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## **GREAT BRITAIN – Report to EVF Congress 2022**

Since the EVF Zoom Congress in July 2021, Covid-19 restrictions lifted to a large extent in the UK and BVF was able to hold events with the current Covid-19 rules in place. Fencers were very happy, after such a long-enforced break, to be able to meet and fence at the Guildford Event in July. The return of the Winton Cup in September, BVF's annual regional all-weapon team event and gala dinner, was very much welcomed and it felt that life was starting to return to normal. BVF fencers were able to take part in reinstated open competitions and continue to achieve some good results.



*Guildford 2021*



*Winton Cup Sabreurs 2021*



*The Winton Cup Trophy*

The BVF committee had been working hard during lockdown on revising the BVF Constitution and a Zoom EGM was held in October to vote on the proposed new Constitution, which was accepted by majority. The BVF Championships, a qualifying competition, followed later in the month at the newly refurbished Manchester Fencing Centre.

With 2021 drawing to an end, plans were well in place for 2022 events. The first event of the year was the Guildford International in January, an EVF circuit event and BVF qualifying event for all weapons. Covid-19 travel restrictions meant that not many international fencers were able to take part, but those who could make the trip were warmly welcomed.



*ME Cat 1 medallists Guildford 2022*

The first AGM under the new Constitution was held by Zoom in February, with three of the committee positions up for election for a three-year term. Carl Morris was voted in as President, and Gillian Aghajan and Lyn Robinson as committee members.



*Foilists in Cardiff*

The Spring Qualifier was held over two weekends in March – epee at the Leon Paul Centre and foil and sabre at the Welsh Institute of Sport in Cardiff.

Selection for the Hamburg European Team Championships was made from the best two results of the three qualifying events with some discretion permitted.



*Home Nations - WE medallists*

In April, the Veterans Home Nations, a quadrangular all-weapon team competition between England, Ireland, Scotland, and Wales was hosted by England in Bristol, with England winning and retaining the Justin Smith Trophy.

The GBR squad is looking forward to fencing in Hamburg, meeting up with old friends and making new ones.

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