

BATH SWORD CLUB NEWSLETTER AUG 2010



VETERANS EUROPEAN TEAM SABRE CHAMPIONS



The European Team Championships took place in May in Skopje, Macedonia. Bath Sword Club provided 3 of the 4-strong Women's sabre team: Jane Hutchison, Sue Benney and Caron Hale with Bath Davidson from the Lazlo's fencers in the North East. It proved a tough competition with many new 'young' vets appearing in the teams. It was fought as a poule unique and the women were triumphant beating Italy, France and Russia but losing to Germany. In the end GBR and ITA obtained a score of 3 matches each, and 22 victories each. It went to individual victories where each had a difference of +8 each, so it went to hits received v hits given and we had a score of +35 and Italy +31 !!! GBR retains the title for the third time and was the only GB team to win a Gold Medal.

PHILIP MARSH



At the end of last season Philip was ranked 1st in Cadets and 6th in Juniors. His current Senior ranking is 18th. He recently won the Chichester open and came third at the Bill Hoskyns. He had a great result in the Senior Nationals coming 5th and is proving a consistent performer. He is really enjoying his fencing and the next competition he is taking part in is the UKSG in Sunderland which take place in the first week of September. Philip was invited to take part in the Commonwealth Championships, however he has decided to decline this, due to next year being his GCSE year and also the clash with the National Cadet and Junior Championships in October.

SAFETY REMINDERS



Fencing is a safe sport and this is because fencers are careful about their own and other's safety. Listed below however are a few reminders about safety matters.

On the piste:

- 1) Please make sure that if you bring drink bottles into the fencing area that you keep them in your kit bag or against the wall, well away from the piste and if you spill any liquid that you mop it up.
- 2) Please keep your spare kit away from the end of the piste where a rapidly retreating fencer may trip over it
- 3) A timely reminder that the correct way to straighten a bent blade is with your foot against the floor. A fencer recently used her hand to straighten her blade (which we all do, but shouldn't) and this resulted in a cut to the hand when the blade broke.

Other matters.

- **Fire.** In the highly unlikely event of a fire at the sports centre fencers should exit the gym via the double blue doors and collect on the grassy bank outside.
- **British Fencing Association membership.** Current club rules encourage fencers to join the BFA. This is important for a number of reasons the main one being that the BFA provides insurance for fencers.
- **General Safety.** A reminder that our club rules state that safety is the responsibility of every member of the club.

Thanks,

Richard Sweatman
Safety Officer

SOCIAL



The last Bath Sword Club social was an eat-all-you-like Chinese Buffet at The Real China, Kingsmead Leisure Complex in Bath on Wednesday 30th June. We had a very enjoyable evening with good food and good company and thanks to Gillian for organising it.

If you have any ideas for a social evening, please let Gillian know: g.aghajan@virgin.net

Mike wins British Championships



Mike Hanney heading for victory against Adrian Derbyshire in the epee final at the British Championships last month.

I first saw and tried wheelchair fencing a few months ago at a fencing training camp and was amazed at how fast and fiercely competitive the fencers are. No difference in that aspect to able bodied fencers. The difference is that wheelchair fencing is static; the fencers sit in their wheelchairs which are clamped to a frame. However, they are able to lunge and move very effectively by holding the wheel of their wheelchair with their non-fencing hand. Most of them have developed considerable upper body strength and their fencing skills cannot be underestimated!

All weapons are fenced but the target area for epee does not include the legs or lower torso. The epeeists wear a lamé apron which covers their lap, legs and parts of the wheelchair so that they are not target areas. It is very interesting that wheelchair fencing was originally devised at Stoke Mandeville Hospital. Competitive wheelchair fencing was first introduced in 1953 and has been a Paralympic sport since Rome in 1960. Popular in Europe since its inception, the sport is now practised in 25 countries worldwide. The British Disabled Fencing Association (BDFA) is the governing body for the paralympic sport of Wheelchair Fencing in Britain. Checkout the website - www.bdfa.org.uk

Our fencers are training hard for the Paralympics 2012. Each fencer specialises in 2 weapons and must compete in a wheelchair. Athletes who have had a spinal cord injury (quadriplegic and paraplegic), athletes with lower leg amputations, athletes with cerebral palsy and athletes with other physical disabilities which require the use of a wheelchair are all eligible to compete in wheelchair fencing.

Bath Sword Club has the use of a wheelchair frame and we welcome disabled fencers to our club.

Gillian Aghajan

Bath University will be the official 'holding camp' for the London 2012 Paralympics – this means BDFA will use it as a training and preparation base immediately prior to the Games. As part of testing systems and structures in Bath, ParalympicsGB are staging multisport Paralympic Potentials camps in August 2010 and 2011 it is hoped that Bath Sword might like to get involved in these camps, primarily to help provide some sparring partners. The Paralympic Potentials Camp this year will be from 26th to 30th August and there will be at least 8 GB Wheelchair Fencers in attendance and it

would be great if we could find some sparring partners from Bath Swords for some of the technical sessions. **Please contact:**

Justine Willmott, Performance Manager, British Disabled Fencing Association.

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OBITUARY Gordon MacLachlan 1922 - 2010



Gordon MacLachlan, a Veterinary Surgeon, died on April 27th 2010 in Edinburgh. He was a delightful, kind, well liked, very educated man.

He loved history, archaeology, nature, animals and had a deep appreciation of all kind of music.

Gordon represented Scotland at Sabre at

schoolboy level, later Glasgow Academy and then the army.

He eventually left the army in 1947 as a Major. Gordon married his wife Betty in 1953 and settled in Melksham in 1963, had three children Anne, Ian and Alastair.

He represented Wiltshire and Bath Sword Club at Sabre in numerous matches and tournaments. In 1964 he was 3rd at sabre and 5th at foil in the Somerset county championships. He was elected to honorary membership of Bath Sword Club.

Gordon learned to sail on the Clyde and sailing remained his passion throughout his life.

He is sadly missed by his older fencing colleagues, family and his grand children.

In 1998 Gordon travelled down from Scotland to join us in celebrating the 50th. Anniversary of Bath Sword Club 27th June 1998.

He was the embodiment of his clan motto – “Fortis et Fidus”

ST DUNSTANS EPEE



John Chalmers won the competition and the Veteran's Prize and Caron Hale was best Women's Veteran

Senior Epee

Chalmers	John	1 st
Hanney	Mike	11 th
McKay	David	12 th
Sutcliffe	Toby	14 th
Hale	Caron	21 st
Aghajan	Gillian	25 th

Veterans Epee

Chalmers	John	1st
Sweatman	Richard	5 th
Hale	Caron	9 th
Aghajan	Gillian	10 th

SENIOR RESULTS

South West Senior Foil

MF	2 Tim MILES 6 Tristan CAULFIELD
WF	3 Madison PEARCE

South West Senior Sabre

MS	1 Morgan VONDEE 3 Steven GOUGH 3 Andrew WALLS
WS	1 Sue BENNEY 2 Michelle NAREY 3 Sue ATKINSON 3 Harriet DAVIES 5 Caron HALE

Sheffield Open - 15/5/2010

ME (83)	16 Daniel MILLER
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Cumberland Open - 26/6/2010

WF (12)	10 Rowena WILLIAMS
WS (11)	8 Rowena WILLIAMS

Bill Hoskyns Open - 4/7/2010

ME (81)	3 Philip MARSH
	16 John CHALMERS
	46 David MCKAY
	55 Anthony MARSH
	62 Rowan WILLIAMS

Norfolk Open - 18/7/2010

MF (65)	55 Thomas WILTSHIRE
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National Championships - 24/7/2010

MF (103)	97 Harry KETLEY	
ME (122)	5 Philip MARSH 77 Daniel MILLER	
MS (89)	5 Neil HUTCHISON 9 Nat LEWIS 37 Morgan VONDEE 46 Nick WILLIAMS 72 Barnabas WILLIAMS	
	WE (89)	44 Susan HANNEY 46 Kat YOUNG
	WS (57)	3 Joanna HUTCHISON 9 Jessica DAVIES 25 Jane HUTCHISON 34 Jess HAWKE 41 Eloise TURNER

Hertfordshire Open

WS	10 Jane HUTCHISON 26 Jess HAWKE 29 Michelle NAREY
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Gateshead - Coupe du Nord Sabre

MS	2 Neil HUTCHISON
WS	7 Jane HUTCHISON

JUNIOR RESULTS

Dunstan Foil & Epee

U14B Epee	7 Joshua Harle
U11B Epee	3 Alex Houghton
U13B Foil	5 Solstice Wilson-Garner
U11B Foil	2 Ievan George 6 Corben Lamb
	U13G Foil
U11G Foil	3 Jessica Howard



Jessica Howard was awarded the Challenge Trophy at Dunstan Foil

British Youth Championships

U12G Epee	22 Niamh Fagan
U12G Foil	21 Rhiannon Granville
U12B Foil	31 Ben Bates
U14B Epee	17 Anthony Marsh

Somerset Foil

U13B	3 Ben Bates
U11B	1 Ievan George 3 Dexter Evans
U13G	2 Isobel Rippin 3 Rhiannon Granville

English Youth Championships

U13B Foil	28 Solli Wilson-Garner
U15B Epee	19 Anthony Marsh

Bristol Cadet Sabre

WS	5 Harriet Davies
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Well done to all the above and all who took part in what for many of our juniors was their first competitions.

There are a number of competitions that are suitable for the juniors to do and some are listed below. There are not many in our area and you may need to travel to the venues. Perhaps car pooling with another fencer would be useful. Please check the junior notice board for competition dates and results and good luck to all our competitive fencers.

JUNIOR COMPETITION CALENDAR 2010

September 19	Premier foil Series Southampton.
September 26	LPJS Bedford Sabre
October 2/3	GB cadet and junior nationals
October 9/10	LPJS CamdenFoil
October 17	LPJS Plymouth Epee
November 6	LPJS Cambridge Foil.
November 28	LPJS London Team Foil.
November 28	LPJS Bath Sabre
November 28	LPJS Pickwood Epee
December 4	LPJS Newham Foil
December 4	Premier foil Series Southampton.
December 5	LPJS Newham Foil
December 12	Bath Schools Foil.

Family Fun Day – Saturday 5th June

Bath Sword club took part in the Council's Sport and Active Leisure Team's Family Fun Day. This year they linked up with Aquaterra, Bath Fringe Festival, National Family Week, Bath and North East Somerset NHS and a range of local sports clubs. A group of us turned up in full kit to fence in the sunshine and introduce fencing to local children and their parents. We soon had a bunch of enthusiastic youngsters in combat with mini fence weapons.



Will Patrick follow in Daddy's footsteps?



A reminder that the club is open throughout the summer on Mondays and Thursdays so hope to see many of you there as usual.

Lost Property

This is an inventory of property we have accumulated in the Club store. Please claim any items before the **end of August** . It will then be sent to the Founders Hall office lost property.

Fleeces, Jumpers, Hoodies etc.

Medium Blue Fleece, 'Quicksilver' (Brand) BOYS, 12, with Zip Neck & Zip Pocket.
Dark Blue Jumper, St Andrews Primary School, APC Size 30 – name written = SOL. BROWN
Medium Green Hoodie, O'Neill (Brand) – Santa Cruz California (O'NEILL brand name repeated 3 times – in black, purple & white – across the front).
Grey Jumper, W.O.B. (World of Basics) 32, 'Cutting Edge', with Zip Neck.
Green/Cream Jumper, Marks & Spencer / Redwood Outlander, Age 11-12, Chest 29in, Height 60in.
Blue Fleece, UC-SPORT (LICL), Zip Neck – name written = JOSH. B.
Dark Blue Sweat Shirt UMBRO Large "44/46".
White T-Shirt, Marks & Spencer, Small.
White / Red trim, Large (XXL) T-Shirt Kustom Kit, Faintly print: Epee Squad MATT. EDGAR
World Cadet & Junior Fencing Championships, Korea 2006 // on back: GREAT BRITAIN.
Green Bath Sword Club Hoodie, fruit of the Loom Sweats, name written = NIC. NEWNHAM.
Orange Gilet, GAP S/P, Full Zip Front.
Grey Hoodie, Jack=Jones Label, Full Zip Front, 185/104A, white shield on front.
Black / white stripes – Light Track-Suit Bottoms (Polyester) / Vintage Size 11-12 YRS
Black Wool short buttoned top / 10 / made in Bangladesh

Fencing Stuff

5 Fencing Gloves: 3 Leon Paul (one marked CFC 2006) / 1 Hungary- Sabre Glove / 1 unmarked).
2 Plastrons: both Allstar
1 Male protector
1 Left foot Adidas shoe size 6½ UK + 1 Leon Paul Fencing sock
1 Leon Paul Weapon Bag + One metre length (c.16mm diam.) plastic tube

Miscellaneous

Blue / White light polyester scarf / SCARFLACE
Pink – light material wrap – ca 2 metres long
Purple – Thinsulate lined glove
Blue – Thinsulate men's one-size head cap
Sports / Time – Predator 50M – Water resistant Watch. Blue hand strap / Velcro fastening

David Cunliffe-Jones

Club Fencing Calendar

We are approaching the time of year when the University uses the Founders Hall for Freshers Week events and the Club relocated to the STV.

The full calendar is on the website: www.bathswordclub.co.uk/calendar.html and shows the bookings until July 2011.

We are in the Founders Hall as usual apart from the following:

August			
	19	Thursday	STV
	23	Monday	STV
	26	Thursday	Club Closed (no halls available)
	30	Monday	Club Closed (Bank holiday)
September			
	2	Thursday	STV
	6	Monday	STV
	9	Thursday	STV
	26	Monday	Club Closed (no halls available)
	30	Thursday	Club Closed (no halls available)

We are then thankfully back to normal for the rest of 2010.

AGM

The Annual General Meeting will take place in the Founders Hall on Thursday October 7th.

The meeting does not take long, and as soon as it is finished we can go back to fencing.

It is your opportunity to see how we spend your subscription money and to influence the direction of the Club. Notices will be sent out in advance of the meeting and you are invited to nominate people to stand for election to the committee. If you would like to help more in the running of the club then please let us know and get yourself nominated.

John Mason
Committee Chairman

If you wish to include anything in the next edition please let me know. I hope you are all fit and raring to go for the start of the new season!

Best wishes,
Jane

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