



British Veterans. Fencing



Fencing Armigerous Style!

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The sword is the most noble of all arms, and is used by knights, by learned men, and by the armigerous; whence they make nature marvel that, with a piece of steel, a man may defend his person from any blow which might be aimed at him, either with the point or the edge, with the formation of angles, lines, circles, and with time and measure.

**Giuseppe Morsicato Pallavicini,
1670**

Still time to enter the **CELTIC CHALLENGE**
Veterans Celtic Challenge

July 26th

Wrexham

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Dates for your Diary 2008

Veterans Celtic Challenge

July 26th

Wrexham

**If you are a
Celt, you can
fence!**

Veterans WINTON CUP

September 13th and 14th

Lilleshall Telford

**See newsletter
for contact
details**

Veterans Unisex Epée

September 28th

Middlesex

Venue as usual

World Championships Limoges France

October 2nd to 5th

CHRISTMAS FENCING and 21st

Celebrate the 21st Birthday of the NVA

Ramada Hotel Leicester

Put it in your Diary NOW!!

29th November

If you want to organise a trip of interest to Veterans let me know and I will put your details in the newsletter

Linda.lawes1@btinternet.com

Henry's Army

If you wish to be informed of Henry's regular trips abroad. Contact him directly

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Ystad International Veterans Epee: Sweden

June 14th 15th

<http://yfk.se/yint/yint08/YstadInt08en.pdf>

<http://yfk.se/yint/yint08/>

Dunstan Foil and Epee

01458 831836

June 22nd 2008 Somerset

Sue.benny@talktalk.net

Veteran Epee in

St Petersburg Russia

1st 2nd November 2008

**Contact
Frank Mills**

VETERANS WINTON CUP COMPETITION 2008

If, as an individual, you wish to fence and have not been approached, contact Frank Mills 01908 310516 or Linda Lawes 01235 530090 and we will endeavour to place you in any incomplete team.

- Date:** Saturday 13th and Sunday 14th September 2008
- Venue:** Lilleshall National Sports Centre, Nr Telford, Shropshire TF10 9AT
- Teams:** 3 fencers + 1 substitute (optional) per weapon x 6 weapons
WF, MF, WE, ME, WS, MS
- Accommodation:** The Park Inn, Foregate, Telford Centre, Telford, Shropshire TF3 4NA
Tel. 01952 429988 email: info.telford@rezidorparkinn.com
The hotel is holding 100 rooms for us until 1 month prior to the event (see website) www.telford.parkinn.co.uk and the deal is, for sharing £60 per twin or double per night B&B, or £50 per night B&B single. Mention NVA weekend when booking.
- Timetable:** **Saturday 13th September** (8.00am help with piste laying would be appreciated)
Latest report time: 9.30 am
10.00 am Fencing commences (7 rounds total)
No timed lunch break, but taken during a team's rest period
4.00 pm last round commences
- Saturday 8.00 pm** Gala Dinner (Black tie optional)
- Sunday 14th September**
9.00 am Fencing commences (5 rounds)
Depart mid –afternoon
- Lunches:** Each day a light sandwich plus drink can be available if ordered, @ £4.00 per day
PLEASE ORDER LUNCHESES THROUGH TEAM REPRESENTATIVE BY JULY
- The Winton Cup:** The Winton Cup, presented by Bobby Winton and Sir Nicholas Winton, will be awarded to the winning team. The Winton Cup will be retained by the organisers, but a replica smaller Cup will be presented to the winning team captain, and each member of the winning team will receive a medal.
- Entry Fee:** £360 per team (£20 per team member if team of 3 or £15 per fencer if team of 4)
Gala Dinner ticket £27.00
- Entry Closing Date:** 30th July 2008
NB: Teams are being organised by NVA nominated persons around the NVA regions.

VETERANS WINTON CUP COMPETITION 2008

Competition Rules

1. Entry is open to geographical regions; specified by the NVA.
2. All competitors must be at least 40 years of age at the date of the start of the competition and must be **both** NVA and British Fencing members. All fencers must be aware of the BFA guidelines on equipment and these are mandatory for all fencers at this event. For further details of these, [visit the BFA website](#).
3. Each team will comprise a minimum of 3 fencers at each of the 6 weapons of MF, WF, ME, WE, MS and WS. A fourth fencer may be selected as substitute if that substitute is entered on the poule sheet at the start of a match.
4. Doubling up weapons is NOT permissible.
5. The competition will be fenced between teams of 3 in matches. During the weekend each team will fence all other teams, with each fight to 5 hits to determine the winner and each fight for a maximum duration of 3 minutes of fencing time.
6. If the score is equal at time in any fight the priority rule will apply.
7. All matches will be fought to a conclusion of 9 fights.
9. Any fencer missing from a team will concede victories to the opposing team 5-0.
10. The victorious team is the one with the maximum amount of points at the end of the competition. Points per team will be awarded at the rate of one point for a victory against the whole team, ½ for a draw and 0 for a loss.
If at the conclusion of the competition there is a draw based on points team places will be determined by a count back of victories then hits for and hits against.
11. For a match plan of 9 teams, 6 teams will fence at any one time at any weapon; the other 3 teams MUST provide a referee for the matches occurring.
12. At foil paired spoils will be used. This rule will be strictly imposed to ensure the swift running of the competition.
13. If the referee is late collecting the pool sheet from control three calls will be made at approximately one minute intervals - after which that referee's weapon team may lose a fight in their next match (-1).
14. Weapon entry is limited to those not fencing for GB at that weapon in that calendar year.
15. The organisers reserve the right to amend the rules to ensure the smooth running of the competition.

VETERANS WINTON 2008

The teams are nearly complete, but we still need some fencers.
If you would like to be considered please ring your local rep,
or contact Linda Lawes 01235 530090, Frank Mills 01908 310516

South West: Dave Sweeney 01453 758 372

Southern: Mike Bradbury 01793 726 252

South East: Alan Ault 01435 830 314

London: Hilary Philbin 020 8991 5262

Midlands: Peter Baron 01384 400 242

Wales: Mike Norfolk 01244 659 133

North West: Graham Thornton 07775 841896

**North East
and Norfolk:** Carol Seheult 0191 386 9581

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**Many Congratulations to Mike Norfolk and the
Wrexham Club**

3rd in the Sports Club of the Year!!



Sports Club of the Year 2008

09 May 2008

Wrexham Fencing Club receive 3rd Place in the Sports Club of the Year Awards 2008

Congratulations to Wrexham Fencing Club who received 3rd place in the Sports Club of the Year Awards 2008, run by the Central Council for Physical Recreation (CCPR) in association with the Foundation for Sport and the Arts and Running Sports. They were energetically supported by British Fencing board members Penny Spink MBE and Bob Turner.

Letters to the Editor.:

Hi Linda

Thought I would send you a few photos from the Vets Euro teams comp.

The party was on the Sunday night after the comp when much alcohol flowed. If only you could have heard Jenny Morris trying to talk an understandable language.

A good time was had by all and special thanks to Frank Mills for organising everything including getting the restaurant to open for us on the Sunday night.

Highlights included:

Chicken impressions

Diesel Dykes

Doctor Dick and his forearm smash (poor Frank)

Iron Man

and the Sub-Committee

They will know who they are !!!

Cheers

Steve Potter



Delighted Women's
Sabre Gold Winners

Photo Steve Potter



A few more bottles
than fencers?
Spain 2008
Photo Steve Potter

British party empties
Spanish Restaurant...

Photo Steve Potter



Happy European
President!

Photo Steve Potter

2009 NVA Age Group Championships Date Change

Due to requests from members and event organisers in the UK, and to assist in the selection process of fencers for events outside of Europe, the date of the Age Group Championships will change from 2009 to the last weekend in January (Saturday 24th & Sunday 25th 2009)

The change will allow more time for selectors and the fencers themselves, to make travel and accommodation arrangements for the World Championships. A further benefit is likely to be a larger attendance at the Age Groups with therefore more fencing and more representative results.

Celtic Challenge 2008

Clywedog Sports Centre, Wrexham, North Wales
Saturday 26th and Sunday 27th July 2008

Veterans Individual and Team competition

Brittany, Channel Isle, Cornwall, Eire,
Ireland, Isle of Man, Northern Ireland, Scotland and
Wales

(sorry if you are English!)

FOR MORE DETAILS

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