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|  | **NEWSLETTER**  **Summer 2016** |

Dear All,

I hope you are all having an enjoyable summer. As the new term fast approaches, this newsletter contains all the club relevant info, but firstly, a huge thank you to those of you who continue to do so much for the club – be it with clothes orders, sponsorship, armoury, competitions, secretarial work and assisting with coaching…. you know who you are and how much you mean to the club – thank you so much – the club wouldn’t run without your help.

As you all know, the new session structure was bedded in last term and appears to be working well - but any questions/comments, please get in touch! Many thanks to Paul Beasley for stepping in, and to all of you for adapting to the new timetable. Our congratulations also go to Paul who recently attended a British Fencing residential course and has successfully attained his Level 3 coaching qualification.

I am sure you would all like to join with me to pass on our thanks from the Club and very best wishes to Prof. in his ongoing battle to stay as well as possible for as long as possible.

**DATES FOR NEXT TERM**

**MONDAYS:**

September - 5, 12, 19, 26

October - 3, 10, 17, 31 (no 24 as it's half term)

November - 7, 14, 21, 28

December - 5, 12, 19

**THURSDAYS:**

September - 8, 15, 22, 29

October - 6, 13, 20 (no 27 as it's half term)

November - 3, 10, 17, 24

December - 1, 8, 15

**SUNDAYS:**

September - 11, 18, 25

October - 2, 9, 16, 23 (no 30 as it's half term)

November - 6,  20 (no 13 - Remembrance Day or 27 - Sqn Party)

December - 4, 11, 18

**HOURS**

Mondays and Thursdays 7 - 10pm

Sundays 10 - 1pm

**FEES FOR THE TERM**

**Mondays and / or Thursdays (based on 14.5 weeks)**

Teens       £130.50

Adults       £145.00

Adults with private lessons    £217.50

**Sundays**

Juniors  £10 per session x 12 = 120

Juniors (private lesson) £15 per session x12 = 180

Adults £15 per session x 12 = 180

Adults (private lesson) £20 per session x 12 = 240

Evening visitors fee (no private lesson) = £8.00. To make it fairer to committed club fencers we have now put an upper limit of a maximum of 4 sessions a term as a visitor – thereafter we would expect you to join and pay pro-rata for the rest of the term.

All Sunday classes 10 - 11.30 (warm-up, footwork and technique plus bouting) then 11.30 - 1pm for private lessons/ free fencing on the electrical apparatus and ABC (Alcohol Beverage Competition – every other week). Sunday fees cover the whole session from 10 – 1pm. It’s up to you how much fencing you want to do…

**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 ongoing 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 score board. Results will be collected and collated and a running ranking list will be posted on the Club's notice board and the top three ranked fencers at the end of term will receive prizes. 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: 19th Sep, 17th October and 28th November

Thursdays; 22nd September, 20th October and 1st December

Sundays; 25th September, 23rd October and 4th December **FOR JUNIORS**

2nd October, 30th October and 11th December **FOR ADULTS**

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 25th September and will not run on Adult ‘Termly Club Competition’ days. 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 18s who may win the ABC.

**COMPETITIONS**

Julie Couchman (Competition Secretary) has compiled a competition calendar (which you can find on the club notice board) with all the seasons Veteran, Senior, Junior, Age group and County Competitions at Epee.

If any fencers need to borrow extra kit to compete in competitions please see Prof. Likewise, if you are unsure as to what equipment you need for competitions please see Prof.

Fencers (especially Adults) please send in any competition results (and photos if possible) to either Julie (japhcouchman@aol.com) or Prof. (steve@battling.com) for inclusion on the Club’s website.

**AOB**

For those who have now completed their Bronze award, if enough of you are interested we may be able to offer a Silver Award, but otherwise there is the option to join the evening sessions.

Private lessons on Mondays and Thursdays will be available at an extra cost with Paul Beasley (first come, first served basis, lesson duration dependent on how many opt for this).

Best wishes to you all.

Lucy Raj

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