



The Vets

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Leon Paul

The Vets Team Challenge Loughborough 15th October 2006

Earlier this year, at an NVA Committee meeting in July and with the World Championships just 2 months away, it was agreed that an annual tournament needed to be organised with the non-international fencing members very much in mind.

As Match Secretary, I was pleased to do this, and even more pleased when new committee member Linda Lawes volunteered to help me.

Right from the start, we decided that the competition would be over three weapons, with mixed teams of 3 at each weapon, and at a venue centrally placed in England.

The Loughborough Leisure Centre turned out to be just right and at an affordable price for this inaugural event.

The biggest problem was organising individual members into teams, as members are spread across the UK, and although we had a number who filled in their forms as individuals, a large number of telephone calls were needed before we were able to put together four teams for the day.

On the morning of the event, the biggest challenge facing the fencers, many of whom were meeting for the first time, was to decide on a team name.

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Vets Team Challenge Winning team SW plus One!

Tim Miles, Dave Sweeney, Kelvin Harvey, Margaret Bell, Paul Brenda,
Jon Dawkins, Dorinda Balchin, Caron Hale.

By 9.30 we were off with the teams of “Press Gang” (probably something to do with the phone calls persuading members to take part), “One Foot in the Grave” (believe it!), “The C List” and “South West plus One”.

It was a relaxed day (OK, how can fencing ever be relaxed?) with the pacing of the tournament allowing for a lunch break in the excellent Cafeteria at the centre, and a cup and medals were finally awarded at around 4.00 p.m. to “South West plus One” with 48 victories.

It was a close tournament as “The C List” were second with 41 victories, “Press Gang” third with 37 victories and “One Foot in the Grave” fourth with 36 victories.

Everyone taking part commented on how much they enjoyed the day, and everyone we spoke to wanted to come back next year. We certainly will, as this is an event now in the fixture list and we will be announcing next year’s date very soon.

Frank Mills

Team	Foil				Epee				Sabre				Total
	PG	OF	CL	SW	PG	OF	CL	SW	PG	OF	CL	SW	
Press Gang		6	4	2		3	3	2		4	6	7	37
One foot	3		3	1	6		5	3	5		5	5	36
C list	5	6		4	6	4		3	3	4		6	41
SW plus One	7	8	5		7	6	6		2	4	3		48

Frank: Mr Chairman I know Linda lost her last fight but I think it is a little early to start digging up the WMD store

Veteran traveller has second thoughts when called to check in at the world’s smallest airport.

Truro Fencing Club vigorously denies the often heard criticism that organisers do not provide adequate facilities for spectators.

Following recent legislation outlawing age discrimination: the latest batch of lifeguards report for duty at Truro beach.

CAPTION COMPETITION



Photo: Courtesy Richard Bonehill

It’s no good. We’ll just have to beat them at the best bum competition but I don’t give much for Dave’s chances.

Don’t worry Frank, if your tip fell into the sand Dave will find it!

No Frank, large amount of water, to your left, it’s the sea...

Quick let's go while the going is good, before Richard starts on the “Did you know I was in Star Wars?” stuff...

Lawes Mills and Sweeney
The Three Amigos are back!

Editor's Favourite

The Vets Early Attempts at Country dancing ended in disaster:
Frank: I told you it was a right hand star next and not a dozy-doe....

Ivan and Cath Ward



The Best Christmas Present Ever!!

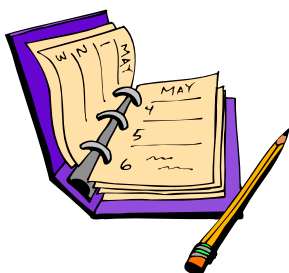
Due to extensive public demand we hear from Richard Bonehill that he is presently putting together the 'all singing all dancing' DVD of the Bath World Championships.

The DVD will include the opening and closing films, complete results and unseen footage from the championships.

It is hoped that the DVD will be available at the end of November, and the cost will be somewhere in between a large gin and tonic and a small family car.

Re-live the glory with the perfect Christmas present. Watch this space for details of how to order.





DATES FOR YOUR DIARY
<p>Xmas Fun Fence, Dinner and Dance, 18th November 2006 Coventry</p> <p>Come along and start the Season of Good Will early!</p> <p>Open to all NVA Members. Entry forms with last newsletter and available on the web page.</p>
DATES for your Diary 2007.....
<p>JANUARY 27th & 28th</p> <p>Quadrangular in Wrexham</p> <p>Teams selected by Home Country selectors</p>
<p>MARCH 9th to 11th 2007</p> <p>AGM and National Veterans Championships</p> <p>GL1 Leisure Centre</p> <p>Gloucester</p> <p>Friday: Sabre</p> <p>Saturday: Foil</p> <p>Sunday: Epée</p>

Notable results: Top half or last 32

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LEICESTER OPEN
MF (84)
26 Jeffrey Kiy
30 Graham Thornton

WF (32)
J3 Sarah Kellett
5 Gillian Worman
16 Astrid Merrick

ME (76)
12 Robin Davenport
15 Rob Brooks
16 Anton Pollard
29 Ian Worthington

BEDFORD OPEN EPEE
ME (93)
J3 Rob Brooks
J3 Howard West
15 Andrew Brown
24 Ian Worthington