



Division Newsletter

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A Note from the Chair

As the 2002-2003 fencing season draws to a close, it is time to look to new beginnings for the Ark-La-Miss Division. I would like to express my appreciation to outgoing chair Scott Harkey for all of his hard work and dedication to fencing in our area. Over the past three years, he has helped to lay the groundwork that can take fencing in our area to the next level.

The future is bright for our division. Currently we have two fencers that are ranked in the top sixteen of the US National Rolling Point Standings in Junior Women's Epee, Dorothy Hubbard and Evelyn Scarborough. We have five fencers on the Veteran National Rolling Point Standings. Gary Curole, John Matthews, Sharron Settlemire, and Cathy Vanderloos, are all nationally ranked in epee, and Dianne Herriott and John Matthews are nationally ranked in foil. Ark-La-Miss fencers are making their presence known on the Sectional Circuit and National level with ever increasing performances at sectional and NAC tournaments.

For us to take fencing to the next level in our area, we need to establish a program for increasing the level of competitive experience in our area. At the 2002 Divisional Meeting, the membership approved the formation of a Division Circuit. As we look forward to the next season, I would like to see this plan put into action. We need clubs to host these events and fencers to participate in them.

I look forward to seeing you on the tournament circuit this upcoming season, and good luck to those of you attending the 2003 US Summer National Championships.

Clint Bowers

Ark-La-Miss Division Chair

Division Web Page and Email

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Division Championships Results

Top 4 Results for Open & Top 2 for Age Group

Men's Epee (Group E1)

4 Qualify for Div II

1. Robert Scranton - AFC
2. Jack Harkey – SFC
3. Jim Narens – Unatt
4. John Matthews – Umiss

Women's Epee (Group E1)

2 Qualify for Div II

1. Bethanie Rich - SFC
2. Catherine Vanderloos – SFC
3. Trena Edwards – CMFC
4. LeAnn Moore – CMFC

Men's Foil (Group E1)

3 Qualify for Div II

1. Jack Harkey - SFC
2. John Matthews – UMiss
3. Jim Narens – Unatt
4. Lee London – CMFC

Women's Foil

2 Qualify for Div II

1. Bethanie Rich - SFC
2. Trena Edwards – CMFC
3. Kara Gies – TFC

Men's Saber

2 Qualify for Div II

1. Bobby Thornton - LSC
2. Lee London – CMFC
3. Scott Jennings – CMFC
4. Sam Hunt – CMFC

Women's Saber

1 Qualifies for Div II

Bethanie Rich – SFC- Uncontested

U16 Men's Epee

2 Qualify for U16/Div II

1. Joseph Neff - TFC
2. Jake Bailey – SFC

Y14 Men's Foil

1 Qualifies for Y14

Jake Bailey – SFC- Uncontested

U16 Women's Epee

2 Qualify for U16/Div II

1. LeAnn Moore - CMFC
2. Trena Edwards – CMFC

U16 Men's Foil

2 Qualify for U16/Div II

1. Jake Bailey - SFC
2. Joseph Neff – TFC

U16 Women's Foil

2 Qualify for U16/Div II

1. Trena Edwards - CMFC
2. LeAnn Moore – CMFC

Y14 Men's Epee

1 Qualifies for Y14

Jake Bailey – SFC – Uncontested

Congratulations to all the athletes that competed at the 2003 Division Championships. Good luck to those of you competing at the Summer National Championships.

Policy Notice

As per the 2003 Mid Season Division Meeting, the bylaws were amended to state that all classifications that are awarded at Divisional level tournaments must be directed to the Division Secretary who will forward them to the National office with the appropriate paperwork. The National office will not accept classification changes from the club level. To ensure that classifications are awarded to fencers at your events, please submit the **complete results** including all fencers in their respective events, their club affiliations, and birth years to the secretary at magnetfencing@sport.rr.com.

USFA Membership Renewal

Don't forget that right around the corner will be time to renew your USFA membership. Renew early so you can get all the great benefits all year long. 2002-2003 memberships expire **July 31, 2003**.

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Division Circuit News

At this year's divisional meeting, the membership discussed new proposals and changes to the bylaws of the division circuit. We hope that more fencers and clubs will be able to participate in the coming season. The primary resource of division circuit material is located on the circuit website at <http://www.geocities.com/ALM/DivisionCircuit>. This includes current point standings, schedules, operations manual, and online bid forms. Please let your club leader know that you are interested in participating in the division circuit!

I hope to see everyone competing in the divisional circuit this season!

Evelyn Scarborough
Ark-La-Miss Division Circuit Chair

Division Qualifier Patches

At the 2003 Divisional Meeting in April, Evelyn Scarborough was appointed to investigate the idea for having a Division Qualifier patch for the Junior Olympics and Summer Nationals. Her idea is to have a small patch that can tile easily and can be monogrammed at a minimal cost. Another idea is to have a larger patch given first to a qualifier (this would probably be a colorful map of the Ark-La-Miss area with dots on the locations of division clubs). Each additional time he/she qualified, a small rectangular stripe would be added to tile underneath the patch.. I welcome comments and ideas. Please send feedback to me at the e-mail address below. The proposals will be brought up at the mid-season divisional meeting. Contact Evelyn at almdivisioncircuit@yahoo.com

Tournament Calendar -5/15-7/15

May 17-18 – Southwest Section Champs
College Station, TX

May 22 – DEADLINE FOR SUMMER NATIONALS ENTRIES @ THE NATIONAL OFFICE

June 7 – Open Mixed Team Epee – Dallas, Texas
La Touche Fencing Club

June 27-29 – Division I National Champs
Austin, TX

June 27 – July 6 – Summer Nationals
Austin, TX