

MALLARD FENCING CLUB SPRING NEWSLETTER 2010

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The club AGM will be held on Monday 19th April at 8.15pm. There will be normal fencing before and after the meeting. Nominations for the committee should be received in writing no later than 7 days before the AGM, duly seconded and agreed by the nominee who must be a club member.

The present committee who are all willing to stand again are as follows:

Chairman – Mr Simon Hartley.

Secretary – Dr Richard Phillips.

Treasurer- Mrs Dominique Kennett.

Committee Members – Mr David Norman and Mr Peter Ross

Junior Member – Alexander Eager

CLUB FEES.

Annual club fees are due in May. There has been no increase this year so please pay promptly.

Juniors - £40 per year or £25 if paid in two instalments May and November

Seniors - £60 per year or £35 if paid in two instalments May and November

If parents would like to be sent reminders when fees are due please supply the club with your email address.

GRANT

Mallard has been fortunate to have been awarded a grant this year of nearly £5000 from the Kent Grassroots Foundation Fund. This has enabled the club to buy another complete set of electric scoring apparatus, new bibs for the foil masks and connecting wires and funds to pay for rent and coaching for the coming year.

All paid up club members have also been given a club sweatshirt bought with a voucher won by Jane by completing an online sports survey. We would ask all members to return these sweatshirts to the club if they should decide at any time not to continue at the club or if they grow out of them. This will enable us to pass on the sweatshirts to other members.

The club is also in the process of buying some new club badges. When they become available we will let you all know.

CLUB BANNER.

Herne Bay High School have kindly offered to provide the club with a large promotional banner. This we hope to display at the hall and take to any demonstrations that we do in the future.

EQUIPMENT BAGS

Could all parents please provide a sturdy jacket/suit bag and a strong hanger so all kit used can be put inside the bag at the end of each club night. This saves time at the beginning of the next session as the fencers don't have to search for kit that fits.

TIDYING UP

A reminder to all to ensure that equipment is put away tidily at the end of the evening. Fencing equipment is expensive and the club carries the cost of replacement and repairs, so we expect it to be treated with care at all times.

RESULTS

Kent U/16 Boys Sabre - Arthur Palmer 2nd

Kent U/16 Girls foil – 2nd Joanne Cornish

Mallard v Invicta Dec 2009 - 2nd Alex Taylor, 3rd William Ross

Invicta Challenge Feb 2010 – 1st William Ross, 2nd Harry Driscoll, 3rd Helena Heath

British Veterans Championships –

Women's Epee – 1st Jane Clayton, 2nd Kate Morewell-Neave

Women's Foil – 3rd Jane Clayton

Jane and Kate have both been selected to fence for the GB Veterans team in the European team championships to be held in Macedonia in May and Jane has been selected to fence in the Veterans World Championships to be held in Croatia in September,

FIXTURE LIST

April 18th – Kent senior epee/sabre championships.

May 16th – Kent U/10/12/14 Girls and Boys Kent championships.

May 23rd – Invicta U/11/15 Foil/Epee/Sabre competition.

BRITISH FENCING MEMBERSHIP

Please note that it is required that all club members are also members of the British Fencing Association at the relevant level. This provides individual insurance and is essential in order to compete in any competition. Application forms are on the BFA website and a link to this can be found on our club website. www.mallardfencing.org.uk