

South West do it again!



Photo courtesy of Frank Mills

Victorious South West team with competition organiser Linda Lawes

South West 3rd successive Winton win!

Other news:

New BVF logo designed by Dee German

Competition results and reports

Middlesex Epée

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Chairman's letter

Dear Members,

I must start this open letter with a big "thank you" to everyone who worked so hard to make the Veterans Winton Cup such a success.

We had more fencers taking part this year and amongst them were quite a number who had only just attained veteran age, and that is great news for the BVF, especially as so many fencers took the trouble to tell Linda and myself how friendly and enjoyable the event was.

Biggest thanks go to Linda Lawes for running the competition so smoothly and efficiently, and to the small army of volunteers who assisted us over the two days.

One notable absentee from the weekend was the person who has designed our new logo.

Dee German was to have been fencing, but due to a back problem, was immobilised a few days before the event. Well done Dee, we are very grateful to you and you'll no doubt be pleased to learn that your design has received a great deal of favourable comments from your fellow members.

The BVF committee has received an interim report from the sub group charged to examine the BVF Selection rules and initial comments have been reported back to that sub group prior to the issue of a further report by them which is to be fully debated at our next meeting in November.

Good luck to all of you who are taking part in the Worlds in Croatia or the Commonwealths in Melbourne. Our next home event is the Unisex Epée which you can read about in this issue, and I hope that many of you will be taking part.

Yours sincerely

Frank Mills
Chairman BVF

BVF CALENDAR 2010

Sep 29 - Oct 3	World Championships, Porec, Croatia
Sep 29 - Oct 5	Commonwealth Veterans - Melbourne, Australia
Oct 9-10	Welsh Veterans Championships, Swansea Contact Gillian Aghajan for details
Oct 31	Middlesex Epée - details in this newsletter and on the website
Nov 27	Xmas dinner and fencing - details to follow

Winton Cup

Results

- 1st South West
- 2nd London
- 3rd South East
- 4th Yorkshire
- 5th Wales
- 6th Midlands
- 7th North West
- 8th North North East
- 9th South

Full results are on the website:
www.veterans-fencing.co.uk

Comments

Dear Frank,

Although I said well done at the weekend, I wanted to place on record my appreciation to Linda and indeed all the the committee who contributed to the organisation of the competition. A great deal of work goes into the Winton, I want to say well done once again to you all and thank you.

Brian Speight

Dear all,

Great weekend - thoroughly enjoyed myself. The team was great and the atmosphere was excellent. Thanks for all your hard work and positive attitude.

I think the new logo is well designed and looks clean bright and dynamic, so congratulations to whoever designed it.

Hope to see you all soon.

Sara Spence

Report from South East Captain

May I through your September organ, thank all the members of the South East Winton cup team.

On the dance floor, in the bar, on the piste, they gave their all. Some even gave their voice. I was proud to be part of the team.

Congratulations to the South West and London.

That half point came to haunt us again this year.

But in the immortal words of Arnie the Terminator:

WE'LL BE BACK.

Thanks again to the organisers of the Rumble in Telford. It was fun.

Alan Ault

South East team captain

(At least that is what my carer says is on my T-shirt)



Photo courtesy of Frank Mills

Brian braves the Waves!

It was my 65th Birthday on the 30 July, so I booked a trip to Savannah. A descendant of mine was a founder of Savannah, and the state of Georgia, hence an interest in the area. It happened that there was a fun fencing competition on at the same time, Sabre in the Surf V1, which I couldn't resist entering. I was placed 12th out of 33, losing to a 12 yr old girl in the DE. I blame the weather & the surf, and the Ref. It was great fun. Fred Sheppard came along for the ride, and we also visited Augusta and fenced at Rudy Volkman's Salle there. Vets may remember him from Bath Worlds, where he came 3rd in the 60+ Sabre. We also fenced at the club in Savannah. It was a great and hugely enjoyable trip.

Brian Causton

Duel on the Beach

Veteran fencers took part in the 10th and last Duel on the Beach at Perranporth, Cornwall, hosted by Truro Fencing Club. Not in the water, like Brian, but a great time was had by all nevertheless. A day of fencing followed by a barbeque and raffle in the Watering Hole Bar on the beach.

After a week of rain, the sun inevitably appeared, as it always does by special order for the Duel. It has never been called off because of rain in all the 10 years it has taken place.

Truro Fencing Club have unfortunately decided that the 10th Duel was the last, at least for the immediate future, because their summers are becoming too busy with other activities. Many thanks to Richard Bonehill, Jon Salfield and gang for some great memories.

Editor



Brian sabres in the surf



Duel on the Beach - photos by Editor



Competition Results

Essex Open - 4/9/2010

MF (73)	49	Jim Whelan
	56	Paul Abrahams
ME (90)	41	Granville Ward
	65	Jeremy Raj
	66	Simon Pink
	77	Colin Lutman
	82	Paul Willmott
	87	Mark Richardson
MS (24)	22	Steve Ellwood
WF (30)	23	Tina Saples
WE (50)	14	Sara Spence
	31	Amanda Webster
	35	Susan Hanney

Hamlet - 11/9/2010

WS (58)	6	Jane Hutchison
	44	Patricia Rees
	49	Vivien Frith
MS (113)	53	Julian Ghosh
	65	Andy Pearson
	73	Carl Morris
	77	Phil Palmer
	104	Alex Coelman
	105	Michael Compton
	105	Andy Pearson
	109	Peter Howes

Civil Service Fencing Championships - 6/9/2010

MS	3rd	Malcolm Cawton
MF	1st	Nick Fihosy
WF	2nd	Moya McNamara
WE	1st	Sue Hanney
	3rd	Moya McNamara



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Veterans Unisex Epée Middlesex University

Date: Sunday October 31 2010

Venue: Middlesex University, Trent Park, Bramley Road,
London N14 4YZ - 15 minutes from the M25, Junction 24

Eligibility: Open to members of BVF and overseas veterans

Format Up to 19 entrants: Poule unique

20 or more entrants: Three rounds of poules

There is no elimination. Prizes will be awarded to the highest placed woman and highest placed man.

Entry Fees: £12.00 per weapon

Directions from the M25:

Leave at Junction 24, and take the Cockfosters Road (A111 South). After two and a half miles you will pass Cockfosters underground station on your left. Turn left into Westpole Avenue, and follow it until it ends at a T-junction with Bramley Road. Turn left and keep in the left hand lane at the traffic lights, with the Maze pub on your right. Immediately after the lights you will pass Oakwood underground station on your right. Almost immediately, turn left at the Middlesex University sign. You are now in Snakes Lane. Continue for three-quarters of a mile. After the security barrier, ignore the first right turn. At the crossroads turn sharp right. This brings you out in the car park. The Sports Hall is on your right.

Parking: There is ample free parking next to the Sports Hall.

Timetable:

09:30 Check in

10:00 Start

16:00 Anticipated finish time

Facilities:

Changing rooms, showers and drinking fountains are available in the Sports Hall. Free tea and coffee will be provided, but please bring your own food.

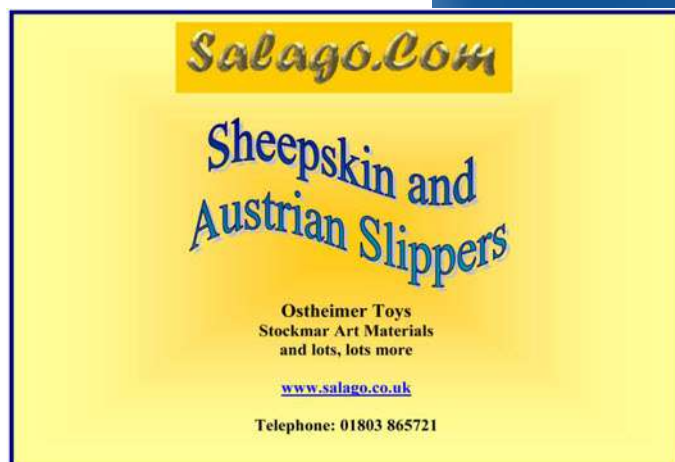
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Entry form also on website: www.veterans-fencing.co.uk



Caption Competition August

Paul Brenda takes the biscuit again!

"I almost feel that "No caption required" would be the best for this picture.

However:

1. Yes. The paternity test was positive.
2. You wouldn't believe what I had to do to get this teddy bear!
3. And if you squeeze him he says 'Mama'."

Paul Brenda



*Photo courtesy of
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Editor's Note:

No caption competition this month (sorry Paul!).

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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