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Leon Paul

John has nearly the last WORD.....

I said to someone recently that as an ordinary member of the NVA I would not want to read anything mentioning the World Championships ever again. However, I am aware that a number of people are asking how the finances went for the event.

The simple answer is that I do not yet know. There are still about £20K worth of invoices that have not yet arrived. This is quite frustrating as I asked all the suppliers to present invoices immediately after the event as I wanted to complete the accounts (and go as far away from fencing as I could for a while).

However I suspect that commercial organisations leave their invoicing runs until the end of the month and now October has come I am on edge waiting for the postman to arrive each day. I am then hugely disappointed when only junk mail arrives.

There are a number of items that are dependent on getting the accounts completed. I will be doing a report for the Awards For All people who gave us the Lottery grant and the Steering Group will have a project close down meeting where we try to learn lessons from the event. The Activity Heads have contributed to this analysis already and whether we met the financial objectives of the project is an essential element when we try to distill some pearls of wisdom for the next group that puts on a major international event.

So the WC2006 is not quite finished for me at any rate. I will be happy to provide an update when the financial position is closed and expect to present a detailed report to the AGM to justify the use of the NVA funds.

John

IT'S BACK!!!!!! CAPTION COMPETITION

Entries to Linda Lawes, address as left.



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Another First for Truro Fencing Club, home of Duel on the Beach

Truro Fencing Club has begun an exciting new project, branded TFC Gold, dedicated to developing a centre of excellence in Cornwall with a state-of-the-art purpose-built fencing salle. The ambitious Cornish club has started fund-raising with an initial sum of £50,000 required to enable the team to put in place detailed plans, identify a site and apply for public funding from various sources. Project Co-ordinator, Jon Salfield, says that the world of fencing as a whole will benefit from TFC Gold, "The centre will have many functions: the new home of Truro Fencing Club, and host to many new classes, including a wheelchair fencing club, fitness and conditioning classes, elite athlete training groups, women-only and 50+ fencing classes, and fun fencing for 4-7 year-olds; but even more importantly it will be a top-class competition venue for events in all age groups and weapons, a centre for hosting world-class training camps for fencers of all abilities throughout the UK, a training centre to accommodate athletes from all over the world in preparation for the 2012 Olympic Games, and an inspirational centre for the youth of Cornwall and fencers throughout Britain. The facilities will have a multi-sport aspect, with the ability to host tae kwon do, judo, table tennis, wrestling and other Olympic sports." TFC Gold's committee is a formidable and experienced team of 5 people:

Liaison Officer - Simon Hendra, director of Hendra Group Ltd, the chair of Truro Chamber of Commerce and father of GB international fencer Katie Hendra

Business Development Manager - Keith Rogerson, director of New Waves and two other Cornish companies, and an internationally experienced businessman. Keith is also a fencer and fencing father - his son Noah is the UK's top Under 12 sabreur

Project Promotion and Marketing - Richard Bonehill, GB international veteran sabreur, Truro's Head Coach and Cornwall's Sports Coach of the Year 2006. Richard is an experienced event manager, and has worked in TV and film for 30 years

Project Administrator - Gordon Coombs, formerly Director and Company Secretary of the Cornwall Maritime Trust, a retired civil servant latterly working in the Lord Chancellor's office, and an experienced fund-raiser. Gordon is also a GB international veteran

Project Co-ordinator - Jon Salfield, a Great Britain senior international fencer, professional musician and director of Belle Music Management. Jon is an experienced coach and event organiser

TFC Gold's progress since its launch in early August has been astonishing. Richard Bonehill is delighted with the response from the fencing community, "We have had so many messages of support - and many of British and English Fencing's big players have backed our dream: BFA President Keith Smith, England President John Ramsay, Olympic finalist Richard Kruse, BFA directors Mike Thornton and Penny Spink, Leon Paul Fencing equipment, and fencers, parents, officials and others too numerous to mention have all put their seal of approval on our ambitious plans. We have some very exciting meetings taking place with major sponsors, and many private individuals have made donations. We're not messing about here - we think we can help to transform fencing in Britain".

The TFC Gold project plans to develop a fully sustainable centre with catering, accommodation, a salle with 16-20 FIE standard pistes, an armoury, an additional multi-sports hall, a gym and medical facilities. Full-time coaches, medical and fitness support staff, financial support for elite athletes, community sports coaches developing links with schools, colleges and deprived communities, an administrator to manage the venue, and full facilities for disabled athletes complete the picture dreamed up by TFC Gold. Keith Rogerson is responsible for business development, "This is a multi-stage plan, and it won't be possible to realise all our aspirations in one fell swoop. We're very ambitious but also realistic, and we believe tapping into the 'legacy' aspect of London 2012 holds the key to our success"

Those who know the team from Truro are taking this very seriously indeed - their motto is ;

What You Can Imagine You Can Achieve

For more information or to make a donation visit:

<http://www.tfcgold.com>

In the words of Richard Bonehill,

"GIVE ME YOUR MONEY NOW ! £1 or £1,000,000...help us change the face of fencing in Great Britain"



MIDDLESEX UNISEX EPEE

Howard West re-established his hold on the Middlesex Unisex Epée, following a temporary blip last year, with his fifth victory in the six years the tournament has been held. He breezed through the poule unique of 14 in customary incisive style, only Tim Schofield getting close to disturbing his equilibrium with four hits.

Making his first appearance in the event, Malcolm Fare was runner-up with 12 victories and Brian Speight, using prise-de-fer attacks and counters to good effect, was third with ten. There followed two on nine – the consistently accurate if slightly immobile Tim Schofield, and the ever mobile if not always accurate Jim Philbin, making a rare foray with his third weapon.

Holding the middle ground were hardened regulars Mike Bradbury, David Hydes, Andrew Brown and Jim Pilkington. Colin Lutman, who only started fencing at 62, chipped in with four victories, followed by Tony Bardell, Nigel Hinchcliff and Dorinda Balchin, who collected the women's prize. At 76 the oldest man in the competition, Bob Perry brought up the rear, carrying with him Colin's scalp.

An enjoyable day's fencing for all, smoothly organised as always by Hilary Arnold.

MF

What Brian does when he is not fencing... and what we do when we are.....



Brian Causton



Frank Mills, Linda Lawes, Dave Sweeney

Duel On the Beach 2006

Once again the sun shone for the Duel on the Beach held on Perranporth Beach over the August bank holiday weekend. The foil team (above right) started well, only being defeated in the first round by Nottingham, the overall winners for the previous 2 years.

In the second round they came up against a strong Bath team with Jo Hutchison (thankfully) fencing foil and not sabre. The fencing went down to the wire, the vets pulling back after a slow start to beat the young upstarts and win both of their second round matches. The foil team eventually came 4th, moving up one place from last year and just missing the beautifully hand crafted shell medals (if I don't get a medal next year I am going to have to steal one. LL)

A strong sabre team of Richard Bonehill, Jane Hutchison and Geoff Silverman came up against even stronger teams and although fencing like demons they came 6th.

I love this competition, a BBQ in the evening, a day on the beach and fencing as well. If you are in Cornwall come down to spectate, support and drink. Next summer is not that far away. And yes I got burnt again..... Linda Lawes

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**New Competition: Sabre****Cornwall Pro Sabre
Saturday 14th October**

Cash Prize for the best Veteran. See June newsletter for details.

Veterans Team Challenge**Inaugural Competition****SUNDAY 15th October**

Loughborough Charnwood Leisure Centre.

Group booking at the Quality Hotel Saturday night, special rates. Group dinner Saturday night.

**Xmas Fun Fence, Dinner and Dance,
18th November 2006****Coventry. Come along and start the
Season of Good Will early!**

Open to all NVA Members. Entry forms with last newsletter and available on the web page.

DATES for your Diary 2007.....**JANUARY 27th & 28th****4 Nations In Wrexham****Teams selected by Home Country
selectors****MARCH 9th to 11th 2007****AGM and
National Veterans Championships****GL1 Leisure Centre****Gloucester****Friday: Sabre****Saturday: Foil****Sunday: Epée****Henry Travels again.....**

Mr Henry de Silva is organising 2 fencing trips to new destinations.

If you are interested in joining Henry please contact him directly as these are trips organised by him on a personal level. 01624 880863

Mexico 28th October until November 9th 2006.
Still a couple of spaces available.Japan 22nd February 2007 for 10 days.**Notable results top half or last 32**

ESSEX OPEN		SHROPSHIRE OPEN	
	WF (61)		MF (74)
8	Gillian Worman	21	Nick Stokes
31	Sarah Kellett	28	Tony Conyard
	ME (122)		WF (22)
20	Neale Thomas	2	Dawn Townsend
24	Anton Pollard	11	Jo Bowyer
	BRISTOL OPEN		ME (52)
	WF (75)	1	Anton Pollard
8	Sarah Kellett	6	Malcolm Allton
19	Jo Bowyer	21	Max Telfer
J23	Dawn Townsend		WE (25)
	ME (200)	7	Kate Elvin
8	Robin Davenport	9	Janet Baron
12	Howard West		WS (22)
17	Anton Pollard	6	Yvonne Walls
19	Andrew Brown		ASHTON OPEN
23	Malcolm Allton		MF (25)
	WE (105)	2	Nick Stokes
26	Kate Smith	9	Jeffrey Kiy
	WS (63)	10	Frank Mills
19	Sue Benney		WF (8)
		J3	Linda Lawes
			ME (40)
		8	Anton Pollard
		12	David Stobbs
		13	Malcolm Allton
		17	Max Telfer
		18	Tony Klenczar
			WE (12)
		J3	Kate Elvin