

High quality fencing at the BVF Championships!



Kate Smith makes an elegant hit in the Women's Epee final

Photo by Editor

European Team Championships Selection
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Chairman's letter

Dear Members,

The BVF Championships were well attended again this year with a very high standard of fencing throughout the competition and the event ran smoothly and to the timetable each day. Thanks go to my colleagues on the committee, to John Crouch and Rob Kirby on the DT, to Gillian Aghajan for organising the excellent Gala Dinner and to everyone who helped make the event so successful.

Another year has now started for your BVF Committee and we held our first meeting after the AGM last Saturday.

It is encouraging to see that the number of new veteran age fencers joining the BVF to date this year is already up on the same time last year which is very encouraging.

Many matters were discussed including the results of the BVF members' Survey and we are looking at a further simplified survey to clarify some of the issues raised by members and brought up at the AGM.

The next big event is the European Veterans Team Championships in Sweden and the team selections are published within this Newsletter. We wish our team every success and an enjoyable event in what is always a competitive but friendly competition.

Next month sees the West Midlands Open event and we hope that you will enter this competition which has grown each year and well worth the trip to the Midlands to take part.

Sincerely

Frank Mills
Chairman

John and Frank in deep conversation behind the scenes at the BVF Championships, Gloucester

Editor



European Team Selection for Kalmar, Sweden 17 - 20 May 2012

The team selection for the European Team Championships to be held in Kalmar, Sweden - 17 - 20 May - is listed below:

Anyone who wishes to make an appeal must do so by email or post to John Mason BVF@jrmason.demon.co.uk - tel: 01225 761788 (per pro BVF Chairman in his absence) to be received on or before 2nd April 2012.

Women

Epée

Nicola Hull
Jane Hutchison
Moya McNamara*
Kate Smith

Foil

Jane Clayton*
Caron Hale
Nicola Hull
Gillian Worman

Sabre

Beth Davidson*
Vanessa Hendra
Jane Hutchison
Michele Narey

Men

Epée

Robert Flatt
Ralph Johnson*
John Morris
Anton Pollard

Foil

Brian Causton
Robert Kiss
Richard Sage
John Troiano*

Sabre

Peter Baron
Richard Bonehill*
Rob Penton
Chris Prevett

* Team Captain

Team manager - Gillian Aghajan

Crystal Open

The next team event available for BVF members to participate in is the Crystal Open Teams, organised by Stourbridge Fencing Club at the same venue as the WMO. This will take place on Sunday 13th May.

Teams consist of 1 each of foil, épée & sabre and are intended to be mixed. If you would like to be part of a team contact Peter Baron.

bvf@baronfencing.plus.com

The entry is not restricted to the number of teams, so there will be ample opportunity to be in a team. Selection will be on a 1st come 1st served basis in the case of numbers of volunteers is not divisible by 3.

For further information about the event, go to www.stourbridgefencingclub.co.uk/ and click on the 'Crystal Open' tab.

Peter Baron



News from Henry de Silva

Henry de Silva, Life President and Founder of BVF is competing in the London Marathon in aid of Blind Veterans UK, formerly St Dunstan's, which is a registered charity that supports blind ex-service men and women.

<http://www.blindveterans.org.uk/>

Henry is hoping to raise £1000. If you would like to make a donation please send him a cheque made payable to Blind Veterans UK, with BVF written on the back. His address is: 6 Little Meadow, Andreas, Isle Of Man IM7 4HY.

Henry was not able to compete at the BVF Championships as he was racing in an international but sent his apologies. One of his pupils recently came 5th (losing out on a medal place to a Malaysian fencer) at the recent Junior Commonwealth Championships which were held in Jersey.

Editor

BVF Calendar 2012

BVF CALENDAR 2012	
April 14-15	Veterans West Midlands Open
April 21-22	Home International (5 Nations) - Leeds
May 13	Crystal Team Challenge, Dudley
May 16-20	European Team Championships, Kalmar, Sweden
June 23-24	Celtic Challenge, Galicia, Santiago de Compostela, Spain
Sep 27-30	Commonwealth Veterans Championships, Singapore
Oct 13-14 (tbc)	Welsh Veterans Championships, Aberystwyth Contact Gillian Aghajan (g.aghajan@virgin.net) for details
Oct 17-21	World Championships, Krems, Austria
Nov 3-4	Veterans Winton Cup, RAF Cosford
Nov 25	BVF v Royal Navy, HMS President, 72 St Katharines Way, London E1W 1UQ

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

BVF Championships Winners



WS

Vanessa Hendra
Jenny Morris
Beth Davidson
Michele Narey
Hilary Philbin

Women's Sabre

- 1 Beth Davidson
- 2 Jenny Morris
- 3 Vanessa Hendra
- 3 Michele Narey

- Cat 1 Beth Davidson
Cat 2 Jenny Morris
Cat 3 Hilary Philbin
Cat 4 Silvia Brown

Women's Foil

- 1 Jane Clayton
- 2 Caron Hale
- 3 Nicola Hull
- 3 Gillian Worman

- Cat 1 Nicola Hull
Cat 2 Jane Clayton
Cat 3 Margaret Myers
Cat 4 Diane Austen



WF

Jane Clayton
Caron Hale
Nicola Hull
Gillian Worman
Margaret Myers
Diane Austen



WE

Fiona Haldane
Jane Hutchison
Kate Smith
Moya McNamara
Nicola Hull

Women's Epée

- 1 Kate Smith
- 2 Nicola Hull
- 3 Jane Hutchison
- 3 Moya McNamara

- Cat 1 Nicola Hull
Cat 2 Kate Smith
Cat 3 Fiona Haldane
Cat 4 Sylvia Brown



Men's Sabre

- 1 Richard Cohen
- 2 Carl Morris
- 3 Rob Penton
- 3 Chris Prevett

- Cat 1 Rob Penton
- Cat 2 Chris Prevett
- Cat 3 Richard Cohen
- Cat 4 Alan Ault

MS

Rob Penton & son
 Carl Morris
 Richard Cohen
 Chris Prevett

Men's Foil

- 1 Robert Kiss
- 2 Tim Miles
- 3 Brian Causton
- 3 Nick Fihosy

- Cat 1 Robert Kiss
- Cat 2 Nick Fihosy
- Cat 3 Brian Causton
- Cat 4 Dennis Ward



MF

Tim Miles
 Robert Kiss
 Nick Fihosy
 Brian Causton
 Dennis Ward

Men's Epee

- 1 Howard West
- 2 Robert Flatt
- 3 Leslie MacDonald
- 3 Jason Scrimshaw

- Cat 1 Robert Flatt
- Cat 2 Neal Mallett
- Cat 3 Howard West
- Cat 4 Robert Phelps



ME

Robert Phelps
 Jason Scrimshaw
 Robert Flatt
 Howard West
 Leslie MacDonald
 Neal Mallett

Champion at Arms

Men - Paul Baillache
 Women - Jenny Morris

Full results can be found on the website:

www.veterans-fencing.co.uk/results.shtml

*Photos
 courtesy of
 Rob Kirby*

Smiles from Gloucester :-)



*Photos by
Editor*

Tracksuits

Some of you saw the design for the new BVF tracksuit at the recent BVF Championships and tried on sample sizes. It will soon be available to order, along with other matching accessories direct from the supplier - Kitlocker.

Full details will be in the next newsletter and those who have been selected for the European Team Championships will receive order details from the team manager so that they can order and receive the new kit in time for Kalmar.

Coming soon Pin badges!

I have ordered a limited supply of BVF team enamel pin badges. They are rectangular with the BVF logo on a white background. If you would like to purchase some for yourself and fencing friends the cost is £2 each (plus postage). Please email me - g.aghajan@virgin.net.

I also have some pens and car stickers left.



Gillian Aghajan

'Models' Wanted

I have had some correspondence from photography student Felicity Cormack who took some photos at the Age Groups in Gloucester:

".....I have had interest from the Observer Sport magazine who would like me to photograph 10 veteran fencers to possibly feature in an article running in May. Do you know anyone who might be interested? I think this would be a great way to publicise the sport. I had so much fun watching it and I'm sure this will encourage more spectators and perhaps participants.

I am in Bournemouth at the moment but am able to travel up to about 100 miles for a shoot, perhaps further if needed. I would like to photograph a mixture of male and female fencers if possible. It would be great if I could take a portrait of them in their homes first and then others before and after fencing practice. The Observer has asked for relaxed environmental portraits as well as formal portraits in jackets, breeches etc. It would be excellent if you could put something in the newsletter about this, or if you can think of anyone that would be particularly suitable would you please contact them about it?

Thank you so much for your help,

Felicity"

Please email me if you are interested; first come, first served!

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Editor

Competition Results (top half)

Nottingham Open - 03/03/2012

MF (74)	14	Paul Kennea
	29	Nick Stokes
ME (65)	3	Granville Ward
	14	Alan Knowles
	23	Etienne Deburgh
	30	Daryl Hazlewood
MS (39)	14	Steve Potter
WS (21)	10	Nickola Beck

Invicta - 18/03/2012

MF (69)	15	Brian Causton
	25	Paul Lowen
ME (84)	3	Stephen Domek
	13	Will Miller
	19	Howard West
	21	Simon Pink
	23	Etienne Deburgh
	29	Andrew Brown
	34	Ralph Johnson
	39	Robert Flatt
WF (30)	6	Jane Clayton
	9	Nicola Hull
	9	Penny Needham

Edinburgh Open - 10/03/2012

MF (47)	1	George Liston
MS (13)	5	Jonathan Dawkins
WF (13)	5	Cathy Heyes
WE (24)	5	Nicola Hull
	8	Jane Clayton
	10	Helen Easter
WS (20)	3	Lucy Wright

Congratulations to
George Liston on another fine
Men's Epée win - this time the Edinburgh Open!

Also to **Lawrence Gough**
who finished 1st in 60+ Men's Epée and 13th overall
(out of 40) at the Ferrum Vetum Veterans Epée
which was held in Rotterdam on 18th March, organised
by the Royal Dutch Fencing Federation.

Editor



England Veterans Fencing Association

England Fencing

The England Veterans Fencing Association committee are considering our relationship with England Fencing. There is a discussion document on the British Veterans Fencing website. Please read and comment as appropriate.

John Crouch
Chairman, EVFA



Guess Who!?

One damp and dark February day we decided to clear out our loft and lo and behold found a box of back issues of the Sword, dating back to the late 1960s.

Curiosity got the better of John and he sat down to read a few. Some interesting articles were found but I was particularly amused to find a few quotes by some people who are now members of British Veterans. I wonder if you can recognise the 2 people who stated the following comments.

1. "Anyway, as far as my fencing goes, I am probably good nuisance value for a few years yet"
2. When asked what he would like to achieve in life the response was "That requires too much planning, forethought, meditation. Happiness I suppose. I want to look back when I am old and dodderly and be able to say I liked the things I did, and that there was nothing left out. I live to enjoy myself. Yes I am a reasonable man."

If you think you can identify the 2 people let Gillian know. All will be revealed in the next newsletter.

Malcolm Fare is relieving us of the copies of the Sword from Summer 1976 to Summer 1981 but if you want to give a home to copies from Spring 1968 to the present date, excluding those going to Malcolm, please contact me or John.

Moya McNamara

NOMURA



3rd
BVF WEST MIDLANDS OPEN



Saturday 14th April 2012

Sunday 15th April 2012

**Castle High School,
St James's Road, DUDLEY DY1 3JE**



6 Weapons: MF, WF, MS, WS Saturday ME, WE Sunday

Note

**Prior entry limited by number & to one weapon only per day
due to time constraints. Entry to Sabre events *may* be
permitted on the day by those having competed in the foil**

**Open to all fencers of veteran age 40+
must be British Fencing members (or other NGB)**

**For full details & entry see
<http://www.veterans-fencing.co.uk>
or contact:**

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bvf@baronfencing.plus.com**

Summer Training in Budapest

10th August – 19th August 2012

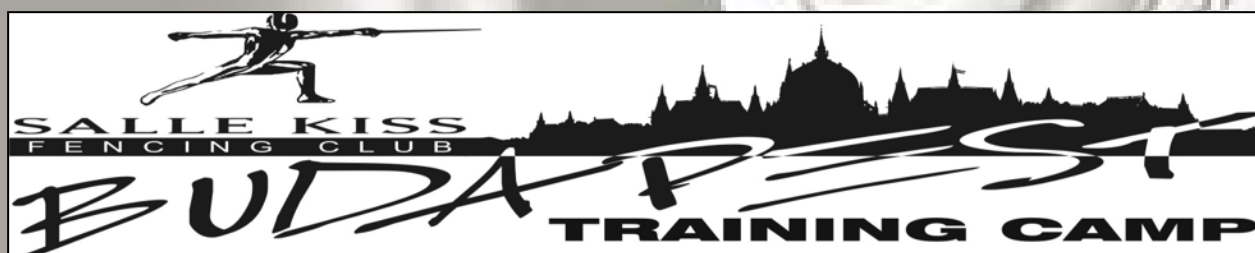
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10 days accommodations included.

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For more details please visit our website www.sallekiss.org.uk.
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Fencing in Sweden

Ystads Fäktklubb invites you to the 78th (!) fencing competition Ystad International June 9th - 10th 2012 in Österporthallen, Ystad, Sweden.

Saturday

* Epee senior. Nordic championships!

Sunday

* Epee veteran. Now Nordic championships!

* Team competition epee.

It's not possible to compete in both veterans and team.

You will find the invitation on www.yfk.se.

<http://online.ophardt-team.org> can be used for registration.

Ystad International 2011:

<http://www.fencing.se/resultat/kinka-och-magnus-nordiska-mastare/>

Best Regards

Hans Wahl

President www.yfk.se

Caption Competition March

send your entry to Editor
g.aghajan@virgin.net

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:
g.aghajan@virgin.net

Photos by Editor

Caption Competition Prize for February

Many thanks to Robert Phipps for donating a signed copy of his new book, *Body Language: It's What You Don't Say That Matters*

as the prize for the best caption for February's caption competition and for judging the entries. You can read some sample pages on:

<http://www.amazon.co.uk/Body-Language-What-Don't-Matters/dp/0857081748/>



Caption Competition February

The winning entry chosen by Robert Phipps

"Sabreurs show just how much they enjoy watching an epee competition."

Paul Brenda

Congratulations Paul - a signed copy of Robert's book is on its way to you! - Editor



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Any articles or letters for the April BVF Newsletter should be sent to:-

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