

GBR brings home the bling!



David Sweeney, EVFC President, presents Georgina Usher with the Gold medal - WE (40-49)

Photo by Editor

European Individual Championships - Report, photos and medal table

Fund raising for ET16 Competition results

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Chairman's letter

Dear Members,

It was an honour for me to be team manager for the GBR squad at the European Individual Championships in Poreč, Croatia. Everyone gave it their all, and we came home with 3 gold medals, 2 silver and 2 bronze, with the 3 gold medals won on the same evening - a very proud, exciting and nail biting experience for all. There were some who missed out on medals very narrowly and others who were disappointed with their performance but all bounced back and supported their team mates. Despite the logistics involved with the event taking place in 2 venues, the support that fencers gave to each other was brilliant. There were some organisational problems, but these were ironed out as the Championships progressed, and there has been much positive feedback from fencers.

"Veterans fencing is very special in so many ways (apart from the fencing) - the fun, friendships and the happy memories will last a long time."

Congratulations to the medallists and all who took part.

Gold Medal	Peter Baron	MS (70+)
	Georgina Usher	WE (40-49)
	Paul Wedge	MF (60-69)
Silver Medal	Jane Hutchison	WS (50-59)
	Bill Osbaldeston	MS (70+)
Bronze Medal	Sue Benney	WS (60-69)
	Jane Clayton	WE (60-69)

Full results can be found at:

<http://hms.hr/REZULTATI/EPveterans2015/rez.htm>

Now that the 2015 Europeans have finished it is back to business with ET16. We are continuing with our fund raising efforts so please consider supporting the latest (and last) 100 Club (see page 9). You will find full details of a fun fund raising venture on pages 8 and 9 - Pig Swig & Jig Gig!

Good luck to all of you who are taking part in the Age Groups, 6th-7th June. I am sorry that I cannot be there on the Saturday but hope to get there on the Sunday.

Sincerely,

Gillian Aghajan
Chairman



BVF Calendar 2015

BVF CALENDAR 2015	
June 6-7	Age Groups 2015, Bletchley Event Manager - Marcia Stretch
June 26-28	GBR v GER, Darmstadt Event Manager: David Sweeney
Sep 5-6	Veterans Winton Cup 2015, Lilleshall Event Manager - Marcia Stretch
Oct 10-11	WVFA Championships, Aberystwyth (WVFA members only) Details - Catherine Bowd
Oct 20-25	World Championships, Limoges Event Manager - Gillian Aghajan
Nov 29	BVF v Royal Navy, HMS President 72 St Katharine's Way, London. E1W 1UQ Event Manager: Pete Baron

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



A proud sight in Poreč!

And later somewhere near Poreč.....

(Captions welcome...!)

Photo courtesy of Jane Hutchison



Annual Congress of EVF - 13th May 2015, Poreč

Summary

European Team Championships

- 2016** - Medway - Progress report given. Website to be launched.
- 2018** - Ascension Day 10th May - The Netherlands have expressed an interest.
- 2020** - Ascension Day 21st May - Portuguese representative to discuss with Portugal Federation.

European Individual Championships

- 2015** - there were approximately 1200 entries from 34 countries.
- 2017** - Ascension Day 25th May. Italy to bid - La Spezia, France may also bid. (Bids to submitted by end of 2015)
- 2019** - Ascension Day 30th May, Slovenia would like to host at Ljubljana, France also interested.
- 2021** - Ascension Day 13th May - Germany has expressed an interest - Hamburg.

FIE Veterans Worlds Championships

- 2015** - 20-25th October, Limoges, France.
No elimination after the poules. 650-700 participants expected.
Rules to be amended.
- 2016** - Stralsund, Germany in October.
- 2017** - Maribor, Slovenia.

Team composition

AMIS (Italy) submitted the following proposal which was agreed by majority:
To replace the minimum aggregate age requirement of 150 years for Veterans category and 195 for Grand Veterans category with the following:

Veterans

Teams of 3 fencers from Cat 1 and Cat 2 with at least one from Cat 2 and up to 2 reserves.

Grand Veterans

Teams of 3 fencers from Cat 3 and Cat 4 with at least one from Cat 4 and up to 2 reserves.

For both categories substitution of reserves (one per match) must comply with category composition requirement. These new rules will be applied for the European Team Championships 2016.

Full minutes will be published on the EVFC website in due course.

Gillian Aghajan - GBR representative

2015 European Championships

Great Britain won three gold, two silver and two bronze medals at the European Veterans Championships in Poreč Croatia, to finish fifth in the medal table.

Retaining her title from two years ago, Georgina Usher swept all before her in the 84-strong Cat 1 women's epee event, although she had tough quarter- and semi-final fights, narrowly overcoming Hablützel-Bürki (SWI) in extra time 5-3 and then Ravasi (ITA) 10-9 before enjoying a relaxed final in which she crushed Andracsik (HUN) 10-3.

Paul Wedge, newly arrived in men's foil Cat 3, chalked up straightforward 10-2, 10-4, 10-1 victories on his way to the final of his 31-strong event where he faced the difficult left-handed Italian Francesco Tiberi. Although always just ahead, Wedge kept getting pegged back by inadvertently covering his target with his left arm, giving his opponent three extra hits to level the score at 9-all. A few tense moments elapsed before Wedge clinched victory with a fast attack to shoulder.



Georgina strides confidently on the finals piste



Tense action in MF (60_69) final

In Cat 4 men's sabre, Peter Baron had a nervous first DE victory over Buday (HUN) 10-9 before settling down to reach the final against team mate Bill Osbaldeston, who had made a good run to the final with three solid victories. Baron was always in control in the final, varying attacks with neat side-stepping parry-ripostes to win 10-7 and collect his second European title.



Bill Osbaldeston and Peter Baron 'face' each other on the finals piste

Jane Hutchison had little difficulty reaching the final of her 21-strong Cat 2 women's sabre event, but then met Janshen (GER), undefeated European champion since she first entered these championships in 2007 and once again in dominant form. Hutchison has had a difficult season with little time for training and was pleased to come away with a silver medal.

Sue Benney won bronze in women's sabre Cat 3 as did Jane Clayton in Women's epee Cat 3.



Beth Davidson



**Michele
videos Jane's
final**

Beth Davidson missed a medal by one hit when she lost 9-10 to Kollmetz (GER) in the quarter-finals of Cat 1 women's sabre. Others exiting at the same stage were Richard Cohen in his last year in Cat 3 men's sabre, Chris Prevett in the same event, Vivien Frith and Silvia Earl in Cat 3 women's sabre, Graham Paul in his last year in Cat 3 men's foil, Bill Osbaldeston in Cat 4 men's epee, Sylvia Brown in Cat 4 women's foil and the irrepressible Connie Adam, at 87 the oldest fencer in the championships, in Cat 4 women's sabre.

Malcolm Fare



Opening ceremony dancers

Trek in the Himalayas

5 day trek in the Annapurna
region
plus 5 days in Kathmandu - iust

For info click on www.salago.com

Medal winners!



**Georgina Usher
Gold WE (40-49)**



**Sue Benney
Bronze WS (60-69)
Jane Hutchison
Silver WS (50-59)**



**Jane Clayton
Bronze WE (60-69)**



**Paul Wedge
Gold MF (60-69)**

*Photos by
Editor*




**Bill Osbaldeston and Peter Baron
Silver and Gold MS (70+)**

European expressions!























Photos by Editor

Medal table


13th EUROPEAN INDIVIDUAL VETERANS FENCING CHAMPIONSHIPS
 Poreč – Croatia, 14 – 17 May 2015

MEDALS

						TOTAL
1.		ITALY	8	8	5	21
2.		FRANCE	5	2	6	13
3.		GERMANY	4	5	15	24
4.		RUSSIA	3	2	3	8
5.		GREAT BRITAIN	3	2	2	7
6.		FINLAND	1	1		2
7.		HUNGARY		1	4	5
8.-9.		AUSTRIA		1	1	2
8.-9.		DENMARK		1	1	2
10.		UKRAINE		1		1
11.		SPAIN			3	3
12.-13.		POLAND			2	2
12.-13.		BELARUS			2	2
14.-17.		LUXEMBURG			1	1
14.-17.		SERBIA			1	1
14.-17.		SWEDEN			1	1
14.-17.		MACEDONIA			1	1

BVF 100 Club

MANY THANKS FOR SUPPORTING THE BVF 100 CLUB

We have already raised **£2,000** for ET16
 It has been decided to launch one more, and definitely the last, 100 Club.
 This time there will be **10 prizes of £100** each
 Numbers will cost £20 as before

Choose your lucky number and contact Sue Church
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Competition results (top half)

Birmingham International - 04/04/2015

ME (79) 15 John Leahey
21 Stephen Domek
26 Darryl Hazlewood
35 Max Telfer
39 Adam Steiner

MS (54) 24 Duncan Rowlands

WE (60) 15 Nicola Hull

WS (38) 13 Rachel Lasance

Cole Cup WE - 26/04/2015

WE (38) 13 Nicola Hull

Hampshire Open - 09/05/2015

MF (27) 8 Nick Mort
9 Tony Williams
11 Graham Reid

ME (44) 6 John Hyde
8 Will Miller
11 John Leahey
17 Mark Richardson
19 Simon Pink

MS (22) 8 Carl Morris
9 Michael Compton

WE (12) 2 Helen Thouless
3T Jenny Morris

WS (8) 1 Lucy Wright
2 Michele Narey
3T Tracy Russen

Liverpool University Open - 09/05/2015

MF (16) 6 Jeffery Kiy

ME (26) 2 Chris Heaps
9 Kevan Riley

MS (18) 2 Andrew Thornley

WF (6) 1 Kati Archer

***Congratulations to
Kati Archer -
1st WF - Liverpool University
Open
and to
Lucy Wright -
1st WS - Hampshire Open***

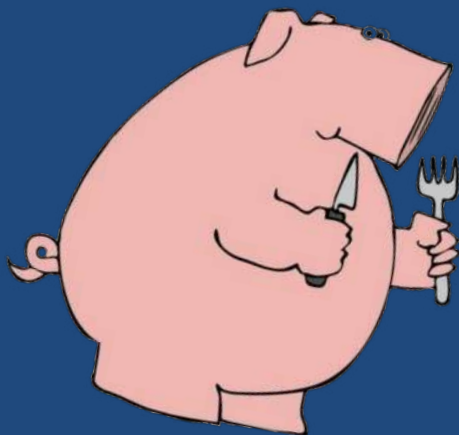
**Competition results compiled
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Pig Swig and Jig Gig

18th July 2015



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In support of the 2016 European Veterans
Fencing Team Championships

£20 each

Come along and enjoy a pig Roast, have a tippie and enjoy a jig with your friends, old and new, in what promises to be a great evening.

There will be a good selection of vegetarian alternatives.

The event will take place in the grounds of
Grove House, Salmon Springs, Stroud

Starting at 7:30pm

All proceeds will go towards the cost of hosting the 2016 European Veterans Fencing Team Championships in Gillingham, Kent.

**Buy your ticket early to avoid
disappointment**



**Caption
Competition**

May

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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!

Send to me:

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**Photos
by Editor**



**Caption
Competition**

April

Editor's choice -

'Well, if we can't tune in soon we are going to miss the Archers!'

Joanne Yeates



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