

Vale Bob Turner

1941 - 2013

There have been many tributes to Bob Turner, a much respected friend and colleague of many in the world of fencing. He was a real gentleman with a great sense of fun, always fair and genuine.

Bob was a great supporter of Fencing across the Commonwealth and was one of the stalwarts of British and Welsh Fencing. Since he first started fencing as a schoolboy in Cardiff, he became not just an excellent and competitive epeeist who represented Wales internationally, but also a skilled and highly respected administrator who held several positions of office over the years. He continued to fence competitively to a high standard until his recent recurrence of illness prohibited him.

Bob was one of the founder members of British Veterans Fencing (BVF, formerly NVA) now 25 years in existence. He was also a founder member of the Welsh Veterans Fencing Association (WVFA) and served as a committee member from its inception.

In 2006, Bob was presented with the BFA Silver Medal at the BFA AGM in Glasgow for his services to fencing. In 2011 he was the recipient of a Torch Trophy for Services to Fencing, an award with origins from the 1948 London Olympics, presented to individuals who have been identified as making an outstanding contribution as a volunteer in their chosen sport.

At the time of his death Bob was Chairman of Welsh Fencing, Chairman of Whitchurch Fencing Club and since 2009, President of the Commonwealth Veterans' Fencing Association.

Bob was a source of inspiration and encouragement to so many and will be sorely missed.