

# La Riposte

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## WATCH OUT FOR THE OLYMPICS!

Make sure you watch out for the Olympics from London in July, and especially the fencing events, which will take place at the ExCeL Arena in East London (the largest competition venue at the London 2012 games, and also the venue for Boxing, Judo, Table Tennis, Wrestling, Taekwondo and Weightlifting). Fencing is one of only five sports to have featured in every modern Olympics since 1896.

But for the first time since the 1952 games in Helsinki, there are no Australians competing. The Australian Fencing Federation has said that despite the high participation rates in schools, universities and clubs, we can't compete at the elite level because of the recent rationalization of qualifying events and intensified competition from well funded nations in Asia. Most of the qualifying events are in Europe, which means increased travel times and costs, making it harder for Australians to qualify. And Australian Sports Commission funding is just \$35,000 for high performance programs and \$26,000 for development compared to funding of \$640,000 in Singapore. Hopefully this will change so that we can see Australians back in competition in Rio in 2016.



The Olympic Mascot practicing his fencing and the London Olympic Symbol



But there will still be some great fencing to follow over July and August. The first event is the Women's Individual Foil on 28<sup>th</sup> July. The Men's Individual Foil is on 31<sup>st</sup> July, with the Women's Team Foil on 1<sup>st</sup> August and the Men's on 5<sup>th</sup> August. See the London 2012 website

<http://www.london2012.com/fencing/> for all the information on events, dates and medals.

So whom should you look out for in London? Lei Sheng of China and Yuki Ota of Japan are contenders in the men's foil, Germans Joerg Fiedler (epee) and Nicolas Limbach (sabre) look threatening, and Italy's Valentina Vezzali is competing for a sixth gold in the foil.

There is lots of great footage on the website to inspire you to keep training, so have a look!

Left: Images from the test event for the London Olympics held at ExCeL Arena earlier this year.

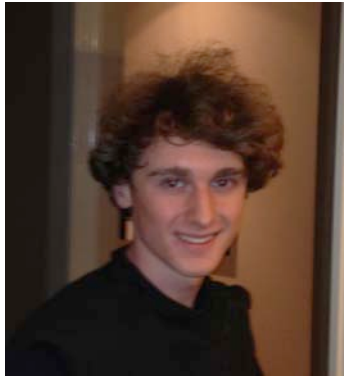


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## U15 and Cadet National Championships

The U15 and Cadet National Championships were held at the start of this month in Sydney and congratulations to all Swords Club members who participated. Several were named in NSW teams, and all of them were successful in medalling in their team events. So congratulations to Keiran Loughlin, Emmanuel Lapitan, Hayden Raybone and Claire Graham-White.

## INTRODUCING OUR COACHES



### MATTHEW McEWEN

Matthew has been fencing at The Swords Club since he was 10 years old, as well as being a member of the St Aloysius' College fencing team for the past 6 years, finishing as Captain of Fencing in 2011. He spent three years volunteering as a helper in the Saturday morning class, which helped him qualify for his Gold Duke of Edinburgh award. He has been a member of the NSW State U15 and State U17 Foil teams and is often found refereeing at Marrickville. He currently coaches students on Saturday afternoons.

Matthew is currently studying Advanced Science and Computer Engineering at the University of New South Wales.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

22 <sup>nd</sup> July	President's Cup Open Foil	M 8.45 W 9.00
29 <sup>th</sup> July	Veteran Foil Veteran Epee	M 9.00 W 9.00 M 12.00 W 12.00

## RESULTS

State Championships Cadet Womens Foil	1 <sup>st</sup>	Claire Graham White
	3 <sup>rd</sup> =	Emily Venn
State Championships Cadet Mens Epee	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Hayden Raybone
NSW Senior Schools Female Foil	3 <sup>rd</sup> =	Claire Graham White
NSW Schools U15 Male Foil	3 <sup>rd</sup> =	Edoardo Crepaldi Milone
NSW Schools U15 Female Foil	1 <sup>st</sup>	Emilie Okkes
Australian Schools Female Foil	1 <sup>st</sup>	Claire Graham-White
Australian Schools Male Foil	1 <sup>st</sup>	Keiran Loughlin
NSW Schools U11 Male Foil	1 <sup>st</sup>	Joseph Mayer

## U13 GIRLS AND BOYS TEAMS



The Swords Club U13 Girls (from left to right):

Isabella, Morgan, Odina, Angelina, Grace and Sinead

The Swords Club U13 Boys (from left to right):

Sam, Kenzo, Mohamed, Joseph, Ken and Emilio

