

# **Fencing Club**

# Foiled Again Newsletter

# DATES FOR

13th April: East Midlands Training Day

26th April & 2nd May: Closed

11th May: East Midlands Training Day

TBC May: Theatrical Fencing

8th June: East Midlands Training Day

22nd & 29th August: Summer closure

17th October: AGM

### CHANGES TO PAY

At the moment, other than for beginner's courses, Foiled Again operates on a pay-as-youfence basis (£4 a week for under 18's, £5 a week for 18 and over).

From May 2019, this is changing – club members will need to pay in advance, 3 times a year (September, January and May). These payments will cover all sessions which take place in the period till the next payment is due. The cost for each period will be £48 for under 18's and £60 for 18 and over.

Payment can be accepted at practice in cash, by cheque (made payable to 'Foiled Again') or via internet banking (bank account details on request).



As the club is closed for 2 weeks (April 26th and May 2<sup>nd</sup>) before the changeover takes place, the deadline for payment to cover the session starting in May will be Thursday 9th May, when practices restart.

We're now accepting payment in cash or cheque for the next payment period (which runs from May to August inclusive) until and including the 9th May. It would be helpful if people could fill in a form to let us know their payment plans, especially if paying by bank transfer while we wait for internet banking to be set up. Please let us know if you need a receipt or have any queries. The form is available on our Facebook page.

#### Internet banking

We have recently passed a vote allowing us to use internet banking for the purpose of viewing our account. This will be in use purely to make our book keeping easier to keep on top of, instead of having to wait for the monthly statement.

#### EVENTS 2019

We will be inviting Ian Stapelton to join us again as our guest coach to partake in our yearly theatrical fencing evening. Ian is a fight stage master whose work can be seen in many theatrical plays including works by the theatre company Oddsocks. We do not have a confirmed date yet but once we do it will be viewable on our web site and Facebook.

We would like you all to come forward with suggestions for a social club day out and a rough idea of dates, should it be to see a planned event etc. So far paintballing has been put to us as an idea. If you agree with this or have ideas of your own the please let us know.

#### FOILED AGAIN COMMITTEE

We have two openings still available if you would like to help the club. They are: **Social Secretary**; and **Membership Secretary**. Or if you are interested in coaching please speak to one of the coaches or committee and we can help train you up. We appreciate all your involvement and help. You can now find out about the child protection and safeguarding courses our coaches have taken on our website.

#### Secretary stepping down

It is with regret that I wish to inform you all that after this year's AGM I will be stepping down as club secretary. I have enjoyed working with the club these past few years but as my family commitments grow I am afraid that I cannot give the time and energy I would like to give to the club. I will organise the Christmas meal before I hand things over and help organise any other social events in the meantime, and I will help train up anyone willing to take over the post so if you would like to give it a go please don't be put off by being unsure of what to do. I had no experience of this sort of thing before I started so I can understand it may appear daunting, but as I said I will help you get started and prepared. Thank you all for having me as your secretary and please speak to either myself or Ian if you would like to know more about the post.

Many thanks to you all. Gemma.

#### Account audit

We require an individual to independently review our accounts, which we are required to do every three years. The individual cannot be part of the committee, so if you have some free time I've this summer and would like to help that would be most appreciated. You don't need to be an accountant; it would just be a case of reviewing our account and reporting your findings at the AGM.

#### **GRADINGS**

Congratulations all our new beginners who have very recently passed their grade 1 foil and grade two foil. Well done to you all, you performed excellently.

## **HOW DID YOU FIND US?**

We would like to ask all beginners how they originally found out about the club so we can improve upon our marketing, and hopefully see more happy, new faces join our club. If you could please let Ian, Paula or Gemma know we would be most grateful.

#### **COMPETITION RESULTS**

Beginners Intermediate East Midlands Competition, April 6th 2019.

Well done to both Ethan Hothi and Erwin Thorp on coming joint 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Sabre competition. A fabulous result!



# In-House Competition Juniors, April 11<sup>th</sup> 2019.

#### **Under 10's results:**

- In 4<sup>th</sup> place was Kameran.
- In 3<sup>rd</sup> place was Daniel.
- In 2<sup>nd</sup> place was Eric.
- And in 1<sup>st</sup> Place was Edward.



#### 10 and over's results:

- In joint 3<sup>rd</sup> place were Josh, Heather, Robin and Thomas.
- In 2<sup>nd</sup> place was Thomas.
- And in 1st place was Alex.

Well done to all of our juniors!

# In-House Adult Tri Weapon Team Competition, April 11th 2019.

Well done to all who took part. It was a brilliant evening with a great turn out. The results were as follows:

- In 4th place was Team Two, which comprised of Brandon, Jack and Andrew.
- In 3<sup>rd</sup> place was Team One, which comprised of Maia, Ollie and Erwin.
- In 2<sup>nd</sup> place was Team Six, which comprised of Edward, James and Brent.
- And in 1st place was Team Five, which comprised of Max, Paula and Wilf.

Congratulations to you all!





### **MEMBERSHIP**

British Fencing are delighted to announce a brand new, free, membership type to support clubs with attracting, retaining and registering new participants to the sport. British Fencing recognises the great work clubs do to welcome new people and want to provide a mechanism for affiliated clubs to deliver an additional benefit to new people participating in beginner courses!

It is called 'Introduction' (to fencing) and is targeted at brand new people starting, or who have recently started beginner courses, at BF registered fencing clubs across the UK.

For details and to purchase/renew your membership, please refer to the BF website: www.britishfencing.com

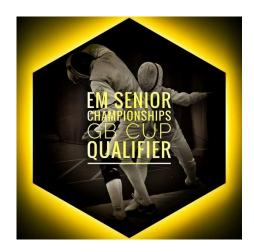
# EAST MIDLANDS REGIONAL TRAINING DAY

Regular regional training sessions for fencers who are already competing or are planning to compete outside their club, covering all 3 weapons - under 13's 10am-12 noon; over 13's from 1pm onwards. The training day is held at the Lee Westwood Sports Centre, Nottingham Trent University Clifton Campus on Saturday 13th April, 11th May and 8th June.

For more information, visit East Midlands Fencing at http://www.emfencing.com/.

## **COMPETITIONS**

**East Midlands Senior Championships and GB Cup qualifier** entries are open now on Sport80!



Get your entries in to avoid disappointment. Date - 27th April 2019 Venue - Portland Leisure Centre, Muskham Street, Nottingham.

Entry is for over 13 years old (on Jan 1st 2019) into the Senior Championships

To qualify for the GB Cup you need to be over 16 years old (on 1st Jan 2019) and fit the criteria set by British Fencing. (All details can be found on their

website). https://www.britishfencing.com/the-gb-cup-2019/

#### John Holt Novice Open



Date- Saturday, 1 June 2019 from 09:00-18:00

Venue - Lee Westwood Sports Centre Nottingham Trent University (Clifton Campus), NG11 8NS Nottingham, United Kingdom

Enter at https://bf.sport80.com

#### The Bob Grange Cup



Date -Sunday 5th May at 12AM

Venue- Pitsford Road Site Sports Hall (Gate 4), Moulton College, Pitsford Road, Moulton Northampton. NN3 7QL

Northampton Fencing Club.

A three weapon, mixed team event. One foilist, one sabreur, one epeeist. Each team must consist of male AND female fencers. (No single sex teams).

Italian relay style matches to thirty hits. 10 hits or four minute bouts per weapon. Weapon order will be chosen at random before each match. There will be a cap of a maximum 12 teams for the competition, and we require a minimum 6 teams for the event to take place.

Poules followed by direct elimination. Medals for the top four teams.

Enter at <a href="https://northamptonfencing.org/bobgrange-cup">https://northamptonfencing.org/bobgrange-cup</a>