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The appendix to this circular is an example of the form that the Council wishes reports on I.A.F.F. events to take. Reports are now obligatory (See Circular No. 6). The appendix represents the minimum requirement. Organisers may, of course, submit more detailed reports.

TOURNAMENTS AND MATCHES

RESULTS:

The National Junior Championships were held in Salle Duffy on 25-26 February.

Foil: 1st - Colm O'Brien ^{T.C.D.} : 2nd - Laurence Gough ^{U.C.D.} : 3rd Patrick Sheridan ^{T.C.D.}

Ladies Foil: 1st - Shiela O'Donoghue ^{T.C.D.} : 2nd - Clare Egan ^{U.C.D.} : 3rd - Veronica Byrne

Epee: 1st - Colm O'Brien ^{T.C.D.} ; 2nd Laurence Gough ^{U.C.D.} : 3rd Laszlo Polgar.

Sabre: 1st - Colm O'Brien ^{T.C.D.} ; 2nd Laurence Gough ^{U.C.D.} : 3rd Laszlo Polgar.

The Foil & Epee Teams Championships of Ireland were contested in the Gymnasium, Trinity College, Dublin on 4-5th March.

Foil: 1st - Salle Duffy - John Bouchier-Hayes; Raymond Cooke, Simon Butterworth, Michael Flavin.

2nd - Dublin University Fencing Club.

3rd - University College, Dublin Fencing Club.

Epee: 1st - University College Dublin Fencing Club.

Alan Dukos, Michael Ryan, Laurence Gough, Azzo von Rezzori.

2nd - Salle Duffy - 3rd Dublin University Fencing Club.

Killanin Trophies: This event was organised by the fencers of St. Conleth's College and took place in the Salle d'Armes, Sandymount.

Foil: 1st Laszlo Polgar, 2nd T. Bouchier-Hayes, 3rd. B. O'Connell.

Ladies Foil: 1st Rita Polgar, 2nd L. Hassell, 3rd G. Flavin.

The National Championships were contested in the Gymnasium, Trinity College by the good offices of Dublin University Fencing Club, on April 15th-16th.

Foil: 1st Vincent Duffy, 2nd F. Farrell, 3rd M. Ryan.

Ladies Foil: 1st Veronica Byrne ^{U.C.D.}, 2nd M.C. Ryan ^{T.C.D.}, 3rd Shiela O'Donoghue.

Epee: 1st Michael Ryan ^{U.C.D.}, 2nd J. Bouchier-Hayes ^{T.C.D.}, 3rd Colm O'Brien.

Sabre: 1st John Bouchier-Hayes, 2nd Vincent Duffy (after barrage)
3rd Finbar Farrell.

All Weapons - Vincent Duffy.

The Dublin University Fencing Club Tour of Holland and Germany during the Easter Vacation. After defeating Endracht Maakt Magt 16/9 at Sabre in Rotterdam, D.U.F.C. went on to beat a combined South of Holland Team 13/12 at Sabre in Delft.

The ladies had a very narrow defeat (8/10) against E.M.M.

At Soest in Germany the scores were 1/7 at Epee and 5/4 at Foil against Soest; and 2/6 at Epee against Essen. Against Leverkusen; Sabre 4/5, Foil 2/7, and Epee 5/4. In Moers the men again did quite well; at Epee 6/3, Foil (Sen) 4/5, Foil (Jun). 5/4 and Sabre 4/5.

The ladies put up a gallant fight but were not quite as successful.

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Team Members: Paul Nicholson (Capt). Colm O'Brien, Brian Denham, Tom Carew, and Andrew Heaton.

Ladies : Dinah Barry-Tait (Capt). Penelope Clarke and Margaret Henry.

Colm O'Brien represented Ireland in Teheran, U.C.D.F.C. were in Heidenheim for the Coup d'Europe Epee, and a Salle Duffy party were in Lemington Spa.

These events will be reported in more detail in the next Circular.

FORTHCOMING:

April 22nd - North v South Match Salle Duffy

May 13-14 - Junior Open Salle Duffy
(closing date: Wed. 3rd May).

June 3-4-5 - Irish Open Championships, Trinity College
(closing date; Mon. 22nd May).

OFFICIAL NOTICES:

Suspension: Laurence Gough has been suspended and his licence has been withdrawn until August 31st. Out of consideration for his club, the Council lifted the suspension in order that he could fence on its team in the Coupe d'Europe Epee.

The Annual General Meeting will take place on 30th April. Notices have already been sent to members.

Selection of Ireland Teams: The Selection of future Irish Fencing Teams - with particular reference to the Olympic Games, Mexico, 1968.

The Selection Panel wish all fencers to understand that home form alone will not be sufficient basis for their selection of Teams to represent Ireland internationally.

Those to be considered should fulfil the following conditions:

- (a) Take part in at least 3 competitions abroad (1 of which may be in Britain).
- (b) Obtain a placing in a competition abroad.

Copies of fullest results to be forwarded to the Selectors after each Competition, also a short commentary on the competition in general.

A SCHEME FOR PRELIMINARY COMPETITIONS FOR YOUTHS & SCHOOL CHILDREN TO MAJOR TOURNAMENTS has been accepted in principle by the Council. The idea is to provide more competition and an incentive to young fencers to participate in major events. A low entry fee will be charged and a certain number will earn the right to free entry to the main event.

THE MEMBER TO WHOM THIS CIRCULAR IS ADDRESSED IS EXPECTED TO MAKE ITS CONTENTS KNOWN THROUGHOUT HIS CLUB.

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