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## WELCOME TO ISSUE FIVE

This is the fifth of SCFU's newsletters. This a forum for Surrey fencers to post news of competition results, forthcoming competitions and any social events you may want to publicise. Do get in touch with your stories and pictures and we'll try to include them in the next issue

### Roger Barnes

■ Sadly Roger Barnes died in December. Read Ian de Whalley's obituary on page four



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Wimbledon foil winners from left Alwyn Coates, Jean Li-Kam-Tin, Brian Harkins and Jim Hamilton



## Wimbledon mop up mens foil medals

Jim Hamilton reports on this exciting competition

With an entry of 12 men and 2 women in the foil the top 5 places were held by wimbledon fencers, and sisters Emma and Alice de Whalley competed for the ladies (won after a close fight by Emma. There were 9 entries for the sabre, in which Steve Pope again looking for his record championship had to concede to University of Surrey fencer and ex Romanian number one Alex Bella.



Alice de Whalley and Emma de Whalley



Sabre winner Mihail Alexandru Bela

### Foil medals

MEN	NAME	CLUB
1	Jean Li-Kam-Tin	Wimbledon
2	Brian Harkins	Wimbledon
=3	Alwyn Coates	Wimbledon
=3	James Hamilton	Wimbledon
WOMEN	NAME	CLUB
1	Emma de Whalley	Kings College School
2	Alice de Whalley	Kings College School

### Sabre medals

MEN	NAME	CLUB
1	Mihail Alexandru Bela	University of Surrey
2	Steve Pope	University of Surrey
=3	Richard Hornbrey	University of Surrey
=3	Christopher Jeans	Kingston

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# Intermediate and novice foil and épée

Jim Hamilton organised a well attended event at Wimbledon College in December

## Novice foil

MEN	NAME	CLUB
1	Samuel Illelabo	University of Surrey
2	Peter Mallory	Kingston
=3	George Stott	University of Surrey
=3	Jeffery Kong	University of Surrey
WOMEN	NAME	CLUB
1	Stephanie Bowden	Kingston
2	Noreen Bradshaw	Kingston
=3	Sarah Lonsdale	University of Surrey
=3	Laura Blunnie	University of Surrey

## Novice épée

MEN	NAME	CLUB
1	Nicholas Jackson	University of Surrey
2	Dino Vo	University of Surrey
=3	Mike Levett	Wimbledon
=3	Joseph Harrison	University of Surrey
WOMEN	NAME	CLUB
1	Alice Plumridge	Kingston

## Intermediate foil

MEN	NAME	CLUB
1	Warren Freeman-Birch	Streatham
2	Tim Hou	University of Surrey
=3	Karsten Middleton	Wimbledon
=3	Nichol Bucknor	Club Des Artistes
WOMEN	NAME	CLUB
1	Stephanie Bowden	Kingston
2	Corinne McCarthy	Wimbledon
3	Sarah Lonsdale	University of Surrey

## Intermediate épée

MEN	NAME	CLUB
1	Mark Richardson	Wimbledon
2	Richard Hornbrey	University of Surrey
=3	Nichol Bucknor	Wimbledon
=3	Nicholas Jackson	Club Des Artistes
WOMEN	NAME	CLUB
1	Rosalia Trupiano	Club Des Artistes
2	Niamh Bloomfield	Guildford
3	Alice Plumridge	Kingston

## Men's sabre

MEN	NAME	CLUB
1	Dino Vo	University of Surrey



**Medal winners from top, women's foil; Stephanie Bowden, Sarah Lonsdale, Laura Blunnie. Men's novice foil; Peter Mallory, Samuel Illelabo, Jeffrey Kong and George Stott. Sabre Dino Vo. Men's épée; Joseph Harrison Richard Hornbrey, Mark Richardson, Nick Jackson and Nichol Bucknor. Women's épée; Niamh Bloomfield, Rosalia Trupiano and Alice Plumridge. Men's foil Tim Hou, Warren Freeman-Birch, Nichol Bucknor and Karsten Middleton**

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### SURREY FENCERS IN SOUTH EAST REGION BYC QUALIFIER

Fencers who qualified in the event at Dulwich College on 6th of January

- Under 18 boy's foil  
**1** Ian Head, Whitgift
- Under 18 girl's foil  
**1** Alice de Whalley, Kingston
- Under 16 boy's foil  
**5** Warren Freeman-Birch, Streatham
- Under 16 girl's foil  
**2** Eleanor Harvie, Crawley Swords  
**3** Katharin Hughes, Crawley Swords  
**3** Camilla Plumb, Crawley Swords
- Under 14 boy's foil  
**2** Connor Head, Whitgift
- Under 12 boy's foil  
**1** Archie Barnett, Epsom  
**3** Tom de Whalley, Kingston
- Under 12 girl's foil  
**2** Sofia Tacconelli, Epsom

# 2012/13 Surrey épée

## Saint Peter's School on the 4th of November



**Rosanna Fish and Megan Warren**

This year the Surrey épée was organised by Tim Schofield. There were 14 men and two women from Guildford, London Thames, Redhill and Reigate, Royal Blades, Streatham, University of Surrey and Wimbledon fencing clubs competing. An exciting final was won by Tim Buzwell who beat LTFC clubmate Howard West by a very narrow margin.

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**Medalists Tim Buzwell, Aaron Gardner, Gavin Moulton and Howard West**

MEN	NAME	CLUB
1	Tim Buzwell	Wimbledon
2	Howard West	London Thames
=3	Aaron Gardner	Wimbledon
=3	Gavin Moulton	Streatham
WOMEN	NAME	CLUB
1	Rosanna Fish	University of Surrey
2	Megan Warren	Royal Blades

# Jonathan Milner's Olympics

Jonathan talks about managing the warm up area in the London 2012 games

As a competition organiser for British Fencing I had several discussions with Hilary Philbin, the LOCOG Fencing Manager in the run up to the test event held in November 2011. Having worked on that I was asked if I would manage the Fencing Training Site at the Olympic and Paralympic Games. I worked full time for LOCOG from mid-March at Canary Wharf as a member of the fencing management team.

The Training Hall was a large hall built adjacent to the fencing venue at the ExCel exhibition centre. We moved in on Saturday 14th July and spent the day on setting up and venue specific training for the Gamesmakers. The Hall opened on July 16th, the same day as the Olympic Village and the best part of two weeks before the opening ceremony. It closed 21 days later, on 5th August, the last day of the fencing competition.

## A logistical exercise

For the Olympics the Training Site had 14 metallic pistes. It was open for 12 hours a day, 9.00 am to 9.00 pm. We divided the day in to 6 x 2 hour sessions. Each of the 43 participating countries was guaranteed one session per day. The start time of each nation's sessions rotated forward by 2 hours each day. The number of pistes they could use was determined by the relative size of their team. I was responsible for organising the rota and updating it as teams provided arrival dates and their training requirements. It wasn't a surprise to find that nearly every team wanted to train at 10.00am each and every day. Most were disappointed!

I had 40 Gamesmaker volunteers allocated to the Training Site. The day was split in to two shifts with 15 Gamesmakers scheduled for each shift. Typically a Gamesmaker would work two days on, one day off.

Our jobs were to look after the teams, keep the hall and changing rooms clean and



Open for 12 hours a day the warmup area had 14 pistes

tidy, maintain secure access and ensure the fencers followed the safety rules. It is amazing how many international fencers think they don't need to wear a plastron when they are fencing in a Training Hall! (FIE rules only require a mask and glove for a lesson but do require full kit for sparring).

## A typical day

On a typical day I would arrive at the venue around 7.00am. Having been through workforce check-in I made my way to the Training Site via the logistics compound to collect a pallet cage of clean towels and wheel them to our storage area. Then it was a cup of coffee!

The morning shift of Gamesmakers were due in at 8.00 am. At 8.15am we had a briefing on the day ahead and this was followed by checks on changing rooms and the pistes (for pigeon poop!). Teams would start to arrive and we would check them in against the published schedule. The Russians always arrived for the 9.00am slot even if they were scheduled for 7.00pm so there was always a discussion on what times any pistes may be free. We had a routine of rotating the Gamesmakers around the hall every 90 minutes, and with team changeovers every couple of hours, coffee breaks and lunch breaks the mornings passed.

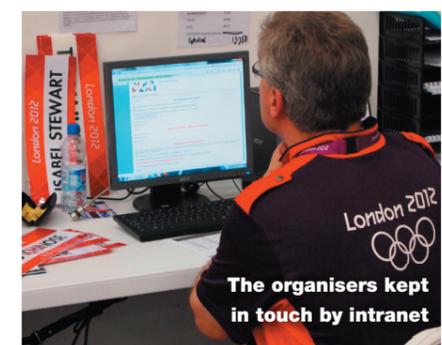
The afternoon shift arrived at 2.00pm; a briefing on the morning's activities and what lay ahead for the afternoon followed by staff changeover at 2.15pm. A de-brief for the morning shift, and then on with the day. The afternoons were generally quieter as most teams preferred to train earlier in the day; the Italians were most insistent that one should only train in the morning, have a good lunch at 1.00pm and then have a

short sleep at 3.00pm. They didn't come along on the days they were scheduled for a late session, however it didn't stop them winning a few golds.

Once the day was done, and it was only the few days in the run up before the competition started when we had a late session on the go, it was a team de-brief and a safety check on the equipment. Because it was quiet we managed with a reduced number of Gamesmakers in the evenings. The FIE also insisted that all the volunteers should see at least one of the finals sessions in the competition venue next door, so several of the team would get to see some live fencing each day. Once we had shut up the "shop" I retired to the competition office to tidy up the day's paperwork and print off the following day's training schedules for the media and liaison teams.

The Paralympics was similar, although with a slightly shorter working day. We were open for 19 on the trot. Different skills were required with frame handling and assisting the fencers in and out of them. The shorter day meant only one, longer shift. We were scheduled fewer volunteers than the Olympics when in practice you actually needed more. However, everyone got on with it and the fencers themselves were extremely grateful for the facilities and help provided. It was a very happy ship.

The Gamesmakers were fantastic. Everyone was enthusiastic and although some of the jobs we had were mundane, they got on with it without question. Being in the finals sessions with 8000 enthusiastic, noisy spectators watching fencing was also rather novel for a British competition organiser!



The organisers kept in touch by intranet



Roger chairing the 2012 SE Region AGM

# Roger Barnes 1963-2012

**A Fencing Champion, remembered by Ian de Whalley**

We are shocked by the tragic news of Roger's death, as we always regarded him as so full of life.

It says a great deal for Roger that a search of photos found him almost always surrounded by a wide spectrum of fencers. This picture shows him chairing the recent SE Region AGM, with the Senior Winton and Cadet Winton trophies and a gamut of other successes bagged. Although he should have been proud of this himself, it would have been more typical that instead he was proud of SE Region fencing. He

presented great ideas for new events and fencing development and these will continue as part of his legacy.

Roger was always selfless and did all he could to promote grass-roots fencing. From Streatham fencing club in the late 1990's he was point of contact for entering teams and soon became a major contributor to the Surrey committee, then the SE Region committee, becoming chairman of both. On countless early Sunday mornings over the years Roger was heaving his computer equipment through the public transport network to help at local competitions. For over a decade he has administered the PC at most of the Surrey and Region youth events.

His interest in politics spread to community interest in the widest sense, always respectful while pushing ahead with ideas for improvement. He communicated wonderfully yet never imposed himself. Although living alone, Roger was a friendly socialite of the local fencing community and we have been fortunate to have enjoyed his bonhomie.



Roger on the piste

# University of Surrey win Barwell Cup

**Jill Farmer reports on the event**

Seven teams competed in the Barwell Cup on 9 December 2012 at Wimbledon College. The organisers were Nike Ajibode and Jill Farmer.

The Clubs represented were Royal Holloway College, Streatham, University of Surrey and Wimbledon. The overall winner was the University of Surrey A team, with 21 victories. Wimbledon A was second (18 victories) and Streatham third (10 victories) (see table of results).

University of Surrey also headed the field in three of the four individual weapons.

The Competition ended at lunch time and was followed by the SCFU Annual General Meeting.

Team name	LF	MF	E	S	Total V	Position
Surrey A	4	6	5	6	21	1
Wimbledon A	5	5	4	4	18	2
Streatham	4	3	4	1	12	3
Surrey B	2	2	2	5	11	4
Wimbledon B	4	1	2	3	10	5
Royal Holloway B	1	3	3	2	9	6
Royal Holloway A	1	1	1	0	3	7

Individual winners	
Men's Foil	James Wood-Fisher (University of Surrey A) – six victories.
Ladies' Foil	Pat Yimpatna (Wimbledon A) – five victories.
Epee	Andy Reynolds (University of Surrey A) – five victories.
Sabre	Alex Bela (University of Surrey A) Sabre – six victories.



## SURREY FENCERS WIN TEAM SILVER IN SAINT-PETERSBURG

Simon White and Mark Richardson of Wimbledon Fencing club went to Russia in October as part of the GB veterans épée team to fence in the 2012 A. Vetrov tournament. Along with Brian Causton of Sussex they won silver in a very enjoyable but *fiercely fought* competition.

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## PROVISIONAL FIXTURE LIST 2013

**FEBRUARY**  
**17 SE BYC foil**  
**17 SE region épée and sabre**  
**23 2013 Youth épée**  
 SE Region Qualifier for BYC  
**24 2013 Youth Sabre SE**  
 Region Qualifier for BYC

**14 Equipment Course**  
 How to diagnose faults and repair kit - all welcome

**MARCH**  
**3 Surrey Team Foil –**  
 Wimbledon College

**APRIL**  
**7 Wimbledon Invitation challenge trophy**  
 Ursuline school

**MAY**  
**12 Surrey Team épée**

**JUNE 2013**  
**23 Surrey one hit épée**  
**23 SE region foil**

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