

Medals at the European Team Championships in Croatia!



Silver - WS 150

Bronze WS 195

Bronze - WF 150

Photos by Editor

**European Veterans Team Championships -
report and results**

Hampshire Veterans Open

BVF 100 Club

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Chairman's letter

Dear Members,

Congratulations to the Veterans GB Squad and Team Manager, Gillian Aghajan, for bringing back a Silver and two Bronze medals from the European Team Championships held in Porec two weeks ago.

It was our women who achieved this with the Silver in Women's Sabre 150 age group, a Bronze in Women's Foil 150 age group and Bronze in Women's Sabre 195 age group but, as you will no doubt read later in this Newsletter, quite a number of the results in both the men's and women's weapons were very close indeed.

Congratulations are also in order to David Sweeney for being re-elected President of the EVFC for another term.

Sincere thanks to Jenny and Carl Morris for organising the Veterans Open competition alongside their Hampshire Open Event earlier this month. Although there were only two weapons, Foil and Epee and they were run as unisex, entries were up on last year and we hope that this event will grow in importance in the future.

We are looking forward to seeing many of you at the Age Group Qualifiers in Bletchley on 7th and 8th June and it will be good to see Bob Head, with his Leon Paul Shop and equipment, back with us after his unfortunate accident in March when he broke a leg.

The Veteran's Winton Cup details will be issued shortly after the Age Groups, and I can confirm that we will once again be at Lilleshall with the event hotel being the Park Inn at Telford.

Sincerely

Frank Mills
Chairman BVF

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BVF Calendar 2014

BVF CALENDAR 2014	
June 7-8	Age Groups 2014, Bletchley Event Manager - Frank Mills
June 12-15	Singapore Open, Singapore
Aug 24-31	Veterans Training Camp, Lizzano, Italy Event Manager - Marcia Stretch
Aug 24-29	Veterans Training Camp, Valles (BZ), Italy
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, Venue tbc Event Manager - David Sweeney
Nov 16-19	Veterans Commonwealth Championships, Largs, nr Glasgow

See BVF website home page for European competitions and events -

www.veterans-fencing.co.uk

Training in Lizzano, Italy

There is a training camp being held in Italy in Lizzano, Belvedere, Italy for all three weapons from 24th -31st August this year. The training venue is in the Tuscan Emilian Apennines about 60Km from Bologna and 90Km from Florence.

Details:

<http://www.veterans-fencing.co.uk/events/bolognatraining2014.pdf>

If you are interested in going please contact

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*Photo courtesy of
Laurie Laschetti*



European Team Championships, Poreč, Croatia 2014


12th EUROPEAN VETERANS TEAM FENCING CHAMPIONSHIPS
 Poreč – Croatia, 16 – 18 May 2014

MEDALS

			  	TOTAL
1.	 FRANCE	6		6
2.	 RUSSIA	3		4
3.	 GERMANY	2	6	11
4.	 HUNGARY	1	1	3
5.	 ITALY		2	6
6.	 GREAT BRITAIN		1	3
7.	 FINLAND		1	2
8.	 DENMARK		1	1

It was my honour and pleasure to be GBR Team Manager again, a role which although can be hard work, for me is both very rewarding and enjoyable.

- Our medal haul does not reflect the quality of fencing. We were 6th in the medal table with 1 silver and 2 bronzes and were unlucky to just miss out with three 4th places, one 5th and one 6th. The standard of fencing at international veteran events continues to improve and the committee continues to look at both problems and possible solutions. Your views are always welcome.
- The role of team manager is both an administrative one and supportive one, but she or he is not responsible for the results, It is the fencers who train, perform and give their best and each and every one of our team did so with some great results. Team captains were, of course, selected and all of them did an excellent job in leading and supporting their teams and at times making difficult decisions.
- John Mason and his wife Sonya accompanied the team as observers. As you know, we are hosting the next team event in Medway in 2016 and John is one of the event planners. He spent hours every day making copious notes on all aspects of the event, from timetables, medal ceremonies, logistics, displays and more. The committee and I are very grateful to both of them.

- Congratulations go to all of the teams and every member including reserves, not just to the medallists. The support that team members gave to each other, and to other teams when not fencing was superb. As always we British showed our graciousness both in success and in defeat. Thank you to all of you. Thank you too for the beautiful gift, which was an unexpected but very much appreciated gesture, and for the many emails that I have received since the event.



Results Table

Overall ranking	Category											
	FM 150	FM 195	EM 150	EM 195	SM 150	SM 195	FF 150	FF 195	EF 150	EF 195	SF 150	SF 195
1.	FRA	GER	RUS	HUN	FRA	RUS	RUS	FRA	FRA	FRA	GER	FRA
2.	GER	HUN	ITA	DEN	ITA	GER	GER	GER	GER	FIN	GBR	GER
3.	RUS	ITA	GER	ITA	GER	HUN	GBR	FIN	ITA	GER	ITA	GBR
4.	SUI	RUS	NOR	GBR	HUN	ITA	ITA	GBR	HUN	GBR	FRA	
5.	ITA	FRA	FRA	GER	RUS	GBR	HUN	AUT	FIN	AUT	HUN	
6.	AUT	GBR	HUN	FRA	ESP	FRA	FRA		AUT		RUS	
7.	POL	DEN	BEL	RUS	BLR	POL	AUT		RUS		AUT	
8.	BLR		UKR	AUT	AUT	CZE			GBR			
9.	HUN		GBR	UKR	LAT							
10.	GBR		POL	BEL	GBR							
11.	CZE		AUT	FIN	POL							
12.			SUI	IRL	CZE							
13.			ROU									
14.			CZE									
15.			FIN									

FM = Men's foil
 EM = Men's epee
 SM = Men's sabre

 FF = Women's foil
 EF = Women's epee
 SF = Women's sabre



Some of Team GBR and David Sweeney, EVFC President

Photo taken by Anne Mills

The Championships in Poreč showed the introduction of a new team category, the 195+. This was an initiative first suggested by GBR and it was a great success. There were some problems with the timetable in running two events, the 150+ and 195+ at the same time, with finals finishing times being late. However, it must be said in defence of the organisers, that when they proposed the bid to hold this event in Poreč they were not expecting to provide for 195+ teams as well but agreed to do so at a later date. A total of 101 teams had entered although a few did not turn up. Thanks go to Reno Marolt and his team of organisers and to the band of excellent FIE referees.

Day 1

The first day's events were MF 150+, WE 150+, MS 195+ and WS 195+. The MF 150+ team made a cracking start in the poules defeating the Czech Republic 8-1 but lost to Germany and Austria to rank 7th after the poules. They narrowly lost 4-5 to 10th placed Belarus, to face CZE again winning 5-3 to play off against Hungary for 9th/10th place, losing that match 1-5 to finish 10th.



WE 150+ faced Russia, Italy and Germany in the poules, defeating Russia 7-2 but losing to the other two teams, ranking 6th after the poules. They then faced 3rd placed Italy and in exciting match narrowly lost 4-5 to fence against Austria in the 5th-8th placements. Another closely fought match with a win to Austria 5-4 saw the team finish 8th.

MS 195+ drew Russia, France and the Czech Republic in the poules, defeating CZE 8-1 but losing to Russia and France. Their ranking after the poules was 5th. A 2-5 loss to Italy then saw them face CZE again, (as did the MF150+ team), to win 5-3. Another 5-3 win against France gave them a well fought final ranking of 5th place.



WS 195+ was one of 3 teams in this event, the others being Germany and France. With each team winning one match 5-4 this saw equal victories and indicators. France got the bye with our team facing Germany to get to the final. A 3-5 loss gave our girls Bronze with France going on to defeat Germany in the final.

The first day also saw the opening ceremony which featured modern and traditional culture.



Day 2

WF 150+, ME 195+, MS 150+, and WE 195+ were the second day's events. With 7 teams entered, WF 150+ found themselves in a poule of 3 against France and Russia and with a win against France and a defeat by Russia ranked 4th after the poules. This put them against Hungary for a place in the semi-finals. A nail biting match resulted in a well deserved 5-3 for the girls to meet Germany. With a 5-3 win to Germany they then had to fence against Italy in the Bronze play off. In an exceptionally fought match which went to the last hit of the last fight on priority, with the team coming from behind, team captain Gillian Worman kept her cool and got the winning hit to secure Bronze. A terrific team performance!



ME 195+ met Italy and Ireland in the poules with a 9-0 win against Ireland and a 4-5 defeat against Italy ranking 5th after the poules. A 5-2 win against Ireland in the first DE followed by a 5-2 win against Russia gave them a place in the semi-final against Hungary. The team was unfortunate to lose 3-5, so then had to meet Italy in the Bronze fence off. This was another exciting and well fought match which went to the last bout with the team being very unfortunate in losing 4-5, finishing 4th overall.

MS 150+ drew Russia and Austria in the poules with a 6-3 win against Austria and a 2-7 defeat by Russia, ranking 8th after the poules to meet Austria in the first DE. With Austria winning 5-3 they then came across the Czech Republic to win convincingly by 5-1. With a fence off for 9th/10th place they met Latvia but lost 1-5 finishing 10th.

WE 195+ found themselves in a single poule of 5 teams with a 7-2 win against Austria ranking them 4th to fence Austria for a place in the semi-finals. With an excellent 5-4 win they then had to face the very strong French team and lost 1-5 to fence off for Bronze. The gave a valiant and determined effort against Germany but lost 2-5, finishing 4th.



Day 3

ME 150+, MF 195+, WS 150+ and WF 195+ were the last four events of the Championships.

With 16 teams in the ME 150+ event, our team was in a poule of 4 against Belgium, Switzerland and Germany. With two 4-5 losses to Belgium and Switzerland and a 1-5 loss to Germany they were ranked 14th after the poules to meet 3rd placed Russia, losing 2-5. They then convincingly won all of their matches, 5-2 against Sweden, 5-1 against Austria and 5-1 against Poland to finish 9th overall. A great comeback!

MF 195+, one of seven teams were in a poule of 4 against Germany, Russia and Denmark winning 5-3 against Russia and losing the other two matches to rank 5th after the poules to meet Russia in the first DE. Russia took revenge winning 5-3 leaving our team to fence for 5th - 8th place. With a bye and then a 0-5 loss to France, the team finished 6th.

WS 150+ were also one of seven teams and were placed in a poule of 3 against Russia and France with good wins of 6-3 and 7-2 respectively to rank 2nd to Germany, who had fenced in a poule of 4. With a 5-3 win against the Austria the girls then had to fence Italy in the semi-finals. A stunning win of 5-3 gave them a very well deserved place in the final to meet their old adversary Germany. They fought well but were unlucky to lose 2-5. It was a proud moment for me as team manager to support them in the final and to see them take Silver.

WF 195+ were one of 5 teams in a single poule winning one of their matches, 6-3 against Austria placing them 4th after the poules to meet Austria again. With a 5-3 win this gave them a place in the semi-finals against France. The very strong French team won 5-0 leaving our team to fence Finland, another strong team for Bronze. In a very friendly match Finland won 5-2, with our team finishing 4th overall.

As you can see from this report, there were some very close matches which do show that the medal haul could have been greater. That's the sport of fencing....

Well done Team GBR.

Full results can be found on the official website:

<http://www.hms.hr/veterans2014/rez.htm>

Gillian Aghajan
Team Manager



Team GBR

Women's Foil

150+ Team	Kate O'Connell	Jane Clayton	Jenny Morris	Gillian Worman
195+ Team	Diane Austin	Marilyn Wheelband	Janet Perkins	Maggie Myers

Women's Epee

150+ Team	Nicola Hull	Jane Clayton	Mariette Mason	Jenny Morris
195+ Team	Sylvia Brown	Caryl Oliver	Fiona Haldane	Silvia Earl

Women's Sabre

150+ Team	Beth Davidson	Jane Hutchison	Jenny Morris	Michele Narey
195+ Team	Sylvia Brown	Sue Benney	Vivien Frith	Silvia Earl

Men's Foil

150+ Team	Lindsay Watkiss	Tony Williams	Michael Thomas	Richard Sage
195+ Team	Paul Lowen	Fred Sheppard	Chris Green	Jonathan Stanbury

Men's Epee

150+ Team	John Leahey	Anton Pollard	George Liston	Stephan Munn
195+ Team	Chris Green	Jonathan Stanbury	Ralph Johnson	Max Telfer

Mens' sabre

150+ Team	Chris Prevett	Steve Potter	Carl Morris	Julian Ghosh
195+ Team	Peter Baron	Chris Prevett	Carl Morris	Chris Green

Reserves:

ME 195+ and MF 195+ - Peter Baron

WE 150+ - Maggie Myers

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Pictures of Poreč



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People in Poreč



European Team Championships, Poreč, Croatia 2014

Annual Congress of EVF - 15th May 2014 - summary

European Team Championships

2016 - Medway - Progress report given

2018 - no bids. Possibly Bergamot or Milan, Italy, or Germany

European Individual Championships

2017 - no bids

2019 - no bids

FIE Veterans Worlds Championships

2014 - Hungary asked to change the dates as there is a problem with the venue on the original dates. The majority agreed that the published dates of October 21 - 26 must stand and Hungary must provide an alternative venue. David Sweeney to contact Max Geuter.

2015 - no bids

Proposal to amend the Constitution regarding Members of Honour

It was agreed by majority to have a maximum of 6 active (living) members of honour. Nando Capelli formally accepted and presented with a certificate. Constitution to be amended.

Rules for 195 teams

The 'temporary' rules, as previously circulated, were formally adopted.

Seeding for fencers who are unranked in EV Championships

It was agreed that seeding should be considered. The discussion document circulated is a good starting point. A working party to develop this was set up: David Sweeney, Benoit Pincemaille (FRA) and Leonardo Patti (ITA).

Proposed Veteran Individual World Cup - Italy

Some concerns were raised that this might deter individuals from entering the team championships, and that it would be an extra cost. Country representatives to seek opinions from members and report at the next EVF Congress.

Handbook of regulations

A working party consisting of David Sweeney, Benoit Pincemaille (FRA) and Jean-Pierre Mion (FRA) will work on producing a Handbook of Regulations, based on the document submitted by David Sweeney and will report by email to country representatives.

Election of Officers - President - David Sweeney

David Sweeney elected by majority. Benoit Pincemaille (FRA) was a candidate for election.

Gillian Aghajan - GBR representative

Hampshire Veterans Open

(Email received from Mark Richardson)

Dear Gillian,

Here are a few words on the event.

The 2014 Hampshire open veterans epée:

There were 17 men; Ian Cowley, Ben Dishman, James Fleming-Fido, Paul Gregory, John Hyde, David Hydes, Maurizio Molino, Laurence Moody, Stephan Munn, Jon Nottingham, Gareth Rees, John Rees, Mark Richardson, Gerry Simpson, Robert Sonderman and Alan Ault (who was a day late for the foil but joined in the epée on the day). Eight women; Victoria Clements, Ingrid Heskett, Elaine Jacket, Lucie Maldoom, Lynette Robinson, Carole Seheult, Susan Westley and Jo Wheeler.

There were two rounds of poules and it was a very enjoyable and, as always, hard fought competition with some close bouts. Unfortunately David Hydes retired after the poules due to injury.

The medallists were:

Jon Nottingham	Gold
Paul Gregory	Silver
Mark Richardson	Bronze
Stephan Munn	Bronze

Ingrid Heskett	Gold
Joanne Wheeler	Silver
Elaine Jackett	Bronze
Carole Seheult	Bronze



Full results can be found on

<http://www.southhampshirefencing.co.uk/hampshire-open/results/results-2014/>

BW
Mark

Mark Richardson
Foil results on page
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**Women's Epee
medallists**



**Men's Epee
medallists**

**Photos
courtesy of
Lucy Wright**

Hampshire Veterans Open

Foil results

Gerry Gajadharsingh	Gold
Paul Wedge	Silver
Ian McQueen	Bronze
John Rees	Bronze

Marilyn Wheelband	Gold
Dawn Townsend	Silver
Amanda Collins	Bronze
Francoise Nottingham	Bronze

*Photos
courtesy of
Lucy Wright*

***Men's Foil
Medallists***



***Women's Foil
Medallists***



Competition results (top half)

Hampshire Open - 10/05/2014

MF (29)	5	Paul Lowen
	11	Paul Wedge
ME (54)	12	Will Miller
	14	Stephen Domek
	20	Simon Pink
	22	Robin Davenport
	23	James Fleming-Fido
	25	Paul Gregory
	27	Jon Nottingham
WF (17)	7	Dawn Townsend
WE (23)	3T	Ingrid Heskett
	3T	Helen Thouless
	11	Nadya Yordanova
WS (9)	1	Luce Wright
	3T	Lynn Williams

Wellington Open - 18/05/2014

MF (19)	3	Tony Williams
	9	Philip Westley
ME (24)	1	Robin Davenport
	5	Nathan Miller
	8	Robert Phelps
	11	Jim Pilkington
MS (12)	3	Keith Rogerson
	5	Michael Compton
	6	Nathan Miller
WF (11)	2	Caron Hale
WE (12)	3	Lorette Laschetti

Chichester Open - 24/05/2014

MF (39)	8	David Exeter
	11	Paul Abrahams
	13	Mike McKay
	18	Paul Lowen
ME (53)	7	Will Miller
	13	Stephan Munn
	18	Adam Steiner
	23	Rob Brooks
	25	Paul Willmott
	26	Paul Townson
WE (30)	5	Ingrid Heskett
	9	Nicola Hull
	10	Kate Smith
	13	Susan Brooks
	15	Mariette Mason

Herts Open Sabre 25/05/2014

WS (31)	3	Jane Hutchison
	5	Rachel Lasance
	8	Grace Coulter
	11	Viv Frith

***Congratulations to
Lucy Wright - 1st
Women's Sabre -
Hampshire Open
and Robin Davenport
1st Men's Epée -
Wellington Open!***



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Prizewinners will be announced in the BVF Newsletter

GOOD LUCK!!



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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**Photos
by Editor**

Caption Competition May

send your entry to Editor

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Caption Competition April

*'The 500 Most Fascinating Things to Talk About in the World.
No 501: Fencing Electrics'*

Paul Brenda

and this one from someone who was in Croatia
(can't recall who):

*'Look what Peter came across at Madame
Tussauds!'*



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