

STAR SWORD CLUB

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OXFAM OPEN COMPETITION 2008

On the 21st and 22nd of June Star Sword Club is running a national open competition in aid of the charity Oxfam. This is a great chance to compete in a national competition and raise money for a very worthy cause! The support of our members (either by competing and/or volunteering to help out) would be very much appreciated. Full details are here:

www.starswordclub.co.uk/oxfam_open.html

OXFAM OPEN 2008



CADET & JUNIOR FENCERS

Please read the message below from Neale Thomas (Welsh junior Team Manager) :

Dear Welsh Fencer

Do you have ambitions of representing your country as a fencer.....?

Welsh Fencing is responsible for selecting a Welsh national team for various Cadet & Junior events throughout the year, from Junior Home International, to Commonwealth Junior Championships.

In selecting a team, we look at GB National Rankings, but sometimes we find that we don't have enough fencers in the rankings to complete a team. So we take account of lesser or more local results such as British Age Group Championships, BYCs and Welsh Closed results.

We are very short of registered fencers to select from. For example, there are actually only 30 or so girls registered as full Junior (i.e. U20) members of British Fencing, who are affiliated to Wales. For some events we ideally would select 24 fencers (for a complete squad across foil, epee & sabre, U16 & U18)!!

In many cases, fencers don't become a member of British Fencing as they do not intend to enter competitions, but as you can see, a few good competition results could see you in a selection place!

Why not have a go at a few competitions?

To be considered for Welsh team selection, you must be eligible to compete as Welsh (see the website for details) and be a Musketeer / Junior or Full member of British Fencing [Social membership is not sufficient]. You must keep your British Fencing membership up to date (otherwise you will not appear on the database and you cannot be selected for Wales).

For further information go to the Welsh Fencing website. If you would like to register for consideration for Welsh selection, or would like regular email updates about ranking events etc and other info, please get in touch with Neale Thomas (Welsh junior Team Manager) by emailing: Neale.Thomas@hotmail.co.uk

NEXT BEGINNERS' COURSE

Our next Senior Beginners' Course is due to start on Thursday the 15th of May. Please get anyone you think may be interested to contact me to reserve a place. Full information will be available shortly here:

http://www.starswordclub.co.uk/beginners_courses.html

MINI-FENCE COURSE (7-10 year olds)

On the 10th and 17th of April SSC is running two tasters sessions for 7 to 10 year olds who want to take up the sport of fencing. These sessions will cost £1.20 each. After these, on the 24th of April SSC will be starting its 5 week mini-fence beginners' course. If you know anyone with children who may be interested please forward on my contact details. Details will be posted shortly here:

http://www.starswordclub.co.uk/mini_fence.html

PROPOSED NEW SESSION

We are currently looking into the possibility of starting a new session on Tuesday

evening in Tremorfa Hall on Tuesday evenings (7-9pm). Any comments or suggestions are welcomed at this stage.

GRANT APPLICATIONS

SSC is currently applying for a number of grants. Current prospective acquisitions are:

- 2 sets of Electrical Scoring Equipment
- 3 sets of Electric Foil Kit
- 15 sets of Junior Beginners' Equipment

If you require any further information please feel free to contact me on the details below.

Kind regards,

Mr Peter Russell (SSC Chairman)

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