

# The Butterknife

## Barwell Cup retained



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### Invicta Open

Big congratulations to

- Joel - 16th of 104 in the epee.
- James for coming 49th (of 77) in the foil and getting into the points.
- Angie came 7th in the Women's Foil

**A**n old story by now, but well worth repeating—this was our third success on the trot and yet again with almost an entirely different team—Chris changed to epee, and David was the lead sabreur again. Guildford turned up with high hopes, but there was a distinct deflationary tone to a well known loud Guildford fencer's comment "That'll make things easy" as Chris got out of the car. And so it was, as Chris didn't drop any fights. Jo similarly cleared her pool, apart from Angie—the two having to barrage for the women's foil. At the same time, Joel was clearing through most of the epee pool to pick up 10 victories, which was won by Neale Thomas, who has only just retired from being a competitive fencer and a fixture in the top 10. The sabre was more closely fought—there is a lot of talent out there, but David did enough to get the victories needed—we won by just two victories 36 to Guildford's 34. Chris Schofield won the sabre—the previous year he had been a ringer for us—a month later he qualified for the Corble Cup.

Roll on the Wimbledon Invitation !

## Streatham fencers land Barwell Cup

Streatham ran out winners of the Barwell Cup, the inter-club competition, at Epsom College last weekend.

They beat off teams representing the other major clubs in the Surrey County Fencing Union—Wimbledon, Guildford, Kingston and Southside (Croydon).

Streatham won with 36 victories in a closely-fought competition, with Wimbledon

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claiming 34 and Guildford 32. Guildford's challenge in the epee and sabre events was overhauled by Streatham's dominance in foil, while Wimbledon performed with their customary proficiency across the board.

The Streatham team

consisted of Joel Collyer (epee), Jo Bowyer (women's foil), Chris Coton (men's foil) and David Jackson (sabre).

Both Jo and Chris won their individual events, while Joel was pipped to the post in the epee by Guildford's Welsh international fencer Neale Thomas.

The individual sabre was won by rising junior Chris Schofield, also of Guildford.



Foil winner: Chris Coton.

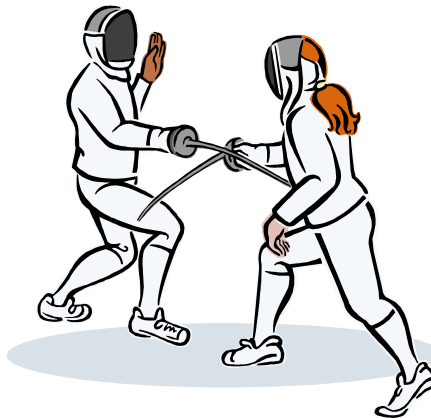
## Club Kit

Please remember the jackets, masks, gloves and foils have been brought from the wallets of previous generations of fencers. Please treat it better than your own so that we can continue to offer new fencers support for their first year.

As a new fencer you can buy kit piece by piece to spread the cost or you can take advantage of com-

plete kit offers from suppliers such as Leon Paul's and Duellist.

We would suggest you need Plastron, Glove, Mask, Jacket, foil for basic fencing. When you move onto electric fencing you need Electric foil, lame (metal jacket) foil wire and for competitions breeches. Fencing equip-



## Wimbledon move

Wimbledon will be changing venue on 17th March 2004. To Ursuline High School, Crescent Road, Wimbledon. SW20 8HA

towards New Malden Police Station to Lower Downs Rd Kingston Rd, and walk or Bus 57 via Wimbledon (longer).

At the Ursuline, they will meet from 7:30 till 9:45pm There are showers, as this is a large new sports hall (it has 4 x badminton courts).

Try <http://journeyplanner.tfl.gov.uk> to work out your own route.

The school is easily accessible by rail, tube, tram and bus links into Wimbledon or by train and bus into Raynes Park. The 131 and 57 (which runs to Streatham) stop at Crescent Road. It is a 15 minute walk from Wimbledon, 10 minutes from Raynes Park (the school's estimate). From South Wimbledon Tube, Bus 152

Parking on Crescent Road is difficult on a normal school day and is almost impossible at evening functions. Evening visitors are welcome to use the school car park if places are available.

If you are a fully paid up member of Streatham, you can fence at Wimbledon for free. You will need your own kit. Obviously, you can't get coaching if you're not paying.

*Don't forget—Salle Coton (Tony) meet at Tooting Leisure Centre on Saturday mornings*



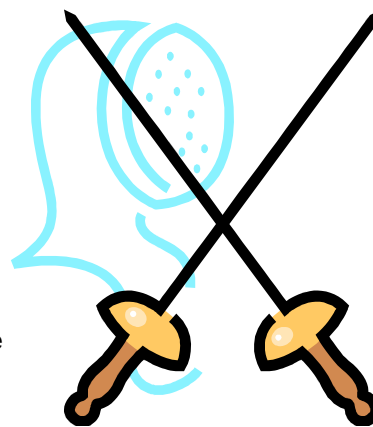
## SE Intermediate Foil

Streatham made it >>> Worth Its Weight in Bronze <<< at Worth School.

Congratulations to Nick (Fihosy) for a Bronze and Alwyn 5th and James 17th, 6,5 and 4 wins in the pools respectively.

James fought hard and nearly won his first DE. Score 15/14. Alwyn sailed through 2 de's 15/3 and 15/3, to be knocked out by Nick in the Quarter Finals in a very hard and close fight 15/12.

Nick sailed through his first DE 15/1 then fought a hard long battle in his second DE 15/9 before defeating Alwyn. Nick faced the semi-finals against a left hander who after the was 8/3 up after the first period. Special training from the side lines and good defen-



**Don't ask about the scanner.**

## Alwyn Coates

sive tactics brought Nick back to within winning distance at 9/8 only to be piped at the post 15/12 for the bronze medal.

Peter and Lee made their debuts..

Atsuko defeated all opponents in her pool to become first seed. She fought well in her DE's to finish 3rd - she too gets a bronze medal.

*Don't forget—Club des Artistes meet in Fulham on Monday evenings*

## Czech tour

Streatham Fencing Club is off on a Prague Fencing Tour on the 16<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> of September. In the 70's Streatham Fencing Club went to France on behalf of Lambeth and now 30 years later we are heading on our next trip - we hope it won't be another 30 years before we do a follow on. However just to show how long you can keep fencing for one of the original team, Gary, will be with us on our journey as a full member of the team.

Fencing isn't just for young fit people, which is a relief to the older members and even more of a relief to one of our coaches Jack, who is currently 76.

Eighteen people from the club are now working hard on training and sorting out their kit to cope with the strain of more fencing in 5 days than most of manage in a term. Experienced and novice fencer will be aiming to win against the cream of Czech fencers in a series of matches and meals.

Streatham Fencing Club has a long and

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proud tradition of being a social club as well as a sports club and we expect to keep that going with social events and sight seeing being an integral part of our journey. We will also remember to bring back the essential club photographs to join the archives that go back over 50 years. Some of you may be around to celebrate the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2024 and perhaps can look back on a successful trip with lots of winning scores.

Maybe this is the place to launch a career as an international fencer from the ranks of Streatham but with only a couple of places left you need to move quickly. If you are interested talk to Barry, Louise or Nick who will painlessly extract large sums of money for flights and accommodation.

## Chas' essential fencing kit for beginners

*Charles Wright*

### *A rough guide to which kit you should purchase and when*

**B**eginners should be aware that in order for to enjoy Fencing and keep safe whilst doing it there are a few basic items of equipment that you should purchase as soon as you can. These items are mainly for personal protection and hygiene. While taking advantage of the kit supplied by the club, students of Fencing should be saving the odd pound or two and getting ready to purchase their **Basic Kit**.

### **Compulsory after first term!**

(Necessary for insurance purposes)

Plastron  
Washable glove  
Breast protector/Box

Now that you are enjoying the art of Fencing its possible that you may want to increase your Basic Kit by starting to compile some other gear. Whilst still enjoying the use of the clubs' jackets, weapons and masks you may feel the need to have your own personal kit. Perhaps you have wanted to make a fashion statement by emblazoning your monogram or crest on your jacket or just to make sure your kit is cleaned to **your own** rigorous standards. Now is the time to invest in...

### **The next big step!**

Mask  
Jacket

You are thinking that you may want to sample competition outside the club, perhaps even join the BFA, or you just want to get that adrenaline rush that is Electric competition!!! Well now is the time to bite the bullet and get the gear that will give you that electric high. It will cost a bit but it's worth it in the long run. You should be aware that if you plan to compete on a regional / national level that there are minimum safety standards for your kit. Talk to you dealer to find out what those

standards may be. A rule of thumb is to always buy the best equipment you can afford at the time. Talk to other fencers to get an idea of what they think is the best blade, clothing etc.

### **Lets get competing!**

Electric kit:

Body wire  
Electric Weapon  
Lame'  
Breeches  
Socks  
Spares - weapon wires,

screws, basic tools, testing equipment

**G**et the body wire first so you can use the club equipment or borrow other peoples—the club equipment so that you can try what it's like, it can't be used that often as it's got to last

### **Suppliers**

The three suppliers in the South East are:

Leon Paul ([www.leonpaul.com](http://www.leonpaul.com)) Units 1 & 2 Cedar Way, Camley St, London NW1  
OPD Tel: 0207 388 8132 —open 10-3 on Saturdays.

Duellist ([www.duellist.com](http://www.duellist.com)) 254 Twickenham Road, Isleworth London, TW7 7DT (near Twickenham, avoid on match days) —open 9-4 on Saturdays. 020 8892 3775

Blades (Allstar-Uhlmann—[www.blades-sports.co.uk](http://www.blades-sports.co.uk)) 35 Edinburgh Drive, Staines, Middlesex, TW18 1PJ Telephone: 01784 255522 —open 10-4 on Saturdays.

*This term finishes on  
1st April—social  
events follow and we  
resume on the 22nd.*

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PRE-TERM  
MEAL  
15TH APRIL

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## Surrey County Fencing Union

**S**treatham is a member of SCFU—which organises most of the local competitions and some of the regional events, plus issue press releases—a task that was brilliantly performed by Alan Perry who has sadly retired from fencing and moved to Sussex. I try to follow in his footsteps as time permits.

There is a full list of competitions in the annual 'Blue Book' which comes out at the start of the season—including the manic junior events (Surrey Youth and the South East Qualifiers for the British Youth Championships). If you are able, we are always desperately short of referees for these, so any help would be appreciated, not least so that Tony can get a respite from sorted the vast hoard of juniors he brings.

## Finances

**Y**ou will be delighted to know that the club is flourishing and will be paying the normal large bonus to the management team, the committee ... absolutely nothing. If you would like to share the fun on the committee we are always looking for people to help share the burden. There is a lot of work behind the scene organising the club nights, looking after all the kit and arranging matches, social events and of course overseas tours. Heading for Easter most people have

## Message from Jack

MY THANKS TO STREATHAM FENC-  
ING CLUB FOR  
MAKING MY BIRTHDAY AT THE  
CLUB A  
MEMORABLE ONE  
SINCERE THANKS FROM  
JACK

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Surrey has a website a [www.scfu.homestead.com](http://www.scfu.homestead.com) was contains details of the forthcoming competitions and detail of local cubs.

Surrey is the dominant county in the Excalibur Cup (the inter-county cup held in Bristol each year) - having won it for the past five years and for 25 out of the 50 years that the competition has been held. Query fenced for Surrey last season and then for the winning South East team in the inter-regional Winton Cup (it's largely the same team).

For the curious, the boundaries of Surrey are those of the pre-1888 county plus various bits added in the 1960's, hence it's coverage of SW London.

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paid their subs for the year. Some of our new fencers have paid for the term and you will all want to know that if you have paid for the term the final summer term is £35 for juniors and £65 for adults.

Also as a specials bonus all members who are paid up for the summer term before Easter will receive a personal membership card, after Easter. A rare and exclusive item only available every four years.

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SURREY FOIL  
4TH APRIL

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*Nest coaching  
workshop in Bromley  
is 8th May*

## April 2004

### ENTERING COMPETITIONS

- How to learn all about fencing in one morning
- Remember not to miss the entry deadline
- You will need full kit—plastrons, breeches and sapre weapons
- Open events require full BFA membership
- County and regional events require associate BFA membership
- Nobody stands on a box at the end and points at you, shouting 'You were an utter disgrace' - fencers are really friendly and helpful people who are glad to see new faces (apart from those at one particular club)
- Honest

M	T	W	THU	F	SAT	SUN
			1 One Hit Epee	2	3	4 Surrey Foil
5	6	7	8 Social Crown & Sceptre	9	10 Brum Open	11 Brum Open
12	13	14	15 Social Mr Kai (Meal)	16	17	18
19	20	21	22 Fencing restarts	23	24	25 Wimbledon In- vitation
26	27	28	29	30		

## May 2004

M	T	W	THU	F	SAT	SUN
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15 Isle of Wight	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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## June 2004

M	T	W	THU	F	SAT	SUN
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13 Cauchard Cup
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26 Miller Hallet / Women's	27 Milner Barrie / Wilkinson Sword
28	29	30				

### NATIONALS

- Please let me know if you are interested
- Team selection rules will be applied due to the amount of time and effort needed to co-ordinate this
- The second hotel I stayed in last year was very good—I'll try to get a party rate off them if there are enough takers

## July 2004

M	T	W	THU	F	SAT	SUN
			1 Last Regular night	2	3	4 TBC Club Championship
5	6	7	8 Social Nationals Training	9	10 Na- tionals Indi-	11 Nationals- Teams
1 2	1 3	1 4	15 Social	16	17	18 Norfolk Open
1 9	2 0	2 1	22 Social	23	24	25
2 6	2 7	2 8	29 Social	30	31	

## STREATHAM FENCING CLUB

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Welcome to another edition of The Butterknife (well, it's not The Sword, is it?). As usual with these things, please provide me with material (articles, photos) for the next one. Those of you who bother to read my e-mails will have seen most of this before.

For next term I've been speaking to a number of clubs to arrange more friendlies to give everybody a change to gain some more experience.

We are now in the thick of the season — I hope everybody is enjoying themselves, and that those of you that we haven't seen for a bit will be able come long.

Happy fencing,

Roger

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STREATHAM FENCING  
CLUB

*En garde since 1949*

## Social events

This issue has been mostly about competitions—as we are in the thick of the season. However the club does more than that.

Over the summer there will be an event most Thursday's—any suggestions for events will be gratefully received by Maggie, the Social Secretary.

One of the most popular events is a visit to the Globe to see a play what Will wrote. This year the plays are: Romeo and Juliet, Much Ado About Nothing and Measure for Measure.

There will also be a bar-beque, complete with the

infamous outdoor Steam Sabre competition. There is a novices section - we'll provide additional lessons next term so that every body can take part.

We also do a few spur of the moment events—like croquet if it's nice.



**A non fencing graphic !!!!**

### April Socials

**8**<sup>th</sup>—meet at Corwn and Sceptre at 8:00 ish

**15**<sup>th</sup> Meal at Mr.Kai, Crystal Palace (8:00—£12 as much as you can eat).