



## NEWSLETTER July 2005

### **AGM**

As many of you will know the Club AGM was held on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> June. It proved to be a very successful meeting, and thank you to all who managed to attend, and also to those who, although unable to make it, contributed their thoughts and ideas.

### **Election of officers**

**Chair:** Unfortunately, after many years of commitment to the Club, Rob Delahunty has decided to step down as Chairman. The position has been filled by Chris King.

**Treasurer:** As current Treasurer, and the fact that nobody else wanted the job, Chris King was re-elected as Club Treasurer.

**Secretary:** As current Secretary, and on similar lines to above, Rory Kelly was re-elected Club Secretary.

**Armourer:** Chris Goodman was re-elected Club Armourer

**Webmaster:** A new position within the Club. The website has proved invaluable in the recruitment of new members to the Club over the last year. I would like to thank Chris Goodman for all his hard work for creating the website and keeping it up to date. As he is probably the only person currently on the Committee able to do so, he was elected Club Webmaster.

### **Fencing throughout August 2005**

We shall be asking over the next few weeks whether there is a requirement for the Club to open throughout August. There will be an additional charge of £19.70 for this, payable in advance. Please let us know if you would like to do this.

### **Fencing Dates for Next Year**

1<sup>st</sup> September – 15<sup>th</sup> December

12<sup>th</sup> January – 6<sup>th</sup> April

27<sup>th</sup> April – 27<sup>th</sup> July

Again, we will not be fencing throughout August 2006, unless sufficient numbers require to us do so.

### **Starter Courses**

22<sup>nd</sup> September – 24<sup>th</sup> November

19<sup>th</sup> January – 23<sup>rd</sup> March

4<sup>th</sup> May – 6<sup>th</sup> July

It was decided that the cost of these courses would remain the same at £60 for 10 weeks.

### **Coaching Structure.**

I would like to officially welcome Peter Davies onto the coaching staff. Peter has been with us, on and off, for over a year now, I'm sure that most of you are familiar with him. It was decided that both Peter and Pam would concentrate on giving individual lessons to the more experienced fencers from after the warm up and footwork session. Rory and Chris would continue to share the coaching of the induction courses and intermediate group. It is hoped that this will ensure that our more experienced fencers are not missing out on coaching. To ensure that you receive a lesson, write your name on the dry wipe board in the gym. Lessons will be on a first come, first served basis and of 15 minutes duration.

### **BFA Grading Sessions**

It was noted that several members have commented that, after achieving Grade 1, other grades were taking too long to achieve. To try to alleviate this we shall be holding regular grading sessions. The dates for these will be on the 10<sup>th</sup> week of each starter course, i.e. 24<sup>th</sup> November, 23<sup>rd</sup> March and 6<sup>th</sup> July.

### **Club Championships**

Club Championships will be held on the 11<sup>th</sup> week of each term, i.e. 1<sup>st</sup> December, 30<sup>th</sup> March, and 13<sup>th</sup> July. This should sharpen up our competition instincts, and improve judging and presiding.

### **Sabre and Epee Sessions**

It is hoped that, later on in the following year, we shall be introducing sabre and epee sessions to the Club. Please let us know if you are interested in learning other weapons, as an addition to continuing with the foil.

### **Club Library**

We shall be investigating the purchase of various training books and DVDs to be lent out by the Club.

### **Social Events**

It has been noted that there is a possibility that a number of social events could be organised throughout the year. Please let us know if you would be interested in this, and what sort of thing you would like to do. It is the Club's **10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** this year. It was decided to have a Club picnic at a local park. Date and time have yet to be agreed, but please let us know if you are interested.

### **Fencing Costs**

We shall again be fencing for 43 weeks throughout the year. The annual membership cost for the next year will be £264 per person. This works out at £22.00 per month (over 12 months). This will entitle you to attend the sessions on Thursday night **AND** Sunday morning and free coaching on both occasions. If you attend every session this works out at £3.00 per session. Attendance on a per night basis will be £6.00. Tuesday evenings at Leverstock Green will remain at £3.50 per night. Fencing throughout August 2006 will be extra, should it be required.

### **AOB**

It was decided that 10% of the Club income would be set aside for the Armoury to maintain existing, and purchase new equipment.

Rory and Chris would investigate extra funding through England Fencing and Awards for All, to purchase extra equipment. There is an intention to visit local schools to introduce 6<sup>th</sup> Form students to fencing, and hopefully create interest and possibly some new recruits.

We shall also be producing some posters, displays and publicity packs for the Club, to distribute at local information centres. We will also look to attract a high profile Patron for the Club.

Other ideas to create revenue for the Club were to organise more Club T-shirts, and the creation of a Training CD.

If you have any comments on any of the above, please let me know.

Chris