March Newsletter 2020 - UPDATE

First of all, I am back to normal health. I just get the 48 hour bug every year and know what to expect. Terrible timing!

**Coronavirus – COVID19**

Time for Home School!

**You will need to come to the club sometime to retrieve a weapon and a glove for the drills.**

I will be at the club tomorrow Thursday from 11am-1pm as all kids are at home. Older fencers tend to have a key and can go anytime.

Probably a good idea to bring all equipment home and wash them. I have lots of work to do at the club for a solid re-boot cleanse.

For younger fencers it will be footwork and bladework. Also Youtube fencing is great to watch.

Older fencers get the same with additional referee studies.

For all fencers I will be sending links that I approve of for internet instruction. Like the Internet itself, half is great and half is junk.

You will also receive a glossary of terms and other paperwork that you may find interesting.

Finally we will help you install targets at home for point control.

**Club Dues:**

It is unclear what the perfect answer is. If the club simply had $100 monthly for those that could support it, then the club has the ability to break even (excluding our newest fencers that started two weeks ago). If you want the help with armory, targets, online tutorials, printed paperwork then you should plan to continue with the payments to keep the club alive.

**Tournaments**

All events are canceled until possibly late May for National Qualifiers.

**Summer Camps: (Still on for now)**

Camp dates and times are listed on the club website nmfencing.org. Two camps in June, but we will be adding more soon. Times are 10-1pm Monday-Friday. Cost for members (if you are receiving this then you are a member) are $125 and $200 for non-members.

Camps will be for youth fencers up to age 13. We will have a 6:1 coach ratio to provide individual attention. Camps are designed for fun with lots of games and fencing related activities.

**What is next:**

Alex (15) and Megan (13) are taking much of my time as a family dad.

Alex is taking Drivers Education this Spring Break. Alex has agreed that he can drive himself and Megan to and from school and other events. This may not change things this season, but by next fall I will be back in the club teaching again.

Thank you for keeping the club functioning for the past season. It makes me love you all and want to work for you and fencing again.

Have a great day!

Go Fence (Practice)!

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