



Fence Post

Newsletter of Excalibur Community Fencing Club
April 2010

Term Dates

Start

Tuesday	20/4/2010
Friday	23/4/2010
Saturday	24/4/2010

Finish

Tuesday	29/6/2010
Friday	2/7/2010
Saturday	26/6/2010

Club T-Shirts

We are planning to print club t-shirts around the weekend of the 15/16th of May. If you would like a club t-shirt printed then please bring a light coloured cotton t-shirt (preferably white we will be printing in Black or a Royal Navy) to the club with your name printed in permanent marker on the hem or the shirt and \$5.



Web Page

The web page has been down over the past few weeks due to the Service Provider having problems. Due to a mammoth effort on the part of our web master Steve, he has moved the web site to a more reliable service provider so we should not have any more interruptions.

Face Book Page

Thanks to Alex Scott we now have a face book page, there a number of discussions going on, we ever seem to have a book club going. So log on and have a look and leave some messages.

X-Mart

If you have some old gear that no longer fits you, or a weapon you don't use why not sell it or if you are looking for equipment check out our X-Mart page. This service is free and open to all WA fencers, not just Excalibur members. If you want to place an ad, just send an email to the Webmaster with full details, including details of how people can contact you. Please remember to inform the Webmaster when the ad is no longer required, or people will continue to contact you. Ads will be removed after a time, at the discretion of the Webmaster.

Equipment Reviewers Wanted

The web site now has an Equipment Reviews section. If you want to give people the benefit of your real-world experience of equipment or suppliers, please email your reviews to webmaestro@excalibur.org.au. We're not looking for long essays, just a couple of sentences will do.

Sword Raffle



This term we will be raffling off a beautiful cavalry sabre (sorry die hard foilist) with a stainless steel scabbard. \$2 a ticket will be drawn on the Activity Weekend.

Activity Weekend 26th 27th June

The gym has been booked for our turn at an activity weekend. We hope to make this a real fun event. Unfortunately we can't have the gym Saturday morning as the karate group won't let us, so we have from 12pm on Saturday and all day Sunday. We will be running the scheduled WFA Foil events plus Sabre and Epee events for all ages, Team events with multiple weapons.

Weapons Maintenance

We will invite George Osgood down to do some weapons maintenance lectures and see if he can bring some of the historical equipment for people to look at.

Sausage Sizzle

Sunday we will have a sausage sizzle if we can get a BBQ. If you have a portable BBQ that the club can borrow please let a committee member know. We can organise to pick it up and drop it off and we will fill your gas bottle.

Swap Meet

There will be a stall to sell second hand equipment, so if you have any old equipment that you wish to get rid of, put your name, contact details and the price of the item on an envelope and attach it for the item and we can see if we can sell it for you.

Demonstrations

We might have some demonstrations of other fencing weapons and styles.

Help

If you can help out on the activity weekend please let us know.

Ladies Night

An evening of fencing for the ladies. Male members of the club will DT, Umpire, Serve beverages and cheesecake. If this sounds like fund and you are of the female persuasion and would like to participate, let Anne know you would like to attend. We have pencilled this in for the 23rd July (first week back for term 3) but we need to see if we have enough interest to run the event.

Woolworths Grant

With some of the Woolworths Grant money we have purchased 12 buzz boxes, 6 foil and 6 epee. These have become a great training tool for the coaches especially for beginners as they can get a feel for electric fencing without having to set up scoring boxes and get them into body wires and lames

WAFAs News

It has been noted that the standard of dress at WAFAs competitions is becoming very lax. If you are wearing breaches make sure you are wearing socks and the socks reach all the way to the breaches. If you do not have breaches then wear long pants (track pants are expected). If you turn up to a WAFAs comp in shorts no matter how long you will not be permitted to fence. I don't think this is a problem with our club members they all seem to be properly attired when ever I have been to a competition. So just be aware that you have to be dressed correctly.

Cavs Activity Weekend

I have not hear of any results from the events that were held last term, so if you won, came second or 23rd let me know so we can all share in the success of our club members.

Hope everybody likes the new newsletter layout and name, will see you all down the club in the second week as I am going to Albany for the Masters the first weekend of term.

Jonathan Allard
President