

Newsletter

BathSwordClub 

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SENIOR CLUB SABRE MEDAL WINNERS

The winners were Sue Benney and Dan Wide with Zoe Williams winning the girls' cadet trophy and Jordan Philpotts the boys'.

Daniel Wide, 17, from Thornbury, is on the Advanced Apprenticeship in Sporting Excellence NVQ3 programme in Fencing at Filton College. He says the AASE course has made a real difference to his fencing performance. Dan is one of the youngsters from Filton who have joined Bath Sword Club for extra training. They are also helping to coach in the junior club. Their Coach, David Kirby, says they love coming and they are so positive and enthusiastic about the small ones they coach. It's really inspired them. From the club's point of view it is great to have them.

AASE Fencing Rowan Minkley and Jacob Miles, two young senior fencers from Bath Sword Club have been accepted onto the Advanced Apprenticeship in Sporting Excellence program. The purpose of the AASE is to provide a pathway for the development of talented young athletes across England in their chosen sport. The program provides a structured training and development route across a number of sports for young athletes who may go on to represent their country or gain professional contracts. The AASE fencing program is based at Filton College, and is being run alongside the British Fencing National Academy training days. Successful candidates can earn UCAS points on completion of the two year course.

If anyone would like further details please speak to Tim Miles.

INVITATION

Following the success of last years event we have been invited to HMS Flying Fox the RNR base on Winterstoke Road, Bristol for a match organised by the Royal Navy organised by Keith Bowers and Dicky Barton.



The competition will be on Saturday 21st Jan at 10.00am in the Drill Hall at HMS Flying Fox. The aim is to finish by 17.00hrs. It is a team competition deliberately pitched at intermediates/beginners. All the same teams as last year will be invited and we should be again on 5 pistes.

It is a team competition, teams of 3 per weapon doing the rolling 45 score system. All 3 weapons will be fenced, ie foil, epee, sabre (teams can be mixed in terms of ages and male/female). We can have reserves and swap fencers in and out of a team if we wish. This is a competition largely of adult teams.

As a club we can enter a team or teams into any or all of the weapons. It will be run as a pool unique between the teams. If team numbers are like the last couple of years, pools may not be completed in time and it will not be fought to a result but to even out the number of matches that each team gets. Typically we have managed at least 4/5 matches per team which gives you 12-15 fights.

No entry fee and some refreshments are provided. Kit rules will not be vigorously enforced as long as fencers are safe and protected. Referring will need to be from amongst those attending, So hopefully a fun day, no prizes but the idea is some experience of team fencing .Afterwards we can join others for drink out to which everyone is welcome.

We will plan on entering teams for each weapon but I need people to let me know if they are interested in fencing ASAP. Do not be shy in coming forward even if this is your first competition. We will also help you with kit you might need for the day. We will be collecting names and putting teams together early in January and will be asking around. Alternatively please email me at jane.s.hutchison@btinternet.com

REFEREEING COURSES

We plan to hold refereeing courses in the New Year. The intention is to improve skills, knowledge and confidence as we are all asked to referee at some point.

The courses will be on Thursday evenings and last for 2 sessions. Separate courses will be given for foil, epee and sabre as each weapon presents its own set of problems.

The dates have now been emailed to everyone. Glen Golding will be running a Foil refereeing course on the first 2 Thursdays in January. If you are interested then make yourself known to him on the 16th. The course will be about an hour 8-9pm and I hope many of you will use the course to improve your skill and confidence at refereeing at foil.

We hope to run similar courses at epee and sabre later in the term.

JUNIOR CLUB

Bath Sword group winners



Bath Sword Club made its annual presentation in September to the most successful fencer in each of the colour groups. Junior membership has soared to over a hundred.

Foil : (Red) Ben Bates, (Yellow) Jessica Howard, (Orange) Patrick Armour, (Green Goup 1) Elia de Matteis, (Green Group 2) Jack Casey.

Epee: (Blue Group 1) Carlo Burgess, (Blue Group 2) Phoebe Patch

Sabre (Purple Group 1) Jordan Phillpotts, (Purple Group 2) Rosa Brentnall



Junior club competition calendar

The South West qualifying events for the British Youth Championships are as follows. All of the qualifiers take place at Millfield School in Street, Somerset. For this event, your age is how old you were on 1/1/2012.

Epee: Sunday, 29th January 2012

Sabre: Saturday, 25th February 2012

Foil: Sunday, 26th February 2012

All fencers who are eligible should try to attend the South West BYC qualifiers.

BYC 2012 Byes: If you placed in the last 8 in last year's BYC, you have a bye for this year.

Everyone who has a BYE for this year's BYCs must enter the South West Qualifier to claim their bye. If you have any questions regarding the BYCs please talk with your coaches.

NOTE: The **British Youth Championships** take place on the 5th, 6th and 7th of May 2012 in Sheffield.

Our **Junior fencers** rounded off the year with some fantastic results in local and national competitions.



Rob Williams came third in the boys U13 foil at the **GAFU** age group event

Well done also to our young sabreurs who took part in the recent **LPJS Bath Sabre** event in **Glastonbury**.

U15	16 Edwin Jones
U13	42 Cameron Thomas
U11	12 Magnus Lawrence 20 Oliver Stubbs

At the final Premier series round held in Bristol in November, Rhiannon Granville took this year's girls U14 foil title by winning the final in extra time against her closest title rival. In the U11 event Bronwyn Granville took the silver medal and Jess Howard the bronze. Ben Bates, Rob Williams, Ieuan George and Zac Pavos also improved their rankings in this year's final results.



A special mention to Lilly Sandburgh who took part in her first U9 competition. Lilly has recently joined the club and is a great new addition to our Monday night training sessions.

King Edwards Junior Invitation Fencing Tournament



King Edwards Junior School invited Clubs and schools in and around Bath for a competition. Competitors from twenty three different schools took part. Each fenced others from their own year group not only to win individual medals but to score points towards a trophy for their school.

Trophies donated by Bath Sword Club to mark the Millennium are awarded annually to schools with the most successful team.

Bath Sword Club provided all the equipment to give competitors a taste of competition fencing electric foil.

Hosts King Edwards retained the Junior Boys trophy comfortably. Moorlands fencing their first competition were thrilled to win the Junior Girls title defeating previous winners Bath Royal High by a single point.

Senior Boys trophy was won by a team from Ralph Allen which trains at Bath Sword Club. Most successful Senior Girls were from St Marys, Calne, who showed strength in depth.



Year 3 Girls

1 st	Olivia Seaton	King Edwards
2 nd	Madeline Bennett	Moorlands
3 rd	Guinevere Kaye	Moorlands

Year 3 Boys

1 st	Caleb Carey	Moorlands
2 nd	Philip Oczko	King Edwards
3 rd	Thomas Meyer	Kingswood
4 th =	Ben McNab	King Edwards
4 th =	Sam Bellord	Kingswood
4 th =	Leo Elliot	Moorlands
5 th	Tom Roach	Kingswood
6 th	George Lowes	Kingswood
7 th	Josh Moir	King Edwards
8 th	Sebastion Crow	King Edwards

Year 4 Girls

1 st	Lily Sanderberg	King Edwards
2 nd	Katie Stubbs	Saint Stephens
3 rd	Ruby Emmerson	Moorlands

Year 4 Boys

1 st =	Joshua Dreelan	King Edwards
1 st =	Orlando Alford	King Edwards
1s t=	Jack Casey	Holt
4 th	Louis Fryer	Kingswood
5 th	Harry Jones	Kingswood
6 th =	Freddie Allerton	St Marys
6 th =	Toby Millard	King Edwards
6 th =	Oliver Grieves	King Edwards
9 th	Zeb Goldsmith	St Stephens
10 th	Isaac Low	Kingswood
11 th =	Oscar Wills	King Edwards
11 th =	Joseph Boyle	Kingswood
11 th =	Georges Boutin	Kingswood
14 th	Oliver Parish	Sherston
15 th =	James Cullingford	Combe Down
15 th =	Evan Watson	King Edwards
16 th =	Tom Lane Fox	Kingswood
16 th =	John Claydon	King Edwards

Year 5 Girls

1 st	Polly Allan	Bath Royal High
2 nd	Bryony Smith Bath	Royal High
3 rd =	Clara Williams	Moorlands
3 rd =	Esme Dyer	Moorlands

Year 5 Boys

1 st	Sam Ewing	Kingswood
2 nd	Sam Pledger	St Saviours
3 rd =	Xander Snow	Moorlands
3 rd =	Archie Mackenzie	King Edwards
5 th	Ridley Buckeridge	Moorlands
6 th =	Patrick Armour	Moorlands
6 th =	Oliver Minkley	St Stephens
8 th	Owen Russell Lanning	King Edwards
9 th	Cameron Pritchard	King Edwards
10 th	Jake Ostry	Moorlands
11 th	Joey Smith Taylor	St Stephens

Year 6 Girls

1 st	Bronwen Granville	Widcombe
2 nd	Immy Clayton	Bath Royal High
3 rd	Natasha Reid	Bath Royal High
4 th	Emma Askew	St Stephens
5 th	Ursula Olsen Groome	St Stephens
6 th	Lali Rhydderch	King Edwards
7 th =	Netta Claydon	King Edwards
7 th =	Amelia Low	Kingswood
7 th =	Suki Acten-Peters	St Saviours
8 th	Dulcie Walpole	King Edwards

Year 6 Boys

1 st	Joshua Sackett	Widcombe
2 nd =	Harry Gooding	King Edwards
2 nd =	Harry McKibben	King Edwards
2 nd =	Daniel Woods	St Stephens
3 rd	Jake Grieves	King Edwards.

Bath Sword Club

2011 Club Championships



Epee Championships March 2011

ME	1 Philip Marsh 2 John Perkins 3= John Chalmers Gerry Simpson
WE	1 Caron Hale 2 Valerie Young 3= Jane Hutchison Michelle Narey

Sabre Championships November 2011

MS	1 Dan Wide 2 Andy Bornemisza 3= Daniel Brooks Tom Eden
WS	1 Sue Benney 2 Leanne Johnson-Klindt 3= Lynne Bornemisza Harriet Davies

Foil Championships May 2011

MF	1 Tim Miles 2 Dominic Chang 3= Tom Wiltshire Tom Ash
WF	1 Caron Hale 2 Bet Burney

2011 Champion-at-Arms

Caron Hale

Congratulations again Caron!

Champion-at-Arms for the 3rd year running.

EXCEL Olympic Test Event



In November an appeal for 16 foilists was circulated amongst veteran fencers to take part in the Olympic test event held at the London EXCEL Centre.

The opportunity to fence on the 'Olympic stage' comes along once in a lifetime to only a few, so I was not slow in responding to the invitation!

I met up with the other Veteran fencers on the Friday morning before the weekend event where we were organised into a last 16 format. We then went through the whole procedure of warming up in the warm up hall, a large area off the main arena set out with 12 fully functioning metal pistes, then being called through to the adjacent call room, where we were assigned a minder who then led us into the check in and armoury areas. We were assigned a colour coded piste and our kit was checked. Our spare equipment was placed in a matching coloured bag which was looked after by our minder and we were fitted up with the wireless scoring equipment.

We then proceeded to a last colour coded waiting area and waited to be called into the main hall. I made it as far as the 'semi final' so went through this whole procedure three times. After a hugely enjoyable day's fencing some of us took part in a mock medal ceremony, which really rounded off this veteran fencers' fantasy fencing experience.

Tim Miles.

Sabre Gloves

The FIE, our fencing governing body, had a meeting in June where they discussed sabre gloves. Several injuries have occurred when an unbroken blade has pierced gloves or penetrated through the hole for the body wire.

A working group composed of members of the Medical Commission, members of the SEMI Commission and fencing equipment manufacturers have been tasked to study the situation and make proposals.

The Working Group decided to adopt the following orientations:

- Glove:** Incite the manufacturers to move or raise, by approximately 5 cm on the fore-arm, the hole for the body wire;
- Glove:** Recommend the use of a velcro fastening, preferably with a double security system;



Please check your gloves are in good condition (no tear and no wear), and fencers should cover the hole through which the body wire passes with sturdy masking tape if necessary.

Do not take chances!

A Note From Our Armourer

We do regular inventories on all the kit and have noticed that there are missing items.

Please can everyone be vigilant in checking their bags for club kit and returning any items to the club.

Senior results

Essex Open - 3/9/2011

ME (88)	1 Philip MARSH
	32 Alexander MONYARD
	36 Leslie MACDONALD
	48 Anthony MARSH

Hamlet - 10/9/2011

WS (57)	19 Jane HUTCHISON
	32 Beth BURLEIGH
	47 Eloise TURNER
	54 Harriet DAVIES

Coventry Open - 16/10/2011

WS (18)	3 Harriet DAVIES
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Ashton Open - 1/10/2011

WS (8)	2 Michele NAREY
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Elite Epee - 23/10/2011

ME (83)	19 Philip MARSH
	58 Alex MCGEOCH
	63 Tom ASH

Allstar Cup - 29/10/2011

ME (34)	32 Luke Lawrence
WS (8)	2 Michele NAREY

Millner Barry - 26/11/2011

WE (79)	72 Sue HANNEY
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Miller-Hallett - 26/11/2011

ME (117)	77 Alex MONYARD
	80 Alexander MCGEOCH
	98 Anthony MARSH

Welsh Open - 12/11/2011

MF (73)	9 Freddie DEAN
	17 Chris WILD
	37 Thomas WILTSHIRE
	46 Richard BERNSTEIN
ME (113)	45 Leslie MACDONALD
	60 Alexander MONYARD
	68 Tom ASH
	90 Luke LAWRENCE
93 Alexander MCGEOCH	
MS (91)	11 Neil HUTCHISON
WF (60)	30 Caron HALE
	35 Madison PEARCE
	55 Susan HANNEY
WE (73)	25 Kat YOUNG
	51 Valerie YOUNG
	53 Susan HANNEY
WS (45)	14 Jane HUTCHISON
	18 Michele NAREY
	34 Caron HALE

Hereford & Worcester - 3/12/2011

MF (49)	10 Tristan CAULFIELD
	16 Jacob MILES
	28 Michael CLEARY
ME (66)	19 Alexander MCGEOCH
	34 Leslie MACDONALD
WF (33)	8 Caron HALE
	10 Madison PEARCE
WE (26)	6 Kat YOUNG
	24 Valerie YOUNG
WS (12)	7 Harriet DAVIES

British Championships - 10/12/2011

MF (74)	34 Freddie DEAN
ME (85)	1 Philip MARSH
	35 Alexander MONYARD
	67 Luke LAWRENCE
MS (58)	11 Neil HUTCHISON
WE (59)	39 Katrina YOUNG
	50 Susan HANNEY
WS (33)	15 Jane HUTCHISON

STV entry system

We are off to the STV for 4 sessions in January. This move is likely to be more disruptive than usual as the University have introduced an entry system based on membership cards.

Every one of us will have to have our photograph taken and then wait for the membership card to be printed. This is going to be difficult especially on the Thursday when we may have 100+ juniors and another 20 seniors turning up together.

Please be patient and also please consider getting there early or even collecting your card beforehand. The card registration people will be there all the time.

Please note we are on the move in January

9 Mon Founders
12 Thu Founders
16 Mon **STV Fencing Salle 7-10**
19 Thu **STV Fencing Salle 7-10 +Indoor Jumps & Throws 8-10**
23 Mon **STV Fencing Salle 7-10**
26 Thu **STV Fencing Salle 7-10 +Indoor Jumps & Throws 8-10**
30 Mon Back to the Founders Hall

We will be back in the Founders for the rest of February, March and April.

Christmas event



Many thanks to Gillian for organising our Bath Sword Christmas meal.

We met at Jimmy Spices in Bath on December 15th and had a Buffet from around the World.

A very 'Happy New Year' to everyone and successful fencing in 2012

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