

HUDSON-BERKSHIRE DIVISION NEWSLETTER

LETTER FROM THE CHAIRMAN:

Fellow Fencers,

Welcome to another season of fencing in the Hudson-Berkshire Division. Sorry about the delay in getting out this newsletter but we wanted to finalize the schedule and now that Berkshire Buccaneers has graciously agreed to host the Division Championships the schedule is finished. I think you will find that there are lots of opportunities for fencers of all skill levels and ages to compete this year. Also we are hosting a referee clinic at a reduced cost to Division members of only \$10.

I would like to thank both Mitch Berliner and Rod Meagher for their past service to the Division and wish them well in their future fencing pursuits. Both have contributed greatly to developing the Division to its current state. I am sure that Mr. Berliner will continue to support the Division in his position as Section Chairman.

I would like to remind everyone that the Division is now conducting most business and sending out monthly updates via email so please make sure that the Secretary has your current email address. The Division has a number of committees that are always looking for volunteers. Please see the by-laws posted on the website for descriptions of the committees. Also the Division is trying to keep a listing of results from all tournaments in the Division so please send in results from your events.

I am looking forward to a great season of fencing and if there is anything myself or the other offices can do to make that happen don't hesitate to contact us. Please remember as well that the Division's website at www.hudsonberkshire.com is your best source for up to date information on what is happening in the Division.

Andrew Littlefield, Ph.D.
Chairman

EQUIPMENT MATCHING GRANTS AWARDED:

We would to like to congratulate the following clubs:

Beaches	\$180
CDFS	\$250
Fishkill Fencers	\$250
Gristmill	\$250
RPI	\$250

REFEREE CLINIC:

Referee Clinic is scheduled for 13 Nov at the Phoenix Center. The fee is \$10 for division members, and pre-registration is required. This clinic is the one required by the Fencing Officials Commission before you take the written test to become referee. Some take it as an informational tool and others go on from there. The clinic will discuss rules and strategies for refereeing all three weapons. The course will take about 4 hours. The written test will not given to

anyone who has not studied the study questions available on the FOC and USFA websites. The practical exam may be taken at a tournament.

DIVISION E-MAILS:

If you are not currently receiving division e-mails and want to please send you email address to Michael Macri (macrim@rpi.edu).

EVENTS SCHEDULE:

CLOSE OF REGISTRATION TIMES	
3 Weapon Day	Foil - 9:00 AM Epee - 11:00 AM Saber - 1:00 PM
2 Weapon Day	1st Weapon - 9:00 AM 2nd Weapon - 12:00 PM
1 Weapon Day	10:00 AM

Entry Fees for all tournaments are \$10 per weapon/event except where noted

DATE	LOCATION	EVENT
4 Nov	Gristmill	Women's Unclassified Foil (6 PM)
12 Nov	Binghamton University	Three Weapon Team (\$30 per Team)
12 Nov	Mt Anthony	Three Weapon Open
16 Nov	Fishkill Fencers	Open Epee (8 PM - \$5)
19-20 Nov	Dom Szabli	Anniversary Tournament
3 Dec	Berkshire Buccaneers	Mountain Man Epee Open
3 Dec	CDFS	[Y-10, Y-12, Y-14 Saber] [Y-10, Y-12, Y-14 Foil]
10 Dec	FMCC	Junior Olympics Qualifier (Foil, Epee, Saber)
21 Dec	Fishkill Fencers	Open Epee (8 PM - \$5)
18 Jan	Fishkill Fencers	Open Epee (8 PM - \$5)
29 Jan	RPI	Three Weapon Team Event (\$45 per team/ Non-USFA)
4 Feb	FMCC	Epee Team Tournament
15 Feb	Fishkill Fencers	Open Epee (8 PM - \$5)
4 Mar	FMCC	Open Epee
15 Mar	Fishkill Fencers	Open Epee (8 PM - \$5)
25 Mar	Woodstock	Three Weapon Open
1 Apr	RPI	Three Weapon Open (Non-USFA)
8 Apr	Vassar	Summer National Qualifier
19 Apr	Fishkill Fencers	Open Epee (8 PM - \$5)
6 May	Berkshire Buccaneers	Division Championships and Annual Meeting - Tentative
17 May	Fishkill Fencers	Open Epee (8 PM - \$5)
3 Jun	Berkshire Buccaneers	Division Championships and Annual Meeting - Tentative
21 Jun	Fishkill Fencers	Open Epee (8 PM - \$5)
19 Jul	Fishkill Fencers	Open Epee (8 PM - \$5)
26 - 30 Jul	Rochester, NY	Empire State Games
16 Aug	Fishkill Fencers	Open Epee (8 PM - \$5)