

# La Riposte

A Newsletter of The Swords Club  
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## WESTWARD BOUND FOR THE CADET and U15 CHAMPIONSHIPS

Vivienne recently led an enthusiastic group of U15 and Cadet fencers from The Swords Club to Perth for the Australian Championships. It was a very successful trip, with all seven fencing very well in spite of nerves, and displaying great sportsmanship over the five days of competition. In fact, all seven fencers present in Perth were selected to represent NSW in the team events, and so qualify for a state tracksuit.

In the U15 Men's Foil, Kieran Loughlin was placed 25th, and was selected in the NSW team which came 3rd. In the U15 Women's Foil, Emily Venn was placed 17th and Thea Kable 23rd, and both were selected in the NSW team which came equal 3rd. In the U17 Men's Foil, Daniel West was unlucky to lose to the eventual silver medallist 14-15 in extra time, finishing 27th, and Hayden Rabone finished 36th. Both were selected in the NSW B team which came 9th. In the U17 Women's Foil, Rose de Kantzow was unlucky to lose 14-15 in her DE match to make the top 8, finishing in 10th place, and Claire Graham-White finished 22nd. Both were selected in the NSW team which came 2nd. In the U17 Men's Epee event, Daniel finished 8th and Hayden 24th. Daniel was selected in the NSW A team which came 2nd, and Hayden in the B team which came 8th.

Congratulations to all on some great results and for representing the club so well.



Swords Club fencers from left to right: Rose de Kantzow, Hayden Rabone, Thea Kable, Emily Venn, Daniel West, Kieran Loughlin and Claire Graham-White.



## CARING FOR YOUR LAME

One part of your fencing equipment which can be quite expensive is your lame, or electric jacket. It is important to know how to look after your lame, and the key is that it should never be washed to make it look clean.

The tiny metallic threads in the jacket are very easy to break which leaves dead-spots (i.e. non working areas) rendering the jacket non-effective and unable to be worn to competitions.

Some years ago one mother, despite her 15 year old son insisting over and over not to, put his lame jacket through the washing machine. A very expensive mistake!



Daniel West with his medal for the U17 Epee

## SECOND HAND GEAR FOR SALE

The following second hand fencing gear is for sale. Please see Vivienne if you are interested in purchasing any of these items, or if you have items to sell.

1 Maroon-coloured fencing bag \$50

1 medium underpalastron \$25

1 Boy's white RH jacket, around size 34 \$50

1 Two-weapon carry cover \$20

1 RH non-electric French grip foil \$50

1 RH non-electric medium pistol grip foil \$50



## NEW SATURDAY CLASS

**The Swords Club now offers a second class on Saturdays for those who can't make the 10am class due to school sport commitments. Callum will be leading a class from 1.30pm to 2.15 pm. Feel free to come to either class, or even both if you're feeling keen!**

### WELL DONE JAMES!

**Special congratulations must go to novice fencer, James McEvoy. Vivienne suggested that he might go along to the Novice competition at Marrickville to take a look, but he misheard and entered the competition, ending up a very creditable 6th!**

## Upcoming Events

31 July	Open Gilt Foil	M 8.45	W 9.00
	Veteran Foil	M 1.30	W 1.30
	Cadet Epee	M 2.00	W 2.00
12-14 Aug	AFF #3 Canberra		
28 Aug	Open Epee	M 9.00	W 9.15
	U20 Epee	M 12.30	W 12.30
11 Sept	U15 Foil	M 9.15	W 9.15
	State Veteran Foil	M 1.00	W 1.00
	U15 Epee	M 1.30	W 1.30
18 Sept	Open Foil	M 8.45	W 9.00
	State U20 Epee	M 12.00	W 12.00
25 Sept	Club Team Foil	M 8.45	W 8.45
	U11 Foil	M 11.00	W 11.00
	State Novice Foil	M 1.30	W 1.30
	U13 Foil	M 11.15	W 11.15

All above competitions are at Marrickville. The Schools League competition will also be taking place over the next couple of months at Newington.

## Congratulations !



Jackie (l) and Fiona Budniak



David Sellar, Jackie Budniak, Vivienne and Michael Seibel at the Presidents Cup

**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, and The Swords Club is still sitting in 2nd place out of 23 clubs.**

**Presidents Cup Open Womens Foil**  
**Presidents Cup Veteran Womens Foil**

**3rd = Jackie Budniak**

**1st Fiona Budniak**

**3rd Suzanne Newton**

**Presidents Cup Veteran Mens Foil**  
**Novice #2 Mens Foil**

**3rd = Vince Newton**

**2nd Michael Seibel**

**3rd = David Sellar**

**U20 Womens Foil**  
**U15 Girls Foil**

**3rd = Claire Graham-White**

**2nd Emily Venn**

**And congratulations to all our club members who have been fencing so well in the State Schools Championships, especially those who have been part of successful teams and the following place getters:**

**U13 Boys**

**1st Emmanuel Lapitan**

**U11 Boys**

**1st Mohamed Abou Ghaida**

**2nd Emilio Lapitan**

**U11 Girls**

**3rd = Morgan Kelly**