

William the Conqueror!



**Bill Osbaldeston wins Gold at the World Veterans Championships
Men's Epée Cat C**

Photo by Editor

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Chairman's letter

Dear Members,

It seems incredible that there are only a few weeks left to Christmas. A daunting thought. The fencing calendar continues to be busy with some very good results for Veterans at Open competitions. It is great to see both familiar names and some new ones too listed in the top half results.

The World Individual and Team Championships were held in Debrecen, Hungary this month. Congratulations to Bill Osbaldeston on his gold medal and to all of our medal winners. A good haul! The level of fencing continues to get higher and more fiercely competitive. There were some very close results and it is very creditable that GBR finished seventh in the individual medal table and won three team medals. Six fencers finished in the L8 in their individual events. The Men's Epee team excelled themselves to get silver against Ukraine, losing by only one hit. Well done to everyone who took part including our 'World Virgins'. Full results can be found on the competition website: <http://www.veteranfencingwch2014.com/Results/>


Thanks go to David Sweeney, GBR Delegation Manager, who did a sterling job as always. Team Managing is not an easy task and involves a lot of work, before, during and after the event. You will find David's report in this newsletter.

November sees both the Senior and Veterans Commonwealth Championships in Largs, Glasgow. To all of you who are taking part in these events, good luck and have a very enjoyable time. In last month's letter I omitted that Gillian Worman has been selected to represent Northern Ireland in the Senior Championships. (Congratulations Gillian and apologies for the omission.) There are some places available for the Team match against the Royal Navy (30th November) for all weapons but particularly women's foil and men's sabre. Please contact Peter Baron if you are interested: bvf@baronfencing.plus.com

The BVF committee meets on 16th November, so if there is anything you would like discussed, please let me know. Plans are progressing well for ET16. All the tickets for the Club 100 have now been sold and the draw will take place soon. Thanks to everyone who has supported this and good luck!

Sincerely,

Gillian Aghajan
Chairman



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2014 World Individual & Team Championships Debrecen, Hungary

The Championships were held in the Fonix Hall in Debrecen, Hungary. On arrival at the venue the squad discovered that it was well presented and laid out. Accreditation was simple and without the long delays experienced in the past. Weapon control was, in the main, swift and fairly efficient. The electronic wifi communication software of pool results direct to the DT and livestream were impressive. The volunteers and officials were both friendly and efficient. The squad accommodation was comfortable and in close proximity to several restaurants and bars. Transfers between the airport and the hotel and venue worked well.



The squad performed well producing some creditable individual results and with 1 Gold, 1 Silver and 6 Individual Bronze medals together with 1 silver and 2 Bronze team medals and GBR finishing 7th in the medal table.

GBR Individual Championship medal winners

Bill Osbaldeston	-	Gold Medal Men's Epée Category C
Kristin Payne	-	Silver Medal Women's Foil Category C
Paul Lowen	-	Bronze Medal Men's Foil Category B
Clare Halsted	-	Bronze Medal Women's Foil Category B
Malcolm Cawton	-	Bronze Medal Men's Sabre Category C
Bill Osbaldeston	-	Bronze Medal Men's Sabre Category C
Jane Hutchison	-	Bronze Medal Women's Sabre Category A
Vivien Frith	-	Bronze Medal Women's Sabre Category B

GBR Team Championships medal winners

Men's Epée Team	-	Silver Medal
Women's Foil Team	-	Bronze Medal
Women's Sabre Team	-	Bronze Medal

Other notable results (L8)

Richard Cohen	-	5 th place Men's Sabre Category B
Tony Bartlett	-	6 th Men's Foil Category A
Caron Hale	-	6 th Women's Foil Category A
Carole Seheult	-	7 th Women's Epée Category C
Peter Baron	-	7 th Men's Sabre Category C
Silvia Earl	-	8 th Women's Epée Category B



Malcolm Cawton and Peter Baron face each other again!

Individual Medal Table

		GOLD	SILVER	BRONZE	TOTAL
1st	USA	6	3	6	15
2nd	ITALY	5	1	1	7
3rd	GERMANY	4	8	7	19
4th	UKRAINE	3	-	-	3
5th	FRANCE	2	2	5	9
6th	RUSSIA	2	1	2	5
7th	GREAT BRITAIN	1	2	8	11
8th	AUSTRIA	1	-	-	1
9th	AUSTRALIA	-	3	-	3
10th	FINLAND	-	2	3	5
11th	HUNGARY	-	1	4	5
12th	JAPAN	-	1	1	2
13th	SWITZERLAND	-	-	2	2
=14th	CANADA	-	-	1	1
=14th	GEORGIA	-	-	1	1
=14th	NETHERLANDS	-	-	1	1

Team Medal Table

	GOLD	SILVER	BRONZE
WF TEAM	GER	FIN	GBR
WE TEAM	GER	FRA	FIN
WS TEAM	USA	GER	GBR
MF TEAM	ITA	GER	RUS
ME TEAM	UKR	GBR	GER
MS TEAM	USA	RUS	ITA

David Sweeney
GBR Delegation Manager

BVF Calendar 2014

BVF CALENDAR 2014	
Nov 16-19	Veterans Commonwealth Championships, Largs, nr Glasgow
Nov 30	BVF v Royal Navy, <i>HMS President</i> 72 St Katharines Way, London. E1W 1UQ Event Manager: Pete Baron

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

Medal Winners



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Emotions in Debrecen



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Best Veteran Fencers

After the 2014 world championships, there have been some changes to the lists of most successful veteran fencers since the European and world championships began. Clear overall winner is the incomparable Marie Chantal Demaille of France, senior world champion in 1971, who was the first veteran women's foil world champion in 1998 and has won an astonishing 27 gold medals – 17 world and 10 European titles – as well as 11 of another colour.

Some way behind but still hugely impressive come a group of four with a dozen or more gold medals, led by Gari Aftandilov of Russia with 16 titles, Janet Cooksey with 14, Richard Cohen with 13 and Marja-Liisa Someroja of Finland with 12. Demaille and Cohen share the title of most successful fencer at one weapon, each winning 13 titles – at foil and sabre respectively.

With 39 world and European medals to her name (one more than Demaille), Brigitte Greunke of Germany tops the list of those with the most medals. She won the first European women's foil title in 1991 and has gone on to amass a total of eight golds, 14 silver and 17 bronze. The only other person to have collected more than 30 medals is Cooksey with 32, 14 of them gold.

Some fencers have been particularly successful in world championships rather than European: Aftandilov continues to dominate the men's 70+ foil and currently has 11 world golds and five European; Cooksey has always reserved her best performances for the worlds, winning ten titles and four European; Someroja of Finland has won nine world gold medals, but only three European; Graham Paul has six world titles and two European; Kerstin Palm of Sweden and Maurizio Galvan of Italy have each won five world championships, but never a European title.

For others it has been the other way round: Ute Wessel of Germany has won seven European titles, but only two world championships; Sylvia Brown has four European titles and one world; Connie Adam has won 17 European medals (three gold) in a remarkable fencing career starting when she was 60, but only one bronze at the world championships. Germany's Annemarie Grundlehner has 13 European medals, but nothing at world level; her fellow countrywoman Astrid Kircheis has nine European medals and just one world.

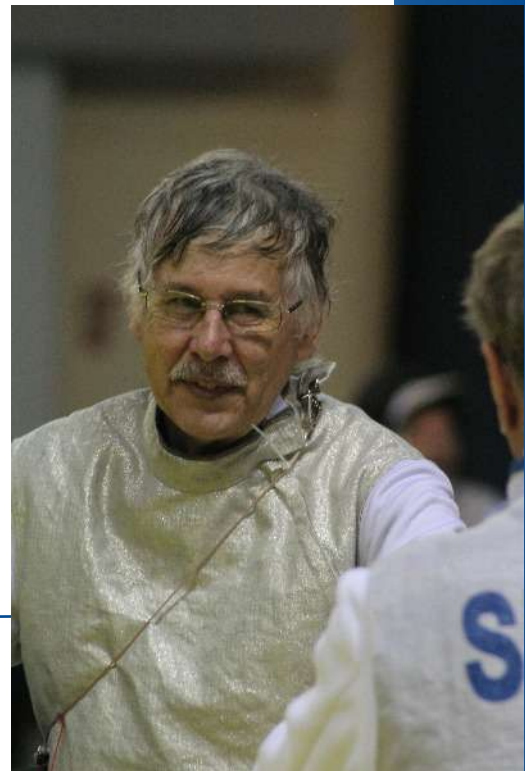
At the end of 2014, the top-ten medal tables look like this:

WORLD	Gold	Silver	Bronze
Marie Chantal Demaille (FRA)	17 (8f, 8e, 1s)	4 (1f, 2e, 1s)	2 (f)
Gari Aftandilov (RUS)	11 (7f, 2e, 2s)	2 (e)	-
Janet Cooksey (GBR)	10 (5f, 5e)	3 (2f, 1e)	9 (4f, 4e, 1s)
Marja-Liisa Someroja (FIN)	9 (3f, 6e)	3 (1f, 2e)	6 (3f, 3e)
Graham Paul (GBR)	6 (5f, 1e)	4 (3f, 1e)	-
Brigitte Greunke (GER)	5 (1f, 2e, 2s)	4 (2e, 2s)	10 (4f, 4e, 2s)
Kerstin Palm (SWE)	5 (f)	3 (f)	1 (f)
Maurizio Galvan (ITA)	5 (f)	1 (f)	-
Iris Gardini (ITA)	4 (2e, 2s)	2 (1f, 1e)	1 (s)
Richard Cohen (GBR)	4 (s)	2 (s)	-

EUROPEAN	Gold	Silver	Bronze
Marie Chantal Demaille (FRA)	10 (5f, 4e, 1s)	2 (1f, 1e)	3 (2f, 1e)
Richard Cohen (GBR)	9 (s)	-	1 (s)
Ute Wessel (GER)	7 (f)	1 (f)	1 (f)
Gari Aftandilov (RUS)	5 (3f, 1e, 1s)	-	2 (f)
Annemarie Grundlehner (GER)	4 (3f, 1e)	6 (2f, 4e)	3 (e)
Janet Cooksey (GBR)	4 (2f, 2e)	5 (2f, 2e, 1s)	1 (e)
Sylvia Brown (GBR)	4 (2f, 2e)	1 (f)	3 (s)
Robert Schiel (LUX)	4 (1f, 3e)	-	2 (1f, 1e)
Friederike Janshen (GER)	4 (s)	-	-
Connie Adam (GBR)	3 (e)	5 (2f, 1e, 2s)	9 (1f, 5e, 3s)

COMBINED	Gold	Silver	Bronze
Demaille	27	6	5
Aftandilov	16	2	2
Cooksey	14	8	10
Cohen	13	2	1
Someroja	12	6	10
Wessel	9	3	2
Greunke	8	14	17
Paul	8	6	-
Palm	7	3	3
Blaschka	7	-	2

Malcolm Fare



Bottoms Up!

Moya enjoys a well-earned beer in Debrecen...

Great photo Moya - thanks for sending it in!

Editor



Competition results (top half)

Shropshire Open - 27/09/2014

MF (31)	13	Jonathan Stanbury
ME (47)	6	Jonathan Stanbury
	10	Max Telfer
	16	Paul Drake
	17	Anton Pollard
	20	Tom Chrisp
MS (23)	8	Carl Moffat
WF (13)	2	Kati Archer
	3	Jane Clayton
WE (16)	5	Jane Clayton
	7	Silvia Earl
WS (9)	2	Rachel Lasance
	3	Lucy Wright

Miller-Hallett - 4/10/2014

ME (124)	36	Chris Howser
	42	Howard West
	54	George Liston

Milner-Barry - 5/10/2014

WE (85)	3	Georgina Usher
	33	Kate Smith

Sussex Open - 4/10/2014

MF (40)	7	Nick Mort
	13	Paul Lowen
	16	Paul Baillache
ME (42)	2	John Leahy
	3T	Steven Paul
	6	Gavin Moulton
	8	Paul Townson
	10	Jeremy Raj
	12	Mark Richardson
	16	Paul Baillache
	17	John Hyde
	18	Simon Pink
	20	Jonathan Stanbury
WF (13)	5	Jenny Morris
WE (20)	2	Nicola Hull
	9	Nadya Yordanova

University of York Open - 9/10/2014

MF (49)	3	Mike McKay
	9	Nick Stokes
	11	Paul Lowen
	19	David Exeter
ME (55)	9	Chris Heaps
	12	Granville Ward
	18	Max Telfer
	21	Darryl Hazlewood
	27	Peter Fenton
MS (8)	1	Edward Simpson
WF (19)	5	Kate Harris
WE (22)	3	Gillian Stone



Competition results (top half)

Bedford Open Epee - 12/10/2014

ME (59)	5	Anton Pollard
	11	John Prime
	16	Tom Chrisp
	17	Howard West
	18	Stephen Domek
	20	Stephan Munn
	22	Max Telfer
	27	Mark Richardson
	29	Michael Ramsden

WE (17) 7 Fiona Turnbull

North West Open - 24/10/2014

ME (18) 6 Duncan Salter

Highland Open - 26/10/2014

ME (30) 2 George Liston

ENGLAND

Jane Hutchison - sabre

Beth Davidson - Team Manager



SCOTLAND

Georgina Usher - epee

George Liston - epee



Leeds Open - 25/10/2014

MF (68) 20 Mike McKay
24 David Exeter

ME (47) 6 Tristan Spicer
8 Peter Davies
10 Max Telfer
14 Chris Heaps
20 Evert Van Gemeren
23 Darryl Hazlewood
28 Paul Cooper

MS (32) 16 Kevin Alexander

WF (33) 12 Cathy Heyes
13 Kate Harris

WS (11) 2 Emma Waller

***Congratulations and
Good Luck to BVF members
taking part in the Senior
Commonwealths in Largs!***

NORTHERN IRELAND

Gillian Worman - foil



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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by Editor*



Caption Competition September

Editor's choices -

'Christmas Present Ideas: Matching Hair and Lamé sets by Leon Paul.'

Paul Brenda

Malcolm – I'm not sure getting our hair to match our lames will catch on.'

Geoff Silverman

'I vote the man with the Mohawk breaks the glass!'

Richard Cohen



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