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Fencing news



HILARY PHILBIN IS NEW PRESIDENT OF BRITISH FENCING

Hilary Philbin has been appointed to the new post of President of British Fencing. This voluntary international role will involve her in being an ambassador for the sport and for British Fencing, heading BF delegations internationally, advising the Board on international policy matters and attending Board meetings as an observer. She commented, "I feel honoured to have been appointed to the role of British Fencing President. Since my schooldays I have been heavily involved in fencing in so many different ways – as an international competitor, team manager, FIE referee, club coach, competition organiser and administrator at national and local level. I have got so much out of fencing throughout my life, and the role of President will enable me to continue to give something back. I recognise the importance of this newly defined role and look forward to representing British Fencing in the international arena."

On behalf of the Board, Chair, David Teasdale stated, "The Board believes that Hilary will be very effective in this Presidential role. She is already well known internationally, especially after her leadership in the organisation of the outstanding fencing programme at the London 2012 Olympic Games, and has a current FIE post on their Promotion Commission. We wish her every success."

EDITORIAL

This issue introduces a new look for **The Sword**. We hope you like it – please let us know your thoughts. As David Teasdale notes in his annual report commentary starting on page 7, the membership survey conducted earlier this year underlined the importance of **The Sword** as a publication that is highly valued by members. Economies have had to be made, as in other areas (see the Fencing News item about dropping the women's sabre World Cup event), but they have not affected the quality of the publication's content.

From now on the magazine will be printed on thinner paper so as to qualify for a lower postal rate and will be confined to 36 pages. This is expected to save £5000 per issue. And because a significant saving needs to be made within this financial year, the January 2014 issue will be available only in pdf format, not printed. From the April print edition onwards, distribution will be limited to one copy per household, although additional copies will be sent on request.

Malcolm Fare

ANDREY KLYUSHIN APPOINTED HEAD COACH

Former Russian national foil coach Andrey Klyushin has been appointed head coach of British Fencing. Head coach of Denmark's Hellerup Fencing Club in Copenhagen for the past decade, Klyushin will be responsible for the development and implementation of training, competition and integrated individual athlete performance plans.

Klyushin succeeds Ziemek Wojciechowski as British Fencing's national foil coach, but with a broader remit, focusing on the development of the team's skills in all three weapons. Wojciechowski, who began coaching in the UK in 1978, served with distinction as national foil coach from 2006 to March this year.

MBE FOR KEITH SMITH

Former BFA President Keith Smith has been awarded an MBE in the Queen's birthday honours list. But not for fencing – for his work as Commander of Whitgift School's Combined Cadet Force (CCF). Without many fencers knowing, he has been active in the CCF for the past 25 years. In that time, nine Old Whitgiftians have been through the CCF process and are currently serving in the rank of Lieutenant Colonel, with another 30 as Army officers.



Keith Smith welcomes General Sir Peter Wall, Chief of the General Staff, to Whitgift

FENCER BECOMES NEW IOC PRESIDENT

German 1976 Olympic men's foil team gold medallist Thomas Bach has been elected to succeed Jacques Rogge as president of the International Olympic Committee, the most powerful position in world sport. Bach was in the team that also won the 1977 world championship, silver in 1973 and bronze in 1979. He was twice German foil champion and was junior world championship bronze medallist in 1971. He is set to begin eight years as president, with an option of a second four-year term afterwards.

Leon Paul > FENCING CENTRE

Leon Paul have built a new fencing centre at their headquarters in Hendon designed to host a range of events from U-9 foil, through intermediate epee to international team sabre. It has 24 full-length metallic pistes – 12 spaced out for competitions and 12 for training – embedded in a 730m² fencing area, with changing and shower facilities and a social area with TV and free WiFi.

The company see the centre as a chance to improve fencing in Great Britain and hope it becomes a hub for competitive fencing in the UK, as well as a venue to showcase our sport to the rest of the world. It will also act as an accelerated test and product development centre where fencers can give feedback on new Leon Paul products.

The following competitions will be held at the Leon Paul Fencing Centre in 2013:

Saturday 5 th October	> Men's Epee Open
Saturday 12 th October	> Women's Epee Open
Sunday 13 th October	> Sabre Open
Saturday 26 th October	> Men's Foil Open
Sunday 27 th October	> Women's Foil Open
Saturday 2 nd November	> BSC Cadet Boys' Epee
Sunday 3 rd November	> BSC Cadet Girls' Epee
Saturday 16 th November	> Leon Paul League Foil
Sunday 17 th November	> Leon Paul League Epee
Saturday 30 th November	> Leon Paul League Sabre

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The Open events will be for up to 100 fencers and run to the same format as senior World Cups, with the top 16 ranked fencers receiving a bye to the L64 stage. The BSC events will mirror European Cadet Circuit events with two rounds of poules followed by DE with repechage from the L32. Leon Paul League events are for fencers who have fewer than 1000 UK ranking points on 1st September 2013. There will be three of these events throughout the season, giving fencers who enter a league position, with a Leon Paul League Champion being announced at the end of the domestic season.

WOMEN'S SABRE A-GRADE DROPPED

British Fencing has decided not to host the women's sabre senior World Cup any longer, saying that the high cost of running the event to FIE specification – £44,000 – makes it uneconomic. Next year it will be run by Senegal. Beazley's sponsorship will be redirected to developing grass roots fencing.

The decision means that the Eden Cup junior men's foil tournament is now the only World Cup event at any level to be held in Britain. The leading host nations for World Cup/Grand Prix events are: France (10), Italy (9), Germany (8), Hungary (7) and Spain & Poland (6), with GB joining Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Estonia, Finland, Greece and Serbia among European countries hosting just one event.



SUE WOJCIECHOWSKA AWARD

Ayesha Fihosy of Salle Boston has received the Sue Wojciechowska Award for the most improved cadet woman foilist for the second time. In her last year as a cadet, Ayesha became junior national champion and was runner-up in the senior championship. She also reached the L16 in the European cadet championship. Congratulations to Ayesha and her coach Tomek Walicki.

POLAND VICTORIOUS AT INAUGURAL BEAZLEY INTERNATIONAL CHALLENGE

Beazley hosted its first international challenge between the men's foil teams of Great Britain and Poland on 11 September 2013 in Exchange Square in the City of London. Poland narrowly beat Great Britain in the semifinals at the recent European Championships so a truly competitive match between Europe's silver and bronze medal winning team was on the cards.

Poland (Glonek, Kawiecki, Majewski & Rajski) started well, leading Great Britain (Davis, Fitzgerald, Kruse & Mepstead) 15-12 after three of the nine bouts. By the end of the sixth bout when both teams took a break, the Poles had doubled their lead to 30-24. When the fencers returned to the piste the British team started well but, despite outscoring the Poles, 17-15, in the final three bouts, they were unable to stop Majewski anchoring the Polish team to a 45-41 victory.

Dan Jones, Beazley's director of market relations, presented each member of the winning team with Hugo Boss watches. Clearly delighted, Pawel Majewski speaking for the Polish team after the presentation said; "Can we come back next year?"

Karim Bashir



British Fencing Annual Report

This time, my Chair message in *The Sword* to British Fencing members is also the introduction to the Annual Report. The Board plans henceforth to publish an Annual Report every year, in advance of the Annual General Meeting. Thus members will have an opportunity at the AGM to give the Board any comments on our Report (and the previous year), and raise any questions.

The year 2012/13 will never be forgotten, by any of us, as its highlight event was the staging of a home Olympic Games. The 2012 Games surpassed all expectations. Millions of grandchildren will for years be bored to tears with endless recollections! But there were people whose achievements deserve to be remembered for a very long time. The Olympic fencing competition in London was judged by many international governing bodies as the best ever staged.

In this Report we cover key headings for British Fencing, as the national governing body – finances; the “3G” – “Green, Grow, Gold” – strategy; structure; membership; and the new 2024 strategic goals. If you feel we have missed out something important, please write, or call, or come to the AGM and ask there.

In 2012/13, and running into the present year, a key event and achievement was the Board restructure. The eight elected Directors stood down, in two tranches (October 2012 and April 2013), to be replaced by eight newly elected members. Democracy reigned. Eighteen members stood for the eight places. The new Board has set 2024 goals, the first time that British Fencing has adopted such a clear long term strategy. We are working on plans to achieve those ambitious goals.

This restructure was a key part of the “Green for governance” effort, but we had a setback in 2012/13 as our “Green” rating (from our funding partners) slipped back to “Amber/Red”. The new Board has increased the priority attached to our governance reforms and important changes were agreed by members at the General Meeting last May. We have concluded this year’s assessment; our aim of course is to achieve a lasting and clear “Green” rating.

Such a grading is critical to our future funding, from public or private sources, and will also reflect on our service to you, the members.

“Grow” refers to increasing the number of fencers and how often they fence; “Gold” is shorthand for our world class programme and winning medals at the Olympic Games. For our “Grow” and “Gold” efforts – both vital programmes to clubs, coaches and volunteers across the country – we achieved further public funding provision, but initially only for year 1 of the new 2013-17 funding cycle. Decisions on the next three years will be made in December 2013 (Sport England) and February 2014 (UK Sport).

The finances have been a major preoccupation for the Board over the last 12 months and the Board made a statement recently, summarised in the Report. The Board believes the new controls and evaluations now established set us on course to balance the books, but it will take until 2015. We will keep you informed of progress and of any further measures proposed to achieve this objective. We continue to be grateful to our sponsor Beazley for their vital contributions, advice and support.

We have identified economies in a number of areas, including in the production of *The Sword*. We know from our communications survey with members in the Spring that the magazine is popular and valued, and we are pleased to have been able to make savings without sacrificing the quality of the publication. To secure additional savings, the next (January) edition of *The Sword* will be published in pdf form only. We hope you will agree that actually the look of the magazine is enhanced. For the continuing high editorial quality we remain indebted to Malcolm Fare, *The Sword*’s editor. For the design work we give warm thanks to Beazley.

As I write, Hilary Philbin has just been appointed by the Board as British Fencing’s President, in a new international role; her appointment has to be confirmed by members at the AGM. We wish her every success in what we should all see as a key role, furthering our international interests. The Board is also recruiting two Independent Directors, as agreed with members at the May General Meeting.

Do study the Annual Report. Let us have your feedback. Your British Fencing Board is committed to growing the sport, to effective governance (including excellent service to members) and to climbing the international table. We will learn and develop best with your advice and support.



David Teasdale
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FINANCES

Since the first tranche of new elected Directors joined the British Fencing (BF) Board last October, the finances have been a major priority. There was concern at the deficit inherited and over uncertainties in financial controls. A special Budget Group comprising Directors and management was created and their researches and recommendations have been discussed at each Board meeting and informed policy and operational decisions.

The Board now reports, for the financial year 2012/13, a deficit after tax of £216,000, significantly larger than that recorded in 2011/12. This disappointing result reflects a series of exceptional costs, including legal fees, write offs of bad debts from prior years, and a significant deficit incurred on events run by British Fencing. BF's reserve position is strong, and while the accumulated deficits will reduce their value, the reserves remain adequate. The Board is taking steps to maintain and increase income and to monitor and reduce costs. Effective financial controls are now in place.

It remains the Board's highest priority to rectify the financial position. We expect that in the financial year 2013/14 a significantly lower deficit will be recorded. It is the Board's determined aim to achieve a balanced budget within the next two years.

STRUCTURE

The Board restructure was agreed in April 2012 and implemented in October and April 2013. The result is a new Board of Directors, with eight elected Directors standing down and replaced by newly elected ones – from eighteen BF members who stood for election. BF advertised for specific skills in its Directors and the new Board has those skills and experience. The Board proposed further structural changes to the membership and finally those alterations were passed by members at the special General Meeting in May 2013. As a result, a new President, in a new role, has been appointed and the Board is recruiting two independent Directors.

The Board instituted a Committee review which established two new Board sub committees – Nominations, which makes or recommends BF appointments (save staffing appointments, which are the CEO's province) and honours; and Audit, Governance & Risk which advises on all those matters. Other changes in BF committees are under way, for completion by January 2014.

GREEN

Good governance is critical to any sport. For members to get value for their money, and for the sport to prosper, the national governing body (NGB) must have its house in order and manage its wide range of responsibilities effectively. Today, the public funders Sport England and UK Sport together drive this process by making NGB funding conditional upon each body demonstrating high standards of governance – as assessed independently each year. All NGBs in receipt of funds are rated Green, Amber or Red; and only NGBs assessed as Green can be sure of financial support.

Last year we slipped back to an Amber/Red assessment, due to gaps in some published procedures and the Board structure failing to meet requirements. In this year's assessment we believe those questions are resolved. British Fencing will hear the verdict before Christmas and will report to members.

GROW

The Development or "Grow" team has wide ranging responsibilities in the sport, working with clubs, coaches, officials, volunteers etc, providing support and guidance to keep our sport going and growing. The Board is determined to enhance participation in fencing, at all ages and levels. In 2012/13 we suffered staff losses at awkward times which affected our focus and results. We strengthened resources and reviewed plans and programmes. There is an ongoing review of future competitions, for all ages and levels.

Fencing is a sport with strong latent demand, but we have been less effective than some other sports at persuading new fencers to stay in the sport. We know this requires a concerted effort across all our clubs, in partnership with England Fencing. We have to take steps to increase demand for our sport and improve supply. We have to do all we can to aid and build our workforce – which already does a highly impressive job, year in, year out.

BF agreed with Sport England that in this current year we should undertake pilot projects to test different and new programmes and techniques to achieve growth. These pilots are running this late Summer and Autumn and our management of them, and the findings, will influence the Sport England funding decisions for April 2014 onwards.

GOLD

Pre and post Olympics, significant effort was put into our 'Project Rio' submission to UK Sport. As a result we secured £3m plus of investment for our world class programme, over four years, from 1st April 2013. UK Sport decided that, for reasons attached to the governance of the sport and the failure to develop an effective performance infrastructure in 2009/13, funding was only guaranteed for the first year. We were given a number of specific areas to address, in addition to a milestone target, in order to unlock funding for the remaining three years of the new cycle.

The aim of the funding is to deliver medals in 2020. But we are confident that, with the changes made to the Programme structure and delivery, fencers will qualify and challenge for medals in 2016. In the short term, the funding emphasis will be on foil, because UK Sport backing goes to potential winners, but the Board is committed to developing all three weapons.

At the same time, Sport England agreed a one-year award for a talent pathway to underpin the world-class programme. As with the UK Sport funding there are some specific issues BF must address to unlock and increase funding for the remaining three years of the funding cycle.

MEMBERSHIP

After a lengthy review, conducted with the Home Countries, the decision was taken this year to change the present membership scheme. The aims are to recruit more members and increase the sport's income. Thus, the basic BF membership will be enhanced in value, with "add ons" for those who wish to compete, coach, referee, etc. It is planned to launch the new scheme in September 2014.

2024 STRATEGY

The Board decided late in 2012 that the sport and BF needed to set long term goals. The Board shares the ambitions of many members – to win medals on the international stage, to grow the numbers of people of all ages who fence, to enhance our "brand" and reputation. We have announced three clear goals, to be achieved by 2024:-

- Britain will be recognised as the world's leading fencing nation;
- membership of British Fencing will exceed 50,000;
- British Fencing will be considered Britain's best sports governing body.

The Board recognizes these are ambitious goals. Hitting these targets will demand a unified and focused effort across the fencing community. We believe we can aim for high targets – we think we should – and we are going to achieve them!

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European Championships Report

BRITAIN WINS TWO BRONZE MEDALS AT THE EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

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Twenty-one-year-old James Davis won a bronze medal at the European championships in Zagreb, Croatia, in June. He won all five of his poule bouts to enter the direct elimination as 4th seed. That earned him a bye to the L32, where he faced Majewski (POL), a European bronze medallist last year. Davis took an early 5-1 lead but the Pole fought back to equalise at the first break. In the second period Davis took the fight to Majewski and ran out a 15-10 winner. In the L16 he faced Kontochristopoulos (GRE), who had beaten him the last time they fenced in their final year as juniors. This was another close fight, with Davis 4-5 down at the first break before taking the lead at 9-7 at the end of the second period. The Greek equalised at 9-all, but Davis upped the pace and won 15-10 using a mix of stop hits and parry ripostes.



Davis turns to his team in triumph after winning the last leg to knock out France

In the quarter-finals he faced Byk (BLR). Being the same height – 1.93 m (6 ft 4 in) – they adopted the same attacking tactics. “This was a very aggressive bout, with corps-a-corps almost every hit”, said James. “We traded hits all the way to 13-all, but I thought his last hit had registered on my mask mesh and I was allowed to change the inner lining. The break worked in my favour and I managed to edge him out 15-13.”

This guaranteed him a bronze medal, but he had to fight world No. 2 and defending champion Alexey Cheremisinov (RUS) to reach the final. James remembered feeling confident going into the match. “We had fought previously this season and I had won, but this time it was not to be. He was sharper and his point just touched my jacket by the smallest of margins. Credit to him, he fenced well and dominated the match to win 15-8.” He lost to Peter Joppich (GER) 15-11 in the final.

Richard Kruse also had a good day, winning four out of five of his poule bouts to emerge as 14th seed. He had a tough draw in the L16, running into three-times European champion and reigning world champion Andrea Cassara. But his record is four wins and four losses against the Italian and earlier in the year they had done a lot of sparring together during a week’s training in London.

In Zagreb, Kruse was always ahead, taking an early 10-3 lead and going on to win 15-7. “I was hitting him with almost my entire repertoire, i.e. one-two attacks, parry ripostes to chest and shoulder, counter-ripostes and some counter-attacks”, said Richard. “However, I didn’t hit him with a single stop hit because his distance was too tight when he was attacking. Every other occasion where I’ve beaten him it’s been really close, so to win by this margin was quite unexpected.”

“This was a very aggressive bout, with corps-a-corps almost every hit.”

Britain's bronze medal winning team: (from left)
Marcus Mepstead, Keith Cook, Richard Kruse & James Davis



In the quarter-finals, he met Joppich, four-times world champion and a fencer he has never managed to beat. This fight started horrendously, with all Kruse's attacks from long distance beaten by counter-attacks. Richard reflected, "He likes to fence me sitting on his back line making use of parry ripostes and counter-attacks – with the odd fleche thrown in. His timing and mental speed are phenomenal! At 1-7 down, I had to change something and started fencing at a much shorter range. Surprisingly, this proved to be very effective. I stopped trying to flick him to shoulder and made my point work a lot neater, which prevented him from counter-attacking. I clawed the score back to 10-12, but couldn't keep up the momentum and eventually lost 12-15."

Davis, Kruse, Marcus Mepstead and Keith Cook (reserve) won a second bronze medal for Great Britain in the team event. They comfortably beat Israel 45-31 in the L16, with Cook replacing Mepstead for the seventh leg, and then met France, a team they have lost to on three occasions recently. But this time they won 45-37, with Mepstead coming back into the attack and producing the best performance with a score of +8. In the semi-finals, they met Poland, who had somewhat surprisingly defeated an under-par Italy 45-40 in the previous round.

A cagey fight followed with Kruse handing teammate Davis a slender 35-34 lead going into the anchor leg. But Majewski took the fight to Davis and gave Poland to a 45-43 victory. GB put aside that defeat to take on Russia and after three legs were 13-10 up against the world No. 3 team, with Kruse extending the lead to 20-12 after the fourth match. The Russians won only one further leg and trailed 29-40 going into the last round in which Davis saw off Cheremisinov 5-4 to give Britain a notable 45-33 victory.

Richard Kruse said, "We were delighted to have beaten Russia and France, both of whom are world class teams. This was the first time we've all been fencing at our best at the same time and that is the winning formula for the team event. We thought we'd lost our chance to get a medal when losing to Poland in the semis, but then upped our game and beat the Russians for the first time in a championship event."

Germany (Bachmann, Braun, Joppich and reserve Gustinello) won the event, beating Poland (Glonek, Kawiecki, Rajewski and reserve Majewski) 45-39 in the final to take the European title.

In women's foil, both Natalia Sheppard and Sophie Troiano finished the first round with three victories and three defeats then lost in the L32 to Golubyskyi (GER) and Synoradzka (POL) respectively.

Jack Hudson finished the first round of men's epee with two victories from five fights, before losing narrowly 13-15 to Beran (CZE).

In women's epee Corinna Lawrence finished the first round with three victories and three defeats and then beat Antal (HUN) 13-12 in the L64. Another close fight followed in the L32 against Pochkalova (UKR), but this time Lawrence was edged out 15-14.

Soji Aiyenuro, Alex Crutchett and James Honeybone all finished the first round of men's sabre with two victories from six, but Crutchett was unlucky to be the first fencer to be cut. In the L64 Szabo (GER) defeated Aiyenuro 15-7, but Honeybone just overcame Pundyk (UKR) 15-14 and then beat Likhacheuski (BLR) 15-11 before falling to Galatanu (ROU) 15-10 in the L16.

The same three, with Curtis Miller as reserve, represented Great Britain in the team event. They faced Ukraine in the L16 and, despite a strong performance from the entire team, went down 31-45. In the placing matches Britain defeated Spain 45-33 but lost to Belarus 45-37 to finish tenth.



Kruse prepares for battle



Mepstead attacks Mertine in the quarter-final match against France



Davis flicks in a riposte against Cheremisinov (RUS) in the semi-final



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Senior World Championships

MEN'S FOIL

The men foilists were expected to produce Britain's best results at the world championships and duly delivered, although not yet at the highest level. After his medal-winning performance at the European championships, James Davis was ranked sixth and did not have to compete in the preliminary rounds. Richard Kruse won all of his first round bouts and earned a bye to the L64. Marcus Mepstead won three and lost three in his poule and then lost 8-15 to Toldo (BRA). Keith Cook dropped three out of five and then had a tough DE, losing 13-15 to Jovanovic (CRO). In the L64 Davis crushed Tan (SIN) 15-4, but Kruse lost narrowly 14-15 to Mertine (FRA). Davis lost 11-15 to Bachmann (GER) in the L32.

Also going out in the L32 were world No.2, Baldini (ITA), and current European champion, Joppich (GER). It was no surprise to see an American among the medals, but it was not expected to be Miles Chamley-Watson. He rode his luck with three consecutive 15-14 victories: Avola (ITA) in the L32, Cheremisinov (RUS) in the L16 and Bachmann in the quarter-finals. Then he went toe-to-toe with Aspromonte (ITA) in the semi-finals, winning 15-9.

The second semi saw another surprise medallist as Hertsyk (UKR), who had taken out Joppich (GER), Imboden (USA) and Cassara (ITA), faced up to Akhmatkhuzin (RUS), who had knocked out the Olympic silver and gold medallists Abouelkassem (EGY) and Lei (CHN). The Russian won 15-10.

In the final Chamley-Watson led right from the start, going into the first break 13-6 up, with a variety of well-timed attacks and counter-attacks, and storming on to take the title 15-6 and make history as the USA's first men's foil world champion.

GB placings:

Davis 18th, Kruse 34th,
Mepstead 76th & Cook 83rd



In the team event Britain overwhelmed Kuwait 45-15 and then faced Korea. It was a great match which GB won 45-36. Italy were next and, possibly hurting after their relative failure in the individual, were always ahead, winning 45-33. In the placing matches Britain lost 39-45 to Ukraine and 36-45 to China to finish eighth.

In the bronze medal match France beat a subdued Russia 45-40. The gold medal match between Italy and the USA held out the possibility of an upset, but Chamley-Watson sprained his ankle in the first bout and his replacement, Meinhardt, had a pulled hamstring. Italy took control from the start and went on to win 45-33.

WOMEN'S FOIL

Great Britain was represented by Natalia Sheppard who won two of her six first round fights and, with a relatively small entry of 83 fencers, progressed straight through to the L64, where she went out to Golubitskyi (GER) 1-7 in a low-scoring affair.

The German went on to meet Olympic champion Di Francisca (ITA) in the semi-finals. It was a tight match, with Golubitskyi edging ahead at the second break 8-7. Fifty seconds into the final period the fencers collided and Di Francisca was shown a red card as the German received a blow to the face and had to take an injury timeout. This fired Golubitskyi up and she stormed to a 12-7 lead, but Di Francisca managed to equalise at time. Priority was awarded to Golubitskyi, who wasted no time in getting the final hit. The second semi-final was a much more civil encounter between Errigo (ITA) and Deriglazova (RUS). The Italian went into the first break 12-9 up and saw it out in the second period 15-11.

The final was over in a flash. Golubitskyi took an early 3-1 lead, but Errigo showed a greater repertoire of attacks and defensive actions to win 15-8 in under 2 minutes of fencing time.

GB placing:
Sheppard 61st



In the team event it was business as usual. In the bronze medal match, Russia, having lost 42-45 to France in the semi-finals, faced Korea, who had been beaten 45-19 by Italy. The Russians led throughout and ran out 45-38 winners. Italy dominated the gold medal match against France, winning 45-18.

MEN'S EPEE

Jack Hudson was the only male epeeist to qualify for this event. In a tough poule, he won two out of six bouts. With a massive field of 206, there were two preliminary knockout stages to make the L64. A bye through the incomplete 256 saw Hudson meet Spautz (GER), who knocked him out 15-12 and went on to a L8 finish.

The first semi-final between Olympic gold medallist Limardo (VEN) and Kauter (SUI) was a one-sided affair with the Venezuelan going through 15-7. The second semi between 2010 world champion Novosjolov (EST) and Sukhov (RUS) was a much tighter fight. The Estonian led throughout but only by one or two hits, with Sukhov drawing level at 13-all. The Russian then took the lead, but Novosjolov scored the next two hits to win 15-14. In the final Novosjolov pulled out an early 6-hit lead which seemed to break Limardo. The Estonian went on to claim his second world title 15-7.

GB placing:

Jack Hudson 155th



In the team event the number one and two seeds, Switzerland and the USA, went out in the L16. The third place match between France and Poland was close after six legs with the French leading 29-26. They then pulled away to win 45-35. In the final Ukraine took on the home nation team, Hungary. Two periods of non-combativity meant that after six legs the Hungarians were in the lead but the score was only 15-10. A frenetic three matches followed with Boczko anchoring the Hungarians to a 42-38 victory.

WOMEN'S EPEE

Corinna Lawrence was the sole British entry in this 153-strong event. She started well, dropping only one of her six poule bouts, but then lost 10-15 to Bravo Aranguiz (CHI).

The first semi-final matched the relatively unknown Beljajeva (EST), who had knocked out Geroudet (SUI), Fiamingo (ITA) and world No. 1 Branza (ROU), against Szasz (HUN). Equal on 13-all at time, the Estonian had priority and looked to be out when her attack failed, but as she retreated she managed to score with a counter to reach the final. Sivkova (RUS) faced Olympic silver medallist Heidemann (GER) in the second semi and, after a cagey first period, pulled away to win 15-9.

In the final, the 'smart' money was on Sivkova, but the score was 5-all at the first break and Beljajeva went into the final period 11-9 up. A series of well executed attacks from the Russian meant she trailed by one hit at 13-14, but a double saw Beljajeva become the first Estonian woman to win a world championship.

GB Placing:

Corinna Lawrence 68th



There were no major upsets in the team event until France knocked out Ukraine in the quarter-finals. They then lost their semi-final against China and faced Romania in the bronze medal match. Non-combativity was called against both teams, so that the score was a lowly 22-19 to France going into the last three legs. But a stunning performance from Branza in the final leg saw Romania reach the podium 33-28. The Russians played a tactical game against China in the final. Two periods of non-combativity saw them go into the eighth leg 17-11 up. Although the Chinese chased hard, Sivkova saw the Russians home 34-28.

MEN'S SABRE

Soji Aiyenuro, Alexander Crutchett, James Honeybone and Curtis Miller took to the piste for Great Britain in a field of 132. Honeybone won all six of his poule fights and progressed directly to the L64. Crutchett won two out of five and Miller two out of six, but Aiyenuro was unlucky to have two people drop out of his poule and won only one out of four. In the preliminary round of 128 Crutchett had a bye, Aiyenuro defeated Pezzi (BRA) 15-5, but Miller lost to Wu (CHN) 7-15. In the preliminary 64, Aiyenuro edged out Bustamante (ARG) 15-14, but Oh (KOR) beat Crutchett 15-10 and went on to defeat Honeybone 15-9 in the L64 proper. At this stage Aiyenuro faced world No. 1 Occhiuzzi (ITA), who was too good and won 15-6.

In the first semi-final, Reshetnikov (RUS) pulled out an 8-5 lead over Dolniceanu (ROU) at the break with a series of stunning attacks, going on to win 15-10. In the second semi-final the crowd roared with delight as Olympic champion Szilagyi (HUN) came from behind to take an 8-7 lead over Kovalev (RUS) at the break. But the Russian mixed attacks with well-timed parry ripostes to take the lead and clinched the fight 15-14. The two Russian team mates seemed to be going through the motions in the final, Reshetnikov taking the title 15-13.

GB placings:

Honeybone 34th, Aiyenuro 64th,
Crutchett 83rd & Miller 105th



In the team event Britain beat Iran in the L32 before losing to Russia 29-45. In the placing matches they lost 43-45 to Canada, beat Hong Kong 45-44 and then lost to Poland 41-45 to finish 14th. Belarus provided the shock of the day by beating Italy 45-43 in the quarter-finals before just going down to Romania 44-45 in the semi-finals. Russia saw off Korea 45-39 in the other semi, but the Koreans bounced back in the bronze medal match to beat Belarus 45-31. The gold medal match started well for the Romanians, but by the end of the third bout Russia was ahead 15-11 and, despite a late rally from the Romanians, the Russians ran out comfortable winners 45-38.

WOMEN'S SABRE

There was no British involvement in the field of 108 taking part in this event. In the first semi-final Dyachenko (RUS) led 8-4 against Vecchi (ITA) at the break and stayed ahead to win 15-12. The second semi saw Olympic champion Kim (KOR) go into the break 8-7 up against Kharlan (UKR). They traded hits until three big attacks from the Ukrainian saw her reach the final 15-14. Determined to assert her authority from the start of the final, Kharlan stormed to an 8-1 lead over Dyachenko at the break. The conclusion was never in doubt as again Kharlan attacked her way to victory and her first world title.

In the team event the top four made it to the semi-finals with Ukraine defeating Italy 45-34 and Russia overcoming the USA 45-33. Having under-performed in their semi-final, the USA came out to do a job and overwhelmed Italy 10-0 in the first two bouts. But the Italians staged a remarkable comeback in the third leg to lead 15-14. The Americans then replaced Stone with Muhammad and never looked back, taking the bronze medal 45-30. The final was a real thriller. The Russians led 15-14 after three legs and 30-23 after six. Perhaps the most surprising performance of all came from Kharlan, who scored only two hits from her first two fights. Komashchuk (UKR) came on against Gavrilova (RUS) in the eighth bout and managed to close the gap to 35-40. Looking nervous, Dyachenko came on to anchor Russia against a determined Kharlan. The Ukrainian had suddenly found some form and closed the gap to 41-42. Real drama was to follow though as Dyachenko fell to the ground clutching the top of her leg. An injury timeout was called before the doctor insisted that the Russian could not continue. With Galiakbarova on as substitute, the score reached 44-all before Kharlan clinched the title for the Ukraine.



Karim Bashir

U23 Wheel chair Championships

SUCCESS FOR WHEELCHAIR FENCERS AT U23 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

Three British teenage wheelchair fencers returned from the U23 world championships in Warsaw with a remarkable six medals including two golds. Eighteen-year-old Piers Gilliver took the gold medal in Cat A epee and silver in the foil. Dimitri Coutya and Gabi Down (both 15) also came home with medals, Dimitri winning the Cat B epee gold and foil bronze, and Gabi taking the Cat A foil silver and epee bronze.

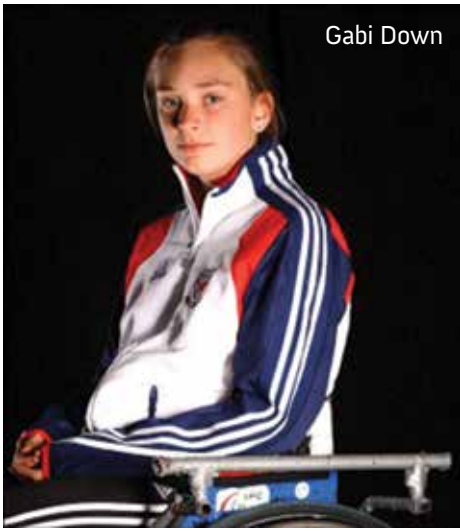
In the men's Cat A epee Gilliver was seeded third after the poules. He said, "I had a fantastic start against Dzieniseze (POL) in the L16, beating him 15-1; the match only lasted 11 seconds!" Victories over Nedobiko (RUS) 15-6 in the quarter-finals and Ngai (HKG) 15-8 in the semis took him to the final against Shabarov (RUS). "This was a match where I needed to keep changing tactics, but I went on to win 15-8. It was fantastic to head the podium. I felt proud and honoured to have represented my country and to have brought home the gold medal."

In the foil event Gilliver beat Sherbakov (RUS) 15-6, then reprised his epee victory over Shabarov 15-8, followed by a close match against Ruszczyk (POL) which he won 15-12, before meeting Nalewajek (POL) in the final. Piers said, "He is a left-handed fencer who is quick and long and on the day beat me 15-8, but I was extremely pleased with this result as foil is not my stronger weapon."

Of his Cat B epee experience, Dimitri said: "I felt confident throughout the poule rounds, winning all but one of my fights to get a bye in the first round of DE. In the semi-finals I beat Tsvyntarnyl (UKR) 15-4, which led me to the final against Surajewski (POL). It was a hard fight, but I finally won 15-12. It was a powerful feeling to hear the British national anthem while I was on the podium and to receive my gold medal and the title that came with it – U23 World Champion!"



Dimitri Coutya



Gabi Down

In the foil event, he had a bye to the quarter-finals where he beat Sukhoteplyi (RUS) 15-4 before losing 7-15 to Leung (HKG) to finish with a bronze medal.

Down won all her poule fights to be seeded No. 1 with a bye to the quarter-finals. Here she beat a Pole and then had to fight a Russian in the semi-finals. "It was close throughout the whole fight", said Gabi. "She got a few points ahead then I drew level before she beat me 15-14, which gave me the bronze medal."

In epee she won four out of five poule bouts and then two DE fights against Poles to reach the semi-final where she beat an American 8-3 at time. "In the final I fenced another Polish fencer who was 23, so it was her last year. She beat me 15-9. I was pleased to get silver."

Before the championships, there was a senior World Cup event in which Gilliver won bronze in the Cat A epee. He stormed through his poule, winning every fight and making history by being the first British wheelchair fencer to top the rankings for a World Cup event. He went on to win three DE fights to reach the semi-finals, including a tough fight against teammate Simon Wilson. In his semi-final, he faced world No. 1, Artur Yusupov (RUS), and at one point led 8-6, but the Russian showed his experience and took the fight 15-12. Piers said, "I have only been fencing for three years and competing internationally for one year. This was my second bronze medal at a senior men's Cat A epee World Cup. I also won the Challenge International des Joinvillais in Antibes. This has been another step towards my goal of representing Great Britain Rio 2016 and also becoming world champion."

Head coach Laszlo Jakab said;

"These fantastic results are one of the best in the recent history of British wheelchair fencing and this young group is very promising for the future."

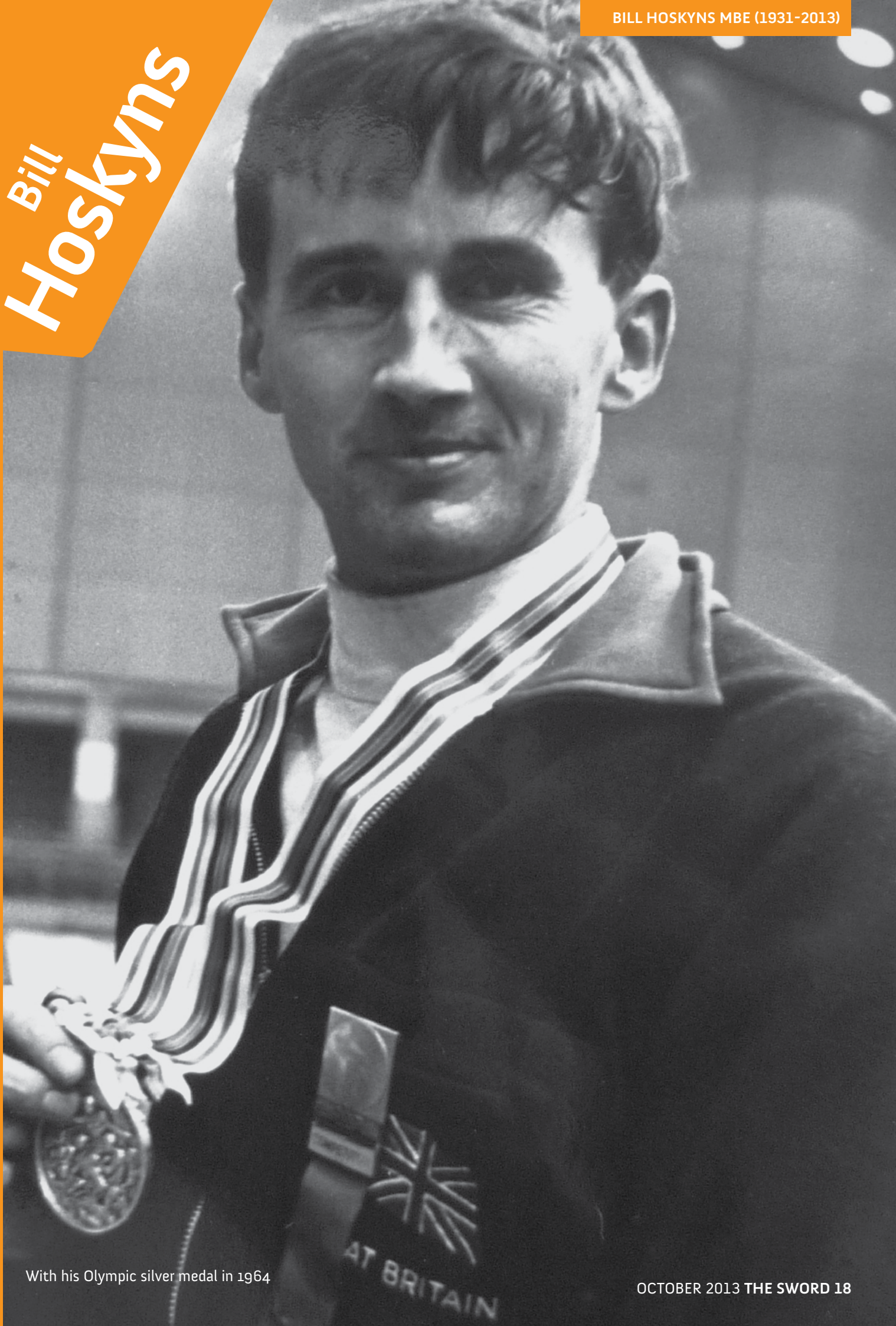


Piers Gilliver with Shabarov (left) and Ngai (right)



Gilliver scores against Shabarov

Bill Hoskyns



With his Olympic silver medal in 1964

BILL HOSKYNs MBE (1931-2013)

British, Commonwealth and World Champion and Double Olympic Silver Medallist

Henry William Furze 'Bill' Hoskyns, one of the 'greats' of the sport, died on Sunday 4th August. Bill started fencing at Eton and continued at Oxford University. He burst on to the international scene at the 1955 world championships, where he played a major part in Britain's foil team bronze medal, beating all four members of the French team. As a foilist, he won Bologna (1959), was runner-up in the Duval and in Ghent (1960), came third in the Paris Martini (1959) and in Warsaw (1960), won the Paris Martini in 1963 and came 7th at the Tokyo Olympics in 1964.

But it was at epee that he had the greatest success. At the 1958 world championships in Philadelphia he reached the epee final after a quadruple barrage and then faced two Russians and five Italians, among them former Olympic and double world champion Eduardo Mangiarotti. But Mangiarotti's team-mates threw their fights to him and he lost his edge, losing to the Russians. Bill fenced brilliantly to beat everyone except Mangiarotti and take the title.

In the late 50s and early 60s he won epee tournaments in Luxemburg (1958), Paris (1958 & 1961), Brussels (1959 & 1960), London (Martini, 1962) and New York (1962 & 1963), and collected individual and team silver medals at the 1965 world championships in Paris to establish himself as one of the world's leading epeeists.

Bill fenced at the Olympics Games six times from 1956 to 1976 – a record for a British fencer. He won team silver in Rome (1960) and individual silver in Tokyo (1964). He also fenced in seven world championships from 1955 to 1967, winning individual gold and silver medals and team silver at epee and a team bronze at foil during 13 successive appearances in the British team.



Winning the Challenge Martini in 1962

He was the most successful Commonwealth Games fencer ever, winning three individual gold medals at epee and one at sabre (plus five team golds), as well as individual silver at foil. He also won more medals (21) at the British championships than anyone else. Epee champion four times (also runner-up four times and third twice), he won the foil title three times (also runner-up three times and third twice) and the sabre title once (also runner-up and third once) to become only the second man (after Edgar Seligman) to win all three championships. This is an achievement unlikely to be equalled.

Countless medals followed at other British tournaments, including the Coronation Cup (international foil) – winner once and runner-up twice; Emrys Lloyd Cup (foil) – winner four times and runner-up twice; Miller-Hallett Cup (international epee) – winner three times and runner-up five times; Corble Cup (international sabre) – winner and runner-up once; Cole Cup (sabre) – winner once and third twice. Provincial titles included Ashton (foil & epee), Leicester (foil twice), Welsh (epee) and Leamington (foil and epee three times, sabre twice). He was British junior champion at foil and epee, and second at sabre. As a Major in the Territorial Army, he was inter-services champion at all three weapons in the same year, 1964.

He finished his international career by winning the Duren epee tournament in 1973 and 1974 and coming second in Oslo in 1978. Three years later, at the age of 50, he was the top British performer at Heidenheim, reaching the L16. And in 1999 and 2000, he won bronze medals at the veterans' world championships.

Living in Somerset as a fruit farmer, Bill trained with Prof. John Sanders who placed great emphasis on fine blade work and finger control. Although not quick on his feet, Bill had extraordinary timing and could put his opponents under continuous pressure so as to induce them to attack at the moment of his choosing, when he displayed an uncanny ability to pick up his opponent's blade at the very last moment. His nonchalantly elegant style gave him a gentleman-amateur image that was much admired. Watching him in action, one American opponent said simply, "Suave – so suave, it's painful."

Bill often flew to European events in his single-engine plane. In April 1956 he, Allan Jay and Gillian Sheen created a sensation by becoming the first civilians to fly into Budapest since the war and across the Iron Curtain. Years later, Allan pointed out that, had the engine failed, Britain would have had no senior world or Olympic champions.

Awarded the MBE in the 1966 New Year's Honours List, Bill was a Vice-President of British Fencing and was recently elected to the FIE Centennial Hall of Fame. He was a very popular figure in international fencing and his generation of fencers still asked after him at major FIE events.

Bill is survived by Georgina, whom he married in 1960, and his five children: Karina, Jonathan, Celia, Sophie and Dominic and ten grandchildren. He put the same passion into his family as his fencing and was a devoted husband, father and grandfather, encouraging all his children to fence, and had recently been taking one of his grandsons to learn fencing too.



Keith Smith

“Suave – so suave, it's painful.”

Allan Jay writes:

It is difficult to add to the brilliant obituary Keith has written. Bill would have liked to have been a professional pilot but was a prisoner of his lineage, being the eldest son of landed gentry – this last included his becoming High Sheriff of Somerset for one year. He was the managing director and only employee of the world's most unreliable airline – strangely named (by me who knew him well for nearly 65 years) Air Hoskyns. Its fleet originally consisted of one single-engine Auster, later replaced by a twin-engine Gemini. Its home airport was an improvised landing strip in his village of North Perrott. Apart from competitive fencing, Bill's passion was bridge and for the last 20 years he and I were long-term bridge partners, playing twice a week with varying success. Bill's sudden death came as a dreadful shock to us all and has left an irreplaceable gap in my life.

Gillian Donaldson (née Sheen) writes:

Bill was such a great fencer and delightful person and I was glad to be a contemporary of his. My first memory of him is when he was competing in the schoolboys' championship and one of the AFA officials commented that it was too bad he was so small. His subsequent growth took care of that! As we all know, he matured into a hugely successful fencer with record breaking victories in foil and epee both nationally and internationally. Everywhere he competed he was the ultimate sportsman – a fierce competitor, a gracious loser and a modest winner. I remember the sensation he caused when he won the epee world championship in Philadelphia in 1958. The American audience were captivated by this tall good-looking Englishman who resembled Gregory Peck and they went wild. The newspapers described him in victory as "suave" and that was so true! Bill was also an accomplished pilot and I was fortunate enough to be a passenger when he flew Allan Jay and myself behind the iron curtain to Budapest in 1956. Bill was great company and he displayed calm diplomatic qualities when we were detained for two days before we were allowed to leave. Bill was an icon of British sportsmanship and he will be greatly missed.

John Sanders, Bill Hoskyns's coach, remembers:

Bill and I first met in about 1954 when he joined an evening class I was running at Yeovil which was later to become the Yeovil Fencing Club. He was a member of this, his home club, for some 25 years or more.

Coaching facilities in those days, before the advent of sports halls, were strictly limited. We used village halls, community centres, territorial halls, YMCA centres and even had to resort to barns, haylofts and stables. The Hoskyns family ran a large fruit farm and Bill would do his fitness training in a room above the apple cold store.

One day in 1958, Bill gave me a lift in his Jaguar to the hall in which I gave lessons. On closing the passenger door, I rather clumsily left one of my fingers in a rather strategic position thereby welding myself to the car. My hand went very quickly red and Bill went even more quickly white. There ensued a gentle argument about whether or not we should continue with the planned lesson. I assured him that I could quite adequately give him a lesson with my left hand, using my right-handed French-handled epee. A week later, Bill won the world championship. He always put it down to that last left-handed lesson.

Because of my commitments as South West region coach, I was unable to attend any of Bill's international competitions. But he always reported back and explained any problems he was having, so we would construct a lesson around each of these requirements. After one foil competition, he said the Russians were specialising in close-quarter fighting. We eventually developed a technique whereby Bill would parry quarte and then, as his opponent closed the distance, Bill would make a 360 degree turn whilst angling his foil at 90 degrees across his body and connect with his opponent's back. The following week at the Martini in Paris, he performed this action as a winning hit. The French newspapers raved over Hoskyns and his 'pirouette riposte'.

Bill was so relaxed that he used to take an inflatable bed to competitions with him. Many times about a quarter of an hour before he was due to go on the piste, you would find him lying down having a catnap. It used to drive Charles de Beaumont crazy.

Because he was a busy fruit farmer, Bill would often fly to competitions. For the 1958 Commonwealth Games in Cardiff, his plan was to fly to Rhoose airfield on the outskirts of the city, take a taxi to the Games, participate in the day's event and then fly home. The landing strip at North Perrott was a long narrow field with a crop of wheat half of which had been cut, leaving only half a runway length in which to take off. Settling down in the cockpit next to Bill, I noticed a piece of masking tape covering three dials with a note telling nervous passengers: "These instruments are not in use!" "Don't worry, I expect everything will be alright," said Bill. With engines revving at full throttle, we went whizzing down this bumpy runway with a wall of wheat very fast approaching us. At the last second, he eased back on the stick and we left the ground with a disturbing rustling noise around the undercarriage area. On later inspection, we found ears of corn jammed in both the landing wheels.

As Bill made his approach to land at Rhoose on newly cut grass, I noticed a line of sheep facing us across the runway. I just yelled "SHEEEEEEP" at which point Bill goes into sheer panic as evidenced by his language – "Oh dear", accompanied by a quick yanking back of the stick and slamming open both throttles to make an impressive roaring climb. With, yet again, only half a runway available on which to land, he braked pretty sharply but even so we were not going to stop in time to avoid the sheep, so there was a quick application of right rudder which led us very swiftly from the cut grass of the runway into the very long grass of the outfield. We were still travelling at quite a rate when the tail lifted, causing the propellers to do a little grass cutting. After the eventual halt, there were a few moments of deafening silence in the cockpit broken by Bill saying "Come on, we'll be late".

After unloading our equipment, we made our way to the clubhouse where we passed one of the members leaning against the door who spoke just one word, "Interesting". And that's exactly what life was like working with Bill – interesting.

Shirley Parker, former national champion, adds:

During his last few years Bill fenced at my club, West Dorset Fencing Club, bringing some of his grandchildren to learn. When he became ill he had to stop fencing himself, but continued to attend virtually every evening session, latterly with Georgina doing the driving. His support, advice and good nature were an inspiration to a new club, full of young people, and those who 'crossed swords' with him before his illness are unlikely to forget the experience. The enthusiasm he helped to instil will be always with us and he will be greatly missed.



Bill Hoskyns in 1958, world epee champion



With Christian D'Oriola, who beat him for the Duval foil title in 1960

Ziemek Wojciechowski adds:

I first got to know Bill while travelling with him in his white Peugeot 405 to the 1981 world championships in Clermont-Ferrand, when he was captain of the GB team. He was very kind and understanding, quietly spoken yet hugely charismatic and providing inspiring leadership. But when the fencing was over, he also knew how to have a good time and our trip back was memorable for a dinner in the Latin Quarter of Paris when I felt I had to pinch myself to believe that I – a young fencer from Warsaw – was reviewing the performance of fencers with such an eminent man.

I recall being amazed at seeing Bill in some British competitions reading a book between fights and being incredibly calm. He had a superb one-two, which I believe only Richard Kruse has been able to come close to reproducing since. Bill was a phenomenal fencer and a great ambassador for British fencing. He was cool, totally approachable, charming, kind, brilliantly talented and had immense integrity. To the rest of the world he was the epitome of understated British sophistication and class. He was a true gentleman who will be hugely missed and I am so proud to have known him.

Alisher Usmanov, president of the FIE, writes:

The fencing world has lost a person who found a meaning of his life in this sport. Bill Hoskyns was passionate about fencing until his last days and succeeded in conveying his love of fencing to generations of young people. Having [had an] outstanding athletic career and numerous achievements, he won [the] respect of athletes all over the world. The world of fencing shares your grief at this sad time.

Book reviews



BRITISH NAVAL SWORDS AND SWORDSMANSHIP

by John McGrath & Mark Barton

Two senior Royal Navy officers and fencers have written a book that, for the first time, presents the complete story of naval swordsmanship in one concise volume. John McGrath and Mark Barton describe how swords and cutlasses were used in action and also address how the use of swords developed into a sport in the Navy, with a listing of naval fencing champions from 1948 to 2000.

The book covers subjects such as the dating, collecting and conservation of swords and re-examines those swords attributed to Nelson. Chapters include the Naval Sword in Action, Cutlasses, Dirks, Officers' Swords, Presentation Swords, Training in Swordsmanship and Transition to a Sport.

Some myths introduced in maritime novels are dismissed. Midshipmen were not usually young boys and they were not the only naval personnel to carry dirks. The cutlass was used as a thrusting weapon rather than cutting. I had not realised that one of our former national coaches, the late Ken Pearson, had won the Navy championship many times at all three weapons.

This hardback book, with numerous colour illustrations, is available from: www.pen-and-sword.co.uk/British-Naval-Swords-and-Swordsmanship/p/3871 at £20. Highly recommended.

Derek Evered



ADVANCED FENCING TECHNIQUES: DISCUSSIONS WITH BERT BRACEWELL

by Ed Rogers

In writing this book, Ed Rogers demonstrates his vast knowledge of fencing and his awareness of the many books written on the subject. However, it is difficult to see how the target market of experienced fencers, as suggested by the title, would have their advancement enhanced by reference to the many works referred to in the text, some dating back to around 1930. And the style of illustrations is also historical, closely following those included in the books written by Roger Crosnier in early 1960s.

Part 1 deals with various techniques, sub-divided into individual skills including simple and compound attacks, parries, direct and indirect ripostes and blade preparations. Each skill is described, usually with reference to its historical development, and this is followed by suggested variations of technical performance, timing or tactical application. Some of the descriptions are confusing, for instance the one-two compound attack is explained by saying that the defender moves a little further away and does a sharp move very close to the blade and then goes for it, and this changes the timing of the attacker's one-two forcing him to react.

Part 2 will be particularly useful to those who are studying coaching techniques, Bert Bracewell drawing on his many years experience to provide practical examples of his personal approach to coaching. Although, in the introduction, Prof. Phil Bruce suggests it would not necessarily help those who are studying for BAF coaching exams. Available from: The Crowood Press (www.crowood.com) at £12.99

Allan Skipp



New head coach Andrey Klyushin

MANY STRANGE PEOPLE IN FENCING

Andrey Klyushin, the new head coach of British Fencing, loves the sport for its individualism, as he explains to William Pitt.

Andrey Klyushin feels at home in London. It reminds him of St Petersburg. We are chatting on the sidelines of a match between the men's foil teams of Britain and Poland hosted in early September by Beazley in Exchange Square, just behind Liverpool Street station. Klyushin's tenure as British Fencing's head coach will begin in a little over two weeks' time. The weather – cold with occasional raindrops that will multiply as the evening draws on – is certainly reminiscent of St Petersburg. It seems to energise him.

He was born and grew up in a different city and a different country: Leningrad in the Soviet Union. Klyushin is no apologist for the ancien regime, but he candidly admits that for a fencer he was in the right place at the right time. "The old Soviet fencing system was a very good system," he says. "I learned a lot – and the government paid for everything."

He first picked up a sword at the age of ten. "My sister was a fencer. Foil, left handed like me. She invited the coach to come to our home. I am pleased to say that that coach is still teaching today at the age of 86."

In Leningrad he gained an exceptional grounding in the sport. "I spent the first four years largely focused on technical exercises," he recalls. As his talent became apparent, he was admitted to the city's foil school, where for five years he was taught by three times Olympic gold medal winner Viktor Zhdanovich. (Zhdanovich would also become his personal coach later when he joined the Soviet national foil team.)



Andrey Klyushin



Michal Majewski (POL) and Jamie Fitzgerald (GBR)

Fencing was a very popular sport in the Soviet Union in the 1970s and early 1980s, with more than 50,000 practitioners. Competition at the top level was intense – so much so that Soviet fencers often found it harder to qualify for the national team than to vanquish their foreign opponents.

After participating as a junior in the finals of two world junior championships (including Buenos Aires in 1981 where he came sixth), he was invited to join the senior team at the age of 19.

“It was an exciting time,” he says with some understatement. He was training with giants, men like Alexander Romankov, widely regarded as one of the greatest foilists of the 20th century, and Vladimir Smirnov, the gold medal winner at the 1980 Moscow Olympics whose tragic death from a broken blade at the world championships in Rome in 1982 prompted a revolution in safety standards in the sport.

Klyushin participated in three world championships for the Soviet Union, winning team bronze in Barcelona in 1985. He qualified for the national team at the Seoul Olympics in 1988, but ultimately did not attend. “The team won gold,” he says – a little ruefully.

By 1991, the dream was coming to an end. In December of that year, the Soviet Union was formally dissolved into its 15 constituent republics. “There was no possibility for me to travel then,” Klyushin recalls. State support for fencing – and innumerable other sports – dried up.

But fencing had taught him something: “You have to always fight – no matter what. Fencing gives you the quick reactions to everything.” It was time to reinvent himself.

He finished his education at the Sports University at St Petersburg, as it had been newly renamed, receiving a diploma as a fencing coach in all three weapons. It was tough at first: “You have to learn again as a coach.” He started teaching children but was swiftly appointed head coach of the city’s foil team. He received his big break from the head coach of the Russian national foil team, Mark Midler, another great Russian foilist who had captained the gold medal winning Russian foil teams at the Rome and Tokyo Olympics. “He thought I could help him.”

At Midler’s invitation, Klyushin became a coach to the Russian foil team. “It was challenging at first,” he says. “I was coaching fencers who yesterday had been my team mates. There should be distance.” He persevered, holding the role for five years. The task – no small one – was to help forge a new Russian team that was not eclipsed by the astonishing record that the Soviet team had achieved in previous years.

Despite the massive upheavals caused by the fall of the Soviet Union, Russia retained its position as one of the world’s leading fencing nations and Dmitry Shevchenko took bronze in foil at the 2000 Olympics in Sydney.

The turn of the century was a difficult time for Klyushin. Both his parents died in quick succession from cancer, and he felt it was time for a change. “I’ve met many good and interesting people in fencing,” he says, and now one of them – Jens Jorgensen, a Danish sabreur – identified an opportunity for him in Denmark.

From a fencing perspective, Denmark was a huge contrast with Russia. It was a blank canvass. “I liked the range of people I taught there, from small kids upwards” Klyushin says. “There was a different system of life there and a different style of fencing.” He learned Danish and English too. His wife is a linguist who “says I learn languages quickly.” Certainly his English is very fluent.

He stayed in Denmark for ten and a half years. “We won some European medals in epee and foil. I also taught Roland Schlosser, an Austrian fencer who was living there”. Schlosser competed for Austria in men’s foil in the 2004, 2008 and 2012 Olympics.

Klyushin is satisfied that he has made a lasting contribution to the sport in Denmark. “I gave them some methodics, some system, some structure – all that is now in place,” he says. He was turning 50 and it was time for a bigger challenge.

What attracted him to the head coach role in the UK? He says he was impressed by the seriousness and commitment of the individuals he met, including Alex Newton, British Fencing’s performance manager. “People here are using the no compromise approach,” he says. “By which I mean everyone should work hard. No excuses.

But also fencers and coaches should work for each other. Only then can we win.” Klyushin is a realist. He knows that the largesse of the old Soviet Union for sports will likely never re-emerge, in Russia or elsewhere. But he is still impressed by the resources that have been committed to fencing in the UK, both at the senior level and at the grass roots. “There is a good level of support.”

What does he think he can bring to the sport in Britain? Does he have a secret? He smiles. “Yes, every coach has something.” He searches for the right words. “Like the camel, something you get from the hump...” An instinct? “Yes, yes, an instinct. As well as the experience you’ve accumulated.”

For Klyushin, the key he has learned from experience is to work with the grain of each individual’s personality. “There are many strange people in fencing,” he says, laughing. “Like in chess. As a coach you have to understand that people are different. With one person you can scream, another you have to coax. Also we can get tired of each other.”

I ask him about physical conditioning. “All sports now come at a high physical level,” he says. “But in fencing there is a lot of small coordination. It’s important not to kill this coordination by power lifting.”

Our time is running out. Beside the piste, the British and Polish foilists are limbering up. The rain is falling more heavily. The British team narrowly lost to Poland at the European Championships in the semi finals, and tonight want to reverse their fortunes. But it is not to be. Despite a strong comeback from Richard Kruse in the penultimate bout, the British team loses 41-45.

There is work to be done.



Andrey Klyushin with William Pitt

North-west Junior Series

North West region used to have a number of school level tournaments, but over time these declined and became essentially moribund. However, with the advent of a new committee, a new series of six-weapon competitions started in 2012.

We wanted to avoid the situation where we had different equipment requirements, i.e. blade sizes, CEN levels for plastrons, and conductive or non-conductive bibs for foil, so chose to go with under-11 and under-14 age groups, with the understanding that we would probably have to mix boys and girls but hopefully would be able to avoid mixing age groups. The age groups are not prescriptive. Organisers can run other age-group events, providing they run the core competitions.

With the sponsorship of Oliver Allmand-Smith of Stormguard, rain and draught excluder manufacturers, we have been able to organise six competitions a year. These are run two per term, timed to avoid exams and other events, such as LPJS, EYC or BYC. Any club in the region can bid to run an event, the only exception being the last in the series which is at Salle Kiss, the home club of the sponsor.

To ensure the maximum entry the aim was to communicate with parents and fencers directly and avoid the email or paper that never gets passed on. This meant using the Internet as the method for communication. Fortunately the region has a website which uses an extensible framework which made setting up online entry easy¹. No development was necessary apart from the addition of pertinent information for tournaments, such as date of birth, club affiliation and BFA number to the standard registration form supplied by the package.

It also makes centralisation of the collection of entry fees possible, rather than relying on the club running the tournament. Another advantage is that it allows an online list of people already registered to be seen. Finally, since submission of an entry means that you have to provide an email address, it means that we can use these to build a mailing list.

As the number of people capable of running tournaments within the region is limited, we have instituted a 'roving DT' for those clubs unable to run a Directoire Technique. The club remains responsible for booking the hall, laying it out and providing scoring equipment. It is also responsible for checking in, arranging for referees and any other necessary personnel. The flying DT arrives with laptop, printer, program for running the tournament² and entry lists, runs the tournament and provides the results for upload to the regional website.

In these days of social media, instant access to information is key. Results of the tournaments are normally available on the following day. However, experiments are being undertaken to see if live results can be produced as the tournaments are run. This relies on the availability of WiFi at the venues and the export capability of the program used to run the tournaments.

Because the tournaments are run as a series, it is vital that fencers can look at the results from all of the competitions. The webmaster for the region has developed code that allows the results to be uploaded to a database. This can be interrogated for results by competition, by name or by club. Results are available not just for the current year, but for each of the years the series has run. Currently only overall results are available; it is not possible to see the results for a particular poule or DE fight. However, we are experimenting with providing a live results service which will give this kind of detail for the latest tournament to be fenced.

At the end of the year trophies are presented to the winners of the series. This means we have to have a ranking scheme to decide who has the best set of results. The ranking scheme uses:

1. All the tournaments for ranking points, rather than a subset. The aim here was to avoid the situation where the predominant fencers gained sufficient ranking points in the first few competitions to ensure a high place and then not fencing in the later competitions.
2. A formula which calculates the points as the number of fencers taking part in a competition times a position weighting factor. This makes for an exciting series with lots of position swapping.

The rankings are available online in the same way as the results. The code that was developed to show the results also has routines to show the overall results with the ability to drill down to see what competitions, places and points make up the ranking.

Successes

The average entry during the first full year of the series was in the low to mid 60s. So far in 2013 the entry is in the high 70s to low 80s. The highest entries are in foil and sabre with little difference between the U11 and U14 age groups. Boys' entries are higher for all the weapons except for foil and this has led to the necessity of mixing boys and girls.

The series provides an occasion on which hub development can be hung. We have already run informal sessions on armoury and introduction to refereeing. A seminar on Hungarian coach education is planned, as is a session on the running of competitions.

¹ The software used for the regional web site is Joomla! The online entry system is a package called DT register.

² This is the American program Fencing Time in versions 3.03 and the beta version of 4.0

Difficulties

The series is now getting to the limit of what can be run in a day. In future it may be necessary to limit the entry in both foil and sabre.

While entries for the foil and sabre are strong, the same cannot be said for epee. The numbers in the U14 category are disappointing and we normally end up mixing not only boys and girls but age groups as well.

Although there are 30+ clubs in the North West the entry is normally from a small selection of these. Expanding the number of clubs involved and hence the base of fencers is a priority. Similarly although we have managed to get six clubs to run tournaments, this has required a certain amount of arm twisting. Expanding the number of clubs willing to run a tournament is also a priority.

Succession planning needs to be put in place to make sure that we do not revert to the previous moribund state. The intention of the regional committee is to put in place a NWJS coordinator for the series and a hub development initiative on competition organisation is being considered. The aim is for clubs to run their own DT, rather than relying on a regionally provided one. Succession planning is also needed for the webmaster who has incorporated the online entry system into the framework and provided the code to do the results and rankings.

Colin Walls



Colin Walls running the DT at one of the NWJS tournaments



U11 sabreurs in action



The Series trophies

Round-up

SURREY FENCATHON

Nearly 40 students from several universities gathered at Surrey Sports Park over the Easter weekend for the University of Surrey's second 24-hour Fencathon, raising money for the charity Walking With The Wounded.

At one point we were joined by none other than James Davis. After a brief photo shoot with the local press, he jumped on a piste and took on all comers, starting with Surrey Uni coach and event organiser Andy Reynolds.

Members of the public coming in to watch were able to have lessons from Andy or participating students. These were a great success, attracting interest in the event and in fencing itself. We were also lucky enough to have GB wheelchair fencer Viv Mills give us a fantastic opportunity to experience wheelchair fencing.

In the evening, after the venue had closed to the public, we began to introduce theme hours on the main pistes, such as opposite-hand hour, headshot epee hour and an exhausting hour where only one foot was allowed on the piste at a time.

It wasn't just the main pistes that were active though; several others were available throughout the 24 hours for anyone to use. Highlights of these included a 100-point epee match, and jury-rigged electric kendo.

Later in the evening, we were joined by a mystery guest: Bruce Dickinson of Iron Maiden. Like James Davis earlier in the day, he fenced on one of the main pistes for the best part of an hour. One of the students said, "It was one of the most exciting and completely fun matches I have ever fenced". The organisers had kept his attendance a secret so everyone was really excited to be able to fence him.

In all, it was an incredibly rewarding day well spent and we raised well over £6000 for Walking With The Wounded.

Gareth Raynes



Victoria Nicholson, special project's manager for Walking With The Wounded, with James Davis and Andy Reynolds



The Fencathon in progress (photos: Peter Gardner, Surrey Advertiser)

PIERRE HARPER CELEBRATES 25 YEARS OF COACHING

COHEN REACHES
MACCABIAH PODIUM

No, not Richard Cohen or daughter Mary, who both fenced in the Maccabiah Games in July, but hitherto unheralded son Guy, who fought his way through the 23-strong men's epee event to win a bronze medal. The Maccabiah Games is an international Jewish athletic event, held in Israel every four years.



Pierre Harper celebrates 25 years of coaching, which started as his international fencing career came to an end. That career included winning six British foil championships, representing GB at three Olympic Games and representing England at three Commonwealth championships, winning three individual and three team titles in succession.

His coaching career has proved equally successful, having taken 15 Newham and Cambridge Swords foilists from grass roots to GB international level, and a further six to England standard. His greatest successes so far are helping the men's team achieve silver at the 2010 cadet world championships, bronze at the 2013 junior European championships, fourth place at the 2013 junior world championships and 7th place at the 2013 individual junior world championship.

Alongside fellow Olympian Linda Strachan, Pierre coaches at Newham Swords Fencing Club, where his top fencers not only hold the current U17 and U20 national foil titles, but have also won various Premier and Leon Paul Junior Series competitions, as well as trophies at the EYCs, BYCs, BSC cadet and junior foil events, junior Commonwealths and UK School Games.



CLUB NEWS

The last few years have been incredibly successful for Team Surrey Fencing Club, with high achievement in BUCS competitions, as well as at county, regional and national levels. After a lot of hard work and well fought matches, the women's team was promoted to the premiership and one team member, Liz Ng, became national foil champion. The men's teams also had a good year, with the first team being promoted.

It's not just squad members bringing home trophies either; the beginners training programme has led to dozens of medals at county competitions, and many members of the club have had successes at Opens across the country. Success is thanks in no small part to the excellent facilities at the award-winning Surrey Sports Park and high quality coaching from head coach Andy 'Captain Fantastic' Reynolds and sabre coach Alex Bela, former national champion of Romania.

If you're thinking of coming to the University of Surrey, or for any other enquiries, please contact Andy Reynolds (andy.reynolds@surrey.ac.uk) or the club committee (ussu.fencing@surrey.ac.uk)

Results

COMBINED EVENTS – ABROAD

U23 EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

5-9.6.13

Men's Foil (35)

7th – Ben Peggs

SENIOR EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

16-21.6.13

Men's Foil (71)

Bronze – James Davis

6th – Richard Kruse

Men's Foil Team (15)

Bronze – GBR (James Davis, Richard Kruse, Marcus Mepstead, Keith Cook)

WORLD UNIVERSITY GAMES

6-17.7.13

Men's Foil (54)

6th – Husayn Rosowsky

COMBINED EVENTS – HOME

INVERCLYE OPEN

1/2.6.13

Men's Foil (31)

1. COOK Keith (HOLYROOD)
2. EXETER Tom (LEEDS UNI)
- 3= WALTON Sean (HOLYROOD)
- 3= WOOLLARD Jonathan (HERIOT-WATT UNI)
5. JOHNSTON Alasdair (HOLYROOD)
6. MCKAY Mike (SHEFFIELD BUCCANEERS)
7. STANBRIDGE Paul (HOLYROOD)
8. HEDBERG Magnus (EDINBURGH UNI)
9. MILLER Alasdair (DUNDEE)
10. TANNOCK Neill (ABERDEEN UNI)
11. MACKEY William (ABERDEEN UNI)
12. NESBITT Peter (LEEDS UNI)
13. WYNN Tim (ABERDEEN)
14. WYNN Gareth (ABERDEEN)
15. PATTERSON Liam (LEEDS UNI)
16. WILLIAMS Alex (HOLYROOD)

Women's Foil (20)

1. MACKENZIE Lisa (EDINBURGH)
2. DICKSON Chloe (EDINBURGH)
- 3= CLARKE Ruth (EDINBURGH)
- 3= SMITH Katie (EDINBURGH)
5. DROSSO Sophie (SHETLAND)
6. CABRELLI Maria (GWEIFC)
7. MORRISON Ailsa (EDINBURGH)
8. O'DONNELL Niamh (WEST FIFE)

Men's Epee (42)

1. COOK Keith (HOLYROOD)
2. ROCKS Christopher (SHETLAND)
- 3= HIGH Rory (ABERDEEN UNI)
- 3= TANNOCK Neill (ABERDEEN UNI)
5. BENOIT Stephane (FRA)
6. GOGNY Thomas (FRA)
7. MACKEY William (ABERDEEN UNI)
8. WYNN Tim (ABERDEEN)
9. PEGUET Jerome (FRA)
10. HOFFMANN Tom (DINGWALL)
11. HEDBERG Magnus (EDINBURGH UNI)
12. MACFADYEN Duncan (STRATHCLYDE UNI)
13. POCOCK Matt (GLASGOW)
14. GRAY Ewan (STOCKPORT)
15. GORDON Adam (HOLYROOD)
16. ELIE Gatien (FRA)

Women's Epee (18)

1. PRISE Eilidh (SCOTTISH SALTIRE)
2. DROSSO Sophie (SHETLAND)
- 3= DICKINSON Jemima (EDINBURGH UNI)
- 3= MACKENZIE Maili (EDINBURGH)
5. PLEASANT Bridget (ABERDEEN UNI)
6. GRANT Karen (WEST FIFE)
7. SMITH Lorna (STRATHCLYDE UNI)
8. PALEOLOGOS Sophie (FRA)

Men's Sabre (17)

1. ROCKS Stephen (SHETLAND)
2. WILBRAHAM Richard (DUNDEE UNI)
- 3= ANDERSON James (ROLLO)
- 3= CADET Julien (FRA)
5. WARWICKER Simon (CITY)
6. SHEK Antony (DUNDEE UNI)
7. JOHNSTON Calum (EDINBURGH UNI)
8. RENNIE Stephen (U/A)

Women's Sabre (12)

1. DAYKIN Kate (EDINBURGH)
2. PLEASANT Bridget (ABERDEEN UNI)
- 3= CORBY Jessica (WEST FIFE)
- 3= HAMPSON Sarah-Jane (WEST FIFE)
5. EINHCOMB Danielle (DUNDEE UNI)
6. ISAKOVA Nadia (U/A)
7. DICKINSON Jemima (EDINBURGH UNI)
8. LEBLANC Catherine (LONDON)

LPJS SCOTLAND

8/9.6.13

FOIL

U15 Boys (19)

1. PHILLIPS-LANGLEY Thomas (DUNES)
2. BULMAN Kai (LASZLO)
- 3= JONES Alexander (MANCHESTER)
- 3= WEEKS Harry (LASZLO)
5. HAYNES James (HARROGATE)
6. DICKINSON Matthew (LASZLO)
7. EHTESHAMI Ardeshir (LASZLO)
8. CROWE Thomas (ROLLO)

U13 Boys (22)

1. ABRAHAMS Matthew (LANSDOWNE)
2. MORRISON Duncan (WEST FIFE)
- 3= CARR Christopher (WEST FIFE)
- 3= TURINO Callum (HOLYROOD)
5. ALVARES-PERES Mark (WEST FIFE)
6. WHITTON Andrew (PHEONIX)
7. McANDREW Finlay (HOLYROOD)
8. SIMPSON Lewis (SWINDON)

U11 Boys (24)

1. BRADIE Angus (HOLYROOD)
2. CAUGHEY Murray (HOLYROOD)
- 3= CONLIN Peter (HOLYROOD)
- 3= CRAWFORD Angus (HOLYROOD)
5. McMULLAN Finn (BELFAST)
6. BARBOUR Rhys (PERTHSHIRE)
7. SCOTT Mitchell (EAST DURHAM)
8. STEELE Gabriel (WEST FIFE)
9. MAY Oscar (NEWCASTLE)
10. HAYNES Charles (BRIDLINGTON)
11. HOPE Kiran (FRA)
12. McARDLE Joshua (DUNBLANE)
13. CAISLEY Archie (NEWCASTLE)
14. BROWN Ben (LASZLO)
15. HAGERTY Christopher (WALLACE)
16. McGHEE Calum (WALLACE)

U15 Girls (3)

1. COPE Aimee (KISS)
2. STEELE Eden (WEST FIFE)

U13 Girls (14)

1. HUGHES Phoebe (LASZLO)
2. JONES Rachel (KISS)
- 3= DUNGAY Katrina (WEST FIFE)
- 3= NEWTON-HUGHES Phoebe (KISS)
5. HAYNES Georgia (HARROGATE)
6. BROWN Madeleine (LASZLO)
7. McLAUGHLIN Mhairi (HOLYROOD)
8. STEWART Alex (WEST FIFE)

U11 Girls (14)

1. WEEKS Charity (LASZLO)
2. WILLIAMSON Lucy-Belle (SKIPTON)
- 3= DICKSON Rebecca (EDINBURGH)
- 3= MOND Amanda (FIGHTING FIT)
5. WALKER Matilda (KISS)
6. WILLIAMS-HOWE Sydney (KISS)
7. ROBSON Emilia (NEWCASTLE)
8. MCGILLIVRAY Robin (EDINBURGH)

EPEE

U15 Boys (12)

1. BULMAN Kai (LASZLO)
2. DICKINSON Matthew (LASZLO)
- 3= CUMMINS Ryan (REGENT)
- 3= HAYNES James (HARROGATE)
5. RIDDICK Billy (WALLACE)
6. MACDONALD Neil (WALLACE)
7. BREEDON Joseph (ACTIV8)
8. BRYSON Louis (DUNBLANE)

U13 Boys (14)

1. BEGLEY-JONES Murray (ST GEORGES COL)
2. TURINO Callum (HOLYROOD)
- 3= CARR Christopher (WEST FIFE)
- 3= DU PREE-THOMAS Piers (PLYMOUTH)
5. MORRISON Dylan (HOLYROOD)
6. BELL Jack (NEWCASTLE)
7. PAPADOPOULOS Alex (LASZLO)
8. BROWN Robbie (WEST FIFE)

U11 Boys (4)

1. HADDAD Justin (CHELSEA)
2. RATCLIFFE Ryan (ASHTON)

U15 Girls (9)

1. KNOWLES Katie (SCOTTISH SALTIRE)
2. WOODHOUSE Eliza (MALVERN COL)
- 3= DICKSON Lauren (EDINBURGH)
- 3= ROBERTSON Emma (WEST FIFE)

U13 Girls (10)

1. DUNGAY Katrina (WEST FIFE)
2. STEWART Alex (WEST FIFE)
- 3= ASHBY Taylor (PLYMOUTH)
- 3= HAYNES Georgia (HARROGATE)

U11 Girls (1)

1. DICKSON Rebecca (EDINBURGH)

SABRE

U15 Boys (11)

1. HYDE Matthew (STRATHALLAN)
2. REID Arran (STRATHALLAN)
- 3= MOODY David (WALLACE)
- 3= ROBINSON Nathan (DUNOON GRAMMAR)

U13 Boys (6)

1. ALVARES-PERES Mark (WEST FIFE)
2. MCLELLAN Samuel (STRATHALLAN)
- 3= GORDON Alexander (WALLACE)
- 3= RIDDICK Oliver (WALLACE)

U11 Boys (4)

1. SALE Cormac (RIVINGTON PARK)
2. CHEN Desmond (ASHTON)

U15 Girls (6)

1. DAVY ERICSON Melissa (STRATHALLAN)
2. MORRISON Martha (WALLACE)
- 3= NIGHTINGALE Ella (RIVINGTON PARK)
- 3= O'REILLY Freya (ST GEORGES SCHOOL)

U13 Girls (6)

1. DUNGAY Katrina (WEST FIFE)
2. THOMSON Catriona (WALLACE)
- 3= MCLAREN Carolyn (ST GEORGES SCHOOL)
- 3= STEWART Catriona (ST GEORGES SCHOOL)

WREXHAM OPEN

8/9.6.13

Men's Foil (33)

1. ALEXANDER David (NOTTINGHAM CAVALIERS)
2. KISS Daniel (KISS)
- 3= CORLETT Thomas (KISS)
- 3= TAM Jordon (SCIPANOVS)
5. MOSS Will (DE MONTFORD UNI)
6. ROSE Austen (SWINDON)
7. WILLIAMS Gavin (LIVERPOOL)
8. SCIPANOVS Kristofers (SCIPANOVS)
9. POWELL Matthew (MELIA)
10. LENNON Christopher (LIVERPOOL UNI)
11. KENNEA Paul (NOTTINGHAM CAVALIERS)
12. GALLIMORE-TALLEN William (FOUR OF CLUBS)
13. ROBERTSON Mark (WREXHAM)
14. HOUGHTON Jacob (ABERGELE)
15. WIGGINS David (HEREFORDSHIRE)
16. DOLAN George (YBFC)

Women's Foil (13)

1. FITTON Alexandra (KISS)
2. BOWLEY Ruth (SWANSEA UNI)
- 3= ARCHER Kati (KISS)
- 3= HEYES Catherine (PRESTON)
5. MOSS Amber (A&C)
6. PANDE Avni (HYMERS COL)
7. UFF Susan (GLOUCESTER)
8. CHINN Liz (PRESTON)

Men's Epee (50)

1. NORTHAM Stephen (BIRMINGHAM)
2. BARKER Christopher (STOCKPORT)
- 3= BOND Peter (ABERYSTWYTH UNI)
- 3= HUGHES Ben (U/A)
5. JOBSON-PARGETER William (BANGOR UNI)
6. WOOD Daniel (TAMESIDE)
7. DICKSON Thomas (NEWCASTLE)
8. MORRIS George (SCIPANOVS)
9. BOLTON Matt (FRISBY)
10. HIAM David (SHREWSBURY)
11. WILLIS Scott (TRURO)
12. WILLMOTT Paul (NORTHAMPTON)
13. SPICER Tristan (NEWCASTLE)
14. LAMBERT Jonathon (YBFC)

NOTE TO COMPETITION ORGANISERS

Some results are sent to the BFA website in non-HTML format, such as pdf files. These are fine for reading, but do not allow copying and editing for publication in The Sword. For the sake of archived records, it would be appreciated if results could always be sent in HTML, otherwise they will not be published.

15. CALLANAN Denis (WREXHAM)
16. TELFER Max (WINGERWORTH)
17. SCOTT Mike (NORTHAMPTON)
18. WINTER Andrew (EDINBURGH)
19. BLUCK Martin (ASHTON)
20. CLARK Gary (WEST LANCOS)
21. ANWYL Chris (LANCASTER UNI)
22. JAMES Peter (SHREWSBURY)
23. KITE Lee (BOLTON)
24. CHRISP Tom (WINGERWORTH)
25. CRAIG Joe (BLACKPOOL)
26. PARRY David (LANCASTER UNI)
27. DRAKE Paul (NORTHAMPTON)
28. MCLAUGHLIN Ethan (BIRMINGHAM)
29. DAVIES Peter (MOLD)
30. EDWARDS Owen (WREXHAM)
31. COOPER Paul (STOCKPORT)
32. MEREDITH Tony (PRESTON)

Women's Epee (11)

1. WOODROW Megan (ST ANDREWS)
2. GREETHAM Sadie (HARROGATE)
- 3= DUXON Emma (CHILWELL)
- 3= PEAT Sally (3 BLADES)

Men's Sabre (20)

1. CONCANNON Stephen (DUBLIN)
2. BYRNE Kieran (SALFORD UNI)
- 3= BOWLEY Stan (RIVINGTON PARK)
- 3= JACOB Michael (ABERYSTWYTH UNI)
5. VAN GEMEREN Evert (WINGERWORTH)
6. POTTER Steve (STOURBRIDGE)
7. BASFORD Andy (SHEFFIELD)
8. LINDLEY Thomas (MARSHALL)

Women's Sabre (6)

1. POTTER Emma (STOURBRIDGE)
2. SANGER Kevanne (BANGOR UNI)
- 3= STRIHA Alina (MORECAMBE)
- 3= FRITH Viv (URSA)

CUMBERLAND OPEN**15/16.6.13****Men's Foil (23)**

1. NESBITT Peter (LEEDS)
2. WYNN Nicholas (DONCASTER)
- 3= BULMAN Kai (LAZLO)
- 3= WELSH Simon (NEWCASTLE)
5. MACFADYEN Duncan (STRATHCLYDE UNI)
6. O'NEILL Simon (TEESIDE)
7. BOLTON Alexander (DONCASTER)
8. NESBITT Brian (NORTHUMBRIA)

Women's Foil (5)

1. HEYES Catherine (PRESTON)
2. PITT Helen (GWFEFC)

Men's Epee (19)

1. LISTON George (RAF)
2. TAYLOR Chris (HERDWICK)
- 3= CRAIG Joe Jnr (HARROGATE)
- 3= DAVENPORT Robin (SCARAMOUCHE)
5. KEPPIE Matthew (STOCKPORT)
6. MURPHY Nicholas (BOLTON)
7. ANWYL Chris (LANCASTER UNI)
8. SPICER Tristan (NEWCASTLE)

Women's Epee (5)

1. HEYES Catherine (PRESTON)
2. JONES Bethan (BAKEWELL)

Men's Sabre (14)

1. SANCROFT Glenn (ROLLO)
2. WILLIAMSON Andrew (EFC)
- 3= ANWYL Chris (LANCASTER UNI)
- 3= CROWTHER Samuel (LANCASTER UNI)
5. MACKENZIE Mark (GWFEFC)
6. HULLAH Robert (U/A)
7. HANNAH Steve (HERDWICK)
8. DAVIDSON Keith (GWFEFC)

Women's Sabre (6)

1. SANCROFT Jennifer (ROLLO)
2. MAILEY Alex (ROLLO)
- 3= BOBER Ruth (HERDWICK)
- 3= STRIHA Alina (MORCAMBE)

NORFOLK OPEN**20/21.7.13****Men's Foil (50)**

1. HENDRIE Tom (CHICHESTER)
2. BROUGHAM Sam (LOUTH)
- 3= ABRAHAMS Paul (LANSDOWNE)
- 3= WATSON Jack (AFFONDO)
5. TOPP Stephen (BOSTON)
6. INNES Tim (CRAWLEY)
7. SCHLINDWEIN Alex (STRETTON)
8. MATHIAS Max (ACADEMY)
9. JENNINGS Chris (PAUL)
10. GUILD William (ACADEMY)

11. CHEW Michael (HPFC)
12. BENNETT Freddy (CAMBRIDGE)
13. WAKEMAN Alex (SHEFFIELD)
14. OSTACCHINI Glen (BOSTON)
15. COATES Joshua (HUNTS)
16. GILLMAN John (CENTRAL LONDON)
17. BACHELARD BAKAL Alexander (ACADEMY)
18. BADEA Cosmin (IMPERIAL COL)
19. JOHNSON Robert (GT. YARMOUTH)
20. THURSTON Dan (AFFONDO)
21. SHEPHERD Benjamin (BRISTOL)
22. DIFRANCESCO Hugo (ACADEMY)
23. BENTLEY Russell (RADCLIFFE)
24. PAGE Rob (NORFOLK)
25. GRUNDY Sean (ABC)
26. IGALI Joseph (NORFOLK ACADEMY)
26. WALCHESTER Alex (NEWCASTLE UNI)
28. STANBURY Jonathon (GLASTONBURY)
29. NG Grant (BOSTON)
30. BLACKWELL Simon (GT. YARMOUTH)
31. JUNG Jimmy (ACADEMY)
32. DURKAN Sebastian (THREE RVERS)

Women's Foil (26)

1. McDERMOTT Chiara (CRAWLEY)
2. KWOK Rachel (ACADEMY)
- 3= KOZLENKO Melissa (CARU)
- 3= LEWANDOWSKA Magdalena (IPSWICH)
5. UFF Sue (GLOUCESTER)
6. SUMPTION Fleur (NEWHAM)
7. CLAYTON Jane (MALLARD)
8. COATES Tracey (HUNTS)
9. BEAVER Elizabeth (CADS)

MERSEYSIDE OPEN**15/16th February 2014**

Venue: Greenbank Sports Academy, Greenbank Lane, Liverpool L17 1AG

Events: Check-in closes Entry limit

Saturday 15th February 2014

Men's Foil	09.00	108
Men's Sabre	10.15	72
Women's Sabre	10.15	36

Sunday 16th February 2014

Men's Epee	09.00	108
Women's Epee	10.15	54
Women's Foil	10.15	54

Fencers may only enter one weapon each day

Entry fee: £22, or £38 for two weapons
Only entries with fees will be accepted (£5 extra for late entries)

Cheques: Payable to "MOFT"

Entries to: Barbara Evison, 31 Hale Road, Walton, Liverpool L4 3RL
Telephone 0151 521 7657

Online entries: www.moft.co.uk

Prizes: Top 8, Best Veteran (BVF member or similar foreign), Best U18 Fencer and Best Novice (under two years fencing experience) at all weapons

Closing date: 1st February 2014

Notes: Minimum age 13 before 01.01.2014. BFA membership will be validated otherwise membership must be taken out on the day. BFA guidelines on clothing and safety will be enforced. Leon Paul stand. Visit website for full details.

ENTRY FORM

Weapon(s):

Under 18 on 01.01.2014

Novice (under 2 years) at 01.01.2014

Veteran (BVF member or equivalent)

Name:

Address:

Club:

Telephone:

Email:

Entry fee enclosed:

BFA No: **Nationality:**

I accept that the MOFT Organising Committee and Greenbank Sports Academy cannot be held responsible for any accident, loss or damage sustained at the tournament.

Signed: **Date:**

(Parent or guardian if under 18)

- MIKHALEVA Oxana (PAUL)
- RYBAKOVA Katja (PEMBROKE)
- NICHOLS Zoe (CENTRAL LONDON)
- LANGLEY Karen (NORFOLK)
- TAYLOR Beatrice (ACADEMY)
- GASKARTH Helen (NORTHAMPTON)
- McKEAN Helen (SMJ)

Men's Epee (32)

- DOMEK Stephen (EASTERN)
- MYERS Joshua (OPS)
- PARTRIDGE George (HUNTINGDON)
- WEST Howard (LTFC)
- TESSON Baptiste (MAUGESBOGAGE)
- TOWNSON Paul (CADS)
- BRYAN Wayne (CADS)
- ANDREWS Tim (PLYMOUTH)
- STANBURY Jonathon (GLASTONBURY)
- FLEMING John (NORFOLK)
- BOLTON Matt (FRISBY)
- STUART Jamie (REDHILL & REIGATE)
- NOTTINGHAM Jon (FRA)
- DAVENPORT Robin (SCARAMOUCHE)
- THURSTON Dan (AFFONDO)
- EDWARDS Theo (OPS)

Women's Epee (14)

- HENSON Julie (NORFOLK)
- REDDING Megan (CADS)
- BIRD Florence (U/A)
- THOULESS Helen (AURIOL)
- JARROLD Heather (CADS)
- MASON Mariette (CADS)
- GOODLASS Molly (LEEDS UNI)
- CLAYTON Jane (MALLARD)

Men's Sabre (20)

- NICHOLLS Thomas (CHILWELL)
- EDMUNDSON Jack (SOUTH LONDON)
- CRAWFURD Jim (AFFONDO)
- GHOSH Julian (CAMDEN)
- BALES Michael (CADS)
- HARRIS Stuart (INVICTA)
- WARWICKER Simon (CITY)
- HENSON Alex (AFFONDO)

Women's Sabre (16)

- WATSON Alice (CAMDEN)
- NG Elizabeth (LANSDOWNE)
- NAREY Michelle (BATH)
- SUMRA Zoe (SAXON)
- DAVIES Harriet (SWINDON)
- CLUTTERBUCK Hannah (ASHTON)
- EARL Silvia (BEDFORD)
- LEBLANC Catherine (CITY)

LONDON OPEN

27/28.7.13

Men's Foil (47)

- SAMANDI Mohamed (TUN)
- TOFALIDES Alexander (PAUL)
- GROS Xavier (FRA)
- SANTOS Gael (POR)
- BORST Sebastiaan (NED)
- PEGGS Ben (PAUL)
- BEKKAT Thibaud (FRA)
- BARTH Jonathan (FRA)
- BRODIE Scott (SUSSEX HOUSE)
- WATSON Jack (AFFONDO)
- ABIDOGUN Kola (BOSTON)
- GARROUSTE Alban (FRA)
- BRYANT Lyle (SUSSEX HOUSE)
- MACCHIAROLA Alessandro (ITA)
- FEASTER Daniel (MALVERN)
- LAVIN Gerard (Boston)

Women's Foil (21)

- UJLAKY Virginie (FRA)
- SZOKOLOVICS Dominique (SUSSEX HOUSE)
- DICKSON Chloe (EDINBURGH)
- NG Elizabeth (LANSDOWNE)
- McKENZIE Lisa (EDINBURGH)
- HUGHES Elaine (BRISTOL)
- SIBERT Catriona (EDINBURGH)
- SMITH Katie (EDINBURGH)

Men's Epee (50)

- SZWALBE Rafal (POL)
- SANCHEZ-LETHEM Paul (BRIXTON)
- HENDERSON Matt (DINBURGH)
- MARSH Philip (BATH)
- FREWIN James (REDHILL & REIGATE)
- VAN CLEEMPUT Robrecht (BEL)
- SOMMER Benjamin (LANSDOWNE)
- GROS Xavier (FRA)
- CULLING Andrew (LANSDOWNE)
- RETTNER Jason (HAVERSTOCK)
- THOMAS Gareth (TIGER)
- KALONJI Jeremie (FRA)
- PAOLASINI Lorenzo (HAVERSTOCK)
- SCHNEIDER Benjamin (ABINGDON)
- BRYAN Wayne (CADS)
- LAKATOS Lorand (HUN)
- WEST Howard (LTFC)
- JOWITT John (HAVERSTOCK)
- MAYNARD Calum (EGHAM)
- TAYLOR James (CARDIFF)
- D'AURIA Anthony (HAVERSTOCK)
- ROCKS Christopher (SHETLAND)
- DOMEK Stephen (EASTERN)
- STIGANT Devlin (CHICHESTER)
- GUNPUT Satya (MRI)
- BAJWA Prab (FRENCH FENCING FACTORY)
- GREALEY William (PHIT)
- RICHARDS Huw (HAVERSTOCK)
- DEBURGH Etienne (GADASKI)
- TRIDICO Alessandro (ITA)
- IQBAL Adeel (GADASKI)
- SCHROEDER Hendrik (ULU)

Women's Epee (26)

- LAWRENCE Hannah (WINGERWORTH)
- RADFORD Amy (MALVERN)
- McGEEVER Jenny (LANSDOWNE)
- SPINLOVE Eryn (URSA)
- JEANES Emily (LIVERPOOL UNI)
- HIGHTON Elizabeth (HAVERSTOCK)
- SIMMS-LYMN Tia (JAM)
- THOMAS Rebecca (TIGER)
- MACKINNON Leonora (MALVERN)
- JARROLD Heather (CADS)
- DALLA PRIA Alessia (ITA)
- BIRD Florence (U/A)
- CASAGLIA Matilde (ITA)
- HENSON Julie (NORFOLK)
- KWOK Rachel (ACADEMY)
- HUGHES Samantha (READING)

Men's Sabre (17)

- MOTTERSHEAD Tom (ROMILEY)
- RATNESWARAN Maiyuran (U/A)
- ACHTEN Alexander (ARG)
- GANN Henry (IMPERIAL)
- ROCKS Stephen (SHETLAND)
- WELLER Teddy (ISV)
- BETTLE William (DURHAM UNI)
- CZINKOTA Zsolt (HUN)

Women's Sabre (4)

- GLADDISH Laura (MX)
- NG Elizabeth (LANSDOWNE)

SOUTH OF IRELAND OPEN

24/25.8.13

Men's Foil (28)

- BROWN Stephen (GROSVENOR)
- MARTIN Fergal (MAYNOOTH)
- BROWN Peter (BELFAST)
- NAGLE Conor (PEMBROKE)
- WHITE David (BELFAST)
- REID Gareth (GROSVENOR)
- BODELS Callum (BELFAST)
- BODELS Jake (BELFAST)
- GWYNNE Kris (GROSVENOR)
- McCLENAHAN Conor (BELFAST)
- KIRIMILIDIS Michalis (UCC)
- CRIPWELL Phillip (PEMBROKE)
- HOULDSWORTH Alastair (BELFAST)
- HANLON Killian (DUFC)
- SALTER Duncan (PEMBROKE)
- DIGHT Patrick (LIMERICK)

Women's Foil (16)

- RAMALHO Joana (DUBLIN)
- DUXBURY Victoria (SULLIVAN)
- PHILPOTT Rachel (SULLIVAN)
- TAYLOR Lucy (GROSVENOR)
- RYBAKOVA Katja (PEMBROKE)
- BARCLAY Erin (UCC)
- BEATTLE Keziah (BELFAST)
- NESIRKY Frankie (LIMERICK)

Men's Epee (27)

- BURNSIDE David (FOYLE)
- McGRATTAN Eamonn (FENCEFIT)
- HAYES Rory (UCC)
- WHELAN Shane (DUFC)
- TRACEY Matthew (UCC)
- CORCORAN Geoffrey (DUBLIN)
- BURNSIDE Jonathon (FOYLE)
- O'BRIEN Niall (DUFC)
- CAI Paris (UCC)
- SALTER Duncan (PEMBROKE)
- ANDREWS Tim (PLYMOUTH)
- ROBERTSON Liam (MAYNOOTH)
- McGLYNN Noel (MAYNOOTH)
- BRENNAN Paddy (PEMBROKE)
- CHIESA Stefan (DUBLIN)
- HANLON Killian (DUFC)

Women's Epee (13)

- MION Anna Lise (PEMBROKE)
- FAULKNER Nicola (MAYNOOTH)
- CLAIR Jacinta (UCC)
- HALDANE Fiona (GROSVENOR)
- WOODROW Megan (ST ANDREW'S UNI)
- BRASSIL Sive (UCD)
- NESIRKY Frankie (LIMERICK)
- O'RIORDAN Martha (UCC)

Men's Sabre (19)

- CONCANNON Stephen (DUBLIN)
- MOONEY Chris (BOYNE VALLEY)
- KIRIMILIDIS Michalis (UCC)
- TOBIN Hugh (UCC)
- CLARKE Aidan (UCD)
- NICHOLL James (FOYLE)
- McCABE John (BOYNE VALLEY)
- CLEMENTS Matthew (UCC)

Women's Sabre (9)

- SPENCE Niamh (FOYLE)
- BARCLAY Erin (UCC)
- LOLIES Alexandra (USMT)
- SIEGMUND Maddie (MAYNOOTH)

ESSEX OPEN

7/8.9.13

Men's Foil (81)

- PEGGS Ben (PAUL)
- ROBINSON Daniel (HEREFORDSHIRE)
- BRYANT Lyle (SUSSEX HOUSE)
- WILLIAMS Steven (BOSTON)
- ALEXANDER David (NOTTINGHAM CAVS)
- LIM Alex (BOSTON)
- WILD Chris (CARDIFF UNI)
- ABIDOGUN Kola (BOSTON)
- BROUGHAM Sam (LOUTH)
- MACCHIAROLA Alessandro (BOSTON)
- HOLDER Peter (U/A)
- WATSON Jack (AFFONDO)
- KRAATZ Ingvar (LEEDS UNI)
- WILLIAMS Gavin (LIVERPOOL)
- OSTACCHINI Glen (BOSTON)
- CORLETT Thomas (KISS)
- DE SAINTE CROIX Calum (WALLACE)
- POWELL Matthew (TEAM MELIA)
- WEEKES Jonathan (BOSTON)
- MILNER Maxton (RTWFC)
- EXETER Tom (LEEDS UNI)
- WOOD-FISHER James (GWENT)
- FARDELL Felix (CADS)
- MORRIS Richard (MELIA)
- INSPERGER Samuel (ONE ON ONE)
- LAVIN Gerard (BOSTON)
- MAKUCIEWICZ Alek (PAUL)
- MORT Nicholas (SAXON)
- WALTON Sean (HOLYROOD)
- WOOLLARD Jonathan (HERIOT-WATT UNI)

- NG Grant (BOSTON)
- WALLIS Henry (ONE ON ONE)

Women's Foil (40)

- SIBERT Catriona (EDINBURGH)
- SZOKOLOVICS Dominique (SUSSEX HOUSE)
- COOK Catherine (U/A)
- HANNAY Georgia (BRISTOL)
- CLARKE Ruth (EDINBURGH)
- DICKSON Chloe (EDINBURGH)
- KEYS Olivia (MELIA)
- McKENZIE Lisa (EDINBURGH)
- HUGHES Elaine (BGS)
- McKENZIE Tracy (FIGHTING FIT)
- CHART Yvonne (TRURO)
- LEWANDOWSKA Magdalena (CADS)
- MULLINS Chloe (CAMBRIDGE)
- SMITH Katie (EDINBURGH)
- WORMAN Gillian (SURREY)
- PEARCE Madison (OXFORD UNI)

Men's Epee (99)

- TREDGER Dudley (CRAWLEY)
- THOMAS Gareth (TIGER)
- BURKHALTER Marc (OXFORD UNI)
- GREGORY David (CHESHIRE)
- HARRIS James (MELIA)
- FREWIN James (REDHILL & REIGATE)
- TAYLOR James (CARDIFF)
- LAZZATI Alessandro (HAVERSTOCK)
- HAY Chris (WELLINGTON)
- BRADLEY Jonathan (U/A)
- HENDERSON Matt (EDINBURGH)
- HOFFMANN Tom (DINGWALL)
- MACDONALD Leslie (BATH)
- GATES Andrew (SOUTHAMPTON)
- BLENCH Toby (HAVERSTOCK)
- HARRINGTON James (CARDIFF)
- BRYAN Wayne (CADS)
- GARDNER Aaron (CRAWLEY)
- GREALEY William (PHIT)
- MILNER Maxton (RTWFC)
- RETTNER Jason (HAVERSTOCK)
- LAKATOS Lorand (HAVERSTOCK)
- TANNOCK Neill (ABERDEEN UNI)
- SANCHEZ-LETHEM Paul (BRIXTON)
- NICHOLS Harrison (REDHILL & REIGATE)
- EDWARDS Tom (REDHILL & REIGATE)
- HIBBERD Andrew (U/A)
- HARDING Tim (REDHILL & REIGATE)
- MALLETT Neal (OXFORD UNI)
- STEPHEN-SMITH Fraser (OPS)
- MYERS Joshua (OPS)
- McCOURT Michael (STRATHCLYDE UNI)

Women's Epee (41)

- USHER Georgina (LANSDOWNE)
- JEANES Emily (LIVERPOOL UNI)
- COHEN Mary (LANSDOWNE)
- RIDSDALE Lucy (LASZLOS)
- McGEEVER Jenny (LANSDOWNE)
- TOWNSEND Sophie (U/A)
- BOTTOMS Lindsay (MALVERN)
- DACK Helen (LASZLOS)
- MASON Mariette (CADS)
- HENSON Julie (NORFOLK)
- JARROLD Heather (CADS)
- SUMMERS Georgina (MALVERN)
- HUGHES Samantha (READING)
- LANCEY Stella (CARDIFF)
- OSBALDESTON Jess (TRURO)
- RUSHBROOK Elizabeth (QUEEN MARY LONDON UNI)

Men's Sabre (5)

- ROWLANDS Duncan (LASZLOS)
- CAIL Albert (U/A)

Women's Sabre (7)

- STEER Letitia (CITY)
- SUMRA Zoe (SAXON)
- CLARK Alice (WATFORD)
- LEBLANC Catherine (LONDON)

FOIL – HOME

ACADEMY CUP – SUMMER
6.7.13

Boys U14 (10)

1. DURASINOVIC Luka (ACADEMY)
2. STEZAKER Benjamin (CAMDEN)
- 3= JEROME Matthew (RLS)
- 3= VALETTI Luca (TRYB)

Boys U12 (13)

1. UDRZAL Benjamin (NEWHAM)
2. BAIGNERES Jean-Bapti (CAMDEN)
- 3= ALFORD Nathanael (CAMDEN)
- 3= CHAMBERS Albert (SOUTHEND SPARTA)
5. JEROME Alex (RLS)
6. BEN-GACEM Omar (EATON SQUARE)
7. BEN-GACEM Khalil (EATON SQUARE)
8. DESAINT-QUENTIN Elie (ACADEMY)

Boys U10 (8)

1. HAYNES Jacob (RLS)
2. KUBA Vencel (CAMDEN)
- 3= ALFORD Tristan (CAMDEN)
- 3= DANIEL Dylan (HADALIN)

Girls U14 (1)

- CLOSIER Sophie (HIGHAMS PARK)

Girls U12 (4)

1. LUKAITE Emilija (NEWHAM)
2. DESREUMAUX Soline (FRA)

Girls U10 (2)

1. HADALIN Henriette (HADALIN)

LONDON BSC

8.9.13

Men (88)

1. RAI Rajan (NEWHAM)
2. HENDRIE George (CHICHESTER)
- 3= CORLETT Thomas (KISS)
- 3= WATSON Jack (AFFONDO)
5. KISS Daniel (KISS)
6. MINOTT Kamal (NEWHAM)
7. INSPERGER Samuel (101)
7. LOZOVIK Alan (NEWHAM)
9. DONOVAN Alex (FIGHTING FIT)
10. RIDSDALE Ethan (RUSSELL)
11. LEE Toby (SUSSEX HOUSE)
12. BIRCH Jai (NEWHAM)
13. ST JOHN Charlie (SUSSEX HOUSE)
14. DEAMER Luke (CRAWLEY)
15. BATES Ben (BATH)
16. FEASTER John (MALVERN)
17. BAILEY George (MILLFIELD)
18. BIRD Harry (BOSTON)
19. JORDAN Peter (PAUL)
20. BRYANT Lyle (SUSSEX HOUSE)
21. SCHLINDWEIN Alex (STRETTON)
22. MANSON James (SUSSEX HOUSE)
23. BENNETT Freddy (CAMBRIDGE)
24. FEASTER Daniel (MALVERN)
25. WADDINGTON Oliver (HYMERS COL)
25. WOOLLARD Max (PAUL)
27. DE SAINTE CROIX Calum (WALLACE)
28. SADIQ Hussain (ACADEMY)
29. ARCHER Ciaran (CAMBRIDGE)
30. DOHERTY Nathan (SHEFFIELD BUCCANEERS)
31. BASHIR Ibrahim (BRISTOL)
32. DE-ALMEIDA Dominic (FIGHTING FIT)

Women (45)

1. KING Leah (SUSSEX HOUSE)
2. DICKSON Chloe (EDINBURGH)
- 3= FITTON Alexandra (KISS)
- 3= PERETTI Costanza (MILLFIELD)
5. MARTIN Lorna (ALDRSHOT)
6. BEARDMORE Kate (FIGHTING FIT)
7. CHART Yvonne (TRURO)
8. CLARKE Jade (WELLINGTON)
9. FEKLISTOVA Katrina (NEWHAM)
10. FIIHOSY Ayesha (BOSTON)
11. SMITH Katie (EDINBURGH)
12. BEATTIE Keziah (BELFAST)

13. EDWARDS Asha (LASZLOS)
14. MOSS Amber (A & C)
15. TAYLOR Lucy (METHODIST COL)
16. DMOCHOWSKA Isabella (FIGHTING FIT)

EPEE – HOME

BILL HOSKYN'S OPEN

29.6.13

Men (89)

1. THOMAS Gareth (TIGER)
2. BURKHALTER Marc (OXFORD UNI)
- 3= FREWIN James (REDHILL)
- 3= HARRIS James (MELIA)
5. CURRAN JONES Tommy (BRIXTON)
6. NICHOLS Harrison (REDHILL & REIGATE)
7. SANCHEZ-LETHEM Paul (BRIXTON)
8. ROWE-HAYNES Max (APOCALYPSE)
9. ROCKS Christopher (SHETLAND)
10. KAZIK Tomas (SVK)
11. STROUD Edward (DURHAM UNI)
12. SCHNEIDER Benjamin (ABINGDON)
13. HAY Chris (WELLINGTON)
14. PECK Harry (BRIXTON)
14. TAYLOR Christopher (HERDWICK)
16. BOND Peter (ABERYSTWYTH)
17. HOFFMANN Tom (DINGWALL)
18. GREALEY William (PHIT)
19. THOMSON Campbell (BRISTOL UNI)
20. PINKERTON Steven (TRURO)
21. DEBURGH Etienne (GADASKI)
22. WOOD Daniel (TAMESIDE)
23. SPIERS Lee (ARMY)
24. MUNN Stephan (HAVERSTOCK)
25. PHILLIPSON Andrew (CADS)
26. MAYNARD Calum (EGHAM)
27. NORTHAM Stephen (BIRMINGHAM)
28. BOLTON Matthew (FRISBY)
29. SHEVELEW David (HAVERSTOCK)
30. SPICER Tristan (NEWCASTLE)
31. McMORRAN Roland (MALVERN)
32. DEAN Charlie (TRURO)

Women (31)

1. LAWRENCE Hannah (WINGERWORTH)
2. GUNDRY Jessica (WELLINGTON/TRURO)
- 3= GREETHAM Sadie (HARROGATE)
- 3= HUNCAROVA Katarina (SVK)
5. POWELL Elisabeth (MELIA)
6. RADFORD Amy (MALVERN)
7. CORMACK Ellie (KENILWORTH)
8. LAWSON Danielle (RGS WORCESTER)
9. SIMMS-LYMN Tia (PLYMOUTH)
10. SUMMERS Francesca (MALVERN)
11. GOODLASS Molly (WINGERWORTH)
12. NESBITT Hannah (NEWCASTLE)
13. MAYLE Rebecca (READING)
14. LANCEY Stella (CARDIFF)
15. SUMMERS Georgina (MALVERN)
16. WAKEFIELD Rebecca (MALVERN)

ELITE

13.7.13

Women (65)

1. LAWRENCE Hannah (WINGERWORTH)
2. HIGHTON Elizabeth (HAVERSTOCK)
- 3= MACKINNON Leonora (MALVERN)
- 3= SMITH Katrina (TRURO)
5. BARRINGTON Georgina (BRISTOL UNI)
6. DENHAM Antonia (TRURO)
7. JEANES Emily (LIVERPOOL UNI)
8. THOMAS Rebecca (TIGER)
9. POWELL Elisabeth (MELIA)
10. RADFORD Amy (MALVERN)
11. GREETHAM Sadie (HARROGATE)
12. PHILLIPSON Elsa (CADS)
13. GUNDRY Jessica (TRURO/WELLINGTON)
14. CROOK Jayne (WINGERWORTH)
15. YATE Jenny (CARDIFF)
16. VERASTEGUI Beatrice (OPS)
17. BOTTOMS Lindsay (MALVERN)
18. SPINLOVE Eryn (BIRMINGHAM UNI)
19. MAYLE Rebecca (READING)
20. HULL Nicola (MAIDSTONE)
21. HOWSER Kate (OPS)
22. THOULESS Helen (AURIOL)

23. WAKEFIELD Rebecca (MALVERN)
24. MAYNARD Jo (COBHAM)
25. SIMMS-LYMN Tia (PLYMOUTH)
26. NICKERSON Caroline (HAVERSTOCK)
27. NESBITT Hannah (NEWCASTLE)
28. McCARTHY Medora (CARDINAL)
29. HIDE Amelia (NEWCASTLE)
30. JARROLD Heather (CADS)
31. CSERNY Erika (U/A)
32. SHAW Chloe (DREAM)

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24.8.13

Boys (20)

1. GRIMSHAW Nicholas (NORTH WEST)
2. LEVI Renzo (LONDON)
- 3= HAYNES Charles (YORKSHIRE)
- 3= HOLCROFT Oliver (WEST MIDLANDS)
5. KAMSTRA Leo (SOUTH EAST)
6. WALLER Ethan (EASTERN)
7. POPLAWSKI Jan (EAST MIDLANDS)
8. ALCOCK Stephen (EASTERN)

Girls (12)

1. WILLIAMSON Lucy-Belle (YORKSHIRE)
2. POTTER Crinan (LONDON)
- 3= HARPIN Cordelia (WEST MIDLANDS)
- 3= SUTCLIFFE Sidonie (LONDON)
5. GOLDEN Eve (NORTH EAST)
6. TINSLEY Eleanor (EAST MIDLANDS)
7. STEPHENS-DUNN Freya (EAST MIDLANDS)
8. O'NEILL Grace (EASTERN)

BROMSGROVE BSC

1.9.13

Men (89)

1. CURRAN-JONES Tomas (BRIXTON)
2. PELOW Laurence (KRFC)
- 3= BEAUMONT Nicholas (DUOVERNUM)
- 3= SANCHEZ-LETHEM Paul (BRIXTON)
5. PECK Harry (BRIXTON)
6. HOFFMANN Tom (DINGWALL)
7. SIMPSON Jamie (IMPERIAL COL)
8. MORRIS George (SCIPANOV'S)
9. WORMAN Craig (MILLFIELD)
10. NICHOLS Harrison (REDHILL & REIGATE)
11. HORNBY Edgar (MALVERN)
12. GREALEY William (PHIT)
13. SINCLAIR Aml (BRIXTON)
14. SMITH Hugo (KING'S CANTERBURY)
15. ANDREWS Tim (PLYMOUTH)
16. JORDAN Owen (FRISBY)
17. HUGHES Andrew (REDHILL & REIGATE)
18. AVIS Anthony (GUILDFORD)
19. JOYNER Joe (GRAVESHAM)
20. DAWSON Jack (ABINGDON)
21. BOYLE Samuel (TSCA)
22. STURGEON William (DDRAIG WERN)
23. TIDMARSH Ned (BRIXTON)
24. DICKINSON Matthew (LAZLOS)
25. SCHNEIDER Benjamin (ABINGDON)
26. HARVEY Tom (TRURO)
27. WHELAN Roo (MILLFIELD)
28. BOLTON Matthew (FRISBY)
29. WHITELAW Adam (ELTHAM COL)
30. BARNES Jahmal (BRIXTON)
31. DICKINSON Aiden (NORTHUMBRIA UNI)
32. STEVENS Joshua (GLASTONBURY)

Women (64)

1. POWELL Elisabeth (MELIA)
2. STANIER Lydia (GER)
- 3= LAWSON Danielle (RGS WORCESTER)
- 3= PHILLIPSON Elsa (CADS)
5. HIDE Victoria (NEWCASTLE)
6. MAYLE Rebecca (MALVERN)
7. TURLEY Alix (RGS WORCESTER)
8. GUNDRY Jessica (TRURO/WELLINGTON)
9. RADFORD Amy (MALVERN)
10. SUMMERS Francesca (MALVERN)
11. JONES Caitlin (HAVERSTOCK)
12. CORMACK Ellie (KENILWORTH)
13. PIPES Georgia (HARROGATE)
14. NESBITT Hannah (NEWCASTLE)
15. WAKEFIELD Rebecca (MALVERN)

16. RAWLINS Katie (DDRAIG WERN)
17. PRISE Eilidh (SCOTTISH SALTIRE'S)
18. SIMMS-LYMN Tia (PLYMOUTH)
19. LAMBERT Justine (KING'S CANTERBURY)
20. BRYSON Kerenza (PLYMOUTH)
21. McCARTHY Medora (CARDINAL)
22. SMITH Elizabeth (STOURPORT)
23. PLANT Beth (MILLFIELD)
24. HIDE Amelia (NEWCASTLE)
25. GREETHAM Sadie (HARROGATE)
26. HARVIE Eleanor (CRAWLEY)
27. WOODHOUSE Eliza (MALVERN)
28. CONSTANTINESCU Maria (CANTERBURY)
29. BRADLEY Ellen (WINCHESTER)
30. WILLIAMS Emma (HARROGATE)
31. JEAL Anna (HARROGATE)
32. GILBERT Keziah (NEWCASTLE)

DOCKLANDS BSC CADET FOIL 9/10th November 2013

Venue: Dockside, University of East London (Docklands Campus), London E16 2RD
(Home of Newham Swords Fencing Club)

Events: Check-in closes

Saturday 10th November 2013

Men 09.00

Sunday 11th November 2013

Women 09.00

Entry fee: £25. Late entries at organisers' discretion – extra £10

Cheques: Payable to "Newham Swords Fencing Club"

Entries to: Linda Strachan, 15 Brock Road, Plaistow, London E13 8NA
Tel: 07956 618898

Closing date: 2nd November 2013

Notes: Format is one round of pools followed by DE. This event is nominated for cadet national ranking points for the 2013-2014 season. Trophy for 1st place and medals for 2nd and 3rd. Fencers must wear compliant kit to include: 350N jacket and breeches, 800N plastron and a mask with a conductive bib. Fencers must be members of British Fencing.

Cafeteria, comfortable seating area and large (free) car park available. Easy access throughout centre.

For further information, contact Linda Strachan on 07956618898 or email: lindastrachan@hotmail.com

ENTRY FORM

Event: (Boys/Girls)

Date of birth: **BFA No:**

Name:

Address:

Telephone:

Email:

Club: **Entry fee:**

I accept that the organisers, officials, referees, sponsors and the University of East London cannot be held responsible for any accident, loss or damage sustained at the event.

Signed: **Date:**

(Parent or guardian if under 18)

NEWHAM WINTER LPJS FOIL 16/17th November 2013

Venue: Dockside, University of East London (Docklands Campus), London E16 2RD
(Home of Newham Swords Fencing Club)

Events: Check-in closes

Saturday 16th November 2013

U11 Boys	09.00
U15 Boys & U17 Boys	10.00
U13 Girls	11.30
U17 Boys and Girls	12.30

Sunday 17th November 2013

U13 Boys	09.00
U11 Girls	10.00
U9 Boys & Girls	11.30
U15 Girls	12.00

Entry fee: £20

Cheques: Payable to "Newham Swords Fencing Club"

Entries to: Linda Strachan, 15 Brock Road, Plaistow, London E13 8NA
Tel: 07956 618898

Closing date: 3rd November 2013

Notes: Age as at 1st January 2013. Medals awarded to top four fencers. Certificates for all competitors. BF membership – confirmation must be shown at check in. U9s must use size 0 blades; U11s & U13s must use size 3 blades or smaller. All fencers must wear 350N jacket & breeches. U9s, U11s & U13s must wear a 350N plastron. U15s & U17s must wear an 800N plastron. Armoury will be present. Cafeteria and large (free) car park available. Easy access throughout Centre.

ENTRY FORM

Event: (Boys/Girls)

Date of birth: **BFA No:**

LP unique ID code

(Consisting of your initials followed by your date of birth in the format DDMMYY, and then your sex, either M or F. Ignore all middle names. For example, a fencer named Lewis Day born 16th June 1995 would have a unique ID code of LD160695M).

Name:

Address:

Telephone:

Emergency tel:

Email:

Club: **Entry fee:**

I accept that the organisers, officials, referees, sponsors and the University of East London cannot be held responsible for any accident, loss or damage sustained at the event.

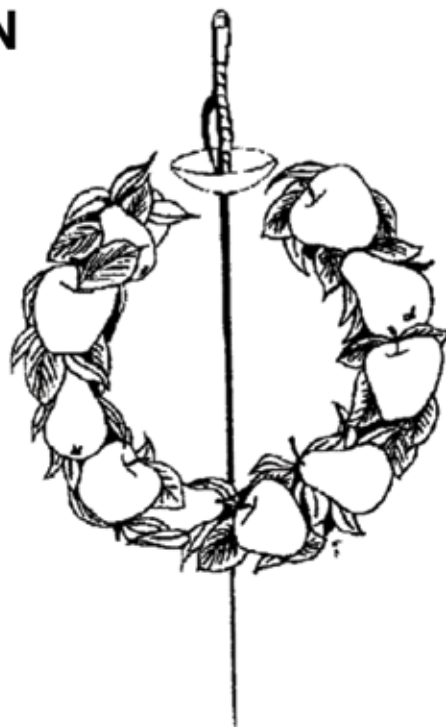
Signed: **Date:**

(Parent or guardian if under 18)

HEREFORD & WORCESTER OPEN

14th/15th December 2013

BRIGHT MODERN VENUE: Malvern College Sports Complex
College Road, Great Malvern, Worcestershire WR14 3DF
Telephone 01684 581681
For directions & maps <http://bit.ly/188MX02> then scroll down.
The sports hall is no. 15 on Map C: Campus map
http://www.malverncollege.org.uk/doc_get.aspx?DocID=316
(Access via Thirstane Road entrance adjacent the railway bridge)



EVENTS Latest report time

Saturday 14th December

Men's Epée 09.00

Women's Epée 10.00

Women's Sabre 12.30

Sunday 15th December

Men's Foil 09.00

Women's Foil 09.30

Men's Sabre 11.30

ENTRY FEE: £23 per weapon until the closing date ONLINE or by post.
No refunds after the closing date.

CLOSING DATE: 30th November 2013. Late entries: £7 extra per weapon accepted at the organisers' discretion till 11th December 2013. Entries after that only accepted if double fees are paid in cash at the venue at least 30 minutes before latest report time.

NOTES: BFA rules (subject to organisers' discretion). BFA membership will be checked. Refreshments. Best Cadet/Junior/Veteran awards. Only one weapon may be entered per day.

Leon Paul sponsored competition (advance orders 0845 388 8132 or www.leonpaul.com).

For further information and results: see <http://www.one4all.plus.com/hwo.html>

ENTRIES ONLINE via: <http://leonpaulfencingcentre.com/competitions>

ENTRIES by post to: John C Haynes, Acrefield, Mathon Road, Colwall, Malvern, Worcs. WR13 6ER

H&W Open: 14th/15th December 2013

Surname: _____ Forename: _____ Club: _____

Address: _____ Postcode: _____

Tel: _____ Email: _____

Weapon(s): _____ Entry Fee (payable to **H&W CFU**, non-refundable after 30.11.2013): £ _____

If Cadet/Junior/Veteran, please state year of birth: _____ BFA No: _____

Contact name & telephone in case of emergency: _____

I accept that the organisers cannot be held responsible for any accident, loss or damage sustained at the tournament.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

(Parent/Guardian if under 18. N.B. Entry is NOT open to anyone born in 2000 or later)



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