

COLUMBIA FENCERS' CLUB NEWSLETTER

WORDFEST 2020

Saturday, Feb 8, 2020 at the
 SC Confederate Relic Room & Military Museum
 301 Gervais St., Columbia 29201

Info & list of scheduled presentations —
<https://www.crr.sc.gov/calendar?e=509>

All Free and open to the public all day!

10 AM—4 PM

Columbia Fencers' Club will do a presentation
 of the modern sport of fencing at 2:00 PM.

Please contact Jane if you would like to participate.



2019 Sword Fest Photo credits: Angie Hill.

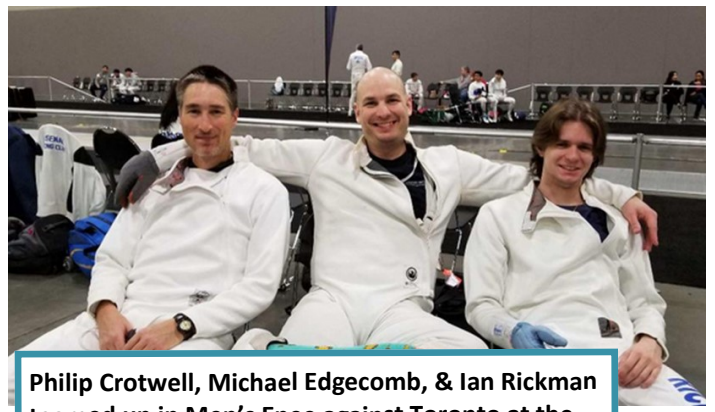
Glad so many of our club members got to view the Division 1 North American Cup (NAC) in Charlotte! Hope you were inspired by the skills, technique, athleticism, speed, and tactical savvy of these top fencers close up!



Greetings CFC Fencers & Friends!

Welcome Mason, Margaret, Moses, Mekhai, Jacqueline, Gail, Eli, and welcome back Dmitri and Chris!

All Club Members: Please introduce yourself to any clubmates you don't know!



Philip Crotwell, Michael Edgecomb, & Ian Rickman teamed up in Men's Epee against Toronto at the January 2020 NAC in Charlotte



SAVE THE DATE—

**Saturday, April 25, 2020
 Charleston, S.C.**

for the S.C. Qualifying Tournament to the Summer Nationals & July Challenge !

**Men's and Women's Foil, Epee, & Saber
 Div 2 & Div 3 (C, D, E, & U fencers)
 (birth year 2006 or earlier);
 "Vets" (birth year 1980 or earlier); and
 Youth 14 (birth years 2005-2008)**

Watch for posting soon on AskFred.

Summer Nationals will be June 28-July 7
 2020 in Louisville, KY.

Other events contested in Louisville
 have other qualifying paths.

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Youth fencers and young referees

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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. **Jan** fencing fees are due **Th, Jan 2 or Tu, Jan 7.** **Feb** fencing fees are due **Tu, Feb 4 or Th, Feb 6.** (Checks payable to "Kahn JCC" please, or credit card at desk.)



CFC/JCC fencing 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.jccolumbia.org/> CFC offers a discount for collegiate fencers.

Seven Oaks Park site: Fees are month to month. Classes meet on Weds. **Jan** fees are due on **Wed, Jan 8.** **Feb** fees are due **Wed, Feb 5.** (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 fencing 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.** Fencers paying once a week at one site 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. The USFA Fencing Season runs August 1, 2019—July 31, 2020. 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 locally 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.

Many regional events are listed on the USA Fencing website at <https://www.usafencing.org/regional-calendar>. We are in region 6. The schedule for the current season is posted and lists all Regional Youth Circuit (RYC), Super Youth Circuit (SYC), Regional Open Circuit (ROC), Regional Junior Cadet Circuit (RJCC), and Super Junior and Cadet Circuit events throughout the country. **North American Cups (NACs) and Nationals** are also listed on the USA Fencing website at <https://www.usafencing.org/national-events-calendar>. Select the season (2019-2020) and events from the calendars listed.

How Do I arrange travel /carpools to tournaments? If you have car space available, or need transportation, contact Jane or clubmates.



UPCOMING EVENTS:

Sun, Feb 2 Winter Whoop-A, Augusta, GA Augusta Fencers Club (Mixed Epee) https://askfred.net/Events/wholsComing.php?tournament_id=45787

Sat, Feb 8 SwordFest at the SC Confederate Relic Room and Military Museum, Columbia, SC. Talks and demonstrations. <https://www.crr.sc.gov/calendar?e=509>

Sat-Sun, Feb 8-9, 2020 Volunteer Open 2020, Knoxville, TN Fencing Club at Univ of TN, Knoxville (Mixed Foil, Epee, Saber, & Div 3 Foil, Epee, and Saber) https://askfred.net/Events/moreInfo.php?tournament_id=45597

Sat-Sun, Feb 29-Mar 1 Tiger Open, Clemson University, Clemson, SC. (Mixed Foil, Epee, Saber, Div 3 Mixed Foil, Epee, Saber) https://askfred.net/Events/wholsComing.php?tournament_id=45674

Sun, Mar 1 Unsanctioned Youth Foil #3, Charleston (Hanahan), SC, Edge of America Fencing Club (Unsanctioned Y14 Mixed Foil, Unsanctioned Y10Y12 Mixed Foil) https://askfred.net/Events/wholsComing.php?tournament_id=45896

Sat-Sun, Mar 7-8 11th Annual Yellow Jacket Open, Georgia Tech, Atlanta, GA. (Mixed Foil, Epee, Saber, Div 3 Mixed Foil, Epee, Saber) https://askfred.net/Events/wholsComing.php?tournament_id=45207

See AskFred for many Youth events.

The current Rulebook (Aug 2019) is online. https://cdn2.sportngin.com/attachments/document/6626-1950459/2019-08-USA-Fencing-Rules.pdf?_ga=2.51015081.1249519001.1566673047-2041363119.1555036558

Knowing the rules helps you as a fencer, not just as a referee!

The Athlete Handbook is at https://cdn2.sportngin.com/attachments/document/01e9-1956283/FINAL_2019_2020_Athlete_Handbook__10_15_2019.pdf#_ga=2.159493181.1887172053.1572633690-2041363119.1555036558



Brant (left) takes Bronze in E & Under Mixed Foil at the Holy City Open, Charleston, Dec. 2019



Ian & John battle at club practice

Andrei (center) trains with the Irish Olympic Pentathlon team while in Ireland.



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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 heated and 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>

(New members who joined on or after April 1, 2019—your memberships are valid through July 31, 2020. If you upgraded to Competitive membership for the first time on or after April 1, your Competitive level membership is valid through July 31, 2020!)

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.)

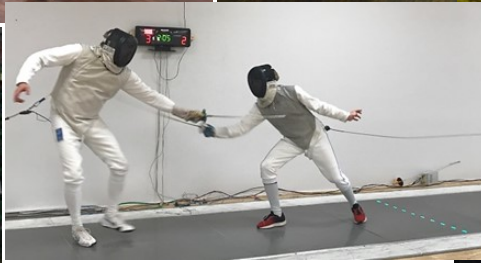
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Dad & Daughter Duo



Irish Olympic Pentathlon Team gets cut-throat with Andrei!



See you at Fencing!



Ya gotta hit with the pointy end!



Oops! Touche!

