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ON THE COVER

Members of this happy crew are to be watched as they make records on the national Junior's at the Alcazar Fencing Club in Cleveland. Coach Bill Reith, Ed Ellert, Steve Trev Wheeler, Paula Caple, and Kevin Hunter Herbert Ascherman, Jr.

EDITORIAL


As we go to press, very few Junior essays have been received for the contest on "Why I Like Fencing." Unless there is a big rush of entries for the cash prizes at the end of January, we will extend the deadline for receiving the essays until March 10, after which time we will announce the winners in the next issue and award them their prizes. So, hurry up, all you 16 year olds and under, and mail in your short essay to AMERICAN FENCING. Details of the contest appeared in our Nov/Dec 1982 issue.

In case our readers do not notice, with this issue we take on a "new look" with new typeface. It should be easier to read and contribute to a more attractive appearance of the magazine. We hope you like it. Let us know.

In response to opinions expressed in our Readers' Poll to include more


"how-to" articles, we are starting in this issue a series on "Maintenance of Electrical Equipment," by Dan De-Chaine. Dan has been a member of numerous international U.S. teams and his words are backed by long experience. Our equally experienced armorer, Joe Byrnes, continues with his popular "Technical Talks." His comments on masks and broken blades are indeed timely.

Your editor would welcome the opportunity to meet personally (or collectively) with past or future contributor to discuss any subjects of interest for the magazine. At any competition where you might spot such an editorial creature wandering around, do not hesitate to give her a tap on the shoulder and identify yourself. You will probably brighten her day.



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MASTER CALENDAR OF MAJOR FENCING EVE

FEB 5	†† Mardi Gras Sabre, New Orleans, Louisiana
19-21	National U-2, U-16 Championships, Tampa Florida
MAR 5, 6	Eastern Collegiate Men's Championships, Ithaca N.Y.
12	†† Helen Mayer Women's Foil, San Mateo, CA
13	Helen Mayer Women's Foil Team, San Mateo, CA
17-19	NCAA Women's Collegiate Championships, Penn Stat
19	†† General Dynamics Men's Epee, Los Angeles, CA
20	General Dynamics Men's Epee Team, Los Angeles, CA
18, 19	USFA International Sabre Team, New York, N.Y.
20	USFA World Cup Sabre (FIE "A"), New York, N.Y.
26	‡‡ Chicagoland Men's Foil, Chicago, IL
26, 27	†††† Governor-General, ME, WE, MF, MS††, WF, Ottawa C
	NIWFA Women's Collegiate Championships, New York
MAR 31-APR 4	World U-20 Championships, Budapest, Hungary
PR 16	†† Cherry Blossom Men's Epee, Fairfax, Virginia
	†† Cherry Blossoms Men's Foil, Fairfax, Virginia
23	†††† Csiszar Women's Foil, Philadelphia, PA (on day event)
24	†††† Csiszar Women's Epee, Philadelphia, PA
JUN 4-11	USOC NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS, San Francisco
JUN 24-JUL 3	USFA NATIONAL SPORTS FESTIVAL, Colorado Spri
JUL 1-11	WORLD UNIVERSITY GAMES, Edmonton, Canada
20-30	WORLD SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS, Vienna, Austria
AUG 14-29	PAN AMERICAN GAMES, Caracas, Venezuela

Vincent Surdi (center), Supervisor of Fencing Officials for the Eastern College Athletic Conference (E.C.A. past eight years, was honored by the coaches of the Intercollegiate Fencing Association at the 85th I.F.A. Championships last March in New Haven.

Presenting him with a Revere bowl in recognition of his outstanding services are (l. to r.) Henry Harutun Jean-Jaques Gillet (Cornell); Eric Sollec (M.I.T.); Branimir Zivkovic (Harvard); George Kolombatovich (David Michnik (Pennsylvania); Joseph Brodeth (St. John's); and the late Stanley Sieja (Princeton). Present but absent from photo: Andre Deladrier (Navy); Taweeawat Huratan (CCNY); and Stephen Kaplan (NYU S. Frinzi.



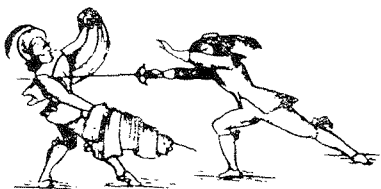
LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

COVER

The fencer on the cover of the last issue of AMERICAN FENCING was not Mike Marx, but Pierre Des Georges. Many fencers recognized Pierre's style the minute they saw the picture; Pierre Des Georges on the left, Peter Lewiston on the right.

*Marguerite Des Georges
Portland, Oregon*

Editor's note: We certainly heard from Portland about our mistaken identification of the fencers on last cover photo! Our apologies to all!



ON SABRE FENCING

As a sabreur myself I was greatly interested in the article "Amelioration of Sabre Fencing in the July-August issue. I cannot help feeling through that these people are reluctant to come to grips with the real problem.

At present sabre fencing is not fencing in any accurate use of the term. Seldom does one see a sabreur who uses the Hungarian Box defense system. Two sabre fencers stay a respectful distance from each other while maneuvering for position. Suddenly one of them rushes forward and slashes at his opponent. The defensive party is usually not a parry at all but a despairing swat at a blade moving so fast as to be almost invisible. The last time I competed I kept, while judging, a record of hits, 90% of them were scored on fleches. I repeat, this is not fencing.

In sabre there should be no "attaque simultanee," no offensive priority. If

two fencers attack each other and both are hit, a hit should be scored against each. In epee this works fine, saves much argument and is conducive to scientific fencing.

The other big fault with sabre fencing is that the blade is too light. It not only tends to become invisible at speed but it can be moved much faster than an actual fighting weapon. Fencing with a foil weapon should always resemble the real thing as close as possible.

If the sabre blade were the size of the army officer's sabre of ceremony could be plainly seen, the whole action would be slowed down and the quick reflex hotshots would have to settle down and learn to fence. The fleche is a useful technique. A technique that is all fleches is ridiculous.

The average sabreur who had to fight a real duel with sharp cavalry sabres would be dead in about a minute. It could be argued that a heavier blade would produce many injuries. To this I would point out that the Kendo adepts spend the day pounding each other with split bamboo staves and are none the worse for it because their protection is designed for it.

*Norwin K. Johnson
La Canada, California*

DON'T FENCE 'TILL YOU SEE THE WHITES!

Ever wonder how to get those impossible stains out of your once snow-white uniforms? A while ago my deep maroon fencing bag got wet and bled on the front of my duck canvas jacket. I tried the usual bleaching and this only faded the stain slightly.

After years of fencing with this stain on the front of my jacket, I decided to fight it to the death. I had thought of

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IN MEMORIAM

STANLEY S. SIEJA 1912-1982

One of the most respected coaches in collegiate fencing and coach of the Princeton University Varsity for 36 years, Stan Sieja suffered a stroke and died on October 17, 1982.

During his career, Stan was named coach of the year three times by the National Fencing Coaches Association and in 1967 he was inducted into the Helms Foundation Hall of Fame.

He began his coaching career at New York University in 1929 when, as a 17 year old undergraduate, he took over the reins of the freshman team. During the next 10 years, he earned his B.A. and M.A. degrees and completed much of the work for his PhD at NYU while coaching the freshmen fencers to a number of undefeated seasons.

He enlisted in the Army Air Corps during WWII and served in the Pacific, achieving the rank of major and earning the Distinguished Flying Cross and Air Medal. He retained an interest in flying throughout his life.

PRINCETON UNIVERSITY

In 1945 he was named varsity fencing coach at Princeton and rebuilt the floundering program into one of the most respected in the country. He produced a number of individual champions and was particularly successful in developing epee fencers. He was a master at taking inexperienced athletes and turning them into skilled fencers; more than 90 percent of his fencers never participated in the sport before entering Princeton. Many students he introduced to fencing continued on in the AFLA to win national rankings and berths on Pan American



and Olympic Teams.

During his tenure, Princeton won five Ivy League titles and three weapon crowns. In 1964 captured the NCAA team title.

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Long active in the affairs of the Jersey Division of the AFLA, Sieja was regularly host to a number of interscholastic and intercollegiate tournaments, frequently taking place at sites that were without sites at the time.

On the international scene, he served as manager on the U.S. Olympic Team and as armorer and trainer for the 1972 Olympic Team in Munich. He also coached U.S. fencers at the Pan American Games in Columbia, and the World Games in Moscow, and Havana.

In the early 1950s, he collaborated with James Castello and other fencers in developing an inexpensive, reliable apparatus for the electric foil.

frequent contributor to **American Fencing** magazine on a variety of topics.

He is survived by his wife, Wanda, and two sons, LCDR Donald Sieja, USN, a former NCAA epee champion for Cornell, and Dr. Theodore Sieja, former All-American foilist for Princeton.

"The funeral and wake were attended by hundreds of his fencers and a truly 'who's who' list of American fencing. I can never recall seeing so many grown men (myself included) standing at the gravesite with unashamed tears in their eyes. . . . He was able to be active and happy right up to the end, and we are all grateful for that." (-J.J. Smith)

JOHN H. HANWAY

John H. Hanway, former treasurer and secretary of the ALFA, died in Pelham Manor, N.Y., on July 23, 1982, age 82.

Mr. Hanway began fencing at Yale under the instruction of the legendary Robert Grasson. Although a boyhood accident left him with a withered right arm, he learned to fence capably left-handed. After graduation in 1922, he was alumni advisor to Yale's fencing team, which was then enjoying its period of greatest success under Mr. Grasson. Mr. Hanway soon became the graduate secretary of the Intercollegiate Fencing Association, which in those days meant he was entirely responsible for organizing the dual meet schedule and the IFA Championships.

In 1932, Mr. Hanway wrote **The Intercollegiate Fencing Association Handbook**, a history and operations manual unsurpassed to this date in its thoroughness of detail concerning this

oldest of collegiate championships. He was a frequent contributor to **Sword and Racquet**, a journal that jointly covered fencing and racquet sports. In 1935, he initiated the **AFLA Secretary's Newsletter**, which continued to be published sporadically until it was superseded by **American Fencing** in 1949.

In 1933 he was elected secretary of the AFLA, a post which encompassed the duties of treasurer until 1936, when he became the first full-fledged treasurer of the AFLA. In these posts, he is remembered for his success in gaining for the AFLA a tax exemption available to donors of trophies and medals.

He was also manager of the 1936 US Olympic Fencing Team.

Mr. Hanway was an insurance agent in New York City, and continued to work at his office daily until he was well into his seventies. He is survived by his wife, Marie, two sons and a daughter, to whom the USFA extends its deepest sympathy.

by Jeffrey Tishman

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NATIONAL NEWS

NEW RATING SYSTEM FOR FENCING OFFICIALS

More levels of ratings, from #1 at the top to #7 for the novice, have been instituted by the U.S. Fencing Officials Commission in order to give a more accurate indication of the abilities of our directors.

DIVISIONAL RATINGS (awarded by the divisions) are: #7 (Novice) and #6 (Intermediate).

NATIONAL RATINGS (awarded by the FOC) are based on qualification to preside at the following levels of the National Championships:

- #5 -- First Round of Nationals
- #4 -- Second Round of Nationals
- #3 -- Tables A, B, D, E of Direct Elimination for 32
- #2 -- Tables C, E, G of Direct Elimination for 32
- #1 -- Finals of Nationals

NATIONAL OFFICIALS MUST PRESIDE at a level equal to their ratings (National Championships and North America Circuit events). If this requirement is not met, their rating will automatically be reduced to the next lower rating after three years.

Competent officials are encouraged to apply for new national ratings. Information on written and practical examinations may be obtained by sending an application fee of \$5 to the USFA, 1750 E. Boulder St., Colo. Sp., CO 80909. See page 18 for the new list of Officials' Ratings.

CADRE APPOINTMENTS ANNOUNCED FOR INTERNATIONAL EVENTS

The USFA Olympic Fencing Committee has selected the following per-

sonnel as cadre for two of the international meets:

World University Games, J

Edmonton, Canada
Manager: Robert Blum; (Alt. Bernstein)

Armorer: Joseph Byrnes; (Alt. Coaches: Henry Harutunian Micahnik, Ed R. (Alt., Geo. Kolombato)

World U-20 Championships, 31-April 4, Budapest, Hungary
Manager: Nancy Sebastian

Marius Valsamis)
Armorer: David Micahnik; (Alt. Reith)

Coaches: George Kolombato Richards; (Alt., W. Wrman)

According to the Olympic Committee, there is no USFA available to support a team World (Senior) Championships 20-30 in Vienna, Austria) and the short amount of time between World Championships and American Games, athletes for the Pan Am team will not be permitted to participate in the Championships. Due to the recent number of applicants for World Championships, no candidates have yet been selected for the event and the Committee is soliciting applications.

CHANGE IN #4 NORTH AMERICAN CIRCUIT SABRE EVENT

Sponsored by the Canadian Fencing Association and sanctioned by the USFA Olympic Fencing Committee, the #4 Circuit event in sabre

held in Montreal on the week-end of March 26, 27, 1983, instead of in early April, as previously announced. The schedule calls for the sabre to begin on Saturday noon and to continue on Sunday at 11 AM. Other events (non-Circuit) include Men's and Women's Epee and Men's and Women's Foil. For details, please contact our USFA office, 1750 E. Boulder St., Colorado Springs, CO 80909.

NEWS FROM LOS ANGELES/84

The 1984 Olympic "Sam the Eagle" Fencing Pin and Stars In Motion Pin are available for purchase at \$4 each ppd. from our USFA national office in Colorado Springs.

The Los Angeles Olympic Organizing Committee will sell all of its tickets to the '84 Games through a mail order and voucher system backed by extensive computer checks and auditing to minimize scalping opportunities. According to LAOOC President Peter Ueberroth, selected major retailers and banks will distribute mail-order forms to the American public in the spring and summer of 1983.

The Convention Center Complex in Long Beach (some 20 miles from L.A.) is the venue for fencing and volleyball. Modern pentathlon will be at a resort area in Orange County (50 miles from L.A.).

THE HELENE MAYER INTERNATIONAL

The Helene Mayer Women's Foil tournament will be held at the College of San Mateo, 1700 W. Hillsdale Blvd., San Mateo, California (south of San Francisco Airport).

March 12, 1983: Individual foil.

March 13, 1983: Team (4) foil.

The individual foil is a North American Circuit event. Entry fees are \$20 for each individual and/or team. Make

checks payable to No. Cal. Div. USFA. Send entries and for information to: Wally Oliver, 419 Laurel Avenue, Menlo Park, CA 94025.

CHANGE IN #4 NORTH AMERICACIRCUIT WOMEN'S FOIL EVENT

The Csiszar Women's Foil will be a **one day** tournament on Saturday, April 23, 1983. Advance entry required.

For the first time, there will be a **Women's Epee** tournament on Sunday, April 24, 1983. For details, contact Dave Micahnik (215) 898-6116 or write him c/o Athletic Dept., Weightman Hall E-7, U. of Pa., Phila., PA 19104. Entry fee for Women's Epee is \$15. Door entries allowed. Fencers entering the Csiszar Women's Foil and Women's Epee in advance may pay a combined entry fee of \$30.



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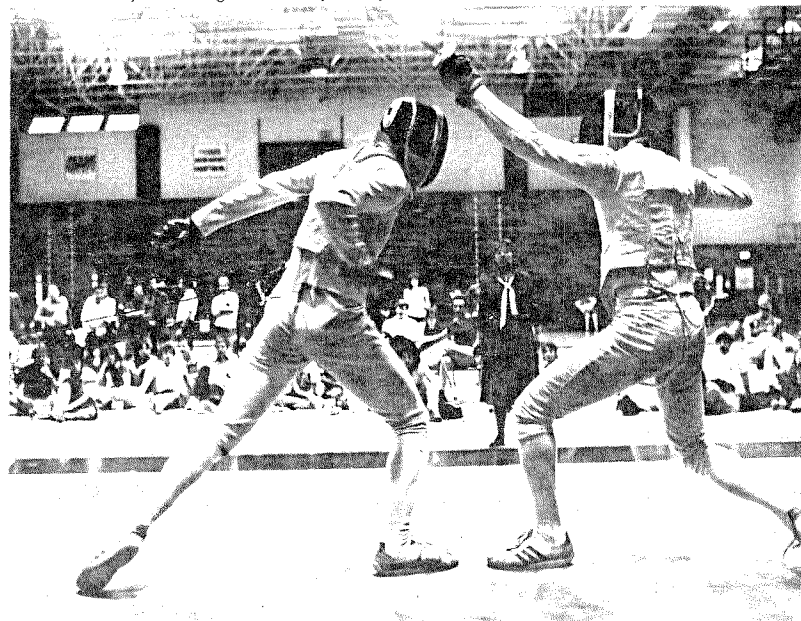
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SCHEDULE FOR 1983 USFA NATIONALS

Friday	June 3	6:00-100 PM	Weapons Check
	June 3	11:00AM	NFCA Masters tournament followed by Annual meeting
Saturday	June 4	8:00AM	Men's Foil (round 24)
Sunday	June 5	8:00AM	Men's Sabre (round 24)
		4:00PM	Men's Foil FINALS
Monday	June 6	8:00AM	Men's Foil Team
		4:00PM	Men's Sabre FINALS
Tuesday	June 7	8:00AM	Women's Foil (round 24)
		10:00AM	Men's Sabre Team
		7:00PM	SPECIAL MEETING OF BOARD
Wednesday	June 8	8:00AM	Men's Epee (round 24)
		9:00AM	ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
		12:00	Men's U-19 Sabre
		4:00PM	Women's Foil FINALS
Thursday	June 9	8:00AM	Women's Foil Team
		10:00AM	Men's U-19 Foil
		4:00PM	Men's Epee FINALS
Friday	June 10	8:00AM	Men's Epee Team
		10:00AM	Women's U-19 Foil
		1:00PM	Nor Cal Div. Women's Sabre
Saturday	June 11	8:00AM	Women's Epee
		10:00AM	Men's U-19 Epee

Mark Smith (left) vs. Greg Massialas, finals of 1982 National Foils Championships. Photo by Bruce



1983 USFA NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

INFO

DATE: June 4-11, 1983
PLACE: University of San Francisco, San Francisco, CA

LODGING: A limited number of rooms are available at USF Lone Mountain Conference for \$26 single or \$19 each double occupancy. On a 3 meal/day plan, room included, rates are \$35.50 for single, \$28.50 each for double. To make reservations, contact: USF Office of Conferences, Lone Mountain, Univ. of San Francisco, CA 94117. (415) 666-6166. Reservation deadline is May 4. Be sure to mention that you are with the USFA.
 Headquarters Hotel is Golden Gateway Holiday Inn, Van Ness and Pine, San Francisco, CA 94109, (415) 441-4000. (2.3 miles from USF.) \$60 for both double or single occupancy. Make your reservations directly with the Hotel. Reservations due by May 4th. Mention that you are with the 1983 USFA National Championships to get special room rate.
 Other Hotels in the general area are Cathedral Hill, Grosvenor Inn, Kyoto-Best Western, and the Miyako Hotel. No arrangements have been made with these hotels.

TRANSPORTATION: An airporter bus provides transportation from the San Francisco International Airport to downtown for under \$2.25 for a one-way fare. The downtown Airport Terminal is two blocks from Market Street where travelers can catch the #5 Fulton, and from there it's a straight shot out to USF. Cab fare from the downtown Airport Terminal to the University is about \$5.50.

SCHEDULE: See attached page.

WEAPONS CHECK: Friday June 3rd at 6:00 PM. All weapons, masks lames to be used in the competitions will be checked. Weapons check will be open from 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM June 3rd for Men's Foil only, and will be open at 7:00 to 8:30 AM for the weapon being fenced thereafter. Weapons check will be open at 1:00 to 7:00 PM daily for the following day's event. Plan accordingly to avoid waiting in line. Official armourers will be available to repair meet equipment. Equipment purchases or repairs will be available through concessionaires or commercial armourers.

COMPETITION PROCEDURES: Fencers must also check in with the Bout Committee for each event in which they are qualified. Plans call for advance seeding and we hope to make strip number assignments in advance for the opening rounds/flights.
 The individual competition will be by preliminary rounds of pools until a direct elimination of 32 with repechage to a elimination final of 8 fencers. Seeding is important so fill out your entry form completely...including ranking, circuit points, and division sectional standing.
 Open events start at 8:00 AM and will run until the final 24 are determined. The final rounds will commence the next day with the finals scheduled to begin in the afternoon (see schedule for exact times). Women's epee and team events will fence to completion in the same day. Remember that this year the Under-19 events will be held. A Women's Sabre competition sponsored by the Northern California division, is scheduled for 1:00 PM June 3rd.

FEES: See entry form for fees. Entries must be received or postmarked by May 9th. Late entrants will not be listed in the program.

ELIGIBILITY: All entrants must be members of the USFA prior to attending the tournament and qualified from their respective division according to the rules stated in the USFA Operations Manual. In the senior championships no alternates will be accepted. Entrants to the Under-19 Championships events must qualify from the Sections.

AUTOMATIC QUALIFIERS: Automatic qualifiers may enter the tournament without qualifying from their division provided they are: Finalists from the previous national championships; in top 10 in the point standings; as of Feb. 1; Members of the 1980 Olympic team; Past National Champions; Sectional Champion in 1983.

TO ENTER: Fill out Entry form on next page. Send it along with entry fees USFA Championships, 601 Curtis St., Albany, CA 94706. Please enclose a stamped self-addressed business (long) envelope for entry confirmation. Deadline for entry May 9th. Withdrawals must be made by May 18, 1983 to receive refund.

CERTIFICATION: Divisional officials will upon completion of the Divisional qualifying event, please submit by May 2, the qualifiers report to BOTH Eleanor Turney, 601 Curtis St., Albany, CA 94706 and to USFA, Attn: Ann Whiting, 1750 East Boulder St., Colorado Springs, CO 80909. No entry will be accepted until the report is received and the membership of the qualifier has been certified.

ENTRY FORM UNITED STATES FENCING ASSOCIATION 1983 National Championships Complete both sides of entry form (Send by May 9)

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— Entrant's Registration Fee \$15.00 (incl. U-19) \$ _____

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B. Entry Fee: Indicates events you are entering:
 Fee is \$15.00 per Individual event, \$40.00 per Team event, \$10.00 per Under-19 event.

Individual	Qualifying Position	Nat'l Rank Points	Class A.B.C.U.	Sec Place	
Men's Foil	_____	_____	_____	_____	\$ _____
Men's Sabre *\$20	_____	_____	_____	_____	\$ _____
Women's Foil	_____	_____	_____	_____	\$ _____
Men's Epee	_____	_____	_____	_____	\$ _____
Women's Epee	_____	_____	_____	_____	\$ _____
Under-19 Events (Entry \$10.00)	Qual	Date of Birth ___/___/___	Place 82JO	Place NCAA Class	
Men's Foil	_____	_____	_____	_____	\$ _____
Men's Sabre*\$15	_____	_____	_____	_____	\$ _____
Women's Foil	_____	_____	_____	_____	\$ _____
Men's Epee	_____	_____	_____	_____	\$ _____
Team Events (Entry Fee \$40.00)					
Men's Team Foil					\$ _____
Men's Team Sabre					\$ _____
Women's Team Foil					\$ _____
Men's Team Epee					\$ _____

C. Northern California Division Women's Sabre
 Registration Not Required but Entrants Must Complete and Sign applicable Portion Fee *\$ _____

*Refund of \$5.00 for fencers judging an additional round after being eliminated

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1983 USFA NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS ENTRY FORM continued

Waiver of Liability: Upon entering these events under the auspices of the USFA, I agree to abide by the rules of the USFA, as currently published. I am a U.S. Citizen and/or a permanent resident. I enter these competitions at my own risk and release the USFA and/or their sponsors and officials from any liability. The undersigned certifies that the individual for which this entry is submitted is duly qualified to enter the 1983 National Championships and that the individual's 1982-83 membership dues have been paid.

Parent or Guardian (U-18)

Fencer's Signature

All entries must be received by May 9, 1982. Please include a large stamped, self-addressed envelope, this signed entry form and total fees. Withdrawals must be made by May 28, 1983 to receive refund. Send entries to:

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APPEAL PROCEDURE FOR QUALIFYING TO NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

For your guidance, we cite an excerpt from the 1982 Edition of the USFA Operations Manual, p. M-15, Chapter V, 8 B:

"In exceptional cases, subject to specific approval by the Board of Directors, a member of the USFA in good standing may be permitted to qualify directly.

The guidelines are as follows:

- 1) Appeals may be filed by fencers who were qualifiers (by means of competition or appeal) in the prior season and either were unable to compete in local qualifying events this season or did compete and had to withdraw because of a disabling injury or illness.
- 2) All appeals must be received by the National Secretary by the deadline for entry in the Nationals and must

be accompanied by a \$25.00 fee.

- 3) All appeals must include details as to the dates, reason for absence, and other pertinent information. Any medical reasons must be substantiated by written confirmation from a doctor.
- 4) All appeals must be accompanied by a summary of the fencer's competitive results during the season.
- 5) Appeals will be reviewed by the National Executive Committee. Decisions will be based on the merits of the reasons for absence or withdrawal and the probability of the fencer having qualified in the competition, based on results achieved in other events."

SENIOR OLYMPICS SCHEDULED WITH NATIONALS

The 1983 Senior Olympics in fencing (a non-USFA event) will be held in conjunction with the U.S. Nationals in San Francisco. Dates are Sunday, June 5th, and Monday, June 6th, with starting times at 9 AM. Events will be MF, WF, ME, WE, MS, WS. Any fencer aged 35 years or over is considered a "Senior," so sign up early and have some fun. There is a registration fee of \$10 to help pay for the venue. Entry fee is \$8 for one weapon, \$3 for each additional weapon. Entries must be received by the end of April. For further information, send stamped, self-addressed envelope to Jennings Smith, 6045 Fairlane Drive, Oakland, CA 94611.

Chip Farley (left) discusses strategy with a Dargie, during early rounds of Men's 1982 Nationals. Photo by Bruce Repko.



MAINTENANCE OF ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT

by Daniel
Armorer, 1983 Pan Amer

(reprinted from "Guide", National Assoc. of Girls and Women in Sports, May 1980)

The mixed blessing of the electric weapon has brought with it the problem of maintenance, and this chore has fallen most often to the coach. In many cases, what should reasonably be a routine situation has turned into a major problem. With a few simple maintenance procedures, it should be possible in most cases to reverse this process and change the problem back into a routine situation.

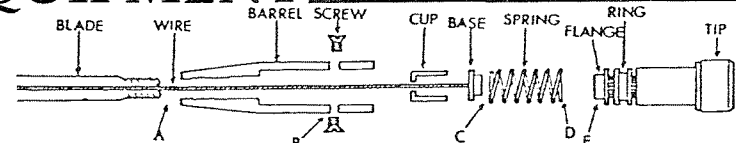
The proper care and feeding of your equipment is a basic requirement and without this, your system can sometimes sicken and die. It is actually easy, with a little common sense, to avoid this disaster and to get the maximum use from your equipment before having to call in the doctor.

First things first. Equipment must not simply function, but it must function correctly, e.g., in conformance with specifications. A rule book and an understanding of its contents is absolutely mandatory. Just as important is having the correct tools. Your tool kit may be simple, but should contain the following as a minimum: jewelers' screwdriver (preferably magnetized, with a tip width of approx. 1.5 mm), small screwdriver (1/8"-3/16" blade), large screwdriver (approx. 3/8" blade), pair of pliers, wire cutters, Xacto knife (with #11 blades), small scissors, cotton swabs, 3/4" tape, plastic tubing (#16 or #18, taps and dies (1 each #s 12-24 & 6mm), files (1 rat-tail 3/16, 1 square 1/4, 2 flat single cuts: 8" and 12"), contact cleaner (NOT WD-40), outside hex wrench (es): 6, 8 or 9mm, depending on pommels used; #420 Channel Lock or equivalent, soldering gun, resin-core solder, blade glue

(Duco household is OK, but not airplane glue), hacksaw, rolled-leather mallet, small ball-head hammer, table vise (4-5" jaw), emery cloth (medium or medium-fine).

This is a very basic selection and should be augmented to meet individual needs, based upon specific types of equipment in use. Also, depending upon the size of the class or the number of weapons in use, a bench grinder might prove invaluable. As to spare parts, one thing must be kept in mind: in most cases (tips especially) parts are not interchangeable between manufacturers. Attempts to use a spring or screw from brand X in a brand Y tip will likely render the tip (and weapon) useless. The word to the wise here is "standardize." Of course this is not always possible, but is advisable to make every attempt to stick with a single brand in order to keep the smallest possible stock of spares. A minimum list of spare parts would include a few points, springs, screws, wires, barrels, pommels and contact springs for epee. The usage of the weapons and their number will determine the size of the stock of spares. In addition to the above list, a few guard connectors with their security straps or clips are advisable, and don't forget spare fuses and bulbs for your machines.

Last but certainly not least is testing equipment. Each school must have some sort of a testing apparatus, preferably with lights, which will give an instantaneous readout of any condition of the weapon or cable. An audible signal is advantageous in the tester so that when the tip is being tested or repaired, you need not always be looking at the



tester. Also, a set of weights and tip travel gauges is a requirement for any school which intends to enter competitions.

Now, let's talk about weapon maintenance. The purpose here is not simply to be able to keep those weapons functioning, but to keep them functioning well, reliably, and correctly. Nothing is worse than picking up a foil which seemed to work well during yesterday's practice, only to find that today it fires off a white light. A few simple precautions and maintenance procedures will help to keep your weapons in good condition and will thus add immeasurably to your fencers' confidence and performance. FOIL

The foil uses a fail-safe circuit, with a normally closed switch in the tip. Any break in the circuit will give a light on the apparatus. This interruption can occur anywhere in the circuit. Of course it is intended that this break occur only when the tip is depressed, but a broken wire, loose point or handle, or a poor connection at the socket in the guard will also cause an interruption in the constant flow of current through the weapon. (For more detailed discussion, see the section on trouble-shooting).

Looking at a diagram of the tip in figure 1 (an exploded view), we see that there are many points of contact, any one of which, if it does not make a solid contact, could cause an interruption of the circuit, such as a point (A), where the barrel is fixed to the blade.

Check frequently to assure that not worked loose. A loose barrel ring around will cause momentary breaks in the circuit, and can even break the wire. At point (B), make sure the screws are tight and rust-free. The barrel acts as an excellent insulator due to high electrical resistance, and stops in the flow of the current. Ensure the tip itself to be sure the small contact (E) is tightly affixed to the tip. A loose or rusted flange will cause break continuity of the circuit. Major contact spots are at points (C) and (D) where the spring makes contact against the wire and the tip flange. These points of contact are prone to wear and also they tend to collect lint and sand. This is the classic dirty tip and a common source of trouble. Disassemble and clean your tips frequently. Sand off the ends of the spring and both the wire contact and the flange of the tip, and the floating ring, when present, with contact cleaner, and remove any residue. Disregard any old advice to lubricate your tips; traces of contact cleaner will do a much better job. Any other lubricant is likely to form an insulating layer over the points of contact and will absolutely stop the tip dead in its tracks. To fix a spring with tension, try stretching your spring instead of just replacing it. Remember to keep it straight. A spring can make contact with the wall of the barrel, thus creating a permanent short circuit inside the tip, thus preventing the weapon from firing. (To be continued)

OLYMPIC SPORTS MEDICINE UPDATE

by Irwin Bernstein

Fencing's Sports Medicine Special Project enters 1983 as an established program, with an expanded staff and a renewed budget from the U.S. Olympic Committee. Although experimentation for long range purposes remains an essential aspect of our work, we have already developed techniques for immediate application, some of which will be utilized in the preparation of our 1983 Pan Am Team.

J.F. Kennedy Medical Center, the headquarters for our project, has been formally recognized as a USOC Sports Medicine Research Center and their Bob Narcession continues to provide his biomechanical genius. Dr. Herbert Fensterheim, a psychologist, has become a permanent member of the cadre, providing a variety of services on a voluntary basis. A recent and very significant addition as Co-Technical Director is Aladar Kogler, who combines international coaching experience with an extensive background in sports medicine. Dr. Kogler has conducted studies in Europe that correlate very well with ours; this has served to accelerate our progress to the application stage. The original USFA trio of Jack Keane, Dr. Marius Valsamis, and Irwin Bernstein continues in their leadership positions.

Our original group of athletes (now numbering 16) has received individual training prescriptions and sets of weights with which to perform the required exercises. They will continue in the project as we venture into new areas. Our second group will be all top ranked fencers likely to be on the 1983 Pan Am Team so that their sports medicine activities can be integrated

with other Pan Am Preparation.

Running parallel to the current athlete portion of the project are others more oriented toward the development of future fencers. Among these are the biomechanical film analysis of the 1982 World Championship finals and projects involving the USOC's roving specialists in areas such as hand-eye coordination and biofeedback.

We must continue to look upon this project as essentially one of long range significance. At the same time, we are very excited about the immediate benefits that seem to be available to us if we can sustain our efforts and remain ready to take advantage of the many evolving opportunities provided by the US Olympic Committee's Sports Medicine program.

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EARNING YOUR "A" THE HARD WAY

by Will

The 1982 Michigan "Silver" Invitational Epee event fielded only 20 competitors, but at least half of them were classified, with four "A's" reaching the final round of six fencers.

Young Kevin Hunter advanced from the first round with four wins, zero losses. He sailed through the next (semifinal) round with no losses and advanced into the finals along with Greg Kocab and Dan Znoy.

I, his coach, on the other hand, had a difficult time in my semifinal pool with some very intense and close matches with Charlie Schneider and Geza Kogler. I lost my last bout, but also advanced to the finals.

THE ONE TO BEAT

Kevin went on to easily defeat me (Reith), 5-3, in the first match of the final. He then put down Kocab by a score of 5-0, and Schneider also fell, 5-3. Kevin was looking like the one to beat with a 3 and 0 record halfway through the final.

Geza Kogler then lost to Znoy. Znoy then defeated Reith, 5-5, which was really 8-7. Dan Znoy has a deceiving fleche which starts so slow that you never believe that you should step back and parry it. It arrives nicely and accurately. Reith went on to defeat Schneider and Kocab, both 5-4, and then lost to Kogler, 5-4. Kevin also lost to Kogler, 5-2, as Geza had Kevin's number, using his reach and distance to outmaneuver his opponent.

At this point, Reith and Schneider were out of the running with 2-3 and 1-4 records. Kevin and Geza were tied at 3-1, while Znoy and Kocab were still at 2-2. In the remaining two bouts, Kevin could not watch the result of the

match between Kogler and Kevin. Kevin wanted to concentrate on his coming up with Dan Znoy. As Kocab nicely defeated Kogler, building a good lead and staying it to doubler the last touch.

TITLE IN SIGHT

The title was squarely in the hands of the 16 year old Hunter. His inexperience caused him to lose the first three touches, which he lost. He closed the margin to 4-1, giving it up to a nice counter attack by Dan Znoy. He was so upset at losing the match and title that he slammed his epee to the ground and broke it. Mark Masters, the director, promptly responded with an appropriate warning.

Kevin was upset, so we went to a spare strip and immediately working on execution and teaching each fencer in the 4-way bar to take first place. Point accuracy and remise were the order of the day.

THE FINAL BARRAGE

Kevin first defeated Dan Znoy with great accuracy and his footwork and balance were of great determination and discipline. In the match, we went back to the beginning again. After the regular final Charlie Schneider said that the three of their heads together to find a collective strategy to defeat Kevin. We immediately set to work to develop another counter strategy, which proved out when Kevin defeated Kogler, 5-0. The 5'11" Kevin was reaching the 6'3" Geza at every touch. Attacking all the way with

remise and advance-lunge, Kevin felt confident going into the final match for first place with Greg Kocab, who had also beaten both Kogler and Znoy in the barrage.

Kevin stepped off with a 4-0 lead with Greg, attacking to the arm, shoulder, and foot. He got a little tired and hesitant in the middle of the match and strayed from the game plan (on the high line with direct attacks) to play around too much for the leg and foot and lost ground to Greg, 4-3. With proper urging from the sideline, Kevin attacked on the straight and high line and hit with the remise to win it all: the Michigan "Silver" Invitational and his "A" classification in epee.

So the final standing were: 1-Kevin Hunter (Alcazar), 2-Greg Kocab (Michigan), 3-Geza Koglar (Fencing Academy Michigan), 4-Dan Znoy (FAM), 5-Bill Reith (Alcazar),

6-Charles Schneider (FAM).

Everyone was impressed and delighted for Kevin (—particularly his coach!).

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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dyeing the jacket white, but it is almost impossible to remove a darker stain in this fashion. However, I came across a package of Rit Color Remover, commonly used to remove a darker color from a fabric one wishes to dye lighter.

I purchased two packages of this; I followed the directions on the back of the box, using two packs rather than one for extra strength.

The results were amazing. Not only was the stain removed without a trace, but the whiteness was restored to a brand-new look. The fabric still retained its strength, not losing it as if it had been bleached to death.

I am now happy to fence in my pure

whites and I don't have to explain the funny maroon stain on my uniform any more.

Kim Barden Ayers

THANK YOU

Thanks for mailing me an extra copy of AMERICAN FENCING which contained Ralph Goldstein's review of my book. It felt like such special attention.

I must tell you about all the warm feelings I had because of his review. I had no idea that Ralph remembered me as a college fencer. I knew he was around, but I didn't think he knew I was around. His review made me realize the continuity of fencing life, even though one drops out and in and out and in again and again throughout a lifetime. It made me realize the extended family that fencing becomes to each person, and it made me realize how many fencers stay with fencing into later years and give so much back to fencing in the way of support, work, loyalty, and serve as role models for the young fencers in their devotion and love of the sport.

Your thoughtfulness impressed me too!

*Touche!
Jo Shaff*

ABOUT OUR BOOK REVIEWS

Two recent issues of *American Fencing* (Sept./Oct. 1981, May/June 1982) have carried favorable reviews of *Foil Fencing Skills, Safety, Operations and Responsibilities for the 1980's* by Maxwell R. Garret and Mary Heinecke Poulson. While I have no wish to emend Maitre Peraci's or Mr. Zeisig's evaluations of this book, I feel that prospective buyers ought to know that despite its copyright date of 1981, which is qualified in no way, it is a reprint of Garret and Heinecke's *Fencing*, which appeared in 1971, and that while the

photographs are new, they are copied from those used in Garret's *How to Improve Your Fencing* and in the Garret and Heinecke edition. Specifically, through Chapter 11 the new edition perhaps a dozen paragraphs have been added; text has been re-punctuated and edited for clarity and grammar; there are no substantial changes of the photographs are exact copies of those in the 1971 edition, which date to the 50's. Chapter 8 (on conditioning) has been expanded slightly, and Chapter 9 (on equipment) has been rewritten scratch. Chapter 12 (history of fencing) has been largely rewritten, with improvement. Chapters 10 (on electrical equipment), 13 (on and 14 (on legal responsibility to Sobel) are entirely new. The bibliography has been expanded by but 23 of 31 non-serial items 1970; 8 predate 1960. Over 85% material in the 1971 edition is reprinted without significant change. It is that the subtitle and copyright new edition should mask this durability.

*Tom
Berkeley*

I don't feel that the fact that this book (of Max Garret) includes much of the material from earlier editions necessarily reflects adversely on its content. If Mr. Conroy's statements are true, any purchaser of the new edition who had also purchased one of the earlier editions, would undoubtedly notice the repetitive portions simply by thumbing through the newest and, therefore, the likelihood of being misled is minimal.

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TECHNICAL TALKS

by Joe Byrnes

The death in Rome last July, at the World Championships, of a former World Champion in foil, in what must evidently be classed as a genuine accident, should be giving every fencer some food for thought. I suppose everyone reading this will long ago have heard that a mask that was seemingly in good condition and had recently passed the usual inspection by the "FIE punch" nevertheless failed to keep out a broken foil blade. I find that less surprising than do some people I've talked to on the subject. The FIE's required test does subject the mesh of the mask to a rather powerful force, but the problem with such a test, even on a superb new mask, is that it only demonstrates the condition of the part of the mask to which the punch was applied, and at the time it was applied. Take that mask out onto the strip, have it hit hard enough a few times on the same spot, and a potential opening or weakness in the mesh may be created. That can happen in the very first bout; it can happen even in practice. Such a spot, and it's not likely to be very obvious, can go on being further weakened for two or three days at a world class event.

Some readers may remember that I had occasion to report here about five years ago that one of the finalists in the women's foil at the Montreal Olympic Games was nearly killed in the same way as the Rome accident. Her mask passed--and why not, it was brand new--a week before, but had been so battered in fighting her way to the final

that it broke open under the thrust of a **unbroken** foil blade. The flat safety tip of her opponent's foil drilled right through her mask, about left eyebrow height, and luckily passed along her temple, just scraping the skin. An inch to the left and Montreal would have seen what Rome did six years later.

CARELESS ATTITUDE OF FENCERS

Considering what can happen to someone wearing a weakened mask, I find it a source of perpetual wonder at the inspection tables of our major events to see the careless — no, that's too weak a word — attitude of many fencers to the condition of the masks they put in front of their faces. What's worse, is the belligerent attitude of some of them when the deficiencies of their masks are called to their attention. (Whaddaya mean, I can't use it; nothin's ever happened.)

I wonder if this isn't comparable to the behavior we see in people who won't buckle up a seat belt in a car: they can't bring themselves to do it because to do so would acknowledge a possibility they prefer to bury, to regard as unthinkable. Thus invoking some primitive magic, you don't admit the danger that your mask could fail, and of course that magically guarantees that it won't — no, not yours, no matter what kind of old junk it is that you are wearing.

I do not have an answer to the problem of broken blades at close distance. The force that has been exerted

on the blade just before it breaks is often enough to deform (i.e., put a sharp bend in) the end of the blade that stays attached to the handle. This doesn't always result, but often enough to show the kind of force that is often involved in such a break. This surviving end of the blade, shall we call it, will have been bent into a steel

“. . . invoking some primitive magic, you don't admit the danger that your mask could fail”

bow just before the break, and will react from the break, lashing forward faster than a striking cobra. The puncture can actually be made and the surviving end out of the wound without the fencers (even the victim) and the spectators realizing anything of what has happened.

SOME SUGGESTIONS

Perhaps more frequent mask rechecks, before every pool perhaps, might help a bit. The FIE will surely be much fiercer about rejecting and destroying defective masks. Can national associations or local clubs afford to be careless about such things?

Attempts at other kinds of masks have been made or recommended. One correspondent member of the FIE Equipment Committee is of the opinion that something like an ancient knight's helmet in steel plate would be needed to guarantee a safe mask. Well, impenetrable Lexan plastic has been tried, usually as a face plate in a regular wire mesh model. The problems here arise from the scratching or scarring of the plastic on the outside, reducing visibility; from the fogging of

the plastic on the inside, ditto from the reduced air flow, and problems from breathing free former two difficulties can be overcome to some extent by chemical application but breathing in them remains a problem (they had the same problem as the ancient knight's tilting helmet, good look at one next time you visit a museum!).

There has been speculation that orthopedic grips favored almost universally of recent years have contributed to injuries, by encouraging a lopsided use of the weapon. Do also the modern "fighting" styles, the closing of distance, and the jabbing that competitors do in closeup, trying anything to get a point on the opponent's lame leg, the opponent's anything, if it's getting confused--all these things also had their effect. But I would want to go back to the rules of around 1900, I suppose the editor: if there's ever any chance to print them, or some of them, in these issues).

Other things besides masks victimized by a broken blade course. More on that next time *Action during the Princeton Open, Nov., Shelley (left) vs. Scott Jacobs. Photo by Ken*



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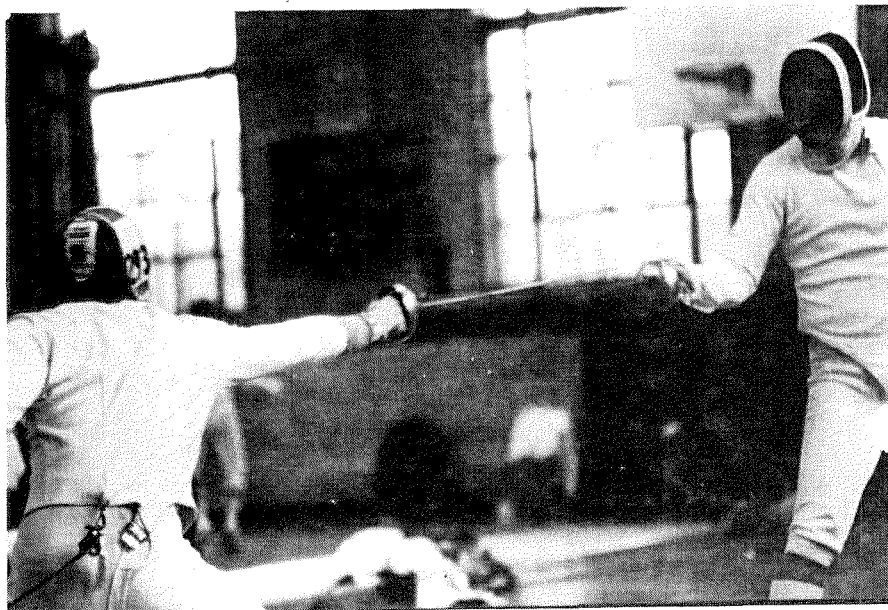
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Both well covered. R. Neiman on left. Taken at Csiszar Open Epee, Dec., 1982, by Linda Plamer.



MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEMBERS MEETING THE 1982

submitted by Eleanor Turney

The 1982 Annual Meeting of the USFA membership was held at George Mason University in the Student Center, on June 4, 1982. Emily Johnson, President, called the meeting to order at 1:15PM. Present were: Colleen Olney, Vice President; Eleanor Turney, Secretary; William Latzko, Treasurer; Michel Mamlouk, President-Elect; Marius Valsamis MD, Executive Vice-President elect; Samuel D. Chervis, Vice-President elect. Twenty one members were present and 38 represented by proxy.

1. Minutes of the 1981 Annual Membership meeting were accepted as published in the American Fencing March/April issue Volume 33 No. 4 by voice note.

2. Michel Mamlouk and Werner Meudt were presented a token of appreciation from the USFA for a most exceptionally well organized and run National Championships in 1982.

3. The Secretary reported on the proposed move of the business functions of the USFA to the new office in the USOC Sports Complex in Colorado Springs. The present membership file will be transferred to the USOC by computer disk. All membership processing will be transferred. The new membership card will reflect the fencers classification and Director's ratings. New revised USFA brochures are now available for promotional use.

4. The Treasurer submitted a financial report. The USFA is financially solvent and is on budget for the year.

He has been asked to consider our fiscal year from August 31, to January 1 to December. This change is not requested. The financial report accepted and was included in minutes.

5. Vice President Colleen Olney reported upon the Junior Camp held.

6. Samuel Chervis reported upon Directing Film on the basic This film is available for sale. The film was approved by the Secretary of the FIE Mr. M. Please contact Mr. Chervis for information.

7. Nancy Sebastiani, 1982 Championships Team Manager reported on the preparations for the Championships. Arrangements made by Mr. Mamlouk for teachers to attend training camps in Europe prior to the Championships.

8. Dr. Marius Valsamis reported upon the USOC Sports Medicine project for fencing. Films of the actions have been taken and to be analyzed by biomechanics specialists. Results will be available to US fencers and coaches. This will provide information on balance, and tactics.

9. The report of the Democratic Committee will be available at the Board Meeting. Several Chairmen of the Sections expressed their interest that qualification to the National Championships should be based on the divisions to the Sections.

Sections in favor of the change are Pacific Coast, Midwest, Southeast, and Metropolitan. The President-elect commented favorably on the change. 10. The results of the elections as reported by the USFA Counsel Stephen B. Sobel were:

President: Michel A. Mamlouk
 Executive-Vice President: Marius P. Valsamis MD
 Vice-President: Colleen Olney
 Vice-President: Samuel D. Cheris
 Secretary: Eleanor L. Turney
 Treasurer: William J. Latzko
 National Director: Chaba Pallaghy

The positions of Executive Vice President, Treasurer, and National Director were uncontested. Counsel recommended that a more flexible schedule of deadlines be adopted for contested elections.

The president thanked the members of the USFA for the cooperation and help she had received during her term in office.

The president-elect promised to work for the improvement of U S fencing.

The membership expressed appreciation to the outgoing president, Emily Johnson, for her efforts during her term of office.

11. There was no unfinished business.

12 New Business. There was a discussion of the decrease in membership in 1981-82. Several members expressed the opinion that the dues increase was the major cause. All sports have found that memberships decreased after a dues increase.

A. Others said that the elimination of the collegiate category was partially responsible. The New Jersey division had a decrease of members in the 18-23 age group.

- B. A life member requested that an annual greeting letter be sent to life members. The letter sent for the Portland Project was the first letter sent. The response to the letter was very good.
- C. The meeting was adjourned at 3:30PM.

Maestro Lajos Csiszar and Mike Storm. Photo by Linda Palmer.



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CLEVELAND GRAND PRIX RESULTS

November 26-28, 1982

WOMEN'S FOIL: (52 fencers):

- 1- J. Angelakis (TCFC).
- 2- G. Farkashazy (WSU).
- 3- C. Albertson (Notre Dame).
- 4- L. Cornelius (OSU).
- 5- D. Basinger (Atlanta).
- 6- C. Massiala (FAM).

MEN'S FOIL: (55):

- 1- McCahey (NYFC).
- 2- Rocheleau (Mousqu).
- 3- Smith (Atlanta).
- 4- Flom (Diplom.).
- 5- Biebel (GLFA).
- 6- M ? (WSU).

WOMEN'S EPEE: (20):

- 1- E. Cheris (Cheyenne).
- 2- G. Farkashazy.
- 3- M. Szabunia (Csiszar).
- 4- K. Rahl (Schm.).
- 5- E. Erdos (Kadar).
- 6- J. Sheehan-B. (Alcazar).

MEN'S EPEE: (45):

- 1- O. Harstrom (N.D.).
- 2- J. Tivenius (N.D.).
- 3- G. Kocab (Mich.).
- 4- C. Schneider (FAM).
- 5- H. Farley (Boston).
- 6- J. Newsome (Virginia).

MEN'S SABRE: (32):

- 1- F. Nagorney (Kadar).
- 2- S. Renshaw (N.D.).

- 3- G. Giroto (WSU).
 - 4- A. Kogler (FAM).
 - 5- D. Markham (Wauw.).
 - 6- D. Johnson (N.D.).
- W. GILMAN (24):
- 1- M. Szabunia.
 - 2- J. Angelakis.
 - 3- G. Farkashazy.
 - 4- C. Massiala.
 - 5- L. Erdos.
 - 6- P. Wullenweber (Gillet).
- M. GILMAN (35):
- 1- S. Trevor.
 - 2- W. Reith.
 - 3- M. Masters.
 - 4- L. Rocheleau
 - 5- M. DeJong (ND).
 - 6- G. Mueller (Gr. Lakes).

OKLAHOMA SEASON STARTS BIG

Thirty-eight foil fencers from Oklahoma clubs and schools inaugurate the season with Women's Beginning and Men's Open Foil tourney was Oklahoma State University Sept. 24.

Results: Men's Beginning Foil

1. D. Durham, Noble HS
2. W. Demeir, Tulsa
3. D. Hennessey, SGC

Women's Beginning Foil

1. J. Hodges, Tulsa
2. H. Shibita, OSU
3. R. Holtz, Tulsa

Men's Open Foil

1. S. Koenig, B-Ph66
2. J. Dotter, OU
3. B. Oakley, OCU

Women's Open Foil

1. S. Spaulding, SGC
2. D. Seidner, OCU
3. J. Hodges, Tulsa

continues

LONG BEACH INVITATIONAL SERVES AS FUND RAISER

Listed as a money-raising event for the Cal State Long Beach 49er Fencers, the Invitational drew a total of 82 competitors on October 9-10, 1982. Door prizes included fencing equipment, free dinners, clocks, T-shirts, hair tonic, etc. Three pen & ink fencing drawings by Ted Heublin were auctioned off.

Results: Women's Foil

1. M. Miller, Mori
2. K. Glover, S. Diego FC
3. R. McKenzie, SDFC

Men's Foil

1. R. Batista, Unat.
2. R. Nonomura, Mori
3. A. Leask, UCSD

Women's Epee

1. K. Arnold, 49ers
2. C. Phelps, S. Hearts
3. K. Tabori, Mori

Men's Epee

1. V. Asatrian, Mori
2. G. DiMaggio, Unat.
3. W. Gelnaw, 49ers

Women's Sabre

1. C. Brannon, Grenadier
2. K. Mikelsavage, Gren.
3. K. Williams, Gren.

Men's Sabre

1. R. Randolph, Gren.
2. G. Zilbershteyn, Gren.
3. G. Haynes, Gren.

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Pennsylvania has followed New York and Florida in offering a state championship in 23 sports. The Keystone State Games were held August 14-16, 1982, on the campus of Pennsylvania State University. Fencers represented 3 regions of the state: East (Philadelphia), Central (Harrisburg), and West (Pittsburgh). Qualifying events were held by the 3 USFA divisions.

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Results:

Women's U-20 Foil

1. B. Kavaler, East
2. D. Oswalt, Central
3. A. Kamsky, West

Men's U-20 Epee

1. C. Kiacouris, East
2. M. McGinnis, West
3. A. Halpern, East

Men's U-20 Foil

1. L. Silverman, East
2. A. Thorogood, East
3. D. Domencic, West

Women's Foil

1. P. Wert, Central
2. M. Szabunia, East
3. A. Miller, Central

Women's Epee

1. D. Theriault, West
2. A. Miller, Central
3. P. Wert, Central

Men's Foil

1. B. Kinter, East
2. J. Corona, East
3. C. Chisholm, East

Men's Epee

1. B. Kinter, East
2. W. Dragonetti, East
3. R. Watrall, East

Men's Sabre

1. G. Hasyn, East
2. J. Ellis, West
3. C. Chisholm, East

MEN'S FOIL:

- 1) T. Glass, Sebastiani
- 2) P. Pesthy, NYAC
- 3) E. Sims, Dallas FC
- 4) L. Bleamster, S. Esg
- 5) R. Nono
- 6) S. Clark,
- 7) R. Alfsor
- 8) C. Shelte

WOMEN'S FOIL:

- 1) V. Bradford, Unatt.
- 2) T. Hurley, Sebast.
- 3) H. Valkavich, Unatt.
- 4) V. Bleamster, S. Esg.
- 5) L. Goldt
- 6) C. Tremc
- 7) R. Richa
- 8) M. McCa

SABRE:

- 1) C. McCraw, Sebast.
- 2) T. Sarosdy, CD
- 3) E. Sims, DFC
- 4) S. Clark, DFC
- 5) P. Degen
- 6) T. Reinha
- 7) B. Seastr
- 8) T. Forres

WOMEN'S EPEE:

- 1) L. Goldthwaite, Seb.
- 2) V. Bradford, Unatt.
- 3) S. Pierre, Pent.
- 4) T. Hurley, Seb.
- 5) R. Hayes
- 6) R. Richa
- 7) L. Skom:
- 8) L. Deuts

MEN'S EPEE:

- 1) P. Pesthy, NYAC
- 2) R. Stull, Pent.
- 3) T. Eckersdorff, Pent
- 4) J. Moreau, Pent.
- 5) T. Glass
- 6) R. Hurl
- 7) D. Verm
- 8) C. Mich:

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