

COLUMBIA FENCERS' CLUB NEWSLETTER

Happy New Year, CFC Fencers and Friends!



Welcome new fencers!

Clubmates— Please introduce yourself to anyone you do not know!

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Congratulations

to our CFC competitors at the SC Junior Olympic Qualifying Tournament held at Harbison Dec. 19.

The following CFC Fencers qualified from SC to JO's in the events below based on their placements:

Junior Men's Epee:

Luke Reuwer, 1st Place

Cadet Men's Epee:

Luke Reuwer, 2nd Place

Junior Men's Foil:

Luke Reuwer, 2nd Place

Cadet Men's Foil:

Luke Reuwer, 2nd Place

Clement Sbardella, 3rd Place

Jackson Ellenberg, 5th Place

The "Junior Olympics" are the National Championships for Under 20 and Under 17 age fencers. JO's will be held in Cleveland, Ohio, Feb. 12-15, 2016. Registration info is at:

http://www.usfencing.org/news_article/show/475432?referrer_id=669372-usa-fencing-news

Congratulations also to Clement, Cooper, and Jackson for 4th, 5th, and 7th places in Jr Men's Foil! Jackson and Cooper tested their competitive skills for the first time at this tournament! All fenced well and enjoyed the challenge and camaraderie.

Let's have even more competitors at this tournament next fall!

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CFC DUES and FEES



YMCA site: Dues are due: Tuesday, Jan. 5 or Thursday, Jan. 7. (Dues for *new* fencers who start mid-month are pro-rated.) \$10 late charge *after* Th, Jan. 7. No late charge for new fencers.

CFC dues: \$60/month (for twice a week fencers) or \$40/month (Tu-only or Th-only) Checks payable to "Jane Littmann"

YMCA Activity Fee (required for fencers who are not YMCA members nor part of Family Memberships): *Ages 9-21: \$25/month. Adults, ages 22 and older: \$30/month.* Checks payable to the "Columbia Downtown YMCA". (YMCA fees go in the same envelope on the sign-in clipboard as your CFC dues.)



Ask Jane about Individual Lessons

HARBISON site: Next Session at Harbison: Wednesdays, January 6—February 10.

Planned class times are:

- 4:40 – 5:45 PM Beginners and Youth
- 5:30 – 6:45 PM Teens-Adults and Intermediates

Class times may be revised to better accommodate the age groups and schedules of those interested. Please call ahead or email to let me know what's best for you.

Harbison/CFC combined fee: 6-weeks \$115 Nonresidents; \$92 Residents

Current USA Fencing Membership at least at the noncompetitive (\$10) level is required of all participants in both programs. CFC is an Insured Member Club of USA Fencing.

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YMCA: The YMCA class meets Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:30–7:30 pm. **Class begins promptly at 6:30 pm. Please arrive early, and be READY and SUITED UP.** Group instruction is provided for foil and epee.

We will continue to include some bouting during class time after the footwork and blade work drills. We are working on drills that are valuable to practice for all levels of fencers.

Open fencing (additional bouting) at the Y can continue after class as always from 7:30 pm until closing (8:45 pm) for those who wish to stay.

CFC Plans for the future— Input is still needed from our YMCA and Harbison fencers for future scheduling of our classes on the east and west sides of town to help me assess what's most convenient for you. Thanks.

FOR OUR COMPETITIVE (and soon-to-be competitive) MEMBERS:

How Do I Find Out About Tournaments? Upcoming tournaments and clinics in SC, NC, & GA and around the country can be found at <http://askFRED.net/> (**FRED** is an acronym for **Fencing Results and Events Database**). Be sure to check "AskFRED" regularly as events are frequently added and cancelled.

Augusta Fencers' Club is holding a tournament Sat and Sun, Jan 9 and 10. Events include Mixed Sat Foil, Div 3 Mixed Foil, Mixed Youth Foil events for ages 10, 12, and 14, Mixed Sunday Epee, and Div 3 Mixed Epee.

https://askfred.net/Events/wholsComing.php?tournament_id=30751



Note: Not all events listed on AskFred are sanctioned (approved) events by USA Fencing and its divisions. Sanctioned events follow USA Fencing rules, are insured through our national governing body, and permit earning classifications according to the strength of the event and final results of the fencers. To enter sanctioned USA Fencing competitions, you must be a 'competitive' member of USA Fencing and have regulation clothing and regulation electric equipment. **Please contact Jane if you have questions about ordering equipment, or entering competitions, e.g., which events might be appropriate for you.**

Coaching at Competitions: If you would like coaching at upcoming competitions, please contact Jane preferably a month ahead of the event.



Coordinating travel: If you have car space available, or need transportation, please let me or others in the club know.

FENCING RULES & refereeing: Knowing the rules helps you as a fencer, not just as a referee. Read it and learn! The most current rulebook is <http://assets.ngin.com/attachments/document/0054/4279/USRules-4-1-14.pdf> (April 1, 2014 edition).

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CFC CLUB INFORMATION



GET-TOGETHERS: Impromptu. No dates set this month.

SIGN-IN SHEET: Please remember to sign-in on the YMCA 4th floor! All names, **FIRST AND LAST**, are to be **PRINTED** and **LEGIBLE!** (This includes Parents and Guests.) *This complies with the YMCA's policies and requirements. (We will enjoy "penalty brownies" from those who forget!)* (Dues and YMCA fees may be left in the envelope attached to the clipboard.)

CLOTHING SAFETY REMINDERS: *Legs, ankles, and torso must be fully covered.*

Long pants with socks, or knickers with long socks are always required for fencing involving any bladework drills and bouts. No holes, shorts, sandals, crocs, or other open shoes or boots are appropriate. Shirts must be long enough to cover your torso. YOU WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO FENCE IN SHORTS OR SANDALS. Safety comes first.

POLICY REMINDER: No CFC equipment may leave the YMCA or Harbison.

USA FENCING MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENT: All participants at CFC practices must be at least "non-competitive" USA Fencing Members. (New members who joined on or after April 1—your memberships are valid through July 31, 2016.)



You can join, renew, or upgrade your membership *either* at the club *or* online at <https://www.railstation.org/usfencing/MembershipRegistration.aspx> **If you join or renew online, please provide verification of your USFA membership to Jane.**

NEW FENCERS? Know anyone who might be interested in learning to fence? New fencers (youth and adults) are welcome to start throughout the year. No experience or equipment is necessary. Please invite your friends who might be interested in fencing to contact us. Our club meets year round.

As always, best en gardes,

--Jane

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(If you no longer wish to receive the CFC monthly newsletter, please contact me, and I will remove your name from our mailing list.)