

Last month in English, now with new design

Last month I changed started writing the newsletter in English, so more people could read it. This month I have made a small alteration in design. This is the first step to secure a corporate image for the systems.

The work on redesigning/designing a new Weapons Combat entry on the WingTsun Scandinavia homepage has also started as part of this.

Trip to Royal Armouries & York with Historic Weapons Combat

This month we had our traditional yearly trip to Royal Armouries in Leeds, the trip was perfect. The weather was wonderful, we got to time with good old friends (John Waller, former head of interpretation and Creative director Royal Armouries, Paul Evans, Master and Chief Executive of the Royal Armouries and Daniel Smith, Guild Chapter Master Leeds) and we had time to visit York.

Royal Armouries is a must for anyone interested in military history.

Here are a couple of impressions from the trip



Interpretation of German Two Handed Medieval Sword by interpreters from the Royal Armouries

Everyday there is historic interpretation by the interpretation team, who try to make history come alive in a very effective way.

In York we visited The Jorik Viking Center, but as a Scandinavian, we are used to better, and the center was a big disappointment. But York is still worth a visit because of its charming streets and the wonderful York Minster with its stunning stain glass windows.



Johan dreaming of the past



One of four jousting teams, jousting for "The Sword of Honour" during our stay.

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Gert graded to 1. TG in Weapons Combat

Gert Nielsen was graded First Technician Sunday April 22nd. Gert has trained for many years, many of them as my assistant. So I was very happy to be able to at last reward him for all his hard work.



Gert with Sifu Lars, Chris and Bengt

Also congratulation to all that past their grades at same the seminar. This was the first grading seminar in Weapons Concept I WT Center,

New Weapons Combat class in WTC

Sifu Kenneth Kyhe has started teaching classes in Weapons Combat in WT Center. The classes are Thursdays 17.30 – 19.00.

Sifu Kenneth is a very capable instructor with a great personality; I recommend all to attend these classes.

Change in schedule for Historical Weapons Combat in WTC

From May 7th Monday training in WTC 18.00 – 19.00 will be changed to Historic Weapons Combat.

Friday will change to normal Weapons Combat.

It will still be possible to Historical weapons at normal Weapons Combat training and visa versa if there is more than one who wants it. This secures more training hours for all.

Lichtenauer Workshop

Historical Weapons Combat will in May try something new; a workshop over the ideas of Master Johannes Lichtenauer on fighting with German Long Sword from 1389.

Program

Friday May 25th Evening

Get together, we all meet up in WTC and have a drink and a talk.
If the weather is good, we might take a walk in Tivoli.

Saturday may 26th

10.00 – 11.30

Daniel Smith (and maybe Adam Roylance) gives his/their interpretation of Lichtenauer
He will specially work on non-telegraphic striking and pushing swords.

11.30 – 13.00

Bengt Abrahamsson gives his interpretation of Lichtenauer

13.00 – 14.00

Lunch break

14.00 – 15.00

Sifu Lars Lind on the combat validity of Lichtenauer's school of fighting
and similarities with other martial arts

18.00

Dinner

Sunday May 27th

12.00 – 15.00

Cross training and exchange of ideas

The price for the whole arrangement (including dinner) is DKK 550,-

Daniel Smith

Has trained various martial arts.

7 years sports fencing, mainly foil and epee but also some sabre.

6 years in the European Historical Combat Guild.

3 years of tuition from Adam DesForges.

3 years as Chapter Caster at Leeds ECHG Chapter which trains at the Royal Armouries.

Through this he has spend many pleasant Monday afternoons talking with the Guild's Master John Waller.

*Practice and study of Liechtenauer tradition arts for the last 3 years,
mainly long sword and sword and buckler.*

*Recently had a couple of very enlightening training days with Thomas Stoeppler and
Jörg Bellinghausen of Ochs.*

Bengt Abrahamsson

Bengt has trained weapons for more than 15 years and teaches weekly in Malmo, Sweden.

Bengt has translated Sigmund Ringeck's commentaries on Lichtenauer from German to Swedish

He holds a 1. TG in both Historical Weapons Combat and Weapons Combat.

He has been a part of the European Historical Combat Guild for 6 years as Chapter Master Malmo.

Bengt teaches monthly classes on Lichtenauer in WT Center in Copenhagen

Sifu Lars Lind

Has over 30 years of experience in training and teaching martial arts,

28 of these in weapons based systems.

He is Chief instructor and founder of Weapons Combat Systems

He teaches weekly in WT Center in Copenhagen and at seminar all over Scandinavia.

**If you want to participate, please send me a mail on lars.lind@siemens.com
as soon as possible, so we can start planning**

In May we have the following arrangements

May 6. - WTC – Historical Weapons Combat seminar – Historical Filipino weapons, weapon systems and their use.

May 19th – Haderslev – Weapons Combat grading seminar.

May 20th – Odense – Weapons Combat – Sticks & Knives – introduction to defence against armed opponents.

June 2nd – Malmo – Weapons Combat grading seminar

June 3rd – Malmo - Weapons Combat Instructor and grading seminar

All the above with Sifu Lars

May 25th – 27th – WTC – Lichtenauer Workshop (for more information see earlier in News Letter)

Chris Williamson, 2. TG teaches in Malmo Friday **May 11th**

The monthly Lichtenauer training with Bengt Abrahamsson, 1.TG is Sunday **May 13.** in WTC.
I hope many will attend the special classes of these very qualified instructors.

Questions on this letter, seminars or Weapons Combat Systems™ can be put to me personally on telephone 40 30 48 39 or by mail to lars.lind@siemens.com.

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Sifu Lars, Chief instructor Weapons Combat Systems