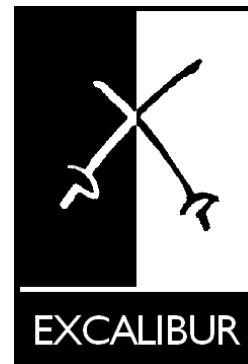


Excalibur Newsletter, January 2009



Term Dates

Term 1	Tuesday	Friday	Saturday
Start	10/2/2009	6/2/2009	7/2/2009
Finish	7/4/2009	3/4/2009	4/4/2009
Term 2			
Start	28/4/2009	1/5/2009	2/5/2009
Finish	30/6/2009	26/6/2009	27/6/2009
Term 3			
Start	21/7/2009	24/7/2009	25/7/2009
Finish	22/9/2009	18/9/2009	19/9/2009
Term 4			
Start	13/10/2009	16/10/2009	17/10/2009
Finish	8/12/2009	11/12/2009	12/12/2009

Hi everybody and welcome to the club for another year. I hope everyone had a safe and wonderful Christmas and New Year.

AGM 2008

A big thanks to all people that helped out last year including coaches and committee members.

We did very well in the WFA awards with the following club members picking up trophies

Under 15 Girl's Foil Champion Runner Up – Kate Duff

Under 17 Men's Sabre Champion – Zak Leonhard

Runner Up – Andrew Scott

Under 20 Men's Sabre Champion – Sutherland Scudds

Runner Up – Zak Leonhard

Open Women's Sabre Runner Up – JR Ho

Open Men's Sabre Champion – Sutherland Scudds

Runner Up – Zak Leonhard

Most Improved Cadet(s) – Kate Duff

Veteran Champions Winner

Men's Sabre Gary Sudran

We also picked up the Overall Champion Club in Sabre, well done to all our Sabre fencers that competed last year.

The following people were elected as the new committee for 2009

President	Jon Allard
Vice President	Allan Aitken
Treasurer	Tim Inglis
Assitant Treasurer	Monique Aitken
Membership Secretary	Heather Inglis
Web Master	Steve Johnson
WAFAs representative	Laz Leonhard
Armourer	Laz Leonhard

We are still looking for a club secretary, so if anyone out there would like to help run the club please see me.

The following trophies were also awarded to club members

Most Committed

Andrew Scott and Kate Duff

Most Improved

Zak Leonhard, Michelle Randazzo and Kate Duff

Competition Trophy

Sutherland Scudds and Lindy Porter

In the Club Championship the winners were

Junior Sabre – Peter Lebedev and Jess Higgins

Senior Sabre – Gary Sudran and Lindy Porter

Junior Foil – Mathew Chadwick and Munashe Zhoya

Junior Epee – Hamish Graham and Naimh Dell

Senior Epee – Steve Johnson

Quiz Night

The quiz night was great fun and an enjoyable way to finish the year. We had about 40 people attend and I think every body went home with a prize. Allan did a fantastic job as quizmaster again with some very imaginative rounds such as guess the celebrities eyes, name that tune and the best of all name that soft drink. Thank you again Allan for making such a fun evening, and thanks to everybody who donated prizes.

Sword Raffle

The sword was won by Hugh McCrackan.

WAFAs Fencing Weekend

This year WAFAs has decided to get each of the three major clubs to host a weekend of fencing. Excalibur has been chosen to host the first of these on the 4th and 5th of April. There will be no club session this weekend, but there will be events for members to enter instead. This is going to be a big event and any help members or parents can offer would be greatly appreciated. I will keep you posted as things develop.

Fremantle Masters Games

Again Excalibur has been asked by the Fremantle council to participate in the Masters Games on the 19th and 20th of September. My hope is to make this a National and International event. It has been listed as an official event on the WFAA calendar and I am going to send invites to some of the club's overseas friends that visit us during the year.

WFAA Fees

WFAA are setting up an online fee payment system. I'm not sure if this is so clubs can pay online for club members or whether club members can pay directly. So please do not pay WFAA fees to the club until we know what is happening with their system.

2009 Fees

Again this year we have not put up our fees. In this current financial climate we understand that some people have trouble justifying paying for things that are not essential. We will again offer a discount if you pay for the whole year in the month of February. If you find that you might be considering not becoming a member this year due to financial burdens please talk to Jon or Tim about payment options.

Equipment

I have finally been able to organise equipment orders. If you asked me to order some equipment last year it is now available and can be collected and paid for at any club session.

Regards

Jon Allard

President