

April/May 2014

# The Fencer

ECU Cavalier School of Fencing Newsletter



## Note from the Editor

This newsletter will perhaps not have the same writing perspective as previous issues, since I am no longer on the Committee – nor am I privy to all the gossip and must rely on snippets sent to me!

With the new Committee in full swing the club has plunged into a very active year. Despite the lower numbers which are usual for the start of the year, there is a huge energy at the club.

We have been fortunate in securing the skills of **Sam Jau**, a visiting Epee coach from France, to boost our reserves and to give extra coaching where it was well-appreciated. Sam's last day with Cavaliers was on May 17<sup>th</sup> and was celebrated appropriately with a Club Epee Competition followed by a social event for the Epee group.

High on the popularity list of

## Cavs Committee 2014

<b>President</b>	Grace Rosario
<b>Vice President</b>	Malcolm Davies
<b>Secretary</b>	Jindalee Skerman
<b>Registrar</b>	Isobel Ellis
<b>Treasurer</b>	Mahmud Jaffar
<b>Coach Coordinator</b>	Kylie Caunt
<b>WAFAs Rep</b>	Seymour Wolfinger
<b>Equipment Manager</b>	Drew Foley
<b>Armourer</b>	Perry Ruffo
<b>Librarian</b>	Leon Brownrigg
<b>Tournament Officer</b>	Brett Criddle
<b>Website Manager</b>	Malcolm Davies
<b>Promotions</b>	Position Vacant
<b>Social Secretary</b>	Dylan Devenish
<b>ECU Liaison</b>	Dylan Devenish

activities has been the introduction of the Club Handicap Competitions by **Kylie Caunt**, the current Coaching Coordinator.

These Handicap events came to Cavaliers at a time when the club membership was turning over with a very high number of new fencers. It was exactly what was needed to boost the confidence of novice fencers and to develop the related camaraderie.

Fencers from other clubs come to these sessions adding to the interest and improving the level of club fencing.

In particular, it is a good incentive for the Bladez to try out a competition on home ground prior to the daunting experience of a State field.

Bladez, itself, has a complete new look with the first of its own competitions held in first term.

At the top end of the competitive scale we have a steady group which enjoys travelling to interstate tournaments and this year we have an entrant on the Australian team for the World Championships.

While the main focus of any club is its communal and social 'feel', this positive attitude towards a friendly competitive environment is certainly the best way to maintain an active club.

*Gillian Kings-Lynne*

## Cavaliers Membership

### Senior Male

Barrett-Lennard Chris  
Beadle Gavin  
Boujos Alex  
Brownrigg Leon  
Devenish Dylan  
Foley Drew  
Harbin Peter  
Hodgson Toby  
Kishi Lucien  
Kneale Damian  
Kwan Andrew  
Lee Yen-Sen  
Macintyre Simon  
MacRae Michael  
Middleton Mike  
Munro Andrew  
Ng Hendric  
O'Neill William  
Webster Stuart  
Wolfinger Seymour  
Wong Elim

### Junior Female

Calligan Zari  
Hadwin Orlando  
Hodges Laura  
Kneale Amy  
Rosario Alice  
Rosario Grace  
Sanchez Monica

### Associates

Algaba Rhonda  
Foley Lohrrin  
Herzog Neil  
Kings-Lynne Chris  
Kuruckchi Damien  
Perry Ruffo  
Reed James

### Junior Male

Austin Thomas  
Calligan Hugh  
Foley Llewelyn  
Freedman Cameron  
Freedman Jarrod  
Freedman Lewis  
Haass Alexander  
Luca-Morison Gabriel  
Marcus Sam  
Martin Darren  
Rachetti Francesco  
Reynolds William  
Rosaro Matteo  
Ruffo Antonio  
Steinkrug Kurt  
Stretton Mark  
Thomson Ryan  
Trichilo Gino  
Verana Joachim  
Wakelam Ellis

### Senior Female

Black Marissa  
Caunt Kylie  
Ellis Isobel  
Gulland Elizabeth  
Meredith Sarah  
Park Ivy  
Read Brodie  
Skerman Jindalae  
Ullaga Gabriella

### Contract Coaches

Davies Malcolm  
Hein Sven  
Thompson Kieran  
Jau Sam (until May)

### Life Members

Donley Graham  
Jaffar Mahmud  
Kings-Lynne Gillian  
McMahon Gerald  
Osgood George  
Rogers Catherine

### CLUB

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BE ORDERED  
THROUGH THE  
CAVS WEBSITE**

## Beginners' Course Dates 2014

### Beginners Course 2

Saturday – 3<sup>rd</sup> May at 2.30pm  
Wednesday – 7<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30pm

### Beginners Course 3

Saturday – 12<sup>th</sup> July at 2.30pm  
Wednesday – 16<sup>th</sup> July at 7.30pm

### Proposed Ladies Day

Saturday – 13<sup>th</sup> September

### Beginners Course 4

Saturday – 20<sup>th</sup> Sept at 2.30pm  
Wednesday – 24<sup>th</sup> Sept at 7.30pm

## Handicap Competition Dates

All competitions start at 1pm at  
Cavaliers. All welcome

3<sup>rd</sup> May Foil Handicap

10<sup>th</sup> May Sabre Handicap

17<sup>th</sup> May Sabre Handicap

7<sup>th</sup> June Foil Handicap

14<sup>th</sup> June Epee Handicap

21<sup>st</sup> June Sabre Handicap

5<sup>th</sup> July Foil Handicap

12<sup>th</sup> July Epee Handicap

19<sup>th</sup> July Sabre Handicap

2<sup>nd</sup> August Foil Handicap

9<sup>th</sup> August Epee Handicap

16<sup>th</sup> August Sabre Handicap

None in September

.... and each month following.  
Check Cavs website for details.

## National Competition Perth September 2014

Perth will host the **AFC #3 Open  
Tournament** from 5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>  
September 2014 at the Cockburn  
Basketball Centre, Hamilton Hill.

This will be a fantastic opportunity  
for WA fencers. All hands on deck  
for this as usual.

## WAF A Tournaments

26<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> April

Fremantle Masters at Excalibur

17<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> May

U/13/20 Epee/Foil at  
Claremont/Belmont

24<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> May

Open Foil/Epee/Sabre at Belmont

31<sup>st</sup> May – 1<sup>st</sup> June

Novice/Vet Foil/Epee/Sabre at  
Belmont

21<sup>st</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> June

U/15 U/17 Foil/Epee/Sabre at  
Belmont

28<sup>th</sup> June

UWA Activity Weekend at  
Claremont

3<sup>rd</sup> August

U/15 U/17 Epee at Claremont

9<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> August

U/15 U/17 Foil/Sabre at Belmont

23<sup>rd</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> August

Open Foil/Epee/Sabre at Claremont

13<sup>th</sup> September

Ladies Fencing Day at Mt Lawley

20<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> September

U/13 U/20 Foil/Epee/Sabre at  
Belmont

See Fencing WA website for details

<http://www.fencingwa.com/>

## Overseas Tournaments

12<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> June

Singapore International in Singapore

2<sup>nd</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> July

Asian Zone Senior Championships  
in Suwon City, Korea

15<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> July

World Championships  
in Kazan, Russia

10<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> November

Commonwealth Open and Veteran  
Championships in Scotland

## AFF Tournaments

7<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> June

AFC 2 Robyn Chaplin, in Adelaide

14<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> June

AFC Schools Individuals at Yeronga  
SHS, Queensland

19<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> June

AFT/AFS Winter Camp at AIS

5<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> July

AFC Cadet and U/15 Cadets  
in Sydney

2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> August

AFC School Teams

5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> September

AFC 3 in Perth

27<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> September

AFC Oceania and Junior  
Championships, Yeronga, QLD

30<sup>th</sup> September – 3<sup>rd</sup> October

Australian University Games Sydney

See AFF website for details:

<http://www.ausfencing.org/home/>

## Bladez at U/13's

Congratulations to **Mark Stretton**  
from Bladez who took third place in  
the U/13 Sabre in March 2014



## Bowling Social Night Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> May

A Bowling Night will be held on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2014 at AMF Bowling in Morley, 176 Walter Road West, Morley. The cost will be around \$20 per person. Everyone welcome.

## Farewell to Sam Jau

Alas, our epee coach, **Sam Jau**, will be leaving us shortly to return home to France. He has done a lot for the Cavs epeeists over the past 9 months (especially me - sometimes I now even manage to hit people), and he will be sorely missed. *Jinny Skerman*



There was a farewell Epee competition on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> May at Cavs, followed by a BBQ hosted by **Stuart Webster**.

Very soon, **Sam** and **Julie** will travel to Brisbane and spend time on the east coast down as far as Sydney before saying goodbye to Australia.

They will stop off in Malaysia and Thailand for a final holiday before arriving home in Toulouse in July.

*Gillian Kings-Lynne*

## Sian is in Europe

**Sian Webster** has taken long leave from Cavs to visit England and Europe to further her fencing training and experience. She is based at Camden Fencing Club and has entered multiple competitions in several different countries with results ranging from 2<sup>nd</sup> place to last!

As I write, **Sian** is in Iceland fencing in international-mix team events. Good luck to **Sian** for the rest of her time away and we look forward to having her back.

## Getting Ready for Adelaide in June

Amongst the group of WA fencers preparing for the **Robyn Chaplin Tournament AFC#2** in **Adelaide** in June will be four members of Cavaliers.

**Marissa Black** has entered Open Sabre, **Isobel Ellis** has entered Open and Veteran Epee, **Damian Kneale** has entered Open and Veteran Sabre and Veteran Epee and **Jinny Skerman** has entered Open Epee.

Good Luck! All the best for your success and good times over in Adelaide.

## First Aussie at Youth Olympics

The AFF congratulates **Edward (Ned) Fitzgerald**, from Victoria, on his selection to represent Oceania at the upcoming Youth Olympic Games in Nanjing, China. His selection has been made by the Australian Olympic Committee after his performance at the recent World Cadet Championships in Plovdiv, Bulgaria.

*(Taken from the AFF website)*

## Dylan's Going to Russia

**Dylan Devenish**, a 22 year old Foilist from Cavs, will travel to Kazan in Russia for the World Championships to be held between 15<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2014.

He will travel with **Lisa Blyth** and **Zac Leonhard** who are both young Sabreurs from Excalibur.



**Dylan** has been training hard nearly every day with Coach **Marek Jamrozy** in anticipation of this tournament.

Following the tournament, he will travel to Poland to take part in a High Performance Foil Training Camp before returning home.

We offer our Congratulations to all three WA Fencers for their admission to the Australian Team and wish them the best of luck in their exciting fencing travels.

## Marissa's been to Italy

A great time was had – and many fencing lessons learned – by **Marissa Black** who travelled with her coach, **Malcolm Davies**, to Bolzano in northern Italy in March for a World Cup event. She is now back in Perth in training for the AFC#2 in Adelaide next month. Good work, **Marissa**, well done.

## FencingWA Meeting Summary

The following is an unofficial summary of Wafa Meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> April. Attendance (8) includes (2) visitors

- 1) **Equipment Subsidy** - Needs to be discussed with Wafa full committee meeting before 30<sup>th</sup> June 2014. If agreed, contribution would not be available till new financial year.
- 2) **Tournament payments and Refereeing** - Ben Peden received copy of email from Cavaliers which he gave to Lisa Blyth for discussion.
- 3) **National Cadets** - Wafa has arranged a return airfare with Virgin through Flight Centre for \$640.00. About 20 fencers will be competing. It seems very well organised.
- 4) **National Cadets Coaches** - It is very important that two coaches are sent with Cadets. At this stage Tuko Maia has been put forward as Epee coach. Wafa will be sending an email to all clubs requesting expression of interest for a coach that is skilled in Foil & Sabre.
- 5) **Development Programme** - As Sam Jau is leaving shortly and has had considerable success in schools with over 1000 students being introduced to fencing, Wafa would like to hear of interest from clubs that may have fencers who would be prepared to become involved with the schools. There was mention of Scott Rawlins and Cameron Gregg who are already committed.
- 6) **Referees** - Wafa is happy for Cavaliers to put forward qualified referees for Foil and Sabre who would be interested in participating in tournaments. Epee referees are being organised by Tuko Maia. Can be discussed with Lisa Blyth.
- 7) **Fees for referees** - Kay Howard mentioned that in one major Epee competition the total fees for referees paid by Wafa was \$360.00
- 8) **Referee selection** - I asked how they select referees for tournaments.

Tuko Maia and Steven Lim from Excalibur have been involved in this.

- 9) **Wafa Meetings** - It was discussed that all clubs should from time to time have the President or Secretary of the club attend some of the meetings. This could provide valuable input.
- 10) **Wafa new tee shirts** - Available in approximately one week.
- 11) **Next Meeting** - I have offered for this to be at my home. To be confirmed.

*Seymour Wolfinger, Wafa  
Representative for Cavaliers*

## Bladez Competition

Hi Bladez parents!

Thank you for all of the help in hand-judging and organising equipment on the Saturday of the competition! I know we went longer than we intended, but it was great to see everyone sticking around.

*Sarah Meredith and Bladez coaches  
EK Gulland, Mahmud Jaffar*

### The Inaugural Bladez Foil Competition for Term One

The final results were:

- 1 Eli Rosenburg (visitor)  
2 Lewis Freedman  
= 3 Gabriel Luca-Morison  
= 3 Ellis Wakelam  
Amy Kneale  
Francesco Rachetti  
Jarrod Freedman  
Matteo Rosaro  
Zari Calligan  
Hugh Calligan  
Cameron Freedman



L to R Lewis Freedman, Eli (visitor), Gabriel Luca-Morison, Ellis Wakelam

## Tournament Payment

Here is an official word from FencingWA on the newly introduced system of payment for competition entry.

Due to a number of uncertainties with the payment system for tournaments, here are some clarifications on how to enter.

**1. Payment is to be done online via the FencingWA website <http://www.fencingwa.com/#:c=competition-entry/cez2>**

**2. Payment by the Monday prior to the tournament will incur a fee of \$5. To enter click the "Earlybird Fee" option as shown.**

**3. Payment on Tuesday or Wednesday will cost \$10. To enter at this stage, please click the "Regular Fee" option.**

**4. Payment after Wednesday will incur a late entry fee of \$20. This can be paid on the day at the competition but bear in mind that your entry has to be registered online via [sporting pulse](#).**

Payment can also be done within the next few days after a competition but failure to do so will bar you from future competitions and remove your ranking points.

Any issues or questions can be directed to the tournament officer who can be found here at [wafatournament@gmail.com](mailto:wafatournament@gmail.com)

*Darren Martin  
Communications Officer for  
FencingWA*

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## New Tournament Rules

**FencingWA** has introduced a new system of fees for entry into state tournaments this year. In turn, it will also commence a program of paid referees and endeavour to standardise and improve the level of refereeing.

It seeks to tighten the rules for online registration to combat the problem of 'no show'. This should enable an improvement in organisation and preparation for each competition.

To clear up a few uncertainties, **Cavaliers** had several questions to ask **FencingWA**.

**Why can't we register for multiple competitions, multiple people?**

*In the past, we have had an increasing problem with 'no shows' when people have booked up ahead. This system increases the likelihood that those who sign up will actually turn up.*

**Why must we pay the additional 6% booking fee?**

*This internet program has the smallest fee we could find. We would be happy to consider an alternative site with cheaper fees if you know of one.*

**The only payment method is via Credit Card. How should those who don't have a Credit Card pay?**

*The preferred method is with Credit Card. We do allow bank transfers for those who need to, but these must be manually monitored. Please contact the Tournament Director if there are any problems.*

**How secure is the site?**

*The system conforms to the PCI Data Security Standard. There are details on the site.*

**What is the penalty for entering the competition without pre-payment?**

*Fencers entering the competition without the correct registration procedure will have their ranking points stripped and will not be allowed to enter future competitions.*

**Who will be responsible for organising the referees for each tournament?**

*FencingWA will provide this information to the DT prior to the tournament.*

**What are the expectations of the referees?**

*This needs to be outlined more clearly and we are making an ongoing effort to communicate these issues by publishing the rules to the whole fencing community.*

**How will the host club be able to monitor the referee program on the day?**

*It is the DT and Tournament Committee's responsibility to make sure that the referees fill in the 'Sign In' sheets.*

**Who is supervising the referees to ensure that the required standard is upheld?**

*Where possible, a senior referee or coach will be present to supervise the referees. Unfortunately, it is not always possible to have such people available.*

*Thanks go to Lisa Blyth, the Tournament Director for FencingWA, who provided the answers to our questions.*

## Would You Like to be a Referee?

**If you or anyone else is interested in taking a greater role in tournament organisation I would encourage you to apply to join our Tournament Committee.**

**We are currently fairly small so would welcome any additional members.**

**You do not need to be a WAFAC Committee member or attend Committee Meetings to join the Tournament Committee - it's just about getting the comps organised and is done largely by email.**

**It would be great to see more involvement from more members of more clubs.**

*Lisa Blyth*



Lisa Blyth, Tournament Director, FencingWA

## Can you help?

**Please see the FencingWA website for ideas on how you can help out with the WA Fencing Association.**

Or contact **Kay Howard** on [kay.howard@inet.net.au](mailto:kay.howard@inet.net.au)

## Fencing for the Visually Impaired

**This article is taken from the UK Fencing Magazine THE SWORD April 2014**

Norfolk (UK) Fencing Club has for some time supported the provision of local initiatives to enable physically disabled people, those with learning difficulties, including attention deficit disorders, and the visually impaired to try fencing (The Sword, October 2009 – Fencing for the Blind). These events, in the main, have been organised by **John Croxon**, a specialist coach.

Whilst fencing might seem an unlikely sport for the visually impaired, there are historical accounts of the blind engaging in the activity. It is known that in the past the military have encouraged this as part of the rehabilitation of individuals who have suffered war injuries (The Sword, January 2010 – letters, **Mark Barton**).

The first blind person to engage in the sport in Norwich (2005) had been registered blind since birth. Through **John Croxon's** endeavours, he achieved grade 4 in foil and 1 in sabre. To enable him to fence on the piste with other club members involved a number of methods being tried and tested, as well as the development of special equipment.

In 2009, having liaised with British Blind Sport, a number of come-and-try sessions were organised. One of the first participants was **Charles Townsend**. Initially he lacked confidence and was very reliant on his white cane, which he carried even during the warm-up sessions. Over time this aid was set aside.

His family observed that his general confidence had noticeably grown since taking up fencing. **Charles** became a full member of the club, participating in normal club lessons/free play and social events. It was particularly encouraging to see the positive effect this had on his life beyond the limits of the fencing salle.

An annual competition for the disabled, which included the visually impaired, is organised by the French Disabled Sports Federation (FDSA). **John Croxon** attended one of the events and competed blindfolded, which was greatly appreciated by the organisers.

Later he attended a training camp organised by the FDSA, which led to a more formal introduction to the visually impaired group by **Laszlo Jakab**, the British Disabled Fencing Association coach.

As a consequence and because of the French interest in the specialist equipment John has been instrumental in developing, he was invited to a competition in Pollestres, south-western France, and was also able to negotiate an entry for **Charles Townsend**.

Apart from overcoming the financial hurdles **Charles** had to undergo a crash course in epee, given that the French visually impaired fencers are restricted to the use of this weapon. He managed to secure a 4th place, for which he was awarded a medal and a trophy, reflecting the fact that he was the first British visually impaired fencer to compete in an international competition.

**John Croxon** was also presented with a trophy by the organisers in recognition of his work with the disabled.

Norfolk is fortunate in that **John** continues to work with the disabled. This requires a considerable degree of commitment, patience, fortitude and ingenuity.

It was hoped that the Paralympics would result in more financial support for disabled sports, which might stimulate more specialist coaching, but this has yet to materialise to any extent at club level. *(Sword Magazine)*

## 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Cavaliers in 2015

**Next year, 2015, marks the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Cavalier School of Fencing.**

The club was started in late 1955 by **Bill Brown** with fencers **Lynette Groom, Annette Collinson, Peter Price, Graham Donley, Peter Salvair** and coach **Barry Wasley**.

**Graham Donley** remains as a Life Member of the club today.

Ten years ago we celebrated our 50<sup>th</sup> in grand style at the Parmelia Hotel with a Masquerade Ball.

With similar pomp we plan 'not to be outdone' for our Diamond Anniversary which will be a grand dinner for all club members and friends in glorious costume!

**SAVE THE DATE**  
**25<sup>th</sup> July 2015**

**SAVE FOR THE**  
**TICKET**

**START PLANNING**  
**YOUR COSTUME**

**More information as we go**  
**closer to the time.**

## Fencing Profile

### *Gillian Kings-Lynne* *This is your (fencing) life!*

Gillian's first experience at the Club began in 1993 when she brought her three children to start fencing. At the time, Cavs met in the old Mt Lawley SHS gym about 50 metres from the new facility. It was a small gym with wooden floors and the Club consisted of only a small number of members.

From the outset she saw there was a need for organisation and the following year she took on the role of Secretary. Lists and registers were created for everything, as well as a number of policies which assisted in putting the Club back on track.

The strictest of these policies was the full affiliation of all members, which helped to support applications for funding but more importantly to show that Cavs was serious about supporting the state and national bodies.

A number of new clubs used the Cavs administration and treasurer's records as a model when starting up.

In 1995 Gillian also took on the role of Secretary of WAFA and together with Nigel Nutt (President), Mahmud Jaffar (Treasurer) and others helped to rebuild WAFA.

Over the next few years there was massive growth which saw WA become the third largest fencing state in Australia. Much of this success can be attributed to Gillian's role which was effectively full-time.

Gillian is well known for many things in fencing including the newsletters - Gillian started both WAFA *Waffle* and the Cavs newsletter, *The Fencer* - and both were essential reading to keep up to date with important news and events. If it wasn't in either of the newsletters it wasn't worth knowing.

Gillian contributed to fencing in so many ways and one of those was playing host to visiting coaches where they stayed in the "Coaches Room" at her Floreat home.



There were coaches who stayed for months at a time from Ireland (Kevin Dunne), England (Andy Martin), South Australia (Leon Thomas) and Victoria (Pieter Leeuwenburgh). There were many others who stayed for shorter periods.

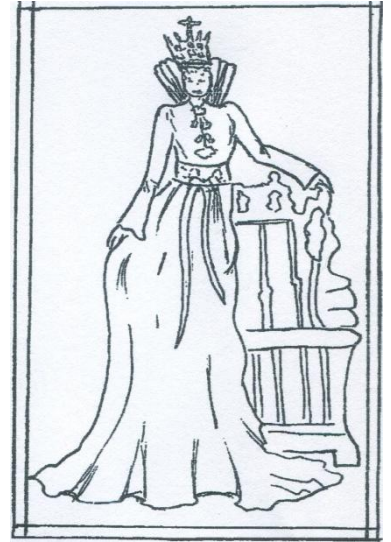
Gillian would also find a car or let them use one of her own. Gillian would help plan their coaching schedule during their stay, help organise their holidays in Western Australia and provide maps and directions to get to the various clubs and schools. Often the only cost was that they perform some routine maintenance around the house.

Gillian's dedication to fencing in Western Australia has been tireless. Much of the growth has been possible because of systems put in place to record memberships. Her steadfast support of policies such as 100% affiliation has been recognised by many with Life Membership to the Club in 2002, an AFF Excellence Award for Outstanding Service in 2003, Life Membership to WAFA in 2008 and a Valued Volunteer Award by the City of Stirling in 2011.

Nowadays Gillian is still involved with the Club helping in the planning of its 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary and is still relied upon as our central memory for events that have happened over the past 20 years.

We have been very fortunate to have had such a dedicated member, especially one who has never fenced.

*Mahmud Jaffar*



*Illustration Lillian Wolfinger*

### *Gillian Kings-Lynne* *AKA Eleanor of Aquitaine*

*Twas 1993 when Gillian first  
sprung forth at Cavaliers*

*With her three budding foilists in  
tow -*

*The adventure to come – was barely  
a thought as very little she did know.*

*Whilst dodging blades there did  
emerge her intellectual skill.*

*Fate paved the way and created a  
path, there was a role to fill.*

*This lady whose talents were many  
and with fantasy close at hand,  
became Queen Eleanor of Aquitaine  
to all*

*The knighthoods began for her  
subjects, and before her on knees  
they would fall.*

*Her speeches so eloquent in verse as  
from Peasants to Knighthood they  
rose,*

*Her Newsletters did become  
legends, compiled of organisation  
and prose.*

*Her literary skills were oft seen in  
print, in many an orderly state,  
A replacement in kind, may not  
occur – and may be a very long  
wait.*

*As Queen of our Realm, our  
Eleanor reigned*

*With purpose and grandeur  
And much grace have we gained.*

*d'Artagnan*

## Book Review

### A GENTLEMAN'S GUIDE TO DUELLING ETIQUETTE by Jared Kirby

This article is taken from the  
UK Fencing Magazine THE  
SWORD April 2014

William Shakespeare may well have learned to fence at the Blackfriars school of **Vincentio Saviolo**, arguably the most influential fencing master in Elizabethan England. His book published in 1595 was divided into two parts: the first covering the use of the rapier and dagger, and the second addressing the subject of honour and the duel. It is this second part that has now been updated by the American historical martial arts specialist **Jared Kirby**, with explanatory notes to make it more accessible to the modern reader and a biography of the author.

The impact of **Saviolo's** book on London's cultural scene was huge. It led to Shakespeare and other authors introducing Italian fencing terms into their plays. Romeo and Juliet, as well as mentioning moves such as the *passado* and *stoccata*, includes references to the Italian style of fencing in such phrases as "the very butcher of a silk button".

The book considers the causes of duels, rules concerning challenger and defender, the nature of verbal injury and what quarrels are worth fighting over, degrees of nobility, the basis of satisfaction, and the valour and virtue of women.

It may be a late 16th century duelling code, but it can help the modern fencer understand the gravity and seriousness that lies at the heart of all swordplay. Reading it makes one aware that what constitutes honourable

behaviour has not changed a great deal in 400 years.

A Gentleman's Guide to Duelling – Vincentio Saviolo's *Of Honour and Honourable Quarrels*, edited and presented by **Jared Kirby**, is published by Pen & Sword Books Ltd at £19.99.

*Malcolm Fare*

## Cavaliers Has Moved Nine Times!

**Cavaliers** operates out of its ninth venue since its beginnings in 1955. It started at the **YAL Music Room** in Perth, then expanded to the **YMCA** in Perth 1956. In 1960 it moved to the **Congregational Church Hall** in William St, Mt Lawley until 1969.

From there it moved to the **North Perth Primary School** until 1972 - but had to move again as the floor was fitted with carpet squares.

In 1976, it moved to the **Mount Lawley SHS**, but had to shift temporarily to the **Highgate Primary School** while the floor was being repaired. Back to **MLSHS** - this was the Boys' gym which is just out the back door of our current premises.

This venue was very small and, in 2000, we had a good offer from **ECU** for the use of their **old gym bldg 15** on campus. The Constitution was changed to rename the club with the prefix **ECU**. This venue provided us with our own office – a luxury.

In 2004, the old gym was demolished and we moved to the current new building known as the **Mt Lawley Sport and Fitness Centre** with its modern blue floor.

*Information thanks to George Osgood*

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## Cavaliers' Library !!

**Did you know that Cavaliers has a library of Fencing material** – perhaps the only Fencing Library in Perth? At the moment, it is not being utilised as much as it could be – so please check it out and chat to **Leon Brownrigg** if you have any questions.

**All fully paid-up Cavs members are eligible to borrow material and return it in good condition.**

**Leon** is proposing to expand the digital archive to include all the past copies of the newsletter in recognition of our special anniversary coming up next year.

He would also like ideas for great fencing textbooks, tomes, treatises, tutorials, training videos or DVDs that can be added to the collection.

These suggestions can include classic but difficult to obtain books in both hardcopy and digital form as well as digital copies of texts, articles, blogs, youtube videos or films.

Our Library has the potential to become a repository of useful links for coaches, athletes, and social fencers alike – all linked our website.

**So – there you are - some really well thought-out ideas coming up from Leon for the future of our Library!**

**Members can email their suggestions to Leon at [lobrow1@gmail.com](mailto:lobrow1@gmail.com).**

**Thanks to Leon Brownrigg for this information. We are looking forward to a rejuvenation of this fantastic club service.**

*Gillian Kings-Lynne*