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|  | **NEWSLETTER**  **JULY 2015** |

Dear All,

Another term of fencing is drawing to a close and we hope you have enjoyed your sessions and will continue next term. The dates are listed below and we would be grateful if you could indicate if you are not planning to continue, otherwise we will assume you are!

**THANK YOU**

A HUGE thank you to all who have helped in the past and are currently helping to run aspects of the club, without you the club could not and would not function. We cannot thank you enough!! Without your help with setting up and organising such aspects that support our club including the website and social media feeds, the armoury, the annual TWIT competition, competition application and attendance, social events, advertising , marketing, fencing demonstrations, newsletters and accounts and inquiries…… and many other aspects, the club would not be able to function.

**YOUR CLUB NEEDS YOU!**



In fact, so that we can continue to offer as many sessions as we currently do and hopefully grow the club we desperately need more help. Many of our founding volunteers who have so generously given their time and effort to help build and run the club to date have, like me, not been able in recent years to give as much time due to growing families and other life demands. As a result, Prof has been trying to do much of it on his own. This is simply not sustainable going forward if we want to maintain and grow the club, so please, if you can help in any way (even if in a small way – all and any help appreciated) with any aspect of running the club, we need to hear from you. **Julie Couchman** has kindly stepped forward to help with the website and social media feeds as well as being the competition secretary, but additional help, particularly in the following would be fantastic…

**Marketing and Advertising:** Do you have a background in this area? Please if so, we need to hear from you! Do you have good ideas as to how we can best market and grow our membership (on a shoestring!)?

**Social Secretary:** Do you enjoy organising events? Would you enjoy finding a venue and organising our Christmas meal and come up with other events during the year? In the past we have had a social ‘bar night’ at the TAC on the last Thursday of the month, a summer Picnic in the Park, a club visit to a micro-Brewery, curry nights and other events, but we desperately need someone with the time to think up and organise some events for our members.

**Grant Application Assistant/ Sponsorship Arranger?:** Are you persuasive? Would you be interested in trying to find sponsors for the club/ applying for grants? In the past we have successfully applied for and received almost £20k from grant applications, but we could do with more for new kit and support for some of our budding competitive fencers.

Please either call or email – we would love to hear from you!

**DATES FOR NEXT TERM**

Mondays start back on 7th September, No class on 26th October as it is half term, last class 14th Dec

Thursdays start back on 10th September, No Class on 29th October as it is half term, last class 17th Dec

Sundays start back on 13th September, No class on 25th October as it is half term, last class 13th Dec

**FEES FOR NEXT TERM**

Monday Juniors                5.30 - 6.30                                            £7 per session  x 13 = £91

Monday Teens                  6.30 - 7.45                                           £9 per session  x  13 = £117

Monday Adults                 8.00 - 10.00                                        £10 per session  x 13 = £130

Monday Adults (with private lesson)  8.00 – 10.00          £15  per session  x 13 = £195

Thursday Teens                6.30 - 7.45                                            £9 per session  x 14 = £126

Thursday Adults               8.00 - 10.00                                         £10 per session x 14 = £140

Thursday Adults (with private lessons)     8.00 - 10.00        £15 per session x 14 = £210

Sunday Juniors                                                   £10  per session x 13 = £130

Sunday Juniors (with private lesson)                 £15  per session x 13 = £195

Sunday Adults                                                   £15  per session x 13 = £195

Sunday Adults (with private lesson)                   £20 per session x 13 = £260

All classes 10 - 11.30. Then 11.30 - 1pm for private lessons/ free fencing on the electrical apparatus and ABC (Alcohol Beverage Competition)

**Evening visitors fee** (no private lesson) = £5.00. There is no limit to the amount of visits a non RTW fencer can make during a term.

**PAYMENTS**

Payments may be made ***before or at the beginning of term***by

* cash (in an envelope please with the pupil’s name on the front) or
* cheque made payable to RTW F/C or
* by bank transfer to

***The Royal Tunbridge Wells Fencing Club,***

***Account number 03045237***

***Sort Code 30-98-77.***

**Termly Club Competitions**

Due to the great success of the competitions we will be continuing these next term.

Therefore each term we will be running 3 competitions (spread out evenly over the term) for the Teen groups on Mondays and Thursdays and for the Junior and Adult groups on Sunday.

All fencers will fence electric with scores recorded on the Club's large score board.

Results will be collected and collated and a running ranking list will be posted on the Club's notice board and the winner at the end of term will be the number one ranked fencer and will receive a prize.

This is very good practice for any fencers who are working toward taking part in competitions.

Please find below the dates of each Monday, Thursday and Sunday competitions:

**MONDAYS: 5th October, 2nd November and 30th November.**

**THURSDAYS : 8th October, 5th November and 3rd December.**

**SUNDAYS: 4th October, 1st November and 29th November.**

Not attending all competition days could seriously affect your health (or at least your overall ranking!)

**Sunday ABC (Alcohol Beverage Competition)**

Numbers are growing for the 'fencing on the box' session on a Sunday from 11.30 - 1pm. As well as fencers from the morning session we have other members and non members coming for a good old Sunday bash!

The competitions now known as the ABC will run every **other** Sunday starting on the 20th September 2015. The Club will donate a bottle of wine or spirits and the assembled fencers will fight off for the prize. Referees and stopwatches will be provided and results will be kept on the club's official score board. A non-alcoholic bottle will also be donated for any under 18's that may win the ABC.

**The Annual TWIT competition** (Tunbridge Wells Invitation Team) will take place on Saturday 26th September 2015. Into its 4th year this promises to be as exciting as previous years with many strong teams competing including a team from Holland.

Please find below a copy of the competitions invitation for your information:

Royal Tunbridge Wells Fencing Club Invitational Team Epee Competition Supported by Leon Paul Saturday 26 September 2015 Check In 09.00 to 09:30 TA Centre, St Johns Road, Tunbridge Wells, TN4 9UU Cost £45:00 per team 3 or 4 fencers

I'd like to invite your club to join us for this year’s Royal Tunbridge Wells Fencing Club Invitational Team Epee Competition, which will take place on Saturday 26 September 2015.

We’ll hold a men’s and women’s competition, following the Italian relay format with teams consisting of three fencers (plus one reserve if you wish). We'll also be happy to accommodate mixed gender teams if that's more convenient for you. Similarly, if you’re unable to bring a full complement of fencers, please let me know and we’ll help you make up numbers. Please would you come back to me by the end of July, with an indication of whether your club can come and the team(s) you would like to bring. Then, if you could come back to me by 8 September 2014 with firm details that would be very helpful.

Our bar will also be open during the course of the day and we will hold a raffle, which includes some exciting prizes, some of which will be donated by Leon Paul. There will also be room for spectators to watch the fun so why not bring the family to what promises to be a very exciting day’s fencing. I look forward to hearing from you by the end of July.

**If** you know any girls/young women (11-18) who are interested in trying fencing we are running a Kent Sport subsidised course 27th/28th/30th July – only £10 for 3 mornings – please encourage friends to try it! For details please contact Prof. on 07768 085 735.

We will be holding our annual afternoon Picnic in the Park on September 20th in Hawkenbury Rec by the tennis courts, please save the date – more details to follow next term.

In the meantime, have a wonderful summer!

RTW F/C