

Surrey County Fencing Union

Report on Foil Teams Competition 2016

The competition was held on Sunday 13th March 2016, at Blenheim School, Longmead Road, Epsom, Surrey KT19 9BH. The sports hall was booked from 9am to 4pm.

Seven teams entered, of which six were all male, and the seventh was all female. It was encouraging to have a good number of younger fencers competing.

All teams fenced in a *poule unique*, on three pistes. Each match was fenced as a relay to 45 hits. It was a challenge to complete the competition within the allotted time, but there was little time wasted between bouts or team change-overs. Unfortunately, equipment problems on one of the pistes delayed one match, and this impacted on the penultimate match, between Wimbledon 'A' and Salle Coton 'B'. Salle Coton generously ceded the match with the score at 33 - 35, to allow time for the deciding match for the title, in which Salle Coton 'A' beat Wimbledon 'A' by 45 to 17 hits.

The women of the Wimbledon 'B' team acquitted themselves well against their all-male opponents, with their best score of 44 – 45 against Salle Coton 'C'. Being the only female team, they were automatically awarded the Ladies' Foil Team trophy.

The results were

Salle Coton 'A' (6 V) – Winner of Men's Foil Team trophy

Wimbledon 'A' (5 V)

Salle Coton 'B' (4 V)

Salle Coton 'C' (3 V)

Guildford (2V)

Kingston (1 V)

Wimbledon 'B' (0 V) – Winner of Ladies' Foil Team trophy

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