

La Riposte

**A Newsletter of The Swords Club
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Swords Club Branding Update!



Swords Club Tracksuits and socks are now available and we think you will agree that they are very smart! Now Swords Club members will be instantly recognisable at NSW fencing events. Please wear your sock whenever you compete for the club, one sock only, and on the rear leg. Please see Suzanne Newton for information on purchasing the tracksuit top or the sock—we have plenty in stock.

The website is very close to being up and running, and will be found at www.theswordsclub.org.

We will notify everyone by email once it is fully operational.



The Club logo on the jacket

Introducing our coaches—Fiona Budniak

Fiona Budniak is a well known face around the Swords Club, not only being a keen fencer but also a coach and long standing committee member.

Fiona started fencing with Vivienne in 1977, and soon after entered her first competition, a Novice Foil event. Entering with no great expectations, she managed to win that event, and within 18 months had won the NSW U20 State Foil Championships—a great start to a fencing career! Following these early successes she went on to win the NSW Women's Foil championship in 1983 and 1985, and made every AFF Women's Foil final from 1983 to 1986. She represented Australia at the 1983 Oceania Fencing Championships and won a Bronze medal in the Women's Foil Teams event.

Following a back injury in 1986 Fiona took a break from competition and started a family, with both Jackie and Elise following their mum into fencing and both achieving at the highest level by representing Australia.

Fiona returned to fencing in 2000, competed in the Commonwealth Veteran Fencing Championships in 2002 and NSW Veteran Women's Foil Competitions. She took up coaching in 2002 and has had her Level 1 Foil Coach Accreditation since 2004. She enjoys imparting her knowledge to a new generation of fencers!

After a 10 year stint as TSC Treasurer (1980 to 1989), Fiona took up the role again as the Club's Treasurer in 2010.





**Thursday Training will be open to U13 and U11 fencers after Easter.
You will need to wear whites, but there is electric equipment to
borrow – both foils and lames.
The training is on Thursday evenings from 6pm–7pm
commencing on Thursday 12th May**

LOST PROPERTY

If you have lost a gold umbrella—please see Viv as it is in our lost property!

VOLUNTEERS

As you know, all organisations such as The Swords Club rely heavily on volunteers to make things run smoothly. Apart from the committee, we are always looking for people willing to help out with organising events at the club, to help out at competitions and for various other tasks around the club. If you have the time and would like to help, please let Viv or one of the committee members know.

SCHOOLS COMPETITIONS

Good luck to all our club fencers who will compete for their schools in competitions over the next two months. The State Schools Championships have been running since 1977 when they were set up by Vivienne and fellow coach, Stephen Trelor.

Upcoming Events

22 May	Presidents Cup Open Foil	M 8.45 W 9.00
	Novice Foil	M 11.00 W 11.00
	Novice Epee	M 11.00 W 11.00
	Veteran Foil	M 1.30 W 1.30
	Veteran Epee	M 1.00 W 1.00
5 June	U20 Foil	M 8.45 W 9.00
	Veteran Epee	M 1.00 W 1.00
	Mixed Cadet Epee Teams	
	U15 and Cadet Epee	M 1.00 W 1.00
11-13 June	AFF 2 Adelaide	
19 June	U15 Foil	M 9.00 W 8.45
	U20 Epee	M 1.30 W 1.30

All competitions apart from AFF are at Marrickville.

Congratulations !

Congratulations to the following club members who have been successful in competitions over the last couple of months. All points earned in competitions (other than schools competitions) also go towards the Club Grand Prix Ratings, so all fencers earn points for the club even if they are not placed. At the moment The Swords Club is sitting in 2nd place out of 23 clubs, with 273 points, just one point behind the leader, UNSW Fencing Club.

Junior Women's Foil Season Opener	2nd Rose De Kantzow
	3rd= Claire Graham White
April Junior Women's Foil	3rd= Rose De Kantzow
U11 Boys Foil Season Opener	3rd= Riley Graff
U11 Girls Foil Season Opener	3rd= Morgan Kelly
	3rd= Sonia Levine
U13 Boys Foil Season Opener	2nd Jake Widaja
	3rd= Emmanuel Lapitan
Cadet Men's Epee	3rd= Hayden Raybone
	3rd= Daniel West
Cadet Women's Epee	1st Rose de Kantzow
	2nd Claire Graham White
	3rd= Nicole Stern
Cadet Women's Foil	2nd Rose de Kantzow
	3rd = Claire Graham White
Junior Women's Foil	3rd= Rose de Kantzow

Congratulations also to club fencers who travelled to Brisbane last month for the AFF1 competition. Jackie Budniak was placed 10th in the Open Women's Foil event, and Vince Newton was placed 2nd in the Veteran Men's Foil and 6th in the Veteran Men's Epee event.