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Summer Nationals – Just Around the Corner

Athletes and their families from our division will converge on Liberty Hall in the Charlotte Merchandise Mart in Charlotte, North Carolina, during the first part of July (including 4th of July holidays) to compete in the biggest national event of all – U.S. Fencing Association Summer National Championships. Those who have never been simply can't imagine the magnitude of this 10-day fencing marathon that takes place each year. There are usually 50 strips, and until late at night and the last day, they are almost always occupied. When fencing is concluded, the USFA will have awarded approximately 672 medals in 83 events.

If you are planning on going to the Summer Nationals and will be looking for friends from the division, it might be tough to find them! Make your arrangements ahead of time and know what events they are fencing and what days they take place. Our division secretary will be serving on the Summer Nationals Bout Committee. Find her at the raised platform, and she will be glad to assist you in locating friends.

Division Housekeeping

Prior to the Summer Nationals competition, the Executive Committee of the USFA will meet, and then the general membership meeting will follow the next day. During our division membership meeting, we neglected to elect two representatives and two alternates for this job. The following names have been submitted as potentials and have agreed to serve: (write-in candidates welcomed.)

Scott Harkey
Teresa LeBleu
Jason LeBleu

Please send a vote to the secretary indicating your choice of representatives at this national meeting (need to be 18 years old and be available to attend the meeting on July 4th 7:30 am. Vote by email (secretary@almdiv.org), fax (318) 686-9975) or USPS (447 N. Market Street, S'port, LA 71107). Voting will end June 25th.

An Old Friend is New Again

Caddo Magnet High School fencing alumni have finally found a place they can call home. Sharron Settlemire, founder of fencing in Shreveport 23 years ago came up with the idea of Caddo Magnet Alumni Fencers and Friends (CMAFF), a fencing club that reminds alumni, families and friends of their proud roots at Caddo Magnet High School. She is thrilled beyond words with this new club which will be home to herself and all her former students and associates. And in keeping with the spirit of the old days, membership is free and everyone is welcome.

The club has already scheduled a reunion tournament for August 7-8th, details are pending, but it will feature mixed events in all 3 weapons and an additional women's foil event. Special trophies will be awarded to each of the male and female winners. Register at www.askfred.net.

The CMAFF website (<http://www.geocities.com/cmhsalumni/>) features photos of Caddo Magnet fencers from 1983 to the present, with the hope of finding and updating information on each fencer. Contact the webmaster and get on board now!

Ark-La-Miss Events

August 7 – CMAFF Untouchables Reunion Open
August 5-6 – Alex Beguinet Intermediate/Advanced
Foil Clinic – Shreveport, LA

Regional Events

June 6 – Alliance Fencing Cup – Houston, TX
June 19-20 – Old Soldiers (vet) Dallas, TX
June 19 – Lafayette Open – Lafayette, LA
June 27 – Coastal Bend Open, Corpus Christi Area
June 26-30 – Dallas Fencing Camp
July 24-25 Games of Texas, Grapevine, TX

SSCC Events – (proposed hosts)

October Longhorn Open, Austin, TX
February 26-27 – Rose Condon Memorial
Shreveport, LA
Crescent City Open – New Orleans, LA
Oz Parsons – Oklahoma City, OK
Alliance Fencing Academy Open – Houston, TX
Lone Star Grand Prix – Dallas, TX

National Events

June 11-12 - World Cup, New York
July 3-11 – Summer Nationals, Charlotte, NC

National Events – (proposed)

JO's February 18-21, 2005 rumored to be Dallas, TX

And the winner is...

Patch #3 – by Terry Gamble

Thanks to everyone who sent in artwork and everyone who voted. Patches will be ordered and hopefully will be ready for all of our qualifiers before Summer Nationals.

Forum Brings Opportunity

At the annual membership meeting, the membership voted to develop a “chat” area online to facilitate membership communication. “Done.”

The secretary researched possible ways to implement this and eventually selected Proboard, the same forum board that is used by Gulf Coast Division. You do not have to join to read or comment. You will have to join (free) to vote.

The rules are simple – be nice. While it is possible that some comments may actually be posted that are offensive, the forum administrator will attempt to keep them civil. While our culture seems to have Olympic ability in “put downs” please try to limit cutting remarks to just friendly ribbing.

The forum can be found online at: <http://almfencingforum.proboards28.com>. A link is provided in the upper left hand corner of the ALM home page.

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