



# British Veterans. Fencing



NEWS November 2008



Bobby Winton and Henry de Silva  
Winton Cup 2008

Photo Rob Comerford

## Wellesbourne Team Trophy 2008

A team of Veterans competed in the 2008 Wellesbourne Team Trophy, held in the Herschel Sports Centre, Slough on 26<sup>th</sup> October 2008.

The team spirit was high throughout and this helped to boost performance and to make the event more enjoyable.

The result hung in the balance for most of the event but eventually the Vets were finally beaten into second place, in the last bout, by the Civil Service team.

From the Vets team Niall Campbell won the individual Men's Epée medal and Jane Clayton won the individual Women's Epée medal.

It was gratifying that Veterans fencing for other teams also won individual weapon medal; Dawn Townsend, (Civil Service) and Gerry Gajadharsingh, (Wellesbourne) respectively won the Women's and Men's Foil medals.

### Veterans 2008 Wellesbourne Trophy Team

Women's Foil	Silvia Earl and Caron Hale
Men's Foil	Frank Mills and Dave Sweeney
Women's Epée	Jane Clayton and Mariette Mason
Men's Epée	Rob Brooks and Niall Campbell
Mixed Sabre	Jane Hutchison and Rob Penton

### CHRISTMAS FUN FENCING START TIMES

**Unisex Foil starts at 10am**

**Unisex Epee starts at 12 noon**

**Unisex Sabre starts at 2pm**

**All in the Ramada Hotel Leicester**

**Order forms with October Newsletter still time!!**

Dear Members,

What a year so far for the NVA! Our membership has risen to over 432, which is over 5% of fencers in the UK - a significant voice in our sport.

On the international veterans' competition scene, we have had an excellent year. In May, I was privileged as Team Manager, to take the NVA GB Squad to Ciudad Real in Spain where we won a Gold Medal in the Women's Sabre and a Bronze Medal in the Men's Sabre.

At the recent Veterans World Championships, the NVA GB team led by Dave Sweeney as Team Manager topped the medal table with 4 Gold Medals, a Silver Medal and 3 Bronze Medals.

Well done to all the fencers who represented our country in these events, and as always, you brought credit to yourselves and the NVA.

Our new event this year was the Veterans Winton Cup, organised by Linda Lawes and myself in September. The response from members was overwhelming with nearly 160 fencers taking part over the weekend at Lilleshall, a Gala Dinner on the Saturday where over 170 fencers and partners enjoyed an excellent dinner and dance and with Bobby Winton coming up to present the prizes on the Sunday.

You really took this competition to heart and many joined the NVA just to be part of it. Our thanks go to each of the Team Organisers for the work they undertook in getting their teams together, and a special thank you to Linda for the huge amount of work she put in to help make this event such a great success.

Your committee does a great deal during the year, and my thanks to John Mason, Hilary Arnold, Linda Lawes, Dave Sweeney, Hilary Philbin and Peter Baron for all that they put into the NVA.

Regrettably, Hilary Philbin has resigned from the NVA committee after some 16 years of much valued help, advice and practical assistance in the furtherance of Veteran Fencing. I know that you will join me in thanking her for all that she has done and we will miss her at our meetings.

Our next event is the Christmas Party and NVA 21st Birthday Party at the Ramada Leicester on 29th November. If you haven't sent in your form, please do so as it will be a most enjoyable event.

On Saturday, the fencing starts with foil at 10.00 am, Epee at 12.00 p.m. and Sabre at 2.00 p.m. followed by the Party in the evening – all at the hotel.

After this comes the Age Group Championships in January and the Nationals in March, and your committee is working to constantly improve each event for you.

We are also working on a number of activities and projects and will inform you of these as progress is made.

Thank you for your continued support of the NVA and we look forward to seeing you in the near future

Sincerely

Frank Mills,  
Chairman

# More Photos from the Veterans Winton Cup 2008

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Above: the Victorious South West

Below: Second Placed Yorkshire







Wales

North East



London

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Above: The Midlands

Below: Norfolk and the North East





# More Photos from the Veterans Winton Cup 2008

These Photos by Grahame Lawes



Above: South East

Below: Southern



# SELECTION RULE CHANGE

## Important Information about the Age Group Qualifiers and Nationals

### CHANGES TO SELECTION RULES

A review of the NVA selection rules - last changed in August 2003 - has now been completed. The updated rules are on the website, and come into place with immediate effect.

The purpose of the review was fourfold:

1. To maximise Great Britain's medal-winning potential in representative team events such as the European Team Championships
2. To enable a more detailed comparison and accurate assessment of results when selecting for individual events such as the World Championships
3. To take into account the potential impact of changes to the format of the NVA Championships
4. To incorporate a backlog of minor administrative changes and style/consistency improvements

The significant changes are outlined below.

#### Team selection

Previously 3 places for each weapon team of 4 were allocated based on the NVA Championships, and 1 place was allocated by the selectors. The new rules allow for 2 places to be allocated by the selectors.

#### Individual selection

Previously 2 places per weapon category were allocated automatically: 1 to the highest placed fencer in the NVA Championships, and 1 to the highest placed fencer in the Age Group Qualifiers. The new rules allocate automatic places to the **overall winner** of the NVA Championships (if eligible) and the **winner and runner-up** of the Age Group Qualifiers.

Previously other places (\* with 1 possible exception) were selected from the highest placed fencers in the current season's NVA Championships and Age Group Qualifiers (which often caused selection difficulties, as many pairs of results were either too similar or too dissimilar to be able to separate easily). The new rules extend the set of results under scrutiny to the **2 most recent** NVA Championships and the **2 most recent** Age Group Qualifiers. In addition any **outstanding** results in the 2 most recent World Championships and the most recent European Championships may be taken into account. (NB: It will not be necessary for a fencer to have competed in all these events.)

\* As before, one place **may** be allocated by the selectors to allow for any unusual circumstances (eg - injury).

*A printed copy of the selection rules may be obtained by sending an SAE to Hilary Arnold (NVA Secretary).*





# NOTABLES October



## Leicester Open 2008 - 11/10/2008

MF (72)

10 Austen ROSE

ME (81)

5 Howard WEST  
12 Anton POLLARD  
30 John MORRIS  
38 Malcolm ALLTON

MS (47)

5 Richard COHEN  
11 Rob PENTON  
20 Michael COMPTON

WF (31)

1 Gillian WORMAN  
10 Dawn TOWNSEND  
14 Kati SCHOLTZ

## Bedford Open Epee - 19/10/2008

ME (90)

5 Howard WEST  
19 Anton POLLARD  
21 Max TELFER  
29 Malcolm ALLTON  
37 Darryl HAZLEWOOD  
40 John MORRIS

WE (34)

12 Sara SPENCE

## Leon Paul Cup - 19/10/2008

MF (96)

39 Graham PAUL

## NW Open - 18/10/2008

WE (7)

1 Fiona HALDANE

## Ashton Open - 4/10/2008

MF (31)

5 Jeffrey KIY  
6 Nick STOKES  
9 Jim HARRIS  
12 Mark ROBERTSON

ME (35)

5 Granville WARD  
7 Rick KENT  
9 Gary LONGTHORN  
13 Darryl HAZLEWOOD  
16 Max TELFER

WF (11)

1 Kati SCHOLTZ  
3 Kate HARRIS  
5 Karen GARVIE

WS (20)

5 Wednesday JONES  
6 Lynn KEOGH

## CHRISTMAS PARTY ALERT

**PLEASE ORDER YOUR  
CHRISTMAS MEAL NOW !!!!!**

**If you are attending the  
Christmas / 21st party and you have  
photos, newsletters, medals from the  
NVA past please bring them along.**

**Order forms with October Newsletter  
Not too late to join in—but please  
order asap.**

## Last Months Photo Quiz



The photos belong to Alan Ault. Fencing Course Sennelagr 1957

Alan above lunging and below, extreme left ( as you look at it ) seated.

Also I am informed seated, 3rd in from the right ( tallest seated ) is  
Lofty Spofforth!!

## *Dates for your Diary -2008 -2009.*

**November 29th 2008**

**Christmas dinner and fencing 21st Birthday Party!!**

**Ramada Leicester**

**BOOK NOW !**

**2009**

**January 24th and 25th**

National Age Group Qualifiers.  
Luton Regional Sports Centre.

**March 6th**

NVA AGM. 8:15 pm. Gloucester.

**March 6th to 8th**

National Championships.  
Oxtalls Indoor Tennis Centre, Gloucester.  
Friday - Sabre; Saturday - Foil; Sunday - Epée.

**April 25th and 26th**

Home International

Belfast

**Team Selection by each Home Country**



## *Dates for your Diary -2008 -2009.*

**May 19th to 24th**

European Individual Championships, Balatonfüred,  
Hungary

**All Welcome– NO selection required**

**9th to 12th July**

**Jersey**

Veterans Commonwealth Games

**All Welcome– NO selection required**

**September 12th and 13th**

Veterans Winton Cup,  
**Lilleshall National Sports Centre**

**Paul Winter is trying to raise a squad for the  
2009 Maccabiah Games. He says:**

The Maccabiah Games is held every four years in Israel in order to promote sporting activities between Jewish participants from around the world. The games will be held between 7 - 24 July 2009. The fencing competition is at all three weapon, men and women, with both individual and team events. Any one who considers themselves Jewish is able to enter. Any one who is interested, please contact me: [paul@SPWca.com](mailto:paul@SPWca.com).