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NEWS May 2008



GOLD WINNING WOMEN'S SABRE TEAM
SUE BENNEY, JANE HUTCHISON, KATE MORWELL-NEAVE AND JENNY MORRIS



BRONZE WINNING MEN'S SABRE TEAM
RICHARD BONEHILL, CARL MORRIS, STEVE POTTER AND CHRIS PREVETT

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

**Provisional
team in this
newsletter**

CHRISTMAS FENCING and 21st

Celebrate the 21st Birthday of the NVA

Ramada Hotel Leicester

Put it in your Diary NOW!!

29th November

Non- NVA Events

If you want to organise a trip 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

6 Little Meddows Andreas ISLE OF MAN IM7 4HY

Ystad International Veterans Epee: Sweden

June 14th 15th

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

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

Dunstan Foil and Epee

June 22nd 2008 Somerset

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Veteran Epee in

St Petersburg Russia

1st 2nd November 2008

**Contact
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See also
this newsletter**

9th European Team Championships – Ciudad Real, Spain

The event was overshadowed by the sad death of Ivo van Seters, the Belgium Official, who collapsed shortly after the competition had started, but the Belgium team bravely made the decision to continue knowing that was what he would have wanted them to do.

Great Britain fielded a full team at all six weapons in this, the 9th European Team Championships. Some won medals, some came closer than the final results indicate, but every single team member fought well and hard and did our country and the NVA proud.

First on the piste was our team of Men's Foil with Tim Miles, Tony Bartlett, Brian Causton and Paul Lowen with 11 other teams competing at the weapon.

After a close match with Hungary, where we lost 5-4, the team went on to meet the Czech Republic and achieved an 8-1 win. France was next in the first round of DE , and the team were beaten 5-2. This was thought to be the end of fencing for the team, but the organisers decided that all places needed to be fought out, and a further two matches saw us win 5-2 against Spain and lose 5-3 to Germany.

Men's Foil final places were Italy 1st, Hungary 2nd and Russia 3rd with GB 6th.

Then came the turn of Women's Sabre with our team of Jane Hutchison, Sue Benney, Jenny Morris and Kate Morwell-Neave. In the first match against Russia, we emerged victorious with a 5-4 win, but then lost to France by 5-4.

We met Russia again in the DE and secured a 5-2 win, and a repeat 5-2 win in the DE against Italy.

The match for Gold and Silver could not have been closer and with the score at 4 fights each, and with the piste surrounded by supporters from both countries, Sue Benney overcame her opponent to get the deciding hit and the gold medal for Great Britain. A truly marvellous result and very well earned by all members of the team.

Saturday saw the Women's Foil and Men's Epee competitions. Our team for Women's Foil comprised Jo Bowyer, Gillian Worman, Jenny Morris and Hilary Philbin. The 9 team competition was divided into poules for the first round, with GB fighting Germany and Ukraine. Our first match was against a very strong team from Germany and we were defeated 8-1. The Ukrainians then withdrew from the competition due to injury, as they had only three fencers with no substitute, and the rules demand that a team comprise three fencers.

This was extremely bad news for Great Britain as we had no chance to gain further

indicator points to assist us in the DE draw, whilst the German team had already achieved good points from their match against us.

We then had the misfortune to draw Germany in the first round of DE and were able to take no further part after a 5-1 defeat, as the organisers decided to run the whole event to the rule that only the top 4 teams would fence for the results.

Italy were 1st, Germany 2nd and Russia 3rd with Great Britain placed 7th.

The Men's Epee team were Howard West, Neal Mallett, Ralph Johnson and Keith Barnett and they achieved 7-2 wins against both Norway and Portugal, and a close 4-5 defeat against Russia.

Going in to the DE with 16 teams taking part, we were seeded 5th and achieved a 5-0 win against Belgium only to be defeated by the Russian team 5-2. This gave us 5th place overall, with Ukraine 1st, Germany 2nd, Italy 3rd and Russia 4th.

Sunday saw the turn of the Women's Epee with 10 teams, and Men's Sabre with 10 teams. The Women's Epee team were Kate Smith, Kate Morwell-Neave, Jenny Morris and Lynne Bornemisza.

The poule saw a 1-8 defeat against Germany, and a close 4-5 defeat against Norway but a good 5-1 win against Spain took us to the second round of DE where we met France. This we lost 2-5 and achieved 8th place overall. Germany went on to win the competition with France 2nd and Finland 3rd.

The Men's Sabre team of Chris Prevett, Richard Bonehill, Steve Potter and Carl Morris, had 9 other teams to contend with in the competition and secured wins against Hungary and Poland in the poule and a narrow loss of 4-5 against Germany.

A good 5-4 win against Italy in the first DE took us into the last 4, but a 3-5 defeat against Germany meant we were fighting it out with Belgium for the bronze medal. Our team beat them 5-1 to give us our second medal of the Championships.

This was my first solo outing as Team Manager, and it was a great pleasure to work with every member of the squad who put their all into every fight, and ensured that Great Britain maintains a leading position in international veterans' fencing.

Finally our thanks must go to our referees; Pat Casey, Duncan Rowlands and Carl Morris who worked extremely hard throughout the competition, and gave impartial advice to me and the team members whenever it was needed.

Frank Mills
Chairman NVA

NVA SELECTION: WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

LIMOGES, 2-5 OCTOBER 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).

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Dave Sweeney is the GB Team Manager and will shortly be writing to all squad members with further information.

NB: Named reserves are non-travelling reserves, but would be called upon in the event of a squad member declining his/her place or dropping out prior to the event.

50-59	Women's Foil	Women's Epée	Women's Sabre
1	Jo Bowyer	Kate Smith	Jane Hutchison
2	Hilary Philbin	Jane Clayton	Jenny Morris
3	Jenny Morris	Jenny Morris	Sue Benney
4	Jane Clayton	Lynne Bornemisza	Yvonne Walls
Reserve	Janice Pearce	Fiona Haldane	Lynne Bornemisza

60+	Women's Foil	Women's Epée	Women's Sabre
1	Clare Halsted	Kate Elvin	Silvia Earl
2	Janet Cooksey	Janet Cooksey	Maggie Myers
3	Lynda Norrie	Silvia Earl	Carol Wengraf
4	Silvia Earl	Clare Halsted	Sylvia Brown
Reserve	Maggie Myers	Ann Cornwall	Connie Adam

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50-59	Men's Foil	Men's Epée	Men's Sabre
1	Jim Philbin		Chris Prevett
2	Paul Lowen	Howard West	Jim Philbin
3	Tony Bartlett	Ian Worthington	Richard Bonehill
4	Des Eames	Neal Mallett Jonathan Stanbury	Carl Morris
Reserve	Tony Conyard	Steve Lavington	Cary Zitcer

60+	Men's Foil	Men's Epée	Men's Sabre
1	Graham Paul		Richard Cohen
2	Brian Causton	Graham Paul	Peter Baron
3	Simon Hartley	Ralph Johnson	Andy Bornemisza
4	Fred Sheppard	Robin Davenport Simon Hartley	Tony Bardell
Reserve	Malcolm Cawton	Bill Osbaldeston	Brian Causton

Full Results

Age Group Qualifiers

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Milton Keynes

MEN'S EPEE 50-59	
1	Ian Worthington
2	Steve Lavington
3	Anton Pollard
4	Jonathan Stanbury
5	Rob Brooks
6	Malcolm Allton
7	Gerry Simpson
8	Stephen Rennie
9	Nigel Middleton
10	Massoud Aref
11	Paul Straupmanis
12	Ian Stewart
13	John Morris
14	Iain Rugheimer
15	Simon White

MEN'S EPEE 60+	
1	Ralph Johnson
2	Robin Davenport
3	Simon Hartley
4	Bill Osbaldeston
5	Malcolm Fare
6	Bernard Harbour
7	Bob Turner
8	Richard Sweatman
9	Mick Meyer
10	Mike Bradbury
11	John Mason
12	Jim Pilkington
13	Tony Bardell
14	Colin Lutman

MEN'S EPEE CATEGORY 4	
1	Jim Pilkington
2	Colin Lutman
3	Alan Ault

WOMEN'S EPEE 50-59	
1	Jane Clayton
2	Jenny Morris
3	Dorinda Balchin
4	Sue Hanney
5	Mariette Mason
6	Lynne Bornemisza
7	Hilary Arnold
8	Eileen Buist
9	Gillian Aghajan

WOMEN'S EPEE 60+	
1	Janet Cooksey
2	Silvia Earl
3	Maggie Myers
4	Sylvia Brown
5	Connie Adam
6	Carole Seheult
7	Ann Cornwall
8	Diane Austin

WOMEN'S EPEE CATEGORY 4	
1	Sylvia Brown
2	Connie Adam
3	Diane Austin
4	Ann Cornwall

Full Results

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MEN'S SABRE 50-59

1	Jim Philbin
2	Carl Morris
3	Barry Coulter
4	John Norrie
5	Geoff Silverman
6	Stephen Rennie
7	Cary Zitcer
8	Steve Lavington
9	Mike Garrity
10	Ian Stewart
11	Jonathan Stanbury
12	Malcolm Allton

MEN'S SABRE 60+

1	Peter Baron
2	Tony Bardell
3	Rodney Greenhalgh
4	Mike Compton
5	Malcolm Cawton
6	Gordon Coombs
7	Ron Tjoa
8	John Croxon
9	Bernard Enders

MEN'S SABRE CATEGORY 4

1	Alan Ault
2	Gordon Coombs
3	Jim Pilkington
4	John Croxon
5	Ron Tjoa

WOMEN'S SABRE 50-59

1	Jenny Morris
2	Yvonne Walls
3	Vicky Garrity
4	Lynne Bornemisza
5	Jane Clayton
6	Gillian Aghajan
7	Sue Hanney
8	Dorinda Balchin

WOMEN'S SABRE 60+

1	Maggie Myers
2	Silvia Earl
3	Sylvia Brown
4	Connie Adam
5	Pat Shepherd-Foster
6	Irene Howard
7	Viv Frith
8	Joan Coombs

WOMEN'S SABRE CATEGORY 4

1	Connie Adam
2	Sylvia Brown
3	Joan Coombs

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MEN'S FOIL 50-59

1	Paul Lowen
2	Tony Conyard
3	Des Eames
4	Jim Harris
5	Steve Fox
6	Stephen Rennie
7	John Fruen
8	Geoff Silverman
9	John Norrie
10	Carl Morris
11	Roman Seniuk
12	Robert Jeffries

WOMEN'S FOIL 50-59

1	Jo Bowyer
2	Hilary Philbin
3	Jane Clayton
4	Jenny Morris
5	Kate Harris
6	Dorinda Balchin

MEN'S FOIL 60+

1	Malcolm Fare
2	Simon Hartley
3	Fred Sheppard
4	Malcolm Cawton
5	Frank Mills
6	Mike Bradbury
7	Mike Compton
8	Peter Baron
9	Alan Ault
10	Tony Bardell
11	Jim Pilkington
12	John King

MEN'S FOIL CATEGORY 4

1	Alan Ault
2	Jim Pilkington

WOMEN'S FOIL 60+

1	Janet Cooksey
2	Silvia Earl
3	Maggie Myers
4	Lynda Norrie
5	Diane Austin
6	Carole Dixon
7	Ann Cornwall
8	Carole Seheult

WOMEN'S FOIL CATEGORY 4

1	Diane Austin
2	Ann Cornwall

Full Results

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CATEGORY 1 FOIL

- 1 Jeffrey Kiy
- 2 Paul Abrahams
- 3 Paul Baillache
- 4 **Caron Hale XXXX**
- 5 Jim Whelan
- 6 Evert Van Gemeren
- 7 Jacques Portal
- 8 Michael Bex
- 9 Gerald Brosnan
- 10 Martin Brown
- 11 Paul Williams
- 12 Anthony Shayle

CATEGORY 1 SABRE

- 1 Evert Van Gemeren
- 2 Paul Abrahams
- 3 **Wendy Thomas XXXX**
- 4 Jim Whelan
- 5 Caron Hale
- 6 Paul Baillache
- 7 Lynn Keogh
- 8 Michele Narey

CATEGORY 1 EPEE

- 1 Jeremy Raj
- 2 Paul Williams
- 3 Paul Abrahams
- 4 Evert Van Gemeren
- 5 Jim Whelan
- 6 Roger Barnes
- 7 Paul Drake
- 8 **Caron Hale XXXX**
- 9 Paul Baillache
- 10 Michele Narey

XXXX WOMEN'S CHAMPION

Photographs from the Age Group Qualifiers 2008
Thanks to Frank and Betty Mills



Spot some of the NVA committee at work and play!!



42nd INTERNATIONAL FENCING TOURNAMENT "SOLIDARITY"

3rd VETERAN'S MEMORIAL FENCING TOURNAMENT "

The fencing tournament will be held in Skopje, MACEDONIA, on 14th and 15th of June 2008. The competition has become a long-year tradition to many international fencers, and has remained the sole Solidarity tournament, in loving memory of the victims of Skopje's earthquake in 1963 and the human solidarity displayed by nations from all over the world

Saturday 14th of June 2008

At 9:00 – Memorial "Vladimir Shumanov" – FOIL for veterans, man and women.

At 11:30 - Memorial "Vladimir Shumanov" – SABRE for veterans, man and women.

At 15:00 – Memorial "Vladimir Shumanov" – EPEE for veterans, man and women.

Note: Registration of fencers is at least 30 min. before the start bouts.

Note: Competition for **veterans will be ruled over handicap system**, all category together:

Between 40+ and 50+, starts +1 touch. For 50+ and 60+, starts +2 touches.....

General rules: The competition will be held under the FIE rules of competitions.

Please send your application letters, not later than 1st of June 2008 on the following address:

Macedonian Fencing Federation Fax: 00389 23 130 143E-mail: contact@fluidproject.com.mk

Location: The tournaments will be held in sport hall "FORZA" at Londonska bb. Skopje.

Accommodation : Organizer deeply suggest the following accommodation:

Hotel "Ferijalen Dom" Prolet 25, Skopje. Tel. 00389 231 148 49

Price: 25 EUR for single room, 40 EUR for double room, including breakfast.

For additional information: www.Skopje.hotelsbedbreakfast.inn26.com. **Participation fee:** None.

For all additional information's, please contact organization committee: Macedonian Fencing Federation

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EPEE TEAM COMPETITION IN RUSSIA NOVEMBER 1ST AND 2ND

CONTACT FRANK MILLS IF YOU ARE INTERESTED....LOOKS GREAT FUN.

Dear Frank!

1) History

Our club has the name SKA-FC - which could be interpreted as a fencing club (or actually a team) of Saint-Petersburg Sporting Club of Russian Armed Forces (SKA)). In fact in SKA we cultivate men's foil and veterans' epee

The coming tournament would be the second one. The very first took place also in Saint Petersburg on the 06-07 of October 2007, just after the World championship. The participants were: two veteran teams from Sweden, one team from Finland and two -from Russia. The tournament was named after our coach, bronze medalist of the Olympic games in Melbourne and an active supporter of veteran fencing in Saint-Petersburg, Mr. Alexander Vetrov

2) This year's event details

Our club SKA-FC invited again the Finns, Swedes and your fencers. The rules, which we tried last year (and plan to implement this year too) were as follows;

Each team consists of three fencer regardless of a gender. Minimum age of the fencer - 40 years. (No aggregated age limit for the team would be applied). Weapon - epee.

The date of the event - 01 and 02 of November, 2008. Venue - Saint - Petersburg, Russia

Every team participating will fence against all other participating teams. Every bout will be fenced 3 min+ 1 extra if needed, 5 touches. All bouts in the match would be fenced.

The competition starts with the members of one team fencing with each other. After that the team will continue with the opponent team. So, when all matches of the event will be over, we will have results for individuals as well.. The best four fencers will have a direct elimination stage to define the individual winner. (10 touches, 2 periods by 3 min)

3) Miscellaneous

We would provide the fencing hall and the equipment, Refreshments on the premises. **No participation fee.**

We recommend to apply for the normal tourist entry visa to Russia, although we can send non-official invitation letter to provide the participants with more details for visa application.

We can help with airport or railway station transfer and some spare time program, if needed. If somebody wishes us to book a hotel - we are ready to assist, but one should keep in mind that not all hotels may be accepted by the Russian Embassy to grant a visa. From last year experience I remember that after all, the Swedes just went to the travel agency. So did the Finns.

Letters to the Editor: Passed on to the GB team.

From the President

I wish the NVA GB team all the very best in the European Championships in Spain. Sorry I will not be there to cheer you on.

Henry

Dear Member,

I have been contacted by the family of Zsolt Vadaszffy to say that after a short illness, Zsolt died peacefully on the morning of Saturday 3 May 2008.

Many of us remember Zsolt from his days as assistant coach to Professor Steve Boston at Salle Boston in the sixties and seventies and since then being involved in coaching at his own Club in south London. I managed to get hold of my copy of Richard Cohen's history of Salle Boston - typed up but never printed - and looked up Zsolt's background. He fled from Hungary in 1956, the year of the uprising, fenced as an amateur for a while, and then approached Steve Boston in 1964, asking to train under him. In 1969, Zsolt was the only one of a record 12 candidates to pass his provost examination. Like Steve he also dabbled with boxing - and with the Entertainment Industry where he had been offered several film parts. Teddy Bourne, Ralph Johnson, Chris Green, John Fairhall, Benny Pitman, Derek Russell, Steve Lennox, Robin Davenport, Edmund Gray and many others passed through his hands in that little primary school building off Warren Street. I, particularly, remember him as very much my own mentor during those days at Salle Boston and being a firm but fair taskmaster. We kept in touch over the years and he often came along to the Royal Tournament at Earls Court to watch the Inter Services Fencing Finals and stayed with us in Belgium on a number of occasions. He will be sadly missed.

His funeral will be held at the West Herts. Crematorium, Garston, London WD25 0JF on Friday 16 May at 2pm. All are welcome to attend.

He leaves a wife, Irena, and two children, Karl and Angelique.

Their home address is 173 Turners Hill, Hemel Hempstead, Herts HP2 4LN

Best regards,

Lawrence Burr OBE
Honorary Secretary
The Epee Club

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NOTABLES

Top half



Missing Result

Nottingham Open 2008

Sue Hanney

5th In the Women's Epee

This was because Sue fences as SUSAN... the trawler didn't find her name. If we have missed YOUR result please let us know and we will change the spelling of your name in our program.

Le Vieux Village, Portiragnes in Languedoc Roussillon

NVA HOLIDAY MEMBER OFFERS YOU A HOLIDAY HOME!!

In Portiragnes village, you get the best of both worlds, an authentic French village atmosphere (wine-tasting, pétanque, colourful traditions), yet a 5 minute drive to one of the most un-spoilt beaches in the Western Mediterranean that is consistently one of France's best beaches with the 'Pavillon Bleu' award. together with many water sport facilities.

The old village of Portiragnes is on the Canal du Midi (World Heritage Site), ideal for cool evening walks or a cycle ride along the towpath to the beaches. Nearby there is a huge nature reserve where you can see, among others, flamingos and otters. The village has a 12th century church, post office, medical centre, shops, a local market, restaurants and several local wine producers. In July there is a festival when the bulls are run through the village followed by dancing and fireworks. A comprehensive list of activities and entertainments is published throughout the season – many of which are free.

Beziers is the nearest town and Narbonne and the wonderful mediaeval walled city of Carcassonne are within easy distance.

The house has been recently renovated and fully furnished to a high standard. On the ground floor there is a large sitting room, combined dining room and modern kitchen, a toilet and utility area with washing machine, 2 double bedrooms, one en-suite and bathroom on the first floor and one twin-bedded room on the top floor, Parking is opposite the house though on a first come basis. French TV, DVD and CD player are provided.

For further information, please contact Marcia Stretch on 01293 786841 or by email: marcia_stretch@hotmail.com

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