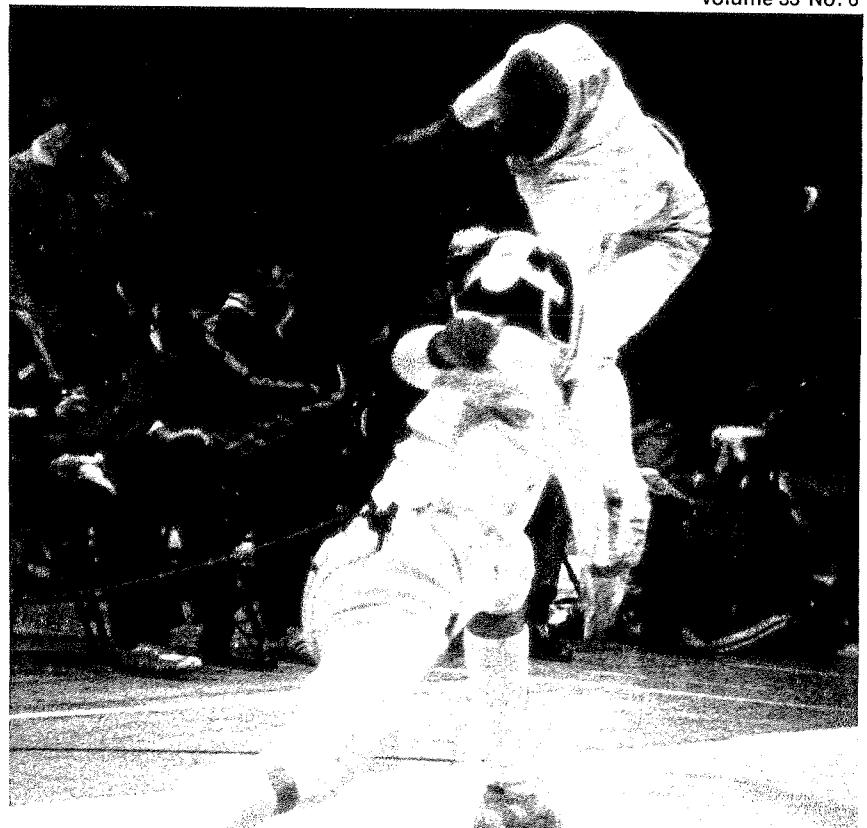


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## EDITORIAL

A change in administration of the U.S.F.A. presents an excellent time to re-assess the goals and policies of our organization's official magazine, AMERICAN FENCING.

Incidentally, our new president, Michel Mamlouk, has requested that we discontinue the column "From The President," in case anyone should notice its absence from this issue.

For the past two years your editor has strived to improve, within stringent budget limitations, on the content of this publication.

It has been our announced policy to try to include in every issue something of interest to every type of fencer, from the elite to the duffer, the junior to the senior, the coach to the student. Since we have no salaried reporters, we rely on the good will and enthusiasm of our readers for input. Their completely non-profit contributions have been the backbone of the magazine.

In addition, and because it is the official publication of the U.S.F.A. which reaches every registered member, this magazine is obliged to carry all official notices, reports of officers, rules changes, minutes of meeting, event calendars, championship entry forms and information, and as many results of national interest as possible.

We now believe it is time to improve upon our format and design, always within the same budgetary restrictions which may not, in the long run, leave us much room for maneuvering.

On page 24 our readers will find a magazine poll to which we urge you all to take the time to respond. A larger format, with better quality paper and fewer pages, would not only make for a more attractive appearance and better photo reproduction, but would probably, we are told, attract more "big name" advertisers and thus more revenue. On the other hand, our printing and mailing costs may be higher, so we should perhaps cut down on the number of issues per year. Would this be enough to keep our general membership informed and enlightened in an adequate and timely way? Would a simple newsletter suffice?

We look forward to the return of the Readers' Poll and any comments you may have.

—MTH

## RESULTS OF BIENNIAL ELECTION OF U.S.F.A. OFFICERS 1982-1984

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## AND A WORD FROM OUR NEW PRESIDENT...

Two years ago it was a close race, and I lost; this year, it was again a very close race, but I was elected.

Part of those who did not vote for me may be skeptical as to my ability to run our league, others may be concerned for a variety of reasons.

I would like to assure one and all, that my main concern is to work for ALL members, not just a select few. I would like to unite all members towards one goal, to further strengthening and developing our sport, leading to a marked increase of our ranks, and better Fencing results.

I want to thank all those who voted for me and wished me well; those who did not, well ---- I hope they will soon change their minds and work for our common goal.

Michel A Mamlouk

## BOARD HI-LIGHTS

A new videotape on basic level foil directing has been released by the U.S.F.A. It was shown at the National Championships and received many favorable comments. With 18 minutes running time, it is available on VHS or Beta (\$70) or 3/4" tape (\$85) plus postage. This is the first of a contemplated series of six videos. Checks (made out to U.S.F.A.) and inquiries should be addressed to: Sam Cheris, c/o Hall & Evans, Suite 2900, 717 Seventeenth Street, Denver, Colorado 80202.

Dr. Marius Valsamis is in charge of an Elite Athlete Sports Medicine project of the U.S. Olympic Committee which will film in their entirety the finals of the World Championships in Rome.

The following U.S. fencers are to be congratulated on having passed their Directors' International "B" exam: International B in foil: Gay D'Asaro, Greg Massialas, Stacey Johnson, Denise O'Connor; International B in epee: Irwin Bernstein, Sam Cheris.

The individual Under-19 National Championships in men's foil, epee, sabre, and women's foil were re-instated and will be held in 1983 in conjunction with the other regular National Championships in San

Francisco, California.

The 1984 National Championships hosted by the Illinois Division. Princeton will be McGaw Hall gymnasium western University in Evanston.

Alaska, our largest, most northerly, and westerly of states, has admitted as a division of the U.S. Diego (California) was admitted in as was the Plains (Texas) Divis three new divisions are probati San Joaquin (California) Division solved.

We still have no logo! Of the ples submitted, "None of the received the overwhelming majority of our directors.

## OUR 1982 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS TI

**Men's Foil:** Michael Mar; Massialas, M; Michael McC; George Noni

**Women's Foil:** Jana Angela Bradford, De Waples, Mar; Joy Ellingsor; Cheris (alter)

**Sabre:** Peter Westbr; House, Stan; Phil Reilly, JC Gluckman.

**Epee:** Lee Shelley, Marx, Peter S; Robert Niem; Losey.

**Cadre:** Chief of Mission: Michael De Cic Manager: Nancy Sebastiani Armourer: Dan De Chaine Coaches: Yves Aurol, Ron Mill Sebastiani

Team Captain: John Nonna Officials: Al Davis, Jack Keane Team Physician: Marius Valsam Trainer (unfunded): Pinkasov



# THE 1982 U.S. NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

From Washington, D.C., the city that brought you bureaucracy in quadruplicate, came one of the most efficient, trouble-free, fast-moving U.S. Nationals in history.

The elimination of alternates was not expected to affect the total number of competitors, but the 30 percent increase over 1981 entries which was anticipated because of the east coast location at George Mason University did not occur. The 614 athletes who took part in this year's individual events represented an eight percent decrease from the Texas-based championships. More importantly for the fencers, the lack of alternates meant that there were virtually no easy pools.

The lack of U-19 and Senior Olympic events left many of the 17 strips vacant after the initial rounds, and reduced the level of movement which often marks the floor of the Nationals. Few families were present: an indication that the earlier date of the event may tend to discourage the use of the Nationals as an annual vacation. The general atmosphere throughout the week was one of serious competition in which the spotlight was totally focused upon individual and team events.

**Men's Foil**—Michael Marx, seeded 13th in the round of 32, defeated Mark Smith 10-7 to capture a third national championship. Greg Massialas topped Jim Bonacorda 10-2 to take the bronze medal. Mike McCahey was fifth. The finals of the 166 man field included only three fencers—the medalists—who appeared in last year's top round. Don Driskill, Ed Kaihatsu and Nester Rosario made their first appearance in a national final.

**Men's Sabre**—Uniformity marked the final round where each of the top eight men represented New York clubs and each is, or has been, a student of NYAC's Csaba Elthes. Seven fencers were repeaters from last year's finals; the sole newcomer was Steve Mormando. In the last bout of the day, Peter Westbrook came from behind to defeat Alex Orban 10-8 and take a sixth national gold medal. Third place went to Edgar House after a 10-8 win over Joel Glucksman.

**Women's Foil**—Jane Angelakis became a three-time national champion by scoring six of the last seven touches in an 8-5 win over Vincent Bradford. Third place honors went to Jennette Starks-Faulkner who defeated Stacey Johnson, 8-6.

**Men's Epee**—Lee Shelley, in a demonstration of precision point control, repeated his 1981 domination of the Men's Epee with a 10-8 victory over Robert Marx. Eighteen-year-old Steve Trevor lost to Peter Schifrin in the battle for third. The field of 140 fencers was split 93-47 between the east and west, but the final was evenly divided geographically.

**Women's Epee**—Vincent Bradford accomplished a rare medal sweep by capturing first place with an 8-4 win over Jane Littman. Bradford's gold was added to her silver in the Women's Foil, and a bronze in the Women's Foil Team. Margo Szabunia took third place with a 10-9 win over Debra Allen.

**Team Events**—A modified elimination system was used in team competition for the first time at a U.S. Nationals. Based on the ladder placement customary in world competition, the format meant that defeated teams were not dropped after a loss, but continued to fence for individual positions in a consolation bracket. The idea was not only to bring U.S. practice closer to international procedure, but to provide as much fencing as possible for all entrants.

In Men's Foil competition, the NYFC team of Nonna, McCahey, Bukantz and Tichacek retained the national title with an 8-8, three touch victory over the Salle Auriol squad of Marx, Gerard, Miller and DesGeorges. The bronze medal went to Letterman FC athletes Nonomura, Hambarzumian, Blayne and Dale who defeated the NYAC.

NYAC sabreists House, Reilly, Orban and Lekach won gold medals in an 8-7 match with NYFC representatives Westbrook, Blum, Glucksman and Mormando. Salle D'Asaro's Benedek, Kries, Reed and D'Asaro won third place in a 9-5 win over Salle Kwartner.

Tanner City's second-seeded Women's Foil team of McClellan, Sullivan, Metkus and

Angelakis went undefeated to take the gold medal over Monplaisir, Konecny, Moriates and Verhave of the NYFC. Third place was won by the USMPTC composed of Bradford, Johnson, Valkavich and Skomaki who defeated Salle Csiszar.

In the final event of the Nationals, the USMPTC repeated as champions in the Men's Epee Team. Members Nieman, Losey, Hurme and Moreau defeated Salle Sebastiani's Rotkiewicz, Glass, Peters and Thoreson by a score of 8-2. Third place was won by the Csiszar squad of Dragonetti, Hanson, Landers and Kinter who topped DCFC 9-5.

**Good Ideas**—Divisions planning large meets in the future may wish to consider using several techniques which proved particularly useful at the Nationals. Walkie-talkies allowed key personnel to stay in constant contact and to react immediately to problems. Roving technicians circulating continuously on the floor were able to replace malfunctioning equipment and solder torn strips without loss of time. A box containing weights, shims and a stopwatch was given to each director at the beginning of every round. As a result of the centralization, no equipment was misplaced. All

strips were double wired with ground wires so that if one main wire was cut, the reserve was automatically activated. By presenting the Nationals as learning experience, it was possible for volunteers from local high schools. Because they were given off from school for this official competition, students were particularly enthusiastic.

**Behind the Scenes**—The important purpose of any Nationals is to produce U.S. champions, but crucial administrative functions are also conducted annually. In Washington, USFA members attended meetings dealing with issues such as standards, JOY and the Olympic program. For new officers were counted ants for national director's license observed. FIE representatives Malacarne and Rudolph Karpinski participated in international tests and co-officiating clinic which was tape recorded. A new film dealing with the next year's Nationals in San Francisco was screened and plans were made for the next year's Nationals in San Francisco.

**On behalf of the Capitol Division** like to thank the many volunteers who helped plan and conduct the 1982 Nationals. Special gratitude is due to George Mason University, the University of Pennsylvania and the New Jersey State Department of Education for providing invaluable personnel and equipment. Seven individuals played particularly vital roles in making the tournament possible. They are: Robin Dunnington, Masin, Werner Meudt and Richards of the Bout Committee; LaPeyre, head of the Technical Committee; Dave Holdsworth, Chief of Lines; Jim Booth, member of the organizing committee. We particularly thank the Michigan delegation.

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## U.S. Nat'l. Championships Results

### MEN'S FOIL

Elimination round of 32

McCahey (NYFC) d. Rainford (NYFC), 10-3;  
d. Gerard (Auriol), 10-1; Nonomura (Letterman FC), 10-9; Bukantz (NYFC) d. Higgs-Crosby (Horizon), 10-3; Mullarkey (TCFC), 10-3; Rosenberg (NYFC), 10-9; Marx (Auriol) d. Des-10-5; Kogler (FAM) d. Burchard (D'Asaro), 10-5; Schmidt (Princeton), 10-2; Hambarzumian d. Barnett (Fairfield), 10-5; Balestracci (Penn

(HAAC), 10-9; Driskill (WFC) d. Siegel (NYFC), 10-5; Kaihatsu (Gr. Lakes) d. Compton (TSU), 10-7; Bonacorda (NYAC) d. Valsamis (Unatt.), 10-5; Flom (GMU) d. Blaney (Lettmn.), 10-5; Smith (Atlanta) d. Lewison (NYFC), 10-4.

MCCAHERY d. Powers, 10-4; Nonomura d. Bukantz, 10-8; Rosario d. Kahmi, 10-5; Marx d. Kogler, 10-3; Massilas d. Hambarzumian, 10-1; Driscoll d. Bolestracci, 10-8; Bonacorda d. Kaihatsu, 10-5; Smith d. Flom, 10-2.

McCAHEY d. Nonomura, 10-8; Marx d. Rosario, 10-6; Massilas d. Driskill, 10-6; Smith d. Bonacorda, 10-6.

#### Repechages

Gerard d. Rainford, 10-7; Tichacek d. Higgs-C., 10-6; Rosenberg d. Mullarkey, 10-6; DesGeorges d. Burchard, 10-9; Schindl d. Barnett, 10-9; Mathis d. Siegel, 10-6; Valsamis d. Compton, 10-6; Lewison d. Blaney, 10-8.

Lewison d. Kogler, 10-8; DesGeorges d. Powers, 10-5; Mathis d. Kahmi, 10-6; Valsamis d. Balesstracci, 10-5; Bukantz d. Tichacek, 10-9; Rosenberg d. Hambarzumian, 10-9; Flom d. Gerard, 10-9; Kaihatsu d. Schmidt, 10-9.

DesGeorges d. Lewison, 10-9; Mathis d. Valsamis, 10-5; Bukantz d. Rosenberg, 10-9; Kaihatsu d. Flom, 10-6.

Rosario d. Mathis, 10-5; Bonacorda d. Bukantz, 10-4;

Kaihatsu d. Nonomura, 10-4; Driskill d. DesGeorges, 10-4.

#### Final tableau of 8

Bonacorda d. McCahey, 10-8; Marx d. Rosario, 10-2; Massilas d. Driskill, 10-4; Smith d. Kaihatsu, 10-3.

Marx d. Bonacorda, 10-3; Smith d. Massilas, 10-7.

(Third place): Massilas d. Bonacorda, 10-2.

Final: Marx d. Smith, 10-7.

115	Chisholm, C.	Csis	141T Hamilton, G.	Tucson
116	Oliver, B.	Colo F.A.	141T Johansen, Z.	Brigham Y
117T	Levy, A.	Csis	143 Cooper, K.	OFC
117T	Von Seggern, G.	D'Alerta	144 Degeana, P.L.	Dallas F
119	Nelson, G.	Trans Texas	145 Taylor, J.	Brigham Y
120	Dunlap, S.	Atlanta	146 Chalkley, J.	Auburn
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125T	Tatzel, D.A.	Whitman	152T Koons, D.	Kansas U
128T	Hodge, C.	OFC	152T Orli, R.J.	Palmetto
128T	Steere, R.	WFC	152T Rivera, A.D.	Unatt.
130T	Canino, B.	Stockton	152T Snow, E.A.	Gillette
130T	Van der Wege	Trans T.	157T Defever, K.	Unatt.
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133	Tashman, R.A.	UCSC	159 Scigliano, K.	En Garde
134	Petranek, G.	TCFC	160 Guerra, S.G.	New Orl
135	Hardin, J.	DCFC	161 Hollins, G.L.	PWFC
136	Groverson, C.	Chondoga	162T Burget, B.	Iowa St
137	Ablanedo, C.	D'Alerta	162T Dominick, R.	Cal St C
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#### MEN'S EPEE

##### Elimination round of 32

Elliott (Morl) d. Petranek (TCFC), 10-6; Moreau (MP) d. Peters (Sebast.), 10-6; Cook (HAAC) d. Rolkiewicz (Sebast.), 10-7; Dragonetti (Csis.) d. Frenson (NYAC), 10-7; Marx (Auriol) d. Rainford (NYFC), 10-9; Nieman (MP) d. Farley (Richards), 10-7; Glennon (Wisc.) d. Landers (Cais.), 10-9; Schifrin (D'Asaro) d. Massilas (D'Asar), 10-5; Shelley (Orsi) d. Wells (Veysey), 10-8; Hurme (MP) d. McMullen (DCFC), 10-8; Rodrigues (Chas. R.) d. Masin (NYAC), 10-9; Hupp (Gillet) d. Melcher (NYFC), 10-8; Storm (DCFC) d. Messing (Bardakh), 10-5; Glass (Sebast.) d. Oliver (Lettmn.), 10-3; Losey (MP) d. Quaroni (ND), 10-7; Trevor (Alcazar) d. Magnus (Wisc.), 10-6.

##### Round of 16

Moreau d. Elliott, 10-8; Cook d. Dragonetti, 10-2; Marx d. Neiman, 10-9; Schifrin d. Glennon, 10-3; Shelley d. Hurme, 10-8; Hupp d. Rodrigues, 10-8; Glass d. Storm, 10-6; Trevor d. Losey, 10-3.

##### Round of 8

Cook d. Moreau, 10-8; Schifrin d. Marx, 10-9; Shelley d. Hupp, 10-4; Trevor d. Glass, 10-8.

#### Repechages

Peters d. Petranek, 10-9; Frenson d. Rolkiewicz, 10-7; Farley d. Rainford, 10-5; Massilas d. Landers, 10-7; McMullen d. Wells, 10-8; Masin d. Melcher, 10-7; Oliver d. Messing, 10-9; Magnus d. Quaroni, 10-8.

Elliott d. Magnus, 10-10; Dragonetti d. Masin, 10-9; Hurme d. Peters, 10-3; Losey d. Farley, 10-6; Nieman d. Oliver, 10-6; McMullen d. Glennon, 10-6; Frenson d. Rodrigues, 10-5; Storm d. Massilas, 10-3.

Elliott d. Dragonetti, 10-6; Losey d. Hurme, 10-6; Nieman d. McMullen, 10-5; Frenson d. Storm, 10-3.

Marx d. Losey, 10-9; Frenson d. Moreau, 10-9; Glass d. Elliott, 10-5; Nieman d. Hupp, 10-9.

##### Final tableau of 8

Trevor d. Nieman, 11-9; Marx d. Cook, 10-5; Schifrin d. Frenson, 10-6; Shelley d. Glass, 10-3.

Marx d. Trevor, 12-10; Shelley d. Schifrin, 10-6.

(Third place): Schifrin d. Trevor, 10-8.

#### Final: Shelley d. Marx, 10-8.

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63T	Szabunia, M.	Csiszár	149 Makoff, P.	Unatt.

65	Ehrlich, D.	Unatt.	150 Miles, W.	Unatt.
66	Leigh, B.	Halberst	151 Wollmeyer, P.	Gillet
67	Wollmeyer, P.	Gillet	152 Ezzell, A.	Alcazar
68	Ezzell, A.	Alcazar	153 Haney, M.	Nimzov
69T	Griffith, T.	Letter	154 Makoff, P.	Unatt.

70	Wert, P.	St. L FC	155 Tavares, D.	Unatt.

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## WOMEN'S EPEE

### Round of 16:

Bradford (S. Tex.) d. Wullenweber (W. NY), 8-3; Hill (Conn.) d. Gonzales-R. d. Anthony, 10-0; Lofton d. Vardeman, 10-7; Goering d. Gall, 10-9; Renshaw d. Maxwell, 10-7; Tishman d. Sohn, 10-9; Orban d. MacDonald, 10-5.

Glucksman d. J. Friedberg, 10-7; Gonzales-R. d. Lofton, 10-7; Renshaw d. Goering, 10-6; Orban d. Tishman, 10-6. House d. Gonzales-R., 10-8; Orban d. Blum, 10-8; Glucksman d. P. Friedberg, 10-9; Reilly d. Renshaw, 10-3.

### Final tableau of 8

Orban d. Lekach, 10-5; House d. Sullivan, 11-9; Westbrook d. Reilly, 10-7; Glucksman d. Mormando, 10-7.

Orban d. House, 10-7; Westbrook d. Glucksman, 10-6. (Third place): House d. Glucksman, 10-8.

Final tableau of 8: Westbrook d. Orban, 10-8.

Bradford d. Maromora, 10-9; Szabunia d. Cugswell, 8-4; Allen d. Hill, 8-4; Littman d. Erdos, 10-10. Bradford d. Szabunia, 8-2; Littman d. Allen, 8-5. (Third place): Szabunia d. Allen, 10-9.

### Final tableau of 8:

Bradford d. Maromora, 10-9; Szabunia d. Cugswell, 8-4; Allen d. Hill, 8-4; Littman d. Erdos, 10-10. Bradford d. Szabunia, 8-2; Littman d. Allen, 8-5. (Third place): Szabunia d. Allen, 10-9.

### MEN'S SABRE

#### Elimination round of 32

House (NYAC) d. Pinkus (NYFC), 10-4; Yung (Metro) d. Tishman (N.J.), 10-8; Sullivan (NYFC) d. Keane (NYAC), 10-6; Orban (NYAC) d. Bartos (Metro), 10-7; Westbrook (NYFC) d. Nagomey (Kader), 10-1; Lofton (L.I.) d. Renshaw (Ind.), 10-6; Gonzalez (Metro) d. Marotta (NYFC), 10-3; Reilly (NYAC) d. MacDonald (Yale), 10-4; Mormando (NYFC) d. McCraw (Sebast.), 10-2; Maxwell (Metro) d. Anthony (Metro), 10-8; Guerig (Mich.) d. Vardeman (Cap.), 10-5; Friedberg (Phila.) d. Potopowicz (NYFC), 10-2; Glucksman (NYFC) d. Bebedek (D'Asaro), 10-3; Blum (Metro) d. Gall (Metro), 10-5; Sohn (N. Eng.) d. J. Friedberg (N. Car.), 10-9; Lekach (NYAC) d. Kries (D'Asaro), 10-2.

#### Round of 16

House d. Yung, 10-8; Sullivan d. Orban, 10-7; Westbrook d. Lofton, 10-6; Reilly d. Gonzales-R., 10-5; Mormando d. Maxwell, 10-9; P. Friedberg d. Goering, 10-7; Blum d. Glucksman, 10-9; Lekach d. Sohn.

#### Round of 8

Sullivan d. House, 10-7; Westbrook d. Reilly, 10-8; Mormando d. P. Friedberg, 10-5; Lekach d. Blum, 10-6.

#### Repechages:

Wullenweber d. Massialata, 8-6; Maromora d. Shereda, 8-6; Littman d. Burton, 8-4; Walbridge d. Blaganić, 8-7; Szabunia d. Wullenweber, 8-7; Littman d. Dunleavy, 8-3; Hill d. Walbridge, 8-2; Maromora d. Adrian, 8-5.

#### Final tableau of 8:

Orban d. Lekach, 10-5; House d. Sullivan, 11-9; Westbrook d. Reilly, 10-7; Glucksman d. Mormando, 10-7.

Orban d. House, 10-7; Westbrook d. Glucksman, 10-6. (Third place): House d. Glucksman, 10-8.

Final tableau of 8: Westbrook d. Orban, 10-8.

33. Trammell, C. N Orleans 71T Toms, T. Piu-oc FC  
34. Balk, W. Montreal 73 Sarosdy, T. DeGall  
35. Pariser, B. Kwartler 74 Dimm, CSU N  
36. Chiang, G. Halberst 75 Holdsworth, D. WFC  
37. Kogler, A. FAM 76 Edwards, J.  
38. D'Asaro, M. D'Asaro 77 Jeffers, B. TCFC  
39. Lefon, C. Navy 78 Scott, G. Otto  
40. Weisenfeld, D. TCFC 79 Janis, M. UND  
41. Mebine, B. Halberst 80 Essig, B. Halberst  
42. Schmitz, C. Temple 81 Good, T. Parkw  
43. Ling, D. Wash FC 82 Raza, M.A. Tri  
44T Franewit, D. Wash FC 83 Hollins, G. PWFC  
44T Reed, B. D'Asaro 84 Kogler, B. FAM  
46T Volkmann, R. Atlanta FC 85 Hogan, J.K. Sebast  
46T Hayes, J. PennState 86 Schilling, E. Fairf  
48. Crimond, S. Wash FC 87 Holland, S. Discovery  
49. Smith, G. Yale 88 Walling, J. Stockton  
50. Durham, R. 89T Burget, B. Iowa St  
51. Boies, S.G. Halberst 89T Schmidt, R. New Paltz  
52T Zylks, P. Brigham Y 91 Drugas, K. Bosco  
52T Cash, H. Stanford 92 Johansen, Z. BYU  
54T Bailey, B. Gillet 93 Malone, D. Flin & Marsh  
54T Williamson, B. Unatt 94 Taylor, J. BYU  
54T Thompson, T. D'Asaro 95T Mituniewicz, R. LIS  
57. Boor, Q. N Orleans 95T Roibord, K. NOFC  
58T Fazekas, J. Alcaz 97McGovern, P. Stockton  
58T Martin, J. Cinc 98T Oliver, B. Colorado  
60T Schlick, C. Uls S 98T Cantrell, D. Weschest  
60T Guldenberg, J. Yale 100 Giletto, B. Csis  
62T Robinson, A. Pr Wm 101 Kosow, D. WFC  
62T Chichester, P. Courage 102T Ott, G. Gillet  
64T Meudt, A. Olympic FC 102T Kessler, N. FAM  
64T Braff, N. Atlanta FC 104T Hensley, T. Lexington  
66E Olsen, J. Brigham Y 104T James, H. Kadar  
67. Larkin, D. NYFC 106 Skoplak, A. Jr. TAMU  
68T Thompson, C. Unatt 107T Renard, P. Arlington  
68T St. Amand, K. Maine 107T Drinon, T.D. PWFC  
70. Spector, H. Birmingham 109 Moody, J. NOFC  
71T Glass, A. Wm & Mary

#### RESULTS—WOMEN'S SABRE

Marlene Adrienne captured first place in the Women's Sabre event sponsored by the Capitol Division on the final day of the U.S. Nationals. By defeating Jane Littman in a 5-3 barrage.

- Adrian, Marlene, In. Emp.
- Littman, Jane, Pied.
- Buterian, Ruth, So. Cal.
- Allen, Debra, Cen. Cal.
- Brown, Anne, Phil.
- Furu, Kathryn, W. Mich.
- Tigges, Gabriela, In. Emp.
- Torres, Kathleen, Cen. Cal.
- Wade, Lesly, Ark.
- Kramer, Susan, Va.
- Plummer, Debbie, Va.
- Turney, Eleanor, No. Cal.
- Klinger, Anne, Ore.
- Wullenweber, Puck, W. N.Y.
- Gertz, Carol, Ala.
- Abramson, Cathy, Ga.
- Felty Louisa, Ken.
- Eason, Melanie, Io.
- Pelifra, Magdalena, Met.
- LaPeyre, Deborah, Ca.
- Acham, Vanessa, Metro.
- Wettach, Rose Anne, St. Lou.
- Elliot, Mary, Ka.
- Watson, Ruby, Metro.
- Brynildsen, Karen, Metro.
- Ehrlich, Denise, G. Coast
- Hruska, Regina, Phil.
- Griber, Ann, Md.

## 1982 National CHAMPIONSHIPS & TEAM EVENTS

### Men's Foil Team (21 teams)

1. New York Fencers Club (McCahey, Nonna, Tichacek, Bunkantz)	12. Fencers Acad. of Mich.
2. Salle Auric!	13. Salle Csiszar
3. Letterman Fencers Club	14. U. of Wisconsin
4. New York Athletic Club	15. Brigham Young U.
5. Great Lakes	16. Oklahoma FC
6. Salle Santelli	17. Colorado Fencers
7. Hungarian-Amer Ath. Club	18. Prince William FC
8. Salle D'Asaro	19. New Orleans FC
9. Washington Fencers Club	20. Onondaga FC
10. Atlanta Fencers Club	21. Salle Pallasz
11. Fairfield FC	

### Men's Epee Team (16 teams)

1. U.S. Mod. Pentathlon (Nieman, Losey, Hurme, Moreau, Parker)	9. Fort Sam
2. Salle Sebastiani	10. Salle Bardakh
3. Salle Csiszar	11. Letterman FC
4. D.C. Fencers Club	12. Hungarian-American Ath. C.
5. New York Athletic Club	13. Yale
6. Charles River FC	14. Rochester FC
7. Fencers Academy of Mich	15. Virginia Tech
8. Salle Alcazar	16. Colorado Fencers A.

### Women's Foil Team (12 teams)

1. Tanner City FC (Metkus, Angelakis, McClellan, Sullivan)	9. Fort Sam
2. New York Fencers Club	10. Salle Bardakh
3. U.S. Modern Pentath. TC	11. Letterman FC
4. Salle Csiszar	12. Hungarian-American Ath. C.
5. Washington Fencers Club	13. Yale

6. Salle Bosco  
7. Salle Gillet  
8. New Orleans FC  
9. Salle Sebastiani

### Men's Sabre Team (13 teams)

1. New York Athletic Club (Reilly, Orban, House, Lekach, Losonczy).	7. Yale
2. Washington Fencers Club	8. Washington
3. Salle D'Asaro	9. Tanner Ci
4. Salle Kwartlik	10. Colorado
5. Halbersteti Fencers Club	11. Brigham
6. Fencing Academy of Michigan	12. New Orie
	13. Prince Wi

Former Olympic coach Edward Luk Sabre National Championship Trophy winner Peter Westbrook. Runner-up a 5-time champion himself, applauds House.



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## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:

A lot has happened in the last two years. We, the members of the USFA, started the North American Circuit and it is now a part of our lives. There is now top level competition throughout the country so that our up and coming young fencers have an opportunity to test their skills against our best as well as against our Canadian, Mexican and South American friends.

Last year we started the Portland Project, a program of intensive daily training for some of our best foilists (including the National Champions), a program that will give them a chance to win a Gold Medal in the Olympics. This is how they win medals in Europe and in other US sports. The results achieved by our fencers during their competitive tour of Europe, a part of the project, were very good. The results should be even better with an adequately funded program over the next two years.

We have a new Rules Book whose looseleaf form will make it easier to stay up to date.

We are participating in a Sports Medicine Program funded by the USOC. The knowledge gained will eventually benefit all fencers.

We have strengthened our ties with the US Fencing Coaches Association which will ultimately benefit us both.

The number of camps for juniors has increased from two or three to seven or eight with even more proposed for next year. We have scheduled additional coaches Clinics.

For the first time we will have a permanent office to be located at the USOC Training Center in Colorado Springs. (I understand that the incoming president is making major changes in the plans.)

We obtained liability insurance for the USFA and for registered clubs.

We have new faces in the ranks of rated directors as a result of the increased emphasis on testing and training.

We have continued with and improved the point system and the tradition of barring members of the Olympic Fencing Committee from participating as cadre or athletes in the Pan-American or Olympic Games.

We even have a new name.

The credit belongs to those of us who over the years have contributed our time,

knowledge and money to help the sport we love. There are so many people... In no particular order I want to pay special tribute to:

**COLLEEN OLNEY.** She conceived the idea, started and managed the Portland Project and went out and raised money to supplement the funds received from the USOC. As Chair of the JOY Committee she worked with Burt Moore, Tony Gillham and many others on the junior projects including the camps.

**SAM CHERIS:** He, Elaine Cheris and George Kolombatovich produced the videotape on foil directing plus, plus, plus.

**MARY HUDDLESON:** The great majority of our dues paying members receive only two benefits from the USFA, the right to compete and AMERICAN FENCING. When you stop competing, AMERICAN FENCING is it. Being the Editor isn't easy.

**STEVE SOBEL.** He is a font of wisdom about law, fencing and the USOC.

**IRWIN BERNSTEIN.** If he says he will do it it's done. He was in charge of the new Rules Book, is the manager of the Sports Medicine program and has chaired and served on many committees.

**BILL GOERING:** You can see the improvement in the Officials and Directors Commission which he chairs.

**TONY GILLHAM:** He and others of the US Fencing Coaches Assn. such as Theron Lansford and Mike DeCicco have worked closely with the USFA to promote a unity of purpose between our organizations.

**BERNIE MC GOVERN.** He came charging to the rescue and has started a promising information and publicity program.

**BILL LATZKO:** He smiles when money comes in and frowns when it goes out like a good treasurer.

**ELEANOR TURNEY.** I don't think I could have managed without her. She works so hard . . . does so much . . . She is even a fine armorer.

I wish I could list everyone but I can't. So, I salute those of you who sat in small rooms when it was a lovely day outside, who ran the Divisions and the Sections and the Circuit Events and the Championships, who took the time to care and to help. On behalf of the United States Fencing Association I can only say "Thanks for everything."

Emily B. Johnson

## RESULTS OF NORTH AMERICAN CIRCUIT

### MEN'S FOIL

Cherry Blossom, Fairfax, VA

April 24, 1982

1. G. Massilas
2. M. Smith
3. M. McCahey
4. G. Nonomura
5. J. Bonacorda
6. J. Nonna
7. J. Tichacek
8. P. Gerard
9. J. Powers
10. L. Rocheleau\*
11. P. Mathis
12. E. Wright
13. E. McNamara
14. J. Bunkatz
15. M. Marx
16. D. Rainford
17. J. Biebel
18. P. Lewison
19. A. Flom
20. J. Rodriguez (P.R.)
21. L. Siegel
22. E. Rosenberg
23. M. Harris
24. D. Blayney

### WOMEN'S FOIL

Csiszar, Philadelphia, PA

April 17, 1982

13. I. Masko
14. A. Metku
15. M. Phillo
16. A. Klinge
17. L. Piazza
18. M. Nagy
19. R. Eo-en
20. S. Lajac
21. T. Burton
22. C. Bilode
23. S. Moriat
24. M. Sullivan

Note: The sabre No. 4 circuit event (Santelli) res in our May / June issue.

### Attention, Junior Olympians!

The U-19 National Championships reinstated and are scheduled to be held in 1983 in San Francisco, California, in conjunction with the Senior National Championships. The U-19 events will be the national championships.

The selection of the 1983 U-20 World Championships team will be based on points from the Nation Jr. Olympic Championships (February 19-21, 1983, in Tampa, Florida). Junior points earned from the better results of the two circuit events scheduled in National J.O.s. As we go to press, the system for circuit events has not been



# USFA NATIONAL POINT STANDINGS

JULY 1, 1982

## Men's Foil

1	Michael Marx	442
2	Gregory Massialas	412
3	Mark Smith	398
4	Michael McCahey	376
5	George Nonomura	352
6	Jeffrey Bukanz	308
7	James Bonacorda	282
8	Jack Tichacek	251
9	Nestor Rosario	246
10	Ed McNamara	208
11	Phillip Mathis	204
12	Pascal Gerard	179
13	Donald Blayne	168
14	Alex Flom	158
15	Pierre Des Georges	130
16	Ed Wright	124
17	Ed Kaihatsu	120
18	James Powers	116
19	Peter Lewison	115
20	Donald Driskill	108
21T	Joseph Biebel	100
21T	John Nonna	100
23	Paul Schmidt	98
24	Dennis Crable	96

## Women's Foil

1	Jana Angelakis	478
2	Vincent Bradford	410
3	Debra Waples	362
4	Margo Miller	328
5	Joy Ellingson	314
6	Elaine Cheris	278
7	Caty Biroleaux	261
8T	Stacy Johnson	234
9T	Ilona Maskal	234
10	Jennette Starks-Faulkner	226
11	Hope Konecny	221
12	Stacy Moriates	182
13	Connie Louie-Handleman	181
14	Ruth Botengen	153
15	Sharon Monplaisir	150
16	Lisa Piazza	132
17	Laurel Clark	112
18	Andrea Metkus	106
19	Tracy Burton	104
20	Calhy McClellen	100
21	Michelle Madon	92
22	Marta Nagy	78
23	Michele Sonnenfeld-Verhave	66
24	Donna Stone	65

## Men's Sabre

1	Peter Westbrook	586
2	Edgar House	428
3	Stanley Lekach	422



# THE 1982 UNDER-20 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

—by Antho  
Chief

I knew that this year's trip was going to be a difficult one when I woke up on the flight from Chicago to Miami and heard the pilot say, "Good evening everyone, welcome to Cuba!" I immediately anticipated that Mary and I would not arrive in Miami in time to join the team for the flight to Argentina. They could probably get along without a "Chief" (probably wouldn't even notice he was missing), but they would be in a real hole without the armorer and all her test equipment. However, the Cubans now have the routine down pat. As soon as we landed, the hijackers were hustled off, and the rest of us were taken to the airport lounge where, strangely, the airport gift shop was open (at 1:00 a.m.!) and they had no difficulty dealing in U.S. dollars! Two hours later the plane was cleaned out (of two gallons of gasoline), the pilot signed his Mastercharge for some extra fuel, and we were on our way to Miami.

I was very impressed the following morning with the team's concern for our safe return — until I realized that it was the U.S.A. sweat-suits that we had with us that they were really worried about! Finally we took off for the Southern Hemisphere, and spent the first night in Bogota, Columbia. The next day we flew on to Buenos Aires, with stops at Lima and Santiago.

The following day was a practice day for the team and we were amused to see that the day before a World Championship they were still building strips and making score boards etc. just like any U.S. Sectional meet.

The congeniality of the tournament was set on opening day by the platoon of twenty-five military police and a dozen Federal police that were employed to patrol the fencing floor to keep unwanted personnel off the floor. They did this so efficiently that at times practically the only people left were the competitors and the directors. This was extremely annoying, but the situation was relieved somewhat by the diplomatic distribution

of cigarettes and pins, and we resolved when they tried to throw Brusatti out! The fencing started off to a flying start with our foil fencers up from the first comfortably (some say that first?). In the second round it got tougher and Valsamis and Bale by the way, but Nestor Rosario was seeded twelfth. In the third seemed unprepared for the drive of his opponents and, like mates, resorted to many counts with the inevitable result and finished 22nd.

Last year's devastating Italian team have all "graduated," but they have popped up to take their place. The final was won by Cipressa (Italy) was third and Apsia fourth. The final was remarkable for some incredible ripostes, and credible calls.

In the absence of any riots by spectators, the Military decided that wasn't nearly as exciting as shooting so they left the patrolling to the Police for the rest of the week. The second event was the sabre. We got off to a bad start here when Russ Wilson sprained his ankle in the first round and had to withdraw. Mike Lofton's hand was still swollen from earlier bites, and no doubt this had an effect on his performance. As it was, both John Edwards seemed overawed by it all and never got going. So that's it for us in sabre.

The final consisted of two Italians, two Russians, two Hungarians, a man and a Frenchman. Last year, Tsoukhlo, seemed more concerned with defending his title rather than winning a new one, and he only beat Leclerc 12-11. He then lost to Vinnik who was prepared more. The final bout was won

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over Marin of Italy. It was a classic example of a fencer really wanting the win and sensing that it was within his reach. As the bout progressed, he gradually opened up more and more until eventually nothing that Marin did worked, Vinik winning the bout 10-4.

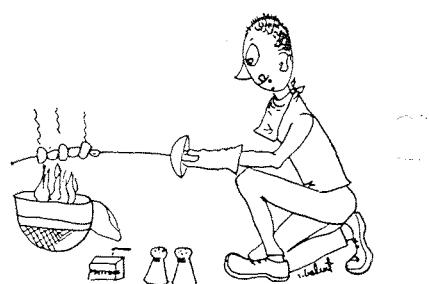
Earlier in the day we had seen the preliminary rounds of women's foil, in which we had high hopes. Michele Madon drew a fairly tough pool. She won one bout and put up a tough fight in the other bouts, but to no avail. Jana had difficulty getting going and won only one bout, but in her pool of four this was enough. Caity Bilodeaux cleaned up on the weaker fencers in her pool and went up with a two-and-two record. In the second round Caity continued to win big against the fencers she "should" beat, and moved up to the third round, but Jana still couldn't get her hand and feet to work together, and went out with a 1-3 record. In the third round Caity came up against two toughies, and an Argentinian and an Israeli, both of whom were prepared to kill to make the Direct Elimination. Unfortunately the director allowed them a lot of leeway—a tighter control on corps-a-corps covering target, turning the back etc., might have produced a different result. As it was, Caity finished up 18th, which was not bad for a first effort with several more Junior years to come.

Last year the French girls bombed out (i.e. none of them made the final), but this year the same team was back and determined to make amends. They all made the final and they came out flying. In the first bout the younger Meygret destroyed the number one seed, Szocs. Following this the older Meygret took care of Skoptsova, and Modaine made short work of Zalaffi (Italy). In the next round the older Meygret beat her sister, and Modaine made sure that Vaccaroni never got started. And so it was an all French final bout with Modaine the winner (in more ways than one!). It was a tremendous example of just how much difference desire and emotion can make.

Finally we came to the epee. This had the largest entry, and probably the best over-all level. Our epee fencers appeared to be the best prepared of our group and

were ready to go. Young Kevin Hunter seemed to suffer somewhat from the natural nervousness of a fifteen year old at such an event for the first time, and this seemed to inhibit his normal aggressive style. He fenced hard, but went out with a 1-3 record. On the adjoining strips however, our other two fencers went up with only one loss apiece. Now with more than 40% of the entry eliminated things got tougher. Bentley Storm found that the European style of "blade control" was too strong for his "straight arm" style and he went out with a 1-4 record. Greer McMullen put up a good fight, but finally went out on a count of touches in a four-way tie for third and fourth places. The final consisted of two Russians, two French and one each German, Swiss, Belgian—and the only Polish entry in the tournament, Felisiak. Felisiak was last year's winner. He doesn't have a particularly impressive style and he doesn't seem to do a whole lot—except nobody could hit him! Nobody managed to get more than five touches on him, and he left some very frustrated epee fencers in his wake as he took his second title.

And so it was over—not a whole lot to shout about on our part, but this was a young team who now have a much better idea of what it takes to compete at World levels. Before we left we had another chance to experience the Argentinians organizational skills (we all have a much better understanding of the meaning of "manana" now!), but we also had a chance to explore and shop the beautiful city of Buenos Aires. Finally the long trip home, and "Wait till next year!"



## COACHES COLUMN

### MARIA CERRA TISHMAN

*Maria Cerra Tishman*, whose performance in the 1948 Olympics remains the best ever by an American woman fencer, became a charter member of the Hunter College Sports Hall of Fame on May 21.

Mrs. Tishman, a 1940 graduate of Hunter, was the I.W.F.A. individual champion in 1938 and 1940, and a member of the I.W.F.A. championship teams of 1937 and 1940. She won the A.F.L.A. national championship in 1945 and was a member of the A.F.L.A. national championship team on nine occasions between 1935 and 1947; representing Salle Vince, Salle Santelli, and the Fencers Club.

In London, as a member of the 1948 U.S. Olympic Team, Mrs. Tishman finished in a three-way tie for second place, missing the gold medal by two touches. The same year, in The Hague, she was a member of the U.S. team that finished sixth in the world championships.

In 1965, Mrs. Tishman became the first woman member of the U.S. Olympic Fencing Committee. Long active in the administration of our sport, Mrs. Tishman has been a member of many bout committees for the intercollegiates, A.F.L.A., and Martini-Rossi events. In 1969, she became the third recipient of the Founders Award of the I.W.F.A. and had previously been named a charter member of the Helms Hall of Fame and the Puerto Rican Sports Hall of Fame. Mrs. Tishman, a teacher in the Oakland, N.J., school system, is married to Peter Tishman, the former treasurer of the A.F.L.A., and they have two sons, both of whom fence. The Tishmans reside in Glen Rock, N.J.

### STANLEY SIEJA

On May 8, 1982, the Friends of Princeton Fencing held a luncheon at Prospect House on the Princeton University campus honoring Stanley Sieja on the occasion of the completion of his 35th season as Head Coach of the Princeton University Varsity Fencing Team. Over 100 people attended including 40 alumni, 17 former team captains, friends, family and the current team.

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### JEAN HELLIWELL

Stanford fencing coach Jean He senior Cardinal varsity mentor with secutive years of service, has ret her position to concentrate on teac athletic director Andy Geiger has arr

Assistant fencing coach Buzz F been named to replace her.

Helliwell, long recognized as o leading fencing authorities on Coast, first joined the Stanford staff in 1964 and has been an advisor to undergraduates for mor years.

Currently a member of the Ni men's fencing committee, Helli former president and secretar Northern California Intercollegiate Association and president of the Intercollegiate Fencing Conferenc Stanford graduate in speech an she was a member of the Cardinal team from 1940-42.

Her Stanford team won Northernia Athletic Conference team title and 1980.

Hurst, who just completed his t as Helliwell's assistant coach, is All-America fencer at the U.S Academy who was runnerup in NCAA sabre championship.

## COACHES COLUMN

The Club/Community Committee's objective is to provide information to fencers and coaches on ways and means to improve fencing in their community. The committee assumes that fencers, amateur and professional coaches need to share this information to foster, maintain, and expand the sport. To accomplish this objective, articles will be regularly submitted to the USFA and USFCA magazines. More extensive reports will be compiled and distributed to the United States Fencing Coaches Association members.

Four types of programs will be studied by the committee: 1. Recreational Fencing Clubs; 2. Fencing Salles (who have at least one professional in residence); 3. Fencing Centers and 4. Public and Private Schools (elementary and secondary). To aid fencers who may be trying to create one of these programs or to get from one type of program to another or to make improvements without changing the type of program, we must relay information to these interested personnel on the following topics: recruitment, retention, organization, site location,

cost, equipment, competition and instruction. The committee will select a given topic and recommend solutions to problems therein.

The first area that the Club/Community Committee plans to examine will be recruitment for the recreational and salle type programs. What groups should be targeted for recruitment? What techniques should be used? How to apply the various techniques? Which would be most effective techniques (e.g. flyers, etc.)? What would the cost be? These are a few of the questions which need to be answered.

For the committee to work effectively, data must be obtained from fencers and coaches to survey questions such as what has worked for you, what to avoid, etc. Our committee Ed Richards, Gene Gettler, and Colleen Olney will bring much experience to bear on these problems and with your help we will gather the information, analyze it and prescribe solutions.

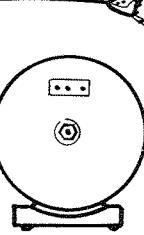
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## FENCING IN COLUMBIA, S.C.

By Mark Miklos, President, Palmetto Fencing  
necessary to host tournaments, crowning accomplishments of the administration.

In 1977 Ralph Catoe graduated. His program survived him because he succeeded in building a cadre of fencers dedicated to the sport as he was. Though small in number, the group continued to build the program at the University through six successful administrations.

It has been the good fortune of the author in this entire area that Mr. Thompson, former vice-president and top-rated director, had the opportunity to act as the unofficial coach for the club for two years. His service to the University has been invaluable. Dr. Jane Littman, 1980 women's epee champion, has moved to the Columbia area. Her fencing coaching skills already have had a positive influence upon the quality of the sport here.

This is not the end of the story. In keeping with these same traditions, a number of Catoe's former students banded together three years ago to form the Palmetto Fencing Society. The purpose of the group is to provide an outlet for fencing to the greater Columbia community as distinct from the university. Today it comprises the largest fencing club in South Carolina and its success has been very encouraging. Members travel throughout the state and never fail to bring home a laurel wreath.

The prospect of fencing in Columbia looks brighter than ever. Thank you for your zeal and dedication of our fencing sport. It is on its way to becoming a household word in the city. It's all very exciting to witness.



Seven years ago the sport of fencing was essentially unknown in Columbia, South Carolina. This is all the more remarkable because Columbia is the state capital. The University of South Carolina, which at that time listed an enrollment of some 18,000 students, is located here. Finally, the U.S. Army has a major recruiting base here at Fort Jackson.

Non-collegiate-varsity fencers in the U.S. are out of luck unless they are fortunate enough to live in the areas of high fencing concentration such as the Northeast or the West Coast. Nonetheless it is hard to keep a good fencer down. We seem to be inspired by a messianic impulse and recognize in each other a great international confraternity, the ideals for which stem directly from the antecedents of chivalry.

True to this tradition, a small band of gallants and ladies discovered one another some seven years ago at the University and formed the USC Fencing Club. The early days were dark indeed. There was no University funding and club equipment consisted of everyone's individual gear, such as it was. Finding a place to practice was also a problem. If the weather was fine the club would conduct its sessions in the park-like atmosphere of the Horseshoe, the original campus grounds dating back to 1801. If it rained practice was cancelled.

Ralph Catoe, a student at the University, recognized the latent potential in the USC program and took steps to activate it. By virtue not only of his superior fencing ability but also his energetic appeal to the imaginations of the other fencers, he became the Club's first instructor-president.

Convincing the University to sponsor a "short course" in fencing was a major victory. It served as a means of exposing the sport to the student body and familiarizing them with it. It also served as a convenient and effective recruiting program. Finally, training competitive fencers to travel the Southeastern region and participate in tournaments, as well as acquiring the electrical apparatus

# A CLUB IS BORN

## ASGARD FENCERS

by Connie Young Yu

In the summer of 1981 a most unusual fencing club emerged. Three of America's outstanding fencers, Greg Massialas, Peter Shifren and Peter Burchard organized a club open to all types of fencers—children and adult, beginner and advanced, recreational and competitive. Welcoming all interested in fencing, the club, "Asgard Fencers," has grown rapidly, often attracting over 30 enthusiasts a session, participating in every aspect from stretching to foil drills to bouting.

"Those who cannot do, teach," kidded Greg Massialas as Peter Shifren commenced an evening of instruction. But contrary to the statement in jest, these '84 Olympic aspirants have succeeded in both teaching (patiently) and winning points (aggressively) at circuit events throughout the United States.

Based in the gymnasium of a school in San Jose, California, the club has attracted a number of youngsters under 14 who compete at club tournaments and divisional events. Barbara Jackson, mother of two young fencers, who organized the junior division of the club recounts, "We began by having Greg, Peter, and Peter demonstrate at schools. We have exposed at least 3500 children to fencing and taught over 100 in fencing programs set up at these local schools."

The age range of the club members, nevertheless, ranges from seven to seventy. On club nights one sees young aspiring Olympians battling it out with tough older recreational fencers. "You can always learn from fencing different types of fencers in one evening," comments one Asgard member.

Participants and observers have remarked on the congenial atmosphere and spirit of cooperation at Asgard. New members who have never held a foil are often aided by the more experienced fencer as well as a renowned champion. Often mother and daughter or father and son spar. "It's a chance for us to do something together," says one junior member.

There is mutual support for competitive efforts: members who have distinguished themselves at local meets are applauded

junior fencers cheered for their wins and even a "teach" will inspire the group by telling of his point trial results. ("I don't want to talk about it," lamented Peter Shifren with mock sobs after placing 7th in a circuit event instead of the first his students expected of him.)

A typical session at Asgard begins with stretching and footwork led by Peter ("Mr. Stretch") or Tristan Thompson. This may last for 20-30 vigorous minutes. Then the instructors lead foil drills where a combination of actions are practiced. Sometimes there are organized games such as "war," "the ladder" and footwork relays. Saber fencer Scott Kries may give individual lessons in his weapon: Peter, Greg, and Tris may give foil or epee lessons. And of course the evening usually concludes with free fencing.

Asgard Fencers is guided by a board of directors whose president is Bill Parker, an attorney. Bill joined an adult education beginning fencing class taught by Peter Burchard, and along with his teacher and several others thought up a plan for a permanent club. "As a consequence," recalls Bill, "in June of 1981 the club Asgard Fencers was incorporated and has grown beyond the hopes and expectations of its founders."

To the general American public fencing has always had a mystique about it, making it appear to be a closed sport. A club such as Asgard contributes toward building the base of fencing in this country by being visible, open and friendly. While media attention towards fencing, slight as it may be, stimulates interest in the sport, clubs and classes must exist to channel that interest and allow for broad participation.

In the case of Asgard, attracting new people into fencing was made easier by the enthusiastic efforts of competitive fencers who gave demonstrations and were willing to teach children in schools and adults at work. All age groups and levels are welcome at the evening sessions that meet twice a week. The reasonable club dues go toward paying for equipment that is provided for members.

Asgard has demonstrated that a club can

be both competitive and recreational, allowing for all aspects of fencing. Having top fencers as cooperative instructors in a club open to all is an exceptional approach. The attitude behind it is encouraging.

As Greg Massialas says, "Many people along the way have exerted much effort in our development as fencers. The club has provided a great opportunity for Peter, Peter, and myself to give something back to the sport we've been involved in for so many years. Even though we have our competitive obligations and are not always present we have developed a program that others can continue."

Only when outstanding fencers and coaches reach out to beginners, young and old, can fencing in this country evolve from a minor and elite sport into a popular activity.

(*Ignorant Editor's note: We hesitated to ask what was the meaning of ASGARD, for fear it might be something unprintable. We were pleasantly surprised to be informed that it was the name of the home of the Norse gods, like Mt. Olympus to the Greek gods.*)



"Someday....." Bill Klages, ag  
classical stance.

Asgard instructors Peter Schifrin (right) and Greg Massialas demonstrate an action for the clu  
Photos by Jennifer Yu.



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## THE MASON-JOHNSTON FENCING TRAINER

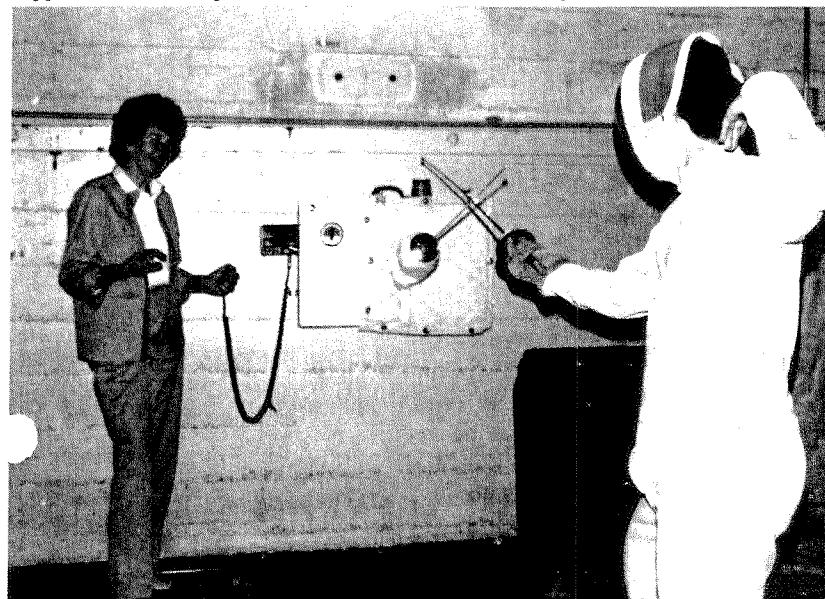
by Brian A

For centuries fencers have been plagued by the problem of how to practice without a partner. The traditional solution has been a simple dummy with a blade arrangement known as a "beastie." The problem with the "beastie" is that it complacently takes all poking, hacking and beating of any style without offering criticism or plaudits. In short, the fencer receives no feedback to indicate whether or not he has executed a move skillfully, quickly and efficiently.

Through the wizardry of silicon technology, the Stanford University Fencing Department has taken a major stride toward alleviating this problem. It has developed a tireless, patient fencing partner that provides the much needed feedback.

The device is called the Mason-Johnston Fencing Trainer (MJFT) after its inventors Brian Mason and Joseph Johnston, students at Stanford University.

Here the unit is being used in the manual mode; the instructor initiates the signal by use of trigger. Stanford fencing coach Jean Helliwell is shown coaching a student.



## FENCING TRAINER

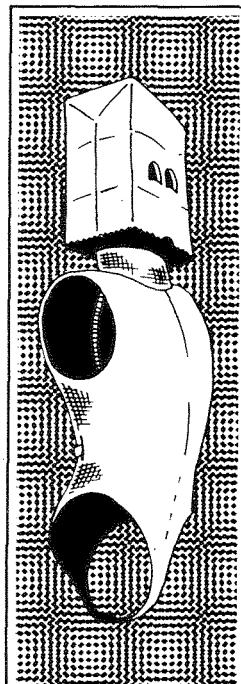
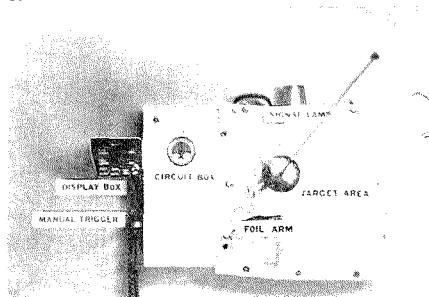
continues to run until the target area is hit, at which time it stops to display total elapsed time. From these two time values the fencer can calculate which segment of his movement is lagging as well as the speed of his overall reaction. Another noteworthy feature is the positionable arm. The arm /foil assembly is jointed and movable on the body, so that it can simulate a variety of fencing maneuvers including high line, low line and even left-handed position. Even the sensitivity of the foil can be adjusted to require more or less force to trigger the counterstop switch. This could be useful in encouraging a positive beat in beat attacks instead of the "sliding blade syndrome" so common with beginning fencers.

While the MJFT was principally designed for solitary use, it also has provision for manual triggering by an instructor. This allows the fencing master to stand off to one side and start the device with a hand

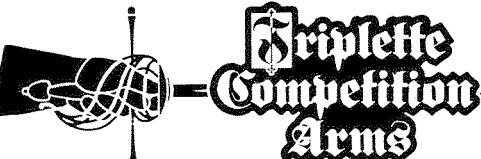
held trigger while observing the student executing the move (see photo).

While the MJFT is still a prototype, it does mark a breakthrough in electronic fencing accessories. Clearly, such a device will never replace human fencing partners, but it can add a new dimension to the training and fine tuning of serious fencers.

A close-up view of the MJFT prototype. The entire unit is portable and can be hung on hooks on a gymnasium wall.



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## TECHNICAL TALKS

by Joe Byrnes



On other occasions when I have mentioned re-wiring blades, foil or epee, I have made the assumption that the enthusiastic amateur will be using a factory assembled wire set, bought complete. Now it's time for advice for the real do-it-yourselfer. Not that the experienced re-wirer will probably need what I'm going to say, since if you've kept at it, you will have learned most of it the hard way. But for those who are just thinking of trying it, or have given up after one or more disasters, or who keep on re-wiring blades and get very mixed results, maybe the following hints will be useful.

If you aren't going to buy the wiring assembly complete, then you are either (1) the owner of a small injection molding plastics factory, or (2) very careful to save all the little pieces that are left when you strip down an old (probably broken) blade. Let's assume the latter. Let's also assume that you are working with foils. We will consider epees on another occasion, although the principles are much the same.

Let's assume, also, a very common case: the blade has broken. You then unscrew the cylinder at the end of the blade, after removing the "point top," the part that actually moves. When you do that, you will find that you should have before you: 2 tiny screws, the point top itself, the pressure spring, and the cylinder, out of the back of which a bit of wire may, or may not, be sticking. Inside of the cylinder, in its bottom, there will be a plastic cup. The blade wire comes up into this cup through a very small hole in its bottom. You now have to get that plastic cup out of the cylinder. A very thin screwdriver blade or something similar will usually do the trick. Push it out from the back; don't try to pick or pry it out. Once the plastic cup is out, you will notice — for almost any modern point assembly — that it has a very small, very neat, usually brass, button-like piece sitting in it. The little brass piece may be firmly stuck in the plastic, or it may be practically falling out of it. If you have to work it out, push it with the end of a paper clip, from the little hole. What you now see is that the blade wire was soldered into this brass

button, which now looks more like shaped collar, hollow in the middle.

The next step is to unsolder the wire from that tiny button. Two ties are likely to surface here: how hold that pesky little brass thing, for other will be that nine times out of ten ever soldering iron you have will be. You need a very fine point on a fair rating of iron — or better: a slim-lining pencil. To hold the brass buttie small vise, heavy pliers, or some small clamp will be useful (such as flat pliers, "Kelly forceps").

Anyway, now that you have successfully got the old wire out of that brass hickey, what next? You thread the wire in its place, having stripped the insulation from the very end of it, maybe a second of an inch or so. Then you that stripped end into the brass crimping especial care not to leave any that will extend outside the plastic when the brass piece goes back in, not to make a "cold solder joint." This usually occurs when the wire is allowed to move, even only a tiny amount, the solder is still cooling. The cold joint, in my view, is one of the common causes of unsuccessful re-wiring. Reseat the neatly resoldered brass into the plastic cup (threading the wire through the little hole, naturally). Then thread the wire through the cylinder and carefully the plastic cup back down all the way into the cylinder. There are special "holders" made to simplify this part of the process, and they are very handy. Any hollow metal tubing that you may have will fit into the cup over the collar used too, of course. Seat the wire in the slot ground at the very end of the blade and thread the cylinder back onto the blade, being sure it is as tight as you can get it. A small amount of a threadlocking cement can be judiciously applied that is no guarantee that your tip will someday work loose on its thread, in all these actions watch out!

Continued

insulation is stripped or exposed on the wire. Then you are ready to glue the wire down into the groove in the blade.

Let's leave that kind of fun for another occasion, along with some other topics, like what sort of wire are we talking about.

## NEWS NOTES

**TMJ Project** (TMJ = temporomandibular joint). Drs. Hagerman and Van Handel, of the USOC Sports Medicine Program, were recently involved in a pilot research study whose purpose was to examine the effectiveness of the "bite splint" upon muscle strength. Subjects tested were healthy young volunteer athletes. Measurements of bite abnormalities were made and corrected by the production of an acrylic bite splint by a local interested dentist; a placebo devise which did not correct bite defects was also made. Strength was measured under controlled conditions with the device, without the device, and with the placebo bite splint. No differences were found in any measure of strength between test and trials. Data collected suggested that use of a bite splint by otherwise healthy individuals has no ef-

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—from Sports Mediscope (USOC Sports Medicine Newsletter, Jan. / Feb. 1982)

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## BOOK REVIEW

### FENCING

by Jo Shaff

Publisher—Atheneum—1982 New York  
Hard cover—126 pages—price \$9.95  
(Reviewed by Ralph Goldstein)

More than forty years ago, I recall, at the Intercollegiate Women's Fencing Association Championships, a woman from the N.Y.U. team made a successful fleche. The audience was visibly impressed. I was especially affected by the smooth flowing motion as Jo Mancinelli seemed to fly forward with such ease and grace. In those days for a woman to fleche was most unusual.

Now she's Jo Shaff, married to another Y.U. fencer, mother of two and still fencing. I found her book a positive delight. Her conversational, personal approach makes for easy reading. Jo makes learning fencing seem easier than it is (or was for me). I was especially surprised to note that this "foil fencer" caught the essence of the epee as well. For me the high point of the book is the following quote:

"I was amazed at how different I felt when I stood on guard behind an epee instead of a foil. I felt I was hiding as much of me as possible behind the large 5 1/4 inch bell guard of the epee.... An eerie feeling swept through my body. I was diminishing in width down to the core. I wanted to keep as far away from my opponent as possible. Is this what it felt like to be in an actual duel?

"As I became aware of my mask, my gloved hand, the jacket covering my torso, I wondered how vulnerable duelists must have felt, going bare-chested and without any head or eye protection. I was thankful for the blunted blade of my opponent."

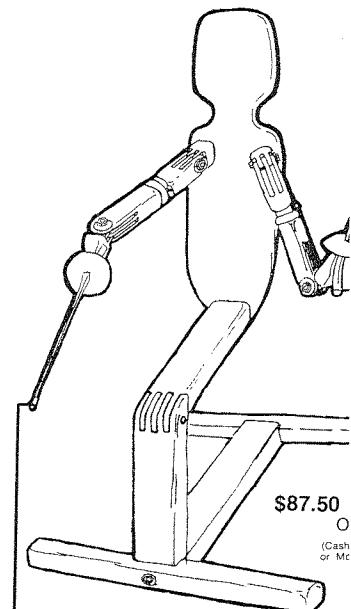
In the introduction Jo writes: "If you're serious about becoming a competitive fencer, it's important to find the right coach for you." Then she goes on to suggest contacting the National Fencing Coaches Association and the Amateur Fencers League

America. Both organizations have just changed their names. They are now the U.S. Fencing Coaches Association and the U.S. Fencing Association.

Jo's book covers the history of the sport, equipment, rules and fencing fundamentals as well as basic lessons in all three weapons. Also stressed are physical condi-

tioning, teaching, coaching and t fencing. "The Glory of Fencing" is by a glossary of fencing terms. The throughout, though clear, are static fencing is anything but!!

The new fencer should find th quite helpful.



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# REPORT OF THE COMMISSION ON AMELIORATION OF SABRE FENCING

The following is an unofficial translation of excerpts from a report to the F.I.E. on a Commission meeting, held in Venice on March 5, 1982, under the chairmanship of Mr. P. Kovacs, Vice-President of the F.I.E., who made the report.

The Commission voted down a proposal of the French Federation which would limit to one only a decision of "attaque simultanee" before the warning and then the drawing of lots for offensive priority.

The Commission agreed, however, with the French Federation that it is necessary, not only to preserve the progress already made by the present rule, but to improve upon it by dissuading fencers from using it as a tactical device. The Commission is proposing that the warning given after two successive "attaques simultanees" should be effective for the duration of the bout. In other words, after the warning has been given once in a bout between two fencers, each new "attaque simultanee" decision would result in the drawing of lots for offensive priority.

The Italian Federation is concerned about one of the main tasks of the Commission, i.e.: to find the causes for the loss in popularity of sabre fencing. The Italians would like to have the Commission make some studies on the improvement of the sabre and sabre fencing so that it would regain its popularity and be more attractive to fencers.

In accordance with the Italian concerns, the Commission has already modified and redefined sabre rules and has created a new set of rules in order to discourage simultaneous attacks. However, its efforts to date have had only a partial success.

The Sabre Commission is presently occupied mainly with the possibilities of the introduction of the electric signal apparatus for sabre, for it believes that this will improve sabre fencing in two ways: 1) it will diminish the subjectivity of judging and directing, and 2) it will allow the President of the Jury to concentrate on the correct application of established rules.

The main task of the Commission is to find the means to reverse the decline of sabre fencing. There are several reasons

for this decline:

Sabre has greatly changed since the past. Technique and tactics have changed. Beauty and esthetics are no longer important, as in the past, but the essential thing is what is useful.

Sabre has become more athletic. Consequently, the distance between fencers is greater and a greater role is given to the rapid, dynamic movement of the legs in order to gain distance. This naturally requires a better physical condition.

There is greater difficulty in successfully parrying attacks begun at a long distance. At most of the big tournaments, one finds that fencers are able to parry only about 20-25% of the "fleche" attacks. That is why fencers try to hit with the initial attack. Since this manner of fencing gives the advantage to attacks over defensive actions, present tactics are reduced to forcing the attack at any cost in 90% of the cases. A consequence of this tactic is the great number of "attaques simultanees."

It must be admitted that at present the degree of difficulty in the execution of offensive and defensive actions is not in equilibrium for the sabre as compared with foil and epee. Equilibrium can be attained if two fencers of the same quality face each other and at least 50% of the fleche attacks can be parried.

In sabre – as opposed to foil – the target surface is greater and is vulnerable from several directions. This condition is augmented by the execution of long, composed, often irregular attacks which are very difficult to parry. It is equally difficult to succeed with stop-thrusts or counter attacks, for most of the judges do not perceive, in the course of a fleche attack, which fencer began the action according to the rules, with the permanent extension of the arm.

It is also evident that fencing masters do not give enough importance to teaching how to parry fleche attacks. But the FIE cannot change this fact.

Another reason for the disequilibrium is that the Presidents of Jury do not always apply the sabre rules which have been in effect for several years.

One could continue to enumerate the problems with sabre, but that is not the immediate task of the Commission. A well-known President of Jury was once asked why he did not apply the new rules and conventions which had been recently spelled out. He replied that he would be the only President who would use this method and, in that case, all the fencers and directors would be outraged by the change in the accustomed way of directing. Alas, all the Jury Presidents think in the same way and they do not dare apply the modified sabre rules. We cannot expect any improvement in sabre under such conditions. It is natural for fencers to adapt to the non-conforming decisions of the Jury Presidents

and to profit from them in such a way as to upset the equilibrium which should exist between offensive and defensive acts.

The Sabre Commission proposed the most urgent and immediate thing which require directors to observe at 100% the present rules for judging sabre.

In conclusion, the Commission reasons it undertook considerable problem of introducing the electric apparatus. In its opinion, the introduction of this apparatus would make the sabre more attractive to fencers, would raise the level of fencing as practiced today, and, as mentioned above, would improve the quality of directing.

## CALENDAR OF MAJOR FENCING EVENTS IN THE U.S. AND CANADA

### Preliminary Schedule, 1982-1983

Sept. 4, 5	Terre des Hommes, all weapons, Montreal, Canada
Oct. 9, 10	London Heroes, all weapons, Windsor, Ontario, Canada
Oct. 30, 31	Epee & Fleur d'Or, E, WF, MF, Montreal, Canada
Nov. 6	Heinecken Sabre, MS, Ottawa, Canada
Nov. 26-28	Cleveland Grand Prix, all weapons, Cleveland, Ohio
Dec. 6	+Csiszar Epee, Univ. Penn., Phila. PA
Dec. 12	+Alaux Men's Foil, Hunter College, New York, N.Y.
Dec. 18	NIWFA Women's Xmas Collegiate, Montclair, N.J.
Jan. 9	+Kadar Sabre, Case Western Reserve, Cleveland, Oh
Jan. 15	+Alaux Women's Foil, Hunter College, New York, N.Y.
Jan. 16	+Piller Sabre, Hunter College, New York, N.Y.
Jan. 29	+D'Asaro Women's Foil, San Jose, California
Jan. 30	+D'Asaro Men's Foil, San Jose, California
	+Pentathlon Epee, San Antonio, Texas
	Pentathlon Open, 2nd day event, San Antonio, Texas
	+ = North American Circuit Events