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GREAT BRITAIN – Report to EVF Congress 2023

With the easing of COVID restrictions, our fencers were able to compete internationally and at home events with BVF back to its usual schedule of planning and running events.

European Team Championships, Hamburg – May 2022

The standard of fencing at this well-run Championships was high with some very close matches and good final placings, but some GBR results were disappointing. Our total medal tally was three: WF GV – Silver, MF GV – Silver and WS GV – Bronze.



Hamburg

Winton Cup – September 2022

The Veterans Winton Cup, our popular 10 region all weapon team event held at RAF Cosford, Telford, with a gala dinner and quiz at a local hotel, was as always, enjoyed by everyone who attended. The overall winners were Southern, with South East a close second place.



Winton

Commonwealth Fencing Championships – August 2022

Many BVF members had organisational roles at this first Commonwealth Fencing Championships to hold all categories at the same event – Cadet, Junior, Senior, Veteran and Para-Fencing – which was expertly hosted by England Fencing at ExCel, London. Special congratulations to BVF members – Jane Hutchison (ENG), Georgina Usher (SCO) and Mo Mansoori (SCO) who all won gold medals in their individual events.



CFC22 – England WF Team

World Championship, Zadar – October 2022

With compulsory RAT testing under FIE rules, it was a huge relief for all GBR fencers and supporters that none tested positive. This was an excellent event and GBR had some very good results. Our medal total was 7 silver and 5 bronze which placed us 10th on the medal table but one gold medal would have moved us up to 5th. There were several 9-10 losses, some of which were in L8, and some close final matches.

As always, GBR fencers were competitive and gracious in victory and defeat.



Zadar

Guildford International – January 2023

Guildford International was a GBR selection and EVF circuit (3 weapon) event and it was good to be able to welcome European fencers back again, with COVID restraints lifted.



Guildford International

BVF Age Groups – March 2023

The BVF Age Groups, second GBR selection, were held over two weekends at two venues – sabre and foil at Cardiff and epee at the Leon Paul Centre, London. Almost 200 fencers took part and both events ran smoothly.

Home Nations – April 2023

Hosted by Ireland in Dublin, the Home Nations team event (England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales) was fiercely contested, with England overall victors retaining the Justin Smith Trophy.

BVF Championships – April 2023

The BVF Championships, the last of BVF's selection events for the World Championships were held over three days at the Manchester Fencing Centre. The BVF selectors are using the rankings to select the squad for the World Championships. The first Silver Swords Spar event for new Veteran fencers was held in the afternoon of the last day following the finals. Silver Swords is a new BVF initiative. A workforce of Silver Sword Activators has been trained in basic coaching skills with the intention of creating an environment that is more appealing for older people who have never tried the sport before, and to develop a culture that promotes healthy activity, age-appropriate warm-ups, exercises that improve functional movement and support a pathway into long-term participation and competition.



Silver Swords Spar Day

BVF committee members continue to work together to provide the best possible events and choices for our current members and to recruit new members.

GBR fencers and supporters are looking forward to great European Championships in Thionville, meeting up with old friends and making new ones.

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