

COLUMBIA FENCERS' CLUB NEWSLETTER



Greetings CFC Fencers & Friends,
Welcome Brad, Lane, Isaac, Grayson,
Can, & Benjamin,
CFC Fencers -- Please introduce yourself to any
clubmates you do not know!



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The 2nd Annual SwordFest will be held
Sat, Feb 9, 2019 at the SC Confederate
Relic Room and Military Museum.



Sword-related Shows, Programs and Activities
start at 10:00 AM. For more information--
<https://crr.sc.gov/calendar?e=450>

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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. **(We do need a week's advance notice for those enrolling in order to arrange an individualized Intro/Overview for you.)**

Kahn JCC site: Fees are month to month. **Our CFC class meets Tu's & Th's 6:30-7:30 PM. More bouts time is available until 8:45 PM. February fencing fees are due Tu, Feb 5 or Tu, Jan 7.** (Checks payable to "Kahn JCC" please, or credit card at desk.)

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 2x/wk)

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. 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 6.** (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. USA Fencing Season runs August 1, 2018—July 31, 2019. 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 & 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 & cancelled. **Have questions? Ask Jane.**

—North American Cups (NACs) and Nationals are listed on the USA Fencing website. <https://www.usafencing.org/home>

—The 2018-19 USA Regional Calendar is at [https://cdn3.sportngin.com/attachments/document/798e-1655472/2018-19 Regional Event Schedule.pdf](https://cdn3.sportngin.com/attachments/document/798e-1655472/2018-19%20Regional%20Event%20Schedule.pdf)

UPCOMING EVENTS include:

Fri-Sun, Feb 1-3—Capitol Clash. National Harbor, VA (near Washington DC). Youth 8, 10, 12, 14, Cadet; and Vet; SYC, RCC, HEMA. Clinics. https://askfred.net/Events/moreInfo.php?tournament_id=42464 and <https://www.capitolclash2019.com/clinics> (Jane will be there but as a referee.)

Sun, Feb 3—Kraken Open Epee & Saber, Premier Fencing Alliance, Marietta GA. Mixed Epee, Div 2 Mixed Epee. https://askfred.net/Events/whosComing.php?tournament_id=42407#168646

Sat, Feb 9 — 2nd Annual SwordFest Sword-related talks at the SC Confederate Relic Room and Military Museum. Columbia, SC. <https://crr.sc.gov/calendar?e=450>

Sat-Sun, Feb 9-10—Volunteer Open 2019. Univ of TN, Knoxville. Mixed & Div3 Foil, Epee, & Saber. https://askfred.net/Events/whosComing.php?tournament_id=40926

Sat-Sun, Feb 23-24—Laurence Schiller Foil & Epee Regional Open Circuit (ROC), Atlanta Fencers' Club, East Point, GA. Men's & Women's 1A & Div 2 & Vet Combined Foil & Epee. https://askfred.net/Events/moreInfo.php?tournament_id=42754 Registration: <https://member.usafencing.org/details/tournaments/3236>

Sat-Sun, Mar 2-3—10th Annual Yellow Jacket Open 2019. GA Tech CRC, Atlanta. Mixed & Div3 Foil, Epee, & Saber. https://askfred.net/Events/whosComing.php?tournament_id=42769

Sat, Mar 9—St. Patty's Slash. Savannah, GA. Mixed Epee; Women's Epee. https://askfred.net/Events/whosComing.php?tournament_id=42228#167952

Sat, Mar 16—Catcuda Clash, Clarendon County Dueling Academy (CCDA), Manning, SC. Mixed Epee, D&Under Mixed Epee, Nonsanctioned Under 17 Mixed Epee. https://askfred.net/Events/moreInfo.php?tournament_id=42872

Where Do I Find a copy of the RULEBOOK? Knowing the rules helps you as a fencer, not just as a referee. The *AUGUST, 2018* Rulebook is the most current. <http://www.refereescommission.org/blog/wp-content/uploads/2018/08/2018-08-USA-Fencing-Rules.pdf> and <https://www.usafencing.org/usa-fencing-rule-book>



How Do I arrange travel carpools or coaching? **Travel:** If you have car space available, or need transportation, contact Jane or clubmates.

Coaching at Competitions: Contact Jane preferably a month ahead of the event.

How Do I save on equipment costs? Notify Jane or others re: (1) outgrown gear you wish to sell, or (2) plans to order equipment so you can combine orders with others and save on shipping. Sellers: Please email a description of what you have including sizes, RH/LH, manufacturer/company, and sale price.

Sale: an almost new RH electric epee starter set: 1 electric epee, 1 body cord, glove (Lg), epee mask (Med), men's jacket (42), men's plastic chest protector (XL), plastron (Lg), and red bag. Contact Michelle 803-309-3051.



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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. The membership year runs Aug 1-July 31. 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 Fencing!

