

NEWSLETTER - APRIL-MAY 2017

England win in Ireland!



Mens foil team action - Paul Wedge (ENG) v Mike McKay (SCO)

Photo by Editor

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Chairman's letter

Dear Members,

The season is well under way; the West Midlands Open and the Hampshire Open were both successful events. Thanks to the organisers of both. Medal results and links to full results are in this newsletter.

In April, Bath Sword Club hosted the Excalibur and it was good to see so many Vets there both fencing and supporting.

Ireland hosted the Home Nations (Veterans Home International) in Dún Laoghaire, Dublin. Thanks to our Irish hosts for their warm hospitality as always. Congratulations to England on retaining the Justin Smith Trophy again. This was a weekend of good fencing and camaraderie culminating with a very enjoyable evening and dinner at the Royal St George Yacht Club, Dún Laoghaire.

The next major event is the European Veterans Individual Championships, Chiavari from 25th-28th May. GBR will be well represented, with 106 fencers and a good number of coaches and supporters. Good luck to all. I will be there as Head of Delegation for GBR and am really looking forward to supporting the squad and seeing some great fencing.

Live results should be available on the competition website:

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

A reminder that if you have any feedback on the Manchester event, and/or comments/ideas on selection and competition format please send to the working group:

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Online entry is open for the Summer Selection event, Bletchley 24th-25th June.

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

Jon Willis, will be running the BVF Open Championships at the Leon Paul Centre from 14th-16th July. This will be open to any Veteran fencer who is registered with a national Veterans governing body. Trophies and Master-at-Arms will be only awarded to fencers who are BVF members. Details will be announced soon.

Safe journey to all who are going to Chiavari. I look forward to seeing you there.

Sincerely,

Gillian Aghajan
Chairman



BVF Calendar 2017

BVF CALENDAR 2017	
May 25-28	European Individual Championships, Chiavari, Italy Event Manager: Gillian Aghajan
Jun 24-25	Summer Selection Event, Bletchley Leisure Centre, Milton Keynes Sat: ME, MS, WF Sun: MF, WE, WS Event Manager: Marcia Stretch
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

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

Home Nations

John Crouch, England Team Manager is presented with the Justin Smith Trophy by Philip Lee

Photo courtesy of Ev van Gemeren











Home Nations, Dún Laoghaire, Ireland


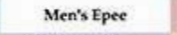
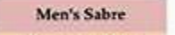


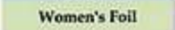
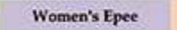
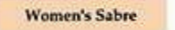


Photos by Editor



Home Nations results

Veteran Four Nations, Dublin, 2017

					Wins			Points			Total
		V45 V45 V45	V45 V45 V45	V45 38 V45	3	2	3	4	4	4	22
		35 V45 V45	43 V45 V45	V45 V45 V45	1	3	3	2	4	4	
	30 35 12		V45 32 25	34 35 37	1	0	0	2	1	1	12
	V45 35 19		37 V41 24	V45 V45 V45	2	2	1	3	3	2	
	25 30 43	V45 V45 V45		V45 V45 V45	2	2	2	3	4	3	19
	V44 35 35	V38 32 V45		V43 V45 V45	3	1	2	4	2	3	
	10 V45 24	28 V45 V45	18 31 35		0	2	1	1	4	2	10
	34 24 6	40 26 33	34 30 4		0	0	0	1	1	1	

Overall Standing

All results provided by Event DT - John Jones

- 1) England
- 2) Scotland
- 3) Ireland
- 4) Wales

- Mens Foil**
1. England
 2. Scotland
 3. Ireland
 4. Wales

- Mens Epee**
1. England
 2. Scotland
 3. Wales
 4. Ireland

- Mens Sabre**
1. England
 2. Scotland
 3. Wales
 4. Ireland

- Womens Foil**
1. Scotland
 2. Ireland
 3. England
 4. Wales

- Womens Epee**
1. England
 2. Ireland
 3. Scotland
 4. Wales

- Womens Sabre**
1. England
 2. Scotland
 3. Ireland
 4. Wales



Veterans Home International 2017 – The Justin Smith Trophy

This was the 11th time the event had been held and we were in Dún Laoghaire, just South of Dublin. For the first time the event was held in one day with 3 weapons in the morning and 3 in the afternoon. Again England dominated the event winning all weapons but women's foil, where Scotland took the honours. Many of the matches were close and the competition fierce, however, there is always a great atmosphere with much vocal support. On Saturday night there was a gala dinner in the Royal St George Yacht Club with a raffle which raised over €500 for Irish Cancer Research.

Many thanks to Ireland for organising the event and we look forward to Scotland hosting next year, perhaps in Glasgow.

John Crouch
England Team Manager

Annual General Meeting of the England Veterans Fencing Association held on Friday 3rd March 2017 (22.08 hrs) at the Victoria Hotel, Chadderton

Present:

John Crouch - Chairman, Moya McNamara - Secretary, Diane Austin - Treasurer, Malcolm Cawton, Lawrence Burr, Brian Causton, Graham Paul, Silvia Brown, Carole Seheult, David Sweeney, Andrew Brown, Fiona Turnbull, Sue Church, Adrian Griffin, Paul Bridges, Yvonne Walls, Marcia Stretch, Janet Baron, Austin Moore, Jenny Morris, Pete Hutton, Dave Miller, Jane Hutchison, Chris Prevett, Peter Baron, Ev Van Gemeren, Sarah Budden

1) Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Sue Brooks, Mike Frith, Kate O'Connell, Nicola Hull, Jane Clayton, Helen Easter, Caron Hale, Sue Uff, Kristin Payne, Paul Sutherland.

2) Minutes of the AGM held on 6th March 2016

The minutes were accepted as a true record. Proposed by Graham Paul and seconded by Peter Baron.

3) Matters Arising

4) Report of Officers

a) Chairman's Report

A copy of the report had previously been circulated in the British Veterans Fencing (BVF) newsletter. He reiterated his congratulations to the women's sabre team at the Commonwealth Veterans Championships in New Zealand.

b) Secretary's Report

The committee had met and communicated by email and telephone throughout the year. This year the number of members was slightly down. As of 31st December 2016 stood at 514 (518 in 2015). At that date there were 141 (147) women and 373 (371) men. The age distribution as of 31st December 2016 was:

Women: Category 1 = 42, Category 2 = 55, Category 3 = 29, Category 4 = 15

Men: Category 1 = 90, Category 2 = 144, Category 3 = 84, Category 4 = 55

Thanks go to John Mason for providing the information to help the compilation of this report and to Gillian Aghajan for ensuring England items appear in the BVF newsletter.

c) Treasurer's Report

The treasurer's report had been published in the BVF newsletter. Diane indicated that the Home International had run at no cost to England Veterans Association (EVF) and the Veterans Commonwealth Championships were self funding with assistance from England Fencing (EF). At the moment we have reasonable funds available for future expenses. Each year we receive £1 per member from BVF but this money had been donated back to BVF for ET16 in 2015. On behalf of ET16 David Sweeney thanked EVF for the donation. The Treasurer's report was accepted. Proposed by Peter Baron and seconded by Silvia Brown.

5) Election of Officers and Committee members

The Chairman reported that all current committee members were willing to stand for re-election. These were John Crouch (Chairman), Moya McNamara (Secretary), Diane Austin (Treasurer) and Peter Baron and Ev Van Gemeren (Committee members). It was proposed by Graham Paul and seconded by Andrew Brown that they be elected en bloc. This was carried nem. con. There is 1 vacancy on the committee.

7) Any Other Business

a) Jane Hutchison had raised the matter of England Selection as previously we had selected from the National Championships but with the changed format this was no longer possible. John Crouch informed the meeting that he had emailed all members asking them if they wanted to be considered for the England team at the Home International in Dublin in May 2017. He had had over 30 names put forward and the team would be selected over the weekend. Next year, if there was no National Championships, the same process was proposed. The possibility of an England Championships was being considered e.g. using the West Midlands Open. In 2018 the Commonwealth Veterans Championships are in Australia and so selection for this event would need to be considered as well as the Home International.

b) Lawrence Burr raised the issue of a 5 year plan. We have no such plan and any discussions would need to involve England Fencing. Thanks were given to England Fencing for their support and to John Crouch for his ongoing work.

The meeting closed at 22.21 hours

West Midlands Open 2017

Medallists	
Men's Foil <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Graham Paul2. Gerry Gajadharsingh3. Jonathan Dawkins Jonathan Stanbury	Women's Foil <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Kate Harris2. Jane Clayton3. Kati Archer Irina Buzikova
Men's Epee <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Granville Ward2. Jonathan Stanbury3. John Morris Ev van Gemeren	Women's Epee <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Jane Hutchison2. Jane Clayton3. Kathryn Reed Valerie Young
Men's Sabre <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Stefan Leponis2. Carl Moffat3. Dave Atkins Carl Morris	Women's Sabre <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Jane Hutchison2. Yvonne Walls3. Silvia Brown Lucy Wright

Full results can be found here:

<http://www.veterans-fencing.co.uk/results.shtml#wmo>

Hampshire Open

This year's Hampshire Open took place on the weekend of 13/14 May and as usual we ran a Veterans' competition on opposite days to the seniors. This gives Veterans the opportunity to fence in one or both competitions over the weekend and also enjoy a social evening on the Saturday.

This year the competition was very well attended, with some very competitive fields, particularly in the epee and men's foil. Two rounds of poules are the norm at the Hampshire, so everyone had a lot of fencing – the women foilists were so keen they even did their poule unique twice! The women's sabre entries were rather low, so three out of the four also fenced in the veterans' epee to ensure they made the most of their weekend.

Over the weekend a good time was had by all with loads of fencing and a happy atmosphere. Now that the competition has become established, we hope it will now go from strength to strength and become a date for Vets to look forward to in the fencing calendar. Thanks go to Jenny Morris who organises it all and appears to be completely unflappable even when the printer breaks down and to all the volunteers and referees. Thanks also to those fencers who took part. We hope to see you all again next year!

Lucy Wright

Full results here: [Hampshire results](#)

Hampshire Open (Veterans)



MF - Jon Dawkins - silver,
Graham Paul - gold, Paul Baillache and
Yves Le Blanc (bronze)



WF - Ann Dawkins - silver,
Gillian Worman - gold,
Nadya Yourdanova - bronze
Not in photo - Erika Cserny - bronze



WS - Silvia Brown - bronze,
Jane Hutchison - gold, Kathryn Evans - bronze
Michele Narey - silver



MS - Mike Smith - silver,
Carl Morris - gold, Martin Toms - bronze
Not in photo - Peter Baron - bronze



ME - Gold - Duncan Salter
Silver - Stephan Munn
Bronze - Alard von Westarp
and James Fleming-Fido

*Photos courtesy
of Lucy Wright*



WE - Ingrid Heskett - silver,
Marg Oniye - gold, Valerie Young
and Kathryn Evans (bronze)

Photo courtesy of Kola Ayanwole

Our Connie - this girl definitely can!

Sportspark UAE, which is the UK's largest community sports venue and is based at the University of East Anglia in Norwich were recently very happy to announce that their '[this girl can](#)' Girl of the Month for May is Connie Adam! "Connie took up Fencing at the age of 60 after seeing a local advert for a "come and try session". Since then Connie has been scouted by the Veterans Great Britain Team and competed in almost all the world championships whilst seeing the world. Now 89, and having not travelled much in her earlier years Connie said the best bit has been making friends across the globe. Connie is an ambassador for [Active Norfolk](#) in their work for This Girl Can and continues to inspire our users every Wednesday at Fencing club. Congratulations Connie!"



Photo - Sportspark UAE

Connie will be fencing epee and sabre at the Veterans European Individual Championships in Chiavari.
See you there Connie!

Editor

Lost at Manchester

If you fenced at the BVF Championships in Manchester, please check your fencing bag for a pair of fencing trainers (white and grey adidas, size 6).

Caron Hale

Please contact editor if you have info, thanks.

Competition results (top half)

Leicester Open - 25/03/2017

MF (35)	7	Michael Medhurst
	11	Philip Westley
MS (26)	13	Stefan Leponis
WF (25)	3T	Caron Hale
WS (8)	3T	Louise Dickson

Aberdeen Open - 25/03/2017

MS (15)	5	Christopher Hyde
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Elite Epee - 02/04/2017

ME (87)	8	Neal Mallett
	22	John Leahey
	34	Stephen Domek
	41	Chris Howser
	42	Pete Eames
ME (33)	14	Marg Oniye

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 report as above.

Birmingham International - 15/04/2017

MF (117)	16	Kola Abidogun
	43	Nick Mort
	56	Paul Standbridge
	57	Tony Williams
ME (91)	27	Granville Ward
	33	Chris Heaps
	34	Stephen Domek
	41	John Leahey
	43	Paul Donnelly
MS (38)	18	Julian Ghosh
WF (67)	31	Erika Cserny

BF Championships - 22/04/2017

MF (89)	36	Kola Abidogun
ME (88)	42	Philip Jordan
	43	Hugh Kernohan
WE (62)	15	Nicola Hull
	20	Helen Thouless

**Competition results compiled using
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Excalibur Vets

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BVF members were out in force at the Excalibur, Bath



**Caption
Competition
April/May**

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!

Send to me:

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Photos - Editor

**Caption
Competition
April/May**

Facebook likes choice:

'Remind me again why we do foil, the sabreurs are finished and down the pub already.'

'I think we should have borrowed Ev's tracksuit trousers.'

both by **Steve Potter**



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