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*Photo by Editor*

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## Chairman's letter

Dear Members,

It has been a few months since the last newsletter was published. Sincere apologies from me as Editor. Unexpected events in my personal life have meant that I have been kept very busy. My thanks to committee member Lucy Wright who has been keeping you up to date with her light-hearted, very informative BVF emails. I am very pleased to say Lucy will continue to do this and bring a smile to your faces.

The committee last met in March and agreed on the rules of selection for the 2019 Veterans World Championships. Thanks to the Ranking Sub-committee for the hard work they put into this - John Mason, Chairman; Graham Paul and Lindsay Watkiss; and to Chairman of Selectors, Carl Morris for his input. The Selection rules can be found on the BVF website: <http://www.veterans-fencing.co.uk/rules.shtml>. Graham has the role of Ranking Co-ordinator for 2019 Selection.

There have been two BVF run events so far this year - the Age Groups and the West Midlands Open. Thanks to Event Manager, Marcia Stretch and her team who ran both of these events. A lot of work goes on behind the scenes to organise and run such events and Marcia, as ever, with the assistance of her team, has done an excellent job. Thanks to all who were involved and congratulations to all medal winners. Links to the results for both of these events can be found here: <http://www.veterans-fencing.co.uk/latest.shtml>

Welsh Veterans Fencing hosted the Home Nations at the Welsh Institute of Sport, Cardiff. Thanks to Lyn and Mike Robinson and team whose hard work and sense of fun made this a very enjoyable event. Congratulations to England on retaining the Justin Smith Trophy.

The next BVF event is the BVF Championships at the Manchester Fencing Centre. Entry is online and closes on 5<sup>th</sup> May. <https://allentries.co.uk/competitions/view/BVF-N19>  
Mike Swiffin is the Event Manager. I hope to see lots of you there!

Entry for the European Championships, Cognac is now closed. I have registered 123 GBR fencers with a total of 152 weapon entries. In addition there is a GBR Support Team of 44! Some GBR fencers are unable to take part because of injury/operations. I wish all a speedy recovery.

The total number of weapon entries, from 37 countries is 1,835. It is going to be a fantastic event and I am looking forward to supporting Team GBR as Head of Delegation.

You will be able to watch some matches live and follow the results here:

<http://www.europeanveteranfencing-cognac2019.eu/en/video-live/>

<http://www.europeanveteranfencing-cognac2019.eu/en/results/>

There will be a GBR v GER match at King Edward's School, Bath with dinner at a Bath restaurant - August 17<sup>th</sup>. Graham Paul is Event Manager. If you would like to take part in the event please email Graham to register your interest no later than June 7<sup>th</sup> - [graham.paul@zen.co.uk](mailto:graham.paul@zen.co.uk). Teams will be selected in June taking ranking from the BVF Ranking Scheme into consideration. Full event details to follow.

The Winton Cup will be held in the Jubilee Sports Hall at Lilleshall National Sports Centre- September 28<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup>. This is a bigger hall than the one we have previously used and it has good facilities. Marcia is the Event Manager and full details are on the Latest News page on the BVF website:

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

It was very sad to hear of the recent death of Steve Paul. There is an obituary on British Fencing's website - <https://www.britishfencing.com/obituary-steve-paul-1954-2019/>

The BVF committee will be meeting on 19<sup>th</sup> May. If there is something that you would like the committee to consider please email Marcia, BVF Secretary, by 10<sup>th</sup> May -

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Sincerely,

**Gillian Aghajan**  
**BVF Chairman**

### Steven Paul 1954 -2019



*Rob Bruniges*

Rob Bruniges v Steven Paul

*Steven Paul*

## BVF CALENDAR 2019

May 10-12	BVF Championships 2019, Manchester Fencing Centre EPEE - Friday, SABRE - Saturday, FOIL - Sunday Event Manager - Mike Swiffin
May 29- Jun 2	European Veterans Individual Championships, Cognac, France Event Manager - Gillian Aghajan
Jul 27-28	Celtic Challenge, Truro, Cornwall
Jul 29-31	Truro Summer Fencing Camp, Truro Mini-camp for Veterans - Sabre
Aug 17	GBR v GER, King Edward's School, Bath Selection will be made at the beginning of June, BVF ranking results will be taken into account. Event Manager: Graham Paul
Sep 28-29	Veterans Winton Cup, Lilleshall National Sports Centre Event Manager - Marcia Stretch
Sep 28	BVF AGM, Telford Centre Hotel, Telford TF3 4NA 18:00 hrs
Oct 5-10	Veterans World Championships, Cairo, Egypt Event Manager - Gillian Aghajan
Nov 2-3	England Veterans Championships, Manchester Fencing Centre Saturday - FOIL and SABRE, Sunday - EPEE

See BVF website home page for European competitions and events - [www.veterans-fencing.co.uk](http://www.veterans-fencing.co.uk)



## England Veterans Fencing

### England Veterans Championships - 2/3 November

The first England Veterans Championship will be held at the Manchester Fencing Centre on 2/3 November 2019. Foil and Sabre on Saturday and Epee on Sunday. The Championships will be open to all England fencers and results will be considered when selecting teams in 2020.

**John Crouch**  
*Chair, England Veterans Fencing*



**ENGLAND FENCING**

### Commonwealth Veterans Championships Canberra, Australia - November 2018

The 13<sup>th</sup> Commonwealth Veterans Fencing Championships were held in Australia on 23-28<sup>th</sup> November. A team of 10 men and 8 women represented England in a 14 nation event with just over 200 competitors. A successful event produced 3 gold, 6 silver and 3 bronze medals to leave us in fourth place behind Australia, Canada and Scotland. The fencers that went performed well, but it was far from the strongest team that we might have sent.

In all the team events we managed a silver medal except for Men's epee where we were placed fourth. Individual Golds were won by Janet Cooksey (over 70 WF), Paul Wedge (over 60 MF) and Chris Prevett (over 60 MS). In the open events Nicola Hull was our star with silver in the Women's epee and bronze in the Women's foil. Our other two open medals were both won at sabre; Jane Hutchison for the women and Alexander Ellison for the men.

Detailed results can be seen at <http://www.cfc18.net/#results>.

I would like to thank England Fencing for their support with the entries and for financing the team entries.

**John Crouch**  
*Team Manager*



## Epeeists in St Maur-des-Fosse France

Despite continued uncertainties around Brexit a strong contingent of 17 Brits and 1 Irishman, who formed the backstop, arrived in Paris on the weekend of 2/3 March 2019 for the French National Veterans Epee circuit in St Maur-des-Fosse. With pools of 7/8 drawn from across all age groups, we then split into age groups for the DEs. We had the opportunity to fence a wide range of quality epeeists drawn from across Europe: Finland, Germany, Russia, Sweden, Switzerland and The Netherlands, and were all represented in an overall field of 378 men and 79 women. Old friendships were renewed and new ones made. Overall, we all acquitted ourselves well in a competition that was great practice for the European and World Championships. As you would expect of Vets we fenced and had a fun time as well.



On Sunday, whilst the ladies fenced in their competition we participated in the team event consisting of some 50 teams. GB A (Pink, Miller, Deburgh and Hyde) finished in the L16.

### Simon Pink

Individual Results					
V1 (125)	Farhad Riahi	13	V1 (25)	Helen Thouless Nicola Hull	11 12
V2 (139)	Gavin Moulton Simon Pink Etienne Deburgh Will Miller Paul Donnelly	37 43 48 78 101	V2 (32)	Marg Oniye Ingrid Heskett	10 13
V3 (93)	Andrew Luckman John Hyde Jon Nottingham	37 53 60	V3/V4 (22)	Jane Clayton Valerie Young Caryl Oliver Marianne Mason	7 10 15 16

*Time out to socialise*

*Photos courtesy of  
Caryl Oliver*



## Competition results (top half)

### Leon Paul ME - 20/10/2018

MF (26)	5	Stephen Domek
	6	Kola Ayanwale
	10	Howard West
	13	Tom Chrisp

### Scottish Open - 20/10/2018

MF (48)	22T	Paul Stanbridge
WF (21)	10	Sheila Anderson

### Sussex Open - 03/11/2108

MF (33)	3T	Nick Mort
	7	Nick Fihosy
	8	Kamal Yasin
	15	Paul Lowen
ME (51)	8	Kamal Yasin
	13	Mark Richardson
	15	Timothy Schofield
	16	John Hyde
	20	Tim Buzwell
WF (22)	5	Erika Cserny
	8	Fiona Turnbull
	10	Jenny Morris
	11	Lisa Drage
WE (16)	2	Ingrid Heskett
	3	Helen Thouless
	6	Mariette Mason
	7	Jenny Morris
	8	Valerie Young

### Leon Paul Sabre - 10/11/2018

MS (38)	19	Stefan Leponis
WF (21)	10	Sheila Anderson

Competition results compiled using  
Trawler software  
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### Welsh Open - 10/11/2018

MF (90)	21	John Leahey
	25	Leslie Macdonald
MS (50)	19	Alasdair McIntyre
	21	Stefan Leponis
WF (47)	10	Caron Hale
WE (85)	29	Ingrid Heskett
	40	Nicola Hull
WS (29)	14	Vivien Frith

### Cocks Moor Woods Epee - 10/11/2018

ME (71)	18	Tom Chrisp
	19	Max Telfer
	21	Darryl Hazlewood
	24	Paul Donnelly

### Elite Epee - 17/11/2018

ME (44)	3T	Chris Howser
	16	Jonathan Stanbury
WE (17)	6	Ingrid Heskett
	7	Marg Oniye

### Leon Paul WE - 08/12/2018

WE (38)	15	Ingrid Heskett
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## Competition results (top half)

### Oxfam Open - 08/12/2018

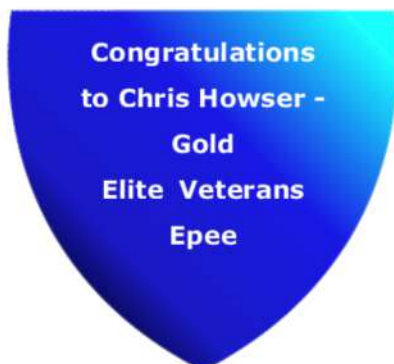
MF (24)	10	Jonathan Stanbury
ME (19)	6	Rob Brooks
	7	Jonathan Stanbury
MS (19)	9	Tony Baston-Hall
WF (20)	5	Jane Clayton
	8	Susan Uff
	10	Helen Easter
WE (12)	3T	Valerie Young
	3T	Jane Clayton
	5	Susan Uff
	6	Catherine Bowd

### Alice Ruggles Memorial Open - 15/12/2108

ME (41)	11	Darryl Hazlewood
	13	Paul Willmott
	16	Tom Chrisp
	19	Max Telfer
	21	Jeremy Baker
WE (13)	2	Marg Oniye

#### Reminder

*Please remember to enter competitions using the name you have registered for BVF membership. If you use another name your results will not be found by the software that compiles the results reports.*



### Cambridge Winter Tournament - 05/01/2019

MF (57)	18	Mike McKay
	21	Graham Paul
	25	Paul Lowen
ME (61)	6	John Prime
	8	Paul Townson
	11	Simon Pink
	12	Graham Paul
	15	Stephen Domek
	16	Stephan Munn
	21	Jeremy Baker
	24	Max Telfer
	25	Pete Eames
	26	Andrew Luckman
	27	Tim Bissell
	30	John Hyde
MS (26)	12	David McDougall
	13	Rubin Nash
WF (22)	10	Fiona Turnbull
WE(31)	3	Marg Oniye
	9	Kate Morwell-Neave
	10	Jane Hutchison
	11	Denise Silk
WS (18)	3T	Jane Hutchison
	3T	Caroline Martin
	5	Joanne Yeates
	8	Vivien Frith

### Elite Veterans Epee - 06/01/2019

ME (9)	1	Chris Howser
	2	Gavin Moulton
	3T	Keith Barnett
	3T	Paul Donnelly

## Competition results (top half)

### Aldershot Open - 12/01/2019

MF (49)	8	Graham Paul
	15	Paul Veazey
	24	Paul Abrahams
ME (77)	3	Steven Bateman
	16	Michael Thomas
	19	Pete Eames
	20	Paul Willmott
	21	Will Miller
	22	Tim Buzwell
	29	Adam Stenner
	33	Stephen Domek
	35	Ben Dishman
WF (30)	10	Gillian Worman
WE (25)	1	Ingrid Heskett
	9	Nicola Hull
	11	Susan Brooks
	12	Helen Thouless

### NI Open - 02/02/2019

MF (8)	3T	David White
WE (14)	6	Fiona Haldane

**Congratulations to**  
**Chris Howser -**  
**Gold ME**  
**and Helen Thouless -**  
**Gold WE**  
**Elite Epee Oundle**  
**and to Ingrid Heskett -**  
**Gold WE**  
**Aldershot Open**

### Merseyside Open - 09/02/2019

ME (80)	8	Hugh Kernohan
	11	Rob Brooks
	26	Charlie Winter
	29	Paul Cooper
	31	Tristan Spicer
	37	Tom Chrisp
MS (41)	14	Rubin Nash
	15	Stefan Leponis
	18	Peter Howes
WF (27)	10	Amanda Baxendale
	12	Caron Hale
WE (54)	13	Nicola Hull
	25	Jane Hutchison
WS (34)	10	Jane Hutchison

### Elite Epee Oundle - 17/02/2019

ME (15)	1	Chris Howser
	2	Stephen Domek
	3T	John Prime
	3T	Paul Donnelly
	5	Paul Willmott
	6	Jean-Luc Janet
WE (11)	1	Helen Thouless
	2	Marg Oniye
	3T	Caryl Oliver
	3T	Silvia Brown
	5	Ingrid Heskett

### Belfast Open - 09/03/2019

WE (12)	5	Fiona Haldane
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## Competition results (top half)

### Invicta - 16/03/2019

MF (71)	11	Paul Lowen
ME (79)	10	Gavin Moulton
	11	Charlie Winter
	12	Keith Barnett
	28	Will Miller
	32	John Hyde
	33	Simon Pink
	37T	Kola Ayanwale
MS (18)	5T	Pawel Zakiewicz
	7	Carl Morris
WE (32)	3T	Mariette Mason
	12	Ingrid Heskett
	13	Helen Thouless
WS(16)	5	Lucy Wright
	6	Jacqueline Esimaje-Heath
	7	Caroline Martin

### Mike Matthews Cup - 16/03/2019

MS (27)	12	Stefan Leponis
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### Leicester Open - 23/03/2019

MF (56)	23	Tony Williams
	27	Martin Carter
ME (61)	13	Granville Ward
	15	Peter Lennard
MS (22)	8	Stefna Leponis
WE (20)	8	Julian Duxon
WS (9)	1	Alexandra Sapetschnig

### Glasgow Open - 06/04/2019

MF (30)	11	Mike McKay
	12	Paul Stanbridge
ME (50)	23	Andrew Munley
WF (16)	8	Sheila Anderson

### British Championships - 13/04/2019

ME (94)	44	Tom Chrisp
	46	Keith Barnett
WE (57)	25	Nicola Hull

### Birmingham International - 20/04/2019

MF (98)	34	Kola Abidogun
ME (102)	19	Stephen Domek
	25	John Leahey
	27	Hugh Kernohan
WE (58)	25	Helen Thouless
	27	Marg Oniye



Congratulations  
to Alexandra  
Sapetschnig -  
Gold  
Leicester Open

## Home Nations - Cardiff



*Photos by Editor*

## Merriment in the Midlands!



**Caption  
Competition  
April**

Send your entry to Editor  
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**PLEASE NOTE**

Any articles or letters  
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**Caption  
Competition  
December**

Editor's choice:

*"I swear it was a whoopee cushion!"*

**Geoff Silverman**

**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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