

La Riposte

**A Newsletter of The Swords Club
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MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Well we have come to the end of another successful fencing year, and Christmas is almost upon us! Thursday 8th December will be the last day of lessons and general fencing, but the year will be rounded off with the ever popular Nils Saksen Mixed Handicap Foil on Saturday 10th December starting at 9.30am. This is for all ages and standards, both electric and non-electric, with the more capable fencers handicapped to allow everyone equal opportunity to bag the prizes on offer. The cost is \$15 for entry, payable on the day.

The first evenings for fencing in 2012 will be Tuesday 10th January and Thursday 12th January, with the Saturday classes recommencing on Saturday 4th February. Please confirm the timing of any individual lessons with your coach.

In the meantime, a very happy Christmas from the Committee and we look forward to another successful year of fencing in 2012.

CONGRATULATIONS!

One of the popular faces around the club is Mario Ferraro—and we would like to congratulate him on his recent engagement to Claire Cooper. We hope you have a long and happy life together!



SWORDS CLUB AGM

Please join us for the AGM of the Swords Club on Tuesday 13th December at 7pm (there will be no fencing that night). The meeting will be followed by the annual Christmas party at around 8pm.

We look forward to seeing as many members, partners, friends and parents as possible. If you are interested in taking a more active role in the running of the club, please contact Suzanne Newton at theswordsclub@gmail.com

SATURDAY AFTERNOON CLASS WITH CALLUM

The Swords Club runs a popular Saturday afternoon class—perfect for those who have school sport commitments on Saturday mornings. The class, which runs from 1.30 to 2.15pm, is taught by Callum Ferrell who completed his coaching certificate with Vivienne earlier this year.

Popular with the youngsters, Callum also takes private lessons to help finance his way while he studies — when he is not fencing he is completing a degree in Linguistics at Sydney University.





ON THE WORLD STAGE!

Congratulations to Allison Blom who recently returned from the World Veteran Championships which were held in Porec, Croatia. Despite the set back of Qantas managing to lose her luggage on the way to the competition, Allison overcame the odds to record a very respectable 27th in the Ladies' Epee event.

Upcoming Events

The Australian National Championships will be held at Marrickville from 2nd to 6th December. There will no doubt be some amazing fencing so get down and have a look!



Emilio ready for action

Congratulations!

Congratulations to all Swords Club members who have competed successfully over the last few months. Once again, the Grand Prix points score, which represents all those who compete in competitions for the club, no matter where they place, has The Swords Club in second place out of 22 clubs with 937 points. Well done to all.

Other results include:

Open Women's Foil Teams

Swords Gold 1st
(Fiona Budniak, Rose de Kantzow and Claire Graham White)

State Championships U17 Mixed Epee

Hayden Raybone, 3=

State Championships U15 Girls Foil

Thea Kable 3=

State Championships U13 Boys Foil

Emmanuel Lapitan 3=

State Championships U13 Girls Foil

Emilie Okkes 3=

State Championships U11 Boys Foil

Emilio Lapitan 1st

Mohamed Abou Ghaida 3=

Emmanuel Lapitan was also part of the NSW Foil Team in the Friendship Cup, which took out Silver in the teams event. Congratulations!

To round off the year, three Swords Club members were recognised at the NSWFA dinner held earlier this month. Emilio Lapitan was the Boys U11 Foil Overall winner for 2011, Morgan Kelly the Girls U11 Foil Overall Winner, and Fiona Budniak the Veteran Women's Overall winner. Congratulations to all.



Mohamed Abou Ghaida, Emmanuel Lapitan and Emilio Lapitan at the State Championships