



GWEFC NEWS

Next Competitions

May 27&28 - Inverclyde

June 10&11 - Leon

Paul Junior Foil & Epee

June 18 - Adult Novices

July 1&2 - Doric Open

Entry forms are available on the club or Scottish Fencing websites, or ask your team captains for a form.

Child Protection

The committee have been working hard to ensure that the club meets new child protection legal requirements, and to move towards Best Practice policies and procedures.

We will be following the BFA child protection policies and procedures, you can find links to these on our website or look on the BFA's website.

As club members you don't need to know all the details, but there are two documents you must read: The **club child protection policy pamphlet**, and the **fencer's code of conduct**. Both of these can be found on our website, or you can ask Lesley to see a copy at training.

The most important thing to know is: **child protection is everybody's responsibility**. If you have any concerns about the safety of a child or the clubs procedures, please don't hesitate to raise it with the committee.

Any questions can be directed to the clubs child protection officer.

Recent Competitions

March 11&12th saw a number of fencers struggle through snow and sleet to represent their club at the **Edinburgh International**. Congratulations on the following results:

Maria Cabrelli - 9th WF
Lisa Lagergren - 13th WS
Stephanie Land - 17th WS
David Cook - 9th ME
Daniel Bell - 40th ME

The following weekend we ran our club **48'er** competition. Full results and photos are available on the club website. It was a great day with 5 rounds of poules and lots of prizes handed out at the end of the day including:

Rebecca - Drama Queen
Liam - Most spectacular equipment failure
Isla - Couldn't do it again if I tried

Thankyou to everyone who helped out with refereeing, setting up and clearing up afterward. Extra special thanks to Keith and his helpers for DTing.

April 1st & 2nd was the **Glasgow Open**, where club members surpassed themselves and brought home the Best Club trophy. Congratulations on the following results:

Kevin Campbell - 9th MF
David Cook - 10th ME
Henri Techer - 17th ME
Didier Slama - 20th ME
Roy Clarke - 13th MS
Alex Winchester - 15th MS
Michael Clarke - 18th MS
Keith Davidson - 19th MS
Robin Basu - 23rd MS
Rebecca Walker - 3rd WF
Helen Pitt - 9th WF
Maria Cabrelli - 12th WF
Lesley Wheldon - 17th WF
Carolyne Troy - 23rd WF
Lisa Lagergren - 2nd WS

It was great to see so many club members turn up to help set up and take down, and again special thanks is due to Lesley, Katie, Keith and their helpers in the kitchen who raised £300 for the club during the competition.

Hope to see you all there again next year.

Coming Events

Referee Course

May 20th, in the ARC
11am-3pm

We are privileged to have Dusty to teach us the finer points of good refereeing. Come and join in, learning to referee will help you improve your own fencing as well as enable you to help ref during training at the club.

Club Dinner

May 20th, 7pm

After the referee course we will reconvene for a club dinner at the **Bastille Bistro**. RSVP to Helen.

Child Protection

Scottish Fencing may be running a child protection workshop at the Inverclyde competition. This is a requirement for anyone wishing to be registered as a coach, and is also useful for anyone wanting to be on the committee or just to learn more about the topic.

West End Festival

June 11th, Glasgow West End.

We need lots of volunteers to put on a fencing display in the botanic gardens and hand out club advertising. This is a lot of fun and your big chance to help the club.

Summer Program

The club will once again be running a series of specialised training nights during the summer, including learning how to fix your equipment. Keep an eye on the club noticeboard for full details.

If you have suggestions for things you'd like to include in the program, talk to the committee.

Announcements

Can all members using the electric equipment please remember to help pack up the gear at the end of the night. If you're not sure where things go you can still wrap up cables and carry spools to the doors to be packed away.

Remember that you must comply with the new equipment regulations or we cannot allow you to fence.

- **Breeches are required**, the only exception is if you are using a non-electric or small-sized foil.

- **Plastrons are required**, the only exception is if you are using a non-electric or small-sized foil and your jacket is 800n (FIE standard).

Please don't walk on the badminton court if it is in use. You don't like people walking on your piste, so respect the field of play.

Contact Details

In line with best practices, the club will soon need to ask everyone fencing at the club to provide emergency contact information - this applies especially to visitors for whom we currently have no contact information at all.

The club will of course treat your contact details as confidential, and you can have your details removed from club records at any time by contacting the club secretary.

Additional Training Nights / More Space

We know that our rapidly growing club needs more space, the problem is finding it at a price we can afford!

Most sports centres are either fully booked or charge more than we can afford without raising fees. If you know of a potential venue - easily accessible, available, affordable - then let the committee know and they will joyfully check it out.

Want To Be A Coach?

The club aims to help people develop in all areas of fencing, and this includes coaching.

If you are interested in learning to coach, or in adding to your existing coaching qualifications, then talk to the club about opportunities and what we can do to help you.

If there is sufficient interest we may be able to organise a coaching course held here in Glasgow.

Score Sheets

If you are looking to do something a little different at training, the club does have individual poule sheets and team scoresheets available for use at any time. Ask a committee member to locate one for you.

Beginners Courses

The 10 week beginner courses continue to be popular.

These are being run on Tuesdays in Knightswood, thanks to Elaine and Lisa for their coaching efforts.

The next course will start September 26th, if you know any potential fencers be sure to tell them they can download a form from the website.

Because of space and coaching constraints, we are not currently able to provide ad hoc beginner coaching at club training sessions.

Apres Fencing

After fencing each week many fencers meet up for a drink at the pub.

Come and join us at **The Athol** on Renfrew St, and get to know the people behind the masks.

Floor Fees

If you're not paying by standing order, please pay your floor fee promptly at the start of the night so that our treasurer is free to do some fencing as well.

Lesson List

To get a ten minute lesson with the club coach, Dave Rollo, put your name on the lesson list. This can be found out the front with Lesley at the start of the night, and near the doors to the equipment store the rest of the time.

To help Dave give lessons to as many people as possible - keep an eye on your place in the list and be ready to go as soon as you are called.

Suggestion Box

The committee welcome ideas, requests and suggestions from club fencers at any time. Just talk to a committee member!

We also welcome volunteers willing to help implement them.

Roaming Epeeists

The club Epeeists have started invading the Bellahouston fencing club on Monday nights in search of additional training.

If you'd like to join them talk to David, who coordinates through e-mail to ensure a good level of competition.

Club Membership

Membership of GWEFC costs just £15, and comes with many benefits. Join Today!

- ✂ Vote at the AGM
- ✂ Membership card
- ✂ Discount on electric kit hire for competitions
- ✂ 50% discount on the cost of replacing a club blade broken in competition
- ✂ 25% discount on equipment repairs when arranged through the club
- ✂ £5 discount on Scottish Fencing membership *
- ✂ £5 discount on one Leon Paul equipment order when placed through the club *

* First time members only.

The committee welcome fully-costed suggestions for further membership benefits.

Don't forget, if you attend regularly you can also save time and money by paying your fees with a standing order - £18 per month.

Deadlines

This will be a quarterly newsletter. Deadlines really are final, if you want something included send it in as soon as you have it.

August 26
November 18

e-mail your items to:
newsletter@glasgowfencing.com

We're particularly keen to hear about your achievements and the efforts of volunteers.

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