

Success in Chiavari!



Left to right: Jenny Morris, Michele Narey, Graham Paul, Gillian Aghajan (Team Manager), Jane Hutchison, Margaret Myers, William Osbaldeston

Photo courtesy of Andrea Trifiletti

European Individual Championships

GBR Squad for World Championships

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Chairman's letter

Dear Members,

The committee continues to strive to work together for the benefit of BVF. Job descriptions have been updated and a Committee Protocol has been agreed on and put in place. Roles are now more defined and this not only delegates responsibility and spreads the workload, but also provides a good basis for succession planning.

It was an honour for me to be GBR Head of Delegation at the Veterans European Individual Championships. Thank you to all fencers, coaches and supporters and also to referee Mike Thornton. Great fencing and support for each other. This was the largest European Individual Championships to date with over 1400 competitors and with 105 fencers, the largest GBR squad. We returned home with a very respectable medal haul of 2 gold, 4 silver and 10 bronze, finishing 5th in the medal table. There were some narrow misses on medals with 13 L8 finishes. Full results can be found on the competition website:

<http://www.europeanfencingmaster.eu/competition-result/?lang=en>

Special congratulations to all GBR medallists.

Gold	Jane Hutchison Vivien Frith	WS (60-69) WS (70+)
Silver	Paul Wedge Graham Paul William Osbaldeston William Osbaldeston	MF (60-69) MF (70-74) ME (75+) MS (75+)
Bronze	Caron Hale Gillian Worman Michele Narey John Troiano Jenny Morris Silvia J Brown Silvia J Brown Margaret Myers Graham Paul Peter Baron	WF (50-59) WF (50-59) WS (50-59) MF (50-59) WS (60-69) WS (70+) WE (70-74) WF (70+) ME (70-74) MS (75+)

At the EVF Congress in Chiavari it was agreed by majority that the format of the European Team Championships will now be changed to the Italian Relay system. This decision followed analysis of the results of the survey that was carried out in Medway (ET16) by the EVF Competition Manager, with circa 60% favouring change to the relay system. The format will be used at the next Team Championships in Alkmaar, the Netherlands, May 2018. Congratulations to John Mason who has been elected as EVF Data Manager (previously Secretary/Treasurer) and to Karen Grant, new EVF Secretary/Treasurer.

The European rankings can now be found on the EVF website:

<http://www.european-veterans-fencing.com/> (link on left hand panel).

They are based on the last two European Individual Championships - Chiavari 2017 and Poreč 2015. Credit for this is due to John Mason, who has not only developed and written the software but has also processed all the data.

The Summer Selection event was held at Bletchley at the end of June and the squad for the Veterans World Championships, which are being held in Maribor, Slovenia in October has been selected. The squad list is published in this newsletter. At the current time selection is subject to appeals and the final list will be published as soon as possible. Thanks to Event Manager, Marcia Stretch, DT John Crouch and John Mason, for a very well run and organised event. Thanks are also due to Janet and Peter Huggins, the referees and all who were involved.

Jon Willis will be running the BVF Open Championships at the Leon Paul Centre from 14th-16th July. Entry for this is now closed. Good luck to all who are taking part. I look forward to seeing some of you on Friday 14th.

Another reminder that if you have any feedback on competition format and selection that you would like considered, please email the Working Party. **The closing date for this is 19th July.** The Working Party will submit its final report to the committee by the end of July. (Those who do not use email have been sent information on how to submit feedback together with a copy of this newsletter in the post.) The committee will be meeting as soon as possible in August to deliberate. Contact details for the Working Party are as follows:

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Welsh Veterans Fencing (WVFA) Chairman, Lyn Robinson, the Secretary, Mike Robinson, and team are running the Celtic Challenge in Cardiff, 28th-29th July. For those who are going to the Gala dinner in Cardiff Castle don't forget that Celtic style fancy dress is optional. (I have mine.....).

Details for the Winton Cup, 23rd-24th September will be published on the website. There will be a new trophy this year, for the best overall individual Mens Sabre result, in memory of Cary Zitcer. Thanks to Mrs Helga Zitcer who is donating and will be presenting this.

Sincerely,

Gillian Aghajan
Chairman

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

BVF Calendar 2017

BVF CALENDAR 2017	
Jul 14-16	BVF Open Championships 2017, Leon Paul Fencing Centre, London
Sep 23-24	Veterans Winton Cup 201, Lilleshall National Sports Centre Event Manager: Marcia Stretch
Oct 16-21	Veterans World Championships, Maribor, Slovenia Event Manager: Gillian Aghajan

2017 European Championships

Great Britain won two gold, four silver and ten bronze medals at the European Veterans Individual Championships in Chiavari, Italy, to finish fifth out of 18 in the medal table.

Women's sabre provided the two champions. Jane Hutchison, newly arrived in Cat 3 (60-69), swept all before her, emerging as No. 1 seed and finding the opposition easier as she progressed through the competition, overwhelming the No. 3 seed Claudia Bandieri (ITA) in the final 10-3 to collect her second European title. Vivien Frith, another age-group newcomer, now in Cat 4 (70+), also had little trouble with the opposition, eliminating her two team mates, Sylvia Brown and Silvia J. Brown, before defeating the legendary Marie Chantal Demaille (FRA), champion for the past two years, 10-5 in the final.

Paul Wedge, winner of the Cat 3 men's foil in 2015, had to be content with silver this year as Italy's Maurizio Galvan claimed his first European title. Bill Osbaldeston picked up two silver medals in the newly introduced Cat 5 (75+) age group, just going down to Gari Aftandilov (RUS) in men's sabre 9-10 and stumbling against Dieter Hecke (GER) in a slow scoring men's epee match 4-7. The fourth silver medallist was Graham Paul, a new entrant to Cat 4, who found the effervescent Italian Fabrizio Filippi too much to handle in men's foil, losing 4-10, but was only just beaten in the quarter-finals of the men's epee by the No. 1 seed Frigyes Laszetsky (HUN) 9-10 and collected a bronze medal.

Our other bronze medallists were foilists John Troiano, Caron Hale and Gillian Worman, all in Cat 2 (50-59), and Maggie Myers in Cat 4; sabreurs Michele Narey in Cat 2, Jenny Morris in Cat 3, Silvia Brown in Cat 4 and Peter Baron in Cat 5; Silvia also picked up bronze in the women's epee.

Mike Medhurst missed a medal by one hit in his first veterans event when he lost 7-8 to Galvan in the quarter-finals of Cat. 3 men's foil, and Richard Cohen lost by an equally narrow margin at the same stage in his first year in Cat. 4 men's sabre. The irrepressible Connie Adam, at 89 the oldest fencer in the championships, won two fights in the new Cat 5 women's epee to finish sixth out of 10.

Malcolm Fare

Connie Adam receives an award for being the oldest competitor in Chiavari



GBR Squad for Veterans World Championships, Maribor, Slovenia

Selection subject to appeals process

First named 2, with asterisks are team selections

Weapon Team Captains underlined

Mens Foil		
A (50-59)	B (60-69)	C (70+)
ABIDOGUN Kola* <u>TROIANO John</u> * McKAY Mike KIY Jeffrey	WEDGE Paul* BARTLETT Anthony* LOWEN Paul FOX Steve	PAUL Graham* CAUSTON Brian* CAWTON Malcolm HARDEN Paul
Womens Foil		
A (50-59)	B (60-69)	C (70+)
BAXENDALE Amanda* WORMAN Gillian* MORWELL-NEAVE Kate HIBBERT Jacqueline	ANDERSON Sheila* <u>HALSTED Clare</u> * CLAYTON Jane MORRIS Jenny	MYERS Margaret* PAYNE Kristin* COOKSEY Janet
Mens Epee		
A (50-59)	B (60-69)	C (70+)
WARD Granville* BARNETT Keith* EAMES Pete KERNOHAN Hugh	<u>MALLETT Neal</u> * POLLARD Anton* JOHNSON Ralph HYDE John	DAVENPORT Robin* OSBALDESTON William* CAUSTON Brian PAUL Graham
Womens Epee		
A (50-59)	B (60-69)	C (70+)
ONIYE Marg* HESKETT Ingrid* SILK Denise MORWELL-NEAVE Kate	CLAYTON Jane* MASON Mariette* MORRIS Jenny <u>OLIVER Caryl</u>	BROWN Silvia J* COOKSEY Janet* MYERS Margaret SEHEULT Carole
Mens Sabre		
A (50-59)	B (60-69)	C (70+)
ROWLANDS Duncan* HOWES Peter* MOFFAT Carl ROGERSON Keith	MORRIS Carl* COULTER Barry* PREVETT Chris RENNIE Stephen	CAWTON Malcolm* <u>COHEN Richard</u> * BARON Peter OSBALDESTON William
Womens Sabre		
A (50-59)	B (60-69)	C (70+)
NAREY Michele* COULTER Grace* HENDRA Vanessa CLANCY Caroline	HUTCHISON Jane* MORRIS Jenny* WALLS Yvonne <u>BENNEY Sue</u>	BROWN Silvia J* FRITH Vivien* SHEPHERD-FOSTER Patricia WEST Elizabeth

Chiavari Medal Winners



Paul Wedge - Silver MF (60-69)



Bill Osbaldeston - Silver
Peter Baron - Bronze MS (75+)



Silvia J Brown - Bronze WE (70-74)



John Troiano - Bronze MF (50-59)



Graham Paul - Silver MF (70-74)



Michele Narey - Bronze WS (50-59)



Margaret Myers - Bronze WF (70+)



Graham Paul - Bronze ME (70-74)



Jane Hutchison - Gold
Jenny Morris - Bronze WS (60-69)



Bill Osbaldeston - Silver ME (75+)



Caron Hale - Bronze
Gillian Worman - Bronze WF (50-59)



Vivien Frith - Gold
Silvia J Brown - Bronze WS (70+)

European Championships, Chiavari

Photos by Editor



Summer Selection Event Results

Mens Epee (Cat 1)

- 1 PRIME, John
- 2 AYANWALE, Kola
- 3 BASTON-HALL, Tony



Mens Epee (Cat 2)

- 1 BARNETT, Keith
- 2 EAMES, Pete
- 3T WARD, Granville
- 3T MILLER, Will



Mens Epee (Cat 3)

- 1 POLLARD, Anton
- 2 HYDE, John
- 3T LUCKMAN, Andrew
- 3T STANBURY, Jonathan



Mens Epee (Cat 4)

- 1 OSBALDESTON, William
- 2 PAUL, Graham
- 3T PHELPS, Robert
- 3T GREEN, Chris



Womens Foil (Cat 1)

- 1 DAWKINS, Ann
- 2 WESTLEY, Susan



Womens Foil (Cat 2)

- 1 WORMAN, Gillian
- 2 HIBBERT, Jacqueline
- 3T THOMAS, Marion
- 3T HALE, Caron



Womens Foil (Cat 3)

- 1 HALSTED, Clare
- 2 MORRIS, Jenny
- 3T UFF, Susan
- 3T CLAYTON, Jane



Womens Foil (Cat 4)

- 1 MYERS, Margaret
- 2 PAYNE, Kristin
- 3 COOKSEY, Janet



Mens Sabre (Cat 1)

- 1 POPE, Steve
- 2 BLACKHURST, Jonathan



Mens Sabre (Cat 2)

- 1 HOWES, Peter
- 2 ROWLANDS, Duncan
- 3T ROGERSON, Keith
- 3T VAN GEMEREN, Evert



Mens Sabre (Cat 3)

- 1 COULTER, Barry
- 2 PREVETT, Chris
- 3T MORRIS, Carl
- 3T RENNIE, Stephen



Mens Sabre (Cat 4)

- 1 COHEN, Richard
- 2 BARON, Peter
- 3T BORNEMISZA, Andy
- 3T COMPTON, Michael



Mens Foil (Cat 2)

- 1 TROIANO, John
- 2 MCKAY, Mike
- 3T QUESTIER, Michael
- 3T WILLIAMS, Tony



Mens Foil (Cat 3)

- 1 BARTLETT, Anthony
- 2 FOX, Steve
- 3T MEDHURST, Michael
- 3T HYDE, John



Mens Foil (Cat 4)

- 1 CAUSTON, Brian
- 2 CAWTON, Malcolm
- 3T COHEN, Richard
- 3T BRADBURY, Mike



Womens Epee (Cat 1)

- 1 WESTLEY, Susan
- 2 REED, Kathryn



Womens Epee (Cat 2)

- 1 HESKETT, Ingrid
- 2 SILK, Denise
- 3T HIBBERT, Jacqueline
- 3T TAIT, Maggie



Womens Epee (Cat 3)

- 1 MASON, Mariette
- 2 CLAYTON, Jane
- 3T HUTCHISON, Jane
- 3T OLIVER, Caryl



Womens Epee (Cat 4)

- 1 COOKSEY, Janet
- 2 SEHEULT, Carole
- 3T MYERS, Margaret
- 3T BROWN, Sylvia



Womens Sabre (Cat 1)

- 1 ESIMAJE-HEATH, Jacqueline
- 2 RUSSEN, Tracy



Womens Sabre (Cat 2)

- 1 NAREY, Michele
- 2 HENDRA, Vanessa
- 3T WILLIAMS, Lynn
- 3T CLANCY, Caroline



Womens Sabre (Cat 3)

- 1 MORRIS, Jenny
- 2 WALLS, Yvonne
- 3 BENNEY, Sue



Womens Sabre (Cat 4)

- 1 FRITH, Vivien
- 2 WEST, Elizabeth



Full results here:

<http://www.veterans-fencing.co.uk/results/SSE-2017/index.htm>

Bletchley fun!

Photos pages 4-12 by Editor



News from Henry de Silva - Club Championships

Henry is proposing to hold an English Club Championships based on the FA Cup.

"Clubs will fence first on a county basis. Finalists will then fence nationally until we have Semi-Finalists in all 3 weapons at a place convenient to the majority of clubs reaching the Semi-Finals and Final.

Rules:

- All 3 weapons
- Teams of 4, 3 to count
- Only those age 13 and over
- Membership of a club for at least 2 years
- No person may fence for more than 1 club
- 1st round losers - plate competition
- Teams can be mixed
- Closing date for entry - 1st April 2018
- Closing date for 1st round - 1st May 2018
- Closing date for Sections - 1st June 2018

I expect a low entry for the 1st year but whereas people said that Veterans Fencing would never take off, see how big it is now. It is a chance for ordinary club fencers to have a go. It is hoped that Scotland, Wales and N. Ireland will start their own. Also next year I hope to get Europe involved. Who will be European Club Champions?"

Henry de Silva
BVF Life President

Vets in Cambridge

The Eastern Region Seniors fencing competition in Cambridge, 14th May, was a fun and enjoyable event with members of BVF taking part in all disciplines. Great support from families and friends, and armourers stand available.

Womens Sabre

Gold - Tracy Russen
Bronze - Carol Ashman
Bronze- Alexandra Sapetschnig

Womens Epee

Gold - Denise Silk
Bronze- Shirley Smith-Newsam

I will try to get photos of the men next time!

Shirley Smith-Newsam



*Photos - courtesy of
Neville Newsam*

Competition results (top half)

Hampshire Open - 13/05/2017

MF (40)	5	Graham Reid
	11	Michael Questier
	12	Anthony Bartlett
	15	Paul Lowen
	20	Jonathan Dawkins

ME (62)	12	Kola Ayanwale
	15	Andrew Brown
	24	Duncan Salter
	29	Philip Jordan

MS (21)	6	Carl Morris
	7	Michael Compton

WF (21)	3T	Erika Cserny
	5	Gillian Worman
	7	Terri Westlake
	8	Ann Dawkins
	10	Nadya Yordanova

WE (22)	2	Ingrid Heskett
	3T	Marg Oniye

WS (8)	1	Jane Hutchison
	3T	Caroline Clancy

Wellington Open - 20/05/2017

MF (18)	2	Trevor Wilson
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ME (16)	6	Jonathan Stanbury
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MS (12)	2	Michael Compton
	3T	Dave Atkins

WF (5)	1	Caron Hale
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WE (3)	1	Caron Hale
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Reminder

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

Herts Open Sabre - 21/05/2017

MS (74)	21	Julian Ghose
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WS (10)	2	Jane Hutchison
	3	Michele Narey

Liverpool Open - 20/05/2017

MF (22)	7	Jeffrey Kiy
	9	Richard Sage

ME (23)	5	Chris Heaps
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MS (27)	9	Carl Moffat
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WF (9)	2	Kati Archer
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WS (8)	3T	Yvonne Walls
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Luton Open - 27/05/2017

MF (41)	16	Giles Rhodes
	19	Tony Williams

ME (46)	5	Tom Chrisp
	20	Hugo Stephens

WF (13)	3	Erika Cserny
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Chichester Open - 11/06/2017

ME (74)	18	Will Miller
	19	Kola Ayanwale
	22	Robin Davenport
	34	Pete Eames
	36	Adam Stenner

WF (14)	3	Gillian Worman
	5	Erika Cserny

WE (31)	3	Ingrid Heskett
	8	Nicola Hull
	10	Jenny Morris

**Competition results compiled
using Trawler software
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**Caption
Competition
June**

Send your entry to Editor
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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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Photos - Editor

**Caption
Competition
April/May**

Editor's choice:

'Have you a word for our sponsors - Brylcreem?'

Geoff Silverman



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