

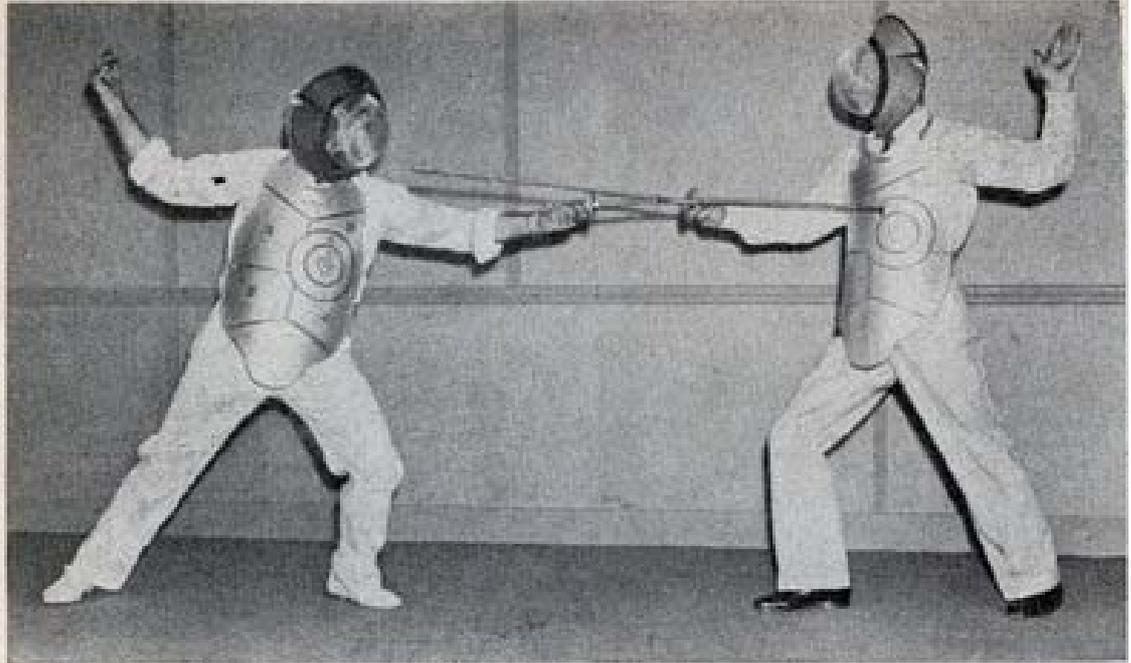


British Veterans. Fencing



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NEWS March 2008



Vacuum Cups Keep Score for Fencers

VACUUM CUPS of rubber fixed lightly to the ends of foils are a feature of a novel fencing outfit just introduced. The tiny cups come loose and stick to an opponent's protective shield at the point where they touch it. The tips not only

insure safety for the fencers, but facilitate scoring by adhering to areas appropriately marked on the shields. Scoring is based on the location of the touch, a thrust at the heart counting most.

2008 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS Results

New Chairman Elected see page 3

European Team Selected see page 4

AGE GROUP COMPETITION

ENTRY FORMS ON THE WEB

Dates for your Diary 2008

April 26th and 27th Age Group Qualifiers
Milton Keynes

Venue as usual

May 8th to 11th European Team
Championships Ciudad Real Spain

Selected teams

July 26th Veterans Celtic Challenge
Wrexham

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

September 14th Veterans Team Challenge
Loughborough. Exciting news, watch this
space.

**NOTE DATE
CHANGE**

September 28th Veterans Unisex Epée
Middlesex

Venue as usual

World Championships Limoges France
October 2nd to 5th

**Selection rules
apply**

FROM THE NEW CHAIRMAN

Dear Members,

I am both honoured and pleased to be elected Chairman of the NVA, but I am also aware that my colleague and friend, Dave Sweeney is a difficult act to follow.

I am very glad that he remains on the committee and will continue to give us the benefits of his experience in our endeavours.

His period of Chairmanship saw encouraging growth of our association, the development of activities and, under his leadership, the organisation and hosting of the World Championships in Bath.

None of this would have been possible without a committee possessing a high level of personal skills and a shared belief in the desire to further the aims of the NVA and to provide our members with the activities, information and fencing they enjoy.

As a member of the committee, I recently prepared a paper entitled "Over the Horizon" which looks at every facet of our organisation and which I hope, provides a map for the further development of the NVA and its members.

This paper is currently before the committee and we will be meeting shortly to give it more shape and direction for the next few years. Once it has been finalised, this will be published for you to see and comment upon.

Our membership continues to grow, and we saw a record number of entries for the National Championships in Gloucester this year. Last year saw a magnificent clutch of medals won by NVA fencers in international veteran competitions, and I know that the NVA committee share with me, the desire to build on these successes.

I also know that we can count on your support in our endeavours and that together we can look forward to a rosy future for fencers over 40 in Great Britain.

Frank Mills
Chairman

Bob and Rosemarie Perry

As you all know Dave Sweeney gave up the Chair of the NVA at the AGM. You may not know that our longest serving member of the committee also decided to hang up his committee pen.

Bob Perry has served Veterans Fencing for some 20 years and we took the opportunity to thank both Bob, and his wife Rosemarie, for all the hard work they have put in as a team to the NVA.

Bob and Rosemarie were presented with an engraved decanter and glasses set, and some 10 year old malt whisky (as Bob said for medicinal purposes only).

Bob tells us that he is actually going to be doing MORE fencing now he is off the committee and has more time on his hands.

We all wish him and Rosemarie well and hope we see them for many more years to come.



European Team Championships – Ciudad Real, Spain 8-11 May 2008

The following selections have been made, based on the NVA selection rules (available on the NVA website or by request to the NVA Secretary).

Please note:

1. The European Team Championships have an aggregate age rule: 150 for men's teams and 135 for women's teams.
2. Each weapon team comprises 3 fencers + 1 substitute.
3. Substitutes participate as team members but should note that **there is no guarantee of fencing**. Composition of the teams starting each match, plus any subsequent substitution, will be decided by the weapon captain and is generally based on fielding the strongest team.
4. Selection is subject to the NVA appeals process. Any appeal should be sent to Frank Mills by email or in writing (see front of newsletter for contact details), to arrive no later than 2 April 2008.
5. **Fencers must confirm their intention to accept their place(s)**. Acceptances should be sent to Frank Mills, by email or in writing, to arrive **ASAP but no later than 2 April 2008**. Any team place not confirmed by this date will be offered to another fencer. (NB: Non-travelling reserves are notified separately after the cut-off date for acceptances, as the age of a fencer dropping out may impact on selection restrictions.)
6. Travel costs (flight to Madrid & train to Ciudad Real) are estimated at £160 return.

Women's Foil	Women's Epee	Women's Sabre	Men's Foil	Men's Epee	Men's Sabre
J Bowyer G Worman J Morris (C)	K Smith (C) K Morwell-Neave J Morris	J Hutchison (C) S Benney J Morris	T Miles T Bartlett (C) B Causton	H West N Mallett R Johnson (C)	C Prett R Bonehill (C) S Potter
H Philbin	L Bornemisza	K Morwell-Neave	P Lowen	K Barnett	C Morris

(C) denotes Weapon Captain.

Team Manager

Frank Mills (Frank will be contacting all team members with competition and travel information.)

Referees (pending acceptance)

09 May	Men's Foil & Women's Sabre	Jake Rowley, Carl Morris
10 May	Men's Epee & Women's Foil	Jake Rowley, Pat Casey
11 May	Men's Sabre & Women's Epee	Jake Rowley, Pat Casey

National Championships 2008: Full Results

MEN'S EPEE FINAL RANKINGS

1	Howard West	50
2	Neal Mallett	51
3	Keith Barnett	52
4	Jonathan Stanbury	53
5	Jeremy Raj	54
6	Graham Paul	55
7	Ralph Johnson	J56
8	Steve Lavington	J56
9	Andrew Ramsay	58
10	Ian Worthington	59
11	Robin Davenport	60
12	Niall Campbell	
13	Bob Brooks	
14	Bob Turner	
15	Max Telfer	1
16	Brian Causton	2
17	Richard Bonehill	3
18	Anton Pollard (R)	4
19	Bill Osbaldeston	5
20	Malcolm Fare	6
21	Steve Lennox	7
22	Mick Meyer	8
23	Anthony Kingsley	9
24	Colin Harvey	10
25	Richard Sweatman	11
26	Nick Hawksworth	12
27	Paul Cooper	13
28	Paul Williams	14
29	Chris Green	15
30	Ricky Howdle	16
31	Mike Bradbury	17
32	Edmund Gray	18
33	David Karlin	19
34	Iain Rugheimer	20
35	Evert van Gemeren	21
36	John Mason	22
37	Nick Stokes	23
38	Jamie Morris	24
39	Gerry Simpson	25
40	John Morris	26
41	Massoud Aref	27
42	Peter Harvey (R)	28
43	Jim Whelan	29
44	Jim Pilkington	30
45	Ken Roberts	31
46	Nigel Hinchliff	32
47	Tony Westacott	33
48	Michael Compton	
49	Simon White	

MEN'S SABRE FINAL RANKINGS

1	Chris Prevett
2	Richard Bonehill
3	Richard Cohen
4	Steve Potter
5	Duncan Rowlands
6	Keith Barnett
7	Andy Bornemisza
8	Cary Zitcer
9	Carl Morris
10	Tony Bardell
11	Peter Baron
12	Brian Causton
13	John Norrie
14	Steve Fox
15	Jon Dawkins
16	Michael Compton
17	Gordon Coombs
18	Ron Tjoa
19	Evert van Gemeren
20	Phil Palmer
21	Dennis Hunt
22	Rodney Greenhalgh
23	Nick Stokes
24	Gareth Law
25	Steve Lennox
26	Mike Garrity
27	Keith Rogerson
28	James Stratton
29	Dennis Ward
30	Krzysztof Zarebski
31	Bob Perry
32	Mike Norfolk
33	Stewart Smith

MEN'S FOIL FINAL RANKINGS

1	Graham Paul
2	Jim Philbin
3	Tim Miles
4	Tony Bartlett
5	Lindsay Watkiss
6	Des Eames
7	Brian Causton
8	Paul Sibert
9	Paul Lowen
10	Paul Abrahams
11	Jim Whelan
12	Richard Sage
13	Jeffrey Kiy
14	Nick Stokes
15	Paul Baillache
16	Graham Thornton
17	Steve Lennox
18	Julian Burney (R)
19	Edward Ben-Nathan
20	Steve Fox
21	Jim Harris
22	Michael Compton
23	Philip Allen
24	Frank Mills
25	Malcolm Fare
26	Dave Sweeney
27	Jon Dawkins
28	John Fruen
29	Peter Cormack
30	Brian Nesbitt
31	Tony Conyard
32	Mike Bradbury
33	John Norrie
34	Andrew Gould
35	Andy Bornemisza
36	Richard Bonehill
37	Carl Morris
38	Stuart Henderson
39	Peter Baron
40	Austen Moore
41	Tony Bardell
42	Fred Sheppard (R)
43	Anthony Kingsley
44	John King
45	Dennis Ward
46	Peter James

R denotes Retired.

WOMEN'S FOIL FINAL RANKINGS

1	Dawn Townsend
2	Jo Bowyer
3	Gillian Worman
4	Jenny Morris
5	Jane Clayton
6	Hilary Philbin
7	Clare Halsted
8	Caron Hale
9	Janice Pearce
10	Kate Morwell-Neave
11	Moya McNamara
12	Kim de Large
13	Lynda Norrie
14	Linda Lawes
15	Astrid Merrick
16	Sue Benney
17	Kate Harris
18	Jane Hutchison
19	Karen Garvie
20	Maggie Myers
21	Silvia Earl
22	Diane Austin
23	Marish Silverman
24	Lynne Bornemisza (R)

WOMENS EPEE FINAL RANKINGS

1	Kate Smith
2	Kate Morwell-Neave
3	Jenny Morris
4	Lynne Bornemisza
5	Kate Elvin
6	Fiona Haldane
7	Mariette Mason
8	Caron Hale
9	Mavis Thornton
10	Jane Hutchison
11	Eileen Buist
12	Moya McNamara
13	Jane Clayton
14	Vanessa Wilen
15	Janice Pearce
16	Gillian Aghajan
17	Silvia Earl
18	Clare Halsted
19	Alice Lawrence
20	Ann Cornwall
21	Sara Spence
22	Irene Howard
23	Maggie Myers
24	Carole Seheult
25	Diane Austin
26	Sue Hanney (R)

WOMEN'S SABRE FINAL RANKINGS

1	Jane Hutchison
2	Sue Benney
3	Jenny Morris
4	Kate Morwell-Neave
5	Silvia Earl
6	Carol Wengraf
7	Patricia Aiyenuro
8	Lynne Bornemisza
9	Vicky Garrity
10	Lynn Keogh
11	Wednesday Jones
12	Caron Hale
13	Michele Narey
14	Pat Rees
15	Caroline Clancy
16	Gillian Aghajan
17	Jane Clayton
18	Joan Coombs
19	Myra Whall
20	Vivien Frith
21	Maggie Myers

If I close my eyes and wish!!!



CHAMPION AT ARMS									
	S	F	E	TOTAL		S	F	E	TOTAL
MEN					WOMEN				
Brian Causton	12	7	16	35	Jenny Morris	3	4	3	10
Richard Bonehill	2	36	17	55	Kate Morwell-Neave	4	10	2	16
Steve Lennox	25	17	21	63	Caron Hale	12	8	8	28
Nick Stokes	23	14	37	74	Jane Hutchison	1	18	10	29
Michael Compton	16	22	48	86	Jane Clayton	17	5	13	35
Jon Dawkins	15	27	52	94	Lynne Bornemisza	8	24	4	36
Andy Bornemisza	7	35	59	101	Silvia Earl	5	21	17	43
Tony Bardell	10	41	50	101	Maggie Myers	21	20	23	64
Dennis Ward	29	45	56	130					



Women's Champion at Arms

Jenny Morris

Presented by

The Sheriff and Deputy Mayor of Gloucester
2007/2008 Councillor Jan Lugg

Action from
NVA nationals 2008
Women's Epee Final
Kate versus Kate!!
Eventually First and Second...



Women's Sabre 2008

- 1st Jane Hutchison
- 2nd Sue Benney
- 3rd Jenny Morris



Men's Foil 2008

- 1st Graham Paul
- 2nd Jim Philbin
- 3rd Tim Miles
- Presented by
Steve Elway
- CRO Gloucester Leisure Trust

Women's Foil 2008

- 1st Dawn Townsend
- 2nd Jo Bowyer
- 3rd Gillian Worman
- Presented by
The Sheriff and Deputy Mayor
of Gloucester
- 2007/2008 Councillor Jan Lugg



Men's Sabre 2008

1st Chris Prevett
2nd Richard Bonehill
3rd Richard Cohen



Women's Epee 2008

1st Kate Smith
2nd Kate Morwell-Neave
3rd Jenny Morris
Presented by
The Sheriff and Deputy Mayor of Gloucester
2007/2008 Councillor Jan Lugg

Men's Epee 2008

1st Howard West
2nd Neal Mallett
3rd Keith Barnett
Presented by
The Sheriff and Deputy Mayor of
Gloucester
2007/2008 Councillor Jan Lugg



Letters to the March Newsletter

Dear Friends,

As most of you will know by now, at the AGM on Friday 7th of March, I stood down as Chairman of the NVA. It has been both an honour and a pleasure to serve as Chairman and I am proud of the committee's achievements over the last few years.

Frank Mills was elected the incoming Chairman and I hope that you will join me in wishing him every success in his new role. I know that Frank will work hard to continue the successful growth of the NVA.

This is a very interesting time in the development of our association and I am pleased that I was re-elected to serve as a member of the committee. I look forward to working with Frank and the other members of the committee on the ideas and projects that the committee has in hand to develop even further the benefits to our membership and the NVA's reputation both at home and abroad.

David Sweeney

Dear David and all your team,

Many congratulations on your excellent organisation of your championships. I thought the venue, fencing, refereeing and general atmosphere were great. The dinner was clearly a great success in many ways also.

Please pass on my best wishes to all the NVA and my thanks to you all for having organised this event and indeed nurtured the NVA to ever greater success.

Best wishes,

Keith Smith

Hi Dave,

Just to say congratulations to the NVA for organising such a well run and civilised competition. Even though my legs are near dropping off today I have to say that the experience was very worthwhile (as did the other NVA newbie's I spoke to) and I look forward to competing in other NVA fixtures in the future.

Best regards,

Prof. Pete Cormack

Caption Competition March 2008



Please send your entry to Linda.lawes1@btinternet.com
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Action from
NVA Nationals 2008
Men's Sabre Final
Note This is not part of the Caption
Competition!



NOTABLES

Top half



Merseyside Open 2008

MF (85)	9 Jeff KIY 12 Lindsay WATKISS 16 Nick STOKES 22 Graham THORNTON 24 Anthony CONYARD 36 Roman SENIUK
ME (93)	28 Darryl HAZLEWOOD 32 Evert VAN GEMEREN 42 Rick KENT 42 John MORRIS 46 Mark ROBERTSON
MS (48)	12 Steve POTTER 22 Julian GHOSH
WF (40)	2 Jo BOWYER 5 Dawn TOWNSEND 17 Isabella CODD
WE (38)	3 Fiona HALDANE
WS (32)	12 Yvonne WALLS



Jeff Kiy showing his medal for top Veteran Men's Foil

Photo Gary Longthorn

More from MOFT in the next newsletter

Slough Open 2008

MF (129)	32 John FRUEN 35 Austin ROSE 38 Paul LOWEN
ME (112)	3 Anton POLLARD 11 Neal MALLETT 19 Howard WEST 23 Niall CAMPBELL 28 Jeremy RAJ 54 Ian BRIGGS
MS (61)	17 Steve POTTER 21 Peter BARON 24 John NORRIE

WF (71)	7 Gillian WORMAN 9 Jo BOWYER 23 Kati SCHOLTZ 32 Clare HALSTED
WE (88)	42 Nike AJIBODE
WS (25)	8 Caroline CLANCY



NOTABLES

Top half



Hampshire Open - 16/2/2008

MF (66)	15 John FRUEN
MS (28)	6 Steve POTTER
	7 Barry COULTER
	10 Carl MORRIS
WF (36)	3 Caron HALE
WS (17)	3 Jane HUTCHISON

Omissions - - In Error

Apologies to:

Niall Campbell 7th Men's Epee

Cambridge Winter

Tournament.

NVA National Championships Format PLEASE READ !!!!!!!

The 2007 AGM assumed responsibility for deciding the format of the Nationals. The 2008 AGM has just restored the status quo by agreeing that the format of NVA Championships is the business of the Committee, not normally of the AGM.

This means that the results of the questionnaire now in circulation can and will be taken into account in determining the format of future NVA Nationals.

If you would like to state your preference(s) as to the format, please complete the questionnaire and send it to Hilary Arnold **NO LATER THAN 31/03/08**.

Responses will be sorted by weapon, and weapons will be treated differently if appropriate. In the event of any difference of viewpoint between participants and non-participants, greater weight will be given to the views of participants.

All members have been circulated with a copy. Further copies are available on the website, or by SAE to Hilary Arnold.

All feedback will be welcome: please continue on a second sheet if you wish to make any comments.

If the results of the questionnaire lead to a change of format, a review of the new system's impact on selection will be carried out by the committee, and the results published well before the 2009 National Championships.

Please note: a return will be deemed to be spoilt if it is illegible, or if it does not bear the name of a current NVA member.

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