



NEWSLETTER July 2006

Hi Everyone,

As you all know we held our Club AGM on Saturday 29th July. I am pleased to announce that all the current officers of the Club were willing to continue with their roles and were duly re-elected.

Chair – Chris King
Treasurer – Chris King
Secretary – Rory Kelly
Armourer – Rory Kelly
Webmaster – Chris Goodman
Social Secretary – Fiona Scott

Fencing Dates

Fencing Dates for the next year are to be as follows:

Thursday 7th September – Thursday 14th December
Thursday 4th January – Thursday 29th March
Thursday 19th April – Thursday 19th July

This is a total of 42 weeks fencing.

Starter Courses

Starter courses will run from the following dates:

Thursday 21st September - 23rd November
Thursday 11th January – Thursday 22nd March
Thursday 26th April – Thursday 5th July

The cost will be £75.00. This will include 1 year's BFA Social Membership and the Grade 1 certificate.

BFA Membership

With regard to our regular membership we would like to strongly recommend taking up Social Membership of the BFA. This costs £10.00 per year and is available through the Club (see Rory for details). This will

insure any individual for fencing at Dacorum Fencing. It will not cover you for competition fencing, or fencing at other clubs, for which you would require Individual Membership at a cost of £40, available from the BFA.

Fencing Costs

We have agreed to keep the £6 per night fee, however, we would very much like to encourage our fencers to take advantage of the extra night's fencing that will be available in the Main Hall at the school, on Tuesday evenings from 7.00 – 9.30pm.

Regular subscribers to this will be charged £10 per week, whereas occasional fencers would still be charged £6 per session.

As an incentive to encourage fencers to pay by standing order, we are prepared to offer a 10% discount giving up to £42 discount on a year's fencing. Anyone wishing to take advantage of this offer, please see me for further details.

Sunday Fencing

Unfortunately, mainly due to the lack of attendance, we are cancelling the monthly Sunday fencing sessions. We will, however, try to organise occasional Sundays with guest coaches and hopefully some more specialised sabre and epee sessions.

Coaching Courses

We agreed to send our coaches to attend BFA sabre and epee courses to achieve coaching certificates, to enable us to officially teach those weapons.

Dacorum Buccaneers

As from September, Buccaneers are go! We are establishing a junior club for 12-16 year olds who would like to learn to fence. This will be in the Main Hall at Hemel School on Tuesday nights from 7pm. The hall will be available for **all fencers** from 7pm until 9.30, with the Buccaneers lessons from 7.00 – 8.30.

Buccaneer courses will run in 11 week terms working around the school terms with a half term break:

19th September – 5th December (half term 24th October)

9th January – 27th March (half term 13th Feb)

17th April – 3rd July (half term 29th May)

The Main Hall will be available to **all fencers** on Tuesday evenings from:

Tuesday 5th September- Tuesday 19th December

Tuesday 9th Jan – Tuesday 27th March

Tuesday 17th April – Tuesday 17th July

(Extra charges may apply see CK for details)

We also intend to visit local schools and youth groups to 'spread the word' to introduce fencing to a wider audience

Stylographics

I would like to thank Simon Olley of Stylographics who has kindly donated £500 towards the cost of equipment towards the Club. Depending on the outcome of the grant decision, this will either be spent on junior equipment, or towards the cost of a three weapon box for the Club. Stylographics will also be helping to publicise Dacorum Buccaneers with exposure in local newspapers etc.

Annual Dinner

Venue yet to be decided, but this will probably be held on April 12th. Please keep this date free in your diary. Other ideas were put forward for social events, a black tie dinner was mentioned, which could be arranged if members were interested. As usual with this, we are open to any ideas and anyone who would like to organise something.

As usual, if anyone has any queries regarding this newsletter, please do not hesitate to ask myself, or any member of the committee.

Thanks.

Chris