

Excalibur Newsletter, July 2009

Term Dates

Term 3			
Start	21/7/2009	24/7/2009	25/7/2009
Finish	22/9/2009	18/9/2009	19/9/2009



Fremantle Masters Games

This term we are hosting the Fremantle Masters event again, this year we look to have a good turn out with competitors from eastern states and overseas coming. It is being held on the 19th and 20th of September. There will be no club session on the 19th, but if you want to come and watch some masters of the sport compete that would be great. We are also looking for some of our junior members to volunteer to score, referee, make coffee and generally assist me and the committee make this a fantastic event.

Junior Women's Fencing

The committee has noticed that there is a lack of support in fencing for junior women. Ally Inglis has offered to start working in this area during the Saturday session. If you fit this category have a talk to Ally, so she can pass on to the committee ideas and suggestions to help keep junior women in fencing.

Cadet Results

We had some good results in Cadets again this year. Congratulations to Kate Duff who got 5th in the women's foil and Zak Leonhard who got 3rd in the men's sabre. We now need to look at cadets for next year; if you will be under 17 next year and would like to compete in cadets please have a talk to your coach or me about what is required.

Vice President

Sadly Alan Aitken stepped down as Vice President at the last committee meeting due to work commitments. So we are looking for a new Vice president. Committee members do not have to be fencers, parents of fencers can sit on the committee. So if you would like a say in the way our club is run and help make it even better then let me know. The Vice Presidents job is not time consuming, you need to attend one meeting a term and fill in for me when I'm not able (Which is not very often).

Andy Martin

This term we have a visiting coach from England. Andy will be taking private lessons in Foil and Epee as well and running an Epee group session on Tuesdays and Fridays. Lessons are available in groups of 8 on either the Tuesday or Friday or both. Andy will do one lesson at the start of the session (during warm up and foot work) and the rest after the Group Epee session about 8:20pm. This can be extended if there is more demand for Andy's time. Each lesson is \$22 so your total cost is \$176. As I have to organise Andy's time down at the club please let me know ASAP which day and time you would like a lesson. You will be billed for all 8 sessions so make sure you attend.

Woolworths Grant

Last term Tim our treasurer applied for a grant from Woolworths. He was successful in his application and we will soon be seeing a cheque for \$3250. We have decided to spend this on replacing some of our electric equipment lames and masks that are starting to get old and not work properly. Also we will invest in some hit recorders for Foil and Epee. These little devices plug into an electric weapon and make a buzzing sound when you hit your opponent, no need for a scoring box. These will be great for practice. Tim mentioned that the judging came down to our great website, so a big thanks from Steve for his recent revamp of our website.

Scoring Boxes

Last term Wafa received a grant and has purchased 12 scoring boxes, reels and ground leads. Some of these have been given on permanent loan to clubs. We received two at the end of last term. This means we can now set up five pistes at a time. Big thanks to Wafa and the efforts of Ben Penden.

Regards**Jon Allard****President**