

# Veteran Fencers Quarterly

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## USFA Election: Top Slate Challenged

### COLORADO SPRINGS

In spite of the USFA nominating committee's effort, the smooth placement of their leadership team may not go as planned. Alternate candidates for top positions have come forward and, through the petitioning process, one of three have met all criteria according to the nominating committee.

However, if you speak to the candidates' election coordinator, former USFA president Michel Mamlouk, he states that 'all three have met the requirements to run and the USFA has done everything in its power to stop the democratic selection process through a vote of the people.'

In question are the candidacies of Dr. Risto Hurme, seeking the presidential chair by opposing Donald Alperstein, and Sheila Higgs-Coulthard, vying for one of the Vice Presidential positions.

In the requirements, set forth by the committee, ballot placement is by petition, with a minimum of 25 member signatures each in five divisions. It seems that one signature out of 185 submitted, that of James S. Latham, was deemed by the committee to be invalid.

In question was the confirmation of Mr. Latham's age, to confirm his adult membership status. Even though Latham, age 35, has been a USFA member for over four years and is currently the vice-chair of the Alabama Division, the USFA committee inquiry resulted in no conclusion.

According to Mamlouk, this, along with the delayed response from the committee to notify the candidates after the deadline of April 1, 'points to an intentional lockout of the two candidates.'

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## The Inside Cut

### This Month's Feature: Paul van Camp

Each month we will be doing a feature on an active veteran fencer that has in some way contributed to the cause of veterans fencing.

This month the focus will be on Paul van Camp of Belgium.

## Thousands Review New Magazine

Welcome to your new publication. We, the staff of the *Veteran Fencers Quarterly*, proudly present stories of interest affecting veteran fencers.

We'll cover both competitive and recreational fencing, along with veterans' social events. We hope to promote not only more tournaments for veterans, but also help increase interest and, therefore, membership in our ranks.

This first issue has been sent out free of charge to all 1800 USFA members 40 and older. To receive the second issue and a year's subscription, please use the form found later in this issue. We want to get your non-USFA fencing friends and club members interested too, so please make copies of the subscription form and share it with them.

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## A message to our readers

*Our purpose is to keep the veteran age fencer up to date on the issues that affect you.*

*Being a new publication, we here at Veteran Fencers Quarterly feel a little 'green' in our lines of information. In order to change this, we ask that you help us out by sending in articles of interest. This includes local newspaper clippings, photos or even your own stories. We reserve the right to edit for length or clarity.*

*We would also like to have a representative from each section act as a contact to keep us informed of what is going on in your area. So pick out someone and have them stay in touch.*

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## MAGAZINE (cont'd from p.1)

Many of you already know the cost and effort that goes into a specialty news magazine. All of our staff and contributors are volunteers, but the printing and postage costs are high. Please consider that in your decision to

subscribe. We're just starting out and have plans in the future to not only expand the content, but to improve the look and makeup of the magazine itself.

I want to extend an invitation to anyone who would like to contribute articles, pictures, cartoons, or tournament results, to please send them in. We also plan to feature biographies on one or more veteran fencers in each issue, so if you'd like to see an interesting fencer you know featured, give us numbers to get in touch with him or her, or write it up yourself. Just contact us at the address at left.

Thanks for looking us over. Remember, as veterans, we're all in it together, and we think that the common bond of fencing should also bring us together as friends.

Bruce Darling

## Keeping It Together

by Dr. Stephen Beke, Jr.

Back to the future? Or better yet, look back, for a better future. This I think should be a consideration for the veteran fencer.

How did you get to where you are today? Do you know where you want to go in the future? How are you going to get there?

No, this isn't a pitch for some toll-free number for the latest potion guaranteed to put lightning back in your lunge. It is a call for rational decision making based on a realistic assessment of our current physical and mental strengths and weaknesses. Hopefully we have gained insight into our lives through the benefit of maturity and discipline through our sport.

My goal in the coming months is to remind you of these skills, introduce you to new ones, and perhaps provide some suggestions on how you can decide to improve upon them.

## ELECTION (cont'd from p.1)

In discussion with Executive Director Michael Massik, *Veteran Fencers Quarterly* has determined that, according to his office, the candidates were indeed notified before the April 1 deadline. Attempts by VFQ to confirm which version is correct by contacting Hurme and Higgs-Coulthard have, as of this writing, failed to generate a response.

Currently, Mamlouk is structuring, through a USFA Board member signature petition, a request to initiate Article VIII sect. 7 of the Bylaws to request a vote by mail of the entire Board of Directors membership. This would delay the election, and through an investigatory process, possibly establish Hurme and Higgs-Coulthard as viable candidates. No results are available at this time.

In another piece of this election puzzle, a chink in USFA's election armor has exposed itself. The third candidate, Maxwell Garret, running for the position of National Director, has indeed been approved as a candidate by the election committee. Longtime Senior Age Chairperson, Garret is running against candidate Harvey Schiller, of Turner Broadcasting.

Upon hearing that a fencer was now running for the position, Schiller chose to withdraw from the slate. According to Executive Director Massik, Schiller felt that he, being a non-fencer, would not wish to compromise the National Director position if an established fencer came forward to occupy the chair.

It is unknown as of this writing whether the election committee plans a replacement candidate to oppose Garret, or if the committee intends to place him within their slate.

## THE MEAT CLEAVER

## LANCE L. DANGERPOINT

The momentum shift has begun. The years of being considered a second class fencing group are coming to a close. Yes, the USFA is watching the veterans movement, and it's time for all of us to help get our point across.

There are some issues coming up in June at the US nationals with respect to the veteran ranks. Most important is to eliminate the 'exhibition' status placed not only on veterans tournaments, but even on veterans pools in open age tournaments. It doesn't sound like much, but this status change helps out the primary voting proposal, which is to achieve ratings classifications for veterans by utilizing the USFA's criteria now in use among the open age events.

The voting for all of this will be done not by a member vote, but by the chair people of your particular fencing division. So this is one place you can really help. Contact your divisional chair and make sure they understand the significance of this issue and insist they vote in our favor.

Here's what else you can do. Currently there are about 1800 veterans (40 and over) who belong to the USFA. Just as all American fencers are not members

of the USFA, neither are all veteran fencers. Your mission, should you choose to accept it, is to recruit as many of those non-member veterans into the ranks as possible. We all know a few of them personally. Talk to them. Point out some of the advantages of membership, such as *American Fencer* magazine and admission into USFA sanctioned and organized events. Remember to tell them about the social involvement we're trying to promote, as well as meeting new friends. Don't forget about the magazine you're holding right now, the *Veteran Fencers Quarterly*. Tell them to arrange their next vacation around a tournament so they can share it with their fencing compatriots.

The main reason for doing this is simple; as our veteran ranks grow, so too does our influence in fencing and the number of veteran tournaments.

We all know this won't be easy. Let's face it, it's hard enough getting a consistent turnout at the club each week. Do put the effort in though; the benefits will be worth it. Overall, the veterans movement is to the advantage of everyone. ~

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## Stamp fan Tishman named

SAN DIEGO

Veteran fencer Jeff Tishman of New Jersey has been named to the board of directors of Sports Philatelists International. The organization represents the interests of major stamp collectors around the world who specialize in issues recognizing sports.

Tishman is the former chairman of the USFA's New Jersey Division and an All-American sabre with the IFA individual and the NCAA team golds. He also is recognized as one of the world's leading experts on stamps honoring fencing. His own collection will be on exhibit at 'Olymphelex', the Olympic stamp show next month in Atlanta.

Olymphelex is part of the Cultural Olympiad and is sponsored directly by the IOC and Federation Internationale de Philatelie Olympique under the auspices of the Federation Internationale de Philatelie, the 'international governing body' of

the hobby, believed to be the world's largest.

The exhibition, which also is a competition, will be held July 19 through August 3 at the Atlanta Merchandise Mart at West Peachtree Street and International Blvd., across from Peachtree Center.

The value of Tishman's collection has not been publicly stated, but it has been exhibited only rarely and then only in venues with extraordinary security. A compact reproduction version of the collection has been on display at several major fencing tournaments around the country.

Although stamps, not pins, are the world's most widely collected Olympic memorabilia, there will be no new United States stamp to add to that collection. Despite honoring 21 sports with stamps since April, no new fencing stamp is scheduled by the US Postal Service this year nor at any time in the foreseeable future.

Although fencing has been honored by nearly 500 stamps issued by nations throughout the world, the US has issued only one stamp directly honoring fencing. That was the 'women's foil' issue of 1983, put out as part of the run-up to the Los Angeles Olympics. It was issued with three other sports stamps, each with a denomination of 35 cents, then the airmail rate to the Caribbean.

Another veteran fencer, Pan-Am gold medalist and oft-time Olympian George Masin of New York, is the international arbiter of what constitutes an entry in fencing philately. Masin, also an SPI member, is the creator and keeper of the 'fencing catalogue' maintained by the internationally recognized American Topical Association, which tracks stamps by subject.

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## INSIDE CUT

Linda Van Cleave

## CLEARWATER

While volunteering at the International Veteran Team Fencing Competition in St. Pete Beach, Florida last November, I was approached by one of the Belgian team members, who asked me for the shirt off my back. I told him it is generally the custom in America to wear clothing at all times. Searching his memory for the correct English phraseology, he explained that what he wanted was to exchange his Belgian team shirt for my official's shirt. This intriguing person was Paul van Camp.

Born in Antwerp in 1947, Paul served his country in the army as an officer and paratrooper. After his discharge, he attended school at the Open University of Brussels, where he earned his Nuclear Engineer degree and a Ph.D. in nuclear security and energy exploration. He currently lives in Antwerp, where he is a manager for the National Bureau of Research for Energy, Security, Distribution and Transportation of Nuclear Power.

Paul is a talented amateur downhill skiing champion, with wins including the Lauberhorn Wengen in Switzerland in 1979, as well as trophies for Best

Results in Italy in 1984-1986. Having achieved his goal in the sport of skiing by the age of forty, Paul began looking for a new sport. A friend invited him to a fencing class, which sparked his interest in this fascinating sport.

After only eight years and a lot of hard work and determination, Paul has attained several goals, earning Maitre de Sabre, Prevot des Armes, B-level Director for all weapons, as well as being knighted at Amriswill Castle in Germany. When asked for his secrets for success, he replied, 'In fencing, there are no secrets. Only hard work gets results.'

One would wonder how anyone could accomplish so much in so little time. Paul's training habits include a one hour lesson per day with a fencing master. He also bouts 3-4 times per week with other fencers, as well as participating in weekend competitions. One day a week he works out with a specialized weight training program geared toward fencing. Paul's theory of success is based on three points: 'Take lessons from a fencing master, practice with as many people as you can, and compete.'



Paul will be starting the next weapon for Maitre des Armes this year. He says, 'To be a complete fencer, you must fence all three weapons. If you fence 100% in just one weapon, it is like running on one leg.'

Fencing competitions have taken Paul as far as the Middle East, all over Europe, and to America for last year's competition in Florida, where he and his teammates did very well. He plans to return to Florida in October for the next Veterans Tournament in St. Pete Beach. The following weekend he will be conducting a fencing clinic in Clearwater, Florida.

Paul explains his passion for competition. 'I believe that just the academics is a good beginning, but not enough. To be a good fencer, you must also have experience.'

Occasionally *Veteran Fencers Quarterly* will feature stories from other sources about our compatriots around the world. Following is an article which appeared in a German newspaper, recounting the victory Paul won in a local tournament. Story by Rene Putjus; translation by Anke Matthiessen

### Paul van Camp wins first place again in Spellen

'En garde', 'Pret?' and 'Allez' were the com-mands at the beginning of each match at the School Center North in Friedrichsfeld.

Forty male and female fencers, starting with (birth)year 1951, participated. The tournament was organized by the fencing department of the local sports club in Spellen. A special class of 30-45 year-old fencers had also been invited. This second tournament of its kind attracted visitors not only from the vicinity, but also from Holland and Belgium.

The most prominent guest was Team World Champion and Belgian ex-European Champion Paul van Camp, who sought to defend his title.

All of this had been made possible by organizer Bernd Rowald. The oldest fencers participating were 68-year-old Hans Wolff and Hannelotte Wietscher, age 73.

There were four different classes. The idea was that 'everyone had to fence against everybody'. The first to have 5 'hits' was to be the winner. Theresia Kleinbicil was the winner in

the Senior Class. Paul van Camp received the winning trophy from Mayor Heinz Boss after a match against Dieter Hecke. Winners in the 'Special Class' were Anke Anders and Stefan Kammler.

'It was a lot of fun to put together this tournament, and I hope that we will have an even higher number of participants next year,' said Rowald. He regrets that fencing is still on the sidelines, although German participants always do extremely well in international competitions.

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## SUN, SAND, AND SWORDPLAY

### ST. PETE BEACH

The sun-drenched beach of Florida's Gulf coast resounded with the clash of sabres as the United States Veterans fencing team met their European counterparts at the *International Veterans Team Fencing Championships*, held last November in St. Pete Beach.

Dubbed the *Duel on the Beach*, this competition featured teams of the finest veteran swordsmen from Great Britain, Belgium, Germany, and Italy, as well as our own US team -- chosen from finalists at the Veterans Nationals in Louisville last June -- all vying for the glory of being named International Team Champions.

The competition was fierce and the atmosphere in the arena intense, especially in *epée*, where there was a \$2000 cash prize on the line for the winning team.

But the predominant feeling at this tournament was the camaraderie engendered by all the social

interaction outside the tournament. With a welcome picnic at the host resort, dinners and get-togethers set up at various restaurants and taverns every night, and a final awards cruise (which turned out to be a better idea in theory than in reality -- but we'll spare you the details), there were plenty of opportunities to meet new people and absorb a little bit of alternative culture. Whether learning German drinking songs at an Italian bistro, or dancing the night away at a British pub, or just soaking up a few rays around the pool, time spent with new friends was a welcome release from the competitiveness of the tournament.

This formula of blending social with serious will be repeated this fall during *Duel on the Beach II*, back due to popular demand. Everyone had so much fun last year that we had to do it again, only bigger and better.

This year, all Veterans are invited to compete, both in individual and team contests. But the fun doesn't end with fencing; there will also be golf and tennis tournaments, beach runs and relays, water volleyball, and much more. Each evening will see a 'dry land' awards banquet (yeah, we learned our lesson!), and there will be excursions to Busch Gardens and Sea World, so there will be plenty of fun for everyone. You won't want to miss it, so look for the entry form on page 15, and send it in today. See you on the beach!

Theresa Davenport

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## The Power of Prize Money

by Bruce Darling

ST. PETE BEACH

'Incredible' I thought to myself, staring at the two team captains. In a language that at best was barely understandable to both, I groaned, gazed upward and wondered aloud how, after 1200 bouts spread over 4 days, could two teams vying for a \$2000 cash prize, end up tied in team wins? I couldn't help but think back...

'...It had been almost a year since Jim Campoli and I had gotten the idea to hold an international veterans tournament, mainly to improve upon the previous years tournament in London. A lot of footwork, phone calls and coordination had created this 8 team international event. Our host city had been extremely helpful by waiving fees for the venue, and a number of sponsors had come forward to contribute their wares and funding.

As tournament Co-Chair, I called for an officials' meeting. 'Simple' we thought. Rather than go through hours of counting touches, it was determined that the team with the best individual bout record would take the prize. I read out the Italian Team's record, 79 wins and 42 losses. Mac Garret, shaking his head in disbelief, returned with the Belgian Team's record...79 wins and 42 losses...

*Fencing to me has always meant more than just bouts and competition. The tournaments I remember most fondly have always had a strong social aspect to them. A kind of bonding that makes the guy you met last year, who lives 2000 miles away, feel like your neighbor when you meet him again. This manifests itself in the way I like a tournament to run. The competition's serious of course, but since my 'neighbors' are there, I want them to enjoy dinners, social events and all in all have fond memories to take home with them.*

Another conference became necessary. With interpreters relaying the news of what was going on, both the uneasiness and therefore the tempers of both team captains were increasing. This was still the officials' call, and elevated emotions from the captains were quickly smoothed.

Back to the matters at hand. Perhaps if we determined the award by using the meeting between the two teams... After shuffling through the piles of results, the expression now on our faces must have perplexed the two teams even further as they tried to read some sort of indication there...

(see PRIZE p.10)

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## PROFILE:

### National Division Director candidate Mac Garret

Anyone who has been involved in Veterans fencing over the past decade has felt the influence of Maxwell 'Mac' Garret.

Having led the Veterans program as Chairman of the Senior Age Committee of USFA for the past eleven years, Garret is now broadening his focus to encompass the entire USFA constituency. As a candidate for the position of National Division Director, he says 'my concerns are for all fencers.'

Garret feels that USFA should broaden the base for participation by both genders in all age groups. 'If elected... I would encourage all Sections to promote fencing programs for the beginner, novice, and handicapped. I strongly support competitive programs for aspiring Olympic hopefuls and would stimulate continuance of the sport for all ages.'

But Garret wouldn't lose his allegiance to Veterans. 'Veteran fencers should be considered a repository of talent and expertise to be called upon to help with our upcoming athletes. These Veterans should be honored for their dedication to the sport and for continuing to maintain good health and well-being by actively participating in fencing.'

Garret knows personally the benefits of such involvement. He began fencing in 1931 while in high school and continued at City College of New York, where he captained the team and was subsequently inducted into the CCNY Athletic Hall of Fame.

From 1940 to 1972, he was head varsity coach at the University of Illinois. During those years he led Illinois to sixteen Big 10 titles and two NCAA Championships. In 1972, he

became head varsity coach at Penn State University, and retired ten years later.

During his coaching career, Garret was twice honored as Collegiate Coach of the Year. He was also three-time President of the United States Fencing Coaches Association, of which he was a founding member as well as Editor of the *USFCA Swordmaster*.



Internationally, Garret was Assistant Coach of the US team at the 1960 Olympics in Rome; was National Coach for the State of Israel in 1969-70, where he directed an Academy for Fencing Teachers and coached the Israeli team to World Championships in Ankara, Turkey in 1970; coached the US team at World University Games in Torino, Italy in 1970; and was manager of the US team to Junior World Championships in St. Petersburg, Russia in 1983.

Garret has written several texts on fencing, the latest of which, co-authored by Kaidanov and Pezza and published by Penn State Press, is currently in second printing.

With this wealth of knowledge and experience behind him, Garret feels that education should be a primary goal of USFA. 'I would encourage coaches and teachers to continue to conduct camps, clinics, seminars, etc. on the sport.'

But fencers themselves shouldn't be the only ones to benefit from this collective expertise. 'The USFA needs to educate the sports media about fencing in order that they have an understanding of the skills and tactics employed in fencing, and consequently to be able to disseminate this information intelligently to the public.'

As Director, Garret would try to instill a sense of cohesiveness within the entire fencing community in order to focus on common goals. 'The USFA can only bring about success on the National and International scenes when all parties cooperate on major policies.'

'Regardless of the results of the election, I will continue -- as I have always done -- to promote, foster and support the sport of fencing.'

Garret has high hopes for the future of the sport. 'We have a wealth of talent abounding. We need to allow people to enter the charmed circle of fencing.'

*Theresa Davenport*

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### Your Opinion

Okay, so we haven't gotten any letters from readers yet. Hey, we're new! We could've written letters to ourselves, but we think we're perfect, so how could we criticize ourselves?

Here's your chance. If you don't like what we've said, have something to add, or generally would like to get something off your 'vest' (cute, huh?), write to us at:

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## Self-Confidence → Exercise → Mental Health

In a joint effort with Art Kramer from the Beckman Institute, Ed McAuley has been granted \$822,000 from the National Institute on Aging. The grant will be used to investigate the relationship between exercise, beliefs, and mental health among the elderly.

Individuals are often faced with many constraints (e.g. time, fatigue, and weather) which get in the way of regular, planned physical activity. McAuley and Kramer are investigating whether a person's belief that they can adhere to a long-term exercise schedule is important in determining their long-term exercise behaviors. 'If self-efficacy does affect adherence to exercise among the elderly, then it will be important to find ways to improve it,' observes McAuley.

McAuley's work suggests that aerobics can influence cognitive functioning and reduce the feelings of depression and loneliness that are prevalent among the elderly. The new study specifically examines the effects of physical activity on emotion, memory, and attention span. If self-efficacy is needed to stick to an exercise routine, and emotion and thought processes can be improved by regular aerobic training, then a person's confidence can be shown to be critical to their mental health as they age.

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Many of the functional losses that set in between the ages of 30 and 70 are, in fact, attributable to lack of exercise - not age.

## The French, of all people!

If you're a fencer who got synchronized swimming tickets for the Olympic games, there are only two items of solace out there: 1. Somewhere, there's a synchronized swimming fan with tickets to fencing who's as thrilled as you are, and 2. The French have come up with a better way.

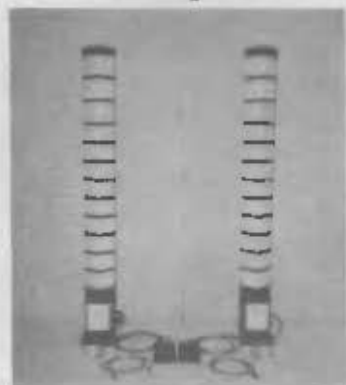
France will host the 1998 World Cup soccer tournament with round-robin contests in ten cities leading to the serious competition beginning with a round of 16. Tickets range from \$29 to \$590.

On the wild and crazy thought that real and knowledgeable fans might actually want to get a good seat, the French will make tickets available to 'the soccer community' six months before making them available to the general public.

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## PRIZE (cont'd from p.7)

*Comfort to the competitors is most important to me. Starting from the time their plane or car arrives, I like to see their stay unfold as a well planned vacation. A well run competition is also paramount, since nothing is more annoying than delays and scheduling problems. We arranged full condos this time and scheduled dinners every night after the competition. And though on a few occasions TV reporters interrupted the bouting, we tried to make sure that the competition went off without a hitch.*

*'What?!?' a voice from over my shoulder blurted. As I turned to him with a stern 'quiet' the thought occurred to me of this never achieving a final result. Of course it would, just not right away. And certainly not with this 8-8 tie from the two teams meeting. The funny thing was that the indicators told me who was the winner, and the teams knew the same. But, because of the closed discussions, the teams had no way of knowing which method we would use for a fair determination...*

*...It was back at the US National Championship in Louisville that Michel Mamlouk put an offer on the table for \$1000 in prize money if matching funds could be achieved. I immediately jumped on board and guaranteed the funds. Later Jim Campoli offered to donate part of the money, so between the three of us there was \$2000 in prize money available, which was to go to the National Federation of the winning epee team. It's truly amazing what prize money does to the drive of a fencing competition. It just makes you wonder what could be achieved in veterans' fencing with the proper sponsorship, money management and tournament fees.*

Incredibly, with the 8-8 tie, indicators revealed an even more amazing development: the winning team had won by the thinnest of possible margins...one touch! Imagine this: Four hundred fifty epee bouts, 64 competitors, in between the dinners, drinks and singing, along with attractions, shopping and beach walks; after the work and involvement of all who helped, it was respect and goodwill that prompted these eight men from two different countries to ignore that single touch, to embrace and agree to split the prize money, with friendship and smiles for all.

In my mind, this is what veterans fencing comes down to, the camaraderie that exists beyond geographical and political boundaries. And I'm proud to have been a part of it.

In case you're wondering, it was the Italian team that had the one touch advantage. They, along with all the teams in all the weapons, were magnificent. Thanks to all the competitors and all my fellow veteran fencers for this wonderful experience that I won't soon forget. ~

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Public access is a wonderful thing. To the viewer it means 30 minutes to an hour filled with special interest information. Even the outrageous and controversial is allowed on this system, federally mandated nationwide.

In a fencing division previously known for its media coverage and distribution of videotaped tournaments, Rowley's is the first endeavor with regularly scheduled broadcasts.

To get to this point, Rowley has had to prove himself by completing broadcast production, editing and graphics courses spread over the previous year. Having had no experience in broadcasting when he started, Rowley didn't see that as an unattainable hurdle. After all, it was 18 years ago when he walked into the Dunedin Fencing Club as a 30-year-old wannabe who hadn't even touched a blade. Later, after he had proven himself on the competitive circuit, he flew to Colorado Springs to enroll in his first coaching camp.

Four years ago saw the start of his own club, *En Garde Fencing*. Add in a few more coaching clinics and, if he's not in the studio, you'll probably find him teaching beginners at one of his three club locations on any given night.

His show attempts to build interest in the sport by mixing interviews, on-camera lessons and taped tournament highlights. So far he has exposure to about 150,000 homes in the Tampa Bay area, and his plans are to access neighboring cable systems in the future.

With Rowley's full-time job as a building contractor, you might think his time is pretty much locked up. Not quite. He's just created a web page on the internet, encompassing local Florida tournament schedules and other information under his club *En Garde*.

When asked what's next, Rowley paused, then said "Maybe a week's vacation would do."

As if that will happen. He's already working on an arrangement to bring over from Europe one or more fencing masters to provide a weekend clinic to take place after the October *Duel on the Beach* in St. Pete Beach.

Vacation? Yeah, right!~



Kirk Rowley

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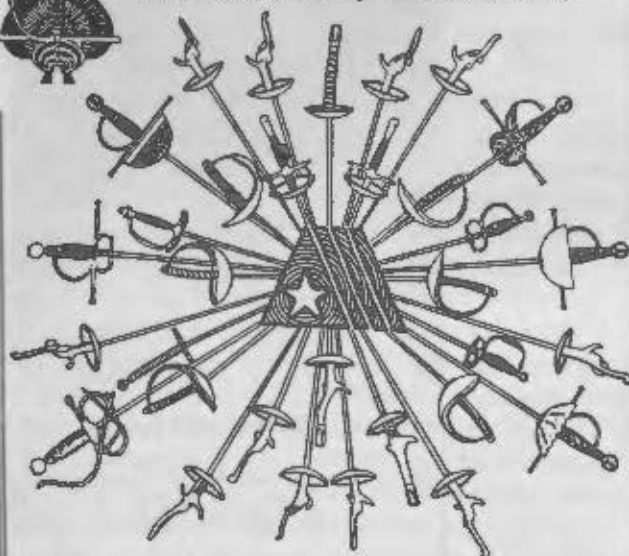
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What could fencing learn from figure skating, volleyball and bicycle motocross? In our next issue we will discuss professionalizing amateur sports, and whether it could work for us. We analyze the pros and cons with fencing experts who have had past ideas about the concept, and look at the success of sports that have tried it. You won't want to miss it!





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## Seniors No More

### LOUISVILLE

Another motion that was voted on this year has no political effect on older fencers, but will hopefully lift a stigma that we've lived with for years. The motion, simply stated, was for the term 'senior' to be dropped and officially replaced with the term 'veteran'.

It was generally felt that the term senior conjured up images of shuffleboards and nursing homes. Not that they're bad, mind you, but it just doesn't apply to active, older sporting participants.

The term 'masters' was briefly considered, but was dropped because of its current usage meaning 'a fencer of high training and experience'. It was felt that its use would degrade a true masters position.

'Veteran' was therefore chosen because of its connotation of experience and involvement, which more appropriately describes our group. We hope you agree. ~

## USFA okays rate reduction for some veterans

### COLORADO SPRINGS

Acknowledging the years of support and dedication exhibited by older veteran fencers, the USFA has taken a step forward and passed a resolution calling for a reduction in the annual dues paid by these fencers.

During the session that took place at this year's Junior Olympics in Louisville, Kentucky, it was decided that the annual dues for veterans age 65 and over will be reduced from the current \$35/year to \$25/year. It is hoped that this will encourage

membership in the USFA by attracting those seasoned fencers who have let their membership lapse.

The motion was brought forward by Maxwell Garret of Boynton Beach, Florida, and was the first of a number of resolutions he will be concentrating on in his bid for election to national office. (See related articles on pages 1 and 8.)

The rate change is scheduled to go into effect with the next membership renewal date in August of this year. ~

## Rosco's Results

The results of the Arthur Jaros Sarasota, Florida Veterans Meet on March 9, 1996 are as follows:

	<u>M Foil 70+</u>	<u>M Foil 60-69</u>	<u>M Foil 50+</u>	<u>Sabre 70+</u>	<u>Sabre 60-69</u>	<u>Sabre 50-59</u>
1st	Dan Manner	Al Peredo	Dick Sziede	N.H. Spector	Al Peredo	Marty Kramer
2nd	Al Sully	Cal Schlick	Stuart Jacobs	Al Sully	Cal Schlick	D.D. Nicolau
3rd	Arthur Jaros	W. French	John Hornung	Tom Wright		Chuck Allen
4th	Pierce Noble	Don Blais		David Stadtner		
5th	Edward Arnold	John Hornung		<u>W Foil 50+</u>	<u>M Epee 70+</u>	<u>M Epee 50+</u>
6th	David Stadtner			1st Terry Abrahams	Don Benge	Stuart Jacobs
7th	Robert Berg			2nd Eva Davis	Earl Robinson	Dick Sziede
8th	George Franz			3rd Lya Korda	George Franz	Calvert Schlick
9th	Bob Lindberg			4th	Martha Moll	Chuck Allen

## 1998 NIKE WORLD MASTERS GAMES

The Fourth World Masters Games will be held in the US in Portland, Oregon, August 9-22, 1998. Upon Portland's selection as the site for the 1998 World Masters Games, the Portland Metropolitan Sports Authority established a games organizing committee, World Masters games 1998, Inc. This not-for-profit organization will plan and administer the Games. Nike was recruited as the title sponsor.

The Games boast the largest participation of any multisport competition in the world, bringing together 25,000 men and women of masters age (varies from sport to sport, but is generally around 30 and over), from over one hundred countries in 25 sports - all for the simple joy of competing with their peers.

The World Masters Games is a quadrennial international event that embodies the original Olympic movement ideals of satisfaction from personal striving and achievement and taking part in an open, fair competition. The Games capture the appeal of health-conscious adults interested in fitness for life.

Twenty-five sports will be featured at the Games, including athletics (track & field), badminton, basketball, baseball, bowling, canoe/kayak, cycling, diving, fencing, golf, orienteering, rowing, rugby, sailing/windsurfing, shooting, squash, swimming, soccer, softball, table tennis, triathlon, volleyball, water polo, and weightlifting.

Athletes compete as individuals or as teams, and not for their country. Fifty percent of the athletes will come from outside the United States. Each athlete will be responsible for attending the Games at their own expense and will pay a registration fee that will assist in funding the Games.

There will be a series of "reunion" competitions in several sports, enabling spectators to see their heroes of yesterday compete in person and on television. Arts and cultural celebrations will also be a significant component of the event.

Specific sport disciplines, competitive formats, dates of competitions, housing, travel incentives, registration fees and registration process information will be available starting September 1, 1996. ~



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## 1996 VETERANS FENCING SCHEDULE

<u>DATE(S)</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>SITE</u>	<u>CONTACT</u>
June 8-16	U.S. Nationals	Cincinnati, OH	USFA Headquarters
June 14	Veterans M & W Sabre	Cincinnati, OH	1 Olympic Plaza
June 15	Veterans M & W Epee	Cincinnati, OH	Colorado Springs, CO
June 16	Veterans M & W Foil	Cincinnati, OH	80909
October 4	Veterans Team Meet USA vs Germany*	Kassel, Germany	Maxwell R. Garret 130 NE 26th Ave. #101
October 5-6	International Open Individual Veterans Fencing Tournament*	Kassel, Germany	Boynton Beach, FL 33435
Oct. 27-Nov. 2	Duel on the Beach 2	St. Pete Beach, FL	Bruce Darling 3075 Overlook Place Clearwater, FL 34620 or Jim Campoli 313 E Shore Drive Oldsmar, FL 34677
December 7	Veterans Tourney	New Orleans, LA	Earl Robinson Jr. PO Box 19221 New Orleans, LA 70179

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Mon	Oct 28	Men's Epée, Tennis Tournament
Tues	Oct 29	Women's Epée, Women's Sabre, Golf Tournament
Wed	Oct 30	Open - Golf Tournament, Sea World or Busch Gardens Excursions
Thurs	Oct 31	Team Fencing, Beach Run & Relay
Fri	Nov 1	Women's Foil, Sunrise Triathlon
Sat	Nov 2	Men's Sabre

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\_\_\_\_\_ Women's Epée - 9:00 am  
\_\_\_\_\_ Women's Sabre - 1:00 pm  
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# \_\_\_\_\_ Friday Nov. 1, 8:00  
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