

La Riposte

**A Newsletter of The Swords Club
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Happy Christmas!

Welcome to the final newsletter of the year from the Committee of The Swords Club. We, along with the coaches, would like to wish you a very happy Christmas and we look forward to seeing you all back in 2011 for another successful year of fencing.

The last fencing of this year will be held on Saturday 11th December with the Nils Saksen event. This is a mixed handicapped foil event which will start at 9.30am. All fencers will be handicapped and so anyone can be the eventual winner on the day. This is always a fun competition to end the year, giving the younger fencers a great opportunity to fence against bigger and older fencers, starting at an advantage!

Fencing will then resume in the New Year with Tuesday classes recommencing on Tuesday 11th January, and Saturday classes on Saturday 5th of February. Thursday classes will start on Thursday 8th February. Please see your coach to confirm your lesson times for next year.

Club News

Congratulations to Karl Grenet and Lindsay on their wedding last month. Karl has been a member of The Swords Club since he was 12 years old and is still a regular face around the club. We would like to wish Karl and Lindsay a very long and happy life together.

Also below is a picture of the current adult's beginner class which will be moving up to the advanced class in January next year. Welcome to the club!



DATES FOR 2010/2011

**Nils Saksen event
Saturday 11th
December 2010
9.30am
\$15 entry, all
welcome for a
handicapped foil
event to finish the
year.**

**Tuesday 14th
December 2010
Club AGM 7pm
and supper from
8pm
North Sydney Girls
School Hall
All Welcome**





The club now has a new email address:

TheSwordsClub@gmail.com

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

WELCOME JEFF!

The Club would like to welcome Jeff Gray to the club. Many of you will know Jeff for his technical expertise and equipment sales at various competitions. Jeff is now taking private lessons at The Swords Club not only in foil but also in epee and sabre, and so is a valuable and welcome addition to the team.

NEW COACHES

Several others have completed or are close to completing their coaching certificates and will be starting to teach our new young fencers going forward. Congratulations to Jackie Budniak, Callum Ferrell and Matthew McEwen.

Competition Results and Final Rankings

The Swords Club has had a very successful second half of the year with the following gaining positions in the first three in competitions:

State Open Womens Foil—Jackie Budniak—3rd equal
Pre Nationals Open Womens Foil—Jackie Budniak—2nd
Open Womens Club Foil Teams—TSC Gold Team—3rd equal
State Womens Veteran Foil—Suzanne Newton—3rd equal
State Womens Veteeral Epee—Alison Blom—3rd equal
U15 Boys Epee Gilt Series—Daniel West—2nd

A number of our fencers have gained top ten rankings in the final 2010 rankings from the NSW Fencing Association. Congratulations to all:

Open Womens Foil	Jackie Budniak	4th	
	Louisa Wu	10th	
Cadet Mens Foil	Hayden Raybone		6th
	Jesse Mawson	6th	
	Matthew McEwen	10th	
Cadet Womens Foil	Rose de Krantzow	2nd	
	Claire Graham-White	7th	
	Emily Venn	10th	
Cadet Epee	Matthew McEwen	7th	
	Daniel West	7th	
U15 Mens Foil	Daniel West	4th	
	Hayden Raybone	8th	
U15 Womens Foil	Emily Venn	9th	
U15 Mens Epee	Daniel West	2nd	
	Hayden Raybone	4th	
	Robbie Armstrong	5th	
	Angus Vos	7th	
U13 Boys Foil	Eduardo Crepaldi-Milone	1st	
	Kieran Loughlin	1st	
	Emmanuel Lapitan	3rd	
	David Huang	8th	
	Shaun Foo	10th	
U13 Girls Foil	Theadora Kable	5th	
U11 Boys Foil	Mohammed Abu-Ghaida	3rd	
	Riley Graff	4th	
	Emilio Lapitan	6th	
	Jospeh Mayer	10th	
U11 Girls Foil	Isobelle Furness	2nd	

And finally congratulations to three club members who received awards at the NSWFA dinner last Saturday night: Allison Blom (Best Female Veteran), Rose de Kantzow (Best U17 Womens Foil Result) and Daniel West (Best U15 Boys Epee Result).

And as a result of all the fine results throughout the year, The Swords Club has finished fourth out of 22 clubs in the NSW Club Grand Prix Rankings. Well done to all those who have competed for the club throughout the year who have contributed to this score.