

COLUMBIA FENCERS' CLUB

Yes, the rules do change. Please see page 3 for the latest update for foil.



Greetings CFC Fencers & Friends,
Welcome Ebony, Noah K, George, Nell, and Carter!
Fencers -- Please introduce yourself to your clubmates!

— **Sword Fest** —
 SC Confederate Relic Room and Military Museum
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More of our fencers are beginning to fence tournaments in the Southeast. Please see page 3 for upcoming tourney info and to learn about AskFred. Tourney listings in this newsletter will be discontinued next month as more timely info is on AskFred. Several club members will be attending or competing at the North American Cups in Baltimore in March and in Richmond in April. The April NAC would also be a great opportunity for a field trip to watch the US National Championships. Equipment vendors will be present.



Special Demo on
SC Swords and Swordsmen at the
SC Confederate Relic Room & Military Museum
Saturday, February 10

CFC needs volunteers to help with a demonstration of the **modern sport of fencing** (those of you not fencing the Holy City Open in Charleston or the ACN foil in Atlanta) on Saturday, February 10. Our portion of the demonstration will be from 12:00 Noon – 1:00 PM, with set-up a half hour before. **Please contact Jane as soon as possible as I plan our part of this event.**

The day features multiple presentations including a special showing of historic swords from their collection, a talk by Dr. Jack Meyer on swords in state history, and a talk by Joe Long, Curator of Education for the SC Confederate Relic Room and Military Museum about SC swordsmen of the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries (including “the only sword duel which seems to have taken place in this state – in Charleston in the 1790’s”).

Allen Johnson, medieval swordplay enthusiast with the Palmetto Knights demonstration team, will be doing a presentation based on the antebellum broadsword manual of the SC state militia. Kids’ activities will include a “sword scavenger hunt” in the museum gallery.

This is a wonderful opportunity for us to learn and to share with the general public the benefits our sport offers, and to contrast the modern sport we enjoy with military swordplay and their heavy nineteenth-century weapons.

THE DEMONSTRATION WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE STATE MUSEUM’S COLUMBIA MILLS BUILDING
301 Gervais St, Columbia, SC 29201

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Kahn JCC & Seven Oaks Park: Classes meet year round. Fees are month to month.

Classes begin promptly at 6:30 pm. Please arrive early, and be READY and SUITED UP. Group instruction is provided for foil and epee. We are working on drills that are valuable to practice for all levels, foil & epee. **There may be adjustments of class times to accommodate all ages, levels, & weapons. Feedback welcome!** Pre-class bouts at Seven Oaks Park may begin at 6:00 pm for those interested. **Individual lessons available at both sites. Contact Jane for info and to schedule.** (Observers and new fencers welcome.)

Kahn JCC site: Fees are month to month. **Our CFC class meets Tu's & Th's 6:30-7:30 PM with additional bouts time available until 8:45 PM. February fencing fees are due Th, Feb 1, or Tu, Feb 6.** (Checks payable to "Kahn JCC" please.)



CFC/JCC combined fee:

Once a week fencers: \$75/month (Tu-only or Th-only) **Twice a week fencers: \$95/month.** (Each additional family member pays \$70/month for once a week or \$85/month for twice a week.)

JCC members discounted fee: Once a week: \$65/month (Tu only or Th only). **Twice a week: \$80/month** (plus the relevant monthly JCC membership fee). Each additional fencing member of family pays same JCC member-discount rate.

JCC Membership is not required. New JCC members who join to fence pay no joining fee and receive a significant promotional discount off their JCC membership their first year. (Memberships for fencers are \$40 /month for individuals; \$70/month for families.) Additional categories of memberships are available for Single Parent-Child, Couples, Senior Couple, etc. Free babysitting is available for JCC members during workouts among many other programs and discounts. The JCC will provide additional information about various categories of memberships and programs. <http://www.jcccolumbia.org/> **CFC offers a discount for collegiate fencers.**

Seven Oaks Park site: Fees are month to month. Classes meet on Weds. **Dues are due on Wed, Feb 7.** (Checks, credit card, or cash payable at front desk. Please arrive early to handle your account at the desk.) <http://www.icrc.net/seven-oaks-park> **CFC offers a discount for collegiate fencers.**

CFC/Seven Oaks Park combined fee:

\$75 per month

(Each additional member of family: \$70.)

6:00 – 6:30 PM Open Fencing (Bouting)

6:30 – 7:30 PM Class

7:30—8:45 PM Additional bouts

DROP IN Fees per visit at Seven Oaks Park or the JCC: Local fencers not paying at either site may drop in to either site for \$20 per visit. If you are a 2/week fencer at one site, you may drop in to our other site for \$5 per visit. Once a week fencers may drop in to the other site for \$10 per visit.



You must be a current USA Fencing member at least at the noncompetitive (\$10/yr.) membership level to participate in all CFC programs. CFC is an Insured Member Club of USA Fencing.

You can join or renew either at the club or online at <https://member.usfencing.org/>

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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.

UPCOMING EVENTS: (NACs are listed on the USA Fencing website. Local and regional events are on AskFred.)

Sat-Sun, Feb 3-4. Apex Fencing Academy RYC - Foil & Epee - Region 6 Apex, NC https://askfred.net/Events/moreInfo.php?tournament_id=38808 Youth 10, 12, 14. Separate Men's & Women's, Foil & Epee events.

Sat, Feb 10. Holy City Open, Charleston, SC https://askfred.net/Events/whoIsComing.php?tournament_id=38957 Mixed Epee, Mixed Foil

Sat, Feb 10. ACN Atlanta Foil Tournament. https://askfred.net/Events/whoIsComing.php?tournament_id=39214 Y10, Y12, Y14, Div 2, & Open Mixed Foil.

Sat-Sun, Feb 24-25. 2018 Volunteer Open. Knoxville, TN https://askfred.net/Events/whoIsComing.php?tournament_id=37890

Sat-Sun, Feb 24-25. Laurence Schiller Foil and Épée ROC (Regional Open Circuit). Roswell, GA. Dunwoody and Birmingham Fencing Clubs organizers. Men's & Women's Div 1A & Div 2 qualifying events in Foil & Epee.
Registration deadline: Fri, Feb. 2. https://askfred.net/Events/moreInfo.php?tournament_id=39290

Sat-Sun, Mar 3-4. Yellow Jacket Open 2018. Georgia Tech. Atlanta, GA. https://askfred.net/Events/whoIsComing.php?tournament_id=39594 Mixed Open, and Div 3 Foil, Epee, & Saber.

Fri-Mon, March 9-12, 2018 March 2018 North American Cup (NAC) <http://www.usafencing.org/2018-march-nac>
Location: Baltimore, MD. **Venue:** The Baltimore Convention Center 1 W Pratt St, Baltimore, MD 21201
Events Contested: Y14/Y12/Y10/DV3/Y14 Team

Fri-Mon, Apr 20-23, 2018. US Div 1 National Championships and April NAC
Richmond, VA <http://www.usafencing.org/2018-april-championships-and-nac>
Venue: Greater Richmond Convention Center 403 N 3rd St, Richmond, VA 23219 **Events Contested:** DV1/DV1TM & Wheelchair Championships & DV2/DV3/VET/VET Age NAC Plus V80+ Exhibition

Where Do I Find a copy of the RULEBOOK? Knowing the rules helps you as a fencer, not just as a referee. The Aug 1, 2016 Rulebook is the most current, except for the rule change in foil noted below. <http://www.fencingofficials.org/blog/wp-content/uploads/2016/08/2016-USA-Fencing-Rules.pdf>

FOIL RULE CHANGE (January 2018): It is once again allowed to advance the shoulder of the non-sword arm in front of the shoulder of the sword arm (OK to reverse shoulders), so long as one does not cover or substitute target with the non-weapon arm, nor use it to deflect or trap the opponent's blade.

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

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

Jane will be refereeing the March NAC in Baltimore, & the Yellow Jacket in Atlanta.

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.**



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CFC CLUB INFORMATION

GET-TOGETHERS: Impromptu. None pre-scheduled this month.

SIGN-IN SHEET: Please remember to sign-in both at the Kahn JCC and Seven Oaks Park ! All names, FIRST AND LAST, are to be PRINTED and LEGIBLE! (This includes Parents and Guests.) *This complies with our facilities' policies and requirements.* (We will enjoy "penalty brownies" from those who forget!)

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 bouting. 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. (Our facilities are air conditioned.)

POLICY REMINDER: No CFC equipment may leave the Kahn JCC or Seven Oaks Park.

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, 2017—your memberships are valid through July 31, 2018. If you upgraded to Competitive membership for the first time on or after April 1, your Competitive level membership is valid through July 31, 2018!)** See current membership list here: <https://member.usfencing.org/search/members>



If you join or renew online, please provide verification of your membership to Jane. **Your USA Fencing membership must be current to participate!**

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. There is no fee to observe. We do need a **week's advance notice for those enrolling**, in order to arrange an individualized Intro/Overview for you.

You are welcome to join us at either of our locations!



Our Wednesday Club site is **Seven Oaks Park**
200 Leisure Lane
Columbia, SC 29210
<http://www.icrc.net/seven-oaks-park>

Best en gardes,

Jane

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Our Tuesday and Thursday Club site is the **Katie and Irwin Kahn Jewish Community Center**
306 Flora Drive, Columbia, SC 29223.
<http://www.jcccolumbia.org/>

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

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**See you
at the
Club!!**

