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## **SOUTH WEST WINS THE TEAM CHALLENGE AGAIN!**

Dave Sweeney picked another winning team for the Veterans Team Challenge held in Loughborough again this year. Four teams, South West Tigers, Armadillos, Changelings and Out to Lunge fought gamely all day.

You may spot a World Champion amongst Dave's rank and file, but be assured we did not let Jane fence Sabre!

The idea of this competition is that we get together fencers from the same region, or put teams together on the day, and fence off all the teams as a pool unique.

Next year we would like a couple of people to put together teams and try to stop a winning run of 3 by the South West. You have just under a year to build your team spirit and get a winning team!

To be held again next year 2008 in Loughborough.

## **CHANGE AT THE TOP IN GERMAN VETERANS FENCING**

Our good friend Franz Hirt who has for several years been Seniorensprecher, the head of Veterans Fencing in Germany, retired from his post at the beginning of October.

Volkhard Herbst, who many of us will know from European Championships and matches between Great Britain and Germany has been appointed to the position and we wish him every success.

Franz is not retiring from fencing and he will still be a force to be reckoned with in European and World Championships.

NOVEMBER CAPTION COMPETITION  
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Linda and Henri



Hilary and Frank



LAST CHANCE TO BOOK FOR CHRISTMAS  
Saturday DECEMBER 1st

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and start Christmas off with us!

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or see the last newsletter on the website



## Wellesbourne Team Trophy 2007

On 28<sup>th</sup> October, nine teams gathered for battle in High Wycombe once more for the annual Wellesbourne Team Trophy organised by the club, and masterminded by fellow vet Andrew Brown.

Wellesbourne had even arranged for the clocks to go back the night before in order to give competitors an extra hour in bed!

One of the most notable features of the event was the large number of veteran fencers taking part spread across the nine teams competing, and it makes one wonder how successful some events would be without us?

Illness had struck a number of the teams with a total of 12 fencers missing, most notably in the Women's Epee with 7 absent, and a certain NVA Newsletter editor was seen crawling back to her car before the start of the competition muttering hoarsely about a chest infection (get well soon Linda). Our own team had to perform without the services of our recent World Bronze medallist, Silvia Earl who had called me to report illness ( I thought my luck had changed when I first heard this deep, sultry female voice on the 'phone, until I realised that we would be without her) Again, get well soon Silvia.

The standard of fencing was very good at every weapon, and we had some notable results from individual vets. Hilary Arnold took the individual win at Women's Epee, who, with her team mate Mariette Mason, gave us first place at the weapon.

I must also mention that Dorinda Balchin, fencing without a partner in the Women's Foil, put in an excellent performance with 12 victories; only two less than the weapon winners from Seacourt who managed 14 victories each.

Our Epeeists, Rob Brooks and Brian Speight took fourth place, as did yours truly fencing in the foil team with a slimmer Dave Sweeney (I can no longer say that I'm fencing in his shadow!)

Our Sabreurs were that popular husband and wife team, Mike and Vicky Garrity who gave us a sterling fifth place in the weapon, and an eventual overall placing of fourth out of nine teams.

Well done to all who took part, and I know that they enjoyed the day as much as me.

Frank Mills

A quick look at the individual results shows that EVERY individual weapon was won by a Veteran Fencer!

Women's Epée Hilary Arnold, Women's Foil Gillian Worman, Men's Epée Malcolm Alton, Men's Foil Gerry Gajadharsingh,

Mixed Sabre overall Duncan Rowlands, and Women's Sabre Vicky Garrity ..... go the Veterans!!! Ed

## Veteran Fencer Nominated for an Active Norfolk Sports Award

Well known to you all, Connie Adam, was recently nominated for an award by Norfolk.

In the "Inspirational Sports person of the Year" award our own Connie has been put forward.

Connie has been invited to the award ceremony, hosted by the Eastern Daily Press, Active Norfolk and Norwich Union Norfolk sports awards.

The awards will be given by Dame Kelly Holmes and we wish Connie every success on the night.

There are 3 finalists in each of the 7 categories and the final outcome was awarded on a public vote.

Whatever the outcome Connie has been an inspiration to many Veteran fencers in the past and we hope, long into the future

Ed



**Connie Adam**



# LEVI OPEN ARCTIC CHALLENGE

Several members have expressed interest in participating in this event. This is a really friendly and enjoyable fencing holiday with the added bonus of possibly seeing the Northern Lights. You can also ski or snowboard, or learn to, take a reindeer safari or try an exciting self drive Skidoo trip around the area. Alternatively you can take in the friendly atmosphere in Lapland or relax in a Sauna.

We are putting together a package and budget costs are given below. Flights and accommodation will be limited therefore, if you are interested, please contact Dave Sweeney on 01453 758372 or [mrdswweeney@hotmail.com](mailto:mrdswweeney@hotmail.com) as soon as possible.

## Budget costs

There are two options available.

### **7 nights Fencing Holiday**

Flying from Gatwick on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2007 direct to Kittila then by bus to Levi.  
Return on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> January after the Tournament.

Approximate costs of accommodation and flights

Single room           £548/person  
Double/twin room   £401/person  
Triple room           £376/person

or

### **3 nights Tournament trip**

Flying from Heathrow on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2008 via Helsinki airport then by bus to Levi.  
Return on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> January

Approximate costs of accommodation and flights

Single room           £579/person  
Double/twin room   £480/person  
Triple room           £470/person

All based on accommodation in the Hotel Levitunturi in the centre of Levi



**A CELEBRATION OF SWORD AND SNOW**  
25-27 January 2008  
Levi, Finland



**LEVI OPEN**  
ARCTIC CHALLENGE

You are invited to the world's northernmost fencing tournament, the 2008 Levi Open Arctic Challenge. Located 150 km north of the Arctic Circle amid the spectacular nature of Finnish Lapland, Levi is also one of the fastest growing ski centers in Europe. For the last decade, fencers from around the world gathered in Levi each January for a celebration of sword and snow.

This winter is no exception. We will be competing in men's and women's foil and epee. There will be awards for the top eight and top veteran in each event.

**Not just another fencing tournament . . .**

After fencing the competitors can relax in the indoor swimming pool overlooking the ski slopes, saunas and steam baths at the venue.

While in Levi you can go from the fencing piste to the skiing piste. Levi, host to alpine skiing World Cup competitions, has 44 downhill pistes and 27 lifts including two gondolas. There are also 230 km of cross-country ski tracks and 886 km of snowmobile routes. If you stay a few extra days you can try your hand at driving a reindeer sled or mushing a team of huskies. With luck you might even see the aurora borealis at night.

Getting to Levi for your arctic adventure is easy. The Kittilä airport is only 15 minutes away. Finnair and Blue 1 provide multiple daily flights between Helsinki and Kittilä.

**To learn more about Levi check these web sites**  
[www.levi.fi](http://www.levi.fi) The official web site of Levi Ski Center  
[www.kittilajournal.com](http://www.kittilajournal.com) A journal filled with photos of one fencer's visits to Levi to attend the fencing competition.

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**For more information on the 2008 Levi Open**

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## VETERAN'S HOME QUADRANGULAR – 2008

### The Justin Smith Trophy

The above event will take place in Manchester on 26/27 January 2008 at the George Carnell Sports Centre, Trafford.

The timetable is as follows:

#### 26<sup>th</sup> January

11 am Men's and Women's foil  
2 pm Men's and Women's sabre

7.30 pm Dinner at the Amblehurst Hotel, Sale

#### 27<sup>th</sup> January

10 am Men's and Women's épée  
1 pm Lunch and presentation

Team selection through Home Countries. (England please see below).  
Special arrangements for accommodation are being organised at the Amblehurst Hotel.  
Details from John Crouch.



## ENGLAND

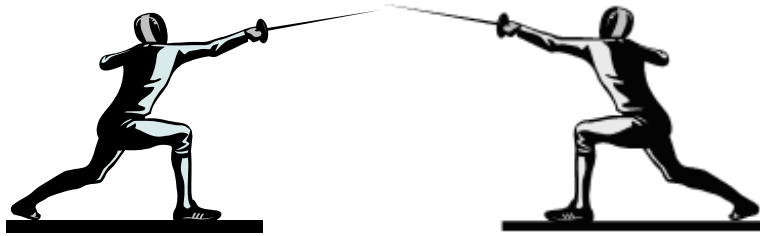
### SELECTION FOR HOME NATIONS TEAM EVENT The Justin Smith Trophy

A six-weapon Home Nations team event will take place on 26-27 January 2008 in Manchester (see above). Teams will be 3 a side, with no age restriction (other than being a vet!) and avoiding any doubling-up of weapons if possible.

The England teams will be selected based on the rankings from the 2007 NVA Championships.

Please note: any fencer who would **like** to be considered for selection for **England** should **notify Hilary Philbin no later than 23 November 2007**. (Email to [hilaryphilbin@aol.com](mailto:hilaryphilbin@aol.com) or write to 16 Egerton Gardens, London W13 8HQ.) Fencers should state their preferred weapon(s) where appropriate.

The England teams will be announced in the December newsletter, along with any additional information and the contact details of the team manager.



*Well Done Well Done Well Done*

Top Half or Last 32. A busy time for the Vets fencing !!!

| <b>Bristol Open</b> | <b>Foil</b>  | <b>Epée</b>         | <b>Sabre</b>    |
|---------------------|--------------|---------------------|-----------------|
| <b>Women's</b>      | (82)         | (111)               | (50)            |
|                     | 23 Jo Bowyer | 30 Lynne Bornemisza | 18 Jenny Morris |
|                     |              |                     |                 |
| <b>Men's</b>        |              | (168)               |                 |
|                     |              | 5 John Chalmers     |                 |
|                     |              |                     |                 |
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| <b>Ashton Open</b> | <b>Foil</b>    | <b>Epée</b>        | <b>Sabre</b>         |
|--------------------|----------------|--------------------|----------------------|
| <b>Women's</b>     | (11)           | (8)                | (24)                 |
|                    | 1 Jo Bowyer    | 2 Jenni Fiander    | 2 Duncan Rowlands    |
|                    |                | 3 Kate Elvin       | 10 Evert van Gemeren |
|                    |                |                    |                      |
| <b>Men's</b>       | (27)           | (45)               |                      |
|                    | J3 Jeffrey Kiy | 3 Anton Pollard    |                      |
|                    | 7 Nick Stokes  | 5 Anthony Klenczar |                      |
|                    | 8 Frank Mills  | 8 David Stobbs     |                      |
|                    |                | J 18 Max Telfer    |                      |
|                    |                | 22 Gary Longthorn  |                      |

| <b>Bedford Open Epée</b> | <b>Women's</b>    | <b>Men's</b>      |
|--------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
|                          | (31)              | (73)              |
|                          | J3 Mariette Mason | 2 Anton Pollard   |
|                          |                   | 5 Howard West     |
|                          |                   | 12 Jim Harris     |
|                          |                   | 22 Iain Rugheimer |
|                          |                   | 30 Max Telfer     |
|                          |                   |                   |

| <b>Shropshire Open</b> | <b>Foil</b>        | <b>Epée</b>     | <b>Sabre</b>    |
|------------------------|--------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| <b>Women's</b>         | (36)               |                 | (15)            |
|                        | J3 Jo Bowyer       |                 | 7 Vicky Garrity |
|                        | J3 Caron Hale      |                 |                 |
|                        | 11 Dawn Townsend   |                 |                 |
|                        | 16 Kim de Large    |                 |                 |
| <b>Men's</b>           | (79)               | (50)            |                 |
|                        | 8 Tony Conyard     | 2 Anton Pollard |                 |
|                        | 9 Nick Stokes      | J3 Rick Kent    |                 |
|                        | 25 Graham Thornton | 6 Jim Harris    |                 |
|                        | 32 Jeffrey Kiy     | 19 Chris Green  |                 |
|                        |                    | 20 Max Telfer   |                 |

| <b>Leicester Open</b> | <b>Foil</b>      | <b>Epée</b>      | <b>Sabre</b>    |
|-----------------------|------------------|------------------|-----------------|
| <b>Women's</b>        | (30)             |                  |                 |
|                       | 6 Jo Bowyer      |                  |                 |
|                       | 8 Gillian Worman |                  |                 |
|                       |                  |                  |                 |
| <b>Men's</b>          | (90)             | (104)            | (37)            |
|                       | 32 Jim Harris    | 11 Anton Pollard | J3 Steve Potter |
|                       |                  | 30 Jim Harris    |                 |
|                       |                  |                  |                 |
|                       |                  |                  |                 |

| <b>Sussex Open</b> | <b>Foil</b>      | <b>Epée</b>       | <b>Sabre</b> |
|--------------------|------------------|-------------------|--------------|
| <b>Women's</b>     | (17)             | (30)              |              |
|                    | J3 Jenny Morris  | 11 Mariette Mason |              |
|                    | 5 Jo Bowyer      |                   |              |
|                    |                  |                   |              |
| <b>Men's</b>       | (55)             | (75)              |              |
|                    | 22 Brian Causton | 10 Howard West    |              |
|                    |                  |                   |              |
|                    |                  |                   |              |

| <b>ADVALUS Pro Sabre</b> | <b>Women's</b>    | <b>Men's</b> |
|--------------------------|-------------------|--------------|
|                          | J3 Jane Hutchison |              |
|                          |                   |              |
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|                          |                   |              |

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2007-2008

**CHRISTMAS PARTY IN  
WALES  
DECEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup>  
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### **LOOKING FORWARD: 2008**

**JANUARY 26<sup>TH</sup> 27<sup>TH</sup>  
4 Nations Championships  
Teams selected by home countries**

**March 7<sup>th</sup> NVA AGM Gloucester**

**March 7<sup>th</sup> 8<sup>th</sup> 9<sup>th</sup>  
National Veterans Championships  
2008**

**April 26<sup>th</sup> 27<sup>th</sup>  
Age Group Qualifiers  
Milton Keynes**

**May 8<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup>  
European Team Championships  
Spain  
Team selected by NVA selection criteria**

**May 13<sup>th</sup> to May 20<sup>th</sup>**

Henry's Army: fencing and relaxation in

**Corsica**

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