

# La Riposte

A Newsletter of The Swords Club  
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## Club News



Well it has been a busy couple of months for the members of the Swords Club, with a number of media appearance by members raising the profile of fencing! There was a hive of activity at the club as the Disney Channel descended on North Sydney, filming a section about the sport based on the winners of the School State Competitions—Daniel West and Kieran Loughlin.

And two of our U17 fencers featured in a music video shot for the indie band **Mrs Bishop**. Will Clarke and Matthew McEwen were required on a French Revolution set in a Paddington nightclub to enact a feud between two brothers and did a great job.



## DID YOU KNOW?

**The Swords Club is currently the top club in the Grand Prix points score for NSW Fencing. Congratulations to all members who have contributed to this by competing in events throughout the year.**

## The Jubilee Cup

The first in the newly reinstated Club competitions was held in June, with the competition running over a couple of evenings. The winner of the women's event was Jackie Budniak, with Erin Jones Drummond second and Fiona Budniak third. The men's event was taken out by Simon Capon, with Kieran Loughlin second and Hayden Rabone third. A junior event will be held later in the year.



L to R: Fiona Budniak, Erin Jones Drummond, Jackie Budniak



Hayden Rabone, Kieran Loughlin, Simon Capon

**While the sport of fencing will not be featured at the Commonwealth Games in India, the Commonwealth Fencing Open Championships is held at the same time—this year in Melbourne from 29 September to 5 October.**



The club now has a new email address:

[TheSwordsClub@gmail.com](mailto:TheSwordsClub@gmail.com)

Please feel free to contact us with any questions or comments.

### HOW THE WEAKER SEX HAVE FOUND EQUALITY!

**We take equality in fencing as a matter of fact—that both men and women fence to 5 hits in a pool match and to 15 in a direct elimination—but that hasn't always been the case.**

**Originally, whereas in pool bouts men fenced to 5 hits, women only fenced to 4 (poor weak women!) They were only allowed to fence to 5 hits starting in the 1960s.**

**When direct elimination was introduced, men fenced to 10 points, while women only fenced to 8. When men moved to 15, women had to win two bouts out of three—so the poor things might have to cope with with a maximum score of 14 hits in the one match (if they won two bouts to 5 and lost one 5-4). Finally they were given parity with the men and now fence to 15!**

### Upcoming Events

15th August Novice #4 11.45  
Junior Foil Event Men 8.45, Women 9.15  
22nd August Veteran State Championships Men 9.00 Women 8.45

Schools League fencing will also take place throughout August and September.

12th September State Championships—Junior Foil Men 8.45 Women 9.15  
19th September State Championships—Novice 10.45  
Club Teams Competition Men 8.45 Women 9.15

All competitions at Marrickville, except Schools League at Newington.

### Congratulations!

A number of Swords Club fencers competed at the recent National Cadet and U15 Championships held at Marrickville. Congratulations must go especially to those Club members who were selected in State Teams. Rose de Kantzow was selected in the Women's Cadet Foil Team, Hayden Rabone in the Cadet Foil B team, Daniel West in the Cadet Epee A Team, and Matthew McEwen in the Cadet Epee B team.

Well done, all.

*TSC competitors at the Cadet and U15 Nationals: (L to R) Daniel West, Matthew McEwen, Will Clarke, Vivienne, Robbie Armstrong, Hayden Rabone and Jesse Mawson.*



There were also a number of other successes over the last couple of months. Vince Newton gained third place in the McCowage Veteran Mixed Foil event at Marrickville, as did the Cadet Men's team, FOILED AGAIN, which comprised of Daniel West, Hayden Rabone and Harry Gibbs. In the U15 State Epee competition, Daniel West came first and Hayden Rabone second. In the U13 Boys Foil, Edoardo Crepaldi-Milone was second, and Emmanuel Lapitan and Kieran Loughlin equal third. In the U13 Girls Foil, Theadora Kable and Tegan Plahn shared third place. And in the U11 Boys Foil, Mohammed Abu-Ghaida was second, and in the U11 Girls Foil, Isabelle Furness was third.