

National Veterans Association report for British Fencing 2008

National Champions 2008

	Foil	Epee	Sabre
Men	Graham Paul	Howard West	Chris Prevett
Women	Dawn Townsend	Kate Smith	Jane Hutchison

Membership of the NVA has grown in this, our 21st Anniversary year, to 436, and once again, our National Championships received a record number of entries. The growth in the UK is reflected by the growth of Veteran Fencing globally, but membership in the UK is far in excess of membership in other countries.

The European Team Championships took place in Ciudad Real, Spain in May, and UK Vets attained a Gold Medal in Women's Sabre and a Bronze Medal in Men's Sabre.

The NVA held the inaugural Veterans Winton Cup Team Competition in Lilleshall in September, and over 160 veterans in 9 teams from around the UK, took part over a highly competitive and enjoyable weekend, which included a Gala Dinner for fencers and partners. Bobby Winton and his wife Heather visited the competition and presented prizes to the winning team from the South West.

At the Veterans World Championships in Limoges in September, Great Britain topped the world medal table with 4 Gold Medals, 1 Silver Medal and 3 Bronze medals; a remarkable sporting achievement that demonstrates the in-depth strength of the NVA on the world fencing stage.

The programme of activities organised by the NVA for its members, is growing and 2009 will see veterans continuing to be active within the fencing community at club, regional and international levels as fencers, coaches and administrators.

Further information about the NVA and what we offer, can be obtained from the NVA website www.veterans-fencing.co.uk

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