

Record entry for BVF Championships!



Foil day at Oxstalls Sports Park

Photo by Editor

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Chairman's letter

Dear Members,

We have just completed our BVF Championships for 2014 at Oxstalls Sports Park in Gloucester, and I am pleased to report a record number of entries.

It was very well organised by Event Manager, David Sweeney, and the team he put together from the Committee, members and volunteers from the Cotswold Fencing Club. The standard of fencing was exceedingly high.

Vanessa Hendra was missing from the line up in the women's sabre. She is currently recovering from an operation to repair a complete rupture of her hamstring muscles as a result of sliding into splits on a slippery floor during training. The extent of her injury was not known for several weeks but MRI showed the full extent and she has had a lengthy operation to repair them. Recovery involves a frustratingly long time of no bending and lots of bed rest. I wish her a speedy recovery, on behalf of all BVF members, and hope that we see her back on the piste as soon as possible.

It was noted that the competitions each day kept to schedule thanks to the well run DT by Rob Kirby and John Crouch, and the Gala Dinner at the Holiday Inn on the Saturday, was one of the best we have had thanks to Gillian Aghajan who organised the entire evening with entertaining quizzes keeping us amused as we ate.

As you will see in the results in this Newsletter, four of the Champions in 2013 retained their titles in 2014, and we saw new Champions at Women's Foil and Men's Sabre.

The next event for members to look forward to is the Vets London Spring Open. We already have some 50 members taking part on 22nd and 23rd March at the new Leon Paul Fencing Centre, so if you haven't already entered, closing date is 15th March with details and entry forms on our website.

We look forward to seeing many of you there.

The AGM went well, and the members of the Committee were voted for again to serve you in 2014/15.

Sincerely,

Frank Mills
Chairman BVF



BVF Calendar 2014

| BVF CALENDAR 2014 | |
|-------------------|--|
| Mar 22-23 | Vets Spring Open, Leon Paul Fencing Centre, London Event Manager: Peter Baron |
| Apr 3-6 | Copa Venezuela, Veneta Island, Venezuela |
| Apr 12-13 | West Midlands Open 2014, Dudley, West Midlands Event Manager - Peter Baron |
| Apr 26-27 | Veterans Home International, Edinburgh |
| May 15-18 | European Team Championships, Porec, Croatia Event Manager - Gillian Aghajan |
| May 31 - Jun 1 | Can/Am Veterans Cup, Toronto |
| June 7-8 | Age Groups 2014, Bletchley Event Manager - Frank Mills |
| Sep 6-7 | Veterans Winton Cup, Lilleshall Event Manager - Frank Mills |
| Oct 11-12 | Welsh Veterans Championships, Wrexham details: g.aghajan@virgin.net |
| Oct 21-26 | World Championships, Győr, Hungary Event Manager - David Sweeney |
| Nov 16-19 (tbc) | Veterans Commonwealth Championships, Largs, nr Glasgow |

See BVF website home page for European competitions and events - www.veterans-fencing.co.uk

BVF Championships 2014

With places for the European Team Championships up for grabs and new members joining us, this year saw a record weapon entry of 242. The selectors are making the selection for Porec, for both the 150+ and 195+ events, and letters are being sent out to individuals asking for confirmation of availability.

The weekend was a great success and thanks are due to David Sweeney and his team (as mentioned in the Chairman's letter). I am sure you will agree with me that was good to welcome Frank back at his first event since his illness.

Gillian Aghajan

BVF Championships

Results

Men's Foil

| | | |
|--------|----------------------------------|-------------|
| Gold | John Troiano | Cat 2 medal |
| Silver | Paul Sibert | |
| Bronze | Lindsay Watkiss Tony Williams | |
| 5 | Paul Lowen | Cat 3 medal |
| 6 | Michael Thomas | Cat 1 medal |
| 21 | Malcolm Fare | Cat 4 medal |
| 45 | Austen Moore | 75+ medal |

Men's Epée

| | | |
|--------|-------------------------------|-------------|
| Gold | Neal Mallett | Cat 2 medal |
| Silver | John Leahey | Cat 1 medal |
| Bronze | Robert Flatt Anton Pollard | |
| 7 | Howard West | Cat 3 medal |
| 24 | Robert Phelps | 75+ medal |
| 31 | Malcolm Fare | Cat 4 medal |

Men's Sabre

| | | |
|--------|------------------------------|-------------|
| Gold | Duncan Rowlands | Cat 1 medal |
| Silver | Steve Potter | |
| Bronze | Carl Morris Chris Prevett | Cat 3 medal |
| 9 | Malcolm Cawton | Cat 4 medal |
| 10 | Stephen Rennie | Cat 2 medal |
| 40 | Dennis Ward | 75+ medal |

MF
1-3



MF
cat
medals



ME
1-3



ME
cat
medals



MS
1-3



MS
cat
medals



Women's Foil

| | | |
|--------|--------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Gold | Kate O'Connell | Cat 1 medal |
| Silver | Jane Clayton | Cat 3 medal |
| Bronze | Jenny Morris Gillian Worman | Cat 2 medal |
| 23 | Sylvia Brown | Cat 4 medal 75+ medal |

**WF
1-3**



Women's Epée

| | | |
|--------|-------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Gold | Georgina Usher | Cat 1 medal |
| Silver | Jane Clayton | Cat 3 medal |
| Bronze | Nicola Hull Mariette Mason | Cat 2 medal |
| 25 | Diane Austin | Cat 4 medal 75+ medal |

**WE
1-3**



Women's Sabre

| | | |
|--------|-------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Gold | Beth Davidson | Cat 1 medal |
| Silver | Jane Hutchison | Cat 2 medal |
| Bronze | Jenny Morris Michele Narey | |
| 8 | Vivien Frith | Cat 3 medal |
| 19 | Sylvia Brown | Cat 4 medal 75+ medal |

**WS
1-3**



**WS
cat
medals**

Champions at Arms

| | |
|-------|----------------|
| Men | Paul Baillache |
| Women | Jenny Morris |

Full results can be found on the website:

<http://www.veterans-fencing.co.uk/results.shtml#national>



Paul Baillache



*Photos
courtesy of
Rob Kirby*

Postcards from Gloucester

Photos by Editor



CVFC 2014 - Commonwealth Veterans Fencing Championships

Reach out to Nations

CVFC events have been getting better and better, mirroring the growing popularity of Veterans Fencing Worldwide. This year, Scotland is the host nation, and with the active support of Scottish Fencing we want to make this the best and most enjoyable event in the series. We will be using the same venue as the Senior Commonwealth Championships, and run immediately after the Senior event, enabling multiple generations of fencing families and friends to participate as well as support each other in an unparalleled fortnight of fencing fun!



However, this is not enough. We want to help take tangible steps towards the vision of re-integration of fencing into the mainstream Commonwealth Games, and we have a golden opportunity to help. The participating Commonwealth nations in the Senior event have more than doubled over the last decade, and the Veterans can help sustain this growth. Many of our top Veterans started fencing as Veterans, so we know it is feasible to start later in life, and achieve the standard required to represent our nations. For those of you who have done this, please think for a minute: how did it feel when you first put on your nation's tracksuit, when you first went on the piste to represent your nation - and for those fortunate enough to do so - when you first received a medal for your nation?

Now - how would you feel if you could grant that as a gift to a friend? Or a friend of a friend? We all have links, direct or indirect, to people in the UK who are eligible to represent a Commonwealth nation. How would they feel stepping out in their nation's tracksuit? Could it make their lives better, as Veterans fencing has made ours? Even if they are not fencers now, they could be effective competitors by November.

What would it take to reach out to these people now? It could be a message or posting on Facebook, LinkedIn, Twitter, or whatever social media you prefer, with a link to <http://www.cvfc2014.co.uk/> or to this newsletter; or it could be an email to a few people with the same link; or even simpler, Like and Share an entry posted by someone else. It could be a phone call, or a comment to someone at work or at a social function - whatever method you prefer, why not start now and continue for the next month? Please: reach out, and make someone's life better!

All the best,

Mike McEwan

<http://www.mikemcewan.co.uk/>

**Team Scotland
Singapore
CVFC 2012**

**Photo by
Editor**



Commonwealth Fencing Federation



West Midlands Open 2014

With the new VLSO at the Leon Paul Centre almost upon us, the WMO is ready to go and the entry form and details are on the BVF website.

For those who have been and enjoyed it in the past, the details will be familiar.

We have the same venue, which enjoys free on-site parking under the watchful gaze of Dudley Castle, where Cavaliers fought off Roundheads. Some refreshments will be available and we are looking at extending the range of items, possibly to include some sandwiches, etc.

Unfortunately, the entry fee has had to go up this year but it's still cheaper than most senior opens. Can't do much about London hotel rates but, at least those in Dudley and surrounding area are more reasonable, should you decide to stay over.

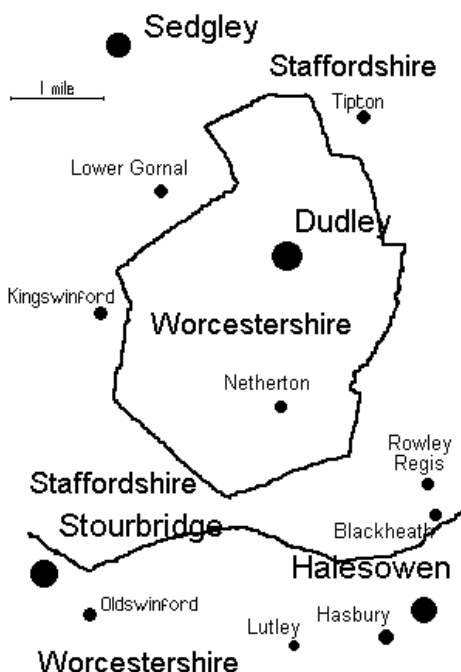
If you dipped your toe into Vets' fencing at the Nationals and enjoyed it, think how much more fun this could be. If you're a longstanding Vet who hasn't yet tried one of the opens, you don't know what you're missing!

I look forward to seeing you at the LP Centre then in Dudley next month.

Peter Baron

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**Vets London Spring Open
a new competition
at the
Leon Paul Fencing Centre**



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22nd - 23rd March 2014

6 weapon event open to all 40+ fencers

Full details and online entry:

<http://www.veterans-fencing.co.uk/latest.shtml>

Annual General Meeting of the England Veterans Fencing Association held on Friday 28th February 2014, 20.55 hours at the Holiday Inn, Gloucester

Present:

John Crouch - Chairman, Moya McNamara - Secretary,
Diane Austin - Treasurer,
Tony Bardell, Janet Baron, Peter Baron, Mark Barton, Richard Bonehill,
Andrew Brown, Lawrence Burr, Jane Clayton, Sue Church, Mike Frith,
Jane Hutchison, Frank Mills, Jenny Morris, Graham Paul, Bob Perry,
Rosemarie Perry, Duncan Rowlands, Jonathan Stanbury, Marcia Stretch,
David Sweeney, Evert Van Gemeren, Dennis Ward, Terry Wishart

1) Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Sue Brooks and Silvia Earl.

2) Minutes of the AGM held on 2nd March 2012

The minutes were accepted as a true record. Proposed by Lawrence Burr and seconded by Jenny Morris.

3) Matters Arising

None.

4) Report of Officers

a) Chairman's Report

A copy of the report had previously been circulated in the British Veterans Fencing (BVF) newsletter and he had nothing further to report.

b) Secretary's Report

The committee had met during the year and communicated by email and telephone throughout the year. Once again the number of members has increased slightly and as of 31st December 2013 stood at 442 (438 in 2012). At that date there were 124 (125) women and 318 (313) men. The age distribution as of 31st December 2013 was:

Women: Category 1 = 39, Category 2 = 48, Category 3 = 24,
Category 4 = 13

Men: Category 1 = 88, Category 2 = 121, Category 3 = 70,
Category 4 = 39

Thanks go to John Mason for providing the information to help the compilation of this report and to Gillian Aghajan for ensuring England items appear in the BVF newsletter.

c) Treasurer's Report

The Chairman apologised that no treasurers report had been circulated. There had been one event during the year, that being the Home International in Dublin. England Veterans costs had been mostly covered by England Fencing. We had paid for polo shirts and an income of £160 was expected which meant a small profit of £11.26. Assets in the current account as at 31st December 2013 were £2085.95. On this basis the Treasurer's report was accepted. Proposed by Peter Baron and seconded by Richard Bonehill.



5) Election of Officers and Committee members

David Sweeney informed the meeting that he was standing down due to other commitments. A query was raised by Terry Wishart regarding the work involved and the time commitment. The Chairman outlined the issues but indicated it also varied depending on how much an individual got involved. The Chairman reported that all other current committee members were willing to stand for re-election. Those willing to stand were John Crouch (Chairman), Moya McNamara (Secretary), Diane Austin (Treasurer), Peter Baron and Frank Mills (Committee members). It was proposed by David Sweeney and seconded by Jonathan Stanbury that they be elected en bloc. This was carried nem. con. As no other nominations were forthcoming the post vacated by David was left open.

6) Constitution

The Chairman reminded the meeting that last year we had voted to become an Associate member of England Fencing and this required a change in the constitution. A revised proposed constitution had been circulated in the BVF newsletter. Opportunity had also been taken to update other areas of the constitution. The Chairman had one further amendment to propose, this being to para. 13. The proposal was that "Payments out of the Account will be sanctioned by two signatures from among the **officers** of the Committee, not **members**". The new constitution with the amendment was proposed by John Crouch and seconded by Duncan Rowlands. This was carried nem. con.

The Chairman proposed a vote of thanks to England Fencing for their advice on changes to the constitution and financial support. This proposal was seconded by Evert Van Gemeren and carried nem. con.

7) Any Other Business

a) John confirmed that the Home International would be held in Edinburgh on 26/27 April 2014 and the team would be selected following the championships this weekend.

b) Information about the Commonwealth Veterans Championships is available on the Internet. The individual competition is open entry but entries will need to be submitted via the governing body. The England teams will be selected at the event.

The meeting closed at 21.10 hours.

**Neal Mallett
Lawrence Burr,
for the Epée
Club, and
Georgina Usher
at the BVF
Championships**

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Competition results (top half)

NI Open - 25/01/2014

| | | |
|---------|---|----------------|
| ME (31) | 9 | Duncan Salter |
| WF (20) | 3 | Gillian Worman |
| WE (22) | 5 | Fiona Haldane |

Slough Open - 01/02/2014

| | | |
|----------|----|------------------|
| MF (94) | 21 | Nicholas Mort |
| ME (114) | 8 | Stephen Domek |
| | 16 | Leslie MacDonald |
| | 24 | George Liston |
| | 25 | Darryl Hazlewood |
| | 30 | Jeremy Raj |
| | 32 | Duncan Salter |
| | 34 | Howard West |
| | 38 | Simon Pink |
| | 40 | Stephan Munn |
| | 45 | Alan Knowles |
| | 50 | Paul Willmott |
| | 52 | David Exeter |
| MS (44) | 22 | Julian Ghosh |
| WF (48) | 18 | Caron Hale |
| | 21 | Gillian Worman |
| WE (75) | 24 | Ingrid Heskett |
| | 29 | Marg Oniye |
| WS (27) | 3 | Jane Hutchison |
| | 9 | Rachel Lasance |
| | 11 | Michele Narey |
| | 12 | Vivien Frith |

Merseyside Open - 15/02/2014

| | | |
|----------|----|---------------------|
| MF (86) | 3 | Gerry Gajadharsingh |
| | 37 | Lindsay Watkiss |
| ME (100) | 27 | Jon Nottingham |
| | 28 | Darryl Hazlewood |
| | 36 | Granville Ward |
| | 39 | Gerry Toland |
| | 45 | Tom Chrisp |
| | 48 | Paul Willmott |
| MS (74) | 7 | Julian Ghosh |
| | 19 | Stefan Leponis |
| | 21 | Duncan Rowlands |
| WF (22) | 3 | Catherine Heyes |
| WE (34) | 3 | Gillian Stone |
| | 13 | Kate Elvin |
| WS (27) | 3 | Beth Davidson |
| | 5 | Rachel Lasance |
| | 7 | Wednesday Jones |
| | 11 | Emma Waller |

Keele Open - 01/03/2014

| | | |
|---------|----|-----------------|
| ME (36) | 1 | Granville Ward |
| | 37 | Lindsay Watkiss |

***Congratulations to Granville Ward
1st Men's Epee - Keele Open!***

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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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Caption Competition

March

send your entry to Editor

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Caption Competition January

Editor's choice

'Charades with Andy: One word. Two syllables. And it really is this big.'

Paul Brenda

'Have you seen one of these before?'

Nick Stokes



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