



Keep your steel cold!

Fencing, unlike beach volleyball and windsurfing, is not a great summer sport: all of the protective clobber we have to wear makes our chosen activity a very hot business indeed – especially during a heatwave! Blessed relief, then, that the summer holidays are fencing's closed season. Still, should we all continue to be cooked by global warming deep into September and October, recent research suggests that a cold towel or ice pack applied to the back of the neck between bouts can help control one's body temperature and thereby prevent the heat sapping your sword skills. Regrettably, consuming lots of ice cream whilst on holiday doesn't appear to offer similar benefits.

Looking beyond the beach and towards next term, we'll be offering our regular classes, group training for our intermediate teens and adults, *and* two new beginners courses. The **Adult & Teen beginner** course will start on Thursday 6th September at 7pm and run for 14 weeks, and the **Junior beginner** course will start on Monday 10th September at 7pm and run for 13 weeks. Each class will comprise a warm-up, games, footwork drills, technical skills, and the chance to duel with your classmates.

Our **coaching team** will continue to be led by three-time Olympian Professor Steve Paul, assisted by Paul Beasley, Chris Higginson and Karen Paul. Steve will take the Sunday classes, helped by Paul and Chris. On weekdays, Paul will lead the sessions, with Paul and Chris offering group coaching to our intermediate teens and adults.

Information regarding the **times**, **term dates** and **fees** is to the right. On the second page, you'll find **armoury** costs, as well as information about **club** and **external competitions**.

Finally, a massive **thank you** for all of you who helped out last term – your assistance is greatly appreciated. We look forward to seeing you all after the summer holidays. In the meantime, try to control your ice cream cravings – and steer well clear of Novichok Ices.

Dates & times

Mondays

7-8pm Juniors (intermediate)

8-930pm Teens & Adults

Start: 10th Sept **End:** 10th Dec

Note: no club 22nd Oct (half term)

Thursdays

7-8pm Adult & Teen beginners /
Teen intermediates

8-930pm Teens and Adults

Start: 6th Sept **End:** 13th Dec

Note: no club 25th Oct (half term)

Sundays

10-1130am Juniors – beginner,
intermediate & advanced groups

10am-1pm Teens & Adults

Start: 9th Sept **End:** 16th Dec

Note: no club 21st Oct (half term)
or 11th Nov (TA event)

Fees

Based on term lengths of 13 Mondays
and Sundays and 14 Thursdays

Juniors (Mondays)	£104.00
Juniors (Sundays)	£130.00
Juniors (Sundays – with private lessons)	£195.00
Teens (Mondays)	£117.00
Teens (Thursdays)	£126.00
Adult beginners (Thursdays)	£126.00
Adult members (weekdays)	£140.00
Adult members (weekdays – with private lessons)	£210.00
Adult members (Sundays)	£195.00
Adult members (Sundays – with private lessons)	£260.00

Monday/Thursday visitors fee £8.00

(note: does not include private lesson)
To make it fairer to committed club
fencers we have put an upper limit of
6 sessions a term as a visitor; thereafter
we would expect you to join and pay
pro-rata for the rest of the term.

PAYMENTS

Payments may be made via:

- 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.



Competition compendium

The popular **Sunday electric junior competitions** will continue next term (dates TBC). A running ranking list will be posted on the club's notice board after each round. The top three ranked fencers at the end of the term in each league will receive prizes.

The **club championships** were held in May and a huge congratulations to all our champions; Lloyd Osbourne (cat 1 juniors); William Briggs (cat 2 juniors); Charlie Winter (Senior mens) and Amelia Dudley (Senior womens). The club championships will be held again next year.

Other results of note so far this year are as follows:

English Youth fencing Championships - Piero Steiner *silver medal*

Kent County Epee Championships - Amelia Dudley *gold medal*,

Daniel Powers *bronze medal*, Simon Pink *bronze medal*

BYC South East section - Amelia Dudley *last eight*

Kent school championships - Daniel Powers *bronze medal*

Elite Junior Epee - Daniel Powers *bronze medal*

British School Team Championships - *winners*

All photos can be found at www.rtwfencingclub.com. Many

congratulations to all other RTW fencers who competed in

National or County competitions this year, and good luck to

Simon Pink - who has qualified to represent Great Britain at the

World Veterans Championships in October.

Club events, such as the championships, the termly comps and also the new once-a-term TWIST events (in which RTW fencers compete against fencers from schools in the area) are great preparation for **county, regional and national-level competitions**. Please ask the club coaches for details - they can also advise you on which of these are appropriate for you.

Contact details etc

Address: **Territorial Army Centre, St John's Road, Tunbridge Wells, TN4 9UU** | Course enquiries: rtwfencingclub@gmail.com

Attendance: **Can't make it on a Monday or Thursday? Text Paul on 07786000488** | Website: www.rtwfencingclub.com

Armoury fees

For club members only

Weapon check (test only - weight, tip legality, travel and electrical resistance test) **No charge**

Tip (dismantled, cleaned, adjusted and left legal) **£2.00**

Tip replacement parts

(supply, fit & test)

Grub screws **£1.00**

Pressure spring **£1.00**

Contact spring **£1.00**

Tip - complete

(supply, fit & test)

LP Standard **£5.00**

FIE GT2 **£7.00**

Epee re-wire

Supply & fit new wire using existing barrel & tip if possible **£10.00**

Supply & fit new wire, new barrel & tip if necessary **£15.00**

Notes:

- Re-wires can usually be completed between club sessions.
- Additional weapon maintenance by arrangement.
- All monies go into club funds.

Rental costs

There is now a cost for using club wires and weapons at external competitions:

Wires (each) **£1.00**

Weapons (each) **£2.00**

Rentals must be agreed with Paul Beasley. A **£10** deposit will be required for all rentals, which will only be repaid if you return the rented items to Paul.