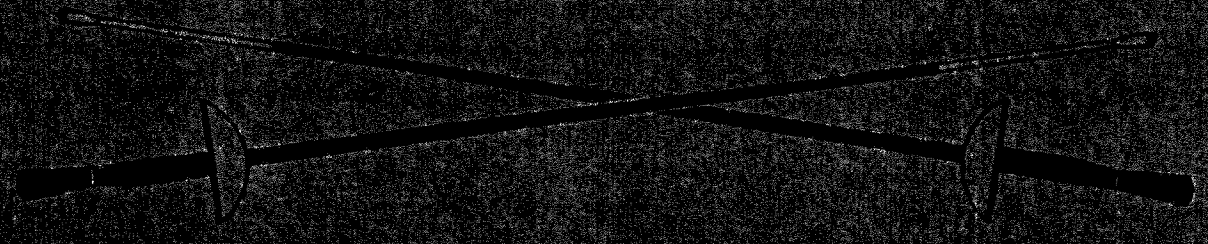


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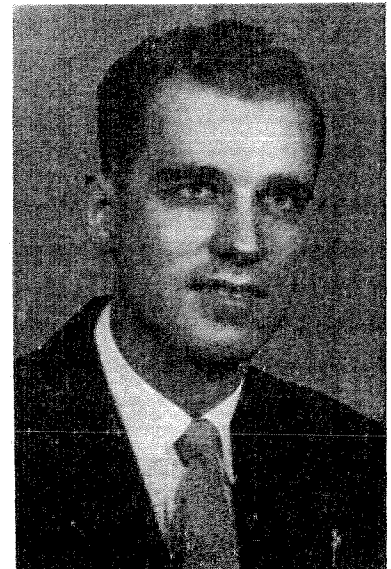
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ANNUAL MEETING

Due to our failure to publish the full text of the motions to change the dues structure of the A.F.L.A. and to lower the basic age for Active membership a vote on these proposals cannot legally be taken at the Annual Meeting of the League in Los Angeles, July 4.

It is perhaps just as well to allow more time for full discussion. Every previous proposal to increase dues has produced opposition based on the assumption that an increase would destroy the membership potential of many Divisions and drive away current members in great numbers. The experience of the past does not bear this out but the Chairman of the Western New York Division, Stephen Zielinski has voiced strong objection and the postponed vote will permit a presentation of the pros and cons.

The proposals are two separate motions and may be considered jointly or in the alternative.

The suggested changes in annual dues are: Active from \$6.00 to \$10.00; Collegiate from \$4.00 to \$5.00; Student no change; Associate from \$3.00 to \$7.50. The actual amount of the increases are, of course, subject to change after discussion and it must be remembered that each Division is empowered to waive all or part of the increase which is ear-marked for the Divisional Treasury.

The suggested change in the basic age for Active members is from 25 to 22.

While the A.F.L.A. is a non-profit organization, the proponents of the above motions believe that increased costs of printing, mailing and other services plus the need for adequate reserves to insure such promotions as American Fencing, up to date Rules Books, rotation of National Championships, etc. require a per capita increase in revenue for the National Treasury.

—J. R. de C.

New International Professional Organization

Following the decision taken at Brussels last summer on the occasion of the world's professional championships, a new professional federation has been organized. This is the Academie Internationale d'Esgrime. The acting secretary is Maitre Blaivel, 13 rue de Londres, Paris, 9e, France.

The Pan American Fencing Confederation was founded in Buenos Aires in 1951. Its by-laws were formally approved in Mexico City in 1955. Its membership is limited to countries affiliated with the F.I.E. It has no independent treasury but its Permanent Commission is charged with special responsibilities for supervising the conduct of the Pan American Games in accordance with international rules. Miguel de Capriles is President and Donald G. Thompson is Secretary of the Permanent Commission.

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Foil Directors - Note

The Board has ruled that Presidents of Jury be instructed regarding standardized procedure when electric foil is fenced without a neutralized strip. When both lights go on against one fencer and either the time or right of way is against such fencer the touch **must** be nullified even though the President believes the 'off target' light is due to a touch on the floor. The reason is that there can be no positive assurance that, in addition to the floor, the point did not hit the arm or leg before scoring on valid target. While it is recognized that this ruling may be a 'bad break' in a few instances, it is believed necessary and justified in the interest of orderly conduct of the bouts.

Castner Memorial Medals

The Col. William V. Castner medals for a Metropolitan Open Epee event commemorate an outstanding American and member of the 1924 Olympic Team.

Bill Castner, West Point '23, was a great tennis player and fencer who was considered one of the A.F.L.A.'s greatest young prospects. After the 1924 Olympics he contracted tuberculosis. Cured after many trying years, he served as G-2 in the Alaskan Command during World War II and became famous for his "Castner's Cutthroats" — a guerilla outfit of Eskimos which made frequent raids on Japanese occupied islands. After a long illness due to privation and exposure he died in 1949 at the age of 47. He received the D.S.M. and Navy Legion of Merit.

The medals are presented anonymously by a West Point classmate.

PERSONALS

Janice-Lee and Jerry Romary added Charles (Chip) to the family on March 23rd. Louise and Dick Dyer have Stacy Gwen as of May 13.

Eugene Hamori and Annemarie Ruby were married on June 14. Our best wishes.

Pan American Games

President Pierre Ferri of the F.I.E. has designated Miguel A. de Capriles, President of the Pan American Fencing Confederation, as the official F.I.E. representative at the Pan American Games to be held in Chicago in August 1959. This will be the first time that a non-European fencer has represented the F.I.E. at the Pan American Games. Both in 1951 and in 1955, the F.I.E. delegate was Mr. Paul Anspach of Belgium, former F.I.E. president.

The recent affiliation of Puerto Rico to the F.I.E. raises the possible number of competing countries in the Pan American Games from 16 to 17. However, only those national fencing organizations which are in good standing with the F.I.E. are eligible to compete. At the present time five Western Hemisphere countries are not in good standing.

1958 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

Latest report shows a deficit of about \$5,000. for the event. However, over \$3,000. is due for equipment which the Pan American Games Committee agreed to purchase jointly with the AFLA.

Have You Started a Group at Your Local High School Yet?

INTERNATIONAL RULE CHANGES

By Miguel A. de Capriles

Chairman, A.F.L.A. Rules Committee
Mr. Charles de Beaumont, head of the British Amateur Fencing Association, who represented the U.S. at the 40th Congress of the F.I.E. in Paris, has rendered as usual a most informative report of the proceedings. A number of important changes in the F.I.E. rules have been made. These are summarized below.

1. Definition of an amateur. The F.I.E. statutes have been clarified by including among the prohibited acts the receipt of remuneration for training other persons for sports competitions. (The immediate effect in the United States is that the proposed amendment to the Constitution should likewise make it clear that a professional trainer will not be classified as an amateur fencer. The A.F.L.A. Rules Committee will move such a clarification at the annual meeting in Los Angeles on July 4, since the intent is to keep the A.F.L.A. definition of an amateur in step with both the Olympic and the F.I.E. definitions.)

2. World Championship schedule. A radical change in the order of events has been approved for the 1959 World Championships, as follows:

- 1st and 2nd days: Men's Foil Individual
- 3rd and 4th days: Women's Foil Individual
- 4th and 5th days: Men's Foil, Team
- 5th and 6th days: Women's Foil Team
- 7th and 8th days: Epee Individual
- 9th and 10th days: Sabre Individual
- 10th and 11th days: Epee Team
- 11th and 12th days: Sabre Team

The general plan is to fence the individual events before the team events, and to allow at least a day of rest between events in the same weapon. It is expected that a day of rest will be provided in the 1959 schedule between the 4th and 5th days of competition. (The immediate question for the United States is the effect of this change upon the 1960 Olympic schedule, a matter which apparently is still undecided.)

3. Women's team event in Olympics. The Olympic schedule has definitely been amended to include the women's team event. However, the total representation of each country will continue to be limited to 21 competitors. (The immediate effect is that, in the selection of the U.S. Olympic team for 1960, if a women's team of four, five, or six girls is included, it will be necessary to contemplate the possibility that one, two, or three men will have to double up.)

4. Direct elimination in team events. The Bout Committee has been authorized, if the number of entries so requires, to apply the system of direct elimination to the last 8 or 4 teams after at least one round of elimination pools. A tie match (equality of bouts and touches) in direct elimination would have to be refenced.

5. Stateless fencers. The statutory authority for the participation of stateless fencers in the world Championships has been repealed.

6. Fencers' equipment. In all weapons, fencers are required to appear **on the strip** for each bout with **at least two weapons**, in order to reduce delays in case of breakdown.

7. Time warnings. The two-minute warning has been eliminated. A single warning will be given one minute before the expiration of the time limit. If, after the warning has been given, there should be a considerable interruption of the bout, e.g., for an injury or to repair the apparatus or change weapons, the President may advise the fencers of the time remaining when replacing them on guard. This will be proposed for immediate adoption by the A.F.L.A., so that it may be applied in the 1959 National Championships.

8. Sabre guard. The specifications have been revised to require that the guard be full in shape, made in one piece and externally smooth. It must have a continuous convex form without rim or holes.

9. Mask. The specifications for the mask have been revised to require that the metal wire used in construction of the wire mesh shall be at least 1 mm. in diameter. This is an increase of approximately 10%, which is expected to increase the strength of the mask by 35%.

10. New edition of the rules. A new edition of the rules will be published before the end of 1959 for use at the 1960 Olympic Games. The text will be submitted for approval at the extraordinary congress of the F.I.E. to be held during the 1959 World Championships in Budapest. A number of additional changes in the rules will be made at that time.

Order of Bouts

In order to eliminate wide disparities in the waiting time between bouts in pools or team matches, the order of bouts has been revised for teams of 4 and individual pools of 6 and 8 as follows:

Rule 301 (Fencers 1, 2, 3, and 4 on team A; 5, 6, 7, and 8 on team B).							
3-8	6-3	1-6	5-1				
4-6	8-1	3-5	6-2				
1-7	5-4	2-8	7-3				
2-5	7-2	4-7	8-4				

Rule 327							
Pool of 6							
1-4	5-1	6-2	1-2	2-3			
2-4	4-2	5-3	3-4	1-6			
3-6	3-1	6-4	5-6	4-5			

Pool of 8							
2-3	1-2	4-1	4-2	2-8	4-8	4-6	
1-5	3-4	5-2	8-1	5-4	2-6	8-5	
7-4	5-6	8-3	7-5	6-1	3-5	7-2	
6-8	8-7	6-7	3-6	3-7	1-7	1-3	

Following the 1958 World Championships, a special Congress of the Pan American Fencing Confederation convened in Philadelphia and voted to request the restoration of the women's team event in the Pan American program. Unfortunately the P-A Games rules also require an affirmative vote by the Pan American Sports Organization and that body does not meet until August, 1959.

NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

June 27 - July 4, 1959

Statler-Hilton Hotel
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Schedule

- June 27—Foil Individual
- June 28—Foil Team
- June 29—Women's Individual
- June 30—Epee Individual
- July 1—Women's Team and Sabre Team
- July 2—Epee Team
- July 3—Sabre Individual
- July 4—3-Weapon Team

GALA NIGHT - July 4, 8 P.M.



OLYMPIC SPECIAL!

Through the good offices of Laslo Pongo we learned just before going to press that we will be able to charter a DC-7 for the Olympic Games in Rome. Charters and regular travel accommodations are at an extreme premium for the period of the Olympiad and this is an excellent opportunity.

If enough fencers and their families wish this service, the round trip to Rome will cost only \$330. to \$350. per person. The charter is limited to 75 passengers.

To take advantage of this offer we must come to a decision by the middle of September, 1959 (the Games run from August 25 to September 11, 1960).

On the basis of previous Olympic Committee rulings, members of the U.S. Team will be required to travel with the official party.

We must pay 10% of the charter cost upon signing of contract (October, 1959) but if we cancel not later than 3 months from departure date we will get a full refund.

For further details write to Laslo Pongo, 11 Terrace Circle, Great Neck, Long Island, N. Y. **WRITE SOON.**



UNDER 21 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

by C. L. de Beaumont

Some 180 competitors from 21 countries participated in the championships staged in Paris at Eastertime.

The over-all standard was lower than in recent years yet surprisingly high considering the age of the contestants.

The men's foil final was disappointing, probably because of the exhaustion of the competitors. Jean Link, Luxembourg, was undefeated and retained the title he won last year. This was the sixth of these championships in which he had competed (starting at the age of 14) which is a remarkable record. Of the rest, Kamuti of Hungary has as yet far less ability than his famous elder brother and I prefer the style of his teammate Szabo.

The ladies' final showed more quality. Saratov Proudskova, USSR, lost only her first bout (4-3) and was a worthy winner. She has a delightfully neat style and fast, light footwork. Olga Orban appeared a certain winner until she lost her concentration in her penultimate bout with Schmid, the German Champion, and then lost 4-0 to the winner. Nina Kleiweg of Holland, has a nice style but is at present too stereotyped in her game.

The epee final was most exciting and provided the best fencing of the four events. Saccaro, Italy, second in 1957 and 1958, seemed the certain winner. He swept through the field, beating Khabarov (USSR), thought to be his closest rival, 5-0. Then he met Dwinger—a 15 year old Dutch boy. At that point Saccaro's famous fleche went awry and, not having the wit to change his game, he was stopped four times and lost 5-1. This put him in a fence-off with Khabarov and since he continued to make desperate fleches he was beaten 5-3, having literally thrown his championship away.

The sabre was a long and dour battle. Malenkov, USSR, was the favorite until he faltered in his last three bouts. The final ended in a 3-way tie and in the first barrage they each beat the other. In the second barrage Richard Parulski, Poland, earned a hard won victory over Peter Bakonyi, Hungary, and Bodevin Heidenryk, Holland. The final included Kovacs, second son of former Olympic Champion Pal Kovacs.

SUMMARY

Foil: 1. J. Link (Lux.) 5/0; 2. Gerresheim (W. Ger.) 3/2, 18 t.r.; 3. Kamuti (Hungary) 3/2, 19 t.r.; 4. Parulski (Pol.) 2/3, 21 t.r.; 5. Szabo (Hun.) 2/3, 22 t.r.; 6. Rodocannichi (Fr.) 0/5.

Ladies: 1. Proudskova (USSR) 4/1; 2. Orban (Rou.) 3/2; 3. Kleiweg (Holl.) 2/3, 13 t.r.; 4. Schmid (Ger.) 2/3, 15 t.r.; 5. Petrenko (USSR) 2/3, 16 t.r.; 6. Passini (It.) 2/3, 17 t.r.

Epee: 1. Khabarov (USSR) 6/1; 2. Saccaro (It.) 6/1; 3. Muresano (Rou.) 4/3; 4. Haukler (Rou.) 3/4, 22 t.r.; 5. Dwinger (Holl.) 3/4, 30 t.r.; 6. Kaster (E. Ger.) 2/5, 30 t.r.; 7. Boschetto (It.) 2/5, 31 t.r.; 24 for; 8. Guillez (Fr.) 2/5, 31 t.r., 17 for.

Sabre: 1. Parulski (Pol.) 5/2; 2. Bakonyi (Hun.) 5/2; 3. Heidenryk (Holl.) 5/2; 4. Malenkov (USSR) 4/3; 5. Sobczak (Pol.) 3/4, 29 t.r.; 6. Kovacs (Hun.) 3/4, 30 t.r.; 7. Jacques (Fr.) 2/5; 8. Filz (Aus.) 1/6.

OLYMPIC TRAINING IN DIVISIONAL MEETS

By Ralph M. Goldstein

Captain, 1959 U.S. Pan-American
Fencing Team

The tremendous geographical expanse of the United States makes it impossible to centralize all serious training for the 1960 Olympic Fencing Team in one place. An Olympic training program has been functioning for several months in New York because a large proportion of the leading candidates for the team come from that area. However, every division can contribute to the Olympic training program in the following manner:

First, every division that has among its members any candidates for the Olympic fencing team should provide suitable opportunities for training and physical conditioning. This cannot be overemphasized. The fencers participating in the New York program have improved their stamina to the point where we have now added an hour of intensive fencing practice to the two-hour physical conditioning session.

Second, in scheduling competitions, every interested division should keep in mind the nature of Olympic events and try to utilize its competitive opportunities to the greatest advantage to the participants. This phase has both its negative and its positive aspects.

On the negative side, certain types of competitions are a waste of time from the point of view of Olympic training: mixed team competitions (men and women), two and three weapon competitions, outdoor events, and handicap competitions. I recognize the social advantages of the first two, and if a division has the time, space, and officials to run them, without interfering with the more serious events, I have no objection. It should be remembered, however, that international competition demands superior skill in a particular weapon. Two and three weapon competition do not tend to develop Olympic competitors. Take a top-notch fencer in a three-weapon individual event against an opponent of similar calibre in sabre. The issue would most probably be decided with the epee, in which weapon neither contestant competes regularly. This may be all right as light entertainment; as worthwhile training, it has no justification.

On outdoor events, I might mention an incident that occurred at the Open Epee competition in New York on April 5 — a glorious spring day. One of the fencers felt it was a shame to fence indoors on such a beautiful sunny day, and painted an alluring word picture of the joys of outdoor competition. A number of the others promptly agreed; but when it was pointed out to them that outdoor fencing is completely different from indoor — the light, the reflections, the surface, the sense of distance — those who had experience realized that their initial agreement had been given without careful thought.

With respect to handicap competitions, I have heard them defended on the ground that they make one concentrate on every touch. Isn't concentration basic to all fencing? Just ask your coach. The real objection is this: Top-notch internationalists often give up one or two touches on purpose, to set up a pattern, or to feel out their opponents, before settling down to polish them off. Handicaps tend to discourage this type of strategy.

Now, on the positive side: The individual Bout Committee should plan on at least one open event per month in each weapon, and if it is at all possible, some of these events should meet the following criteria that are typical of Olympic Training Competitions:

1. Competition to take place on two successive days;
2. Starting time, 8 or 8:30 a.m., with time out for lunch and for dinner on both days;
3. To be conducted strictly in accordance with the rules (foil and epee, electrical throughout with grounded strips if available, and if not with competent floor judges; sabre to have full five-man juries);
4. All officiating to be done in French. Any fencer who has been present at the Olympic Games, or who was at the 1958 World Championship in Philadelphia, can appreciate the reasons for these criteria. Not many of our fencers are used to starting fencing so early in the morning, and very few have had the experience of qualifying one day for subsequent rounds to be held the next day, and having "to sleep on it." International competition is different from what we are accustomed to in this respect, and it takes some conditioning — mental as well as physical — to cope with this type of situation. European fencers have been competing this way for years. To avoid being at a disadvantage, we should do likewise.



All-Ohio Championships

by Robert Kaplan

The tournament held in Columbus on April 11 saw 58 fencers participating. There were no successful defending champions and once again Northern Ohio dominated the events by taking all places. Encouraging, however, is the growth of the Cincinnati group and the increasing strength of some younger fencers in Dayton and Columbus.

Final Results:

Foil: 1. H. Fried; 2. F. April; 3. A. Styler.

Epee: 1. A. Styler; 2. G. Pinter; 3. A. Musichuk

Sabre: 1. T. Legeza; 2. H. James 3. P. Hamorady

Women: 1. M. Papurt; 2. A. Stevenson; 3. J. Steigerwald

MORE CONDITIONING EXERCISES

by Richard Gradkowski

(Note: In a previous issue Mr. Arthur Tauber wrote an article describing a conditioning program for fencers. This article continues in the same vein.)

Those of us who had the opportunity to observe the recent World Championships in Philadelphia could see the superb conditioning of the international contestants. The application of scientific methods to athletics has resulted in a revolution in training. The modern progressive coach understands that in order to promote athletic efficiency in any sport, many varied exercises are needed. We find that no longer is it possible to just fence. The modern fencer must be able to run track, swim, lift weights and do high-jumping. A certain amount of LEGAL TRAINING is also useful. (Some of our most consistent champions have been students of jurisprudence.) Now many obscure muscles are singled out and developed to their peak of efficiency by scientific training methods. The resultant effect has been to produce a SUPER ATHLETE with limitless endurance and unflagging coordination.

However, as all fencers know, the contestants form but a part of the overall competitive scene. Any individual fencer can only contribute about one-third of the effort to the eventual victory. The other two-thirds must be supplied by the opponent and the officials. We can usually assume that the opponent is in good shape, but; what about the officials? All too often we find flabby directors with slow reflexes and blurred vision. The modern SUPER ATHLETIC FENCER needs modern SUPER OFFICIALS!

It is with this in mind that we present the following series of conditioning exercises for officials. These can be done regularly or as a warm up before a meet. With these basic exercises as a cornerstone, ambitious officials should begin training for the coming Pan American Games and the Olympics.

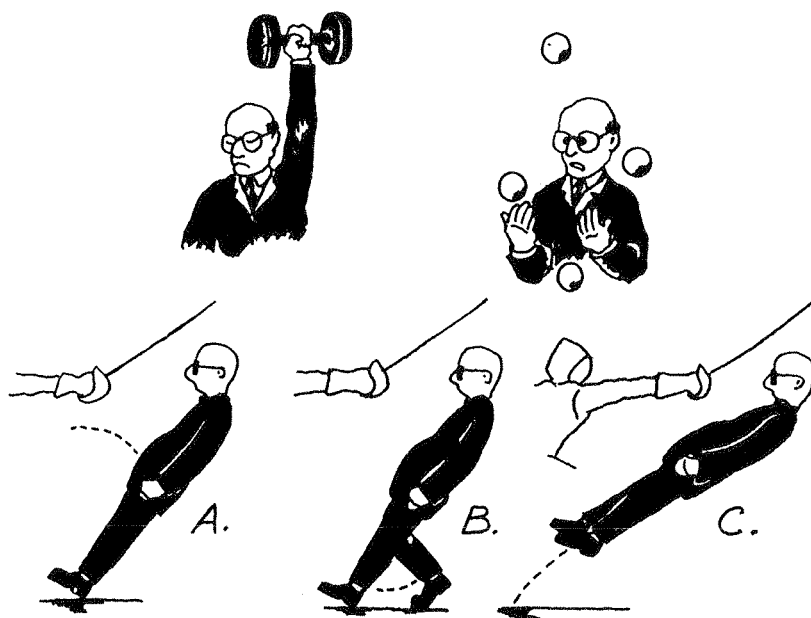
Schoolboy Foil

by Sidney Schwartz

The annual U. of Buffalo Invitational Schoolboy Tournament attracted 18 entries from local High Grade schools. Although the schools do not have a fencing program, the boys are learning the sport at various clubs under Gaza Pokay, Sidney Schwartz, Jules Goldstein and George Twardokens.

Final Round

- (1) Donald Rutecki, Riverside High
- (2) Ronald Schwartz, Kenmore High
- (3) Brian Allen, Kenmore High
- (4) Bradley Tashenberg, Park School
- (5) James Zielen, Riverside High
- (6) Forest Benson, School 82
- (7) Paul Szczepanski, H.C. Tech.
- (8) Vitold Wilkosz, Transfiguration
- (9) Mark Genrich, Amherst High



THE VOTING-ARM PRESS (Fig. 1)

This exercise strengthens the signalling of touches. The press develops the biceps, triceps, deltoids, and trapezius muscles. It will also develop a backache if overdone. If a dumbbell is not available, you can try to get an intelligent friend to judge.

THE EYEBALL ACCELERATOR (Fig. 2)

This exercise is similar to juggling and will develop the ability of the eyeball muscles to move quickly. Each eye should pick a ball and follow its trajectory. The judge should start with one ball and work up to three or four. When more than one or two balls are used each eye will have to follow more than one ball simultaneously. This seems difficult at first, but with practice the judge can follow any number of balls with any number of eyes.

THE BACKWARD FLECHE (Fig. 3)

As the fencer fleche-attacks, the judge pivots back on his heels (A). As soon as the CENTER OF GRAVITY passes over the edge of the BASE AREA of the judge, the left foot shoots back, bending the left leg (B). With a powerful spring of the bent leg, the judge fleches backward (C). During this entire exercise, the judge should keep his head erect and his eye fixed on the oncoming contestant to see if any touch has been scored, and to prevent a possible sneaky reprisal on the part of the fencer.



EASTERN 3-WEAPON OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

The annual event sponsored by Jones Beach State Park has become very popular and since it is not an official AFLA event the Board has authorized League members to participate even though this year it is open to non-amateurs.

Event: Individual 3-weapon (epee only electric)

Date: Sunday, September 13, 1959 (rain or shine)

Location: Music Shell, near Jones Beach Tower

Time: 10 A.M. (check in by 9:30 A.M.)

Awards: Trophies for first three places

Entry Fee: \$3.50 (no charges accepted)

All entries and fees should be mailed to:

Mrs. Ruth Sylvester
10 Parkside Drive
Levittown, L. I., N. Y.

NOTE: (1) Free Parkway passes will be mailed to all entries and officials. Locker and Pool passes to contestants.

(2) Non-contestants who wish to be officials or ushers please notify Mrs. Sylvester.

(3) Contestants' fencing record requested for advance press releases.

TRAVEL: By car via Northern or Southern Parkways. By train via L.I.R.R. to Freeport then by connecting bus to Jones Beach.



INTERCOLLEGIATES

PATERSON STATE COLLEGE REMAINS IWFA CHAMPION

JERSEY CITY SOPHOMORE, FRAN SIDOTI, WINS INDIVIDUAL TITLE

by Barbi Brill

Top seeded Paterson State College retained its hold on the Intercollegiate Women's Fencing Association silver cup when they went undefeated with 10 wins in the 31st annual championships, held at Brooklyn College. All three Paterson starters qualified for the individual final.

Fran Sidoti made it two years in a row for Jersey City State's hold on the individual crown.

Twelve teams were entered in the 10-hour round robin competition. New York University was runner up, losing only to Paterson (5-4) in the final round.

In the final round, Paterson was pressed by R.I.T. but emerged with a 5-4 victory. They had defeated the same team in the preliminary round 9-0.

With 13 victories, Fran Sidoti brought Jersey City into the third spot. Brooklyn's one victory was over R.I.T. who lost all in the final round. The up-state college had beaten Brooklyn in the preliminary round.

The placings of the remaining teams were: Hunter College, Fairleigh Dickenson University, Elmira College, Brandeis University, Drew University, Temple University (forfeit).

F.D.U. entered a team from Teaneck campus, which fenced extremely well in spite of the fact that all the girls were freshmen fencers. This was also the freshman I.W.F.A. year for the Brandeis girls who proved they will be a strong contender in 1960 when the event will be held in Elmira.

The individual champion was not decided until the last bout of the final of six. Fran Sidoti (Jersey City) defeated Pat Dolan (Paterson), 4-3, to take the title; time ran out with no score, putting the bout in a sudden death situation. The loss put Dolan in a tie with teammate Doty Pohlman. Each had 3 wins, but Pohlman, who gave Sidoti her only defeat, placed second on the touch count.

Diana Hor (Hunter) and Mary Churchill (N.Y.U.) tied for fourth and placed as listed on touches. Marilyn Gerber placed sixth.

TEAM SUMMARY

Preliminary — Pool A

Paterson defeated: Brandeis, 8-1; Drew, 9-0; Brooklyn, 9-0; Elmira, 7-2; R.I.T., 9-0. R.I.T. defeated: Drew, 7-2; Brooklyn, 5-4; Elmira, 5-4; Brandeis, 5-4. Brooklyn defeated: Elmira, 5-4; Drew, 7-2; Brandeis, 5-4. Elmira defeated: Brandeis, 6-3; Drew, 8-1. Brandeis defeated: Drew, 6-3. Drew lost all matches.

Preliminary — Pool B

N.Y.U. defeated: Hunter, 5-4; Montclair, 7-2; F.D.U., 6-3; Temple, 9-0; Jersey City, 6-3. Jersey City defeated: F.D.U., 5-4; Temple, 9-0; Hunter, 6-3. Montclair defeated: Jersey City, 5-4; Hunter, 5-4; Temple, 9-0. F.D.U. defeated: Temple, 9-0; Montclair, 5-4. Hunter defeated: Temple, 9-0; F.D.U., 6-3. Temple lost all matches by forfeit.



BEAUTY AND SKILL

Inter-collegiate Women's Fencing Association Champions

Paterson State College

Dorothy Pohlman, Patricia Dolan, Marilyn Gerber

FINAL

(1) Paterson defeated: Brooklyn, 7-2; Montclair, 5-2; N.Y.U., 5-4; Jersey City, 6-3; R.I.T., 5-4. (2) N.Y.U. defeated: Brooklyn, 6-3; Montclair, 7-2; Jersey City, 5-4; R.I.T., 8-1. (3) Jersey City defeated: Brooklyn, 5-4; Montclair, 5-4; R.I.T., 5-2. (4) Montclair defeated: Brooklyn, 5-2; R.I.T., 5-4. (5) Brooklyn defeated: R.I.T., 5-2. (6) R.I.T. lost all matches.

INDIVIDUAL SUMMARY

FINAL

Sidoti defeated: Dolan, 4-3; Churchill, 4-2; Gerber, 4-1; Hor, 4-2. Pohlman defeated: Sidoti, 4-3; Gerber, 4-1; Hor, 4-0. Dolan defeated: Churchill, 4-3; Gerber, 4-3; Pohlman, 4-1. Hor defeated: Dolan, 4-1; Gerber, 4-2. Churchill defeated: Pohlman, 4-1; Hor, 4-3. Gerber defeated: Churchill, 4-2.

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N.C.A.A. CHAMPIONSHIPS

Navy's trio won all the individual crowns and the NCAA team title in the 15th annual tournament, held at Annapolis. It marks the first time that any school has scored a clean sweep. The strength of the champions is emphasized by their aggregate score of 72 wins and only 4 losses.

It was sweet revenge for the midshipmen, who placed second to NYU in the ICFA tournament, to score 3-0 against the New Yorkers.

Roland Wommack retained the epee title and thus became the first epeeist in NCAA history to do so. He later was voted "Fencer of the year." Columbia's Buchman placed second on touches over Yale's Powell.

Joseph Paletta won the foil when he defeated NYU's Gene Glazer 5-4, thus reversing the decision between them in the ICFA two weeks before. Wayne's Davis was third.

Al Morales won with a two-bout margin over NYU's Mike Dasaro. The champion's sole defeat was by Scher of Buffalo. Third went to Reuter of Columbia.

**The Summaries
INDIVIDUAL EPEE**

	W.	L.
1 - Roland Wommack, Navy	24	2
2 - Stephen Buchman, Columbia	21	5
3 - Jay Powell, Yale	21	5
4 - Dave Kennedy, Illinois	20	6
5 - Greg Bradshaw, Penn.	20	6
5 - Chris Pascal, N.Y.U.	20	6
7 - Ellsworth Miller, Wayne State	17	9
8 - Charles Schmitter, Michigan State	15	11
8 - Mike Bruce, Detroit	15	11
8 - Bob Peterson, Buffalo	15	11
8 - Bob Chapman, Princeton	15	11
12 - Larry Southwick, Case	14	12
12 - Herb Robbins, Wisconsin	14	12
12 - Jerry Old, Kansas	14	12
15 - Jim Jock, Notre Dame	13	13
16 - Edgar Price, Penn	12	14
16 - Alex Levy, Brooklyn	12	14
18 - Tom Vincent, Iowa	10	16
19 - Derry Mounce, Rochester	9	17
19 - Bill Bennett, Harvard	9	17
19 - Bob Melworm, C.C.N.Y.	9	17
22 - Hugh Tucker, Oberlin	7	19
23 - Carl Jones, Ohio State	6	20
23 - Emmet Wallach, Stevens Tech.	6	20
23 - Milt McGinnis, Chicago	6	20
26 - Royce Bruce, Texas Tech.	5	21
27 - Bob Peebles, North Carolina	2	24

INDIVIDUAL FOIL

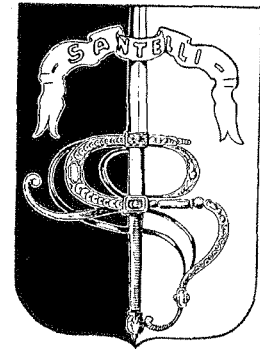
1 - Joe Paletta, Navy	25	1
2 - Gene Glazer, N.Y.U.	24	2
3 - Bruce Davis, Wayne State	23	3
4 - Ben Janowski, Columbia	22	4
4 - Abbey Silverstone, Illinois	22	4
6 - Jim Russomano, Notre Dame	21	5
7 - Richard Green, Wisconsin	19	7
8 - Dave Micahnik, Penn.	18	8
9 - John Coe, Princeton	16	10
10 - Terry Glimn, Michigan State	15	11
10 - Al Johnson, C.C.N.Y.	15	11
10 - Robert Venegas, Chicago	15	11
13 - John Capurso, Rochester	13	13
14 - Angelo Devito, Stevens Tech.	12	14
15 - John Powell, Yale	11	15
15 - Tom McDonald, George Wash.	11	15
17 - Martin Lefkowitz, Buffalo	10	16
18 - Bill Vaile, Oberlin	9	17
19 - Mike Gundzik, Case	8	18
19 - Bill Trebilcock, Harvard	8	18
21 - Jerry Hirschberg, Ohio State	7	19
21 - Dick Comar, Detroit	7	19
23 - Robert Zussman, Brooklyn	6	20
24 - Carrol Raver, North Carolina	5	21
25 - Jeff Anderson, Iowa	3	23
25 - Wendell Morrow, Texas Tech	3	23
25 - John Dillard, Kansas	3	23

INDIVIDUAL SABER

1 - Al Morales, Navy	23	1
2 - Mike Dasaro, N.Y.U.	21	3
3 - Stewart Reuter, Columbia	20	4
4 - Ronald Lemieux, Wisconsin	18	6
4 - Phil Robinson, Penn	18	6
4 - Andy Kemeny, C.C.N.Y.	18	6
7 - Jerry Sutrowiec, Detroit	17	7
8 - Stephen Nagy, Princeton	15	9
9 - Ron Shipko, Illinois	14	10
9 - John Miller, Wayne State	14	10
11 - Tom Lee, Notre Dame	13	11
11 - Ralph Sauer, Iowa	13	11
13 - Bill Streeter, Rochester	12	12
14 - Don Reese, Yale	11	13
15 - Stephen Arnest, Michigan State	10	14
16 - Barry Smith, Brooklyn	9	15
16 - Bob Blackburn, Stevens Tech.	9	15
18 - Sheldon Miller, Oberlin	8	16
20 - Sanford Scher, Buffalo	7	17
20 - Leo Appel, Johns Hopkins	7	17
20 - Ronald Weaver, Ohio State	7	17
23 - Don Myrick, Texas Tech.	4	20
24 - Joe Cekuka, Case	3	21
25 - Mike Collins, North Carolina	1	23

FINAL TEAM STANDINGS

1 - Navy	72—4
2 - N.Y.U.	65—11
3 - Columbia	63—13
4 - Illinois	56—20
4 - Penn.	56—20
6 - Wayne State	54—22
7 - Wisconsin	51—25
8 - Notre Dame	47—29
9 - Princeton	46—30
10 - Yale	43—33
11 - C.C.N.Y.	42—34
12 - Mich. State	40—36
13 - Detroit	39—37
14 - Rochester	34—42
15 - Buffalo	32—44
16 - Chicago	29—47
17 - Brooklyn	27—49
17 - Stevens T.	27—49
19 - Iowa	26—50
20 - Case	25—51
21 - Oberlin	24—52
22 - Ohio State	20—56
23 - Harvard	17—35
23 - Kansas	17—35
25 - Fenn	12—14
25 - Texas Tech.	12—64
27 - Geo. Washington	11—15
28 - N. Carolina	8—68
29 - J's. Hopkins	7—17



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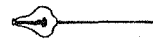
HELENE MAYER MEMORIAL

by Mary Huddleson

The sixth annual competition, held in San Francisco, was won for the fourth time by Maxine Mitchell of The Los Angeles A.C. There were 16 entries, with a final of 9 (electric).

Final Standings

(1) Maxine Mitchell, LAAC, 8/0; (2) Tommy Angell, Halberstadt, 7/1; (3) Iris Hoblit, Unatt., 4/4, 21 t.r.; (4) Patricia Barksdull, Halb., 4/4, 22 t.r.; (5) Mary Huddleson, Halb., 4/4, 25 t.r., 23 for; (6) Shirley Canter, Unatt., 4/4, 25 t.r., 21 for; (7) Bonnie De Rosier, Faulkner, 3/5; (8) Carol Reid, Pannonia, 2/6; (9) Ilene Franchini, S.F. State 0/8.



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METROPOLITAN MASTERS

The three events drew a disappointing total entry: six in foil, six in epee and five in sabre.

Albert Axelrod was undefeated in foil, with Bukantz and Kwartler tied for second and placing as mentioned on touches.

Navy's coach, Andre Deladrier, won the epee (1-touch) after a double round robin. Vebell was second and Skrobisch third. Deladrier was the only professional to enter any of the events.

Allan Kwartler won all his bouts to place first in sabre, with Worth and Nyilas following in that order.

METROPOLITAN

INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Women

Julia Schoeck, Fencers Club, and Betty Santelli, Salle Santelli, tied with 6/1 records in the final. The fence-off gave Mrs. Schoeck the title 4-3. Third went to Anne Drungis. Other finalists, in order, were Sokol, Balint, King, Parker and Boyce.



Foil

Harold Goldsmith, Fencers Club, was undefeated in the final and had a 15/1 record for the day. The decisive bout was against Albert Axelrod, who placed second, and was won 5-0 by the new champion. Third went to Joel Wolfe, F.C. Other finalists were Brandeis, Seeman, Keane, Davis and Lazar.



Epee

Henry Kolowrat, Fencers Club, topped a field of 35 to take the crown. Navy's Roland Wommack, who holds both the NCAA and ICFA titles, placed second while NYU's Mike Dasaro, who is also an excellent sabre prospect, placed third. Other finalists, in order, were Halpern, Pascal, Margolis, Cavley, Russell and Moss.

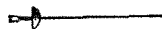


Sabre

Csaba Pallaghy, Salle Santelli, won impressively from a strong field of 37. The final of nine was well fenced and showed the results of better physical condition among the top fencers. Santelli made a clean sweep of the medals when Allan Kwartler and George Worth tied for second and finished as listed on touches. The other finalists, in order, were Cohen, Farber, Nyilas, Dasaro, White and Richards.

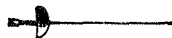
Open Epee 3/15/59

Jim Margolis, USN, was undefeated in the final of nine and in fact lost only one bout 5-4 (to Salzberg in the semi-final) out of 17 fenced. Second went to Aubrey Seeman, F.C., and third to Roland Wommack, USNA. Other finalists, in order, were Salzberg, Poudjardieu, Mooney, Halpern, Russell and Bavuso. Thirty-one competed.



Women's Prep 3/15/59

Paulette Singelakis, Pat. S.T., won on a fence-off against her club mate Dorothy Pohlman. Third went on touches to Joan Koslow of Hunter over Maria Pereiva (Hunter) and Joan Doran (P.S.T.). Marcia Mosley was the other finalist. Twenty-two competed.



Women's Open 3/22/59

Harriet King, Lucia, won from a strong field, losing only to Dolores Comerio (Santelli) in the final of nine. Denise O'Connor (Santelli) placed second and Vivienne Sokol (F.C.) took third on touches over Miss Comerio. Other finalists, in order, were Terhune, Santelli, Balint, Dalton, Schoeck. Thirty-one competed.



Open Epee 5/24/59

Aubrey Seeman, FC, won all his bouts in the final to take his first major gold medal in epee. Ed Vebell, FC, was second and Larry Anastasi, Pentathlon, third. Other finalists: Freyvoget, Margolis and Pongo.



Open Foil 5/17/59

Albert Axelrod, SS, won with 4/1. A triple tie for second, resolved on touches, placed Aubrey Seeman, Joel Wolfe and Gen Glazer in that order. Glazer scored the only victory against Axelrod. Brandeis and Gradkowski completed the final.

Foil Teams of Four

Salle Santelli (Axelrod, Kwartler, Lazar, Prostick) and Fencers Club (Bukantz, Goldsmith, Lubell, Strauch) fenced the deciding match and tied at 8-8. Santelli won by a margin of 4 touches. N.Y.A.C. was third.

College Freshmen

Herb Cohen (N.Y.U.) defeated his team mate Israel Colon 5-2 in the fence-off for first. Both men had been undefeated in the semi-final and finished the final at 9 with 7/1 records. Third and fourth also went to N.Y.U. when Jerry Halpern got the bronze on touches over Fajen. Other finalists, in order, were Kende, Fife and Ruthenberg (Columbia) and Langer (C.C.N.Y.).

Open Sabre 4/19/59

Csaba Pallaghy (SS), placed first and Abram Cohen (F.C.), took second. Third went on touches to Mike Dasaro (N.Y.U.) over Robert Blum (SS). Nyilas, Farber, Pongo, Milletari and Spector followed.

Open Epee 4/5/59

James Margolis, U.S.N., defeated Roland Wommack, U.S.N.A., 5-2 in a fence-off to take first place. Third went on touches to Frank Bavuso (F.C.) over his club mate Ed Vebell. Duncan, Mooney, Levy, Halpern and Goldstein followed.

Foil Team C

The N.Y.A.C. (Keane, Farrell, Mooney) won by defeating the Fencers Club (Canvin, Lerner, Goldstein) 7-2 in the deciding match.

Women's Open 5/16/59

Averil Genton, Salle Lucia, was undefeated in the final of six. Anne Drungis, SS, placed second on touches over Evelyn Terhune, SS. King, Schwabe and Pierce followed in that order.

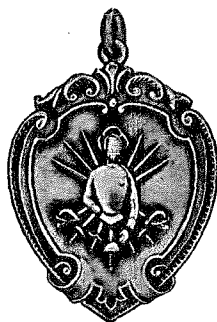
The reputation of a man is like his shadow — gigantic when it precedes him, and pygmy in its proportions when it follows.—Talleyrand

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DIVISIONAL

Georgia

by Vincent Faraone

Novice Foil: 1. Dr. S. Kalter; 2. Brill Arnold; 3. Dr. A. Rauber.

Open Foil: 1. Lt. R. Byrum; 2. Lt. H. Fisher; 3. Dr. T. Levitas.

Open Sabre: 1. Dr. T. Levitas; 2. Capt. M. Horowitz; 3. Richard Morenus.

Border

by Delmer Johnson

Women's Unclass.: 1. Peggy Ruppert; 2. Olga Barrueta; 3. Jean Bombach.

Foil Unclass.: 1. Lt. C. Willis; 2. Eddie Koons; 3. Cyril Tanner.

Women's Open: 1. Betty Fleager; 2. Cecilia Wong; 3. Jean Bombach.

Foil Open: 1. Rolph Kerker; 2. Lt. C. Willis; 3. Macario Nunez.

Epee Open: 1. Lt. C. Willis; 2. Jack McDaniel; 3. Fred Aliaga.

Sabre Open: 1. Lt. C. Willis; 2. Rolf Kerker; 3. Jack McDaniel.

Illinois

by Lois Tykodi

Our Divisionals:

Foil: 1. Zombulus; 2. Shapiro; 3. Silverman.

Epee: 1. Fain; 2. Radde; 3. Cleland.

Sabre: 1. Silverman; 2. Tykodi; 3. Cameron.

Women: 1. Neustadter; 2. Bond; 3. Matausek.

A high school foil team event had six teams and was won by Kelner, Taylor and Gable from Senn H.S. Nat Shapiro has given a great deal of time at one of our boys' clubs to help start youngsters in fencing. The response has been excellent.

Western New York

by Nancy Zielinski

The Great Lakes Tournament held at Erie, Pa. resulted as follows:

Women: (1) Natalie Dunn; (2) Rosita Scheska; (3) Katalin Nadasy; (4) Ann Kaiser.

Foil: (1) Gene Haley; (2) Cecil LaGrange; (3) L. J. Ognibene; (4) Joseph Gauthier.

Our Divisional meets:

Novice Foil: (1) Gene Haley; (2) Andre Sokey; (3) Norman Martin.

Women's Novice: (1) Shielia Bob; (2) Sandra Meek; (3) Virginia Barons.

3-Weapon: (1) Davis Bohacket; (2) Derry Mounce; (3) Paul Scipioni.

Women's Championship: (1) Fran Breton; (2) Ione Kruek; (3) Nancy Zielinski.

Epee Championship: (1) Davis Bohacket; (2) Derry Mounce; (3) Paul Scipioni.

Sabre Championship: (1) Davis Bohacket; (2) Anthony Buzzeli; (3) Neil Cannon.

Foil Championship: (1) Davis Bohacket; (2) Anthony Buzzeli; (3) Frederick Washburn.

4-Weapon Team was won by the Toronto Musketeers (Widmaier, foil; Andru, epee; Symonds, sabre; Domenieux, women).

Kentucky

by Mary Gehant

Open Foil: (1) John Gehant, Louisville; (2) Robert Hensley, Lexington; (3) Francis Wolff, Louisville.

Open Epee: (1) Charles Thomas, Louisville; (2) Robert Hensley, Lexington; (3) Albert Wolff, Louisville.

Women's Unclassified: (1) Virginia Durrett, JCC; (2) Anne Furnish, Louisville; (3) Barbara Grant, JCC.

Foil Unclassified: (1) Paul Ross, Lexington; (2) Alois Srameks, Ft. Knox; (3) Jerry Cartwright, Louisville.

Open Sabre: (1) Carl Burge, Louisville; (2) John Gehant, Louisville; (3) Francis Wolff, Louisville.



New Jersey

by Mary Bemler

Women's Prep: 1. D. Pohlman, PSC; 2. J. Doran, PSC; 3. E. Wawajsk, PSC.

Foil: 1. A. Freeman, FCNJ; 2. R. Flynn, FCNJ; R. Nicholls, FCNJ.

Women's Unclass.: 1. M. Gerber, PSC; 2. P. Dolan, PSC; 3. C. Stukowski, PSC.

Foil 'C': 1. S. D'Ambola, FCNJ; 2. R. Nicholls, FCNJ; 3. H. Levine, FCNJ.

Women's Unclass. Team won by PSC (Kulyk, Gerber, Dolan, Stukowski).

Women's 'C': 1. E. Terhune, SS; 2. C. Kopp, SS; 3. J. Dardio, FC.

Mixed Doubles: 1. Comerio & Russell; 2. O'Connor & Wolf; 3. Kopp & Prostick.

Women's Open: 1. H. King, SL; 2. A. Drungis, SS; 3. J. Schaeck, FC.

Open Foil: 1. A. Sully, NYAC; 2. J. Brittain, Pr.U.; 3. P. Forand, NYAC.

Women Open: 1. J. Dardia, FC; 2. D. Comerio, SS; 3. D. O'Connor, SS.

Open Foil: 1. J. Strauch, FC; 2. P. Warfield, FCNJ; 3. P. Forand, NYAC.

Open Epee: 1. I. Bernstein, FCNJ; 2. L. Cinquegrana, Pace; 3. R. Chapman, Pr.U.



Minnesota

by Paul E. Dahl

Our qualifiers for the Nationals are:

Women: Loretta Nelson, Kathy Cargill, Laura Smith, Sue Burnight.

Foil: Douglas Messmer, Joe DeFoe, James Baxter, Robert Foster.

Epee: James Humphrey, Douglas Messmer, Berton Dahl, Joe DeFoe.

Sabre: Douglas Messmer, Joe DeFoe, James Baxter, Vernon Carlson.

Our Championship Tournament results:

Novice Foil: 1. Vernon Carlson; 2. Berton Dahl; 3. Joe Kolosk.

Junior Foil: 1. Robert Foster; 2. Vernon Carlson; 3. Berton Dahl.

Women's Novice: 1. Renee Le Tendre; 2. Laura Smith; 3. Virginia Houston.

Women's Junior: 1. Sandra Staehle; 2. Laura Smith; 3. Loretta Nelson.

3-Weapon: 1. Douglas Messmer; 2. Joe DeFoe; 3. Vernon Carlson.

West Virginia

This new Division has elected the following officers:

Chairman: James E. Knapp

Vice Chairman: Miller Grove

Secretary: H. E. Graham, Jr.

Treasurer: L. A. Lewis

Bout Committee Chairman: E. G. Marks

Oklahoma

by Dorothy Hardcastle

The following are results of our qualifying events for Nationals. Both epee and men's foil were electrical.

Foil: 1. Arthur Wade; 2. John Shanks; 3. Jack Moses; 4. R. S. Lieurance.

Sabre: 1. R. S. Lieurance; 2. Jim White; 3. Elmer Hoyle; 4. Jack Moses.

Women: 1. Alice Wade; 2. Tanya Lobough; 3. Frances Duke; 4. Phyllis Leatherman.

Epee: 1. Arthur Wade; 2. Robert Segal; 3. R. D. Lieurance; 4. Elmer Hoyle.

Long Island

Sabre: (1) Spector; (2) Canvin; (3) Pardee.

Epee: (1) Coll; (2) Bloomsberg; (3) Bachner.

Foil: (1) Solee; (2) Terracuso; (3) Stein.

Gulf Coast

by Mabel Morse

Junior Epee: (1) Charles Robertson, SdA; (2) Tommy Dowlearn, Ind.; (3) George Taylor, HFC.

Junior Sabre: (1) Tommy Dowlearn, Ind.; (2) Charles Robertson, SdA; (3) Larry Weaver, HFC.

Prep Foil: (1) Larry Weaver, HFC; (2) Lowell Miller, HFC; (3) James Monkres, UT.

Prep Epee: (1) James Monkres, UT; (2) Harvey Deutsch, UT; (3) Lowell Miller, HFC.

Prep Sabre: (1) Ed Gause, Buc.; (2) Larry Weaver, HFC; (3) James Monkres, UT.

Novice Foil: (1) C. F. Lively, Long.; (2) James Monkres, UT; (3) Jerry Correll, Long.

Novice Epee: (1) Joe Klein, Ind.; (2) Leslie Bleamaster, MPT; (3) Tommy Dowlearn, Ind.

Novice Sabre: (1) Leslie Bleamaster, MPT; (2) Joe Klein, Ind.; (3) Tommy Dowlearn, Ind.

Women's Prep: (1) Mary Ferrer, SdA; (2) Hattie Taylor, HFC; (3) Georgybel LeGendre, Buc.

Epee Team won by Modern Pentathlon 'A' (Stoll, Pesthy, Anastasi).

Open Epee: (1) Larry Anastasi, MPT; (2) Paul Pesthy, MPT; (3) Leslie Bleamaster.

Women's Novice: (1) Georgybel LeGendre, Buc.; (2) Hattie Taylor, HFC; (3) Mary Ferrer.

Sabre Team won by Composite (Trevino, Gause, Baird).

Open Sabre: (1) Philip Petmecky, Medina; (2) Desi Trevino, Ft. Hood; (3) Jack Baird, Buc.

Open Foil: (1) Jack Baird, Buc.; (2) Jerry Correll, Long.; (3) Philip Petmecky, Medina.

Women's Open: (1) Betty Kolenda, Ind.; (2) Mo-zelle Hampton, Long.; (3) Neomia Abbott, Buc.

Women's Team won by Composite (Kolenda, Taylor, Ferrer).

Foil Team won by Composite (Robertson, Petmecky, Shelby).

Women's Prep: (1) Judith Cornelius, HFC; (2) Hattie Taylor, HFC; (3) Georgybel LeGendre, Buc.

ABOUT THE PAN-AMERICAN GAMES

by Miguel A. de Capriles

President, Pan-American Fencing Confederation

It is my purpose in this article to solicit the help of all members of the A.F.L.A. to make the fencing events of the III Pan American Games an outstanding success, comparable to the two other major international tournaments held on United States territory within my personal memory — the 1932 Olympic Games in Los Angeles and the 1958 World Championships in Philadelphia.

That the III Pan-American Championships will be highly successful from the point of view of the U.S. fencing team, I have not the slightest doubt. Our competing representatives will have stiff opposition from our perennial rival, Argentina, in all the events, and from several other countries in specific weapons. But the excellent preparation of our team under the direction of Captain Ralph Goldstein and of a superb coaching and training staff, plus the fact that we shall have a full complement of men and women for the first time since the Pan-American Games were inaugurated, leads me to feel confident that our fencers will again establish the supremacy of U.S. fencing in the Western Hemisphere.

Nevertheless, competitive success is not enough. Our country has a reputation for a high degree of organizational and administrative skill, and our fencers have earned world-wide renown as fencing officials as well. It is part of our job to see to it that our international prestige is in no way damaged by the technical management and conduct of the fencing events at the Games in Chicago, August 27 to September 7, 1959.

Although the over-all preparations for the Games are not as far advanced at this stage as I would like, largely due to the usual financial problems, the provision of physical facilities seems to be well in hand, and the Games will have the use of the electrical equipment that proved so reliable at the World Championships in Philadelphia this year. I think we can count on the Fencing Organizing Committee, of which Alvar Hermanson is Chairman and Donald G. Thompson is Secretary, to see to it that the physical layout, dressing facilities, maintenance, etc., are in keeping with the needs of the tournament.

PREVIOUS PAN AMERICAN GAMES

At the first Pan American Games, the U.S. fencing team was limited to eight men, six regularly selected competitors who fenced in both team and individuals, and the captain-managers of the fencing and modern pentathlon teams who fenced only in the team events. The U.S. outscored Argentina in the men's events, but the latter's clean sweep in the women's individual gave it first place in the over-all results.

At the second Pan American Games, the U.S. team consisted of 15 regularly chosen competitors — twelve men and three women — with the captain-manager available for the team events. The U.S. and Argentina each won three events and Mexico one. The U.S. was a clear winner in total points for the seven events.

The big problem that the committee cannot solve without the wholehearted support of the A.F.L.A. membership is personnel. We know from experience that it takes more than 200 people to staff a first-rate international tournament. The committee and the local division cannot do it alone. Non-fencers can be only of limited help. A large number of fencers from other divisions will have to make a major effort, on a volunteer basis, to backstop the Chicago group.

Let me breakdown in some detail the personnel requirements. The management of the tournament will of course be in the hands of an international bout committee of either three or five members. If there are three, only one will be a U.S. representative; if there are five, the U.S. is entitled to two members. They will be fully occupied with their duties and will not be available for officiating except in an emergency. The supervision of the electrical equipment will be in the hands of a representative of the international commission, but he will need competent technicians to test weapons and equipment, and expert repairmen to remedy breakdowns promptly and efficiently. Closely related is the need of personnel to check weapons for all events, and to mark them appropriately prior to use in the competitions. Based on our experience at Philadelphia, we should have about **six** qualified inspectors for weapon check; at least two and preferably **four** technicians who are familiar with the operation of the foil and epee apparatus and who are able to make on-the-spot checks for defects in the machines or in the weapons. In addition, there should be at least **two** repairmen competent to fix damaged electrical weapons and **two** repairmen who can patch up tears in the metal strips. These may not sound like glamorous jobs, but they are of major importance to the conduct of a modern fencing tournament. Unless these technical operations are handled efficiently, the whole conduct of the tournament will collapse. I do not exaggerate when I say that I would rather try to run a tournament without judges, than I would without competent technicians and repairmen for the electrical apparatus.

(Continued on page 12)

Inland Empire

by Robert Reynolds

The annual Tournament was held at Columbia Basin College, Pasco, Washington and was sponsored by the Sword and Mask Club of Richland. There were 25 contestants and results follow:

Open Foil: (1) Don Laslo, Alberta; (2) Don Naylor, Portland; (3) Danny Gayman, Portland.

Women's Open: (1) Mary Lou White, Clark College; (2) Lee Linderoth, Richland; (3) Ella Socky, Richland.

Open Sabre: (1) Don Laslo, Alberta; (2) Harry Jensen, Sunnyside; (3) Archie Wilson, Richland.

Novice Foil: (1) Bill Walling, Sunnyside; (2) Durkee Richards, Clark; (3) Charles Talbot, Richland.

Women's Novice: (1) Linda Ochs, Clark; (2) Joyce Calverts, Clark; (3) Novelle Du Pen, Seattle.

Michigan

by Monica Bill

Women's "C": (1) Margaret Danosi; (2) Louise Schneider; (3) Monica Bill.

Foil "C": (1) Bela Szentivanyi; (2) Conrad Gniewek; (3) Norman Barnett.

Sabre "C": (1) Bela Szentivanyi; (2) George Thomas; (3) Al Kunzmann.

Epee "C": (1) Charles Schmitter; (2) Elsworth Miller; (3) Arthur Bruce.

3-Weapon: (1) Bela Szentivanyi; (2) George Thomas; (3) William Goering.

Sabre: (1) William Goering; (2) Fred Greiheit; (3) James Campoli.

Foil: (1) Greg Flynn; (2) Bela Szentivanyi; (3) Conrad Gniewek.

Epee: (1) Richard Berry; (2) Bela Szentivanyi; (3) James Campoli.

4-Weapon Team won by Composite (Gniewek, Miller, Szentivanyi, Sue Gniewek).

Woffa Handicap: (1) Bela Szentivanyi; (2) Elsworth Miller; (3) John Hocking.

Platt Handicap: (1) Margaret Danosi; (2) Mary Saghy; (3) Shirley Stein.

Prep Epee: (1) Joe Stegaert; (2) Edward Gowman; (3) F. Plonka.

Prep Sabre: (1) Warren Duane; (2) John Miller; (3) Darrell Mulnix.

Women's Prep: (1) Barbara Kaplan; (2) Karen Patterson; (3) Sandy Perry.

Our State Championships:
Foil: (1) Bela Szentivanyi; (2) Bruce Davis; (3) Byron Krieger.

Epee: (1) Charles Schmitter; (2) Elsworth Miller; (3) Richard Berry.

Sabre: (1) William Goering; (2) Al Kunzmann; (3) George Thomas.

Women: (1) Judy Goodrich; (2) Margaret Danosi; (3) Paula Sweeney.

Central Florida

Our two prep competitions resulted as follows:

Foil: (1) Bob Colwell; (2) John Skinner; (3) Ed McKeon.

Women: (1) Wray; (2) Newell; (3) Costello.

PLEASE NOTE

We are trying to compile a register of all places where fencing is practiced.

Please send us the full name of your club, school, etc.; the full address; the name of fencing master (if any) or the name of the amateur coach. Also tell us the days and times when fencing sessions are held.

PLEASE LET US KNOW

We must plan our duty assignments for the Pan American Fencing Championships well in advance. This is not possible unless we know who will be in Chicago, what days. Please drop a note to Mr. M. R. Garret, 700 Dover Place, Champaign, Illinois. Give your name and address, the days you will be available, what languages you speak, and your experience in connection with the conduct of competition.

For your information, the Pan American Championships will be August 27 through September 7.

ANDRE DELADRIER

Andre Deladrier, Navy's head fencing coach, was named 'coach of the year' at the NCAA meeting held in Annapolis. The honor was a fitting tribute to the man who coached Navy to the first 'clean sweep' in NCAA championship history, but Andre has been worthy of recognition for many seasons.

He has upheld a fine Navy fencing tradition — following in the footsteps of his own illustrious father and those of Joseph Fiems.

J. R. de C.

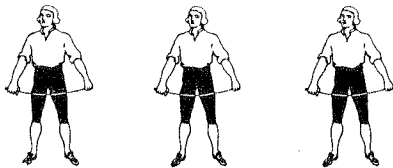
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The 1959 World Championships will be held in Budapest and the program of events is as follows:

- July 14—Foil Individual
- July 15—Foil Individual Final
- July 16—Women's Individual
- July 17—Women's Individual Final
- Foil Team
- July 18—Foil Team Final
- Women's Team
- July 19—Women's Team Final
- July 20—Rest
- July 21—Epee Individual
- July 22—Epee Individual Final
- July 23—Sabre Individual
- July 24—Sabre Individual Final
- Epee Team
- July 25—Epee Team Final
- Sabre Team
- July 26—Sabre Team Final

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I hereby appoint Donald S. Thompson, Ralph M. Goldstein and Fred Linkmeyer, individually or collectively, my proxy to vote in my name and stead on all matters properly coming before the 1959 Annual Meeting of the League, to be held on or about July 4, 1959 at Los Angeles, California

I vote () on the proposed amendment to the Constitution, Article III, Section 2.

(Signature)

(Address)

(Division)

Date.....

ABOUT THE PAN-AMERICAN GAMES

(Continued from page 10)

With respect to the judges, I need not emphasize the importance of having an adequate number of competent officials in each event so that the bout committee will not have to call upon competitors for service, except as may be necessary in the case of the visiting teams in order to provide the neutral juries required by the rules. As the host country, the United States will be expected to furnish the majority of the presidents of jury and judges. We are fortunate in having an adequate number of F.I.E.-approved presidents of juries and well-qualified judges; but these officials will do us no good unless they are on hand at the Games, ready and willing to serve. I estimate that we shall need a minimum of a dozen F.I.E.-approved presidents of jury and forty other judges from the United States to run the competitions efficiently. All of these persons will have to offer their services as a labor of love, as is done in all other sports for the Olympic and Pan-American Games.

In order to supplement the presidents of juries from other countries the Organizing Committee has authorized me to invite three Europeans, as was done in the first Pan-American Games in Buenos Aires and in the second Pan-American Games in Mexico City. But the European presidents of juries cannot and should not do the entire job. It is our responsibility to provide the officials when the United States is not fencing or when the result of a match or bout does not directly affect the position of the United States.

One may ask why so many judges are desired, now that the foil has been electrified. The answer of course is that directing electrical foil is a very fatiguing assignment, and presidents of jury have to be rested every four or five bouts if they are to function properly. In addition, the Organizing Committee for the fencing events will also undertake to furnish the officials for the epee competition in the modern pentathlon, to be held August 31, the same day as the women's individual. That competition will be a roundrobin of 25 or more competitors. Also to be kept in mind is that the international bout committee may in its discretion assign as director a fencer

whose competence is certified by the leader of his delegation, even if he has not yet been approved by the F.I.E. A fencer who is chosen in this manner will work under the eye of a member of the international commission on presidents of jury and if his work is satisfactory may earn the coveted official F.I.E. card as an approved director.

Now for the less glamorous, but nevertheless essential, assignments. Between 36 and 54 persons are needed to take on the duties of scorers, time-keepers, and apparatus managers. Every strip must have one of each of these officials on duty. Two shifts are a minimum, and there should always be some alternates to take care of emergencies. These officials should be fencers who are familiar with the rules. The Pan-American Championships are not the proper place to train inexperienced persons for these duties.

Similarly, the bout committee will need a clerical staff of not less than four and preferably **six** competent typists and clerks who can tabulate scores, make copies of score-sheets for every competing country, the press, and the official records. This is in addition to the typing of notices, pool sheets drawn by the bout committee, and similar assignments.

There are other assignments which can be filled by fencers, although experience is not as important as in the other jobs mentioned above. For example, at every strip there must be two score-board attendants: One to handle the bout in progress, the other to handle the large board. In addition, there should be electrical attendants to hook and unhook the competitors, and runners to carry bout-cards and pool-cards back and forth to directors, scorekeepers, and bout committee.

All of the above adds up to a major personnel problem. Let me urge all members of the A.F.L.A. who are in a position to help, to make themselves available to Alvar Hermanson's organizing committee for such assignments as may be required. Please contact Mr. Maxwell R. Garret, 700 Dover Place, Champaign, Illinois. It was the cooperation of a fine staff of volunteers that made a success of the 1958 World Championships. We can do no less for the 1959 Pan-American Games.

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