

The Wetterberg Open takes place in the Education Gym on Saturday afternoon.

U of A to host fencing tourney

by Carol Kassian

The U of A Golden Blades Fencing Club is the oldest and one of the largest fencing clubs in Western Canada. The club has existed for more than 40 years and is comprised of both male and female fencers of all ages and all ability levels. Members participate in the three fencing techniques: foil, sabre, and epee.

Last year, 120 fencers were enrolled with the club. Currently, the club has 75 members involved in its Fall/Winter session, but membership is expected to increase with the club's additional sessions which begin in January and May.

The Golden Blades Fencing Club is one of the most active sports clubs on campus. The club is mainly recreational, and three instructors, Rob Hornford, Dan Tarney, and Kerry Anderson. They have a minimum of 7 years experience and provide instruction 6 days/week. Quality instruction is emphasized, and because of this, the instructors are continually involved in upgrading their coaching skills through the National Coaching Certification Program.

Instruction is provided for children in the "Saturday Morning are for Kids" classes. These classes consist of 22 students from 9-14 yrs, who concentrate on the basics of the foil technique and the fun

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of fencing. Classes run for 10 weeks, and a mini-competition is held at the end of each class. In addition, all of the necessary equipment is provided for these young fencers.

The club also has a competitive core. Members travel to competitions throughout Western Canada, and teams are sent to Provincial, Western, and National Fencing Championships. Club

participation at the Nationals has increased from three members last year to 10 members this year. The Golden Blades also hosts three tournaments per year, including the "U of A Novice". which is held in January, the "Dr. Helen Eckert Team Open", named after one of the top U of A female fencers, and the "Wetterberg Open", to be held on campus this weekend.

The "Wetterberg Open" was named after Fran Wetterberg, who introduced fencing to Alberta and who was one of the founders of the Fencing Club at the U of A. The "Wetterberg Open" is the largest fencing tournament in Western Canada. As a sectional tournament, 18-20 clubs representing the four Western provinces will participate. 120 competitors in total are expected, including top ranked fencers in Western Canada. The tournament will run Sat., Nov. 12 and Sun., Nov. 13, from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. in the Education Gym. No admission fee will be charged.

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