

# La Riposte

A Newsletter of The Swords Club  
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## Welcome to a New Year at The Swords Club!

Welcome to the first Newsletter for the year and we all look forward to a very successful year of fencing for all members.



Vivienne Tucker,  
Head Coach

The Swords Club has a new committee for 2011 and if there are any comments or suggestions that you would like to make about the running of the Club, please contact us: [TheSwordsClub@gmail.com](mailto:TheSwordsClub@gmail.com).

Memberships for 2011 are now due. Please look out for a renewal notice at your class or download a form from the website and return it with payment as soon as possible. Membership fees are:

Senior Membership \$100  
Junior Membership \$80  
Joining fee for New Members \$5  
Social (non fencing) Membership \$40

## Junior Training—Thursday evenings

The Swords Club is now running special junior training on Thursday evenings from 6 to 7pm, and longer if fencers are interested. Many juniors have found it difficult to attend squad training at Marrickville on Tuesdays and so TSC is offering training closer to home for members only.

The training will be run by coach Colin Oberg who was one of the coaches at the Marrickville junior coaching sessions for the last two years. The cost of the sessions will be \$8. We're sure this extra training will pay dividends for the younger members of the Club.

## New Swords Club branding!

Keep an eye out for the new branding initiatives that the committee have been working on for the club. We are in the process of building a new website and we have also sourced a Swords Club tracksuit top and sock so that we will be instantly recognisable as Swords Club members in competitions. Samples of the tracksuit top and sock will be available at the club over the next few weeks, and we will be taking details of those who would like to order them. The tracksuit tops will sell for around \$50 each and will have the Swords Club badge and embroidery stating Est.1913. Both the tracksuit and sock are in the club colours of black and gold. See Suzanne Newton for further details.

HAVE YOU SEEN?

**Fencing has been romanticised in films and literature, but in practice it can be as dramatic or as competitive as you like.**

**Some films that have famous fencing scenes in them are The Mask of Zorro, The Princess Bride, Pirates of the Caribbean, The Parent Trap and Robin Hood: Prince of Thieves.**

DID YOU KNOW?

**You are participating in a sport with a long history!**

**At least one ancient Egyptian temple features a painting of a fencing match. The painting dates back to 1190 B.C.**



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**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

6 March	U11 Foil U20 Foil U13 Foil	Boys 0900 Girls 0845 Men 0930 Women 0930 Boys 1200 Girls 1200
27 March	U15 Epee Novice #2	Boys 1000 Girls 1000 Men 1300 Women 1300
10 April	Cadet Foil Cadet Epee U20 Foil Mixed Cadet Epee Teams	Mens 0845 Women 0845 Mens 1100 Women 1100 Men 1300 Women 1245 1300

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 !

The Swords Club members have started the year on a positive note with places in many of the competitions that have been held so far.

City of Sydney Women's Open—Jackie Budniak—3rd equal

Novice 1—Michael Seibel—3rd equal

City of Sydney Veteran Mens Foil—Vince Newton—2nd

Cadet Mens Foil—Hayden Raybone  
3rd equal

Cadet Womens Foil—Claire Graham  
White—3rd equal

U15 Boys Foil—Edoardo Crepaldi  
Milone—3rd

U15 Girls Foil—Emily Venn—2nd,  
Theadora Kable—3rd

Cadet Mens Foil Team (Hayden  
Raybone, Daniel West, Robbie  
Armstrong) 2nd

Cadet Womens Foil Team (Rose de  
Kantzow, Claire Graham White,  
Emily Venn) 1st



Medal winning Cadet teams (l to r) Robbie, Hayden, Daniel, Claire, Emily and Rose