.

You will see toward the end, courtesy of John Mason, that we are able to acknowledge our members' results in domestic senior events that, together with the European circuit events, we strongly encourage you to enter.

We are continuing with the New Members' introductions. Welcome to them and, from my perspective it's great to see some 'old' faces back.

And, by popular request, we've brought back the Caption Competition. Definitely my favourite page, unless I'm one of the victims, then it's not!

Finally can I congratulate all of our fencers who have been selected to represent us in the World Championships in Florida. It's quite a commitment and I know they will all be training hard to bring success to GBR. To assist with this the Committee has arranged a series of psychology seminars leading up to the event, in the anticipation that this, together with the physical training and a squad development session on the Friday before the Winton Cup, will help individual performances at all stages of the tournament. This is a brand new initiative and we have limited it to squad members only for this year but depending upon feedback we may be able to offer it more widely at a later stage – watch this space!

Enjoy

Carl
BVF President

Bard's Bash - 15th/16th July

Entry has opened for this brand new veterans' event for 2023.

This competition will be:

- Good value for money with a low entry fee and two rounds of poules (unless there is a huge entry!)
- Handicapped according to entry numbers and weapons to keep it super-competitive
- A chance to catch up with friends at an evening barbecue on the Saturday evening
- Fun!

[Full details >>>](#)

[Entry form >>>](#)

[See who has entered>>>](#)

[Change your entry >>>](#)



Pilates for Fencers

Beth Davidson, [Fencing@Home Founder](https://www.fencingathome.com/), has recently partnered up with Pilates teacher Victoria Enaut to provide online Pilates classes for fencers. Her classes are specifically designed to help fencers with good movement technique, increased range of movement and stability so as to help them with injury prevention and rehabilitation. Her next class will be held on Saturday, 15th July at 10:00am UK time and [booking is open](#).

Full details can be found here:

<https://veterans-fencing.co.uk/pilates-for-fencers/>

*“Fencers around the world
have been accessing these
classes via Zoom..”*



Veterans World Championship, Daytona Beach

After much anticipation, it has been announced by the FIE that the 2023 Veterans World Championships will go ahead in Daytona Beach, Florida.

Congratulations to all GBR fencers who have been selected. (Team selection tbc.)

GBR SQUAD FOR VETERANS WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS, DAYTONA 2023			
MF A	MCKAY Mike	MF B	TROIANO John
	PAYNE Nick		MEDHURST Michael
	MORT Nick		WEDGE Paul
	ELLISON Alexander		FIHOSY Nick
ME B	MACDONALD Leslie	ME C	BROOKS Robert
	ALLEN Gregory		OSBALDESTON William
	ELLISON Alexander		PAUL Graham
	BUZWELL Timothy		CAUSTON Brian
MS A	FLETCHER Nick	MS B	NICKLESS Roger
	SIMPSON Edward		GHOSH Julian
	SABA Shafik		PREVETT Chris
	THEROND Emmanuel		DAWKINS Jonathan
MS C	MORRIS Carl	MS D	COHEN Richard
	BARON Peter		BEATH Richard
	COHEN Richard		
	BEATH Richard		



WF A	O'CONNELL Kate	WF B	ANDERSON Sheila	WF C	UFF Susan
	DRAGE Lisa		WORMAN Gillian		MYERS Margaret
	HULL Nicola		CLAYTON Jane		PERKINS Janet
	THOULESS Helen		MORRIS Jenny		PUNT Moira
WE A	USHER Georgina	WE B	MORRIS Jenny	WE C	UFF Susan
	ONIYE Marg		TURNBULL Fiona		BARON Janet
	BUDDEN Sarah		CLAYTON Jane		HARDY Marilyn
	HULL Nicola		TAIT Maggie		BROWN Silvia
WS A	ESIMAJE-HEATH Jacqueline	WS B	HUTCHISON Jane	WS C	BROWN Silvia
	MARTIN Caroline		HENDRA Vanessa		MYERS Margaret
	NAREY Michele		MORRIS Jenny		UFF Susan
	BAXTER Claudia		FINDLAY Angela		

European Individual Championships, Thionville, France 17/21 May

Our squad of 140 plus fencers found their way by land and sea or air across the Channel to Thionville in the Benelux region of France to take part in the European Veterans Individual Championships. A Championships was a new experience for some and old hat for others, but the excitement and anticipation were tangible.

The venue and set up were excellent, in particular the live stream both showing on big screens at venue and accessible for those at home, and the slick opening ceremony and medal presentations. The standard and quality of fencing was very high, with fencers obviously having trained hard for this event and the standard of refereeing was very good. There were no easy matches, some with very close DE results, and we returned home with a very respectable total of 11 medals finishing 4th on the medal table out of 33 countries.

Nation	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
France	6	6	14	26
Italy	4	6	4	14
Germany	4	4	9	17
Britain	3	1	7	11

Day 1

We got off to a cracking start on the first day of the Championships with a haul of 4 medals – one gold, one silver and two bronze.

WS4

In a field of 13 entries Silvia Brown met Susan Uff in the L8, winning 10/4 and then Vivien Frith in the L4, who had sailed through to this stage. Vivien took a victory 10/2 storming into the final against Gardini (ITA) to take the gold medal 10/5 and the title of European Champion with Silvia taking a well earned bronze.

Results:

Vivien Frith	Gold
Silvia Brown	Bronze
Susan Uff	8
Margaret Myers	12



WS4 final Frith (GBR) v Gardini (ITA)

MF4

32 experienced and determined fencers took to the stage in this event. Graham Paul, ranked first after the poules, saw off some tough opposition to reach the L8 defeating The Monnier (FRA) 10-9 going into the L4 to win 10-7 against Prechtel (GER) 10-7. This gave him a place in the final against Shapira (FRA) but the Frenchman had the upper hand taking the gold with a 10-2 win and Graham taking a hard fought and well deserved silver medal.

Results:

Graham Paul	Silver
Paul Lowen	6
Brian Causton	10
Mike Bradbury	11
Paul Harden	26



Graham Paul on the finals piste

ME3

A huge entry of 156 meant that this was not going to be easy for any of our fencers. Hugh Kernohan fenced brilliantly throughout the day to reach the L8 where he met Boiron (FRA) and in a nail-biting match took victory by 7-6. He then came across Bellman (GER) in the L4 to miss out on a place in the final by 5-10 but achieving a fantastic bronze medal finish. Tivenius (SWE) won gold.

Results:

Hugh Kernohan	Bronze
Pete Eames	77
Anton Pollard	82
Jon Nottingham	88
Ian Hamilton	107
John Hyde	137

Hugh Kernohan, in his new tracksuit jacket, proudly waits on the podium for his medal presentation



WE3

A large entry for this category saw 47 fencers fighting it out for medal positions. Against very tough opposition our fencers fought well with some very close matches. Gold - Hohlbein (GER).

Results:

Valerie Young	20
Jane Hutchison	23
Fiona Turnbull	31
Mariette Mason	32
Jenny Morris	34
Jane Clayton	35
Maggie Tait	43
Helen Easter	44



Valerie Young

MF2

Another large group, this time a total of 76 fencers meant some very tough bouts were ahead of our squad. Mike McKay finished highest placed. Limov (CRO) won gold.

Results:

Mike McKay	9
Alex Ellison	18
Kola Abidogun	20
Graham Reid	23
Nick Payne	31
Nick Mort	34
Velota Sung	39
Adrian Griffin	41
Etienne de Burgh	42
Adrian Collins	44
Paul Baillache	45
Jeff Kiy	59
David Victory	66



Day 1 medallists

Day 2**WE1**

There just 2 GBR fencers in this category of a total of 82. Gold - Dumoulin (FRA).

Results:

Kathryn Reed	36
Heather Clarke	80

ME4

83 in this category was a large and tough entry. Mike Bradbury took top GBR placing finishing 11th. Gold - Imreh (HUN)

Results:

Mike Bradbury	11
Bill Osbaldeston	20
Andrew Brown	27
Brian Causton	28
Rob Phelps	53
Graham Paul	65
Paul Harden	66

MF3

Out of a field of 63 fencers there were some disappointments for some but that doesn't discredit the effort, as with all categories, that our fencers made against tough opposition. John Troiano had a storming day to get to the L8 where he defeated Palm (GER) by 10-5 taking him into the L4. Heurto (FRA) took the victory 9-5 with John finishing with an impressive bronze medal. Csak (HUN) took gold.

Results:

John Troiano	Bronze
Michael Medhurst	9
Paul Wedge	17
Tony Bartlett	20
Julian Burney	27
Richard Sage	31
Marvin Evans	34
John Hyde	39
Jon Dawkins	40
Eitan Alon	43
Ian Hamilton	47
Chris Brasted	54
Ian Coates	60 (T)



John Troiano with fellow Lansdowne Club foilists

WF2

37 fencers took part in this category with Kate O'Connell finishing as highest placed GBR fencer in joint 9th place, just missing out on reaching L8 by 7-10 to Tanzmeister (AUT), who ended in bronze position. Gold - Kollmetz (GER).

Results:

Kate O'Connell	9
Nicola Hull	22
Marion Thomas	23
Tracey Coates	28
Helen Thouless	37

MSI

Peter Wright, Rubin Nash and David McDougall took up the gauntlet for GBR in a strong field of 40. Gold - Turlier (FRA).

Results:

Peter Wright	19
Rubin Nash	20
David McDougall	35

Day 3

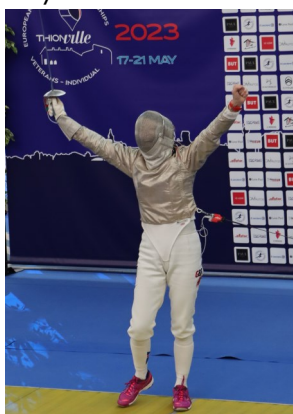
For the first time at a European Veterans Individual Championships, because of the very large number of entries in ME1 and ME2, the poules for these categories were held on one day, Day 3, in waves with the DEs the following day. All fencers (in all weapon categories) progressed to DE, with no cut.

WS3

Following the success of Vivien Frith and Silvia Brown in WS4 on Day 1, it was now the chance for our WS3 fencers and it wasn't a disappointment. 15 fencers took part with Jane Hutchison being unbeatable to become a well deserved European Champion. Ranked 1st after the poules and with a bye into L8 she defeated Reguigne (FRA) 10-9, then Conconi (ITA) 10-3 in the L4 giving her a place in the final. Keeping her cool at 9-9 against Zini (FRA), she took the last hit to win a glorious gold. The other fencers in this category all fenced well, with some close scores.

Results:

Jane Hutchison	Gold
Vanessa Hendra	9
Jenny Morris	11
Dominique Kennett	14
Angela Findlay	15



Jane Hutchison, Champion!

MS4

With an entry of 23 experienced fencers, many at a similar level, it was impossible to predict who would be victorious and, as in other category 4s, the medals were up for grabs. Carl Morris came the closest, finishing 5th overall, losing out on a medal in the L8 to Paroli (ITA) 4-10, with Paroli going on to take bronze. Gold - Carmina (ITA).

Results:

Carl Morris	5
Graham Paul	10
Peter Baron	12
Michael Compton	18



Carl Morris contemplates

WFI

In another 40-49 category with only 2 GBR fencers entered our results were:

Karina Calderon Brown	17
Ann Dawkins	27
(Total entered - 33) Gold - Enright (FIN).	

Day 4

The epeeists returned for their DES and finished as follows:

ME1

With a total starting number of 139, Eric Lauga achieved a finish of 19th place. Gold - Delattre (FRA).

Results:

Eric Lauga	19
David McKay	98
Oliver Massey	126



Eric Lauga

ME2

224 was a massive number of entries in this category and there were some excellent results. As in ME1 the standard was high. Kola Ayanwale and Chris Howser both made the L16 with Greg Allen close on their heels.

Results:

Kola Ayanwale	12
Chris Howser	16
Greg Allen	18
John Leahey	44
Alex Ellison	54
John Prime	100
Simon Pink	110
Etienne DeBurgh	112
Jean-Luc Janet	121
Jeremy Baker	147 DNF
Tristan Spicer	153
Paul Willmott	161
Darryl Hazlewood	171
David Victory	185



Kola Ayanwale in action

WF4

With an entry of 18, Margaret Myers and Susan Uff both fought well to end up facing each other in L8. Susan took the victory 10-7 to then face Someroja (FIN) in L4. Someroja won 10-3 going on to defeat Demaille (FRA) in the final, to take the title. A well deserved bronze for Susan and an unlucky match for Margaret.

Results:

Susan Uff	Bronze
Margaret Myers	7



Susan Uff and Margaret Myers

WF3

24 fencers were in this strong category. Jane Clayton reached the L8 to meet Aubailly (FRA), winning 5/4 giving her a place in the L4. With only one hit in a very tense match she went out to Hilgers (GER) 5-6 but was delighted with her well earned bronze. Gillian Worman had also made the L8 losing a medal place 3-10 to Hilgers. Hilgers went on to win gold. Jenny Morris defeated Fiona Turnbull 9-8 in the L16 then in L8 narrowly lost out on a medal place 5-6 to Kercheis (GER), who finished with bronze.

Results:

Jane Clayton	Bronze
Gillian Worman	5
Jenny Morris	6
Fiona Turnbull	14
Kati Archer	16
Dominique Kennett	20



Jane Clayton on the podium

WS2

Another very tough group saw some excellent fencing from our squad. Michele Narey beat Hori (FRA) 10-8 in L16 and Padura Magica (ESP) 10-9 in L8 to reach the L4, losing 2-10 to Graudins (GER). Thome (GER) won gold.

Results:

Michele Narey	Bronze
Lucy Wright	11
Jacqueline Esimaje-Heath	12
Caroline Martin	15
Claudia Baxter	24
Lynn Williams	27



WS2 medallists

WSI

20 fencers picked up their sabres to fight it out in this category. Naomi Donaldson made the L8, narrowly losing out on a medal place 8-10 to De Cicco (ITA) to finish as the highest placed GBR fencer in 8th place.

Results:

Naomi Donaldson	8
Rosalind Graham	12
Lucy Hodgson	20



Naomi Donaldson

Day 5

WE2

A total of 105 fencers took to the pistes at the start of this category and our squad finished with good results. Georgina Usher, ranked 5th after the poules, kept her cool and continued to fence tactically and expertly. She reached the L16 to defeat Cano Diosa (ESP) 10-8 to then go on with a 10-2 victory against Lainsey (FRA) to reach the L4. A win against Kierveadu (FRA) took her into the final against De Vargas Hilla (ESP). A convincing 10-4 result gave her gold and the European title.

Results:

Georgina Usher	Gold
Helen Thouless	15
Marg Oniye	29
Nicola Hull	42
Karen Grant	50
Sarah Budden	55
Susann Altkemper	59



WE2 medallists

WE4

Out of 28 fencers, Janet Baron, Susan Uff and Fiona Haldane all reached the L8. with Fiona going through into L4 defeating Annick (FRA) 8-6. in a tense match. A 1-10 loss to Someroja (FIN) gave her a very well earned bronze medal. Someroja then defeated Demaille (FRA) to take gold.

Results:

Fiona Haldane	Bronze
Susan Uff	6
Janet Baron	7
Marilyn Hardy	10
Jennifer Overy-Osbaldeston	23
Silvia Brown	25



ME4 medallists

MFI

3 fencers represented GBR in this tough category of 64 and with some well fought matches by all, Paul Stanbridge finished highest placed. Gold - Bouilliat (FRA).

Results:

Paul Stanbridge	28
Paul Veazey	39
Rory Gibson	59



3 Musketeers - Paul S, Rory Gibson and Paul V

MS3

Of 46 in this category, Julian Ghosh finished highest place GBR fencer at 12th, going out 5-10 to Antinoro (ITA), the eventual gold medal winner.

Results:

Julian Ghosh	12
Anthony Silver	25
Chris Prevett	33
Jon Dawkins	38
Chris Cranston-Selby	43

MS2

60 fencers battled it out, with Emmanuel Therond reaching the L8 to miss out on a medal place against Piskunovs (LAT), who ended with a bronze. Lanciotti (ITA) won the gold.

Results:

Emmanuel Therond	6
Alexander Ellison	11
Nick Fletcher	17
Ceri Thomas	34
Lindsay Rodgers	47

GBR medallists**Gold**

Vivien Frith	WS4
Jane Hutchison	WS3
Georgina Usher	WE2

Silver

Graham Paul	MF4
-------------	-----

Bronze

Silvia Brown	WS4
Hugh Kernohan	ME3
John Troiano	MF3
Jane Clayton	WF3
Michele Narey	WS2
Susan Uff	WF4
Fiona Haldane	WE4

L8

Susan Uff	WS4
Paul Lowen	MF4
Carl Morris	MS4
Margaret Myers	WF4
Gillian Worman	WF3
Jenny Morris	WF3
Naomi Donaldson	WS1
Susan Uff	WE4
Janet Baron	WE4
Emmanuel Therond	MS2

Full results can be found here:

[engarde-service: fencing competitions managed with Engarde](#)

The Championships were over and there was some time to reflect:

- A very well organised and superbly run event. Congratulations and thanks to all involved.
- The standard of fencing in all weapons was high and there were many nail-biting and tense matches. which were great to watch.
- Good quality refereeing.
- GBR fencers, as always gave it their all. Competitive and gracious in victory and defeat.
- Disappointment for some but exuberance for others, a factor of sport.
- Low GBR entries in Category I - the next individual European Championships (open entry) will be in Klagenfurt, Austria in 2025. Cat 1s start preparing!

As Team Manager, it is always both a pleasure and a privilege for me, and this event, despite my encounter with a flight of bleacher steps which fortunately both my camera and I survived, was no exception.

Congratulations to the whole squad for the effort put in and for representing GBR so well, and of course, congratulations to all our medallists!

Gillian Aghajan
GBR Team Manager



Opening ceremony

And finally, for the WhatsApp group....

**EVF Congress summary points**

Caryl Oliver re-elected as EVF President and Atilla Csak (HUN) elected as EVF Board Member (both for 4 year terms). Appointment of Michiel Utdehaag (NED) (Data and Technology) ratified.

EVF Championships:

2024	Team	Ciney, Belgium
2025	Individual	Klagenfurt, Austria
2026	Team	Madrid, Spain
2027	Individual	Skopje, North Macedonia

Individual Championships to remain open entry.

Being a Vet by Lisa Drage

I should have realised I'd end up fighting with swords when, at a very young age my mother enrolled me into ballet because I spent my days running around with a mini wooden sword chasing my big brother. It will come as no surprise that ballet didn't last too long!

My next foray into sword fighting came at University in the early 80s where I was persuaded to pick up a foil and I happily barrelled rather wildly down the piste at unsuspecting opponents oblivious to the finer art I was missing and was therefore content to lay down my arms after a couple of years when I graduated and moved on with life and my career.

Roll forward 35 years, and I saw an advertisement for a Bryant Blades course at my son's school. I wasn't convinced my knees were up to the task, but I turned up, the eldest by some margin and after a few sessions fell very much in love with the sport. This was in late 2017, and we were actively encouraged to start entering competitions straight away.

My first comp was the Cambridge Winter Open, where Fiona Turnbull promptly dispatched me by 15-0. Likewise, the Invicta Open where Gillian Worman sent me packing. Undeterred I won the Herts Novice and then Senior Opens and then fought hard for a bronze at the Eastern Region Championships in 2018. This gained me a place on Vets Eastern Team for the Winton Cup. It was a daunting experience, losing ALL my fights over both days. I was blown away by the support and encouragement however and was determined to keep developing my skills and set myself a rather ambitious target of Vets GBR selection.

Retirement from the corporate world facilitated my ability to increase my training and I started to pick my competitions more selectively, and entered my first Vets comps, coming last in the Hampshire Vets, National Championships and Age Groups. Then Covid paid a visit and put paid to our comps along with group training. I was fortunate to have a gym to work out and practice footwork etc during the long lockdowns. Once the world reopened, I moved to St Albans FC and Hitchin FC, increasing my fencing sessions to 3 and then 4 a week, linking up with Laura Delaney as coach and enjoying the support all offered. As a fencer you are nothing without the people around you.

Travelling nigh on 300 miles a week for training 4, sometimes 5 times a week is a huge commitment, but I'd set myself a target and was absolutely focused on achieving my goal, whilst still enjoying my life (and the odd glass of wine obviously!).

In April 2022 I received a surprise call to represent England in the Home International as a previously selected fencer had succumbed to Covid. Being part of the England team was a fabulous experience.

Roll forward to this season and a poor Commonwealth Championships saw me finish second from the bottom. But I'd made some gains; had some firsts. Something to build on. Then a strong showing in the Guildford International gave me confidence, followed by a solid bronze at the Age Groups and selection was a possibility if I could finish well at the Nationals on 23rd April. That day was the one I'd worked so hard towards and will never forget. In an extraordinary day, I finished in the silver medal position and top of my age group, and had after just over 6 years, achieved my objective. The fencing community is a complex one of a highly competitive nature but comprising supportive and encouraging athletes and is one I am so proud to now be a fully fledged member. I am beyond excited to be competing for GBR at the World Championships in Daytona – it was always only ever about the tracksuit Gillian!



**“As a fencer
you are
nothing
without the
people around
you.”**



New BVF Members

Peter Arden Lansdowne

Fiona Barnes

After over 13 years of watching my daughter fence epee, I have finally decided to have a go myself! I have joined Shrewsbury Fencing Club and had a few lessons, I signed up for the Silver Swords Spar Day which was great fun, and now I'm looking forward to my first competition. I hope to enjoy fencing and/or socialising with some fellow novice and/or veteran fencers soon!

Rachel Blanc

I never thought I would be happy to be a veteran but here we are and super excited to join the BVF 'club'! I've started fencing in France, where I'm from, a while back and I sometimes get the word mixed up; so I am a fleuretiste!! I managed to pass on the fencing virus to my older daughter Mathilde and we are now both fencing in the lovely SAFC in St Albans, Hertfordshire.

Apryl Brincklow CADS
Andrew Courtney Bath Sword
Richard Crowder Invicta
Richard Day London

Patricia Footer

I joined BVF about a month ago after a member at our club - Bedford Fencing Club - suggested it. I started fencing late in life and have only been fencing (foil) for about 14 months, so have been on a steep learning curve, but it's a good way to switch off from my day job making documentaries.

Stephen Hannah Herdwick

Peter Hazlett

Fencing for over 20 years and member of Belfast Fencing Club. Qualified Armourer and have been involved with weapon control for Commonwealth Fencing Championships (Belfast 2006) World Veterans Championship (Bath 2006) and Junior and Cadet World Championships (Belfast 2009). Managing Director of Northern Ireland Fencing (2013 to 2016). Fence a little bit of Foil but mainly an Epeeist.

Martin Howard

I started fencing foil at high school in New Zealand where I grew up eventually becoming a sabreur, occasional epeeist and accidental foilist. In 2000 I went travelling, came to the UK, but lost touch with the sport for 8 years. It's been off-again (kids) on-again (kids) since then. In days of yore I represented NZ in sabre from 1994 to 1998. Currently I'm fencing a bit of everything at Saxon Fencing Club in London.

Daniel Howells Crawley Swords
Huei-chun Su Oxford FC

Matt Kingston

I retired from fencing 20 years ago - my wife recently reminded me that I said I would never fence again. But at 49, after a few too many beers with my brother earlier this year, we decided to enter the Welsh closed team foil championships. Although it was a shock to the system after all that time, I am so glad we entered.

Over the years I was coached by Gordon Kingston (my father), Tomek Walicki, Mark Nelson Griffiths, Peter Stewart and currently Peter Russell. Highlight results were: Two Commonwealth Games – Malaysia 1998 (silver team medal) and Australia 2002, Portsmouth Open (twice winner), Ashton International (winner), Welsh Individual Closed Champs (winner having had come second so many times before!),

Sussex Open (2nd), British University Championships (winner), and Welsh team closed foil champs several times with my brothers Mark and Stephen. Having fenced foil for Wales from a teenager through to retirement, it's great to be back fencing. At the British Vets Championships this year people were so encouraging; it was heart-warming. I have recently joined Cardiff Academy of Fencing, with coach Peter Russell. I thank them for welcoming in a fencer which one member describes as 'vintage!'.

I'm not sure where fencing will take me now, but I am enjoying it more now as a vet than as a senior. After living in London for 10 years, and then Bristol for 3 years, I have settled in my home town of Llantwit Major, South Wales with my wife and three children. Dad (chairman of Welsh fencing for many years in the past), now gives me an occasional lesson at the age of 84. I also enjoy snooker, blues guitar, tennis and work as a local estate agent.

Valeria Meng Blackheath
Andriy Mnih London

Gaz Morris

I have been fencing for nearly 30 years and I am a member of North Kesteven Fencing Club in Lincolnshire whilst also visiting other clubs within the region. I am a keen epeeist who strives to keep gentlemanly conduct alive, whilst also being a competitive fencer.

Nino Moscardini

Having represented Great Britain at 1985 world championship I took a 38 year break. Last October I retired early from my secular job as an Executive Partner at the world's largest technology research company to focus on my senior pastor's role in leading the church with my wife. At the beginning of this year, the fencing desire crept back into my life and I needed to discover whether I still loved it. I enrolled in a beginners fencing course with Reading Fencing Club and their friendliness, enthusiasm and acceptance along with being just a great bunch of people reminded me why I loved the sport. I now try not to miss a club session.

Sandra Neil Dacorum
Ella Petuhhof Espada
Adam Reynolds U/A

Chris Reynolds

I've fenced in occasional bursts since the late 1970s, my latest return being prompted by a need to get fitter. I fence foil at Swindon and aim to get to a few competitions so I can meet fellow veterans. A minor claim to fame is that I fenced against Rugby League legend Martin Offiah when he was at school in Suffolk (he won).

Mark Round Cock Moors Woods

(continued)

Donna Sibley

I fence at Espada fencing club in Bournemouth. I started fencing when I was 9 years old and stopped at age 21. After 23 years of no fencing, I decided that I'd like to get back into fencing, so I rejoined Espada fencing club in January 2023. I fence foil and épée.

Aly Sidgwick

Dunedin

Zoe Stokes

Radcliffe Sword

Stephen Taylor

Lansdowne

Richard Turner

Kendal

David Varey

Bolton

David White

Belfast

Ali Wylie

Blackheath

*A very warm
welcome to
BVF to all our
new members!*

EVF Fencer of the Year - 2023**2023 European Veteran Fencer of the Year**

	Foil	Epee	Sabre
V1	Andrea Bernat Hungary	Andrea Szini Hungary	Veronica De Cicco Italy
	Mark Gerzanic Hungary	Gregory Goetz France	Christophe Turlier France
V2	Valerie Preaux France	Nathalie Vandewalle Belgium	Nicole Thome Germany
	Cyril Lacroix France	Dariusz Zielinski Poland	Stefano Lanciotti Italy
V3	Sheila Anderson Great Britain	Frauke Hohlbein Germany	Sylvie Zini France
	Attila Csak Hungary	Mariusz Krzeminski Poland	Geza Kas France
V4	Marie Chantal Demaille France	Ibolya Hoffmann Hungary	Vivien Frith Great Britain
	Gyorgy Liptak Hungary		Giulio Paroli Italy

Results for all EVF Circuit events can be found here:

[Results – European Veterans Fencing](#)

Congratulations to

**Sheila Anderson - WF2
Fencer of the Year**

**Vivien Frith - WS4
Fencer of the Year**

**Mariette Mason - Gold WE3
EVF Circuit 2023 - Gdansk**

Competition results

Invicta 19 Mar 2023

ME (67)	2 Alex Agrenich 12 Adam Steiner 21 Eric Lauga 22 Stephen Domek 23 Will Miller 24 Etienne Deburgh 27 Colin Boardman 29 Philip Jordan
MS (14)	2 Nick Fletcher
WE (32)	5 Lindsay Bottoms 7 Marg Oniye 8 Christine Steiner
WS (11)	5 Lucy Wright 6 Joanne Yeates 7 Caroline Martin

MOFT 26 Mar 2023

ME (57)	13 Hugh Kernohan 16 Oliver Massey 21 Tristan Spicer 23 Paul Willmott
--------------------	---

Elite Epee 2 02 Apr 2023

ME (70)	23 Will Miller 34 Paul Donnelly
--------------------	------------------------------------

Birmingham International 09 Apr 2023

ME (100)	9 Eric Lauga 12 Marc Burkhalter 24 Stephen Domek 42 John Leahey 45 Paul Willmott
MS (66)	26 Rubin Nash
WE (70)	28 Marg Oniye 30 Valeria Meng 32 Helen Howell
WS (27)	9 Michele Narey 14 Rosalind Graham

Bristol Open 14 May 2023

MF (37)	3 Richard Barnes-Webb 10 Tony Williams 16 Marvin Evans
WS (8)	1 Michele Narey 5 Lynette Robinson

West of England Open 20 May 2023

ME (54)	16 Robert Brooks 18 Paul Donnelly 20 Vadym Marks 22 Paul Gregory 26 Nick Scott-Samuel 27 Jonathan Mason
WE (22)	8 Pamela Fairweather

Exeter Open 11 Jun 2023

ME (31)	1 Rob Flatt 3 Paul Gregory 6 Keith Barnett 7 Vadym Marks 9 David McKay 10 Adrian Stoneman 13 George Dunmow 14 Graham Paul
WF (6)	3 Donna Sibley
WS (10)	1 Jane Hutchison 2 Michele Narey 3 Caroline Martin 5 Vanessa Hendra

Congratulations to

**Michele Narey - Gold WS
Bristol Open**

**Rob Flatt - Gold ME
Exeter Open**

**Jane Hutchison - Gold WS
Exeter Open**

Competition results compiled
using software by John Mason



TRURO FENCING CLUB



VETERANS SUMMER CAMP 2023 MONDAY 31ST JULY – WEDNESDAY 2ND AUGUST

THE CAMP

The 2023 Truro Fencing Club Summer Sabre Training Camp will take place between **MONDAY 31ST JULY – WEDNESDAY 2ND AUGUST 2023**

NB: This is a sabre only training camp.

All facilities for training are on-site at Truro School, Trennick Lane, Truro, Cornwall, TR1 1TH. The camp caters for **sabre fencing only** and sessions are held in the Cornwall Fencing Centre & the [Sir Ben Ainslie Sports Centre](#) – all located at the school.

The camp is suitable for all abilities except for absolute beginners and will be a fun and challenging 3 days! Your training runs in conjunction with the main Sabre Summer Training Camp and lunch, water, sports drinks and energy snacks are all included in the cost of training.

To secure your place please complete the online enrolment form here:

<https://trurofencing.club/veterans-summer-camp-2023/>

and process the camp fee using the bank details and payment reference below.

TFC Bank, HSBC

Sort code: 40-44-34

Account: 41728296

Camp fee: as above

Payment Reference: VSC23 + fencers surname

IBAN: GB35HBUK40443441728296

BIC/SWIFT: HBUKGB4160H

THE COACHES

The Truro Fencing Club Summer Camp will also expect to be bringing in our usual brilliant team of external coaches for sabre, to help prepare athletes for the forthcoming fencing season. The international coaches compliment our in-house Truro Fencing Club coaching team:

BALAZS KURUCZ

Balazs is Head Coach at Truro Fencing Club. Formerly sabre coach at Godollo Club in Hungary, (winners of the 2012 Hungarian Team Championships) and coach to Junior World Championship team gold medallists & many top fencers.

NIKOLAI DINEV

Nikolai is lead sabre coach at Truro Fencing Club. Nikolai was previously a coach at the Etropolski Academy in Sofia, Bulgaria, and Bulgarian Assistant National Sabre Coach. His pupils in Bulgaria have won many medals on the European Youth International Circuit, and he has coached the Bulgarian national team at Junior and Senior World Cup level.

JON SALFIELD

Jon is Consultant Coach at Truro Fencing Club and set up the club's High Performance Programme. Jon has coached at numerous Senior World and European Championships, and the 2012 London Olympic Games, and has produced World Cup and World Championship finalists at Cadet and Junior Sabre. Jon is the current GB National Sabre Coach.

STEVE PETRIE

Steve is a certified strength and conditioning coach and works closely with the TFC High Performance programme. Steve sets and leads all the Strength and Conditioning training of the club's elite fencers up to Olympic level.

See the website for accommodation and other details:

<https://trurofencing.club/veterans-summer-camp-2023/>



INTERNATIONAL VETERAN SABRE CAMP IN GÖDÖLLŐ, HUNGARY

Organizer: MATE-GEAC Fencing Club of Gödöllő, Ötvös Károly Sport Nonprofit Kft.
Laszlo Takacsy, Veteran European Championships silver medallist, Veteran World Championships bronze medallist

Coaches: **Beth Davidson** coach at Laszlo's Fencing Club, UK, Veteran World Team Champion, European Veteran Sabre Fencer of the year 2020.

Géza Kas head coach of the camp, coach at Montargis and Given Fencing Club, France, Veteran World Champion, 2x European Champion

Giampaolo Marini, coach at MATE-GEAC



Dates: 30rd July-4th August (5 nights) Arrival and welcome reception on Sunday evening, last training session and leaving on Friday afternoon.

Venue: Batizi-Benkő Fencing Hall Isaszegi út 6-8, Gödöllő, 2100 Hungary



Participants: Veteran sabre fencers (40+) all age groups

	What is included	Total participation fee (in a double room)	Total participation fee (in a single room)	Daily fee	
Basic pack	Lunch at the venue, camp	€ 120		10 000Ft	€ 25
Hall pack	Lodging in the hall, full board, camp, wellness ticket for 5 days	€ 380	n/a		
Dorm pack	Lodging in the dorm, full board, camp, wellness ticket for 5 days	€ 380	€ 500		
Hotel pack (breakfast only)	Lodging in the Hotel Elizabeth, breakfast, camp, wellness ticket for 5 days	€ 340	€ 520		
Hotel pack (half board)	Lodging in the Hotel Elizabeth, half board, camp, wellness ticket for 5 days	€ 430	€ 610		
Hotel pack (full board)	Lodging in the Hotel Elizabeth, full board, camp, wellness ticket for 5 days	€ 470	€ 650		

Accommodation (hotel option): Hotel Queen Elizabeth Superior*** (1000m from the venue)



Accommodation (dorm pack): MATE University dorm (1000m from the venue). The rooms have separate bathrooms.

Link in Google maps: <https://goo.gl/maps/w5urTWLfw4KKV8Ld6>

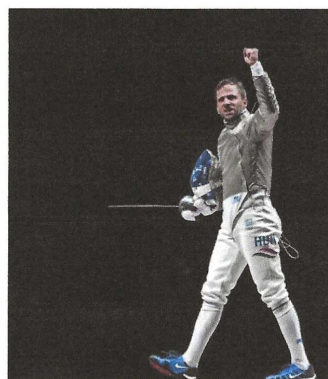
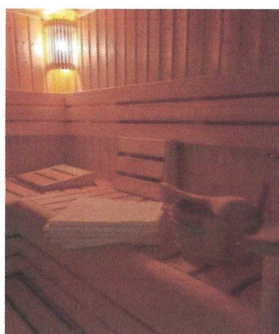
Accommodation (hall pack): Sleeping in three bedrooms in the fencing hall. The rooms have shared bathrooms.

Extra nights can be booked for all accommodation for one more night, please ask for the cost!

Services included in the packs:

- technical and tactical trainings, fitness trainings, stretching and relaxation, individual and team bouts - all packs
- swimming pool, wellness for the full term - all packages but the basic pack
- accommodation, meals (breakfast, lunch, dinner) accordingly
- welcome reception upon arrival, closing dinner (grill or bogrács-gulasch in the garden of the hall) – all packs but the basic pack

Special guest: Csanád Gémesi, member of MATE-GEAC Fencing Club; Olympic bronze medallist, 2x European champion and 3x World Championship silver medallist

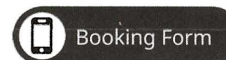


Additional services:

- private lesson (from 20€)
- airport transfer (30€)
- sport massage (please ask!)

Deadline for registration: 15th June 2023. There will be a window for payment for two weeks after the registration, we will keep the booking until then.

Payment will be through international bank transfer, details will be announced later. For any further information please contact: laszlo.takacsy@gmail.com or beth4fencing@aol.com





©Topkit.co

Editorial Team

Gillian Aghajan
Carl Morris
Lucy Wright

If you would like an article to be included in the next newsletter please email:
g.aghajan@btinternet.com

Photos:
Gillian Aghajan



Friends! Fun! Fencing!

British Veterans Fencing

Life President

Henry de Silva

Committee

President

Carl Morris

Secretary

Lucy Wright

Treasurer

Paul Baillache

Membership

Jane Hutchison

Chairman of Selectors/Competitions

Graham Paul

Competitions

Kola Ayanwale

Competitions

Naomi Donaldson

Development

Beth Davidson

Team Manager/EVF Representative

Gillian Aghajan

Contact details can be found on our website:

[Members – British Veterans Fencing \(veterans-fencing.co.uk\)](http://veterans-fencing.co.uk)

Ex officio:

Publicity Officer

Malcolm Fare

Covid-19

Clare Halsted

It's back! Caption Competition



Send your entry to g.aghajan@btinternet.com