



The Jersey Fencer

Letter from the Chair By Barbara Lynch

Once again, welcome to another season of New Jersey fencing. I hope that you had a good and restful summer, because we have planned a full calendar of fencing for the upcoming year.

I enjoyed seeing some of you at the Garden State Games. I would like to thank Gladys Berardi for all of her hard work in keeping the games going; we all do appreciate it.

I would also like to thank Mike Conley for taking over the newsletter again and welcome aboard Ed De Fabio as our new secretary, filling the spot held by Kalle Weeks for the last several years. Thank you Kalle for all your work.

As you can see by this newsletter, our schedule is full as always. There have been some changes this year, so be sure to read the back cover article which explains them fully. The schedule this year was put to-

gether by Dennis Mautone and Tom Boutsikaris. Thank you, gentlemen, for a terrific job.

I hope to see many of you at this year's events. This season I will again be the Mid-Atlantic representative to the USFA's Board of Directors. If you have any concerns, please call me and I'll make sure they get heard.

We are always interested in volunteers—as experts willing to contribute their skills or as trainees wanting to learn about fencing. You don't need to be an expert on the sport to help out; we need people with business, organizational, and other skills as well to help run meets or work on a committee. Please call either myself at (973)398-2141 or Dennis Mautone at (973)751-4100, and let us know how you would like to help.

I look forward to a great season and hope

Logo Contest

The New Jersey Division has not had an official logo for some time, and we felt that now would be a good time to have one. So we are sponsoring a contest, where you, the members, get to design one.

If your logo is chosen as the winning entry, you'll get to see it in the newsletter, the web site, and on our official stationery as well as on t-shirts that we are designing. And as an added incentive, we'll give you 2 t-shirts and free entry to all of our 1998-99 competitions.

Here's how to win:

Design a logo on paper or electronically and submit it to Bob Largman before November 11, 1998. Entries must either be faxed (908-336-3490) or e-mailed (rlargman@notes.cc.bellcore.com) to qualify.

The fine print: All entries become the property of the New Jersey Division of the USFA; decisions of the judges are final. Winner will be notified by mail and announced in the December newsletter.

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Special points of interest:

- A 1998-99 Schedule and Entry form are inserted in this edition.
- NJ Division had 792 members as of August, 1998.
- We are now the 2nd largest division; the New England Division is now larger.
- The High School Open is on the National Calendar. We expect an excellent turnout in both numbers and quality.

Garden State Games

By Gladys Berardi

This year's edition was the largest to date. Over 150 fencers competed in the two-day event held at West Morris Central High School in Chester.

Highlights included:

- ◇ Double gold medals for Liza Boutiskaris in HS Girls and Open Women's Foil
- ◇ The return of Vince McGovern this year to once again take the Men's Open Epee
- ◇ Entry in 6 events for Elizabeth Caputo, Frank Mustilli, and Carol Donohue. All three meddled in at least two.

The 1998 New Jersey Division Circuit Cups were awarded during the tournament. Recipients were beaming with pride as they accepted their Cups. Presenters included Augustine de la Llave, Director EnGarde Fencing Club, Steven Caputo, Princeton Alumni, and Molly James, Somerville HS Coach.

Bob Flynn awarded a Cup honoring his father James, 1948

Olympic Sabre Team Bronze Medalist, and fenced in the Veteran's Sabre event. Unknown to us then, this would be the last time he would compete in the Games or present a Cup. Two weeks later, while fencing in a tournament at Buck's County Academy of Fencing, Bob fell over due to a massive heart attack. He died within minutes. Bob we will miss you and your contribution to fencing in New Jersey.

I'd like to thank all of you who helped out at the games. Without your support there would be no tournament. My special thanks to Larry Remaly and his gallant crew from Mountain Top who were there the entire first day. I'd also like to thank Barb Lynch, Margaret Weichstein, Carol Sakowitz, Lisa Campi, and Carol Donohue for their valuable assistance at the bout committee table. A big thank you to Joe Byrnes and Art Blumert for their great work as armorers. Yet another thanks to Blue Gauntlet, which helped sponsor the event and to Blade for supplying the Nazarovs as directors.

NJ Circuit Cup

The '98-99 New Jersey Division Circuit Cup will be awarded to the top finisher in each of the six weapons based on the following criteria:

- ◇ Must be a member of the NJ Division for 98-99 season.
- ◇ Must have competed in at least 50% of the designated events.

The number of designated events is equal to the number actually held in which at least 5 fencers participate.

For the third year, we are running the New Jersey Division Circuit Cups. These cups were developed to encourage all levels of fencers to come out and compete. They are designed to award performance and acknowledge participation in the divisional events.

There have been 11 winners in the past two years ranging in age from 15 to over 40. We encourage everyone to participate, and we'll post the interim results on the web site so you know how

you are doing.

We are looking for six additional sponsors—one for each weapon—for Junior Cups to honor fencers under 18. We are also considering allowing sponsorship of individual events, such as the Divisional Championship, to fund trophies. If you are interested please contact Gladys Berardi, 908-850-3508.

NJ Circuit Cup Rules

- All same gender events are Cup events; coed events are not.
- The Top 16 fencers in each event receive points as follows:
 - 1st – 100 points
 - 2nd – 95 points
 - 3rd – 90 points
 - 4-16th – 85 to 5 points (each lower place receives 5 points less than the previous place.)
- Division Championships are worth 1.5 times the number of points listed above.

Web Site

Once again the New Jersey Division has a web site, thanks to the efforts of Ken Lyons. You can find it either by linking from the USFA site (www.usfa.org) or by typing the URL (www.research.att.com/~kbl/usfanj/) directly in your browser.

We will be posting updated information as necessary as well as tournament results. We only have planned 3 newsletters (September, December, and Spring). The web site allows us to

make new information available much more inexpensively than through a mailing.

We will store back issues of the newsletter, entry forms, and the complete schedule.

Note that we do not allow event sign up or renewal of membership through the web site. We do, however, welcome your comments or suggestions.

Nike World Master Games

The New Jersey Division was represented at the 1998 Nike World Masters Game in Portland, Oregon by Men's Foilists Frank Mustilli, Len Rubin, and Larry Stryker, by Len Rubin in Epee, and by Gladys Berardi, who fenced in all three weapons.

The games, which drew over 11,000 athletes from over 100 countries, are held every four years although this was the first time in the United States.

Other NJ residents from other divisions also competed:

Steve Mormando (Metro) took the Gold in Men's 40+ Sabre; Karen Bryndelson, Metro, 9th, Women's 40+ Sabre; Gene Fiducia, South Jersey,

NJ Division World Masters Results

Men's Foil

- * Frank Mustilli, 6th, 40+
- * Larry Stryker, top 16, 40+
- * Len Rubin, 7th (2nd highest American), 60+

Men's Epee

- * Len Rubin, 8th, 60+

Women's Events

- * Gladys Berardi, 15th, 40+ Foil 8th, 40+ Epee 3rd, 40+ Sabre

bronze medal in the 70+ Men's Foil; and Joel Speilberg, 5th, 50+ Men's Epee.

In addition to the individual events, Frank Mustilli competed on the Men's Foil team from the USA, which handily beat the German Team in a dual meet held for bragging rights. And Steve Mormando was a member of the USA team that defeated the Germans in Epee

The next World Masters Games will be held October 2002, in Melbourne, Australia. At this point, fencing is a sport that is being considered for inclusion. Everyone who thinks they would be interested in participating should speak out now by filling out the questionnaire at www.worldmastergames.com. In addition to supporting our sport, you will also be entered to win a

NJ Division Clubs

New Jersey is host to many fencing clubs, both old and new. The division has compiled a list of all New Jersey clubs that are members of the USFA.

Unfortunately, space limitations prevent inclusion in the newsletter. If you would like a copy, please send a self-addressed stamped envelope to:

NJ Club Listing
Tom Boutsikaris
300 Lafayette Road
Sparta, NJ 07871

The list can also be viewed or downloaded from the web site.

If a club you know about isn't listed, that may be because it is not

a USFA member.

When a club joins the USFA, there are two big benefits for members: they are covered under the USFA's insurance policy in case of injury, and they can enter team National Team competitions for Division I, II, and Under-19.

Reminder

The USFA Membership Year ends July 31. Renew now or this could be your last newsletter.

Officers for 1998-99 Season

At the Garden State Games in July the following Division Slate was voted:

- ◇ Chair – Barbara Lynch
- ◇ Vice Chair – Gladys Berardi
- ◇ Treasurer – Ed DeFabio
- ◇ Secretary – DeFabio
- ◇ Tournament Chair – Dennis Mautone

In Addition, we are allowed 10 directors and alternates to represent us at National Meetings. They are:

Directors: Gladys Berardi, Robert Black, Tom Boutsikaris, Steven Caputo Sr., Sharon Everson, Bob Largman, Jim Lawless, Frank Mustilli, Larry Remaly, Margaret Weichstein

Additional Directors: Irwin Bernstein, Joe Byrnes, Lisa Campi, Gus de la Llave, Ted Li, Vladimir Lilov, Denise O'Connor, Steve Sobel, Kalle Weeks



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The NJ Division Web Site**

1998-99 NJ Division Schedule

This year the New Jersey Division has planned another exciting year but there have been some changes that you need to pay attention to.

- ◇ The schedule has a new column this year for Sponsor. Only those listed as NJD are New Jersey Division events. The others are either club sponsored (Santelli, Lilov), High School or National events. They are included as a courtesy to the sponsors.
- ◇ Fees for NJD events are as follows: \$10 registration + \$10 per event. Fees for Santelli are \$15 per event and for Lilov are \$20 per event. Neither have registration fees. Other fees are set by the Sponsoring organization.
- ◇ No pre-registrations are accepted except for the four events shown on the entry form. For these events there is a \$20 penalty for entries not postmarked 14 days before the event.

- ◇ Times listed are check-in time. Events generally begin about 30 minutes later, but can vary, especially for large events.

As always, we have built our schedule around the National Calendar as well as school vacations and SAT exams in order to accommodate as many members as possible.

Due to the length of the schedule, we have only included events through January, 1999. The complete schedule can be found on the New Jersey Division web site. The remainder of the schedule will be included in the December newsletter.

Some final procedural issues:

- ◇ You must be a USFA member to enter NJD events. Although you can renew or join at the door, it is easier if you do so now directly with the USFA. Club events may require membership at the discretion of the club (Lilov, Santelli).
- ◇ Regulation uniforms (knickers, plastrons) are required and masks must pass the punch test.

Mark your Calendar for these dates

- 12/20/98 U20's Morristown HS
- 1/3/99 U17's Millburn HS
- 1/24/99 HS Championships, Morristown HS
- 3/7/99 U19's Hackettstown HS