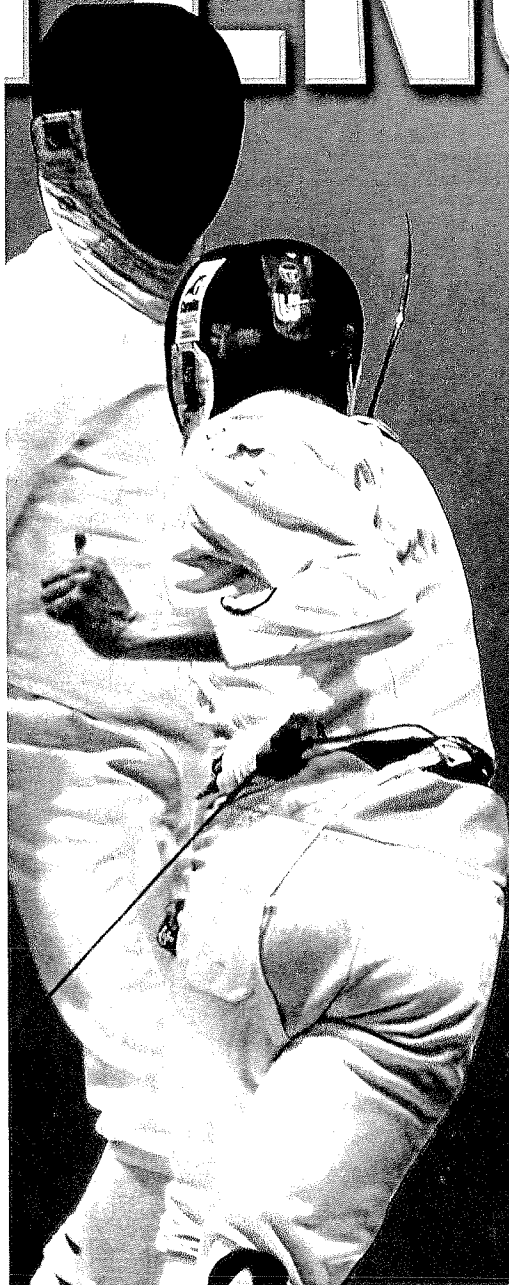


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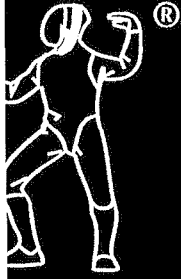


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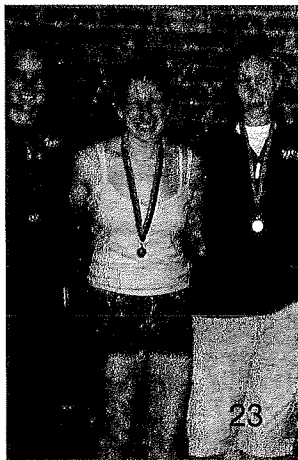
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President, United States Fencing Association



column and I am sitting in San Antonio, Texas; rather I'm taking my you know, this service to be called, or it can be the USFA. It can also cal reports of activities

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would speak a bit more hough everyone now is ind that the tournament to reflect on how this wncasing fencing events , led by **Rita Finkel** and ly situated to capitalize 2012 Olympic Games. emendous support from chiller, NYC 2012 man- f U.S. Fencing for many . Olympic Committee's **Jay Kriegel**, Executive roff, NYC 2012 founder

exchange. Experienced fencing veterans and Olympians helped out; people such as **Suzie Paxton**, **Felicia Zimmermann** and USFA officer **Don Anthony** all added their technical expertise to the staging of the finals and media coverage. **Phil Jordan**, event production manager, was a standout and the FIE inquired of his services for their future events as well.

What is important to take away from the World Cup was that the manner in which it was staged demonstrated that the sport can be presented in an outstanding fashion and we should certainly follow its example in showcasing finals at our major national events. No question that New York has a very special situation right now, which lent an additional level of support. Now we have the blueprint of how to do it.

#### PAN AM SUCCESS PAVES THE ROAD TO ATHENS

Finally, this past month I traveled down to the Dominican Republic for the Pan American Games. As the president, my primary responsibility was to attend administrative meetings of PASO, and the Pan American Fencing Confederation. The Confederation members elected **George Kolombatovich** as first vice president for another four-year term. I was able to observe the opening days of fencing — what a thrill to watch our U.S. team under the leadership of Captain **Jeff Bukantz**.

In Santo Domingo the team won 11 medals, equaling the team's best finish ever. Cuba held a 32-year reign of dominance, which the U.S. finally reversed. **Dan Kellner** earned double gold medals in men's foil, turning in a performance which will stand as one of the most remarkable comebacks in history at the Games. As Bukantz reported, it was a tear-provoking moment that will live long in fencing history.

**Ivan Lee** earned double gold medals as well in individual and team events, and **Sada Jacobson** was the most serene and composed of champions, winning her gold medal handily. Kudos also goes to the men's saber team (**Adam Crompton**, **Ivan Lee**, **Jason Rogers** and **Seth Kelsey**) with their victory over Venezuela. Many other great stories unfolded at the Games. There are many, many more stories to tell.

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n- nerves of everyone I spoke with. I had  
ted one director who yelled at the last girl  
III who showed up that it was her fault  
ind for making the rest of us wait to fence.  
not This was after three hours of waiting  
or- for the pools to be posted. I watched  
st- another director stumble over calls  
and then proudly declare he'd never  
ad- directed an epee bout before.

the A number of fencers I spoke with  
uts were seriously considering not  
ied attending next year's Summer Nation-  
ind als. Every one of them agreed the  
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ore therefore a much more enjoyable  
ind experience.

12 I've only been involved in fencing  
out for three years and I do think it's a  
great sport, one I hope to be involved  
ad- in for many years. I understand that  
:he the USFA membership has doubled in  
'Es the last five years and with that kind of  
op expansion comes growing pains.

in- OK, I'm done venting. May I suggest  
nd some practical advice? I'm sure  
nd you've already considered these  
ng issues at great length but here's my  
two cents anyway.

he Why not schedule some of the

smaller competitions during the first  
few days? That way there'll be time to  
work out the kinks that always accom-  
pany an event of this size.

How about paying the directors  
something comparable to a living  
wage? You might also think about set-  
ting a limit on how many hours they  
can work each day. At \$40.00 per  
diem - those days being 12 or 14  
hours each - well, isn't that why we  
have labor laws?

OK, this concept may not go over  
too well. Surely, I'll be putting myself  
in a precarious position with this  
one. Maybe it's time to think about  
tightening the requirements neces-  
sary to qualify for the Summer  
Nationals.

Although the days were long and  
frustrating and (ouch) painful, I did  
manage to enjoy the occasion. I take  
pleasure in meeting new, interesting,  
accomplished people and it's great to  
catch up with those I've met at past  
competitions. But first and foremost, I  
saw some really great fencing. So  
much talent!

- Jackie Balestra, Redondo Beach

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ng ried the flag for the entire United States  
am contingent.

er, While our results in 2003 were excel-  
am lent, in 1959 every male member of the  
team won at least a gold medal and two  
ng of the three women finished in the top  
nd four, winning the silver!

- Paul Levy

tors and most of the events include  
many high-quality fencers. These  
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nition for their dedication to the sport  
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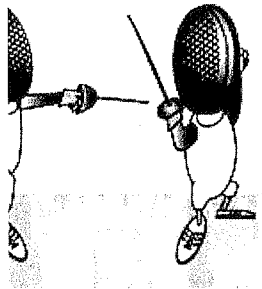
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**BLADE MEANS FENCING**

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with Gerrie Baumgart Damon Scagggs and Calderon as manager, t after Labor Day. This sionships ever, with 250 pating in the 10 individ- ial championships (no women's saber). The Opening Ceremonies vere huge, with all hose fencers in center ing and their support- rs in the grandstands. After some remarks resident of the Federa- ed the Championships os, with the semi-finals sed strip and the latest

we started strong with egon Fencing Alliance) h./Salle Auriol Seattle) edals from last year in Culver City, Calif./Mori and finished fifth when 10-8 win. The team got r at a local restaurant, n player. Mass./Boston F.C.) was in men's 60+ saber, and l about 10-9. Bill was our his fourth time in the (60, Austin F.C./Round was just nosed out of

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## Leach Speaks At Conference

Fencing Master and National Women's Foil Coach **Buckie Leach** spoke with participants at the third annual U.S. Fencing Coaches Association Conference on June 7, 2003.

Leach discussed his observations of the development of international fencing over the last 15 years and how "in every sport people take advantage of the equipment." But "what made [the withdrawn arm in foil fencing] interesting was how cool defense got," which in turn influenced the attacks. The classically trained Leach had to find solutions to priority given to the forward movement of the body in international fencing. Today, he noted, that right-of-way was starting to return to the extending of the weapon arm, but more so in the U.S. than internationally.

He also demonstrated a number of tactical footwork progressions and shared some thoughts on tactics in general such as his style of making fencers understand the tactic, then refining technique.

Other presentations included strength and fitness training for fencing by Fencing Master **Jerry Benson**, the effect of size in epee fencing by Master **Dave Micahnik**, an introduction to wheelchair fencing and teaching children to fence by Master **Leszeck Stawicki**, coach of the U.S. National Wheelchair Program.

Next year's conference moves to San Antonio, TX. More about the USFCA conference can be found in the summer edition of THE SWORDMASTER.

the final by Wolf Nettingsmeyer of Germany, 10-8, and finished fifth. **Cindy Runyon** (54, San Bernadino, Calif./San Bernadino C.C.) finished a strong fifth in women's 50-59 epee.

On Sunday, our strongest showing of the championships came in men's 50-59 foil. **Joe Biebel** (51, Bayside, Wisc./Cal-iburn F.C.), competing in a world championship for the first time, came from behind in the gold medal bout, tying his Japanese opponent at 9-9 with 0:00 showing on the clock! Then he finished it off in grand style and took the last gold of the championships. **Marek Piatkowski-Nazzarro** (50, Pasadena, Calif./Beverly Hills F.C.) lost to Joe in the round of eight and finished fifth, closely followed by **Jan Patterson** (56, Seattle, Wash./Salle Auriol Seattle) at sixth and **Tom Lutton** (50, Waltham, Mass./Boston F.C.) (on his honeymoon) was

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## Bradley Redwine: June 26, 1982-June 26, 2003

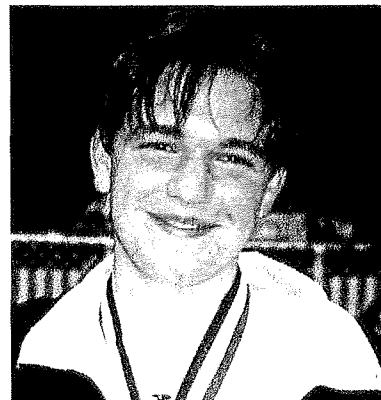
wine, a fencer, a coach, a son, a brother, but beloved friend. He will always be remembered for his wonderful smile and his pleasantness as a warm gentleman. He was a member of the Round Rock Fencing Club in Round Rock, Texas and coached by Gary Murray. He lived with his father and mother and Kaye Redwine in Georgetown, Texas. He had a sister, Mandy, who lives in Arkansas.

Bradley died away on his birthday, Thursday, June 26, 2003, at the age of 21. He was stricken with Lyme Disease after a tick bite a few years ago and had suffered from it in his last months and days. But through it all, he never failed to keep up with his fencing and coaching, and he was not only dedicated his life to God, but to his family.

From the time Jake started going to North American Summer Nationals as a cadet epee fencer, he never failed to place in the top 10. He always took the long way around to his success because he just wanted to fence as much as he could. He won his first national championship at the 1998

Summer Nationals in Austin, Texas in the Division II Men's Epee, co-hosted by his club, the Round Rock Fencing Club.

Jake will be sorely missed. He touched the lives of everyone he met and you only had to meet him once to understand who Jake Redwine was.



Donations in his name can be made to the National Lyme Disease Foundation or to the Jake Redwine Memorial Scholarship Fund, which will be used to help young fencers try to reach their dreams in fencing as Jake did. Checks can be mailed to RRFC, P.O. Box 1563, Round Rock, Texas 78680. — Gary Murray

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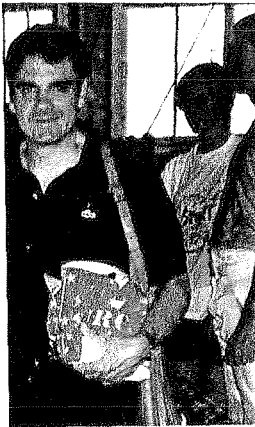
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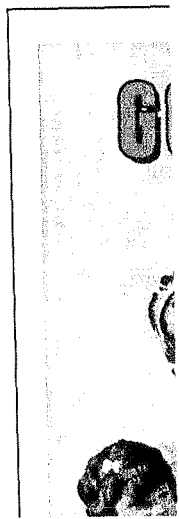
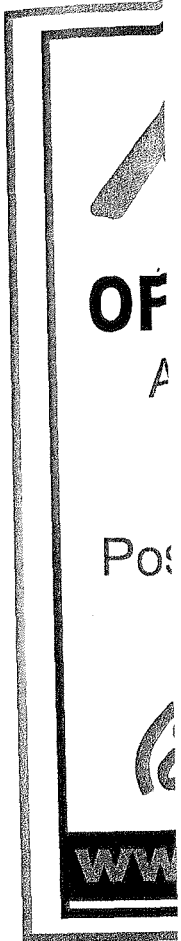


was warmly received and never made to feel like an out-  
sider. The members of RCF treated me as a teammate  
and graciously assisted me with getting registered for  
events, fencing pointers, corrections to my French and  
translations when I just didn't get it.

In addition to testing my mettle on the French and also  
the German circuits, I gained some important World Cup  
experience. Don't get me wrong. I had no illusions about  
a major success at any WC, but the opportunity to mea-  
sure my current strength against the world's best was  
invaluable. And while it may be considered a minor suc-  
cess by some, I did make my first 64 (and nearly the 32  
at 13-15) at the London World Cup. This was an accom-  
plishment made even better through the support of my  
U.S. teammates, who were at my end of the strip from  
start to finish to cheer me on and coach me at the  
breaks. Thanks for everything, guys.

When all is said and done, I've been in Paris for almost  
a year and I've loved it. For all the sacrifices to my career,  
relationships and most assuredly my bank account, if I  
could return next season I would do so without hesita-  
tion. I've eaten an innumerable amount of croissants,  
baguettes and cheeses, and washed it all down with  
countless bottles of wine. When asked if I miss the  
states, I say that I miss Tex-Mex food the most. If you ask  
me what I'll miss most when I leave, I think it would be  
my nightly view of the Eiffel Tower and the lights of Paris  
from the balcony window of my apartment. It was always  
the last thing I would see before turning in for the night.  
Belles rêves (sweet dreams).

P.S.: I would like to formally thank the USFA and espe-  
cially Corinne Greenman for their assistance in all of my  
efforts on the road. Much would not have been possible without



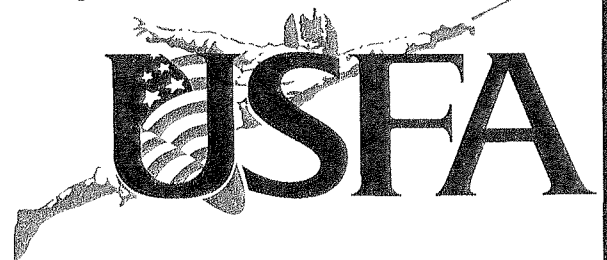
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Yes, it is very safe • by Peter **HARMER, Ph.D., ATC**

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ar- above the waist (elbow [1]; hand [3];  
ing throat [1]; head [concussion] [1]).

ar- Subluxation (partial dislocation),  
? dislocation and fractures were also  
ity. principally upper extremity injuries.  
ith One case of severe cramping and one  
in case of a puncture wound (hand) were  
the also recorded.

to Even with the simplest interpretation  
(the number of injuries per 1,000 par-  
ticipants), the data indicate fencing  
ost has just 2.8 injuries sufficient enough  
; in to have the participant withdraw per  
he 1,000 participants. However, the use  
re of injuries per 1,000 as a metric is mis-  
AC leading because it does not take into  
nly account the exposure rate. Thus,  
ce sports-related epidemiological studies  
ati- tend to use injuries per 1,000 athlete  
ely exposures (AE). This means that each  
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7). sibility of an injury it is counted – a sin-  
er- gle bout is 2 AE. In fencing the number  
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als petitors because each competitor  
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tly, ple, in a competition in which 77  
ely fencers are entered, with one round of

bouts, the injury rate is 0.5 per 1,000  
AE. In reality, it is considerably less.

For a comparison, consider the  
Game Injury Rates from the NCAA  
Injury Surveillance System for the  
2001-2002 season (injuries per 1,000  
AE are in parentheses): men's soccer  
(20.1), women's soccer (17.2), men's  
basketball (8.6), women's basketball  
(8.0), women's softball (4.7) and vol-  
leyball (3.9). Thus, even volleyball has  
a "time loss" injury rate at least eight  
times greater than fencing.

It is important to also realize that  
these injury data are from national  
competition. Across all sports, com-  
petition injury rates are always higher  
than practice rates. Fencing injuries  
severe enough to lead to withdrawal  
were not significantly different from  
those related to any ballistic activity.

Finally, there are anecdotal reports of  
various types of penetrating wounds  
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# Adventures In The **GENERATION GAP**

US Kids' sound off on the sport of fencing • by Bob **BLOCK**

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fencing less than a year to sea-  
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Youth-12 to Cadet age categories.

Gender-wise it was completely  
biased because by sheer happen-  
stance all of the younger fencers at  
the club while I was there were  
males. Perhaps a future column can  
explore the opinions held by young  
female fencers. In the meantime, I  
offer the following collective opin-  
ions about our sport expressed to  
me by a group of very impressive  
young people that I call Gary's Kids:

*Grayblade: What do your friends  
who aren't fencers think about your  
fencing?*

**GK:** They think it's interesting, but  
don't know anything about it so  
they think it's just a recreational  
activity ... They think it's cool and  
want to try it but they don't have  
the money ... They think it's exotic,  
kind of a dead sport since no one  
fences much anymore ... My friends  
know that I fence and they just  
think that it's some time consumer  
like video games, "Oh, you're

es you important stuff about life,  
and I like the thrill of tournaments,  
you try to beat somebody that  
maybe you hadn't beaten before ...  
It's different, nobody else that I  
know at school does it.

*Grayblade: If you were the person  
in charge of the USFA, is there any-  
thing you would change about fenc-  
ing?*

**GK:** I'd have a lot more tourna-  
ments; there's nothing like a tourna-  
ment and I'd like to be there all the  
time ... Nah, I can't think of any-  
thing, it's pretty good as it is ... I'd  
have better prizes, they seem to be  
going downhill since when I started.  
Even just fencing socks or some-  
thing you can use like equipment,  
now you just get stuff like candy  
bars. Medals are great, they're awe-  
some because you'll have them for-  
ever, but you can't use them for  
anything.

*Grayblade: If you weren't a fencer  
what do you think you'd be doing?*

**GK:** I'd be golfing a lot more ...

at it them so they're good and short,  
me because that stuff is fun to read.

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tuff *Grayblade: How long can you see  
d to yourself fencing?*

u'd GK: Definitely through high  
ries school and probably college, but  
hat not after college ... I see myself  
our- fencing for the rest of my life, I'll  
ney definitely be one of those veteran  
... fencers ... I'm not really sure, prob-  
ain- ably through high school ... Prob-  
t it ably through college.

d a *Grayblade: What are your goals or  
ees where would you like to go with  
eri- your fencing?*

edit GK: I don't really know, I just

fence for the fun of it ... I'd like to  
make it to the Nationals ... I'd just  
like to fence as long as I want to  
and see where I'm at then ... My  
definite long term goal is the  
Olympics ... Yeah, the Olympics for  
me too, but at least try to get into  
college with it on a fencing scholar-  
ship ... I don't really know because  
I'm still a beginner ... I'd like to do  
pretty well at the Nationals and stay  
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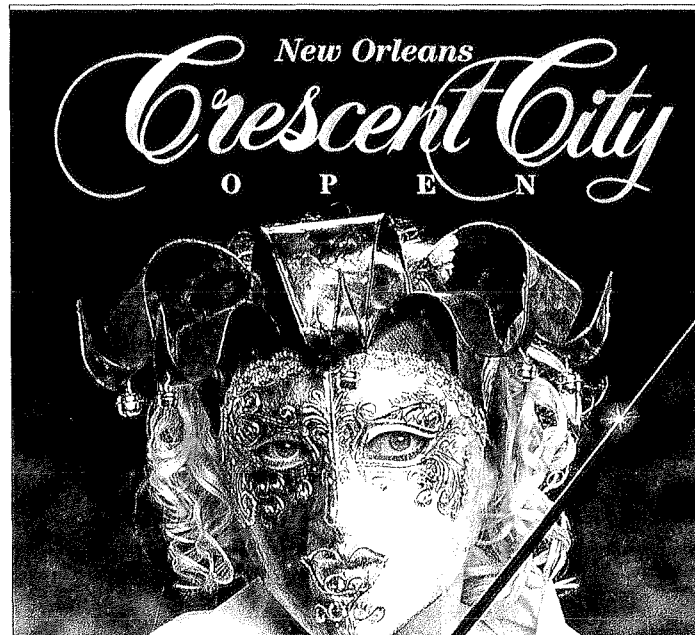
*Bob Block, aka The GrayBlade, fences,  
coaches fencing, and writes about  
fencing out of his home near Denver,  
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# Link Between MIND AND BODY

Psychological strength equals stronger fencing • by Steven HESKY, PhD

sional athlete I once knew having trouble scoring on his side. His trouble actually was that he was too focused on scoring that he lost sight of the overall play. Unable to focus in a relaxed manner on anything other than the need to win, he was easily frustrated out of play.

He was brought together to train him to improve the playing of the game. Over time he worked to be more relaxed, and his scoring improved, and he was able again to succeed at the level of his sport.

I would like to introduce myself: my name is Steven Hesky, and I have more than 20 years of experience in clinical psychology. Father of a fencer myself, I have become interested in applying the principles of psychology to the sport of fencing.

I recently met John Heil, Chairman of the American College of Sports Medicine and Science for the 21st Century. He has recently invited me to get involved in the fencing community by reformatting a text by D.A. Tyshler and John Midler called *The Psychological Dimension of the Fencer*.

John is a coach of many Olympic and World Champions, and Midler, himself a World Champion and Olympic Champion,

“The coach can teach the pupil how to govern himself.” Aside from helping pupils master the techniques associated with fencing, the coach must be able to prepare the athlete psychologically. The coach’s art is his ability to nurture, encourage, cajole and even trick the athlete into developing an ability to fight well under extreme pressure. The athlete’s trust in the coach is critical, providing support when the athlete must struggle with himself or herself to become a better fencer.

In the case of highly skilled athletes, it is axiomatic that the difference between “good” and “great” is the psychological dimension.

My experience has taught me that athletes do not want to be labeled or diagnosed. The problem with applying psychological ideas is that the psychological dimension in sport is seen either as a matter of fixed character traits, or symptoms such as anxiety, or insulting sports diagnoses like “clutching.”

Further, including the psychological dimension in training is beyond the scope of some coaches. Also, it is rarely an area in which athletes ask for help. To use a psychologist can be viewed as a sign of weakness.

I would like to offer a way to address

attention, be self-aware, maintain a capacity for constructive self-critique, and allow oneself to be helped by others. Flexibility is a measure of ability to vary approaches and techniques according to what will work the best. Endurance is the capacity to maintain and regain attention during combat for long periods of time.

A positive approach to learning, strengthening and improving psychological capacities is a better way to create significant change than a diagnostic, negative, symptom-oriented approach that, aside from identifying a problem, is not helpful in bringing about change.

The next step, as a community, is to invest time and energy in developing a curriculum for teaching and developing positive psychological traits in our fencers. It would take some work, but if we organize ourselves behind such an effort, it would be constructive and fun.

If you are interested, send me descriptions of curriculum you’ve developed in your own programs that has been effective with your fencing students. If you’re a fencer, you can send me training experiences that helped you develop psychological strength. Send your suggestions to [STHesky@aol.com](mailto:STHesky@aol.com).



# Rule Changes: **SE OR ON TARGET?** ould change the face of fencing • by Jeff **BUKANTZ**

will change would not ruin the sanctity of  
dful foil, and that the fencers would adapt  
rge to the awkwardness of continuing an  
oile action after a timely off-target hit failed  
to provoke a stoppage in the bout.  
hat After all, saber fencers adapted.

foil On the other hand, the whole game  
foil could change, probably for the worse,  
to if the valid target is increased to part of  
the front arm, the entire rear arm,  
and/or the mask, which will likely go  
ro-hand-in-hand (no pun intended) with  
TV the elimination of the off-target.

hat So, while the elimination of the off-tar-  
the get in foil, depending on changes to the  
ea-valid target, may actually enhance TV-  
ght-friendliness, it certainly won't move our  
of sport to the top of the Nielsen ratings.

out The shortening of the blockage time  
ro-will create a whole new problem. Yes,  
er-it will definitely provide for many more  
one-light actions. Yes, the referees will  
have far fewer close calls to make.

is However, I am skeptical of this pro-  
like posed change, particularly in foil, as  
ner the shortened timeframe will potential-  
es-ly block out a correctly executed  
rs, riposte or a correctly executed attack  
old that hits slightly after an out-of-time  
counterattack. (While the "window"  
has really tightened in foil, sabers

and counterattacks will be rewarded!  
Yikes!

While I'm willing to maintain an open  
mind to the elimination of the off-tar-  
get, I can't see how the shortening of  
the blockage will help our sport. It will  
most likely ruin the sanctity of foil, as  
right-of-way will become an after-  
thought.

## SOUND REASONING?

How will a TV audience understand  
this? More importantly, how will a TV  
audience *better* understand this? As I  
have said previously, it appears to me  
that this will only serve to make foil  
into a bastardized form of epee, where  
right-of-way is replaced by the concep-  
t of the duel, where only the draw-  
ing of first blood determines victory.

As a long-time referee, I am also in  
complete disagreement with the phi-  
losophy that this change is also being  
proposed to take decision-making  
ability out of the hands of the referees.  
The highest level referees get the calls  
right most of the time, and are an integ-  
ral part of the sport.

(The IOC is looking to pare sports  
from the schedule. Fencing is always  
marginally the least popular sport.)

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the powers-that-be are on the boat, and focusing on the...  
 returned from the Pan American Games in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, where I served as captain. I witnessed and celebrated the single most exciting moment I've seen in almost 30 years of sport.  
 United States Men's Foil team, hadn't beaten the Cubans since the 1952 Games in Cali, Colombia, and I wanted to continue that dubious tradition. While we entered the match with hopes, as Dan Kellner and I had both vanquished the Cubans in the individual semifinals to their respective gold medals, the team was just a glimmer of hope, as Kellner had lost the gold medal match, the team losing 30-40 and almost all hope was lost.  
 The match up pitted Kellner against Perojo. There was the faintest glimmer of hope, as Kellner had defeated Perojo by 15-6 in the previous match. Dan would have to better the team's performance by two touches, as he would allow Perojo to score four. Dan kept cheering Dan on, but I don't claim that they thought they could win by 15-4 or better is all of it. The touches, however,

er, started coming. It started slowly, and then felt like an avalanche. Perojo was crumbling, stalling and almost incapable of scoring against Dan.

Dan gave the team its first lead at 43-42. He scored the next touch. With a two-touch lead, all the momentum, and only needing one more touch, we were ready to explode. Then, almost out of a bad dream, Perojo tied the score at 44.

Dan attacked and got the 45th touch. Our entire team bounded onto the strip to congratulate him. It was the most spontaneous and spine-tingling celebration I've ever seen. It was euphoria. We were all beside ourselves. It was a life moment.

Then, without warning, the wonderfully spontaneous eruption was stopped dead in its tracks, as a well-meaning member of the Directoire Technique, acting like a traffic cop, shooed us away from the strip in order for the handshake to take place!

Think of that for a second. This is exactly the type of Kodak moment that would make the highlight reels, and possibly endear our oft-ignored sport to the viewing public. And here we have this mind-boggling exultation by an entire team smothered in order to make sure that an archaic handshake took place. For crying out loud, the

handshake could have taken place a minute later. The Cuban fencer didn't feel any better that it took place immediately. In fact, he was sitting on the strip with his head in his hands while Kellner waited for him to actually shake his hand.

The entire once-in-a-lifetime moment was lost in the name of a rule.

Don't you think this gold medal-winning celebration would have gripped the attention of any audience? (According to NBC's Dennis Swanson, who hosted a meeting with FIE officials specifically to determine what fencing needs to become more TV friendly, the answer was a resounding, "YES!")

On the contrary, do you think that the proposed rules changes will make any TV audience collectively think, "Wow, finally I actually understand what's going on out there, let's flip to the fencing channel!?" (According to Swanson, the answer to that was an equally resounding, "NO!")

Whether these proposals are off-base remains to be seen, but, in my opinion, their thrust is off target. — AF

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# Matter EQUIPMENT TESTING

an impact your result • by Joe BYRNES

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you they are really pricey brutes, you normally can't "zero" them, and so they will have a small residual reading. In fact, I'd be suspicious of an inexpensive digital meter that gave no reading on its own shorted leads.

are Too THIN, TOO RICH, TOO MANY METERS  
of It used to be said that the late  
al." Duchess of Windsor had a favorite formula: "No woman can be too rich or too thin." I'll pass on that, but one of my favorite formulas says that no technician can have too many meters.

bit. Those who know me well know how  
dly, true this is. Of course, I have always  
the made a point of checking my meters  
cells periodically against a lab-type multi-  
ere precision resistance standard, so I  
t of know how close things are with my  
ll, it tools. However, that gadget is a bit big  
han and clunky to travel with. I have recently created a small, eminently portable, precision resistance verifier (it will check to 1 percent accuracy (and on one ohm, or five, that's precise).

ip a I recently ran all my meters by this  
as new baby to see how they were functioning, as well as how it was doing.  
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mit somewhat variable across the board,  
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ne. models. In fact, the only meters that

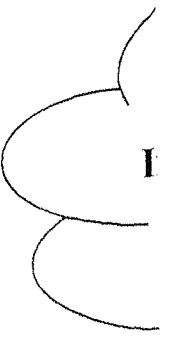
On the other hand, some of my cheaper, knock-about, travel-in-air-lines-hold-baggage types performed not at all shabbily, where it counts. What I learned - not for the first time - is that eternal vigilance is the price of accuracy, as well as freedom.

For example, I have a couple of matched sets, trios you could call them, of reasonably inexpensive Radio Shack model meters that I use with my specialty body cord testers, and electrical jacket weight sets. I found that one of these trios, at the critical "5 ohm" point, checked beautifully: 5, 5, 5. The other trio, which actually cost a bit more, having a few more bells and whistles, only managed to make: 5, 4, 6.

## SIZE DOES MATTER

Now that means that one of this group is spot on; one is giving everybody a break; and the last is asking more than required at the Olympics. Other small meters that are good for traveling proved more variable. Once again, why am I not surprised?

Since I intend to travel with my compact checker, and use it on the armory meters, and my colleagues', any competition that I attend should have accurate meters. I think I am going to



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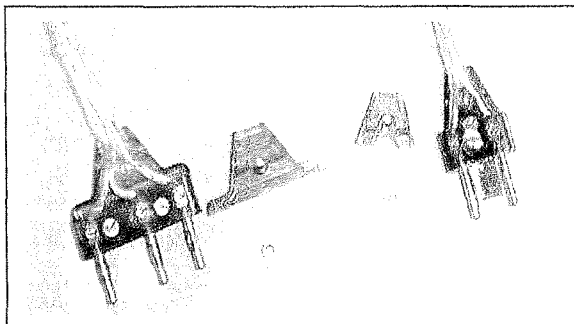
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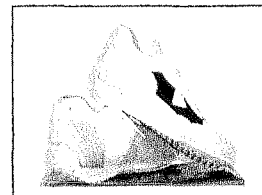
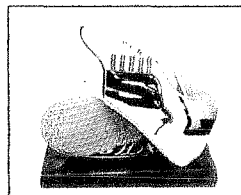
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# High Expectations, Higher Returns AT PAN AM GAMES

Captain's report on the U.S. Fencing performance • by Jeff **BUKANTZ**

The 2003 United States Pan American Games fencing team departed for Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic with extremely high expectations. With the notable exceptions of **Keeth Smart**, **Iris Zimmermann** and **Mariel Zagunis**, we sent our highest ranked athletes in all six weapons.

We were prohibitive favorites based on a combination of our strength, the Cubans supposedly not being the power they once were, and the Canadians not sending a full contingent. The Pan Ams would serve as the Olympic Games for many of the Latin American countries and we needed to be ready from the get-go, as what these countries' athletes lacked in FIE points, they more than made up for in nationalistic pride and spirit, not to mention the ever-present desire to beat the United States.

After a one day stop in Tampa for processing, the first wave of fencers flew to Santo Domingo. Incredibly, we had to wait more than five hours at the stifling airport before getting credentialed. This was inexcusable and indefensible. However, I learned something about this team during this fiasco: Nobody complained.

Then, it was finally on to the Pan Am Village, where the conditions were Spartan and crowded. Fortunately, the U.S. contingent was provided with air conditioning. Despite the less-than-wonderful living conditions, again nobody complained.

The die was cast. This team was here to compete, ideally to win, and would not be deterred by extraneous annoyances. It was an attitude similar to the one exhibited by the Junior/Cadet team in Trapani, as that team remained focused despite being relegated to the hotel the entire trip. As it turned out, seven members of that team also made the Pan Am team.

The fencing was held at the Judo Hall in the spacious Olympic Park, which hosted a number of sports. The main hall was not air conditioned and the combination of high temperatures and brutal humidity provided a less-than-ideal venue for competing in stifling Kevlar uniforms. However, 126 fencers from 21 countries were striving for Pan Am medals, and the heat would soon be turned up even higher.

## DAY ONE: WOMEN'S SABER, MEN'S FOIL

The first day of competition, which featured the individual women's saber

and men's foil, followed the previous evening's enjoyable Opening Ceremony. The competing athletes were given the option not to attend, and wisely decided to rest back at the village.

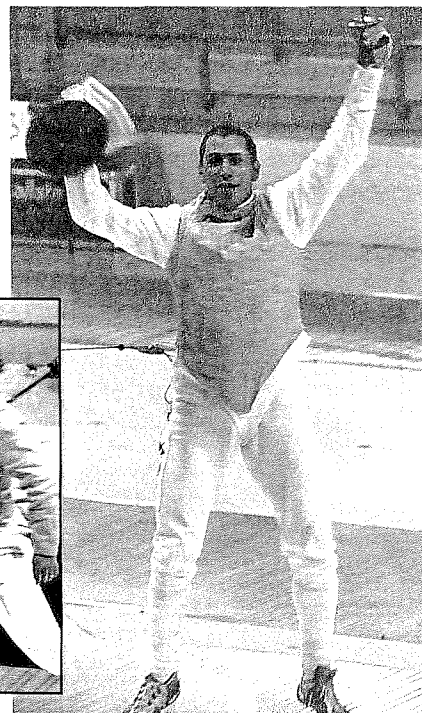
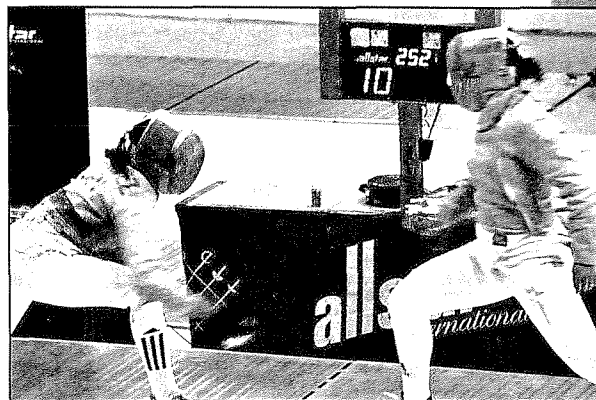
The women's saber field only numbered 16, and were led by our own **Sada Jacobson**, ranked No. 1 in the world, and **Emily Jacobson**, ranked No. 9. Emily went 5-0, +18 in her pool, and went into the direct eliminations (DE) seeded first. Sada went 4-0, +18, and was seeded second. That was just what the doctor ordered, as we were on track for a 1-2 result.

In the 16 and in the 8, Emily beat El Salvador's Cornejo (15-5) and Garcia (15-4). Unfortunately, Emily missed the date with her older sister for the gold, as she lost a heartbreaker to Benitez of Venezuela, 15-14, and settled for the bronze.

Sada breezed through the 16, beating Cornet of Paraguay 15-1. However, in the 8, Sada had to fight her way to a tough 15-10 win over Cuba's Gonzalez. Sada then handled the other Cuban, Faez Miclin, 15-6 to reach the gold medal bout. Almost anti-climactically, Sada gained revenge for Emily by walloping Benitez, 15-4. She was the class of the field, and a well-deserving gold medalist!

The men's foil had 25 fencers, and the competition was considerably deeper. **Dan Kellner** and **Jonathan Tiomkin** were seeded 1-2 at the outset. Dan went 3-1, +11 in his pool, and was seeded

Photo below: Emily Jacobson, right, takes the bronze medal in individual women's saber. At right, men's individual foil winner Dan Kellner (New York, NY) in a victorious moment. Photos by Bob Largman.



fifth into the DE of 32. Jon really struggled, as he was 2-2, -5, and seeded 18th in the DE.

After a bye in the 32, Dan destroyed Calderon of Nicaragua, 15-1 in the 16, and then earned a hard-fought victory over Rodriguez of Venezuela, 15-13, to reach the final four. Dan then drew the experienced Cuban, Perrojo, and came through with a resounding 15-6 victory to reach the gold medal bout.

Jon beat Chile's Moreno, 15-4 in the 32, but ran into the formidable No. 2 seed, Marchetti of Argentina, in the 16. Marchetti beat Jon 5-1 in the pool, and this was a brutal draw this early in the DE. Jon prevailed, however, and vanquished Marchetti, 15-12. Jon then had a relative breather, beating Cardoso of Brazil, 15-8.

In the round of four, Jon scored a tough 15-12 victory over Cuba's Suarez, and guaranteed a 1-2 finish for us. In the gold medal bout, Dan overcame a 0-5 deficit, the mental demons of having lost to Jon 15-1 at a recent NAC, and scored a grueling 15-13 win for the gold.

So, what a great start ... Two golds, a silver, and a bronze!

At the medal ceremonies, the organizers couldn't get the Star-Spangled Banner to play, as the CD was damaged. I immediately told our hosts that this was not a problem, we weren't insulted, and waved our entire delegation onto the floor to sing the anthem on our own. By chance, this incident was reported on the AP wire, and picked up throughout North America by scores of newspapers.

#### DAY TWO: WOMEN'S FOIL, MEN'S EPEE

On Day Two, **Erinn Smart** and **Emily Cross** were also seeded 1-2 in the 17-deep women's foil field. Emily was 4-0, +15, and Erinn 5-0, +14, in the pools, and went into the DE seeded 1-2.

After a bye in the 32, Emily beat Deutscher of Paraguay, 15-4, Carbone of Argentina, 15-11, and Ribot of Cuba, 15-10, to reach the gold medal bout. Erinn, after the bye in the 32, beat Herklotz of Brazil, 15-5 and Fuenmayor of Venezuela, 15-7 to reach the final four. Unfortunately, she then lost a toughie to Gonzalez of Venezuela, 15-14, and had to settle for the bronze.

The speedy Gonzalez utilized a quirky offense and squirmy defense to beat Emily, 15-9. It was one of those bouts, as Emily had jelly-legs, and just couldn't get going.

But, all in all, a great season for the 17 year old, as she followed up her gold medal at the World Cadet Championships with a silver at the Pan American Games!

In the 26-man men's epee field, **Eric Hansen** was seeded second, and **Seth Kelsey** was seeded fifth. They basically held their original seeding going into the DE, as Hansen went 5-1, +14 in the pools to maintain his seed, and Kelsey went 4-1, +6 for the sixth seed.

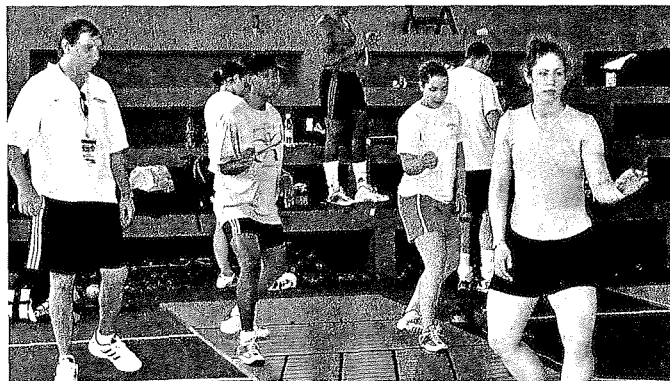
After a bye in the 32, Eric lost in overtime, 9-8, to Azurdia of Guatemala in the round of 16. After a bye in the 32, Seth had an unfortunate draw, as the original number one seed, Pena of Puerto Rico, ranked 24th in the F.I.E. standings, was waiting. It was a great bout, but Pena prevailed 15-14, and just like that, our men's epee hopes were gone in the round of 16.

As is usually the case, epee had the deepest field, and each guy just missed by one touch of making the round of 8, where anything could have happened.

#### DAY THREE: MEN'S SABER, WOMEN'S EPEE

Day Three brought us men's saber and women's epee.

**Ivan Lee** and **Jason Rogers** were seeded No. 1 and No. 3, and emerged from the pools seeded No. 3 and No. 2. Both Ivan and Jason were 6-0, +19 in their pools, but Boulos of Canada was 6-0,



Around the games ... In top photo, the women's saber team at practice; center left, Erinn Smart and Alexis Jemal line up for the opening ceremonies; sabrist Jason Rogers takes a break from the opening ceremonies; in bottom photo, the U.S. team gets together for a photo before the opening ceremonies. Photos by Bob Largman.

+21, in his pool to earn the top seed. This was extremely unfortunate, as it set up a Jason-Ivan meeting in the round of four.

After a bye in the 32, Jason beat Marroquin of El Salvador, 15-7, and Rincones of Venezuela, 15-11, to reach the top four. This provoked tons of cheers and shrieks from Jason's ad-hoc rooting gallery, which was comprised of a section of local teenage girls.

After a bye in the 32, Ivan beat Valencia of Colombia, 15-7, and the scrappy Drajer of Argentina, 15-11, to reach the semifinal versus Jason. For all intents and purposes, this bout was really the gold medal bout. Ivan was the beneficiary of a reversed call at 13-11, but earned a well-fought victory, 15-12.

Ivan then decimated Bravo of Venezuela, 15-7 for the gold medal. The championship bout lasted less than two minutes. Unfortunately, we then had to wait over two hours for Ivan to emerge from doping control! Ceremony at 8:00 p.m.; dinner at 11:00 p.m.!

In women's epee, **Elizabeth Spilman** was seeded third, and **Stephanie Eim** was seeded fifth. Eim was 4-2, +3, and seeded eighth into the DE. Spilman was 3-3, +2, and seeded 12th.

After a bye in the 32, Stephanie beat Lozano of Colombia, 15-7 before losing a very competitive bout to the eventual gold medalist, Gomez of Cuba, 14-10, in the round of 8.

Elizabeth beat Pozo of Panama, 15-8, in the 32, and then

# 43-42

43-42. Remember that score. That's the score that signaled America's re-emergence as a Pan-American power and Olympic contender in men's foil. Imagine you are at the Pan Am Games in Duarte Centro Olimpico Park. These Games are an important event for the entire Western Hemisphere. In effect, this competition is the Olympic Games for many of these South, Central, and Latin American countries. In this sports-crazed, "fan"-tastic environment, the U.S. men's foil team of **Jed Dupree**, **Dan Kellner** and **Jon Tiomkin** donned their armor and prepared to do battle against their nemesis, Cuba. On the raised strip in the center of the Pabellion de Esgrima with the gold medal on the line, the two armies shook hands and walked to their generals for final instructions. The air was heavy with anticipation and sweltering with the blaze of battle.

In a Jordan-esque feat, Kellner brought his team back from a sure silver medal performance to snatch the gold medal from the 32-year domination of Cuba's men's foil team. Not since the Pan Am Games in Cali, Colombia in 1971 has the U.S. conquered Cuba in this event.

Of course, Kellner wasn't the only gladiator in this "Miracle on the Strip." The United States was down 7-15 after 3 bouts and it appeared as if the Cuban streak would extend to 36 years. But Dupree stepped onto the battlefield and lifted the U.S. team's hopes to golden possibilities. Dupree jumped on his opponent, Rainier Suarez Andino, and brought the score to 14-20 after four encounters.

Tiomkin, Dupree and Kellner fought the Cubans to the final bout. At times, the Americans closed the deficit to four points, but ultimately left a 10-point deficit 30-40 going into the final bout. "I thought that if we could get the score to within 5 points, we could win,"

scored a tremendous victory over former team World Champion, Ortiz of Cuba, 15-10. She was eliminated in the round of 8 by Alvarez of Venezuela, 15-7.

So, the grand total from the individual events was: 3 Gold, 2 Silver, & 3 Bronze. Wow!

## DAY FOUR: TIME FOR TEAMS

There were only four team events, as the Pan American Sports Organization (PASO) Fencing Committee had decided to mirror

Kellner reflected as he approached the strip.

The final bell sounded and history took a new course. "I was in a trance," Kellner said when he next looked at the score. It was 38-41. He had gone on an 8-1 run. "I knew I could win." Kellner went on another 5-1 run and the U.S. took its first lead of the match at 43-42.

Kellner and his opponent, Raul Perojo Valdes, traded the next few touches until 44-44 ... sudden death. "La belle." This is what fencing is all about ... the classical romance of the sport combined with the modern athletic ferocity of what it means to wield a sword.

"I've been pushing the entire bout," thought Kellner. His personal coach and Pan Am team coach Simon Gershon told him "to stick with the model," which meant, if you do it right, it will work. Kellner took a step, saw Perojo's reaction, and attacked. One light, a U.S. victory, and a twist in history forever encased in amber, as are so many other treasures in this gem mined in the Dominican Republic.

Kellner's performance in the team event confirmed that he was the best fencer at the Pan Am Games. Earlier in the week, Dan had beaten Perojo on his way to earning the individual gold medal. The U.S. men's foil team's performance confirmed that they were the best foilists in town as well. The tandem of Tiomkin and Kellner swept the Cubans in the individual event, taking the gold and silver while the Cubans settled for bronze.

The entire U.S. team rushed the strip to embrace their new Gold Medalists. "I'm glad I don't have to do that again," exclaimed Kellner as his teammates hoisted him on their shoulders. It was a great event for fencing and what makes this an exciting sport for all to dream about.

"Winning the individual (gold medal) was icing on the cake, but our job here was to beat the Cubans and to show them that we are definitely the best country from this region (to qualify for the Olympic Games)," Kellner recounted.

"Jon and Jed were behind me all the way. I've never been on a team that has this great chemistry. We're a team that's greater than the sum of its parts. We're all part of a machine and when we're all doing our job, we can just steamroll anyone in the world. We've now beaten the Cubans, Italians and the Chinese."

On a sidenote, this match gave the Cubans their first silver medal of the Games. Previously, Cuba was 12-0 in gold medal play across all Pan Am sports.

Is this our final answer? Stay tuned. Cuba and the U.S. will battle for the single opening in the Olympic qualifier for the Pan American zone. This was sport, this was fencing, and this was American fencing taking another step forward on the backs of Jon Tiomkin, Jed Dupree, and Dan Kellner ... our Musketters!

As good as it gets: The men's foil team celebrates its first-place finish. Photo by Bob Largman.



the Olympic Games and omit women's foil and women's saber. Due to an undetermined breach in communication, the USFA was not notified of this until right before the Pan Ams (somehow, the only country NOT to be notified!). With the help of USFA President **Stacey Johnson**, we made every effort to get these two events reinstated through the proper channels. Unfortunately, the other Pan Am countries were not in favor, as they had not brought the third fencer for the team events. So, despite these medals being potentially up for grabs, even by using a fencer from another weapon as the third, no other country voted to hold the events.

Subsequently, **Hanna Thompson** and **Alexis Jemal**, our third fencers in foil and saber, didn't get to compete. To their credit, they trained hard, cheered hard and, as was the custom for this team, didn't complain at all.

While we had won three gold medals already, all three victories were somewhat anti-climactic. Sada's was expected. Ivan's was a trouncing. Dan's was against a teammate.

But, this was about to change on Day Four, and in a grand scale. We were seeded No. 1 out of nine teams in men's foil, and destined to meet No. 2 Cuba for the gold. After a bye in the 16, we made short work of Colombia, 45-21 (Kellner 15-4 [+12]; Dupree 15-7 [+8]; and Tiomkin 15-10 [+5]), and Brazil, 45-16 (Kellner was 15-2 [+13]; Dupree 15-6 [+9]; and Tiomkin 15-8 [+7]), to reach the final match.

Naturally, it was against our Pan Am arch-rival, Cuba, a team we hadn't beaten in this event since the 1971 Pan American Games in Cali, Colombia, when **Carl Borack**, **Uriah Jones** and **Tyrone Simmons** accomplished the feat.

Since Dan and Jon had each vanquished their Cuban opponent in the individual semis, we were optimistic. **Jed Dupree** was championing at the bit as our third, and **Soren Thompson** the fourth.

Unfortunately, the team came out flat, and the Cubans led right from the outset. Our guys battled valiantly to creep within five touches at one point, but then fell to a seemingly insurmountable 30-40 deficit with one bout to go. Kellner was up against Perojo, whom he had beaten 15-6 in the individual semifinal.

In order for us to win, Dan would have to beat Perojo by an even more unlikely score of 15-4 or better. To say that the team was cautiously optimistic would be an overstatement. Anyone who claims differently would be less than candid.

As described in Bob Largman's piece, as well as my Rules/Referees column, Dan did the impossible, outscored Perojo 15-4, and gave us the gold medal, 45-44. It was likely the most improbable, exhilarating and timely comeback in U.S. Fencing history.

While Dan's once-in-a-lifetime performance won the day, Jed and Jon contributed substantially to this miraculous gold medal, and helped end the 32-year Cuban dominance of Men's Foil. For the match, Kellner was 23-14 (+9); Tiomkin 12-15 (-3); and Dupree 10-15 (-5). For the day, Kellner was an outstanding 53-20 (+33); Dupree 40-28 (+12); and Tiomkin 42-33 (+9).

#### DAY FIVE: MEN'S EPEE

Day Five was men's epee team. Our team was seeded fifth out of 11 teams, and after a bye in the 16, beat the fourth-ranked Chilean squad, 45-35. **Soren Thompson** was the third fencer, and Tiomkin the alternate. Kelsey was 17-11 (+6); Thompson 12-7 (+5); and Hansen 16-17 (-1).

In the round of four, the team lost a really close match to Ven-

zuela, 45-39 (Thompson was 19-17 [+2]; Kelsey 8-8 [0], and Hansen 12-20 [-8]), and had to regroup to face a wily Puerto Rican team for the bronze.

In another extremely close match, the men lost 45-40 and had to settle for a disappointing fourth-place finish. Unquestionably, on another day, our guys could have beaten either Venezuela or Puerto Rico, but it wasn't meant to be in Santo Domingo.

For the match, Hansen was 14-13 (+1); Kelsey 16-17 (-1); and Thompson 10-15 (-5). For the day, Kelsey was 41-36 (+5); Thompson was 41-39 (+2); and Hansen was 42-50 (-8).

#### DAY SIX: WOMEN'S EPEE, MEN'S SABER

The sixth and final day of the 2003 Pan American Fencing Competition concluded with women's epee and men's saber.

The women's epee team was seeded third out of 10 teams into the DE. **Kelley Hurley** was the third, and **Erinn Smart** the fourth. After a bye in the 16, the team easily handled Chile, 45-26. Eim was 12-4 (+8); Spilman 12-5 (+7); Hurley 11-9 (+2); and Smart was 10-9 (+1).

The round of four would be no cakewalk, as we drew No. 2-ranked Canada, which boasted the fourth-ranked fencer in the world, Sherraine Mackay. That was contrasted by the fact that our third fencer was 15-year-old **Kelley Hurley**.

In a hotly contested match that included questionable calls, over-heated equipment, and some ill-advised over-heating (and poor sportsmanship) on the part of some of our opponents, the team prevailed with a tremendous 45-36 victory. Eim was 12-3 (+9); Spilman 22-21 (+1); and teenaged Hurley more than held her own at 11-12 (-1).

We faced a very tough Cuban squad for the gold, and lost by

In top photo, the women's epee team wrap up their silver medal finish. At bottom, the sweet taste of victory as the men's saber team savors the gold. Photos by Bob Largman.





# The 2003 Pan Am Games Team

## MEN'S FOIL

Dan Kellner (27, New York, N.Y./Fencers Club)  
Jon Tiomkin (24, New York, N.Y./Fencers Club)  
Jed Dupree (23, New York, N.Y./Fencers Club) (team)

## WOMEN'S FOIL

Emily Cross (16, New York, N.Y./Fencers Club)  
Erinn Smart (23, New York, N.Y./Westbrook Foundation)  
Hanna Thompson (19, Rochester, N.Y./Rochester Fencing Center/Ohio State Univ. '05) (team)

## MEN'S SABER

Ivan Lee (22, Brooklyn, N.Y./Westbrook Foundation)  
Jason Rogers (20, Los Angeles, Calif./Salle Gascon/Ohio State Univ. '05)  
Adam Crompton (19, Livingston, N.J./Westbrook Foundation/Ohio State '06) (team)

## WOMEN'S SABER

Sada Jacobson (20, Dunwoody, Ga./Nellya Fencers)  
Emily Jacobson (17, Dunwoody, Ga./Nellya Fencers)  
Alexis Jemal (22, Westfield, N.J./Westbrook Foundation/Rutgers '05) (team)

## MEN'S EPEE

Eric Hansen (28, San Bruno, Calif./Golden Gate)  
Seth Kelsey (21, Brush Prairie, Wash./U.S.A.F. Academy '03)  
Soren Thompson (22, San Diego, Calif./New York Athletic Club/Princeton '04) (team)

## WOMEN'S EPEE

Stephanie Eim (26, New York, N.Y./Fencers Club)  
Elisabeth Spilman (34, Los Angeles, Calif./Beverly Hills F.C.)  
Kelley Hurley (15, Medina Texas/USA Pentathlon) (team)

45-25. However, this well-earned silver medal was one of the true feel-good moments for our entire team.

For the match, Eim was 9-13 (-4); Spilman 9-15 (-6); and Hurley 7-17 (-10). For the day, Eim was 33-20 (+13); Spilman 43-41 (+2); Smart 10-8 (+2); and Hurley 29-38 (-9).

## FINAL EVENT, FINAL GOLD

The men's saber team was seeded first into the DE of 8 teams. **Adam Crompton** was the third, and Kelsey the alternate. The sabreurs clobbered the Dominican Republic, 45-11 in the first match. Lee and Crompton were each 15-2 (+13) and Rogers was 15-7 (+8).

The semis were a lot tougher on paper, as we drew the Cubans. While this brought back memories of past Pan Am bloodbaths, our guys proved their superiority by a handy 45-31 score. Crompton was 15-8 (+7); Lee 16-11 (+5); and Rogers 14-12 (+2).

There was no letdown after the big victory over Cuba, as the team won the gold medal by beating Venezuela, 45-30. Ivan duplicated Dan Kellner's feat of becoming a double gold medalist. Adam was rock solid, and Jason gutted it out despite being under the weather.

For the match, Crompton was 15-7 (+8); Rogers was 14-9 (+5); and Lee was 16-14 (+2). For the day, Crompton was 45-17 (+28); Lee was 47-27 (+20); and Rogers was 43-28 (+15).

So, it was a fitting ending to a record-setting Pan Am Games for the United States, as we ended the festivities by winning our fifth gold medal!

## THANKS ALL AROUND

The cadre was certainly exceptional. **Bob Largman** provided a calming demeanor as team leader and always took care of the logistical details that enabled the athletes to concentrate on their task at hand.

**Carla-Mae Richards** took care of business in Tampa. The fencers loved **Ron Herman**, who aptly handled the armorer duties. **Kathy Koshansky** did a great job as our USOC-provided trainer and became a part of the team.

Our coaches, **Paul Soter**, **Simon Gershon** and **Yury Gelman** provided great leadership and strategic insights. Ultimately, they were the glue of the team and allowed me to work with them in a cohesive manner.

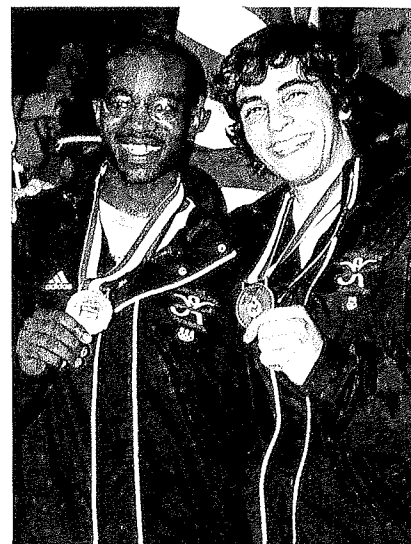
**Nancy Anderson**, who served on the directorate technique, and **George Kolombatovich**, who served on arbitrage, provided integral help to me at the competition.

Last but not least, thanks go out to **Suzy Paxton**, who was working in a USOC press capacity. Suzy's boundless energy was funneled into getting the fencers as much press as possible. However, Suzy provided something that certainly helped our team immeasurably.

Suzy's hotel was 10-minute walk from the fencing hall. The Pan Am Village was 45 minutes away, and there was always extra time wasted waiting for the bus. It would have been tremendously stressful and tiring for the finalists to schlep back and forth to the village during the few hours before the finals. So, Suzy arranged with her roommate to make their room available for our finalists to rest, sleep, watch a little T.V. and shower. Subsequently, our athletes returned to the venue mentally and physically recharged. (For the record, the USFA allotted funds to get a room at this hotel for this specific purpose, but to no avail, as the hotel was turning away people with pre-paid reservations.)

The 2003 Pan Am Games were a great success for the United States Fencing team! The team earned 11 medals, including FIVE GOLD, THREE SILVER, and THREE BRONZE! In addition, the team placed FIRST in the medal standings, beating out Cuba by 11 to 10! (Rest assured, there would have been two more gold medals if the team events in women's foil and saber had been held!)

However, it wasn't simply the results that defined this outstanding group of young adults. I will always remember this team for its incredible maturity, ever-present focus, from-the-heart team spirit and the outright refusal to let anything distract it from the lofty goals it had set ... and ultimately attained. — AF



Gold medalist Ivan Lee and silver medalist Jason Rogers celebrate U.S. men's individual saber victories on the medal stand. Photo by Bob Largman.



# New Collegiate CHAMPIONSHIPS

18 teams compete in first National Collegiate Club Fencing event

On April 5 and 6 new ground was broken in Gainesville, Fla., as the first National Collegiate Club Fencing Championship was held. Eighteen club-fencing programs were represented.

This tournament was the long-time brainchild of **Bruce Capin** (University of Florida) and **Jon Moss** (University of New Hampshire). "It was our dream to recognize collegiate club fencers with a celebratory competition emphasizing sportsmanship and fun," says Moss. "With the assistance of **Brad Baker** (University of Massachusetts), Bruce was able to put together a memorable tournament that absolutely accomplished these goals."

Eight different team championships were held: men's three weapon, foil team, epee team and saber team and women's three weapon, foil team, epee team and saber team.

Individual champions were declared in all weapons based on their results in the team events.

Fencers and coaches thoroughly enjoyed the camaraderie, the competition and the newly established friendly rivalries of the championships. As a result, the leadership of the clubs have formed an association, the United States Association of Collegiate Fencing Clubs (USACFC). The USACFC's purpose is to promote collegiate club fencing by hosting an annual championship event. Next year's championship will be held at the University of New Hampshire.

If there are active collegiate clubs who would like more information concerning the USACFC and the championship, feel free to contact Jon Moss (fezonh@comcast.net). Sometime in the near future the USACFC hopes to have a link through the USFA website. — AF

Universities of Massachusetts and New Hampshire women's epee teams share smiles together during the National Collegiate Club Fencing event.



## Participating Teams

|                             |                                |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|
| University of Michigan      | University of Texas            |
| University of Maryland      | Michigan State University      |
| Texas A & M University      | University of Massachusetts    |
| Purdue University           | University of South Carolina   |
| University of New Hampshire | University of Wisconsin        |
| Clemson University          | United States Military Academy |
| Northwestern University     | Virginia Tech University       |
| Smith College               | University of Florida          |
| University of Virginia      | Wesleyan College               |

## Men's Team Events

### Three Weapon Championship

Northwestern University/University of Massachusetts  
(Co-Champions, 95 wins each)  
United States Military Academy (2nd Place, 89 wins)  
University of Florida (3rd Place, 88 wins)

### Foil Team

Univ. of Mass. (37)  
Clemson (32)  
Florida (31)  
USMA (31)

### Epee Team

Northwestern (36)  
Univ. of Mass. (30)  
USMA (30)  
Florida (29)

### Saber Team

Northwestern (31)  
Florida (28)  
USMA (28)  
Univ. of Mass. (28)

## Women's Team Events

### Three Weapon Championship

University of Florida (Champions, 71 wins)  
University of Massachusetts (2nd Place, 69 wins)  
University of New Hampshire (3rd Place, 68 wins)

### Foil Team

New Hampshire (33)  
Florida (30)  
Virginia (27)

### Saber Team

Smith College (31)  
USMA (30)  
Michigan (21)

### Epee Team

Univ. of Mass. (24)  
Florida (23)  
New Hampshire (18)

## Individual Champions

### Women's Foil

Seling (UNH)

### Women's Epee

Proctor (Florida)

### Women's Saber

Strowe (Smith)

### Men's Foil

King (Maryland)

### Men's Epee

Bralow (Northwestern)

### Men's Saber

King (Maryland)

University of Florida's Championship women's team



# Fencing For DOUBLE THE FUN

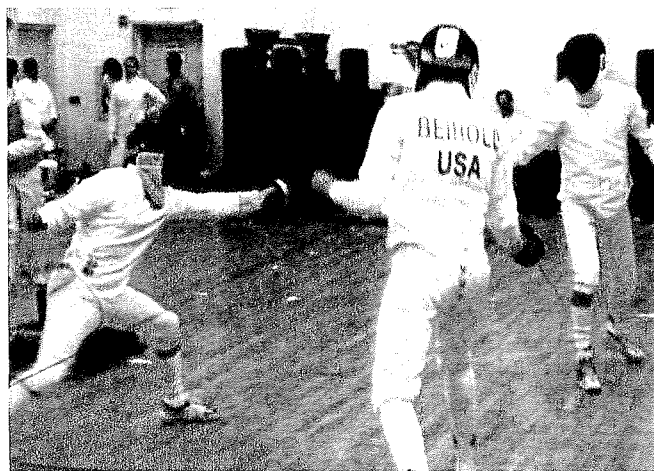
Doubles is new game in town • by Kate **HOFFMAN** and Tigran **SHAGINIAN**

This summer, the first “Dual Duel” tournament was held in Southern California. Organized by Tigran Shaginian, International Class Master of Sport and president of Swords Fencing Studio, the event showcased a new format in fencing — doubles epee. Similar to team tennis, doubles epee involves two pairs of epeeists squaring off against each other as teams. Shaginian reports that 13 teams showed up for the first tournament and its success has promised that more will be held. Says Shaginian, “Unfortunately, this format can only be done in epee because foil and saber have right-of-way rules.” In the first-person account below, Dual Duel participant **Kate Hoffman** tells us what doubles epee is like.

Sunday, July 20, 2003, marks a day to be remembered in the history of fencing — or at least the history of my fencing. My son and I fenced in the first-ever doubles epee tournament in Valencia, Calif., and my partner and I won the silver. I’ve been fencing for about four years and I can’t remember having so much fun.

Doubles epee was perfected by **Tigran Shaginian**, president of Swords Fencing in Burbank. It brings into play all the skills of epee and the kind of teamwork, strategy, and maybe even a certain amount of ESP that you might find in doubles tennis. In doubles, partners are hooked up to the same box and fence on adjoining strips facing their opponents. The first fencer who has a touch made against her goes down and then it’s two fencers against one. When both fencers have had touches scored against them, the winning team is awarded a point. The best out of five wins the bout.

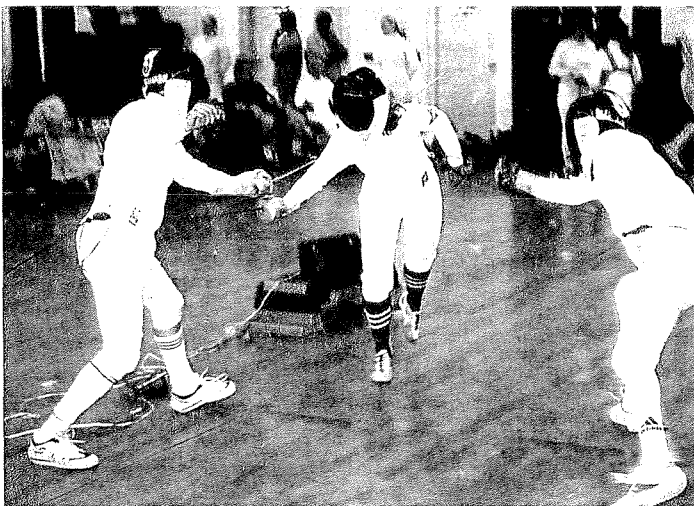
The Valencia tournament was divided into one pool each for men and women, although my 11-year-old son and another boy fenced with the women since many of the men’s teams were very experienced and aggressive. (He was pretty annoyed by this.) Most fencers showed up with partners, but since I didn’t I was paired with a high school girl who had only been fencing for nine months. With six teams participating, we each fenced



Dual dueling at Swords Fencing Studio.

five bouts in the pools and then went on to direct elimination. Because each bout is really a much larger number of exchanges, doubles is fairly strenuous compared to a normal epee bout. Compared to women’s tournaments I’ve fenced in, the action in doubles epee is also much faster and more explosive and the outcome is less predictable. We saw touches made diagonally on the partner’s opponent, and more than once my son Gus earned a point when he was alone against two opponents, with an explosive attack that took out one opponent before her partner had time to react.

My partner, Sorah, and I got off to a slow start, winning only two bouts in our pool. Because Sorah had been fencing for less than a year, it was necessary for me to be more aggressive than I normally am — a very good thing for me. I noticed that some of the teams would whisper, most likely about strategy, between bouts. Even though Sorah and I didn’t say much at all, we seemed to arrive at a strategy that became very effective for us toward the end of the pool and in the DEs. My goal was to keep our oppo-





First place women's doubles winners Mery Huang, left, and Clare Deffense.

# Doubles **RULES**

by Tigran **SHAGINIAN**

All current USA Fencing rules for the conduct of epee competitions apply, except as follows:

1. Bouts are contested between two teams, each consisting of two fencers.
2. Before the start of the competition, each two-member team must indicate on a card provided by the organizers which of its fencers will assume the position on the right and which will assume the left. Fencers will be required to fence from the indicated positions for the entire competition.
3. The piste is the same as a normal, two-fencer piste, except that it is three meters wide.
4. When two teams are called by the referee to fence each other, both fencers of the team called first come on guard behind the on-guard line to the referee's right, and both fencers of the opposing team come on guard behind the on-guard line to the referee's left. Each fencer must come on guard behind the nearest on-guard line, before fencing resumes.
5. Each fencer connects his body cord into a separate reel, but the two reels of one team feed into a single floor cable, which is connected to a single scoring apparatus.
6. Either of a fencer's two opponents is a legitimate target.
7. During fencing, a fencer may not pass his opponents on the piste. That is, a fencer may not advance so that his leading shoulder goes beyond the trailing shoulder of either of his opponents.

8. When a fencer is touched the referee stops the action and that fencer is eliminated (i.e., he must leave the piste but remains connected to his reel). In the case of a double touch, both fencers touched are eliminated. A team that successfully eliminates both opponents scores a point. If each team successfully eliminates each other at the same time (i.e., by means of a double-touch), each team scores a point, unless the score is tied at 4-4; then the touches are annulled.
9. If the elimination of a fencer results in a two-against-one situation, the two fencers who are on the same team must come on guard behind the 2-meter warning line and their opponent must come on guard behind the nearest on-guard line, before fencing resumes.
10. If both fencers on the same team are touched, only the fencer touched first is eliminated. If both fencers on the same team are touched at approximately the same moment so that the referee can not ascertain who was touched first, the referee determines who is eliminated.

nents busy to give Sorah a chance to get a touch, which she did extremely well. If the fencer opposite me was obviously less experienced, I would hurry in to get a touch against her so that we would have the two-against-one advantage.

The team that beat us for the gold used their own strategy. One fencer kept me too busy to protect Sorah, who, because of her inexperience, was a pretty easy target. We still did respectably, losing 5-3. And we had a fantastic time. Sorah was completely elated at doing so well and I have never had a better time fencing. I can't wait for the next tournament.

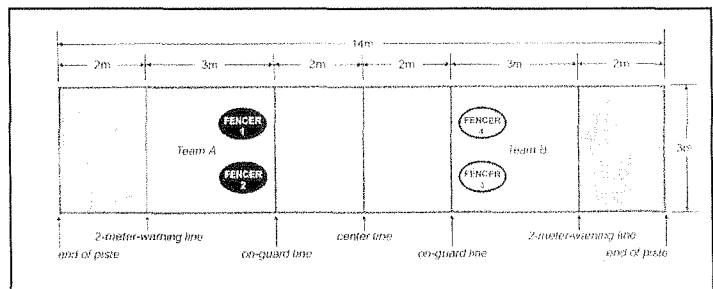
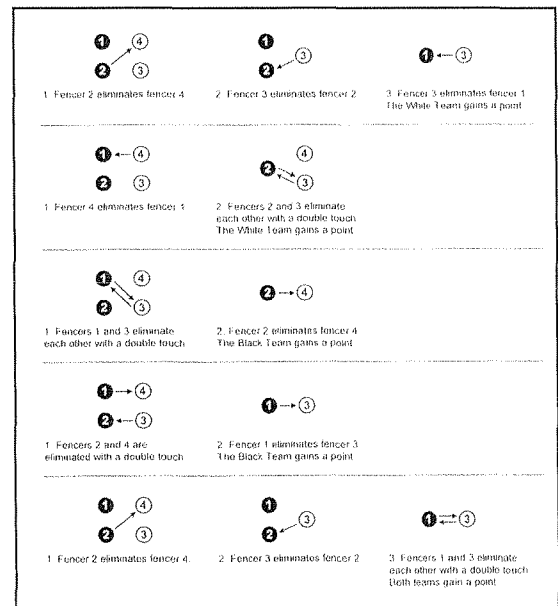
For more information on how the format works, Tigran Shaginian invites you to call him at (818) 840-8690. — AF

by a coin toss. Heads, the left-hand fencer is eliminated; tails, the right-hand fencer is eliminated.

11. An eliminated fencer remains eliminated until one team has scored a point, then all four fencers retake their starting positions and fencing resumes until five points have been scored by one team.

(Note: All pronouns above refer to either gender, as in: "He who laughs last, laughs best.")

Some possible scenarios are presented here. The circles represent the fencers of two teams ("Black" and "White"). The arrows represent the direction of actions resulting in a touch.



The doubles piste with starting positions. Photos courtesy of Swords Fencing Studio, Inc.

# No One Makes Money IN FENCING

... and other myths dispelled by Proprintwear • by Philip DALY

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In 1985, after serving six years with the United States Air Force, I was selected to join one of the most prestigious police departments in the country. In 1992, I was promoted to the rank of detective and quickly earned the designation as a “BCG,” a Big Case Guy. During my tenure as a detective I have seen the best and the worst that mankind can offer. I have delivered newborn babies and convicted men of murder, but through it all marveled at the wonders of the human heart.

In 1995, I began to evaluate my life’s work and retirement direction. I considered studying for promotion, making rank and working my way up the departmental ladder, but my final decision would surprise everyone. You should have heard the other detectives as they laughed, you want to be what? A screenprinter?

The decision to become a screenprinter and small business owner was such a dramatic departure from the structured lifestyle I had come to know. I still lacked self-fulfillment. Ultimately my decision was driven by a young man’s dream of becoming a graphic artist.

I began to research the industry. With a host of information in hand, we formed our marketing strategy around reducing the complexity we saw in product pricing and an honest approach to consumer education while providing the highest quality products. We committed ourselves to two elements of the business triangle: quality and service. We evaluated the market, projected our production capabilities and calculated our target market: first-time customers, small runs, mom-and-pop operations and other such consumers that were overlooked by the established corporations.

In 1996, we began purchasing equipment and

opened our doors. As we struggled to survive, the customers began to trickle in. The orders were small and the profits far from great as we battled with cost overruns and delayed shipments. Nothing came easy, but eventually we began to turn a profit and the business was on solid ground. Over the next several years the business grew and customer satisfaction was overwhelming with a 99 percent return customer rating.

## VENTURING INTO THE FENCING BUSINESS

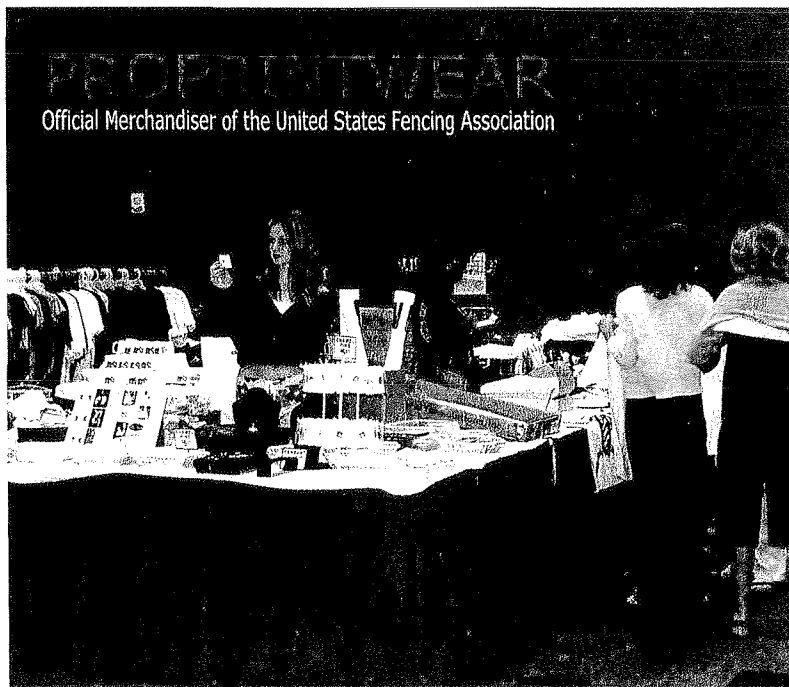
As time went on we began to acquire customers from the fencing community. It seemed a natural fit since I had been involved with the sport of fencing for 20 years, first as a fencer and then as a high school, collegiate and national referee. Over the next few years as I traveled to various high schools, colleges and national tournaments I couldn’t help but notice how little these venues had to offer in fencing apparel and merchandise. We decided to venture into the market with some test products. The reception at

first was cold and we lost our fair share, but we remained convinced that the market was worth pursuing.

With the end of the 2001 season in sight, we approached the U.S. Fencing Association with the desire to become their official merchandiser. The USFA’s Michael Massik and I sat down to discuss a contract and shortly thereafter agreed to terms with 20 percent of the gross sales going back to the USFA. With this contract in hand, we had to re-formulate our business strategy and enter Phase II.

There was no business model for such an

Proprintwear is a familiar site at USFA fencing events around the country.



endeavor as we prepared to embark upon uncharted territory. Our friends quoted the prevailing thought in fencing, one that you have all undoubtedly heard — “No One Makes Money In Fencing.” There were so many things that needed to be done — design and implement a website, acquire merchant accounts, graphic designs, product research, selection, development, production and release. The financial outlay grew steadily and was only surpassed by our fears of failure.

It was at the 2002 Summer Nationals that we first unveiled our business and product line on a national scale. The fencing community generously accepted us into their family and reassured us that we were on the right track. Since that time we have traveled to several national tournaments, including the 2003 Summer Nationals in Austin, Tex. and have been well received at each of these locations. We have continued to develop our product line by turning over 100 percent of the profits back into the business and shall continue to do so until we have reached our goal of producing more and better quality products than fencing has ever seen before.

#### PART OF THE FENCING COMMUNITY

As befitting our focus on service, we want the fencing community to feel a part of our business's growth. Our product line is heavily influenced by the community's input. Designs and product ideas were submitted by fencing moms and dads, coaches and fencers. In fact, the tournament stickers were the suggestion of a fencing dad, which we openly embraced. Several fencers who are young aspiring artists have begun offering original artworks. Shortly we will feature works by John Blair Moore, the cartoonist. We have the “Button Lady,” whose smart sayings have caught the eye of the old and young alike. We have also helped upstart Tiger Mountain Photography, whose photography can stop you in mid stride.

Through it all I have enjoyed the experience and can recall two memorable times that have fueled the passion. The first was at our first Summer National in Greenville, S.C., when two young twin sisters came running to the booth with smiles from ear to ear proclaiming that they saw the Proprintwear sign from across the room.

The second was a cold winter night in Saratoga Springs,

N.Y. As I walked into the night thinking about how cold it was and the ups and downs of the day I couldn't help but notice all the vehicles proudly displaying our bumper stickers. The night suddenly stopped feeling quite so cold and the falls less painful as a childish grin came to life with a sense of pride for all that we are.

#### THE BOTTOM LINE IS ABOUT MORE THAN MONEY

The bottom line is that our business investment was not merely a matter of time and money. It is a matter of an undying love for the sport of fencing. We strive to produce high-end products at a reasonable cost. We have expanded our product line to a level never seen before in the sport of fencing and will continue to do so. Each time I see the smiling face of a boy or a girl as they proudly wear one of our many shirts I can't help but wonder how they will attract new fencers and develop our pride in our sport. People may say that I'm blowing smoke, but we back it up with that 20 percent of each sale going back to the USFA.

Since entering Phase II of our transformation and becoming your “Official Merchandiser” our client base has shifted. The fencing community now accounts for roughly 80 percent of our business. As our business grows we shall continue expanding our services and product lines to incorporate all your merchandising and apparel needs.

It is our hope and business goal to become your one-stop shop for that must-have item. In March, with the support of the membership, we passed the projected annual sales revenue set by the USFA for the 2003 calendar year and to date we have contributed more than \$34,000 to the USFA.

We would like to thank the USFA's Executive Director Michael Massik and his staff for their vision and continuing support. We are proud of our association with the United States Fencing Association and look forward to the coming years of growth and privilege of serving the membership.

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*Phillip Daly is President of Proprintwear.*

## And the winner is ...

**Daniel Gruver**, of Amarillo, Tex., was the first prize winner of the Proprintwear Summer National Raffle. Dan's winnings include a stadium blanket, sports towel, fencing bear, stuffed bear, custom woven towel, embroidered hat, T-shirt, coffee cups, lanyards, key chain, patches, lapel pins, luggage tags, bumper stickers, mini-stickers and refrigerator magnets. The complete package is valued at \$352.

Second prize winner, **Michael Eskin** of Melrose, Mass. received a sports towel, fencing bear, embroidered hat, T-shirt, lanyards, key chain, patches, lapel pin, luggage tags, bumper sticker and refrigerator magnet. The complete package is valued at \$201.

Third prize winner, **Jojo Mahran** of Round Rock, Tex.,

received a sports towel, fencing bear, T-shirt, lanyard, key chain, Patch, mini-sticker, bumper sticker and a refrigerator magnet.

All prizes included free shipping in the continental United States. Congratulations to our winners and we hope that you enjoy your merchandise as much as we enjoyed offering the Summer National Raffle. The sport of fencing has been underrepresented when it comes to apparel pride in public places. Remember that each time you walk down a street, a school hallway, or a shopping mall while proudly displaying your fencing T-shirt or associated merchandise, you advertise our sport for all to see. Take pride in the sport you love and stand tall.

## SUMMER NATIONALS RESULTS, June 28-July 6, 2003, Austin, Tex. – INDIVIDUALS

### DIVISION I MEN'S EPEE

(54 Competitors)

1. Moreau, John A (SO. TEXAS)
2. Thompson, Soren (SO. CALIF.)
- 3.T Mattern, Cody M (OREGON)
- 3.T O'Loughlin, Chris S (METRO NYC)
5. Viviani, Jansson J (METRO NYC)
6. Normile, Jon (METRO NYC)
7. Baby, Brendan (LONG ISLAND)
8. Bratton, Benjamin E (METRO NYC)

### DIVISION I MEN'S FOIL

(48 Competitors - top 32 earn points)

#### Group A4 competition

1. Tiomkin, Jonathan C (LONG ISLAND)
2. Gerberman, Steven B (GULFCST TX)
- 3.T Dupree, Jedediah (METRO NYC)
- 3.T McClain, Michael S (CENTRAL CA)
5. Kellner, Dan J (METRO NYC)
6. Kershaw, Clinton E (MT. VALLEY)
7. Sinkin, Gabriel M (WESTERN NY)
8. Chang, Gregory (NEWENGLAND)

### DIVISION I MEN'S SABER

(46 Competitors - top 32 earn points)

#### Group A4 competition

1. Lee, Ivan J (METRO NYC)
2. Raynaud, Herby (METRO NYC)
- 3.T Durkan, Patrick J (METRO NYC)
- 3.T Rogers, Jason N (SO. CALIF.)
5. Spencer-EI, Akhnaten A (METRO NYC)
6. Crompton, Adam C (NEW JERSEY)
7. Morehouse, Timothy F (METRO NYC)
8. Douville, David A (GEORGIA)

### DIVISION I WOMEN'S EPEE

(47 Competitors - top 32 earn points)

#### Group A4 competition

1. Eim, Stephanie (METRO NYC)
2. Leszko, Julia A (OREGON)
- 3.T Campbell, Lindsay K (METRO NYC)
- 3.T James, Kamara L (METRO NYC)
5. Hurley, Kelley A (SO. TEXAS)
6. Lawrence, Maya A (NEW JERSEY)

7. Henderson, Danielle A (NEW JERSEY)

8. Miller, Margo L (SO. CALIF.)

### DIVISION I WOMEN'S FOIL

(44 Competitors - top 32 earn points)

#### Group A4 competition

1. Zimmermann, Iris T (METRO NYC)
2. Smart, Erin L (METRO NYC)
- 3.T Cross, Emily R (METRO NYC)
- 3.T Leahy, Jacqueline (METRO NYC)
5. Jennings, Susan K (METRO NYC)
6. Thompson, Hanna M (WESTERN NY)
7. Zimmermann, Felicia T (WESTERN NY)
8. Cavan, Kathryn M (METRO NYC)

### DIVISION I WOMEN'S SABER

(33 Competitors - top 16 earn points)

#### Group A4 competition

1. Becker, Christine (OREGON)
2. Zagunis, Mariel L (OREGON)
- 3.T Eiremo, Annika M (MT. VALLEY)
- 3.T Providenza, Valerie C (OREGON)
5. Ward, Rebecca C (OREGON)
6. Jacobson, Emily P (GEORGIA)
7. Gaillard, Amelia F (GEORGIA)
8. Jemal, Alexis D (METRO NYC)

### DIVISION I-A MEN'S EPEE

(117 Competitors)

#### Group A4 competition

1. Reed, Robert M (SO. TEXAS)
2. Rees, Daniel (D (COLORADO)
- 3.T Morell, Zachary A (NORTH OHIO)
- 3.T Rubrecht, Ward B (MINNESOTA)
5. Hurme, Tommi K (SO. TEXAS)
6. Awsumb, Lance G (MINNESOTA)
7. Sanford, Dana C (OREGON)
8. Varney, John (WESTERN WA)

### DIVISION I-A MEN'S FOIL

(106 Competitors)

#### Group A4 competition

1. Sugimoto, Scott T (SO. CALIF.)
2. Lutton, Thomas W (NEWENGLAND)

3.T Chinman, Nicholas S (COLORADO)

3.T Jeter, William E (SW OHIO)

5.T Kennard, Henry B (NEWENGLAND)

5.T Lepold, Joshua E (CENTRAL CA)

7. Habala, Peter (ILLINOIS)

8. Gonzalez, John L (METRO NYC)

### DIVISION I-A MEN'S SABER

(68 Competitors)

#### Group A3 competition

1. Igoe, Benjamin D (METRO NYC)
2. Parkins, Zachary R (GULFCST TX)
- 3.T Kragh, Sam E (MINNESOTA)
- 3.T Tracey, Douglass M (S. JERSEY)
5. Sachs, Daniel S (HUDS-BERKS)
6. Baker, Bradley (NEWENGLAND)
7. Stetsiv, Oleg (METRO NYC)
8. Lalonde, Ahren M (PHILADELPH)

### DIVISION I-A WOMEN'S EPEE

(72 Competitors)

#### Group A3 competition

1. Imerman, Polina (NEW JERSEY)
2. Scarborough, Evelyn L (AK-LA-MISS)
- 3.T Kercsmar, Anne B (NORTH OHIO)
- 3.T Thouless, Helen R (WESTERN WA)
5. French, Christa M (NORTH TEX)
6. French, Kayley A (NORTH TEX)
7. Rowe, Rachel H (NEW JERSEY)
8. Bhinder, Jasjit K (HUDS-BERKS)

### DIVISION I-A WOMEN'S FOIL

(62 Competitors)

#### Group A3 competition

1. Arpke, Kalina N (KANSAS)
2. Kotlan, Dely J (GEORGIA)
- 3.T Emerson, Abigail A (NORTHEAST)
- 3.T Flores, Daisy D (ARIZONA)
5. Abdikulova, Zoya (ILLINOIS)
6. Reckling, Kathleen A (WEST-ROCK)
7. Parker, Melissa (SO. TEXAS)
8. Loper, Susan C (GEORGIA)

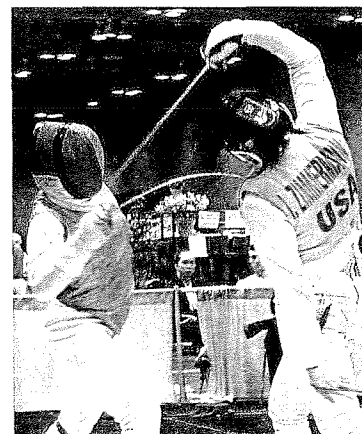
Catherine McDermott (Gulf Coast TX) with Coach Mauro. McDermott won three medals: Div. III Women's Foil, first; Div. II Women's Foil, 5th; and Youth-14 Women's Foil, 3rd. Photo: Amy Timacheff, Tiger Mountain Photo.



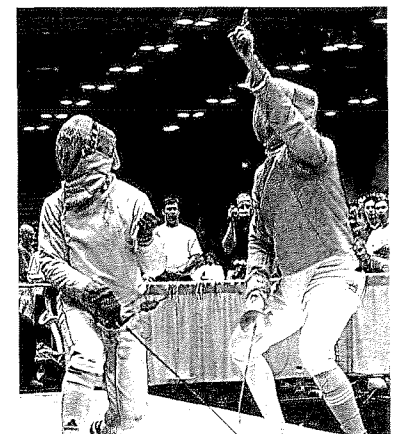
Iris Zimmermann kisses her Division I Women's Foil championship trophy. Photo: Serge Timacheff, Tiger Mountain Photo.



Erin Smart and Iris Zimmermann in the final match of Division I Women's Foil. Photo: Serge Timacheff, Tiger Mountain Photo.



Herbie Raynaud, left, in Division I Men's Saber semi-final against Patrick Durkan. Photo: Serge Timacheff, Tiger Mountain Photo.





**DIVISION I-A WOMEN'S SABER**

(70 Competitors)

Group A3 competition

1. Keltner, Mera H (OREGON)
2. Sitek, Zuzanna (NEW JERSEY)
- 3.T Liebing, Rachel (UTAH/S.IDA)
- 3.T Vincent, Angela M (OREGON)
5. Muhammad, Ibtihaj R (NEW JERSEY)
6. Schneider, Daria H (NEWENGLAND)
7. Dewey, Aislinn A (NEWENGLAND)
8. Borrmann, Sarah V (OREGON)

**DIVISION II MEN'S EPEE**

(200 Competitors)

Group B3 competition

1. Sulat, Nathaniel (NORTH CA)
2. Macaulay, Michael G (SO. TEXAS)
- 3.T Morich, Matt T (ILLINOIS)
- 3.T Rodney, Adam R (LOUISIANA)
5. Strafaccia, Anthony D (MINNESOTA)
6. Dodge, Shawn M (WESTERN WA)
7. Donnelly, R. Ian (NORTHEAST)
8. Bumgardner, Jeffrey L (PHILADELPH)

**DIVISION II MEN'S FOIL**

(243 Competitors)

Group B3 competition

1. Itameri-Kinter, Kai E (NEWENGLAND)
2. Vortsman, Eugene (METRO NYC)
- 3.T Wright, Bagley (METRO NYC)
- 3.T Zucker, Sasha E (SO. TEXAS)
5. Louton, Alexander (CENTRAL PA)
6. Baran, Payton R (CAPITOL)
7. Lord, Jonathan M (CENTRAL FL)
8. Chamley-Watson, Miles C (METRO NYC)

**DIVISION II MEN'S SABER**

(102 Competitors)

Group B3 competition

1. Martin, Bret I (SAN DIEGO)
2. Leighton, James B (INDIANA)
- 3.T Henry, Carlton H (METRO NYC)
- 3.T Parkins, Zachary R (GULFCST TX)
5. Kopylov, Igor (NEW JERSEY)
6. Cappetta, Emil (NEW JERSEY)
7. Truskowski, Peter (ILLINOIS)
8. Kindrachuk, Mark A (PHILADELPH)

**DIVISION II WOMEN'S EPEE**

(129 Competitors)

Group B3 competition

1. Bhinder, Jasjit K (HUDS-BERKS)

2. Rowe, Rachel H (NEW JERSEY)
- 3.T Montoya, Kimberlee (NEVADA)
- 3.T Stephenson, Heather T (CENTRAL CA)
5. Brinlee, Michelle E (NEVADA)
6. Imerman, Polina (NEW JERSEY)
7. Ferrara, Brianna R (GEORGIA)
8. Hatcher, Christina (COLORADO)

**DIVISION II WOMEN'S FOIL**

(150 Competitors)

Group B3 competition

1. Nemecek, Samantha J (MICHIGAN)
2. Pensler, Arielle R (ILLINOIS)
- 3.T Daniels, Greta C (METRO NYC)
- 3.T Wacker, Jessica B (CENTRAL CA)
5. McDermott, Catherine (GULFCST TX)
6. Covault, Rachel L (MINNESOTA)
7. Dewey, Chantal G (NEWENGLAND)
8. Becker, Rachel A (CENTRAL CA)

**DIVISION II WOMEN'S SABER**

(97 Competitors)

Group B3 competition

1. Robinson, Christian (METRO NYC)
2. Weingarden, Alexa R (MINNESOTA)
- 3.T Smith, Natalie C (UTAH/S.IDA)
- 3.T Vu, Mai V (METRO NYC)
5. Comes, Rita (CENTRAL CA)
6. Frey, Erin (NEW JERSEY)
7. Barroso, Audrey A (GEORGIA)
8. McSpadden, Emalinda L (NORTH TEX)

**DIVISION III MEN'S EPEE**

(236 Competitors)

Group C3 competition

1. Tiller, Terris R (COLORADO)
2. Eckert, Zeke E (NORTH TEX)
- 3.T Anthony, Kai A (NORTH TEX)
- 3.T Smith, Cameron A (SO. CALIF)
5. Neslund, Byron J (ALASKA)
6. Conner, Josh S (OREGON)
7. Hedges, Daniel R (NORTHEAST)
8. Miller, Jonathan W (KANSAS)

**DIVISION III MEN'S FOIL**

(295 Competitors)

Group C3 competition

1. Dorfman, Benjamin J (NEW JERSEY)
2. Wai, Jonathan M (METRO NYC)
- 3.T Donnelly, R. Ian (NORTHEAST)
- 3.T Paracka, Eric D (CENTRAL FL)
5. Thompson, Clive A (ILLINOIS)

6. Jennings-White, Julian D (CENTRAL CA)
7. Lawrence, Jamie M (METRO NYC)
8. Kovacs, Peter A (CONNECTCUT)

**DIVISION III MEN'S SABER**

(133 Competitors)

Group C3 competition

1. Henry, Carlton H (METRO NYC)
2. Stetsiv, Andrew (METRO NYC)
- 3.T Haines-Stiles, Max A (NEW JERSEY)
- 3.T Phillips, Wesley Y (SO. TEXAS)
5. Davidson, Raskyrie A (METRO NYC)
6. Griswold, Ian G (WESTERN WA)
7. Barbour, James W (ARIZONA)
8. Pike, Maxwell H (NEW JERSEY)

**DIVISION III WOMEN'S EPEE**

(157 Competitors)

Group C3 competition

1. Hamer, Hilary A (NORTHEAST)
2. Thurber, Marin (NORTH CA)
- 3.T Hecocks, Marta R (COLORADO)
- 3.T St. Jacques, Jill M (NEWENGLAND)
5. Imerman, Polina (NEW JERSEY)
6. Bhinder, Jasjit K (HUDS-BERKS)
7. Nielsen, Laura M (GULFCST TX)
8. Cronin, Natalie M (CENTRAL FL)

**DIVISION III WOMEN'S FOIL**

(197 Competitors)

Group C3 competition

1. McDermott, Catherine (GULFCST TX)
2. Ostanigrosh, Olga (MT. VALLEY)
- 3.T Nebert, Carrie M (ALASKA)
- 3.T Wacker, Jessica B (CENTRAL CA)
5. Covault, Rachel L (MINNESOTA)
- 6.T Brown, Leslie K (GEORGIA)
- 6.T Rashid, Princess S (GATEWAY FL)
8. Aucoin, Stefanie L (NEWENGLAND)

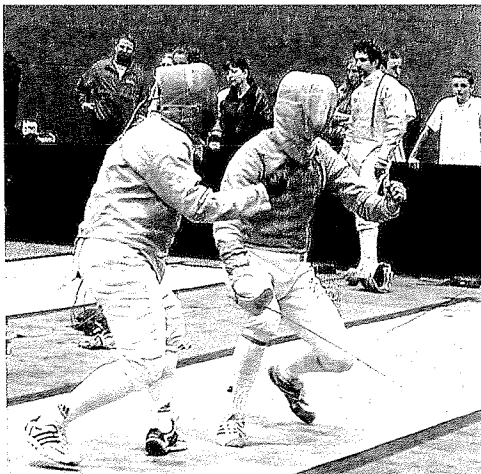
**DIVISION III WOMEN'S SABER**

(87 Competitors)

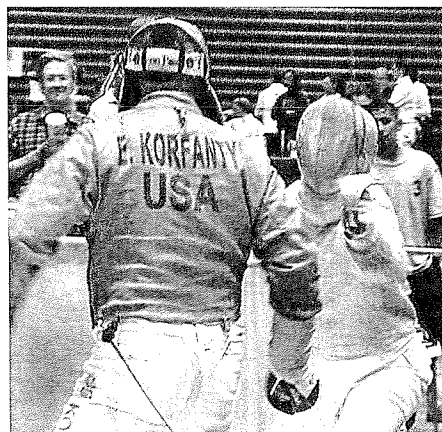
Group C3 competition

1. Hillstrom, Laura (CAPITOL)
2. Frey, Erin (NEW JERSEY)
- 3.T Hacking, Ruth Ann (NEWENGLAND)
- 3.T Murray, Jennifer (LONG ISLND)
5. Linker, Ashley G (ILLINOIS)
6. Blumenthal, Dena C (PHILADELPH)
7. Williams, Jocelyn H (S. JERSEY)
8. Young, Caitlin N (LONG ISLND)

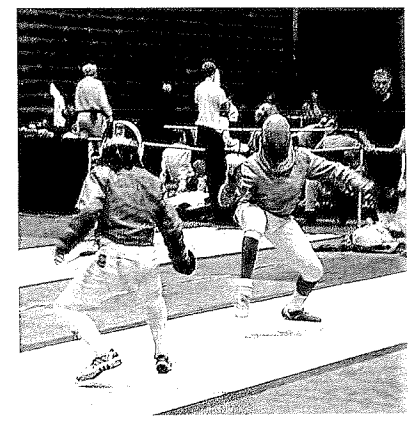
Sabrist Martin Zagunis (right) and unidentified opponent both claim the touch. Photo: William Ward.



Men's Saber Veterans-50 gold medal bout action. Champion David Jacobson (right) launches attack against silver medalist Ed Korfanty. Photo: William Ward.



Division 1A Women's Saber National Champion Mera Keltner, left, defends an attack from Hafsa Kadree. Photo: William Ward.



# Tournament HIGHLIGHTS

## UNDER-19 MEN'S EPEE

(97 Competitors - top 32 earn points)

### Group A4 competition

1. Hurme, Tommi K (SO. TEXAS)
2. Bratton, Benjamin E (METRO NYC)
- 3.T Moody, Jimmy W (COLORADO)
- 3.T Verigan, William R (NEW JERSEY)
5. Saitoc, Tudor C (LONG ISLAND)
6. Adjemian, Aaron E (BORDER TEX)
7. Testerman, Nicolas M (OREGON)
8. Sofer, Andrew J (METRO NYC)

## UNDER-19 MEN'S FOIL

(134 Competitors - top 32 earn points)

### Group A4 competition

1. Meyers, Brendan J (METRO NYC)
2. Horanyi, Andras M (COLORADO)
- 3.T Berkowsky, Ronald W (S. JERSEY)
- 3.T Bras, Alejandro (NEWENGLAND)
5. Chinman, Nicholas S (COLORADO)
6. Galligan, Michael J (GULFCST TX)
7. Chen, Calvin (WESTERN WA)
8. Kennard, Henry B (NEWENGLAND)

## UNDER-19 MEN'S SABER

(89 Competitors - top 32 earn points)

### Group A4 competition

1. Ghattas, Patrick E (OREGON)
2. Clement, Luther C (KANSAS)
- 3.T Thanhouser, William B (OREGON)
- 3.T Williams, James L (MT. VALLEY)
5. Momtselidze, Mike (COLUMBUSOH)
6. Ahn, Steve J (NORTH TEX)
7. Krul, Alexander (SO. CALIF.)
8. Kragh, Sam E (MINNESOTA)

## UNDER-19 WOMEN'S EPEE

(70 Competitors - top 32 earn points)

### Group A4 competition

1. Finkel, Tess O (METRO NYC)
2. Ruraz-Huygens, Livia D (CAPITOL)
- 3.T French, Christa M (NORTH TEX)
- 3.T Hurley, Kelley A (SO. TEXAS)
5. Montoya, Kimberlee (NEVADA)
6. Orlando, Amy E (OREGON)
7. Szarwark, Catherine (TENNESSEE)
8. McGarry, Erin Laine (SO. TEXAS)

## UNDER-19 WOMEN'S FOIL

(89 Competitors - top 32 earn points)

### Group A3 competition

1. Cross, Emily R (METRO NYC)
2. Leahy, Jacqueline (METRO NYC)
- 3.T Luitjen, Cassidy C (METRO NYC)
- 3.T Willette, Doris E (NORTH CA)
5. Hiss, Sophie C (OKLAHOMA)
6. Emerson, Abigail A (NORTHEAST)
7. Nott, Adrienne M (WESTERN NY)
8. Pensler, Arielle R (ILLINOIS)

## UNDER-19 WOMEN'S SABER

(60 Competitors - top 32 earn points)

### Group A2 competition

1. Zagunis, Mariel L (OREGON)
2. Providenza, Valerie C (OREGON)
- 3.T Baratta, Emma L (METRO NYC)
- 3.T Ward, Rebecca C (OREGON)
5. Gaillard, Amelia F (GEORGIA)
6. Eiremo, Annika M (MT. VALLEY)
7. Sherry, Katelyn P (NEW JERSEY)
8. Wozniak, Dagmara (NEW JERSEY)

## UNDER-16 MEN'S EPEE

(88 Competitors - top 32 earn points)

### Group A2/B3 competition

1. Chinman, Nicholas S (COLORADO)
2. Smith, Dwight A (METRO NYC)
- 3.T Hurme, Edward R (SO. TEXAS)
- 3.T Pryor, Jason A (NORTH OHIO)
5. Stallings, William M. (SO. TEXAS)
6. Vaksman, Stanley (LONG ISLAND)
7. Sulat, Nathaniel (NORTH CA)
8. Czapanskiy, Max F (VIRGINIA)

## UNDER-16 MEN'S FOIL

(131 Competitors - top 32 earn points)

### Group A3 competition

1. Kershaw, Clinton E (MT. VALLEY)
2. Chinman, Nicholas S (COLORADO)
- 3.T Farrag, Sherif G (NEW JERSEY)
- 3.T Kubik, Mark W (SO. TEXAS)
5. Wright, Bagley (METRO NYC)
- 6.T Itameri-Kinter, Kai E (NEWENGLAND)
- 6.T Meyers, Brendan J (METRO NYC)
8. Getz, Kurt A (WEST-ROCK)

## UNDER-16 MEN'S SABER

(68 Competitors - top 32 earn points)

### Group B3 competition

1. Berkowsky, Jonathan E (S. JERSEY)
2. Williams, Maximilian (MT. VALLEY)
- 3.T Ochocki, Aleksander (NEW JERSEY)
- 3.T Truszkowski, Peter (ILLINOIS)
5. Eiremo, Anders E (MT. VALLEY)
6. Liu, Joe C (GEORGIA)
7. Dyke, Lancelot A (SO. CALIF.)
8. Kloepper, Jonathan C (KANSAS)

## UNDER-16 WOMEN'S EPEE

(63 Competitors - top 32 earn points)

### Group A2 competition

1. Hurley, Kelley A (SO. TEXAS)
2. Byerts, Keri L (WESTERN NY)
- 3.T French, Kayley A (NORTH TEX)
- 3.T Leader, Brittany A (INDIANA)
5. Moss, Rebecca L (ARIZONA)
6. Henderson, Danielle A (NEW JERSEY)
7. Hurley, Courtney L (SO. TEXAS)
8. McKimmy, Caitlin F (OREGON)

## UNDER-16 WOMEN'S FOIL

(115 Competitors - top 32 earn points)

### Group B3 competition

1. Willette, Doris E (NORTH CA)
2. Svengsouk, Jocelyn L (WESTERN NY)
- 3.T Emerson, Abigail A (NORTHEAST)
- 3.T Glasser, Allison D (NORTH CA)
5. Nemecek, Samantha J (MICHIGAN)
6. Rush, Allison A (COLORADO)
7. Alicea, Pilar C. M (NORTH CA)
8. Nott, Adrienne M (WESTERN NY)

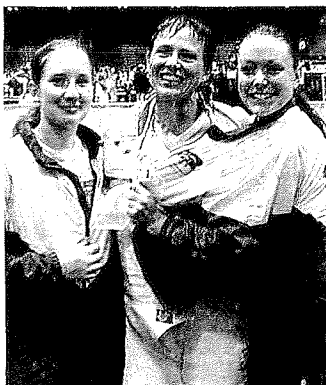
## UNDER-16 WOMEN'S SABER

(44 Competitors - top 32 earn points)

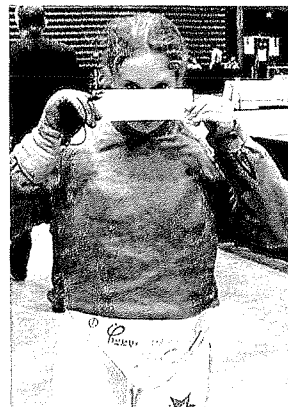
### Group A2 competition

1. Ward, Rebecca C (OREGON)
2. Thompson, Caitlin A (OREGON)
- 3.T Keltner, Mera H (OREGON)
- 3.T Wozniak, Dagmara (NEW JERSEY)
5. Schneider, Daria H (NEWENGLAND)
6. Jellison, Eva (NEWENGLAND)
7. Sitek, Zuzanna (NEW JERSEY)
8. Borrmann, Sarah V (OREGON)

Div. I Women's Saber National Champion Chris Becker (center) shares a moment with teammates Becca Ward (left) and Valerie Providenza (right). Photo: Beth Ward.



Y-14 and Cadet Women's Saber National Champion Becca Ward shows "The Slip" indicating a DE victory. Photo: William Ward.



Medal ceremony for Women's Saber Cadet. From left: Becca Ward (gold), Caitly Thompson, Dagmara Wozniak, Mera Keltner, Daria Schneider, Eva Jellison, Zuzanna Sitek, Sarah Borrmann. Photo: Bill Ward.



Tudor Saitoc, left, and Oba Simmonds after their U19 Team Men's Epee match. Photo: Noah Zucker.





**YOUTH-14 MEN'S EPEE**

(105 Competitors - top 32 earn points)

Group B2/C3 competition

1. Chinman, Nicholas S (COLORADO)
2. Sulat, Nathaniel (NORTH CA)
- 3.T Duncan, Corwin (CAPITOL)
- 3.T Wicas, Graham E (PHILADELPH)
5. Stallings, William M. (SO. TEXAS)
6. Cabrera, Stephen M (NORTH OHIO)
7. Dettlinger, Maxwell D (KENTUCKY)
8. Adjemian, Nicolas E (BORDER TEX)

**YOUTH-14 MEN'S FOIL**

(148 Competitors - top 32 earn points)

Group B3 competition

1. Chinman, Nicholas S (COLORADO)
2. Wright, Bagley (METRO NYC)
- 3.T Getz, Kurt A (WEST-ROCK)
- 3.T Parkins, Benjamin B (GULFCST TX)
5. Chamley-Watson, Miles C (METRO NYC)
6. Yuh, Qung-Jo (WEST-ROCK)
7. Meinhardt, Gerek L (NORTH CA)
8. Perkins, Samuel H (NORTH CA)

**YOUTH-14 MEN'S SABER**

(83 Competitors - top 32 earn points)

Group B2/C3 competition

1. Williams, Maximilian (MT. VALLEY)
2. Stetsiv, Andrew (METRO NYC)
- 3.T Ochocki, Aleksander (NEW JERSEY)
- 3.T Spear, Jeff (HUDS-BERKS)
5. Shirmohammadi, Bardya H (VIRGINIA)
6. Tasker, Nakul S (NEWENGLAND)
7. Berliner, Dan (HUDS-BERKS)
8. Murphy, Max D (KANSAS)

**YOUTH-14 WOMEN'S EPEE**

(51 Competitors - top 32 earn points)

Group B2 competition

1. French, Christa M (NORTH TEX)
2. Henderson, Danielle A (NEW JERSEY)
- 3.T Howell, Kristin M (SO. TEXAS)
- 3.T Parker, Melissa (SO. TEXAS)
5. Hurley, Courtney L (SO. TEXAS)
6. Niklinska, Barbara J (INDIANA)
7. Finkel, Tess O (METRO NYC)
8. Sowuleski, Alex H (NEW JERSEY)

**YOUTH-14 WOMEN'S FOIL**

(105 Competitors - top 32 earn points)

Group B2/C3 competition

1. Willette, Doris E (NORTH CA)
2. Parker, Melissa (SO. TEXAS)
- 3.T McDermott, Catherine (GULFCST TX)
- 3.T Pensler, Arielle R (ILLINOIS)
5. Yuh, Hyun-Kyung (WEST-ROCK)
6. Hirschfeld, Rebecca C (METRO NYC)
7. Wacker, Jessica B (CENTRAL CA)
8. Hartman, Grace T (MINNESOTA)

**YOUTH-14 WOMEN'S SABER**

(41 Competitors - top 16 earn points)

Group A2 competition

1. Ward, Rebecca C (OREGON)
2. Jacobson, Jackie J (GEORGIA)
- 3.T Keltner, Mera H (OREGON)
- 3.T Wozniak, Dagmara (NEW JERSEY)
5. Griffith, Christine (MT. VALLEY)
6. Murphy, Amanda I (KANSAS)
7. Vloka, Caroline N (NEW JERSEY)
8. Siebert, Lillian (COLUMBUSOH)

**YOUTH-12 MEN'S EPEE**

(72 Competitors - top 32 earn points)

Group C2 competition

1. Parker, Jonathan M (SO. TEXAS)
2. DeLeeuw, Peter M (NORTH TEX)
- 3.T Boyle, Andrew E (CONNECTICUT)
- 3.T Meinhardt, Gerek L (NORTH CA)
5. Mills, Alexander (NEW JERSEY)
6. Ameli, Kian (NEVADA)
7. Nadeau, Kevin D (SO. TEXAS)
8. Kubik, Nickolas A (SO. TEXAS)

**YOUTH-12 MEN'S FOIL**

(149 Competitors - top 32 earn points)

Group C3 competition

1. Mills, Colin (NEW ENGLAND)
2. Bentley III, Frederick (KENTUCKY)
- 3.T Cohen, Daniel S (WEST-ROCK)
- 3.T Pensler, Alexander (ILLINOIS)
- 5.T DeSmet, Ariel A (OREGON)
- 5.T Vella, Anthony L (NORTH CA)
7. Glick, Brandon (NORTH CA)
8. Meinhardt, Gerek L (NORTH CA)

**YOUTH-12 MEN'S SABER**

(59 Competitors - top 32 earn points)

Group C2 competition

1. Ochocki, Aleksander (NEW JERSEY)
2. Douville, Michael C (GEORGIA)
- 3.T Reid, Leonon J (MT. VALLEY)
- 3.T Thompson, Bobby B (OREGON)
5. Berliner, Dan (HUDS-BERKS)
6. Homer, Daryl D (METRO NYC)
7. Shirmohammadi, Bardya H (VIRGINIA)
8. Johnson, Alex T (KANSAS)

**YOUTH-12 WOMEN'S EPEE**

(34 Competitors - top 16 earn points)

Group C2 competition

1. Hurley, Courtney L (SO. TEXAS)
2. Bassa, Francesca (GULFCST TX)
- 3.T Henvick, Allison M (NORTH CA)
- 3.T Vongries, Alyssa L (MINNESOTA)
5. Howell, Kimberly Y (SO. TEXAS)
6. Donnenberg, Elizabeth (GULFCST TX)
7. Oliva, Andrea L (PHILADELPH)
8. MacLeod, Shelby M (MINNESOTA)

**YOUTH-12 WOMEN'S FOIL**

(99 Competitors - top 32 earn points)

Group C2 competition

1. Henvick, Allison M (NORTH CA)
2. Baumgardner, Zoe K (METRO NYC)
- 3.T Getz, Katherine (WEST-ROCK)
- 3.T Yuh, Hyun-Kyung (WEST-ROCK)
5. McDermott, Catherine (GULFCST TX)
6. Hurley, Courtney L (SO. TEXAS)
7. Prescod, Nzihgha E (METRO NYC)
8. McDermott, Elizabeth (GULFCST TX)

**YOUTH-12 WOMEN'S SABER**

(31 Competitors - top 16 earn points)

Group C2 competition

1. Franciszkowicz, Dominika (ILLINOIS)
2. Stone, Anne-Eliza (ILLINOIS)
- 3.T Miller, Alison A (ILLINOIS)
- 3.T Vloka, Caroline N (NEW JERSEY)
5. Doyle, Alison (HUDS-BERKS)
6. Speer, Audrey B (VIRGINIA)
7. Murphy, Amanda I (KANSAS)
8. Rudnicki, Marie H (NEW JERSEY)

**YOUTH-10 MEN'S EPEE**

(29 Competitors - top 16 earn points)

Group D1 competition

1. Shipp, Royce J (UTAH/S.IDA)
2. Barth, Maximilian (CENTRAL CA)
- 3.T Miller, Jeffrey E (COLORADO)
- 3.T Peterson, Philip C (CENTRAL FL)
5. Picou, Antonin R. (CAPITOL)
6. Jae, Kyler A (SO. CALIF)
7. Tice-Lewis, Maxwell L (N.CAROLINA)
8. McCarthy, Gabriel O (SO. TEXAS)

**YOUTH-10 MEN'S FOIL**

(75 Competitors - top 32 earn points)

Group C2 competition

1. Khoshnevisan, Christophe (NORTH CA)
2. Bravo, Nobuo U (NORTH CA)
- 3.T Nunziato, Robert M (METRO NYC)
- 3.T Pensler, Alexander (ILLINOIS)
5. Meyer, Bill L (KANSAS)
6. Charles, Bolivar X (WEST-ROCK)
7. Massialas, Alexander (NORTH CA)
8. Castellani, Caetano R (NORTH TEX)

**YOUTH-10 MEN'S SABER**

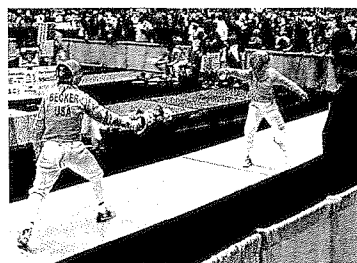
(24 Competitors - top 16 earn points)

Group D1 competition

1. Stone, Robert L (ILLINOIS)
2. Puchalski, Pawel K (ILLINOIS)
- 3.T Dershwitz, Philip C (NEWENGLAND)
- 3.T Shipp, Royce J (UTAH/S.IDA)
5. Spear, Will (HUDS-BERKS)
6. Guo, Alexander (S. JERSEY)
7. Ryjik, Alexander (VIRGINIA)
8. Shoulta, Anthony M (KANSAS)

Chris Becker in action against opponent Carly Wells.

Photo: William Ward.



Under-19 Team Men's Epee finalists, left to right: Oba Simmonds, Dwight Smith, Ben Bratton, Coach Kornel Udvarhelyi, Teddy Sherrill, Andrew Sofer, Tudor Saitoc, Ian Lindblom. Photo: Noah Zucker.



Division I Women's Epee finalists, left to right: Lindsay Campbell, Stephanie Eim, Coach Kornel Udvarhelyi, Kamara James, Maya Lawrence. Photo: Noah Zucker.



# Tournament HIGHLIGHTS

## YOUTH-10 WOMEN'S EPEE

(15 Competitors - top 8 earn points)

### Group D1 competition

1. Donnenberg, Elizabeth (GULFCST TX)
2. Howell, Kimberly Y (SO. TEXAS)
- 3.T Stephenson, Anne D (CAPITOL)
- 3.T Wheeler, Diamond (SO. TEXAS)
5. Cox, Elizabeth (SO. TEXAS)
6. Yuh, Hyun-Kyung (WEST-ROCK)
7. Hohensee, Dianna E (NEWENGLAND)
8. Beaulac, Srey P (NATIONAL)

## YOUTH-10 WOMEN'S FOIL

(48 Competitors - top 32 earn points)

### Group C2 competition

1. Prescod, Nzihgha E (METRO NYC)
2. Van Son, Elizabeth (WESTERN NY)
- 3.T McGill, Kylei A (METRO NYC)
- 3.T Yuh, Hyun-Kyung (WEST-ROCK)
5. Johnson, Morgan E (GEORGIA)
6. Wheeler, Diamond (SO. TEXAS)
7. Pet, Anna (NEWENGLAND)
8. Hawrot, Kathryn G (NEWENGLAND)

## YOUTH-10 WOMEN'S SABER

(12 Competitors - top 4 earn points)

### Group E1 competition

1. Stone, Gracie (ILLINOIS)
2. Ford, Tasia (HUDS-BERKS)
- 3.T Daukszewicz, Nicole (NEW JERSEY)
- 3.T Finke, Kathryn C (KANSAS)
5. Swanson, Anna K (KANSAS)
6. Pernice, Erica J (NEWENGLAND)
7. Kolasa, Natalie E (S. JERSEY)
8. Wheeler, Diamond (SO. TEXAS)

## VETERAN 40/49 MEN'S EPEE

(54 Competitors - all earn points)

### Group A2 competition

1. Skopik Jr, August (GULFCST TX)
2. Ranes, Evan A (NEVADA)
- 3.T Delgado Jr, Eli M (NEVADA)
- 3.T Eldridge, Darrell H (COLORADO)
5. Gerring, Phillip E (NORTH CA)
6. Lattin, Kenneth A (OREGON)
7. Cravey, Donald N (GULFCST TX)
8. Bhinder, Ranjit S (HUDS-BERKS)

## VETERAN 40/49 MEN'S FOIL

(54 Competitors - all earn points)

### Group A2 competition

1. Douraghy, Jamie M (SO. CALIF.)

2. Hoffman, Joe (VIRGINIA)
- 3.T Gibson, Brian (NORTH CA)
- 3.T Loper, James (Chr) (GEORGIA)
5. Skopik Jr, August (GULFCST TX)
6. Mattox, N. S (NORTH CA)
7. Krauss, John W (NORTHEAST)
8. Kraemer, Craig E (LOUISIANA)

## VETERAN 40/49 MEN'S SABER

(22 Competitors - all earn points)

### Group B1 competition

1. Runyan, Joshua B (SAN DIEGO)
2. Dogillo, Jesse G (CENTRAL CA)
- 3.T Barbour, James W (ARIZONA)
- 3.T Hicha, Paul R (ARIZONA)
5. Loper, James (Chr) (GEORGIA)
6. White, Hewitt A (MINNESOTA)
7. Devine Jr, Dwight J (LOUISIANA)
8. Meagher, Roderick (HUDS-BERKS)

## VETERAN 40/49 WOMEN'S EPEE

(38 Competitors - all earn points)

### Group B2 competition

1. Hurley, Tracy A (SO. TEXAS)
2. Corbit, Carla L (SO. CALIF.)
- 3.T Graziano, Lisa D (COLORADO)
- 3.T Leighton, Louise N (INDIANA)
5. Simpson, Suzanne (GULFCST TX)
6. Whitehurst, Mercedes A (WESTERN WA)
7. Fortune, Amy M (SO. CALIF.)
8. Mitchell, Helen L (NORTH TEX)

## VETERAN 40/49 WOMEN'S FOIL

(31 Competitors - all earn points)

### Group B2 competition

1. Kenessey, Katalin Ga (NORTH TEX)
2. Verhave, Michelle A (WEST-ROCK)
- 3.T Becker, Nancy J (NORTHEAST)
- 3.T Vines, Kristin A (TENNESSEE)
5. Berardi, Gladys B (NEW JERSEY)
6. Johnson, Karen (SO. TEXAS)
7. Hertiott, Diane M (AK-LA-MISS)
8. Roche, Chin Chu (NEVADA)

## VETERAN 40/49 WOMEN'S SABER

(17 Competitors - all earn points)

### Group B1 competition

1. Pernice, Robin J (NEWENGLAND)
2. Runyan, Heidi (SAN DIEGO)
- 3.T Comes, Rita (CENTRAL CA)
- 3.T Jones, Joyce D N (NORTHEAST)
5. Mazorol, Lydia F (NEW MEXICO)

6. Eyre, Jane E (S. JERSEY)
7. Stopak, Deb M (VIRGINIA)
8. Berardi, Gladys B (NEW JERSEY)

## VETERAN 50/59 MEN'S EPEE

(43 Competitors - all earn points)

### Group A2 competition

1. Flint, James E (PHILADELPHI)
2. Reith, William E (NORTH OHIO)
- 3.T Bothelio, Jere P (CENTRAL CA)
- 3.T Mullarkey, Edward (NEWENGLAND)
5. Tyson, Julian F (NEWENGLAND)
6. Patterson, Jan M (WESTERN WA)
7. Misener, John H (CENTRAL FL)
8. Bowman, Wayne E (VIRGINIA)

## VETERAN 50/59 MEN'S FOIL

(31 Competitors - all earn points)

### Group B2 competition

1. Biebel, Joseph E (WISCONSIN)
2. Lutton, Thomas W (NEWENGLAND)
- 3.T Bessey, Paul (ILLINOIS)
- 3.T Piatkowski-Nazarro, Marek W (SO. CALIF.)
5. Herman, Ronald J (IOWA)
6. Moreau, John A (SO. TEXAS)
7. Streb, Joseph S (COLUMBUSOH)
8. Milligan, Bruce C (MARYLAND)

## VETERAN 50/59 MEN'S SABER

(24 Competitors - all earn points)

### Group B1 competition

1. Jacobson, David H (GEORGIA)
2. Korfanty, Edward (OREGON)
- 3.T Harper, Brian S (GATEWAY FL)
- 3.T Yung, Wang Y (WESTERN WA)
5. Baker, Keith L (VIRGINIA)
6. Kovacs, Alexander (PHILADELPHI)
7. Estes, Rick (NORTHEAST)
8. Streb, Joseph S (COLUMBUSOH)

## VETERAN 50/59 WOMEN'S EPEE

(22 Competitors - all earn points)

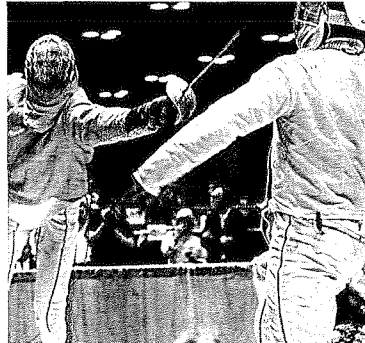
### Group B1 competition

1. Telles, Anna (WESTERN WA)
2. Kallus, Diane H (SO. TEXAS)
- 3.T Aher, Bonnie (CONNECTCUT)
- 3.T Runyon, Cindy (SAN BERNAR)
5. Ivaldi, Xiomara V (NORTH TEX)
6. Ream, Jann L (IOWA)
7. Joyce, Patricia S (NEWENGLAND)
8. Lindsay, Elizabeth (PHILADELPHI)

Free-form team epee using the new Estoc wireless scoring system, introduced in the United States this summer at the SwordMasters booth. Photo: Serge Timacheff, Tiger Mountain Photo.



Ivan Lee, left, versus Herbie Raynaud in the Division I Saber final bout. Photo: Serge Timacheff, Tiger Mountain Photo.



John Moreau in his gold-medal Div. I Men's Epee match. Photo: Serge Timacheff, Tiger Mountain Photo.



Manufacturer Leon Paul shows off the new "transparent visor" saber mask. Photo: William Ward.



**VETERAN 50/59 WOMEN'S FOIL**

(12 Competitors - all earn points)

Group E1 competition

1. Offerle, Judith A (ILLINOIS)
2. Schifferle, Kathryn L (NO. COAST)
- 3.T Balot, Agota (NEW JERSEY)
- 3.T Gettler, Laura (GEORGIA)
5. Nowell, Linda C (NORTH CA)
6. Ream, Jann L (IOWA)
7. Rosenfeld, Madelon M (METRO NYC)
8. Allen, Cindy M (CONNECTICUT)

**VETERAN 50/59 WOMEN'S SABER**

(10 Competitors - all earn points)

Group E1 competition

1. Turner, Delia M (PHILADELPH)
2. Nicolau, Doty (ALABAMA)
- 3.T Michael, Sarah B (NORTH CA)
- 3.T Warren, Rosemary A (VIRGINIA)
5. Bender, Jeannine M (PHILADELPH)
6. Hurst, Susan E (SAN DIEGO)
7. Lawrence, Sarah (Pat (NEW JERSEY)
8. Flunker, Linda K (GATEWAY FL)

**VETERAN 60 AND OVER MEN'S EPEE**

(25 Competitors - all earn points)

Group B2 competition

1. Sexton III, Ray L (SO. TEXAS)
2. Levy, Paul G (S. JERSEY)
- 3.T Adams, James H (CAPITOL)
- 3.T Miernik, Marcel (WEST-ROCK)
5. Elliott, Joseph A (ORANGE CST)
6. Hill, Tom R (NEW MEXICO)
7. Hurley, Robert J (SO. TEXAS)
8. Khinoy, Stephan (METRO NYC)

**VETERAN 60 AND OVER MEN'S FOIL**

(20 Competitors - all earn points)

Group C1 competition

1. Adams, James H (CAPITOL)
2. Elliott, Joseph A (ORANGE ROCK)
- 3.T Miernik, Marcel (WEST-ROCK)
- 3.T Sexton III, Ray L (SO. TEXAS)
5. Folgner, Claus-Pete (HARRISBURG)
6. Benge, Donald E (SO. CALIF.)
7. Fiducia, Gene (S. JERSEY)
8. Callao, Maximo J (UTAH/S.IDA)

**VETERAN 60 AND OVER MEN'S SABER**

(14 Competitors - all earn points)

Group E1 competition

1. Sexton III, Ray L (SO. TEXAS)
2. Goering, William A (COLORADO)
- 3.T Hall, William N (NEWENGLAND)
- 3.T Volkman, Rudy (GEORGIA)
5. Folgner, Claus-Pete (HARRISBURG)
6. Holdsworth, David R (CENTRAL FL)
7. Burger, John J (WESTERN PA)
8. Schlick Jr, Dr. Calvert (WEST-ROCK)

**VETERAN 60 AND OVER WOMEN'S EPEE**

(5 Competitors - all earn points)

1. Annavedder, Mary E (SO. CALIF.)
2. Bedrosian, Patricia G (SO. CALIF.)
- 3.T Graham, Bettie J (CAPITOL)
- 3.T Obermiller, Nadine M (WESTERN PA)
5. Anderson, Ruth (ST. LOUIS)

**VETERAN 60 AND OVER WOMEN'S FOIL**

(7 Competitors - all earn points)

Group E1 competition

1. Bedrosian, Patricia G (SO. CALIF.)
2. Abrahams, Terry (CENTRAL FL)
- 3.T Felty, Louisa (KENTUCKY)
- 3.T Graham, Bettie J (CAPITOL)

5. Anderson, Ruth (ST. LOUIS)
6. DeVan, Susan G (VIRGINIA)
7. Obermiller, Nadine M (WESTERN PA)

**WHEELCHAIR MEN'S EPEE**

(10 Competitors)

1. Van Der Wege, Gary M (SO. TEXAS)
2. Rodgers, J. Scott (GEORGIA)
3. Lovejoy, Curtis (GEORGIA)
4. Day Jr., Roy E (GEORGIA)
5. Collman, Peter D (GEORGIA)
6. Williams, Benjy W (GEORGIA)
7. Shumate, Sean (KENTUCKY)
8. Sikorsky, Steven A (KENTUCKY)
9. Hughes, A. Michael (SO. TEXAS)
10. Garcia, Pete (Zen) (GEORGIA)

**WHEELCHAIR MEN'S FOIL**

(7 Competitors)

1. Rodriguez, Mario (GULFCST TX)
2. Van Der Wege, Gary M (SO. TEXAS)
3. Rodgers, J. Scott (GEORGIA)
4. Calhoun, Mark A (GEORGIA)
5. Day Jr., Roy E (GEORGIA)
6. Moreno, Gerard E (SO. CALIF.)
7. Hughes, A. Michael (SO. TEXAS)

**WHEELCHAIR MEN'S SABER**

(8 Competitors)

1. Rodriguez, Mario (GULFCST TX)
2. Moreno, Gerard E (SO. CALIF.)
3. Lovejoy, Curtis (GEORGIA)
4. Sikorsky, Steven A (KENTUCKY)
5. Calhoun, Mark A (GEORGIA)
6. Collman, Peter D (GEORGIA)
7. Shumate, Sean (KENTUCKY)
8. Williams, Benjy W (GEORGIA)

**WHEELCHAIR WOMEN'S EPEE**

(3 Competitors)

1. Gilmore, Susan E (OKLAHOMA)
2. Hickey, Carol A (GEORGIA)
3. Alexander, Kristine A (GEORGIA)

**WHEELCHAIR WOMEN'S FOIL**

(3 Competitors)

1. Hickey, Carol A (GEORGIA)
2. Gilmore, Susan E (OKLAHOMA)
3. Alexander, Kristine A (GEORGIA)



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## SUMMER NATIONALS RESULTS – TEAMS

### TEAM MEN'S EPEE

(38 Teams)

1. NYAC, Metro Division  
(Jon Normile, Chris O'Loughlin, Soren Thompson, Jan Viviani)
2. NORTHWEST FENCING CENTER, Oregon Division  
(Aaron Adjemian, Seth Baldwin, Cody Mattern, Dana Sanford)
3. GOLDEN GATE FENCING CENTER, Northern CA Division  
(Dylan Bethel, Charles (Kip) Cox, Eric Hansen, Gyuri Ordody)
4. DCFC, Capitol Division  
(Ben Hardt, Jeff Snider, Kashi Way, Marcus White)

### TEAM MEN'S FOIL

(29 Teams)

1. FENCERS CLUB, Metro Division  
(Jed Dupree, Dan Kellner, Brendan Meyers, Jon Tiomkin)
2. LUCCHETTI, Mt. Valley Division  
(Emerson Dinapoli, Clinton Kershaw, Dimitri Kirk-Gordon, Ian Schlaepfer)
3. BOSTON FENCING CLUB, New England Division  
(Alejandro Bras, Greg Chang, Tom Lutton, Enoch Woodhouse)
4. NYAC, Metro Division  
(Ya'ale Cohen, Luka Lazic, Alex Nazarov, Jesse Schibilia)

### TEAM MEN'S SABER

(9 Teams)

1. PETER WESTBROOK FOUNDATION, Metro Division  
(Adam Crompton, Ivan Lee, Akhi Spencer-EI, Ahmed Yilla)
2. FENCERS CLUB, Metro Division  
(Timothy Morehouse, Steve Mormando, Paul Reyfman, Darrin Whitmer)
3. NYAC, Metro Division  
(Patrick Durkan, Ben Igoe, John Marcel, Paolo Roselli)
4. OREGON FENCING ALLIANCE, Oregon Division  
(Ian Farr, Patrick Ghattas, Bill Thanouser, Marten Zagunis)

### TEAM WOMEN'S EPEE

(20 Teams)

1. NORTHWEST FENCING CENTER, Oregon Division  
(Rachel Kantor, Julia Leszko, Amy Orlando, Ruth Schneider)
2. FENCERS CLUB, Metro Division  
(Lindsay Campbell, Stephanie Eim, Maya Lawrence, Katherine Zucker)
3. DC FENCERS CLUB, Capitol Division  
(Margaret Kosmala, Livia Rurarz-Huygens, Kristin Suchorski, Marie-Sophie Tar)
4. BEVERLY HILLS FENCERS CLUB, Southern CA Division  
(Carla Corbit, Margo Miller, Alexie Rubin, Elizabeth Spiilman)

### TEAM WOMEN'S FOIL

(13 Teams)

1. ROCHESTER FENCING CLUB, Western NY Division  
(Jocelyn Svengsouk, Hanna Thompson, Metta Thompson, Felicia Zimmermann)
2. FENCERS CLUB, Metro Division  
(Katie Cavan, Emily Cross, Cassidy Luitjen, Iris Zimmermann)
3. ARIZONA FENCING CENTER, Arizona Division  
(Daisy Flores, Christa Laser, Rebecca Moss)
4. RHODE ISLAND, New England Division  
(Jess Davis-Heim, Jessie Newhall, Jill St. Jacques)

### TEAM WOMEN'S SABER

(7 Teams)

1. OREGON FENCING ALLIANCE, Oregon Division  
(Chris Becker, Valerie Providenza, Caitly Thompson, Mariel Zagunis)
2. PRISE DE FER FENCING CLUB, New England Division  
(Eva Jellison, Ariana Klinkov, Robin Pernice, Daria Schneider)
3. PETER WESTBROOK FOUNDATION, Metro Division  
(Alexis Jemal, Ibtihaj Muhammad, Christian Robinson)
4. CHICAGO ATHLETIC ASSOC FC, Illinois Division  
(Ashleigh Linker, Marijtte Morich, Carly Wells)

### UNDER-19 TEAM MEN'S EPEE

(25 Teams)

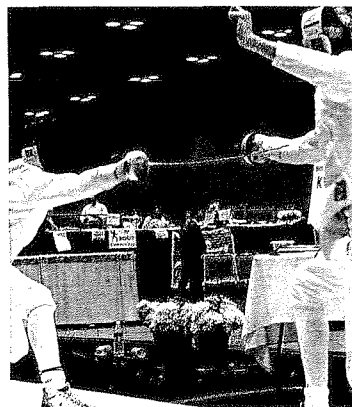
1. NORTHERN COLORADO FENCERS, Colorado Division  
(Nick Chinman, Theron Haan, Adrus Horanyi, Jimmy Moody)
2. PETER WESTBROOK FOUNDATION, Metro NYC Division  
(Ben Bratton, Oba Simmonds, Dwight Smith)
3. FENCERS CLUB, Metro NYC Division  
(Ian Lindblom, Tudor Saitoc, Teddy Sherri, Andrew Sofer)
4. NEW YORK ATHLETIC CLUB, Metro NYC Division  
(Christian Rivera, Benj Ungar, Bill Verigan)

### UNDER-19 TEAM MEN'S FOIL

(22 Teams)

1. BOSTON FENCING CLUB, New England Division  
(Alejandro Bras, Will Friedman, Jesse Platt, Enoch Woodhouse)
2. FENCERS CLUB, Metro NYC Division  
(Lowden Charles, James Jones, Ben Lombardo, Eugene Vortsman)
3. SALLE MAURO, Gulf Coast TX Division  
(Michael Galligan, Benjamin Parkins, Richard Spicer, Colin Sutter)
4. METROPOLIS FENCING, Metro NYC Division  
(Michael Dote, Sherif Farrag, Ian Hamilton, Tara Thorton-Close)

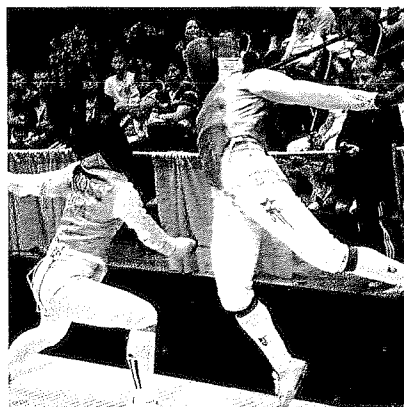
Soren Thompson and Cody Mattern in Division I Men's Epee semi-final.  
Photo: Kevin Mar, Tiger Mountain Photo.



Women's Epee National Champion Stephanie Eim with her coach, Kornel Udvarhelyi.



Emily Cross, left, and Erinn Smart in the semi-final Division I Women's Foil match.  
Photo: Serge Timacheff, Tiger Mountain Photo



Peter Westbrook congratulates John Moreau after his Division I Men's Epee title.  
Photo: Serge Timacheff, Tiger Mountain Photo.



**UNDER-19 TEAM MEN'S SABER**

(16 Teams)

1. OREGON FENCING ALLIANCE, Oregon Division  
(Adam Angert, Jon Farr, Patrick Ghattas, Bill Thanouser)
2. MINNESOTA SWORD CLUB, Minnesota Division  
(Sam Kragh, Matt Stearns, Alex Vongries)
3. NEW YORK ATHLETIC CLUB, Metro NYC Division  
(Alex Diacou, Nicholas Diacou, Ben Igoe, Andrew Stetsiv)
4. FENCERS CLUB, Metro NYC Division  
(Matt Chaiken, Scott Diguilio, David Jakus, Matt Zich)

A camera crew records conversation among saber fencers Ivan Lee, Keeth Smart and coach Peter Westbrook. Photo: William Ward.



**UNDER-19 TEAM WOMEN'S EPEE**

(10 Teams)

1. NORTHWEST FENCING CENTER, Oregon Division  
(Keri Byerts, Rachel Kantor, Amy Orlando, Ruth Schneider)
2. ESCRIME DU LAC, Indiana Division  
(Anee Kercksmar, Brittany Leader, Eleanore Leighton, Barbara Niklinski)
3. MEDEO FENCING, New Jersey Division  
(Kellie Fry, Morgan Midgley, Rachel Rowe)
4. NORTHERN COLORADO FENCERS, Colorado Division  
(Rachel Atkinson, Anna Cillo, Christina Hatcher, Jasmine McGlade)

**UNDER-19 TEAM WOMEN'S FOIL**

(14 Teams)

1. FENCERS CLUB, Metro NYC Division  
(Kelsey Finkel, Tamara Najm, Arielle Pensler, Kathleen Reckling)
2. LUCCHETTI FENCING, Mountain Valley Division  
(Ashlan Falletta, Cristine Wang, Natalie Wang)
3. FENCING ACADEMY OF PHILADELPHIA, Philadelphia Division  
(Elizabeth Bast, Dena Blumenthal, Chandler Clay, Laura Quintin)

**UNDER-19 TEAM WOMEN'S SABER**

(7 Teams)

1. OREGON FENCING ALLIANCE, Oregon Division  
(Valerie Providenza, Caitlin Thompson, Rebecca Ward, Mariel Zagunis)
2. FENCERS CLUB, Metro NYC Division  
(Emma Barratta, Priya Narayana, Katelyn Sherry)
3. LILOV FENCING ACADEMY, New Jersey Division  
(Elan DiMaio, Lauren Phillips, Zuzanna Sitek, Ania Wieronski)
4. ZETA FENCING STUDIO, New England Division  
(Danielle Gordet, Kane McCully, Jessica Wilson)

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**Dan KELLNER** • 27, New York, N.Y./Fencers Club

Ranked 1st in U.S. senior, 31st in World Cup standings.  
**Event:** Men's Foil  
**Hometown:** Warren, N.J.  
**Height:** 5-11  
**Weight:** 185  
**Birthdate:** April 16, 1976 (Livingston, N.J.)  
**School:** Pingry School '94  
**Club:** Fencers Club  
**Coach:** Simon Gershon

**Competition Highlights:**

- 2002 World Championships team: finished 45th individ.
- 2001, 1999, 1998, 1997 Senior Worlds teams.
- Pan American Games: Double gold medals, 2003 – individual and team.
- 1999 team (silver medal, men's foil team).
- Bronze medal, Senior "A" World Cup, Cairo, EGY, 1/02
- Silver, Senior "A" Gran Prix World Cup, Caracas, VEN, 6/03

**Favorite Swashbuckling Movie?** Rushmore

**Who Inspires You?** Sergi Golubitsky and Elvis Gregory. "I just love the way they fenced."

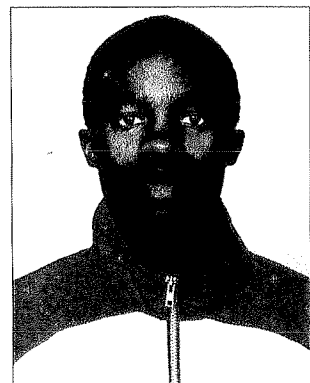
**Best Bouts So Far?** "A tie. First, beating Ilgar Mamedov of Russia to make my first Top 32 at a Senior World Cup in Venice, Italy, 1998. I'll never forget the look on my coach's face. Second, the comeback against Raoul Perojo and Cuba in the team event at the 2003 Pan Am Games. I still can't believe we won!"

**Worst Bout So Far?** "Too many to name, but losing the team event to Ukraine to make the top eight at the 1999 World Championships and therefore not qualifying for the 2000 Olympics probably tops the list."

**How I Started Fencing:** "When I was 13, I had a video game called 'Summer Games,' with all the Olympic Sports on it, even fencing. However, I couldn't make the fencing game work very well. So, I asked my mother about fencing and she said that my high school offered it, and that I should go and see the coach. The coach turned out to be Olympic Armourer Ted Li."

**Tournament Ritual:** Has been wearing the same T-shirt in the first round of every tournament for 10 years.

**Of Interest:** Nominated for a Daytime Emmy Award (Achievement in Main Title Design) in 2001 and 2002 for his work on the Rosie O'Donnell Show. Runs a design business called Red Star Design.



**Ivan James LEE** • 22, Brooklyn, N.Y./Westbrook Foundation

Ranked second in U.S. Senior, 30th in World Cup standings.  
**Event:** Men's Saber  
**Hometown:** Brooklyn, N.Y.  
**Height:** 5-11  
**Weight:** 161  
**Birthdate:** March 31, 1981 (Brooklyn, N.Y.)  
**High School:** Brooklyn Technical '99  
**College:** St. John's, '03  
**Club:** Peter Westbrook Foundation

- Silver medalist, 2000 Under-20. Bronze medalist, 1998 Under-17.
- Pan American Games: 2003: gold, individual; gold, men's sabre team.
- 2001, 2003 National Champion.
- 2002, 2001 NCAA National Champion.
- Bronze medal, Senior "A" World Cup, Madrid, Spain, 5/01.
- Bronze medal, Senior International competition, Paris, 1/02.
- 2001 U.S.F.A. Male Athlete of the Year
- 2002-2003 Season: 24th, Senior "A" World Cup, New York, N.Y. 6/03; 1st, North American Cup Columbus, Ohio, 12/02. 2nd, North American Cup San Diego, Calif., 1/03.

**Coach:** Yuri Gelman

**Of Interest:** Interests include reading, sleeping, fencing and eating. Plays baseball ... enjoys making others laugh ... plays the drums .. always eats a cinnamon Power Bar and drinks a glass of orange juice before every tournament ... plans to major in journalism.

**Competition Highlights:**

- 2002 Senior Worlds team member; finished 40th individ., 11th by team.
- 2001, 2000, 1999, 1998 Junior teams; gold medalist by team and silver individual in 2001 (first team gold at a World Championships for any U.S. men's team).

**What is your favorite type of blade?** "I don't have a favorite; as long as I can hit my opponent with it, it's all good."

**Best bout so far?** "My favorite bout was beating Mihai Covaliu (2000 Olympic Champion) for the third time."

**Least favorite bout?** "Losing Junior Worlds in 2001 (obvious reason)"

**Who inspires you?** "Bob Cottingham, because he had his fun while fencing, made his Olympic teams and was able to walk away from the sport and move on with his life without any regrets."  
 — AF



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**2004 JUNIOR OLYMPICS ISSUE**

US Fencing selected Cleveland, Ohio as site for the 2004 Junior Olympic Fencing Championships. Inside this issue you will find how to qualify for the Junior Olympics as well as hotel and venue information, and the entry form for the Championships.

**EVENT SCHEDULE**

| Date                | Men's<br>Épée | Men's<br>Foil | Men's<br>Sabre | Women's<br>Épée | Women's<br>Foil | Women's<br>Sabre |
|---------------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|------------------|
| Friday,<br>Feb 13   | Cadet         |               | Junior         |                 | Cadet           |                  |
| Saturday,<br>Feb 14 |               | Cadet         |                | Cadet           |                 | Junior           |
| Sunday,<br>Feb 15   | Junior        |               | Cadet          |                 | Junior          |                  |
| Monday,<br>Feb 16   |               | Junior        |                | Junior          |                 | Cadet            |

**VENUE**

Cleveland Convention Center, Exhibit Hall A  
500 Lakeside Avenue, Cleveland, OH 44114

This season the USFA has initiated a new program for housing at each NAC and the Junior Olympics. Hotel Reservations will be made with the Tournament Housing Services (THS), The Official Housing Company of US Fencing. Reservations by Phone: 888-536-TEAM (8326); Reservations Online: <http://www.ths-usf.com>.

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**SCHEDULE CHANGES**

For the first time in several years we have had to split a weekend NAC into two separate weekends. With the weapons hot on the trail of qualifying teams to the Olympic Games we needed to provide that opportunity to the weapons while not closing the door for the fencers to earn domestic points. Due to the Olympic Games next August our schedule was modified for the January Division I and Junior NAC splitting the 6 weapons into two successive weekends. **BE CAREFUL WHEN COMPLETING YOUR NAC ENTRY FORM AND MAKING YOUR TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS.** The schedule and tournament details can be found on page 8 of the newsletter.

Check the schedule at the back of the newsletter for clarification on the tba earlier published. All venues have been finalized. **THE DATES OF THE MARCH NAC HAVE CHANGED TO 3/12-15/2004.** In addition, take note that the window for late entries is different for the Summer National Championships in that the last date for receiving late entries will be two weeks before the start of the Championships and not one week as accepted for all other National tournaments.

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## 2004 WORLD JUNIOR AND CADET CHAMPIONSHIPS

Between April 1 and April 8 the World Junior & Cadet Championships will be held in Plovdiv, Bulgaria, an attractive city about an hour and half drive from Sofia. Each country is limited to three fencers in each weapon and in each age category. For the Junior category, fencers must be born between 1984 and 1990 and for the Cadet category, between 1987 and 1990. Not only must athletes meet the age criteria but they must be citizens of their country. It is up to each country to decide how fencers will be selected for those teams. The USFA uses its point standings extensively in selecting athletes for the team. There are instances when a fourth fencer may be taken in one or more weapons for the Junior team competitions. These instances will be at the recommendation of the national coach of the weapon.

The team point standings for selection of the team athletes are calculated according to the description following. Selection will be completed no later than February 25, 2004. The point totals are calculated as the sum of Group I points and Group II points.

### 2004 WORLD JUNIOR (UNDER-20) CHAMPIONSHIPS

#### GROUP I = SUM OF FOUR HIGHEST POINTS EARNED AT 1-6

1. 2003 Under-19 National Championships
2. NAC Junior (Under-20) Jan. 2004
3. NAC Division I, Dec. 2003, Jan. 2004
4. 2004 Junior Olympic Under-20 Championships
5. Division I National Championships, July 2003
6. Individual competitions not included in Group II

#### GROUP II = SUM OF THE FOUR HIGHEST POINTS EARNED AT 7-9

7. Designated Junior "A"<sup>2</sup> World Cup<sup>1</sup> competitions<sup>3</sup> [Sept. 1, '03 – Feb. 22, '04]
8. Designated Senior "A"<sup>2</sup> World Cup competitions<sup>3</sup> [Nov. 1, '03 – Feb. 22, '04]
9. 2003 Senior World Championships

Points earned at Group II individual competitions not included in Group II will be considered in Group I calculations

### 2004 WORLD CADET (UNDER-17) CHAMPIONSHIPS

#### GROUP I = SUM OF FOUR HIGHEST POINTS EARNED AT 1-7

1. 2003 Under-16 National Championships
2. 2003 Under-19 National Championships
3. NAC Cadet (Under-17) Oct. 2003<sup>1</sup>
4. NAC Junior (Under-20) Jan. 2004<sup>1</sup>
5. 2004 Junior Olympic Under-17 Championships
6. 2004 Junior Olympic Under-20 Championships
7. Individual competitions not included in Group II

#### GROUP II = SUM OF THE FOUR HIGHEST POINTS EARNED AT 8-13

8. NAC Division I, December 2003, Jan. 2004
9. Division I National Championships, July 2003
10. Designated Cadet "B" competition<sup>3</sup>
11. Designated Junior "A"<sup>2</sup> World Cup<sup>1</sup> competitions<sup>3</sup> [Sept. 2003-Feb. 25, 2004]
12. Designated Senior "A"<sup>2</sup> World Cup competitions<sup>3</sup> [Dec. 2003-Feb. 25, 2004]
13. 2003 Senior World Championships

Points earned at individual competitions not included in Group II will be considered in Group I calculations

<sup>1</sup> The USFA six-weapon Junior "A" in November will be a designated Junior "A" as long as 10 or more of the top 32 FIE junior point fencers participate and there are fencers in the competition who represent at least five different countries (where United States is one of those countries). Otherwise, the results will count as a NAC Junior in Group I.

<sup>2</sup> Points awarded according to the Strength Factor applied to relevant columns in the USFA Point Table.

<sup>3</sup> For international results to be included in team point standings the results must be received within 30 days of the competition and no later than five business days after the ending date for selection of members of the team (Section 3.6).

### CHANGE IN BANNED SUBSTANCES

The Executive Committee of the IOC approved the 2004 List of Prohibited Substances and Methods submitted by WADA. On JANUARY 1, 2004, caffeine and pseudoephedrine will be removed from the list. Until January 1, 2004, they will still be considered banned substances and a positive test for their presence will be cause for disciplinary action of the testing organization. Some substances, such as modafinil, have been added effective January 1, 2004. The complete list will be published on WADA's website by October 1, 2003.



## NEWSLETTER UPDATE

Beginning with this issue, the USFA National Newsletter will be delivered as an insert in American Fencing. The Newsletter will also continue to be posted on the USFA website.

## ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The US Fencing Association will be electing new officers for the period 2004-2008. A nominating committee has been formed by vote of the US Congress and the Athlete Representatives. This group is now seeking names of candidates for any of the officers' positions; [Reminder: In order to vote in the upcoming election you must be recorded as a member of the USFA at the USFA office on or before February 1, 2004 (membership application and dues payment received on or before February 1, 2004) and be 18 or older as of that date. Any category of membership grants voting rights to an individual provided the aforementioned criteria is met. There are six officers elected every four years:

President, 3 Vice Presidents (1 for Membership, 1 for International and 1 for Coaches/Coaching), a Secretary, and a Treasurer. These are volunteer positions. The current officers are Stacey Johnson, Pres.; Barbara Lynch, V-P Membership; Sherry Posthumus, V-P Coaching; Ralph Zimmerman, V-P International; Donald Anthony, Secretary; and Michael Sullivan, Treasurer. More details on this process can be found on the USFA web site [www.usfencing.org](http://www.usfencing.org). In submitting candidates for any of the offices, include a brief summary of credentials and/or reasons why this person's name is being submitted. Send your responses to [Greg.Dilworth@fmr.com](mailto:Greg.Dilworth@fmr.com).

## RULE BOOK

The Rule Book has undergone another in-depth review and there is now a Version C of the USFA rules and is presented on the web site. The USFA will be printing a limited number of the small size bound Rule Book available for purchase for \$15 per copy.

## CORRECTION

The information printed in the last newsletter regarding entering world cups was incomplete. A correction is posted in the Summer 2003 newsletter posted on the USFA website.

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## YOUTH CORNER

### CORRECTION – YOUTH AWARD WINNERS

There were errors in the Summer issue of the Newsletter in reporting the age group patch winners.

Youth 14 Boys Sabre – Tie between Jeff Spear and Andrew Stetsiv  
with 354 points out of a possible 400

Y12 Boys Sabre – Aleksander Ochocki

Y12 Girls Sabre – Caroline Vloka

Y10 Boys Foil - Christopher Khoshnevisan

Due to unexpected production problems with the company from whom we obtained the patches for the Youth awards we have not been able to deliver the well deserved patches. We hope to have the problems resolved shortly and to send the patches by late October. We appreciate your patience with this unexpected delay.

The schedule of the Regional and Super Regional Circuit is now complete – go to the US Fencing web site. The first Regional Youth Circuit has been held in North Carolina with great response from the region. As we go to press, we have been notified that the Super Regional 1 is tentative due to venue problem.

Remember that in order to fence in the NAC in April and the Summer Nationals a fencer must have fenced in one Regional Youth Circuit or be on the point standings for that age and event.

Athletes will be given points for their results at the Super Regionals, one of which will be included in the Youth point standings on April 1. With the spread of dates for the Super Regionals it was decided to include the single best result for fencers at one time so no one is disadvantaged in the point standings. Remember that points will be awarded on the same scale as the NAC point scale for the age group to an absolute cut off at 40% of the field, no matter where that cut off occurs. Each of the youth age groups will be considered for points for results at the Super Regionals – 10, 12, and 14.

## CADET FENCERS

The season started off with US sabre cadets striking steel against foreign fencers in Konin, Poland at the first designated Cadet "B". Becca Ward of Portland, OR and Max Williams of Sacramento, CA won silver medals. Placing 8<sup>th</sup> were Daria Schneider of Brookline, MA, and Jonathan Kloepper of Louisburg, KS. The fields in each of the sabres were over 120 in each. In the cadet team competition, USA teams placed 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> in men's and 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> in women's

## ATHLETE HANDBOOK

By the time you receive this Newsletter the Athlete Handbook will have been released and should be on the US Fencing web site. Copies are available from the National Office for \$15 per copy, priority mail postage included.

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## QUALIFYING PATHS FOR JUNIOR OLYMPIC CHAMPIONSHIPS

How does one gain entry to the Junior Olympic Championships? Each fencer must meet certain qualifying criteria to be able to enter any of the competitions at the JO Championships. A qualified fencer must also submit a timely entry to enter the JO Championships.

For the Under-17 Junior Olympic Championships, fencers must be born between 1987 and 1990. If younger than that, a fencer may be eligible to qualify if the fencer is on the Youth 14 point standings. There is a group of fencers who have pre-qualified (i.e., automatic qualifiers). In that group are those who are on the Cadet point standings on January 19, 2004 or in the top 8 of the Youth 14 point standings on Jan. 1. If one has not met either of those standards, then the fencer must have fenced in his or her division's qualifying competition and placed in the top 30% of the field of fencers for that event. The host division, Northern Ohio, is allowed double the number of qualifiers. If they would qualify 4 fencers based on a field size of 14 they would be allowed 8 qualifiers.

For the Under-20 J.O. Championships, fencers must be born between 1984 and 1990. If younger than that, a fencer may be eligible to qualify if the fencer is on the Cadet point standings. Pre-qualifiers for the Junior Championships are those on the Junior point standings as of Jan. 19, 2004 or in the top 16 in the Cadet point standings as of Jan. 19. Otherwise, the fencers must qualify from their Division qualifying competition by placing in the top 30% of the field. The host division, Northern Ohio, will be allowed double the number of qualifiers.

### APPEAL PROCESS (USA Operations Manual as modified by Board of Directors)

In exceptional cases, a member of the USFA in good standing may be permitted to qualify to one or more individual competitions at the Summer National Championships by appeal. Appeals are NOT considered for the Division I National Championships. The procedures for applying for qualification by appeal for the Championships are as follows:

- (1) Appeals may be filed by fencers who qualified (by means of competition or appeal) to that same event in the prior season or whose competitive record during the current fencing season indicates a strong possibility that they would have qualified had they been able to compete in the qualifying competition but:
  - a) were unable to compete in the qualifying events this season, OR
  - b) did compete and had to withdraw because of a disabling injury or illness.

(Mere attendance at an out-of-town school at the time of the qualifying event shall not constitute inability to compete.)

**NOTE 1:** If a fencer is injured or becomes ill during the qualifying competition the fencer should withdraw rather than continue fencing and fail to qualify because of the injury or illness. Appeals are automatically denied for those who fenced the whole qualifying competition and then appeal on the basis they were not feeling well or were hurt. In a medical withdrawal appeal a note of explanation and/or verification of medical withdrawal from the Bout Committee Chair of the qualifying competition must accompany the appeal.

- (2) All appeals must be made in writing to the USFA National Office, 1 Olympic Plaza, Colorado Springs, CO 80909-5774 and must be received within three business days following the competition at which the petitioner would have qualified, and in no case later than two weeks prior to the entry deadline for the Championships. The appeal must be accompanied by:
  - a) A non-refundable filing fee of \$30 made payable to the USFA.
  - b) A statement of specific details as to the dates, reason for absence, and other pertinent facts. Any medical reasons must be substantiated by written confirmation from a physician
  - c) A summary of fencer's significant competitive results during the past year. Results in previous National Championships and recent North American Cup competitions should especially be noted.
  - d) A letter in support of the fencer's petition from a Division officer
  - e) A self-addressed, stamped envelope for reply to their appeal.

REMINDER: Clearly state your name, your division, your birth date and the event or events for which you are requesting entry by appeal.

Appeals will be reviewed at the National Office and sent to the Executive Committee in case of rejection of appeal. Decisions will be based upon the validity of the reasons for absence or withdrawal and the probability of the fencer having qualified through competition, based on results achieved in other events and statement from the Division officer.

The submission of an appeal does not constitute an entry into the Championships; the fencer who is appealing should send a timely entry, noting the competitions for which the fencer is submitting an appeal. If the appeal is denied, the fees related to the competitions for which there was an appeal will be refunded in full.

# 2004 Junior Olympic Championships Cleveland, OH February 13-16, 2004

**ENTRY DEADLINE  
JANUARY 22, 2004**

(For acknowledgement of entry, see reverse for procedure to follow.)

Please type or print all information. Read and complete *both* sides of this form.

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_ M.I. \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address to Confirm Entry \_\_\_\_\_

check box if new address

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ FAX # (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

US Citizen \_\_\_ yes \_\_\_ no e-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

If no, Permanent Resident # \_\_\_\_\_

Athlete must be US Citizen or Permanent Resident Competition Club \_\_\_\_\_

"Competition Club" is the club which you are representing this season in USFA team and individual competitions. Club and school information is for *internal* use in seeding each competition and not for publication. This will not adversely affect NCAA eligibility, playing dates or any other conference restrictions.

Current School \_\_\_\_\_

Division Name \_\_\_\_\_

Birthdate \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_ Male (M) \_\_\_ Female (W) \_\_\_

### Method of Payment

Check or Money Order Enclosed  
Payable to the USFA • \$25 charge for returned checks

Credit Card  
Card # \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_ VISA \_\_\_ Mastercard \_\_\_ AMEX \_\_\_ Discover

Exp. Date \_\_\_\_\_

Cardholder \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Classification: Foil \_\_\_\_\_ Epee \_\_\_\_\_ Saber \_\_\_\_\_  
(class/year, e.g., C02)

### Fee Summary

|  |                |
|--|----------------|
| Registration Fee:<br><i>Nonrefundable</i>                  | <b>\$30.00</b> |
| Event Fee(s) : ___ x \$50 =<br>(# of events entered)       |                |
| <b>TOTAL AMOUNT DUE</b><br>Registration Fee + Event Fee(s) |                |

**LATE ENTRIES (1/23-2/6): TRIPLE THE TOTAL AMOUNT DUE**

Specify Qualifying path for each event entered:

- A = Automatic Qualifier
- D = Division Qualifier
- P = Written Petition sent to USFA.

\*An athlete may enter only one event per day

**MAIL EARLY: POSTMARK IS NOT CONSIDERED, ONLY RECEIPT AT USFA OFFICE. TRIPLE THE TOTAL AMOUNT DUE FOR ENTRIES RECEIVED AFTER JANUARY 22, 2004. NO ENTRIES ACCEPTED AFTER FEBRUARY 6, 2004.**

| Event             | Feb. 13 | Feb. 14 | Feb. 15 | Feb. 16 |
|-------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| U20 Women's Epee  |         |         |         |         |
| U20 Women's Foil  |         |         |         |         |
| U20 Women's Sabre |         |         |         |         |
| U20 Men's Epee    |         |         |         |         |
| U20 Men's Foil    |         |         |         |         |
| U20 Men's Sabre   |         |         |         |         |
| U17 Women's Epee  |         |         |         |         |
| U17 Women's Foil  |         |         |         |         |
| U17 Women's Sabre |         |         |         |         |
| U17 Men's Epee    |         |         |         |         |
| U17 Men's Foil    |         |         |         |         |
| U17 Men's Sabre   |         |         |         |         |

M.I.

First Name

Last Name

Print Name \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date if under 18 \_\_\_\_\_

**All Participants MUST Read and Sign Each of the Following Statements**  
(for athletes under the age of 18, a parent or guardian must also sign)

**WAIVER OF LIABILITY:** Upon entering this tournament under the auspices of the USFA, I agree to abide by the current rules of the USFA. I enter this tournament at my own risk and release the USFA and its sponsors, referees, and tournament organizers from any liability. The undersigned certifies that the birth date of the individual is as stated on the entry form and that the individual is a current competitive member of the USFA for the 2003-2004 fencing season.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Fencer's Signature Date Signature of Parent or Guardian for Minor Date

**DRUG TESTING:** I understand that drug testing may be conducted for athletes who compete in this tournament and that detection of the use of banned substance would be cause for suspension for a period of 3 months, 1 year or 2 years, based on substance detected. I will lose any national points earned. By registering for this tournament, I am consenting to be subject to drug testing if selected and its penalties if declared positive for a banned substance. If selected, I am aware that failure to comply with the drug test will be cause for the same penalties as for those who are positive for a banned substance. I KNOW THAT I MAY CALL THE USADA HOTLINE, 800-233-0393, FOR QUESTIONS ABOUT MEDICATIONS AND BANNED SUBSTANCES OR PRACTICES. I realize that there are **OVER-THE-COUNTER** medications that may contain banned substances and that it is my responsibility to insure that I do not inadvertently take any medication that contains a banned substance.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Fencer's Signature Date Signature of Parent or Guardian for Minor Date

**CONSENT FOR MEDICAL TREATMENT:** This is to certify that on this date I, \_\_\_\_\_, give my consent to the USFA and its representative to obtain medical care from any licensed physician, hospital or clinic for the above named athlete for any injury or illness that may arise during activities associated with USFA Junior Olympic Championships.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Fencer's Signature Date Signature of Parent or Guardian for Minor Date

If said athlete is covered by any insurance company, please complete the following (type of print legibly):

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Carrier Name of Policy Holder

\_\_\_\_\_  
Address of Carrier Policy Number

**Important :** MAIL EARLY. Postmarks are not considered - entry (fees and form) must arrive at the USFA National Office by the deadline date of Jan. 22, 2004. **Triple the total amount due** for entries received after January 22, 2004. No Entries accepted after Friday, Feb. 6, 2004. For refund of event fee(s), withdrawals must be reported in writing to the National Office by Monday, Feb. 9, 2004. **Registration fees are nonrefundable**.

**Method of Payment.** Make check or money order payable to the US Fencing Association. The entry form and payment must be mailed to: USFA JO ENTRIES, One Olympic Plaza, Colorado Springs, CO 80909-5774. If paying by credit card (see front of form), entry may be sent by fax to (719) 632-5737. Entry form and fees must be received by the stated deadline to be accepted. If you mail or fax multiple copies of an entry, you will be charged for each copy unless you specify "Duplicate".

**Entry Receipt:** You **MUST** include a self-addressed stamped postcard or a fax return sheet with your entry for confirmation of receipt of your entry. This will be the only acceptable proof of submission of timely entry (**PLEASE NOTE** : Fax machine transmission reports are not acceptable).

**Eligibility :** Every person competing in the Junior Olympic Championships must be a competitive USFA member, i.e., not "Fence for Fun" or "Associate" member, with an expiration of 2004 or greater and be a US Citizen or Permanent Resident.

**Age Rules for Junior Olympic Championships**

| Category/Code | Junior/U20 | Cadet/U17 |
|---------------|------------|-----------|
| Birth years   | 1984-1990  | 1987-1990 |

**Athlete can fence their Division's JO qualifying competitions IF:** 1) the fencer meets the age criteria for that category **OR** 2) the athlete is on the point standings for the next younger age bracket. For example, a fencer born in 1991 is eligible to compete in the Division's JO cadet (U-17) qualifying competition **IF** the fencer is on the Youth 14 point standings; a fencer born in 1991 is eligible to compete in the Division's JO junior (U20) qualifying competition **IF** the fencer is on the Under-17 point standings.

## CALENDAR FOR 2003-2004 (Subject to Change)

| <u>Dates</u>        | <u>Entry Deadline</u> | <u>Tournament</u>   | <u>Location</u>   |
|---------------------|-----------------------|---|---|
| Oct. 5-11, 2003     |                       | World Championships   | Havana, Cuba  |
| Oct. 10-13, 2003    | Sept. 10              | NAC Division II, Cadet, Youth 14  | Overland Park, KS   |
| Oct. 25-31, 2003    |                       | Pan American Junior Cadet Championships**   | Guadeloupe  |
| November 7, 2003    | October 17            | Junior "A"*: Men's Epee, Women's Sabre  | Galt House, Louisville, KY  |
| November 8, 2003    | October 17            | Junior "A"*: Women's Epee, Men's Foil   | Galt House, Louisville, KY  |
| November 9, 2003    | October 17            | Junior "A"*: Women's Foil, Men's Sabre  | Galt House, Louisville, KY  |
| November 16, 2003   |                       | *U.S. Fencer must be on Jr or Cdt Pt Standing to enter<br>United States Military Fencing Championship | Naval Air Station North Island, San Diego   |
| Dec. 12 – 14, 2003  | Nov. 12               | Contact: Commander Josh Runyan at jrunyan1@san.rr.com.<br>NAC Division I, Veterans, Wheelchair        | Entry form: <a href="http://members.cox.net/baileycp/">http://members.cox.net/baileycp/</a><br>Palm Springs, CA |
| Jan. 10 – 12, 2004  | Dec. 10               | NAC Div. I/Junior: M.Epee, M.Sabre, W. Sabre  | San Jose, CA  |
| Jan. 16 – 18, 2004  | Dec. 16               | NAC Div. I/Junior: M. Foil, W. Foil, W. Epee  | San Jose, CA  |
| Feb. 13 – 16, 2004  | Jan. 22               | JUNIOR OLYMPIC FENCING CHAMPS.  | Cleveland, OH   |
| Mar. 12 – 15, 2004  | Feb. 12               | NAC Division II, III, Veterans  | Arlington, TX   |
| Mar. 25 – 28, 2004  |                       | NCAA Fencing Championships  | Brandeis Univ.  |
| Apr. 1 – 8, 2004    |                       | World Junior & Cadet Championships  | Plovdiv, Bulgaria   |
| Apr. 23– 26, 2004   | March 23              | Div. I National Championships, NAC Youth,<br>NAC Wheelchair   | Atlanta, GA   |
| April 24-25, 2004   |                       | Continental Olympic Qualifying Tournament   | Bolivia   |
| June 11 – 13, 2004  |                       | Senior "A"***: M. Sabre, W. Sabre, W. Foil  |   |
| July 3 – 11, 2004   | May 27                | ***U.S. Fencer must be on Sr. Point standings to enter<br>SUMMER NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS               | New York City, NY<br>Charlotte, NC  |
| Aug. 13 – 29, 2004  |                       | Olympic Games   | Athens, GRE.  |
| Aug. 14 – 22, 2004  |                       | Fencing at the Olympic Games  | Helliniko Olympic   |
| Sept. 3-5, 2004     |                       | Veterans World Championships  | Krems, Austria  |
| Sept. 17 – 28, 2004 |                       | Paralympic Games  | Athens, GRE   |
| Sept. 18 – 23, 2004 |                       | Paralympic Fencing Competitions   | Helliniko Complex   |

SPECIAL ENTRY FORMS REQUIRED FOR EACH NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS & US WORLD CUPS

\*\* For 2003 Pan Am Junior/Cadet Champs. Junior, Birth year = 1983-1989; Cadet, Birth Year = 1986-1989

### AGE RULES FOR NATIONAL LEVEL TOURNAMENTS:2003-2004

#### A: AUGUST 1, 2003 -- APRIL 30, 2004-NAC TOURNAMENTS & Division qualifying competitions for 2004 Junior Olympic Championships

| CATEGORY    | DIV. I/DIV. II, III | VETERAN | JUNIOR    | CADET     | YOUTH 14  | YOUTH 12  | YOUTH 10  |
|-------------|---------------------|---------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| BIRTH YEARS | 1990 or earlier     | ≤ 1963  | 1984-1990 | 1987-1990 | 1989-1992 | 1991-1994 | 1993-1996 |

≤ - Less or Equal

#### B: Qualifying Competitions For 2004 Summer National Championships and Associated Division & Section

| CATEGORY    | DIV. IA/<br>DVI TM/<br>SR TM | DIV. II, III    | VETERAN | JUNIOR/<br>JR TEAM | CADET     | YOUTH 14  | YOUTH 12  | YOUTH 10  |
|-------------|------------------------------|-----------------|---------|--------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| BIRTH YEARS | 1990 or earlier              | 1991 or earlier | ≤ 1963  | 1985-1991          | 1988-1991 | 1989-1992 | 1991-1994 | 1993-1996 |

For a fencer to compete in a specific age category competition conducted under the auspices of the USFA at division, section or national level, the following criteria must be met.

The fencer's birth year falls within that age bracket **OR**—

If a fencer is currently listed in an age group point standing, the fencer may enter the next older age category of competition, even if that fencer is younger than allowed by the age bracket. For categories of competitions in which criteria besides age must be met, the fencer must meet those criteria by the entry deadline in addition to the age criteria.

As an example, a fencer born in 1993 may fence in Youth 12 and Youth 10. To fence in a Youth 14 competition, that fencer must be on the current Youth 12 point standings. To fence in a Cadet competition, that fencer must be on the current Youth 14 point standings.

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