



Division Newsletter

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DIVISION WELL REPRESENTED AT NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Twenty athletes from all over the division traveled to Austin, Texas, for the nine day stretch of the US Fencing National Championships. Our athletes competed in every weapon at the event. Look for individual results on page 2.



SCARBOROUGH SCORES SILVER MEDAL IN DIVISION 1A CHAMPIONSHIPS

Evelyn Scarborough has done it again, scoring a silver medal in the 2003 Division I-A National Championship in Austin, Texas. After a long afternoon, tough pools, and a late start in DE's, Scarborough went through one tough opponent after the other to make it to the final of eight, including 2002 Division I-A National Champion Kira Hohensee. In the eight, she defeated Kayle

French from the North Texas Division 15-7. In the round of four, she encountered Anne Kercksmar from Ohio. In the final, she met Polina Imermon. The bout came down to the overtime period with the score at 2-2. Evelyn had been suffering from severe leg cramps the whole bout, and although

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HERRIOTT GOES OUT WITH A BANG

Diane Herriott has already moved back to Seattle and Salle Auriol, but she fenced one last time for our division finishing with a bang, adding another medal to our count. Most everyone had gone, but word filtered back that she broke into the 8. Later, the results were posted on the USFA website and sure enough, Diane's last event for our division earned her 7th place in Vet 40 Women's Foil.

Herriott had previously placed well this year in various national events, particularly veteran's foil where in Arlington she was 15th and in Columbus 10th! Congratulations Diane. Good Luck and we'll miss you.

RESULTS – SUMMER NATIONALS

Austin, Texas

EPEE

DV1A MEN'S

Group A4 Event

97. Robert Thornton

DV1A WOMEN'S

Group A3 Event

2. Evelyn Scarborough

DIV 2 MEN'S

Group B3 Event

46. Jack Harkey

47. Jim Narens

54. Clint Bowers

DIV 2 WOMEN'S

Group B3 Event

79. Catherine Vanderloos

DIV 3 MEN'S

Group C3 Event

72. Clint Bowers

194. Terrell Gamble

208. Gary Curole

215. Garrett Curole

DIV 3 WOMEN'S

Group C3 Event

44. Catherine Vanderloos

96. LeAnn Moore

125. Sharron Settlemire

U19 MEN'S

Group A4 Event

86. Jack Harkey

U19 WOMEN'S

Group A4 Event

28. Evelyn Scarborough

39. Dorothy Hubbard

U16 MEN'S

Group A2/B3 Event

88. Jake Bailey

U16 WOMEN'S

Group A2 Event

59. LeAnn Moore

Y14 MEN'S

Group B2/C3 Event

102. Jake Bailey

VET-40 WOMEN'S

Group B2 Event

32. Catherine Vanderloos

VET-50 MEN'S

Group A2 Event

40. Gary Curole

VET-50 WOMEN'S

Group B1 Event

13. Sharron Settlemire

16. Terry Harkey

FOIL

DIV 2 MEN'S

Group B3 Event

182. Jack Harkey

210. Jim Narens

DIV 2 WOMEN'S

Group B3 Event

15. Bethanie Rich

DIV 3 MEN'S

Group C3 Event

188. Brandon Sisson

213. Lee London

DIV 3 WOMEN'S

Group C3 Event

18. Diane Herriott

196. Kara Gies

U16 MEN'S

Group A3 Event

128. Jake Bailey

SABRE

DIV 2 MEN'S

Group B3 Event

44. Robert Thornton

62. Lee London

DIV 2 WOMEN'S

Group B3 Event

49. Bethanie Rich

DIV 3 MEN'S

Group C3 Event

119. Lee London

Congratulations to all the athletes who represented our division at the Summer National Championships.

SECTION CHAMPIONSHIP

Division Related Results

Division I-A Men's Epee (65 entries)

A2/C3 Event

1. Reed, Robert (S.Texas)
2. Hurme, Tommi (S.Texas)
3. Snider, Chris (S.Texas)
4. Janca, Robert (S.Texas)
5. Hill, Jason (S.Texas)
6. Mittal, Neil (S.Texas)
7. Skopik, August (G.Coast)
8. Chorn, Elliott (N. Texas)
- 12. Thornton, Robert (ALM)**
- 25. Bowers, Clinton (ALM)**
- 63. Gamble, Terrell (ALM)**

Division I-A Women's Epee (30 entries)

B2 Event

1. Williams, NaRaye (N.Texas)
- 2. Scarborough, Evelyn (ALM)**
3. French, Kayle (N.Texas)
- 3T. Johnson, Karen (S.Texas)
5. McGarry, Erin (S.Texas)
6. Ruiz-Healy, Kristina (S.Texas)
7. Manassarri, Chelsea (S.Texas)
8. Askins, Leith (S.Texas)

U19 Women's Epee (13 entries)

E1 Event

1. Howell, Kristen (S.Texas)
2. French, Christa (N.Texas)
3. French, Kayle (N.Texas)
4. McGarry, Erin (S.Texas)
5. Cox, Elizabeth (S.Texas)
6. Neilson, Laura (G.Coast)
- 7. Scarborough, Evelyn (ALM)**
8. Abraham, Sarah (S.Texas)

Following the lengthy first day at the Southwest Sectional Championship at College Station, Texas, the annual business meeting of the Southwest Section was held. The

following officers were elected to serve for the 2003-2004 season:

Chair – Angela Torres, Louisiana
Vice Chair – Clint Bowers, Ark-La-Miss
Secretary – Terry Harkey, Ark-La-Miss
Treasurer – Anjea Ehrle, South Texas

DIVISION CIRCUIT RESULTS

The results are in, and the division circuit is complete for the 2002-2003 season. The following fencers are our top 3 finalists in each category:

Men's Epee

1. Clint Bowers (2855 points)
2. Jack Harkey (1817 points)
3. Jim Narens (1702 points)

Women's Epee

1. Evelyn Scarborough (3367 points)
2. Catherine Vanderloos (1925 points)
3. LeAnn Moore (1605 points)

Men's Foil

1. John Matthews (1765 points)
2. Ken Williams (1362 points)
- 3T. Walter Flashka (1000 points)
- 3T. Jack Harkey (1000 points)

Women's Foil

1. Bethanie Rich (2500 points)
2. Dianne Herriott (2205 points)
3. Trena Edwards (1667 points)

Men's Sabre

1. Robert Thornton (1960 points)
2. Kevin Bartley (1000 points)
- 3T. Clay Fulks (925 points)
- 3T. Lee London (925 points)

Women's Sabre

1. Bethanie Rich (1260 points)

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

August 1, 2003 is the first day of the new fencing season. Now is the time to renew USFA memberships for members and clubs.

To be eligible to host a Division sanctioned event for the Division Circuit or Division Championship, you must be a USFA member club with at least \$1 million worth of accident insurance with the USFA. In order to fence in any Division tournament, you must be a current competitive member of the USFA.

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she had priority, she was narrowly defeated in the final minute of the encounter.

In addition to the medal, she also earned her A03 classification, the highest of any fencer in any weapon in the division. She also earned automatic qualifier status for the 2004 Division I and IA National Championships. This is the third consecutive National Championships that Evelyn has made the finals in, and the second time she had made the final four.

Evelyn fences for Shreveport Fencing Club and is coached by Sharron Settlemire and Jim Carpenter.

DIVISION CALENDAR

The national calendar is out, but the section calendar is pending. Tentatively, the division's Junior Olympic Qualifier has been set for Nov 8-9, 2003. The weekend coincides with the Jr. World "A" 6 weapon in Louisville, KY, but anyone who qualifies for the Jr. World is pre-qualified for JO's.

ATTENTION: EVENT CHANGE

This year, the U19 TEAM qualifier for summer nationals will take place at the JO quals. Please contact division officers concerning qualifying criteria.

POLICY NOTICES

The executive committee discussed the offer from the USFA to all divisions to become 501(c)3. The paperwork must be submitted before Sept. 15. It was agreed to

pursue the status. It requires our bylaws be amended to state our fiscal year, which begins Aug 1 and ends July 31. This is in fact our fiscal year, but our current bylaws do not specify dates. The division will also need to incorporate and attain an EIN very soon. ***In order to comply with current bylaws, this serves as notice that the division will hold a special meeting to vote on this issue at JO Quals, now set for Nov 8 after fencing ceases.***

Another item that needs the special attention of division clubs – new division equipment. If you would like a chance to keep a set of reels and scoring box for the season, please submit your request to the division chair. Clubs must meet the following eligibility requirements:

- 1) Be able to bring or ship the equipment to all ALM division tournaments and all SSCC tournaments.
- 2) Be a member of the USFA
- 3) Be in good standing with the division

The club paying the most head tax this season will also be able to keep a set of reels and a scoring box for the next season. This set must be brought to the divisional.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

This season, in an effort to encourage pre-registration, which helps organizers to better prepare for tournaments, the division will begin a late fee policy. Please note –

IT COSTS ABSOLUTELY NOTHING TO PRE-REGISTER!!!

If you want to fence in a tournament, please pre-register either electronically, by postal service, by fax or by telephone. Every officer of the division stands ready to take your pre-registration information. If you can't attend the tournament, please contact someone to let the local organizers know. Two calendar weeks before the first day of the tournament, a late fee will be added to registration (1½ times the fee). Walk-ups will be assessed double fees.