

La Riposte

**A Newsletter of The Swords Club
March 2010**



Welcome to La Riposte from the Committee

Welcome to the Newsletter for The Swords Club, which will bring you news about the club and its activities to help keep you in touch.



**Vivienne Watts,
Head Coach**

Following the Club AGM, we have a new committee working hard to continue the Club's success as we move towards the centenary of the club in 2013.

The new committee is:

President: Nigel Cotman
Vice President: Vince Newton
Secretary: Suzanne Newton
Treasurer: Fiona Budniak
Committee Members: Megan de Kantzow,
Katy McEwen, Vivienne Watts
NSWFA Representative: Fiona Budniak

If you would like to contact the committee, please email Vivienne at vivennewatts@gmail.com

Membership for 2010 due soon!

At the AGM held late last year, it was agreed that membership rates would remain stable for this year. These rates are:

Senior Membership \$90
Junior Membership \$70
Joining fee for New Members \$5
Social (non fencing) Membership \$40

Please keep an eye out for Membership Renewal forms which will be available shortly from Vivienne.

Welcome to a potential new member!

Congratulations to Tuesday night regular fencer, Lincoln de Kalb, and his partner, on the birth of a baby daughter, Scout Oleander de Kalb, born on 29th February 2010. Scout was 8 weeks early and arrived weighing 1.9kg, but is doing fine.

DID YOU KNOW?

Fencing is one of only four sports to have been included in every modern Olympic Games since 1896

The tip of the fencing weapon is the second fastest moving object in sport – the fastest is the marksman's bullet

**What do the following have in common?
Theodore Roosevelt,
Winston Churchill,
Vigo Mortensen,
Neil Diamond,
Madonna, David Beckham and Catherine Zeta Jones?
They are all fencers!**

French and Italian fencers have won 15 of the 23 Olympic Foil finals since 1896



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<http://members.ozemail.com.au/~budniak/>

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Centenary Celebrations

Did you know that The Swords Club is the oldest continuously operating Fencing Club in Australia? Starting in 1913, the Club has had just three head coaches in its 97 years of operation, and plans are already underway of how we will celebrate the centenary of the club in 2013. Ideas and suggestions gratefully received by the Committee!

Upcoming Events

24 March	Gilt Open Foil	Men 1330 Women 1330
11 April	Italian Relay	0845
	U15 Foil	Boys 1100 Gilrs 1100
	Novice #2	Men 1300 Women 1300
16 May	Presidents Cup Foil	Men 0845 Women 0915
	Veteran Foil	Men 1300 Women 1300
30 May	U15 State Championships Foil	Boys 0845 Girls 0915

All competitions at Marrickville. And good luck to all our younger fencers who will be competing in schools events over the next couple of months.

Congratulations Eduardo!



Congratulations to Eduardo Crepaldi-Milone on his recent win in the the U13 Gilt Foil event held at Marrickville. In fact, Eduardo led a great team from The Swords Club, with over half of the 13 entries club members! Kieran Loghlin was equal third in the event.

In the U13 girls event, Theadora Kable and Tegan Plahn were equal third.

In other events since the start of this year, Jackie Budniak was equal third in the City of Sydney Open Women's Foil, Joshua Wilson equal third in the Novice Mens Foil #1, and Will Clarke equal third in the Junior Mens Foil Gilt Series.

And the club had a clean sweep in the Novice Womens Foil event, with Dianne Nemmett first, Suzanne Newton second, and Justine Mills third.

Swords Club fencers also travelled to Canberra recently to compete in the ACTFA Open event. In the Open Women's Foil, Jackie Budniak was third, and in the Open Women's Novice Foil, Suzanne Newton was also third. By all accounts the Canberra fencers were very welcoming and it was a great opportunity to fence with some different people in a well run competition. Perhaps mark it for the diary for next year!