

NEW SPORT FENCING SUPPLY COMPANY OPENS IN SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA

Victory Fencing Gear Provides Full Range of Quality Gear, Experienced Management, Convenient Retail Location

MILLBRAE, Calif. – January 15, 2009 – Victory Fencing Gear, a new full-service sport fencing supply company, today announced its establishment and the opening of its retail location in the San Francisco Bay Area.

Located in Millbrae, California, centrally and easily-accessible via Highways 101 and 280, BART, or CalTrain, Victory Fencing Gear sells a full range of gear for the sport of fencing and has a full workshop for repair and adjustment of weapons. They also carry a selection of historical swords and daggers for stage combat or historical sparring. Because of the founders' long tenure in fencing, their inventory is broad and runs the gamut of well-known brands from Italy, Germany, and France, to entry-level products manufactured in Pakistan and China.

Victory Fencing Gear was founded by Cole Harkness and Will Brown, well-known and highly-regarded in the world of fencing. Both have fenced for years at the local, collegiate, national, and international level, and both worked for American Fencers Supply as armourers; Harkness was the production manager/buyer for years. Both have also had long experience as fencers and coaches. Harkness started fencing in high school and fenced through college and then into the NACs. He was an "A" rated foilist for almost ten years. As a coach, he earned his Fencing Master diploma from United States Fencing Coaches Association and the International Academy of Arms, and successfully completed the "A-trainer" coaching program at the Olympic Training Center in Tauberbischofsheim, Germany. Brown started fencing in college and competed in NACs for years. He also lived, trained, and competed at the German National Training Center in Heidenheim, Germany.

Brown and Harkness have recognized the need for a clean, friendly, and accessible fencing retail locale in the Bay Area. The store is clean and immaculately-maintained in a spotless neighborhood with lots of parking, restaurants, and shopping. In addition to its retail location, Victory Fencing Gear plans to sell gear online at www.victoryfencing.com.

About Victory Fencing Gear

Victory Fencing Gear is a premier supplier of a full range of gear for the sport of fencing and has a full workshop for repair and adjustment of weapons. They also carry a selection of historical swords and daggers for stage combat or historical sparring. Conveniently located in Millbrae in the San Francisco Bay Area, Victory Fencing Gear boasts founders with impressive credentials as fencers, coaches, and fencing gear suppliers. For more information, visit www.victoryfencing.com.

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