

American Fencing

THE NEW RULES BOOK AND MANUAL

By Miguel A. de Capriles, Chairman
A.F.L.A. Rules Committee

Before describing the new A.F.L.A. Rules Book and Manual, I must apologize to the members for the delay in publication which has caused so much inconvenience throughout the country. Unfortunately, at a crucial period in the production of the manuscript, my own professional commitments required a temporary suspension of work on the rules, and it was not possible for someone else to pick up the assignment at that point. However, I am happy to report that the manuscript is all at the printer's, and that the finished product will be available before the national championships. I therefore urge every member of the A.F.L.A. who is entitled to a copy (all members in good standing except student members) to be sure that his correct name and address is on file in the office of the Recording Secretary before April 30, 1957. Envelopes for the mailing of the book will be prepared during April, and nothing can be done without the cooperation of the members about incomplete membership lists and incorrect addresses.

The Plan of the Book

A year ago the Board of Governors instructed the Rules Committee to revise the format of our rules to conform with the 1955 F.I.E. rules as far as possible, including the numbering system. One of the reasons was the fact that more and more of our fencers are participating in international competitions. Another was that, if changes are made in the F.I.E. rules, it is easier to incorporate those changes in the United States rules if we have the same numbering system. These reasons outweighed the advantages which the format of our 1940 and 1951 rules had over the F.I.E.'s. However, the change required a complete rearrangement of the material, involving the typing of nearly 400 pages of manuscript.

The F.I.E. Rules Book contains six major divisions or "titles"; the A.F.L.A. Rules Book contains eight. The first six follow the F.I.E. exactly: (1) Rules applicable to all weapons, (2) Foil, (3) Epee, (4) Sabre, (5) Organization of international competitions, and (6) International code of discipline. In the first four, any U.S. variation or clarification of the international rules is noted immediately after the F.I.E. text; our book, however, also includes the 1956 international

rules for the electrical foil as a supplement to Title II. The variations on organization of competitions and the basic disciplinary structure were so substantial as to warrant a special new title (No.7) on the rules for U.S. competitions; and the final title (No.8) is the new A.F.L.A. Manual.

Revised Classification Rules

One good by-product of the delay in the publication of the new Rules Book is the revised text of the classification rules, which embodies the best suggestions received for improvement during the past three or four months. (See text elsewhere in this issue.) The basic principle has proved generally acceptable, although there is still some confusion among people who think that a "division" rather than a "competition" is to be rated. The new development has been the introduction of a common yardstick for Group I and Group II competitions, to wit, the level of competition provided in the final round, which should be comparable to the semi-finals and quarter-finals of the national championships respectively. Of course, this is not infallible, but at least it serves as a continuing guide to achieve the original objectives of a national system. Thus, if a division wants its sabre championship rated in Group I or Group II, it can show how many of its sabre fencers progressed how far in the nationals, and the Board of Governors has some concrete basis for distinguishing between specific events without having to make wholly subjective judgments.

At the suggestion of a number of divisions, a new Group III has been created to identify the divisional competitions in which the winner must become a Class C fencer; this rating is determined exclusively by each division and does not require approval of the Board of Governors. In addition, the rules make it clear that each division may schedule competitions for preps or novices, or any other sub-class of the unclassified fencers, if it so wishes, by announcing the basis on which such sub-class is determined. The main difference from the old rules is that these sub-groups are purely divisional classes; from a national standpoint all members of the sub-groups remain "unclassified."

Revised Terminology

The most striking change in terminology is the elimination of the word "foul" to designate hits outside the target. Although our explanations to the public have indicated that the "foul" in fencing is somewhat like the "foul" in baseball, the spectators have a tendency to think of such fouls as in boxing—an illegal blow for which the fencer should be penalized. The F.I.E. term, in judging, is "Yes, but invalid." Our preference was for "Off target," since the judges technically report a fact and do not pass upon validity.

Insofar as possible, we have tried to use the word "hit" as the generic term for any action arriving on or off target; and the word "touch" for valid hits. The word "strip" has been extended to include both the "field of play" (the customary F.I.E. term) and the compulsory "end zones" for safe retreat over an unbroken surface. We have also followed the F.I.E. in using "President of the Jury" in lieu of "director," since the latter term has not gained acceptance outside of the United States.

The Manual

The A.F.L.A. Manual has four chapters: First, a brief history of the League, its Constitution and By-laws, the Articles of Alliance with the A.A.U. and pertinent abstracts of the F.I.E. statutes. This is designed to give A.F.L.A. members a better perspective of the functions of the League nationally and internationally. The second chapter includes the Amateur Code, the rules on exhibitions and on the Professional Certificate of Merit (all of which were in the old rules book), and a brief section on the administration of national affairs. The third chapter contains a number of suggestions on divisional management, such as how to run a competition. The final chapter is the Judging Guide, which has sections on terminology, the theory of the right of way, typical problems in judging foil and sabre, and typical problems in directing combat. It is hoped that the new sections of this chapter will prove particularly useful in standardizing our practice in officiating throughout the country in accordance with the best modern international practice.

Official A.F.L.A. Notes

By Ralph Goldstein, Sec.

OFFICIAL NOTICE

A.F.L.A. ANNUAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given to all members of the Amateur Fencers League of America that the Annual Meeting of the League will be held at the Milwaukee Arena, 500 W. Kilbourn Avenue, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, on Friday, June 14, 1957, at 3 p.m.

The business of the meeting will include reports of national and divisional officers, approval of minor amendments to the By-Laws summarized below, election of national officers for 1957-1958, and election of the national nominating committee. Members who cannot be present are urged to execute and return the proxy form printed on page 11 to **Ralph Goldstein, Secretary of the A.F.L.A.**, 397 Concord Road, Yonkers 2, New York.

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AMENDMENTS TO THE A.F.L.A. BY-LAWS

To be voted upon at annual meeting
June 14, 1957

(1) **Chapter II, Section 1**, paragraphs (f) and (g): Change wording of last sentence so that one-half of the Life Membership fee "shall be paid over to the Secretary of the League and one-half shall be retained by the division." (No change in content.)

(2) **Chapter IV, Section 6**. Change "before entering upon their duties" to "before exercising their offices." (No change in meaning.)

(3) **Chapter V, Section 2**. Add provision for giving notice of Annual Meeting in official publication, in accordance with established practice, and delete reference to ballot enclosed with notice.

(4) **Chapter V, Section 3**. Add provision for mailing ballots and return envelopes on or before April 15. (This ties in with Section 2, and the combined meaning of the two sections remains the same.)

(5) **Chapter V, Section 4**. Delete this section entirely. It is obsolete in view of the creation of the Metropolitan Division and the new method of electing non-divisional governors adopted in 1956.

(6) **Chapter VI, Section 3**. Change date of annual meeting of the Board of Governors to read "during the month of September." The provision for meeting prior to September 10 was designed to insure prompt action on Metropolitan schedule; now obsolete.

(7) **Chapter VI, Section 4**. Standardize notice for all special meetings of the Board at a minimum of 10 days, instead of 20 for some and 5 for others.

(8) **Chapter VI, Section 5**. Eliminate restrictions on subjects that may properly be submitted to mail vote.

(9) **Chapter VI, Section 10**. Simplify mail procedure by eliminating restrictions on matters that may be submitted to mail vote and by fixing closing date for voting at a minimum of 15 days (rather than 35) after mailing of question.

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World Championships. Word was received late in February from the F.I.E. President, Mr. Ferri, that the decision on the place of the World Championships for 1957 would not be made for a few weeks. The chief difficulty about scheduling them in the United States is that many countries are short of travel funds due to the heavy expense incurred in connection with the Olympics in Australia. If the 1957 championships go elsewhere, there is a strong likelihood that the 1958 competition will come to the United States.

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F.I.E. Congress. Col. Thomas J. Carhart has been designated to represent the A.F.L.A. at the Congress in Paris on May 10. The United States protest concerning the discrimination against the North American American member of the Bout Committee at the Olympic Games in the matter of living expenses will be placed on the agenda of the Congress.

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National Championships. Excellent arrangements have been made for this year's national championship tournament in Milwaukee, as reported elsewhere in this issue. Particular attention is to be called to the fact that the finals of the two individual foil events are to be fenced with the electrical weapon. The appointment of Donald G. Thompson of Illinois as chairman of the national bout committee, and of James Castello as A.F.L.A. technical director, were approved.

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Armed Forces. Admiral Radford, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, has expressed keen interest in those sports in which we did not do well in the Olympics. Service men are requested to write to him for coordinating information. He is also interested in the possibilities for a national service championship tournament.

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NOTICE TO ALL ENTRIES

In National Championship Tournament

Divisional Secretary. The divisional secretary must certify to League Secretary Ralph Goldstein the complete list of divisional qualifiers and alternates (in order). **This certification does not constitute an entry**, but is simply designed to show that the individuals and teams are authorized to participate in the nationals. The list will be checked at national headquarters against the list of members in good standing, and will then be forwarded to the national bout committee chairman for his information. It is essential that the official certification reach the League Secretary before May 19, 1957.

Filing of Entries. Each qualified individual and team must file a formal entry, accompanied by the entry fee, with **Mrs. Mary Jane Schmidt, 1901 East Beverly Road, Milwaukee, Wisconsin**, so that it arrives not later than May 19, 1957. Entries without entry fee may be rejected. If the entry is that of an alternate, it must be accompanied by a certification of the divisional secretary to the effect that a regular qualifier has withdrawn and the entrant is entitled to compete. The plan of competition will be based on entries received through May 19, 1957.

Withdrawal of Entries. If an entered qualifier withdraws prior to June 1, 1957, his place may be taken by an alternate provided that the alternate files his entry prior to June 1, 1957, and that the substitution be certified by the divisional secretary in accordance with the rules.

Fencing Schedule. The facilities at the Milwaukee Arena are large enough to permit completion of each event on a single day. Competitors must report in fencing costume **at least a half hour before** the indicated starting time. Finals of individual events will ordinarily be held in the evening, except the women's final which will start at 4 p.m. and should be completed by 7 p.m.

Epee underjacket: The inner epee underjacket, to fit under the arm-pit of the weapon arm is required without exception of all team and individual competitors in epee. All contestants are warned that inspection will be made and those not properly equipped will be denied the right to compete.

1957 NATIONAL BOUT COMMITTEE

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1957 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Dates: June 8 through June 14, 1957.

Place: The Milwaukee Arena, 500 W. Kilbourn Avenue, Milwaukee, Wis.

Closing date of entries: May 19, 1957.

Entry fees: Each individual event \$5. Each team \$10.

Entries, accompanied by entry fees, should be mailed in time to arrive prior to closing date, addressed to:

**Mrs. Mary Jane Schmidt
1901 East Beverly Road
Milwaukee, Wisconsin.**

Schedule

Sat., June 8, 10 a.m.	Epee Team
Sat., June 8, 12 noon	Women's Team
Sun., June 9, 10 a.m.	Foil Team
Sun., June 9, 6 p.m.	Sabre Team
Mon., June 10, 10 a.m.	Epee Individual
Tues., June 11, 10 a.m.	Foil Individual*
Wed., June 12, 10 a.m.	W'men's Individual*
Thurs., June 13, 12 Noon	Sabre Individual
Fri., June 14, 10 a.m.	Three-Weapon Team
Fri., June 14, 3 p.m.	A.F.L.A. Meeting
Fri., June 14, 8 p.m.	

Gala Night, Schroeder Hotel

*Finals of men's and women's foil events will be fenced with the electrical foil.

Electrical foil: The individual finals in foil for both men and women will be fenced with the electrical foil. All fencers who hold 1956 national ranking are required, **as a condition of their entry**, to have two electric foils, two body cords—in good working order—and a properly fitted metallic vest. Finalists who are not 1956 Ranking Fencers and do not have their own equipment may rent a weapon, cord and vest from the League at a cost of \$5.00. This special arrangement is for 1957 only. By next year it is expected that every competitor in the nationals will have his own minimum equipment.

Dressing facilities: Registration will be at the Arena. Free towel service will be provided. There will be a limited number of lockers available on a first come, first served basis. However, adequate clothing racks for everyone will be provided in the dressing rooms and all dressing rooms will be attended. There will be no facilities for checking valuables at the Arena.

Food: Sandwiches, coffee, beer, milk, soft drinks, candy and other light food can be purchased at the Arena. No other food service will be available there.

Hotel accommodations: Tournament headquarters will be at the Schroeder Hotel, 509 West Wisconsin Avenue, just two blocks from the Arena in the heart of downtown Milwaukee. This hotel has reserved 50 rooms for fencers. Rates start at \$5.50 for a single and \$10.00 for a double. Some rooms for 3 are available at \$3.50 per person and for 4 at \$3.00 per person.

The Wisconsin Hotel, 720 North Third Street, is located two and a half blocks from the Arena and two blocks from the Schroeder Hotel. It has reserved 75 rooms for fencers. Rates start at \$4.50 for a single and \$7.00 for a double.

The Central Y.M.C.A., 915 West Wisconsin Avenue, six and a half blocks from the Arena, is brand new and modern, but is available only to men. Single rooms with bath are \$5.00; a limited number of single rooms without bath (but with very fine community accommodations) can be obtained for \$3.00 per day.

The Ambassador Hotel, 2308 West Wisconsin Avenue, is located about 20 blocks from the Arena. Rates start at \$5.50 for singles, \$8.50 for doubles and \$13.50 for triples. This hotel served as headquarters for Midwest Championships when they were held in Milwaukee and proved entirely satisfactory.

Plankinton House, 609 North Plankinton Avenue, is located about 7 blocks from the Arena. Prices are comparable to those at the Schroeder Hotel.

Social arrangements: A Hospitality Room is being provided through the courtesy of the Schroeder Hotel, the tournament headquarters. Someone will be in attendance from 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. on Friday, June 7, and from 8:30 a.m. to 10 a.m., and from 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. every day thereafter throughout the tournament. Free coffee will be available, as well as samples of cheese donated by the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture.

Buffet supper, June 12: The Schlitz and Miller Breweries are providing a free buffet supper on June 12, starting at 6:30 p.m., for a maximum of 250 guests. Tickets will be sent first to those people in divisions other than Wisconsin who purchase advance sale tickets for the Gala Night. If any tickets are left over they will be passed out during the tournament. Admission to the breweries for this event will be by ticket exclusively.

Gala Night: Gala Night will be held at the Schroeder Hotel on Friday, June 14, starting at 8 p.m. There will be an orchestra and two well-stocked bars. Price of the tickets is \$3.00 per person. Dress is optional. Applications for advance sale tickets should be made to:

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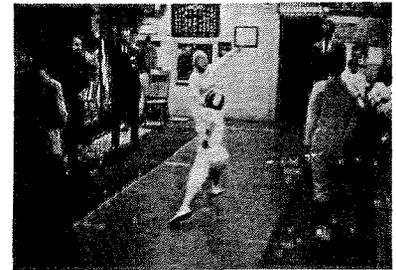
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Action scene: Shirley Canter attacks Donna Holloway. Salvatore Giambra directing.

—Photos by
Joe Waffa

Northern California

By Ferard Leicester

The results of divisional competitions in 1957 to March 16 were as follows:

Epee, Intermediate Team, 1/5/57, HSF: (1) Composite (McDougall, Glazer, Baker); (2) Letterman Army Hospital (Brownlee, Kait, Pasol).

Women's Intermediate, 1/11/57, SFSC: (1) Donna Holloway, BF, 8-0; (2) Vera Pirquet, HSF, 7-1; (3) Frances Matthies, HSF, 6-2; (4) Mary Huddleson, HSF, 5-3.

Three-Weapon Individual, 1/13/57, BF: (1) Gerard Biagini, OC, 8-0; (2) Jack Baker, OC, 6-2; (3) Wolford Wooton, unatt., 5-3; (4) Hart Kait, LAH, 4-4, 54 t.r.; (5) John McDougall, NSF, 4-4, 58 t.r.

Foil Intermediate, 1/19/57, Stanford: (1) Hart Kait, LAH; (2) John McDougall, NSF, 3-2, 18/23; (3) Wolford Wooton, unatt., 3-2, 18/18.

Sabre Intermediate, 1/25/57, LAH: (1) Laurence Brownlee, LAH, 5-0; (2) John McDougall, NSF, 3-2, 17 t.; (3) Herbert Rhodes, LAH, 3-2, 21 t.

Sabre, Intermediate Team, 2/9/57, BF: (1) Letterman A.H. (Brownlee, Tofoya, Pasol); (2) Composite; (3) Berkeley Fencers.

Foil, Intermediate Team, 2/16/57, Stanford: (1) Letterman A.H. (Rhodes, Galvin, Tofoyan); (2) Composite (Glazer, McDougall, Wooton).

Sabre Open, 3/1/57, LAH: (1) Tom Orley, unatt.; (2) Jack Baker, O.C.; (3) Daniel De La O, OC; (4) Salvatore Giambra, OC; (5) L. Brownlee.

Women's Open, 3/16/57, SFSC: (1) Tommy Angell, 5-0; (2) Shirley Canter, 4-1; (3) Frances Matthies, 2-3, 14 t.; (4) Patricia Barkdull, 2-3, 16 t.; (5) Mary Huddleson, 2-3, 17 t.; (6) Carol Reid, 0-5.

Southern California

By Fred Linkmeyer

The following are the tournament results from the opening of the season to March 15, 1957:

Cathcart Outdoor Epee, 9/16/56, 8 entries: (1) Fred Royser, LAAC; (2) Fred Linkmeyer, LAAC; (3) Ken Lieberman, FSF.

Duff Women's Foil, 9/16/56, 9 entries: (1) Maxine Mitchell, LAAC; (2) Iris Hoblit, unatt.; (3) Madeline Miyamoto, FSF.

Women's Prep, 9/21/56, 15 entries: (1) Barbara Stanley, Cav.; (2) Coralee Miller, Cav.; (3) Marcia Nelson, Cav.

Foil Prep, 9/21/56, 52 entries: (1) Frank Andrina, FSF; (2) Herb Missler, FSF; (3) Robert Fay, BFC.

Epee Novice, 10/12/56, 24 entries: (1) Verne Delling, Cav.; (2) Paul Etter, Vince; (3) Arthur Reich, BFC.

Women's Novice, 10/26/56, 34 entries: (1) Diana Sorensen, Vince; (2) Jeanne Hughes, Cav.; (3) Dorothy Ishiyasu, FSF.

Sabre Novice, 10/26/56, 23 entries: (1) Albert Davis, FSF; (2) Jerry Romary, unatt.; (3) Fred Duncan, FSF.

Women's Senior, 11/2/56, 8 entries: (1) Janice-Lee Romary, unatt.; (2) Tommy Angell, HSF; (3) Izola Kerley, BFC.

Foil Senior, 11/2/56, 6 entries: (1) Bob Crawford, FSF; (2) Dave Rice, LAAC; (3) Duris DeJong, LAAC.

Epee Senior, 11/9/56, 12 entries: (1) Steve Barden, LAAC; (2) Bob Crawford, FSF; (3) Fred Linkmeyer, LAAC.

Sabre Senior, 11/16/56, 8 entries: (1) Josef Lampl, LAAC; (2) Martin Kirshner, LAAC; (3) Fred Rayser, LAAC.

Women's Intermediate, 11/30/56, 33 entries: (1) Bonnie DeRosier, FSF; (2) Madeline Miyamoto, FSF; (3) Bettie Merwin, FSF.

Foil Intermediate, 11/30/56, 41 entries: (1) Frank Andrina, FSF; (2) Ronnie DeRosier, FSF; (3) Ken Lieberman, FSF.

Foil Team Intermediate, 12/14/56, 10 teams: (1) Faulkner No. 1 (F. Andrina, A. Davis, K. Lieberman); (2) Los Angeles A.C. (R. Sousineau, F. Royser, D. Rice); (3) Faulkner A (R. DeRosier, F. Duncan, K. Marx).

Epee Intermediate, 1/4/57, 30 entries: (1) Fred Duncan, FSF; (2) Jerry Romary, unatt.; (3) Bob Millar, WAC.

Epee Team Intermediate, 1/11/57, 7 teams: (1) Faulkner B (Andrina, Davis, Missler); (2) Faulkner A (Crawford, Duncan, Lieberman); (3) Cavaliers A (Adams, Delling, Pace).

Women's Team Intermediate, 1/18/57, 6 teams: (1) Faulkner I (DeRosier, Merwin, Miyamoto); (2) Cavaliers I (DeLong, DeLuca, Hughes); (3) Cavaliers II (Stanley, Nelson, Miller).

Sabre Intermediate, 1/25/57, 24 entries: (1) Bob Crawford, FSF; (2) Ken Marx, FSF; (3) Martin Kirshner, LAAC.

Sabre Team Intermediate, 2/1/57, 7 teams: (1) Unattached Composite (Herb Sauke, Jerry Romary, Sal DeBellis); (2) Faulkner II (Andrina, Davis, Duncan); (3) Faulkner I (Crawford, Lieberman, Marx).

Foil Open, 2/8/57, 32 entries: (1) Sewall Shurtz, FSF; (2) Josef Lampl, LAAC; (3) Bob Crawford, FSF.

Foil Team Open, 2/22/57, 7 teams: (1) Faulkner 2 (Duncan, Foster, Missler); (2) Faulkner A (Shurtz, Crawford, Lieberman); (3) Faulkner B (Andrina, Davis, DeRosier).

Women's Open, 3/1/57, 30 entries: (1) Janice-Lee Romary, unatt.; (2) Madeline Miyamoto, FSF; (3) Maxine Mitchell, LAAC.

Epee Open, 3/8-15/57, 30 entries: (1) Albert Davis, FSF; (2) Fred Royser, LAAC; (3) Steve Barden, LAAC.

Gulf Coast

By Mabel Morse

Spring came early to the Gulf Coast Division, as four of our fencers "merged" in February. Miss Janice Savoy and A/3C Philip Petmecky were married on February 12, and on February 16 Miss Roxan Renneberg and John Curry, Gulf Coast's chairman, were married. Both couples have the Division's heartiest good wishes for a long and blissful married life. The month of February also featured the Hungarian Athletes Freedom Tour. Competition results follow:

Metropolitan YWCA, Houston, 2/9/57

Foil Junior (21 entries): (1) Philip Petmecky, USAF, 4-1, won 3-way fence-off; (2) Don Greene, UH, 4-1; (3) Joe A. Elliott, A&M, 4-1; (4) Mike Simmons, Rice, 2-3; (5) Donald Steiner, Rice, 1-4; (6) W. R. Rogers, Rice, 0-5.

Sabre Junior (9 entries): (1) Don Greene, UH, 4-0; (2) Dave Dillehay, Rice, 2-2, 14 t.; (3) Desi Trevino, A&M, 2-2, 16 t.; (4) Mruce Moore, UH, 2-2, 18t.

Rice Gymnasium, Houston, 2/16/57

Women's Junior, 8 entries: (1) Mabel Morse, Sd'A, 3-2, won fence-off; (2) Ruth Goodlett, Va., 3-2; (3) Susan Platt, Lamar, 2-3; (4) Beverly Baird, Buc., 1-3; (5) Janice Petmecky, Sd'A.

Epee Junior, 16 entries: (1) John Holland, MPT, 4-1; (2) John Kirschke, A&M, 3-2, 8/13; (3) Dave Dillehay, Rice, 3-2, 8/12; (4) Phil Petmecky, LAFB (hors concours), 2-3, 11 t.; (5) Jack Daniels, MPT, 2-3, 12 t.; (6) John Tibbets, MPT, 1-4.

University of Houston, 2/23-24/57

Women's Intermediate, 4 entries: (1) Ruth Goodlett, Cav., 3-2, won fence-off; (2) Mabel Morse, Sd'A, 3-2; (3) Cynthia Coutorie, Buc., 2-3; (4) Gloria Estrada, Buc., 2-3, 20 t.; (5) Roxan Curry, Sd'A, 1-4, 23 t.

Foil Intermediate, 14 entries: (1) Joe Elliott, A&M, 4-1, won fence-off; (2) John Curry, Ind., 4-1; (3) Dave Dillehay, Rice, 3-2, 19 t.; (4) John Kirschke, A&M, 3-2, 20 t.; (5) Don Greene, UH, 1-4.

Epee Intermediate, 14 entries: (1) John Holland, MPT, 4-1; (2) Jack Daniels, MPT, 3-2, 12/13; (3) Jack Baird, Buc., 3-2, 12/12; (4) T. R. Melton, Buc., 2-3, 11 t.; (5) Dick Stoll, MPT, 2-3, 12 t.

Sabre Intermediate, 7 entries: (1) Don Greene, UH, 6-0; (2) Dave Dillehay, Rice, 5-1; (3) Desi Trevino, A&M, 4-2.

Texas A&M, 3/2/57

Sabre Novice, 8 entries: (1) Charles Willis, A&M, 7-0; (2) Don Greene, UH, 5-2, 22t.; (3) Desi Trevino, A&M, 5-2, 24 t.

Epee Novice, 8 entries: (1) Dave Dillehay, Rice, 6-1; (2) T. R. Melton, Buc., 5-2, 8 t.; (3) Joe Elliott, A&M, 5-2, 11 t.

Armed Forces YMCA, San Antonio, 3/9/57

Women's Open, 12 entries: (1) Mary Curl, Dallas, 5-0; (2) Helen Gray, Dallas, 3-2, 17 t.; (3) Marcelle Ducros, Sd'A, 3-2, 20 t.; (4) Mozelle Hampton, Dallas, 2-3; (5) Ruth Goodlett, Cav., 1-4, 22 t.; (6) Marion Muller, Dallas, 1-4, 23 t.

Foil Open, 9 entries: (1) Jack Baird, Buc., 4-1, won fence-off; (2) Hal Taxel, Scorp., 4-1; (3) John Kirschke, A&M, 3-2; (4) W. R. Rogers, Rice, 2-3; (5) Dave Dillehay, Rice, 2-3.

Sabre Open, 5 entries: (1) Dave Dillehay, Rice, 3-1, won 3-way fence-off; (2) Jack Baird, Buc., 3-1; (3) Hal Taxel, Scorp., 3-1.

Rice Gymnasium, Houston, 3/16/57

Foil Novice, 16 entries: (1) Dave Dillehay, Rice, 5-0; (2) Don Greene, UH, 3-2, 16 t.; (3) W. R. Rogers, Rice, 3-2, 20 t.; (4) Charles Willis, A&M, 3-2, 21 t.; (5) John Kirschke, A&M, 1-4.

Texas City Rec. Center, 3/23/57

Foil Novice, 5 entries: (1) Susan Platt, Lamar, 4-0; (2) Beverly Baird, Buc., 3-1; (3) Gloria Estrada, Buc., 2-2.

Foil Prop, 4 entries: (1) Robert T. Shelby, UH, 3-0; (2) T. R. Melton, Buc., 2-1; (3) Ed Gause, Buc., 1-2.

Oregon

By William Kennard

The results of competitions in January and February 1957 were as follows:

Pro-Amateur Handicap Foil, 1/13/57, NFS: (1) Don S. Naylor, PFC; (2) Jack Nottingham, NFS; (3) Pat D. Minturn, PFC.

2/9/57—Oregon Invitational Foil Tournament

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Women's Team, 7 teams: (1) Seattle Division (K. Modrell, F. Vraney, N. Betten); (2) Richland Sword & Mask (R. Jensen, E. Socky, C. Molden); (3) Nottingham's FS (G. Nottingham, A. Hansen, F. Fehrenbacher).

Women's Individual, 15 entries: (1) Gloria Nottingham, NFS; (2) Robena Jensen, S&M; (3) Mary Lou White, Clark Jr. Coll.

Men's Team, 11 teams: (1) Oregon Division (D. Naylor, B. Geier, R. Evans); (2) Richland Sword & Mask (H. Jensen, R. Socky, D. Polinsky); (3) Cascade FC; Seattle (C. Betten, J. Bennett, A. Wilson).

Men's Individual, 27 entries: (1) Don S. Naylor, PFC; (2) Harry Jensen, S&M; (3) Bob L. Geier, NFS.

North Texas

By M. Hampton

The following are the results of qualifying competitions of the division:

Women's Junior, Ft. Worth, 12/1/56: (1) Mary Curl, (2) Mozelle Hampton, (3) Jane Dunkelberg.

Epee Novice, Texas Tech, 12/15/56: (1) Frank French, (2) Royce Bruce, (3) Bill McLain.

Sabre Novice, 12/15/56: (1) Edmund Caldwell, (2) Royce Bruce, (3) Bob Marlett.

Foil Senior, 12/15/56: (1) Mark Smith, (2) Frank Griffin, (3) Franch French.

Women's Senior, Dallas, 1/5/57: (1) Mary Curl, (2) Helen Gray, (3) Millie Lyday.

Epee Senior, 1/5/57: (1) Franch French, (2) Frank Griffin, (3) Ken Gullett.

Sabre Senior, Texas SCW, 1/12/57: (1) Frank Griffin, (2) Bill Towry, (3) Frank French.

Women's Intermediate, 1/12/57: (1) Mary Curl, (2) Millie Lyday, (3) Kay Cottingham.

Women's Prep, 1/12/57: (1) Evelyn Schools, (2) Loretta Taylor, (3) Bobbie Wiggins.

Foil Junior, TCU, 1/19/57: (1) Frank Griffin, (2) Richard Slaughter, (3) Frank French.

Washington, D. C.

By Letty Rogers

The winners of competitions held during January, February, and March, were as follows:

Epee, Darricuat Open, 14 entries: (1) Richard Bright, DCFC; (2) Calvert Schlick, Balt.FC; (3) Lt. Fulton S. Dye, Jr., DCFC.

Foil, Lanzilli Open, 12 entries: (1) John Mooney, Balt.FC; (2) Vernon Elder, DCFC; (3) Calvert Schlick, Balt.FC.

Sabre, Messineo Open: (1) Vernon Elder, DCFC; (2) Talbert Dick, DCFC; (3) Richard Bright, DCFC.

Foil Junior, 3/10/57: (1) Henry Rodriguez, DCFC; (2) Charlesworth Dickerson, DCFC; (3) Richard Yelton, DCFC.

Women's Junior, 3/10/57: (1) Peggy Martin, Int. "Y" (Balt.); (2) Billie Bryan, DCFC; (3) Kate Curry, Washington FC.

Epee Junior, 3/17/57: (1) Harry Schafft, WFC; (2) Jack de Ratt, St. John's; (3) Vernon Elder, DCFC.

Sabre Junior, 3/17/57: (1) Bill Moll, unatt.; (2) Jack Michaelson, DCFC; (3) Jack de Raat, St. John's.

Florida

By Lucille Heintz

The Florida State Championships will be held on May 11 and 12 at the Lido Beach Casino in Sarasota, Florida. The Sarasota Fencing Club, which is the center of A.F.L.A. activity in the state, was visited this winter by Dr. Paul Moss and Mr. Lorant Marcell of New York's famous Salle Santelli, and extends a cordial invitation to other fencers who may be in the area. A recent addition to the club's membership is Rhoda Martin, four times Canadian champion and member of Canada's 1948 Olympic team.

Maryland

By Gloria Lee Morrison

The following are the results of the competitions held by the Maryland Division during the months of January and February:

Foil, unclass., 1/6/57, International YWCA, 17 entries: (1) Charleworth Dickerson, DCFC; (2) John P. Mooney, Towson FC; (3) Jack Michaelson, DCFC; (4) Henry Rodriguez, DCFC; (5) Fred M. Rosenbloom, Johns Hopkins.

Women, unclass., 1/10/57, Towson H.S., 12 entries: (1) Arlette Ward, Goucher; (2) Peggy Martin, Int. YWCA; (3) Didi Bottemanne, Towson FC; (4) Judy Logan, York YWCA.

Epee, unclass., 1/13/57, Towson H. S., 9 entries: (1) Jack deRaaf, St. Johns, after 3-way fence-off; (2) William Weiss, Johns Hopkins; (3) Peter Rice, St. Johns.

Epee Open, 1/20/57, USNA, 16 entries: (1) Richard E. Davies, USNA; (2) J. A. Woods, USNA; (3) Calvert E. Schlick, Towson FC; (4) Peter S. Conomikes, Washington FC; (5) R. G. Bright, Washington FC.

Schoolboy Meet, 2/1/57, Druid Hill YMCA, 16 entries: (1) Martin Furman, City College; (2) Donald Torres, City College; (3) Eddie Bealle, City College; (4) Gerald Most, Polytechnic.

Mixed Foil Team, 2/3/57, Towson H.S., 9 teams: (1) Lettie Rogers and Vernon Elder, Washington; (2) Gloria Lee Morrison and Calvert Schlick, Towson FC; (3) Linda Hill and John Mooney, Towson FC.

Women's Open, 2/10/57, Towson H.S., 7 entries: (1) Jane Burger, Int. YWCA; (2) Barton Heaps, Int. YWCA; (3) Lee Townsend, Int. YWCA.

Foil Open, 2/17/57, Towson H.S., 11 entries: (1) Calvert Schlick, Towson FC; (2) Eaton Bayor, Towson FC; (3) John Mooney, Towson FC; (4) Dr. Fritz Machlup, Towson FC.

Sabre Open, 2/24/57, Towson H.S., 14 entries: (1) James Estep, USNA; (2) Dick Baright, DCFC; (3) Percio DeSilva, DCFC; (4) Vernon Elder, DCFC.

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Kentucky

By Carl M. Burge

In dual meet held at Cincinnati on January 21, the Louisville YMCA F.C. defeated the Cincinnati F.C., 27-9. The results of divisional events to March 17 were:

Epee Open, 1/6/57: (1) Charles Thomas, Louisville Y, 6-1, won fence-off; (2) Francis Wolff, Louisville Y, 6-1; (3) Albert Wolff, Louisville Y, 4-3, 22 t.; (4) William Snedegar, Lexington FC, 4-3, 26 t.

Women's Unclass., 2/3/57: (1) Vicki Johnston, Lexington FC, 8-1; (2) Edeltraud Staton, Ft. Campbell, 7-2, 18 t.; (3) Pat Brown, St. Mathews Y, 7-2, 20 t.a.; (4) Roberta Scholl, St. Mathews Y, 5-4.

Foil, unclassified closed, 2/10/57: (1) Ron Stangl, Indiana U., 10-0; (2) Tom McNeil, Ind. U., 8-2, 25/47; (3) Sp/2 Rocco DiLorenzo, Ft. Campbell, 8-2, 25/53; (4) H. C. Arp, Ind. U., 7-3.

Sabre Open, 2/17/57: (1) Robert Hensley, Lexington FC, 1-7; (2) Carl Burge, Louisville Y, 6-2; (3) Francis Wolff, Louisville Y, 5-3, 23 t.; (4) Mitchell Christie, Cincinnati FC, 5-3, 26 t.; (5) E. J. Schickli, Louisville Y, 5-3, 28 t.

Women's Open, 3/3/57: (1) Vicki Johnston, Lexington FC, 6-1, won fence-off; (2) Mary Gehant, Louisville Y, 6-1; (3) Edeltraud Staton, Ft. Campbell, 6-1; (4) Jay Hensley, Lexington FC, 4-3.

Three-Weapon Championship, 3/10/17: (1) Carl M. Burge, Louisville Y, 4-1; (2) Francis Wolff, Louisville Y, 3-2, 29 t.; (3) Robert Hensley, Lexington FC, 3-2, 33/34; (4) Charles Thomas, Lou. FC, 3-2, 33/32.

Foil Open, 3/17/57: (1) John Gehant, Lou.Y., 6-1; (2) Charles Thomas, Lou.Y., 5-2, 21 t.; (3) H. C. Arp, Ind. U., 5-2, 23 t.; (4) Francis Wolff, Lou.Y., 4-3.

Illinois

By Helen Matousek

The highlight of the season thus far was the Calvert Golden Foil event, for which Max Gilman donated the trophy in honor of his fencing master, Mr. Delmar Calvert. "Pete" Velasco was undefeated in the finals, with only 10 touches scored against him. The results of divisional competitions:

Open Foil, 11/18/56, 23 entries: (1) L. Silverman; (2) D. Thompson; (3) M. Fain.

Foil Novice, 11/18/56, 6 entries: (1) Bodner, on fence-off; (2) Robbins; (3) Ahlgren.

Sabre Invitation, 12/2/56, 15 entries: (1) J. Cameron; (2) L. Silverman; (3) N. Shapiro.

Epee Open, 12/2/56, 14 entries: (1) L. Silverman, on fence-off; (2) P. Mortenson (Wisc.); (3) P. Clavier.

Foil Junior, 12/9/56, 10 entries: (1) DuVair; (2) Johnson; (3) Duggan.

Helene Mayer Memorial, 1/13/57, 6 entries: (1) Sue Thompson; (2) Carol Bond, Wisc.; (3) M. Eltgroth.

Women's Prep, 1/13/57, 4 entries: (1) Miss Faulkner.

Foil Prep, 1/13/57, 5 entries (Double Round-robin): (1) R. Forkin; (2) J. Bartolome; (3) W. Klopsch.

Calvert Golden Foil, 1/20/57, 17 entries: (1) H. Velasco; (2) N. Shapiro; (3) C. Abele.

Sabre Open, 2/3/57, 13 entries: (1) L. Silverman, on fence-off; (2) N. Shapiro; (3) C. Ahlgren.

Epee Open, 2/3/57, 13 entries: (1) R. Mortenson, Wisc., on fence-off; (2) L. Silverman; (3) L. Kaufman.

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Michigan

By Shirley Stein

The following are the results of divisional events up to March 10, 1957:

Epee Team, 11/11/56: (1) Salle de Tuscan No. 1 (Rene Pinchuk, Raul Martinez, Lars Callne); (2) Birmingham F.C.

Sabre Team, 11/18/56: (1) Birmingham F.C. (Jim Campoli, Bob Derderian, Leon Yulkowski); (2) Salle de Tuscan No. 1.

Michigan Plaque (3 weapon team), 11/25/56: (1) Salle de Tuscan No. 1 (F-Rene Pinchuk, E-Raul Martinez, S-Bill Goering); (2) Lansing.

3 Weapon Indiv., 12/2/56: (1) Rene Pinchuk, SdeT; (2) Bill Goering, SdeT; (3) Dick Berry, unatt.

Waffa Foil Handicap, 12/9/56: (1) Rene Pinchuk, SdeT; (2) Frank Thomas, SdeT; (3) Greg Flynn, Grosse Pointe SC.

Epee Prep, 1/6/57: (1) John Hocking, Lansing; (2) Warner Johnson, Lansing; (3) Charles Schmitter, Jr., Lansing.

Sabre Prep, 1/6/57: (1) H. McCalla; (2) Henry Sorowiec, U.Det.; (3) Bob LeVasseur, U.Det.

Foil Prep, 1/13/57: (1) Bob LeVasseur, U.Det.; (2) Hugh Scullen, U.Det.; (3) Edgar Hildebrandt, Mich.S.U.

Women's Prep, 1/13/57: (1) Monica Bill, SdeT; (2) Joyce Meyer, Gannon SC; (3) Mary Lee McGinley, Pontiac.

Foil Novice, 1/20/57: (1) Conrad Gniewek, Wayne; (2) Norman Barnett, SdeT; (3) Bill Giovan, U.Det.

Women's Novice, 1/20/57: (1) Monica Bill, SdeT; (2) Margaret Spindler, SdeT; (3) Joyce Meyer, Gannon SC.

Foil Team Novice, 1/27/57: (1) University of Detroit (Bill Giovan, Joe Szymanski, Pat McDonald).

Women's Team Novice, 1/20/57: (1) Salle de Tuscan (Monica Bill, Margaret Schultz, Terry Morris); (2) Composite.

Sabre Novice, 2/3/57: (1) Bill Giovan, UdeT; (2) Bob LeVasseur, U.Det; (3) Stewart Green, Wayne.

Epee Novice, 2/3/57: (1) Charles Schmitter, Jr., Lansing; (2) Roy Hocking, Ford Rec.; (3) Warner Johnson, Lansing.

Women, Platt Handicap, 2/10/57: (1) Shirley Stein, GPSC; (2) Mary Saghy, Pontiac; (3) Monica Bill, SdeT.

Women's Intermediate, 2/17/57: (1) Nancy Beardsley, Lansing, on fence-off; (2) Beverly Anderson, SdeT; (3) Shirley Stein, GPSC.

Foil Intermediate, 2/17/57: (1) Rene Pinchuk, SdeT; (2) Jim Doyle, Ford Rec.; (3) Bill Goering, SdeT; (4) Greg Flynn, GPSC.

Sabre Intermediate, 3/3/57: (1) Rene Pinchuk, SdeT; (2) Bill Goering, SdeT; (3) Bill Giovan, U.Det.

Women's Senior, 3/10/57: (1) Beverly Anderson, won 3-way fence-off; (2) Shirley Stein, GPSC; (3) Nancy Beardsley, Lansing.

Foil Senior, 3/10/57: (1) Rene Pinchuk, SdeT; (2) Jim Campolk, Birmingham; (3) Jim Doyle, Ford Rec.; (4) Gerry Fitzsimmons, Birm.

MID-WEST CHAMPIONSHIP SCHEDULE

May 4-5, 1957, Armory, Minneapolis

Entries must be filed prior to noon, April 29, 1957; deadline for withdrawal, noon, May 2, 1957.

Program: May 4, 1957: 7:30 a.m. reporting time for women's foil, epee and sabre. Fencing begins at 9 a.m. in all three events. Semi-finals at 1 p.m. Women's final, 3-5 p.m.; epee final, 5:30-7 p.m.; sabre final, 8-9:30 p.m.

May 5, 1957: Foil reporting time 8:30 a.m. Finals at 2 p.m. Presentation of awards: 4:30 p.m.

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Northern Ohio

By Helen Hassler

The big news from Northern Ohio was the holding of the first Woodland Recreation Club Invitational Meet, which attracted 68 entries from Ohio, Buffalo, Illinois, and Canada on January 26-27. Here are the results of meets held in and near Cleveland:

Sabre Open, 1/13/57, 9 entries: (1) Douglas Phillips, Woodland RC; (2) Herb Langthorpe, Fenn; (3) Madison Dods, Salle Simonian.

Foil Open, 1/20/27, 14 entries: (1) Ferenc Aprily, Woodland RC; (2) Howard Fried, Case Club; (3) Madison Dods, Salle Simonian.

Woodland Invitational

Foil: (1) Nathan Shapiro, Illinois Div.; (2) Ferenc Aprily, Woodland; (3) Lawrence Silverman, Illinois Div.

Women's: (1) Marcia Richmond, W.N.Y. Div.; (2) Loretta Dickson, London, Ont.; (3) Myrel Paupt, Columbus Div.

Epee: (1) Al Musichuk, Cuyahoga Falls; (2) Al Styler, Woodland; (3) Howard Fried, Case Club.

Sabre: (1) Thomas Legeza, Woodland; (2) John Shelly, Woodland; (3) Nathan Shapiro, Illinois Div.

Three Weapon Team, 2/3/57, 12 teams: (1) Woodland R.C. "A" (F. Aprily, J. Shelly, A. Styler); (2) Woodland "B" (T. Legeza, H. James, D. Phillips); (3) Case "A" (Jensen, Knoll, Williams).

Women's Open, 2/10/57, 10 entries: (1) Joan Steigerwald, unatt.; (2) Judith Palffy, unatt.; (3) Lise Colvin, unatt.

Epee Open, 2/17/57, 12 entries: (1) Al Musichuk, C.F.; (2) James Gosline, Salle Simonian; (3) Al Styler, Woodland.

Epee Team, 2/24/57, 5 teams: (1) Woodland "A" (A. Styler, H. James, D. Phillips).

Sabre Team, 3/3/57, 5 teams: (1) Woodland "A" (J. Shelly, T. Legeza, J. Huszar).

Foil Team, 3/10/57, 4 teams: (1) Woodland "A" (J. Shelly, F. Aprily, A. Styler).

Epee Div. Champ., 3/17/57: (1) Al Musichuk, C.F.; (2) Howard Fried, Case Club; (3) Al Styler, Woodland.

Western New York

By Fran Breton

An active exhibition program has been developed under the leadership of Jules Goldstein, and various steps are being taken to build up the division's membership. The results of the first seven A.F.L.A. tournaments were:

Foil Junior: (1) Bob Lowrey; (2) Rico Buchler; (3) Charlie Jacobs.

Women's Junior: (1) Marcia Richmond; (2) Pat Estey; (3) Fay Rexicker.

Epee Intermediate: (1) Art Plouffe; (2) Al Jedrzejewski; (3) Norb Reade.

Sabre Intermediate: (1) Art Plouffe; (2) John Hamilton; (3) Dave Bohacket.

Sabre Novice: (1) Bob Liebman; (2) Bob Lowry; (3) Norb Reade.

Foil Team-Pot Luck: (1) Tom Witchie, Herb Botwick, Guy Manley; (2) Dave Bohacket, Don Hershberger, Rico Buchler; (3) Art Plouffe, Peter Wachtel, Bernie East.

Women's Team-Pot Luck: (1) Barbi Brill, Marcia Richmond, Fay Rexicker; (2) Fran Breton, Jane McNess, Valery Darrah; (3) Peg Nicolas, Nancy Zielinski, Ione Kurek.

MIDWEST MASTER'S FOIL

11/24/56, Univ. of Chicago Barlett Gymn, 13 entries.

(1) A. Schankin, unatt., Centroll Ill., on fence-off; (2) R. Pinchuk, Mich.; (3) T. Zombolas, Chicago; (4) E. Zeisig, Wisc.; (5) C. Schmitter, Michigan St.; (6) Clark Joel, Wisc.

—H. M.

TRI-STATE COMPETITION

The annual Tri-Divisional Competition in Minneapolis between Minnesota, Wisconsin, and Illinois was postponed from February 9 to February 16 in view of the exhibition of the visiting Hungarian Olympic fencing squad in Chicago on February 9 and Milwaukee on February 10. With the strength of Wisconsin and Illinois diluted because of the postponement, Minnesota won the Santelli trophy with 43 points, to Wisconsin's 38 and Illinois' 16.

—Paul E. Dahl

New England

By Helen F. Kenney

The results of competitions held recently are listed here:

Sabre Junior, 1/13/57: (1) Saul Moskowitz, Brown; (2) Ted Hasbrouck, U. Conn.; (3) Craig Gray, U. Conn.

Foil Handicap, 1/20/57: (1) Ed Richards, Salle Elde; (2) Phil Craig, Salle Elde; (3) David Tolan, Army.

Women's Junior, 1/24/57: (1) Alyce Smetana, YWCA, on fence-off; (2) Heidi Fiske, YWCA; (3) Joan Scott, Boston FC.

Foil Junior, 2/3/57: (1) Robert Spinella, Waterbury Y; (2) George McNair, unatt.; (3) Albert Weisman, Salle Elde.

Women's Open, 2/9/57: (1) Harriet Brewster, Boston FC; (2) Joan Scott, Boston FC; (3) Evelyn Terhune, Santelli.

Sabre Open, 2/10/57: (1) Ed Richards, Salle Elde; (2) Joseph Livergood, USAF; (3) Douglas Runnels, Harvard.

Foil Open, 2/17/57: (1) Phil Craig, Salle Elde; (2) Ed Richards, Salle Elde; (3) A. Kredenser, Boston FC.

Epee Open, 2/24/57: (1) George McNair, Harvard; (2) Paul Demoge, Salle Vitale; (3) Peter Weil, Salle Elde.

Foil Team, 3/3/57: (1) Salle Elde (Craig, Karp, Richards); (2) N.Y. Fencers Club (Canvin, Goldstein, Sherman); (3) Composite.

Epee Team, 3/8/57: (1) Salle Elde (Craig, Karp, Weisman); (2) Latvian FC I (E. Kaktins, Z. Kaktins, Zalkains); (3) Latvian FC II (U. Kaktins, Kenigs, Silarajs).

Women's Team, 3/9/57: (1) Composite (Aylward, Schoolman, Terhune); (2) YWCA (Kenney, Lenehan, Smetana); (3) Salle Elde (Gardner, Lumley, Prada).

3 Weapon Team, 3/17/57: (1) Salle Elde (Craig, Weil, Richards); (2) Latvian FC I (U. Kaktins, Zalkains, E. Kaktins); (3) Waterbury YMCA (Sanchez, Spinella, Galbertini).

New Jersey

By Catherine Kopp

Here are the results of competitions recently held in the New Jersey Division:

Women's Novice, 12/3/56, PSTC, 31 entries: (1) Denise O'Connor, JCSTC, 5-0; (2) Pru Schwabe, Salle Lucia, 4-1; (3) Pat Gager, Lucia, 2-3.

Foil Open, 12/7/56, Verona FC, 18 entries: (1) Sam d'Ambola, Verona, 7-1; (2) Al Sully, NYAC, 6-2; (3) Al Snyder, unatt., 5-3.

Women's Open, 12/10/56, PSTC, 19 entries: (1) Anne Drungis, Salle Santelli, 8-0; (2) Louise Neill, Saltus, 7-1; (3) Harriet King, Lucia, 5-3.

Sabre Open, 2/15/57, Verona FC: (1) Dean Cetrulo, unatt., 6-0; (2) Al Sully, NYAC, 5-1; (3) Roger Jones, Salle Csizsar, 3-3.



DR. GERALD I. CETRULO

Fencing lost one of its greatest promoters in Eastern schools and colleges when Dr. Gerald I. Cetrulo died suddenly of a heart attack at International Airport, New York, minutes after returning home from a vacation trip in March. Dr. Cetrulo was for many years chairman of the A.F.L.A.'s New Jersey Division, of which he and Dr. James Flynn were organizers. He was an outstanding college fencer while at Dartmouth, where he was graduated "cum laude" in 1928. He won the Metropolitan Foil Championship in 1931, while a medical student, and qualified for the 1932 Olympic team but could not compete because of the time demands of his internship. Despite his busy practice—he was a prominent Newark surgeon, Assistant Medical Director of Newark City Hospital and Assistant Dean of the Postgraduate Division of Seton Hall Medical School—Dr. Cetrulo was one of the most active and successful fencing coaches in New Jersey. His Barringer High School team was credited with 101 and his Seton Hall University team with 87 consecutive victories.

"Doc" is survived by his father, Gerardo Cetrulo, now 82, who was a fencing master in Europe and claimed the U. S. professional championship from 1915 to 1925; his wife, Alberta; four brothers, Dean (former national foil and sabre champion), Don, Guido, and Gus; and two sons, Gerald Jr. and Curtis, who are members of the Barringer High School fencing team.

—Paul Brienza

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Metropolitan Events

Sabre, Senior-Intermediate, 1/26/57: (1) Allan Kwartler, SS, 6-1; (2) Tibor Nyilas, unatt., 5-2, 24 t.; (3) George Worth, SS, 5-2, 25 t.; (4) R. Blum, SS, 3-4, 27/31; (5) L. Pongo, NYAC, 3-4, 27/27; (6) S. Sobel, SS, 3-4, 31 t.; (7) A. Cohen, FC, 2-5; (8) N. Lazar, 1-6.

—D. Rubinstein

Epee, Senior-Intermediate, 2/2/57: (1) James Strauch, FC, 5-1; (2) Richard Pew, FC, 4-2, 19 t.; (3) Alfred Skrobisch, FC, 4-2, 22 t.; (4) Charles McLaughlin, SS, 3-3, 24 t.; (5) Roger Jones, USN, 3-3, 25 t.; (6) Ed Sims, 2-4; (7) A. M. Rose, 0-5.

—U. Milletari

Women's Metropolitan Team Championship, 2/3/57: (1) Fencers Club "A" (Madeline Dalton, Ida Balint,, Dolly Funke, Julia Schoek) defeated Fencers B, 8-1, Salle Lucia, 6-3, and Salle Santelli A, 5-2. (2) Salle Santelli "A"; (3) Salle Lucia; (4) Fencers Club B.

—L. Olvin

Epee Metropolitan Team Championship, 2/10/57: (1) Fencers Club "A" (Abram Cohen, Alfred Skrobisch, James Strauch); (2) N.Y.U.; (3) Columbia; (4) Salle Santelli.

Foil Metropolitan Team Championship, 2/17/57: (1) Fencers Club "A" (Daniel Bukantz, Harold Goldsmith, Nathaniel Lubell, James Strauch) defeated N.Y.U. 8-1, N.Y.A.C. 5-1, Santelli "A" 5-2; (2) New York A.C.; (3) Santelli "A" and N.Y.U.

—Dorothy Wortman

Women's Novice, 3/3/57: (1) P. Schwabe, Lucia, 4-1, won fence-off; (2) Ilona Urban, West, 4-1; (3) Dolores Comerio, JCST, 3-2; (4) Sophie Parker, FC, 2-3, 17 t.; (5) A. Genton,, Lucia, 2-3, 18 t.; (6) Ellen Eschen, NYU, 0-5.

Epee Novice, 3/10/57: (1) Nissonson, Columbia, 6-1, won fence-off; (2) DeSara, N.Y.U., 6-1; (3) Hochman, CCNY, 4-3; (4) Brodeth, Saltus, 3-4, 30 t.; (5) Compton, NYU, 3-4, 31 t.; (6) Lipper, Col., 2-5, 29/27; (7) Urciuoli, CCNY, 2-5, 29/25; (8) Kleinerman, Co., 2-5, 29/21.

—J. Sonnenreich

METROPOLITAN DIVISION GALA GET-TOGETHER

The Metropolitan Division invites its members and fencers in the neighboring divisions, and their guests, to a Gala-Evening and Get-Together, on Saturday, May 25, 1957, 8:30 p.m., at the Fencers Club, 320 East 53d Street, New York City. This is the major social event of the fencing season in the metropolitan area but since facilities are limited only 250 persons can be accommodated. Tickets are \$3.00 per person and include food, entertainment, and dancing. Reservations may be made with Bernice D. Gaines, 993 Carroll Street, Brooklyn 25, New York.

ENRIQUE A. BERUMEN

Enrique A. Berumen, affectionately known to hundreds of New York fencers as "Papa" Berumen, died on March 27 after a prolonged illness at his home in Kew Gardens, L. I. He was 72 years old. A former A.F.L.A. Veteran's champion, Mr. Berumen was an active competitor in League events for many years. Until the war he represented the Salle Santelli, and later the Fencers Club. He was the father of Jose E. Berumen, member of Cornell's varsity fencing 1931-1933, former member of the Fencers Club and more recently sabre champion of Colombia, where he is connected with the Texas Company.

—M. A. de C.



COACH HUGO CASTELLO

His 1957 N.Y.U. team had best record in United States.

NYU Wins N.C.A.A. Team Title

Margolis, Davis, Balaban Take Individuals

Bernie Balaban of N.Y.U. and Jim Margolis of Columbia, one week after their victories in sabre and epee respectively at the Intercollegiate Championships in New York, captured the national college crown in their specialties in Detroit and led their teams to a photofinish, with N.Y.U. topping Columbia 65-64.

Balaban was hard pressed to outscore Frank Tyrrell of Wisconsin, who won the coaches' award on the basis of skill and sportsmanship; and Margolis barely nosed out Denis Hemmerle of Notre Dame; but Bruce Davis of Wayne, the new foil champion, spread-eagled the field with a margin of 3 points over Al Peredo of N.Y.U. and 4 points over Arthur Schankin of Illinois.

Leading Scores

Epee: (1) Margolis, Columbia, 26; (2) Hemmerle, Notre Dame, 25; (3) Woods, Navy, 22; (4) Peterson, Buffalo, 21; (5) Mortenson, Wisconsin, 21; (6) Mitosky, Penn, 20; (7) Levy, Princeton; Dillehay, Rice; and Pinter, Fenn, 19; (10) Johnson, Mich. St.; Rosenberg, NYU; and Goering, Yale, 17.

Foil: (1) Davis, Wayne, 26; (2) Peredo, NYU, 23; (3) Schankin, Ill., 22; (4) Robillard, Navy; and Norton, Yale, 20; (6) Mestanos, Stevens Tech; and Trimble, Penn, 19; (8) Ayres, Columbia, 18; (9) Ament, Buffalo; Miller, Princeton; Everett, Johns Hopkins; and Bodner, Wisconsin, 15.

Sabre: (1) Balaban, NYU, 25; (2) Tyrrell, Wisconsin, 24; (3) Ehlgren, Chicago, 22; (4) Mag-nani, Columbia, 20; (5) Peeler, Princeton, 19; (6) Thomas, Harvard; Estep, Navy; and Hunt, Illinois, 18; (9) Block, Yale, 17; (10) Mills, CCNY, Mariorillo, Temple; Klein, Notre Dame; and Knowle, Case, 16.

Teams: (1) NYU, 65; (2) Columbia, 64; (3) Navy and Wisconsin, 60; (5) Illinois, 55; (6) Pennsylvania and Yale, 54; (8) Princeton, 53.

Western Intercollegiates

By Shirley Canter

The Arizona Wildcats defeated the Air Force's defending champions by a tremendous surge in epee after trailing for most of the tournament. The final score was 63-60. The Air Force cadets won in foil and sabre, but Arizona had a 10-point margin in epee through the efforts of Dick Procter, Joe Gervasio and Mike Clovis. Bob Simon of Stanford was voted the outstanding fencer of the meet; he won the sabre and epee individual championships. Harlow Halbrow, USAF Academy, took the foil crown.

San Francisco State made a clean sweep in the women's events, led by Walita Koenig, who won the individual title. Her team mates were Josephine Scofield and Therasha Olson.

Men's Team Scores (foil, sabre, epee, total in order): (1) Arizona 18, 15, 30, 63; (2) Air Force 21, 19, 20, 60; (3) Stanford 10, 5, 20, 35; (4) San Francisco State 5, 15, 15, 25; (5) U. Calif. 5 (epee only).

Women's Team: (1) San Francisco State, 21; (2) Stanford, 14; (3) Arizona, 10.

North Atlantic Intercollegiates

By Sidney Schwartz

The University of Buffalo, winning 24 out of 30 bouts, dominated the seventh annual North Atlantic Intercollegiate championships held at the University of Syracuse on March 6. Buffalo won the foil and sabre team championships; the epee team was shared by Rochester Tech and Toronto. Buffalo also had two individual winners, Ament in foil and Peterson in epee, while Toronto's Kostiw won the sabre.

Team totals (foil, epee, sabre, three-weapon in order): (1) Buffalo, 10, 5, 9, 24; (2) Rochester Tech, 5, 6, 5, 16; (3) Toronto, 3, 6, 6, 15; (4) Syracuse, 5, 4, 5, 14; (5) Drew, 4, 5, 4, 13; (6) St. Lawrence, 3, 4, 1, 8.

Foil individual: (1) Aaron Ament, Buffalo, 4-1; (2) Jim Blair, Drew, 3-2, 17 t.; (3) Dick Green, R.I.T., 3-2, 18 t.; (4) Walter O'Neil, Toronto, 2-3, 19 t.; (5) Marty Shapiro, Syracuse, 2-3, 22 t.; (6) Herb Botwick, Buffalo, 1-4.

Epee individual: (1) Bob Peterson, Buffalo, 4-1, won fence-off; (2) Marty Knappe, Syracuse, 4-1; (3) Marty Nash, Toronto, 3-2; (4) Sid Goldsmith, R.I.T., 2-3, 18 t.; (5) John Heintz, St. Lawrence, 2-3, 20 t.; (6) Don Herschberger, R.I.T., 0-5.

Sabre individual: (1) Walter Kostiw, Toronto, 4-1, won fence-off; (2) John Hamilton, Buffalo, 4-1; (3) George Koch, Buffalo, 3-2, 19 t.; (4) Frank Curtis, Drew, 3-2, 20 t.; (5) Jack Penciner, Toronto, 1-4; (6) Elliot Geligoff, R.I.T., 0-5.

Canadian Intercollegiates

By Walter K. O'Neil

The three-cornered Canadian intercollegiate fencing tournament at McGill University was won for the third consecutive year by the University of Toronto with 44 victories; McGill was second with 32, and the University of Montreal third with 5. The individual champions were Howard Tate in foil, Marty Nash in epee, and Wally Kostiw in sabre, all of Toronto. Tate and Don Heron of McGill were co-winners of the George Tully trophy for all around skill, style, and sportsmanship.

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NAVY WINS THREE-WEAPON I.F.A. TITLE

Tops N.Y.U. by One Point in Final Bout; Violet Takes Three Crowns.

In a story-book finish, Navy's embattled Midshipmen successfully defended their three-weapon team title in the 60th annual championships of the Intercollegiate Fencing Association, outscoring the pre-tournament favorite, N.Y.U., in the last bout, 73-72. Only a week earlier, N.Y.U. had defeated the Naval Academy, 14-13, in the last bout, to finish an unbeaten dual-meet season.

The Middies got off to a good start by capturing the epee team title with 26 points, largely on Jim Woods' undefeated record in 11 bouts; Columbia was second with 25, and N.Y.U. third with 23. N.Y.U. came back strongly to win the foil team with 27 points (high for the meet) to Yale's 25 and Navy's 24. Thus the two leading contenders entered the sabre tied at 50 points. With three bouts to fence, Navy led with 71 points, NYU had 69 and Columbia 68. The Violet swept through Cornell in its last three bouts, to post its 72-point total, while Navy and Columbia met in the climax match. Columbia's Edward Magnani defeated Charles Eidson by one touch to clinch the sabre team title; then Jim Estep of Navy beat Frank Parisi by one touch to insure a tie for the three-weapon title; and Larry Polk nailed Joe Bloom, again by one touch, to give Navy its hard-earned victory. The Midshipmen's triumph was a fitting tribute to Coach Joseph Fiems, dean of the college coaches, who is scheduled to retire at the end of the current academic year.

N.Y.U. Takes Iron Man

For N.Y.U. the chief consolation was its splendid victory in the foil team event, which carries possession of the famous Little Iron Man trophy, oldest intercollegiate athletic trophy in the U.S. Coach Castello's charges also accounted for two of the three individual titles, as Bernie Balaban easily won the sabre and Al Peredo defeated Yale's John Norton, 5-4, in an exciting fence-off.

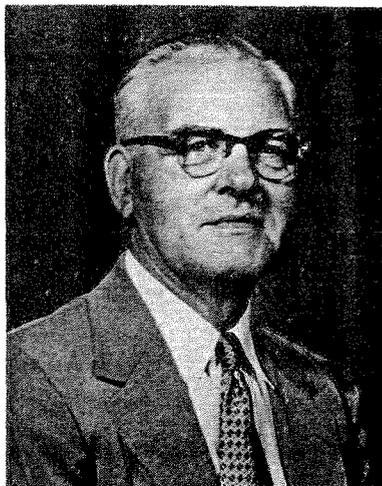
Columbia, like Navy, won two championships, as Jim Margolis captured the individual epee event to add to the sabre team crown. As usual, Coach Irving DeKoff succeeded in bringing his squad, somewhat below par due to a weakness in foil, to a high pitch of efficiency for these championships, and the Morningsiders were in contention for the big prize right to the end.

Yale made a strong bid for the foil team title, leading by one point at the half-way mark, and like N.Y.U. placed two men in the individual foil final. Penn tied Navy for second place in the sabre team, and won fourth place in the epee team, but its weakness in foil proved a serious handicap in the three-weapon race.

Navy produced the only two undefeated fencers in the team competitions in Woods (epee) and Frank Larson, who made the No. 3 spot in foil in the closing stages of the season.

EPEE TEAM

Pool 1. Woods, Navy, 11-0; Margolis, Columbia, 9-2; Shrager, Penn, 7-4; Norris, M.I.T., 6-5; Rosenberg, N.Y.U., 6-5; Fitchen, Harvard, 5-6; Schwartz, Rutgers, 5-6; Dodge, Yale, 5-6; Levin, Cornell, 4-7; Cohen, Brooklyn, 3-8; Toot, Princeton, 3-8; Urciuoli, CCNY, 2-9.



COACH JOSEPH FIEMS

Received retirement tribute in Navy's superb team effort.

Pool 2. Eichenbaum, N.Y.U., 10-1; Levy, Princeton, 8-3; Yabkow, CCNY, 7-4; Carter, Columbia, 7-4; Davies, Navy, 7-4; Karoly, Brooklyn, 5-6; Scrivner, Harvard, 5-6; Mitosky, Penn, 5-6; Gabler, Cornell, 4-7; Dirks, M.I.T., 3-8; Saderland, Rutgers, 3-8; Lapsam, Yale, 2-9.

Pool 3. Buchman, Columbia, 9-2; Michanik, Penn, 9-2; Stiller, Navy, 8-3; Cole, Cornell, 7-4; Mercurio, N.Y.U., 6-4; Madesett, Princeton, 6-5; Hochman, CCNY, 5-6; Enders, Harvard, 5-6; Maxon, Brooklyn, 4-7; Howell, Yale, 4-7; Pascal, N.Y.U., 1-0; Wempen, M.I.T., 1-4; Pedlosky, M.I.T., 1-5; Lavanbach, Rutgers, 0-11.

FOIL TEAM

Pool 1. Peredo, N.Y.U., 10-1; Goering, Yale, 10-1; Ayres, Columbia, 8-3; Robillard, Navy, 7-4; Trimble, Penn, 7-4; Miller, Princeton, 6-5; Cotton, Cornell, 5-6; Wolfe, CCNY, 4-7; Cohen, Rutgers, 4-7; Boyce, Harvard, 3-8; Wieting, M.I.T., 2-9; Mattera, Brooklyn, 0-11.

Pool 2. Norton, Yale, 10-1; Davis, N.Y.U., 9-2; Edwards, Princeton, 9-2; Smith, Penn, 6-5; Banks, Navy, 6-5; Moshang, Columbia, 6-5; Glassner, CCNY, 5-6; Snyder, Rutgers, 4-7; Brust, Brooklyn, 3-8; Walsh, Cornell, 2-8; Coren, Cornell, 1-0; Fien, M.I.T., 0-7; Quist, M.I.T., 0-4.

Pool 3. Larson, Navy, 11-0; Farrell, N.Y.U., 8-3; Finnerty, Princeton, 8-3; Tannenbaum, CCNY, 7-4; Graves, Cornell, 6-5; Trebilock, Harvard, 6-5; Hay, Yale, 5-6; Mager, Columbia, 4-7; Shabel, M.I.T., 4-7; Mailis, Penn, 3-7; Maitlin, Rutgers, 2-9; Winston, Brooklyn, 2-9; Lents, Penn, 0-1.

SABRE TEAM

Pool 1. Balaban, N.Y.U., 10-1; Magnani, Columbia, 9-2; Knowlton, Cornell, 8-3; Peeler, Princeton, 8-3; Theran, Penn, 7-4; Mills, CCNY, 5-6; Lilore, Yale, 5-6; Eidson, Navy, 4-7; Miller, M.I.T., 3-5; Rudderman, Brooklyn, 1-10; Silbert, Harvard, 1-5; Meeker, M.I.T., 0-3; Wolfe, Harvard, 0-5.

Pool 2. Parisi, Columbia, 9-2; Block, Yale, 9-2; Finger, Penn, 9-2; Estep, Navy, 9-2; Greene, N.Y.U., 7-4; West, Brooklyn, 4-7; Runnels, Harvard, 4-7; Miller, M.I.T., 4-7; Jorgenson, Rutgers, 3-8; Britton, Princeton, 2-1; Wiley, Cornell, 1-3; Caverly, Cornell, 1-6; Agnew, Princeton, 1-7.

Pool 3. Polk, Navy, 10-1; Paterson, Cornell, 8-3; Bloom, Columbia, 8-3; Thomas, Harvard, 8-3; Byer, Penn, 5-2; Pohley, Yale, 5-6; Melworm, CCNY, 4-7; Campbell, M.I.T., 4-7; Inselbuch, Princeton, 3-8; Corriere, Penn, 2-2; Schneider, Brooklyn, 2-9; Singer, Rutgers, 2-3; Marchant, Rutgers, 0-6.

EPEE INDIVIDUAL

Final: (1) James Margolis, Columbia, 4-1; (2) Dave Shrager, Penn, 3-2, 17 t.; (3) Steven Buchman, Columbia, 3-2, 18 t.; (4) James A. Woods, Navy, 2-3, 20 t.; (5) Harry Eichenbaum, NYU, 2-3, 21 t.; (6) Paul Levy, Princeton, 1-4.

FOIL INDIVIDUAL

Final: (1) Peredo, N.Y.U., 4-1, won fence-off; (2) John Norton, Yale, 4-1; (3) Martin Davis, N.Y.U., 3-2, 17 t.; (4) Robert Goering, Yale, 3-2, 19 t.; (5) Frank Larson, Navy, 1-4; (6) Nyles Ayres, Columbia, 0-5.

SABRE INDIVIDUAL

Final: (1) Bernie Balaban, N.Y.U., 5-0; (2) Edward Magnani, Columbia, 4-1; (3) Frank Parisi, Columbia, 3-2; (4) Fred Knowlton, Cornell, 2-3; (5) Larry Polk, Navy, 1-4; (6) Philip Block, Yale, 0-5.

TEAM SUMMARIES

	Epee	Foil	Sabre	Three-Weap.
1. Navy	26*	24	23	73
2. New York Univ.	23	27*	22	72
3. Columbia	25	18	26*	69
4. Pennsylvania	21	16	23	60
5. Yale	11	25*	19	55
6. Princeton	17	23	14	54
7. Cornell	15	14	18	47
8. C.C.N.Y.	14	16	16	46
9. Harvard	15	14	13	42
10. Rutgers	8	10	10	28
11. M.I.T.	11	6	11	28
12. Brooklyn	12	5	7	24

*Team champions.

Masters' Events

By Kevis Kapner

Although the customary Masters' Events in the East were scheduled nearly two months earlier than usual in order to accommodate the fencing coaches of the Intercollegiate Fencing Association, the only two professionals who competed were Stanley Sieja of Princeton and Bob Kaplan of Ohio State. The results:

Foil: (1) Tie between Albert Axelrod and Harold Goldsmith to be fenced off later, each 5-1; (3) Allan Kwartler; (4) Curtis Ettinger; (5) Dernel Every; (6) Stanley Sieja; (7) Bob Kaplan.

Sabre: (1) George Worth, 4-1, won fence-off; (2) Abram Cohen, 4-1; (3) Stanley Sieja, 3-2; (4) Leo Nunes, 2-3; (5) tie: Tibor Nyilas and Allan Kwartler, 1-4, 23/19 each.

Epee: (1) James Flynn, 6 v., won fence-off; (2) Leo Nunes, 6 v.; (3) Ralph Goldstein, 4 v., won fence-off; (4) Bob Kaplan, 4 v.; (5) tie: John V. Grombach and Alfred Skrobisch, 3 v.



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OUT OF THE PAST

By Jose de Capriles

I recently acquired some of the earliest AFLA publications including the 1892 Rules Book and Constitution (the League was founded May 6, 1891). It is interesting to note some passages from the fencing rules which were in effect on April 20, 1892.

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Foil

A competition shall be conducted by three Judges for each bout whose decision shall be final and without appeal.

Each contestant shall fence a bout with every other contestant. Each bout shall be for an aggregate of 5 touches, each touch to count 1 point.

Each Judge, without consulting with his fellow judges, may award to each contestant in the bout a maximum of 50/100ths of a point for defense, 50/100ths of a point for attack, and 50/100ths for general good form, or any part thereof. The award shall be determined by the average of the points thus allowed by the Judges. This method of judging is based on the idea that the contest is intended as an exhibition of skill as well as the securing of touches.

The competitor attacked must parry; stop-thrusts count in favor of the giver provided he be not touched himself. If both be touched simultaneously the count shall be credited to the one who lunged. If both lunged neither counts.

A point scored from a thrust started with the elbow behind the body (jab thrusts) shall not count.

Each competitor shall wear a dark fencing suits so that white chalk marks can be easily seen.

Contestants shall fence within a marked space 20' long and 3' wide. Should any part of a contestant's foot extend beyond the boundary line 50/100ths point shall be deducted from his final score for each offense.

The contestant scoring the highest aggregate of points shall be declared the winner, the next highest second, and so on.

Epee

A touch on any part of the adversary counts and the limitations of space shall not hold.

There shall be no award for attack, defense, or general good form.

Each bout shall be for an aggregate of 3 touches.

If both contestants are touched by simultaneous lunges the Judges shall deduct 1/4th of a point for each offense from each contestant.

Each competitor shall wear a dark fencing suit and gloves.

National Championships

Medal men only of the preceding year shall be privileged to fence for championship honors without qualifying in preliminaries.

Division meetings shall be held at least one month prior to the National Championship which shall be considered preliminary to the Championship meeting.

No fencer shall be eligible to enter the National Championship (except medallists) unless he shall have attained a score of at least 55% of the possible number of points to be obtained at such preliminary meeting.

Constitution

The Board of Governors was then called the Executive Committee and consisted of 7 New Yorkers which included the officers of the League. Each division had one delegate who was not considered a member of the Executive Committee. The League had 191 members (all male of course), and there were 3 divisions: New England, Nebraska and Utah.

The Constitution defined an Amateur as follows:

"An Amateur Fencer is one who has never competed for money in public or private exhibition, nor given instructions for money. A Fencer who is known to frequently assist an instructor or one who is known to habitually attend a salle d'armes, assisting an instructor in the discharge of his duties, whether such assistance or work be paid for or not, cannot be considered an amateur."

The Executive Committee had no power to incur any obligation over \$100.00 without receiving authority from a recorded vote of a general meeting of the League membership.

Any member of the Executive Committee who, without satisfactory explanation, failed to attend two consecutive meetings was deemed to have resigned.

Competitions for Beginners

By Lisel Oppenheim, President

National Women's Fencing Coaches Assn.

Five years ago I inaugurated an annual fencing tournament at Brandeis University, Waltham, Massachusetts, designed to give beginners an opportunity to test their skills. This year the event was held on March 10 and drew over 75 students from Wellesley, Radcliffe, Sargent, Pine Manor, Dana Hall, Y.M.C.A., Warwick High School and Brandeis University. The fencing instructors from these institutions and guest coaches from M.I.T., Harvard and Boston University supervised the competitions.

The special characteristics of this tournament is the classification of contestants according to the amount of instruction they have received. There were three classes: Class III, 6-9 months under instruction; Class II, 9-14 months under instruction; Class I, 14 months to two years under instruction. Medals were awarded to first, second and third place in each class. Over 50% of the competitors were in Class III.

The enthusiasm shown during and after the competition confirms that this annual event provides real incentive for more schools to imitate and develop fencing within their Physical Education program. In addition it motivates beginners to continue active interest in fencing.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITORS

Not Heresy but Sabotage

To the Editors of American Fencing:

Mr. Osborn's article "Heresy" in the December issue will not jar thinking fencers or cause professionals to shudder as much as the fact that American Fencing published this, not Heresy but Sabotage of the art of fencing. Now that Mr. Osborn has solved the problems of enlisting new pupils, and has brought the age-old traditions and manners of the fencing room into the style of progressive education where the sole objective is self-expression and "fun," let me suggest that the "good teachers" leave it all to him, resign their salles, and retire to Dogpatch to grow fat and happy on mud mushrooms, never again to sweat blood to produce in their pupils: form, speed, stamina, courage, accuracy, analytical powers, appreciation for tradition, and an arsenal of fencing variety.

**Theodore Jerome, Director,
Santa Barbara Fencing Club.**

Ed. note: Professor Jerome is a professional fencing teacher of some 59 years' experience with the sport, whose views are in accord with those of many great fencing masters. Mr. Osborn is an enthusiastic amateur who is deeply concerned with the problem of interesting a sufficient number of youngsters to take up fencing, and who is keenly aware of the importance of encouraging those who show some talent to go on to the development of their maximum potential under the tutelage of a competent fencing master. In the view of the editors of this magazine, there is no necessary inconsistency in the objectives of Mr. Osborn and Professor Jerome; the controversy is largely a matter of emphasis on the relative importance of mass numbers and individualized development to the growth of fencing in the United States.

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Echoes from Australia

Melbourne, 11 Dec. 1956

Dear Ralph Goldstein:

It was with mixed feelings that we had those few words on the telephone . . . before you left these shores.

I was at the closing ceremony of the Games; it was most impressive and unforgettable. . . . An old rule was broken when for the first time all who participated in the Games were allowed to march into the arena, not as national teams, but all intermingled. A thought crossed my mind that maybe some day through the Olympics man could find common ground to a better understanding and more tolerant **One World**. . . .

—Sidney Chen Jame.

Ed. note: Mr. Jame's bright-eyed youngster, who reminded Ralph Goldstein of his own son, led to a quick but warm friendship between his father, an official of the Department of the Interior, Commonwealth of Australia, and our League Secretary. The idea that competitors should march into the Olympic stadium in sport rather than national groups is one of the most promising innovations in the efforts being made to combat excessive nationalism at the Games, and to place the emphasis upon individual performances rather than "point" totals.

ENTERING THE NATIONALS?

A record tournament is anticipated this year in Milwaukee. All entries should read and carefully observe the rules printed on page 3.

National Calendar

APRIL

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| 12 No. Calif. - FOIL - Open Team
So. Calif. - SABRE - Open Finals | 8:00 p.m. Letterman A.H.
8:00 p.m. L.A.A.C. |
| 13 Intercollegiate - WOMEN'S CHAMP.
New England - WOMEN - Cass Troph
No. Calif. - WOMEN - Open Team | 9:00 a.m. Rochester Tech
1:30 p.m. C'mbridge YWCA
8:00 p.m. Berkeley Fencers |
| 13-14 Border - F-E-S-W, 3W - Open Teams
Gulf Coast - E&S - Open & Team Qual. | 1:00 p.m. El Paso YMCA
2:00 p.m. Texas A&M |
| 14 New England - 3 WEAPON - Indiv.
No. Ohio - WOMEN - Div. Ch.
Wash. D.C. - SABRE - Open Div. Ch.
Western N.Y. - 3 WEAPON - Indiv. | 2:00 p.m. Brandeis
1:30 p.m. Fenn
1:30 p.m. YMCA
10:00 a.m. Rochester |
| 19 So. Calif. - SABRE - Open Team | 8:00 p.m. L.A.A.C. |
| 20 Gulf Coast - F-E-W - Open Inv. Qual.
No. Calif. - EPEE - Open Team | 2:00 p.m. Galveston
8:00 p.m. Berkeley F. |
| 27 Western N.Y. - WOMEN - Div. Ch. | 7:00 p.m. B.J.C. |
| 27-28 Gulf Coast - F&W - Open & Team Q. | 2:00 p.m. U. Houston |
| 28 Metropolitan - SABRE - Ch.Q.R.Nat.
New England - SABRE - Div. Ch.
No. Ohio - SABRE - Div. Ch.
Wash, D.C. - 3 WEAPON - Div. Ch.
Western N.Y. - FOIL - Div. Ch. | 10:00 a.m. N.Y.A.C.
2:00 p.m. C'mbridge YWCA
1:30 p.m. Case
1:30 p.m. YMCA
1:30 p.m. B.J.C. |

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| 3 New England - FOIL - Boys under 15
So. Calif. - 3 WEAPON - Ind. | 6:00 p.m. Latvian F.C.
8:00 p.m. L.B. YMCA |
| 4 Metropolitan - EPEE - Ch.Q.R.Nat.
Long Island - EPEE - Open
Western N.Y. - SABRE - Div. Ch. | 10:00 a.m. Fencers Club
10:00 a.m. Oceanside HS
7:00 p.m. B.J.C. |
| 4-5 Midwest - SECTIONAL CHAMP.
No. Atlantic - SECTIONAL CHAMP. | Minneapolis, Minn.
Wilmington, Delaware |
| 5 Metropolitan - WOMEN - Ch.Q.R.Nat.
Western N.Y. - EPEE - Div. Ch. | 1:00 p.m. Santelli
1:30 p.m. B.J.C. |
| 11 Metropolitan - FOIL - Ch.Q.R.Nat.
New England - EPEE - Div. Ch. | 1:00 p.m. N.Y.A.C.
2:00 p.m. Harvard |
| 12 New England - FOIL - H.S. boys
No. Ohio - F&E - Gilman Trophy | 2:00 p.m. Latvian F.C.
1:30 p.m. Fenn |
| 17 Western N.Y. - 4 WEAPON - Team | 10:00 a.m. U. Buffalo |
| 18-19 Pacific Coast - SECTIONAL CHAMP. | San Francisco, Calif. |
| 19 New England - FOIL - Div. Ch.
No. Ohio - F&W - Hdcp. under 16 | 2:00 p.m. C'mbridge YWCA
2:00 p.m. Fenn |
| 24 So. Calif. - FOIL - Bowmen Handicap | 8:00 p.m. Faulkner SF |
| 31 So. Calif. - 3 WEAPON - Team | 8:00 p.m. Faulkner SF |

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ABOUT THE A.F.L.A. PROXY

The proxy form printed below is intended to enable A.F.L.A. voting members (other than student members) who cannot be personally present to be represented at the Annual Meeting in Milwaukee on June 14. Under A.F.L.A. rules, votes for national officers cannot be cast by proxy; but this year, as usual, there is no contest for national officers and the League Secretary will cast one ballot for the nominees of the National Nominating Committee. Other items on the agenda at the Annual Meeting may be voted upon by proxy. Unless instructed to the contrary, the proxy committee will cast all proxies in favor of approving the amendments to the By-Laws described elsewhere in this issue, and will use its best judgment in voting for candidates for the national nominating committee. The completed form should be mailed to **Mr. Ralph Goldstein, 397 Concord Road, Yonkers 2, N. Y.**

PROXY FORM

I hereby appoint Jose R. de Capriles, Ralph Goldstein, and Edmond Zeisig, and each or any of them, with full power of substitution, as PROXIES to vote for me and in my stead at the Annual Meeting of members of the Amateur Fencers League of America to be held in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, on June 14, 1957, and at any adjournment thereof, with the same full force and effect as if I were personally present.

Signed

Date.....

Member of.....Division, A.F.L.A.

REVISED TEXT OF CLASSIFICATION RULES

(522). A fencer becomes eligible for **Class A** ranking (1) by winning any of the first six places in the U.S. national individual championship; (2) by winning first place in any U.S. sectional, interdivisional, or divisional individual competition rated nationally by the Board of Governors as a Group I competition; (3) by competing as a representative of the United States in the fencing events of the Olympic or Pan-American Games; (3) by competing as a representative of the United States in other international events, provided his selection was based upon open tryouts; (5) by being a semi-finalist in the individual World Championship; (6) by attaining distinction in another country as a competitive fencer which in the judgment of the Board of Governors is equivalent to that involved in the preceding clauses of this paragraph.

(523). A fencer becomes eligible for **Class B** ranking (1) by achieving success in national competitions that warrants his selection as a Ranking Fencer in any year; (2) by winning second or third place in any U.S. sectional, interdivisional, divisional individual competition rated nationally by the Board of Governors as a Group I competition; (3) by winning first place in any U.S. sectional, interdivisional, or divisional individual competition rated nationally by the Board of Governors as a Group II competition; (4) by winning first, second, or third place in the epee event of any Olympic, Pan-American, or World Championship in the modern pentathlon; (5) by competing in the World or other international individual championships recognized by the F.I.E.; (6) by competing as a member of an official U.S. fencing team in any international event, when his selection was not based on open tryouts; (7) by competing as a member of a team that wins a U.S. national championship; (8) by attaining Class A rating in another weapon; (9) by attaining distinction in another country as a competitive fencer which in the judgment of the Board of Governors is equivalent to that involved in the preceding clauses of this paragraph.

(524). A fencer becomes eligible for **Class C** ranking (1) by being a finalist in any U.S. sectional, interdivisional, or divisional competition rated nationally by the Board of Governors as a Group I competition; (2) by winning second or third place in any U.S. sectional, interdivisional, or divisional competition rated nationally by the Board of Governors as a Group II competition; (3) competing as a member of a team that places second or third in the U.S. national

championship; (4) by becoming a Class B fencer in another weapon; (5) by winning first place in any U.S. sectional, interdivisional or divisional competition, including three-weapon events, designated as a Group III competition by the appropriate sectional or divisional Executive Committee.

(527). Every member of the A.F.L.A. is personally responsible for ascertaining his competitive classification in each weapon. However, for the guidance of organizers of competitions, the Board of Governors will endeavor to publish, at the beginning of each fencing season, the list of members of the A.F.L.A. who have attained Class A and Class B ranking.

(539). The results of sectional, interdivisional, divisional, or intercollegiate championships, or other competitions not designated as national championships, shall not have the effect of classifying any competitor above Class C unless the particular event has been rated by the Board of Governors as a Group I or Group II competition. The national rating of competitions shall normally be made by the Board of Governors on its own motion or upon petition by the appropriate Executive Committee and a showing that the probable strength of the competition warrants the classification of prize winners in the higher categories. National ratings of competitions will normally be changed only at the beginning of a fencing season by action of the Board of Governors on its own motion or upon petition of the appropriate governing body submitted, with reasons therefor, prior to September 1.

(540). **Group I competitions** will be designated as such by the Board of Governors and will normally include only those sectional, interdivisional, and divisional championships which draw substantial number of Class A and Class B competitors and provide a level of competition in the finals which is comparable to that of the semi-final round of the national championships. In Group I competitions, the first-place winner shall become a Class A fencer, second and third place winners shall become Class B fencers, and other finalists shall become Class C fencers if not previously ranked in such classifications.

(541). **Group II competitions** will be designated as such by the Board of Governors and will normally include the sectional championships not rated in Group I, those divisional and interdivisional competitions which draw a fair number of Class B and experienced Class C fencers and provide a level of competition in the finals which is comparable to that of the quarter-final round of the national championships, and the strongest intercollegiate championships. In Group II competitions, the first-place win-

ner shall become a Class B fencer, and the second and third place winners shall become Class C fencers if not previously ranked in such classifications.

(542). **Group III competitions** will be designated as such by the appropriate divisional or sectional Executive Committee on an autonomous basis. The first-place winner of a Group III competition shall become a Class C fencer if not previously ranked in such classification.

(543). All competitions ranked nationally in Group I and Group II, and all competitions ranked sectionally or divisionally in Group III, shall be identified as such in the appropriate sectional, interdivisional, or divisional schedules. All other divisional, interdivisional, or sectional competitions shall have no bearing on the national classification of contestants.

(544). However, in addition, every division is formally authorized to schedule and hold competitions restricted to unclassified fencers, or to fencers under a certain age, or to such unclassified fencers as are novices or relatively inexperienced; provided that, if some unclassified fencers are barred from such events, an appropriate description of the basis of eligibility of contestants shall be announced in the schedule.

NOTICE TO A.F.L.A. MEMBERS

If you are entitled to a copy of the new Rules Book, be sure that the recording secretary has your correct address. If in doubt, write Mrs. W. J. Latzko, 9—62 St., West New York, New Jersey.

Fencing Master Available

Prof. Istevan Danose, former head fencing master of the Military Academy in Budapest, is in the United States and available. He has had exceptional success in developing youngsters as well as training top-flight fencers in all three weapons. He is married and has two children. His daughter is an excellent fencer. I have seen him give lessons and have been most favorably impressed. Interested divisions and clubs may write me for details at 601 Douglas Road, Chappaqua, New York.

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