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The Fencer

ECU Cavalier School of Fencing Newsletter



Note from the Editor

The Committee extends a warm welcome back to all its members for the 2013 season of Cavaliers.

The first session for both Bladez and the Main Group will be on **Saturday 2nd February**.

Sessions times have not changed, but fees have increased slightly. This is to offset extra costs incurred by the Club for venue hire and team entry fees.

Membership Fees for 2013 will be as follows:

Snr 21yrs and over - \$340
Jnr 20 yrs and under - \$270
Jnr 12 yrs and under - \$210

The Beginners' Course - \$90
Bladez Try-Out Fee - \$20

ALL membership fees are due as you start the year. That is, fees must be paid by March. Please make an effort to have your money ready to make life easier for **Isobel**, who is updating the system this year.

All members must register with the WA Fencing Association 'online'. Please bring proof of your **registration/affiliation** along to the Club when you pay your membership.

Isobel has advised that **Gift Vouchers** will be available for the Beginners' Courses.

Equipment Hire Rates are yet to be announced. The system for Equipment Hire will change significantly and will be more appropriate for those wishing to borrow single items.

Please keep a check on the website for all information regarding coaching and forthcoming competition times. **Kylie** is doing a fantastic job keeping the website as one of the most updated of fencing clubs in Perth.

Dress Code for Summer. The club rule is that legs must be covered. During the heat of the first couple of weeks of summer, however, the Club allows '**long shorts**' to the knees for practice bouts. This would not really be a good idea for Epee, but please use your common sense. We do try to maintain a high safety standard at the Club.

Happy New Year to everyone and see you at the Club.

Gillian Kings-Lynne

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New Look Sabre for Bladez

Cameron Gregg, Llewelyn Foley and **Sian Webster** have offered to set up a Sabre Training Course for the Bladez. Coaching Coordinator, **Kylie Caunt**, has welcomed this proposal with enthusiasm.

Cameron explains that the aim would be to train up those who show potential in this weapon to compete at State level this year.

"Currently, there are some age divisions in the Wafa Sabre calendar with virtually no competitors. This extra training would also enable a smoother transition for these fencers to move up to the main Club Training Group."

This offer displays wonderful initiative from our Junior fencers who are keen to contribute back into the club for the benefit of all.

Any Bladez fencer who is interested in Sabre is welcome to take up this program.

Yet another initiative from a young fencer is the offer from **Sarah Meredith** to take on the role of Head Coach of Bladez as **Mahmud Jaffar** takes a step back after many years of leading the program. We look forward to having **Sarah** take a prominent role in our 2013 Coaching Team.

We watch with interest as Bladez takes on its new look.

Gillian Kings-Lynne / Cameron Gregg

Cavs Committee 2013

President	Position Vacant
Vice President	Mike Middleton
Secretary	Gillian Kings-Lynne
Registrar	Isobel Ellis
Treasurer	Mahmud Jaffar
Coach Coordinator	Kylie Caunt
Wafa Representative	Damien Kuruckchi
Equipment Manager	Drew Foley
Armourer	Perry Ruffo
Librarian	Grace Rosario
Tournament Officer	Melanie McCarthy
Website Manager	Kylie Caunt/Melanie McCarthy
Promotions Manager	Position Vacant
Social Secretary	Dylan Devenish
ECU Liaison	Gillian Kings-Lynne

Cavaliers Membership

Senior Male

Adams Ben
Barouky John
Bloomfield Cameron
Boujos Alex
Brownrigg Leon
Cowan Talbot
Cox Jason
Crittall Brett
Cuthbert Colin
Devenish Dylan
Foley Drew
Harbin Piers
Harbin Peter
Hodgson Toby
Jaffar Mahmud
Kneale Damian
Kuruckchi Damien
Kwan Andrew
Macintyre Simon
Middleton Mike
Paxman Adrian
Trichilo Gino
Webster Stuart
White Chris
Wolfinger Seymour
Wong Elim

Junior Female

Cloake Beth
Hadwin Orlando
Hodges Laura
Meredith Sarah
Rosario Grace
Webster Sian

Associates

Algaba Rhonda
Lopes Sophia
Walker Ian

Life Members

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

Junior Male

Austin Thomas
Capriotti Callum
Cera Dominique
Foley Llewelyn
Freedman Lewis
Gregg Cameron
Haass Alexander
Marcus Sam
Martin Darren
Mettam Cameron
Mettam James
Montaut Corban
Morcombe Aiden
Mullane Stephen
Paraskov Kosta
Reynolds William
Ruffo Antonio
Skerritt Peter
Steinkrug Kurt
Stritton Mark
Van der Wal Israel
Vinten Cameron
Vinten Sean
Walsh Michael

Senior Female

Black Marissa
Caunt Kylie
Ellis Isobel
Gulland Elizabeth
McCarthy Melanie
Montgomery Sonia
Ullaga Gabriella
Vinten Claire

Coaches

Davies Malcolm
Hein Sven

Ex Officio

Davies Malcolm
Adrian Paxman

Cavaliers AGM 2012

The 2012 AGM was attended by 30 members, and all Committee positions were filled except for President and Promotions Officer, which remain vacant as I write.

The meeting was followed by a sausage sizzle on campus with **Sven Hein**, chief chef, bravely cooking in the light rain.

The following notes are taken from the brief General Business of that meeting.

“Two queries to the Treasurer for clarification of the Treasurer’s Report.

Mahmud Jaffar provided satisfactory explanations.

Peter Harbin – suggested that a survey be carried out on lost membership.

While most reasons for loss of membership are known, it will be possible to carry out further enquiry by email. There is an estimated loss of 75% from the Beginner’s Course.

Announcement that Damian Kneale and Adrian Paxman have been selected for Australian Teams.

Congratulations to Damian and Adrian.

Dylan Devenish – suggested that a repair kit be made available during club sessions.

Plans for a Club Repair Kit are already in progress.

Simon Macintyre – suggested that the equipment storage cupboards are due for repair.

For Committee discussion during the next year.

Stuart Webster – suggested that more coaches be made available for private tuition

It was accepted that Cavs is in dire need of more qualified coaches, but at the moment no more coaching hours are available.

Simon Macintyre – suggested that the Monday sessions be re-opened.

For discussion at Committee level. Fencers were reminded that they could attend State Training Squads, and were

also welcome to visit other clubs on other nights. There was some dissatisfaction registered at the quality of the Sabre Squad program. Further complaints should be directed to Wafa and not directly to the Coaches concerned.

Peter Harbin – suggested that more Development Group fencers should participate in club competitions.

It was pointed out that the policy of club participation from the Development Group is strongly enforced.

Simon Macintyre – requested permission to plan bookings for summer sessions.

Permission gained. Simon will organise and advertise summer sessions and keep the Treasurer informed.

Malcolm Davies formally thanked the outgoing committee for its support, and welcomed the new committee for 2013.”

President’s Report 2012

After the club had spent a year without a President and lost a portion of its competitive core, I put my hand up to take on this role to make sure that Cavaliers had some direction for the coming years. The goals I set for 2012 were:

- to help recreate an environment that fencers of all levels will feel welcome; and
- to place the Cavalier School of Fencing on a path to being a club known for producing quality fencers capable of competing well at State and National levels.

To that end, I focused my efforts this year on two things:

- a new format for the training of potential high performance fencers; and
- a handicap competition run over 8 rounds for all 3 weapons.

This year’s Development Squad group was an attempt to demonstrate that a small group of fencers could be helped to develop quickly, and that their development would have a flow-on effect through the club in general.

A key component of the selection process for the Squad was how the coaches viewed the fencer’s potential

and self motivation. Besides two fencers that stopped attending fairly early on, the members of this year's squad have all shown the level of development I had hoped to see so I congratulate them all and commend their efforts.

The future of the Development Squad will be discussed by the Committee and coaches. I hope to see it continue next year, but whether it stays in its current form or is altered in some way remains to be seen. Nonetheless I would still encourage anyone who has aspirations of joining something like the Development Squad in 2013 to discuss their fencing with the club's coaches.

The handicap competition was introduced as a way for all fencers to get regular competition experience without newer fencers feeling like they were likely to constantly lose to the same people and the extra incentive of prizes (to be awarded on the last day of the Cavaliers fencing calendar). I am pleased to see that the turn out for these competitions has been excellent. 18 sabreurs and over 20 foilists and epee-ists have competed this year.

In closing I take this opportunity to thank everyone who has made this year a very successful one for Cavaliers, but I have to single out a few people for their exemplary efforts.

- Every past president of this club will tell you how much they value the efforts of **Gillian** in keeping the club ticking. I'm certainly not going to be the exception. **Gillian** and **Izzy**, in her capacity as Registrar, have carried the club this year and deserve everyone's thanks.
- **Kylie's** efforts as coaching coordinator have been greatly appreciated this year. Keeping both the general level sessions and beginners courses ticking over smoothly is a more difficult task than most people appreciate and **Kylie** has handled it wonderfully. Thank you.

- **Sven's** work with the Development Squad and his efforts to help revitalise the foil fencers at Cavaliers has been very important to putting Cavaliers on the path to becoming the premier club in Perth again.
- Last special mention and thank is to **Drew Foley**. **Drew** has done a lot of work behind the scenes updating some of the club's equipment. It's the sort of thing that usually goes unnoticed so thank you to **Drew** for being so active in that space.

The fencers, the committee members, parents and friends of the club have all contributed this year and I believe that Cavaliers is certainly on the path to successful future.

Malcolm Davies

Coach Coordinator's Report 2012

As we reach the end of 2012, it is maybe a good time to look back at what we have achieved and what we still need to do.

This year a quarterly coaches meeting was introduced to discuss coaching at the club and what direction we need to take. This also contributes to the Professional Development points for the clubs qualified coaches so that they can re-accredit every 4 years.

We have run 5 Beginners' Courses over Wed and Sat, with the biggest being about 12 and the smallest nil.

This year has seen the return of a couple of old club coaches to the club to help out with the beginners courses this year, thank you to **Chris Kings-Lynne** and **Neil Herzog** and I hope to encourage them back for a course or two next year.

A few people have also helped out with beginners courses, thank you **Izzy, Gino, Stuart, Laura** and **Grace** (apologies if I have forgotten someone).

Also - the bulk of the work of the Beginners' Courses being carried by

Mike Middleton and **Piers Harbin** - without whose help these courses couldn't have been run.

The Bladez group coaches have done a fantastic job, thank you to **EK, Mahmud, Errol** and **Sarah** (and anyone else who has helped but I haven't seen)

This year has also seen a trial run of the Development Squad and, although a few have dropped out along the way, we are seeing a stable number of people and hope to grow on that next year. Thank you to **Mal & Sven** for taking these fencers and creating what I see as some vigorous torture to get them fit and fencing-ready.

There has also been 8 handicap competitions for all 3 weapons held during the year

AFC #3 - what can I say - the Cav's fencers took up the challenge to enter International competition in Perth some of who had only been fencing since March 2012!

Some Stats:

OPEN

Men's Epee - 6
Women's Epee - 3
Men's Foil - 3
Women's Foil - 1
Men's Sabre - 6
Women's Sabre 4

VETERANS

Men's Epee - 5
Women's Epee - 3
Men's Foil - 0
Women's Foil - 0
Men's Sabre - 2
Women's Sabre - 0

TEAMS

Men's Epee - 2 teams, 8 fencers
Women's Epee - 1 team, 3 fencers
Men's Foil - 1 team, 4 fencers
Women's Foil - 0 teams, 1 fencer
Men's Sabre - 2 teams, 7 fencers
Women's Sabre - 1 team, 4 fencers

Level 1 accreditation is still in the process for EK, Sven and myself. Fencing WA, however, is looking at running a Level 1 Beginners course early in the New Year and if anyone is interested please look at doing it. It should only cost you time and

effort and Cavs is always looking for more qualified coaches. The 'talk' is that it will be an Epee level 1 which, from memory, has never been run in WA

Last, but not least - the amazing turn-out each Wednesday night! We all seem to love Sven's footwork - no matter how hard he makes it. How much do we love it? Well, on Wednesday night after inflicting the latest in footwork ideas, he let us go, and was going to repeat it for a few people. The majority of us jumped back up for two more rounds of the punishment!

Kylie Caunt

Registrar's Report 2012

This year we have seen the transition to calendar-year memberships for Cavaliers. Due to the late notice of the change in administration at Wafa, the process was a little disjointed, but next year we'll see a much more streamlined approach.

Presently, all fencers have had their membership changed to finalise in December 2012. Next year membership invoices will be sent out pre-season, either by mail or email. You will be asked to bring proof of your affiliation with Wafa to the beginning sessions, in order for you to be covered by insurance.

Membership for Cavaliers will be due in March 2013. There will be discounts for family members and a new set procedure for paying in instalments.

Equipment hire will change. Payment will be required for articles hired for training sessions, whether it is just the mask and glove or the whole outfit. This will be finalised at our next committee meeting and you will see details on the new membership form next year.

There are a total of 68 members of Cavaliers, plus another 13 non-fencing Life Members and Associates. There have been 21 Bladez 'have-a-go' children of which 6 have joined the club, making a total of 13 children in the Bladez group. We have seen 42 people take on the Beginners Course of which 9 have

joined the club so far, with a Beginners Course still in progress.

Finally, just to let you know that Cavs does have Gift Vouchers available for the Beginners Course.

Isobel Ellis

Secretary's Report 2012

This past year has been a significant one for me in that great changes to the role of Secretary/Registrar have taken place.

With the lack of any serious offer for many years to take on my administrative role according to the Constitution, I was forced to split the work load between two people.

Quite unexpectedly, at this same time, Wafa introduced significant changes to their system - actually providing a cheaper and fairer registration format for members.

I am indebted to **Isobel Ellis**, who stepped in at this point, and who has the experience and the foresight to be able to set up a new and simplified structure for payment of Club memberships that will commence in the New Year.

As Secretary, I continue to be responsible for the general communications and enquiries, Minutes, Correspondence, Newsletter and some of the social and publicity items. Much of this can be done at home in my own time. This has enabled me to feel freer when taking time off.

I was lucky enough to take a three-month break mid-year. I thank all those who helped out during my absence - in particular **Sarah Meredith**, who kept the members informed by email, and **Adrian Paxman** who kept the Wafa information coming through.

I believe that our year has been productive and has certainly 'built up' on the competition front. We need to keep pushing further to regain our former strength, but that will come in time. Anyone wishing to read the recent history of the club

will find a set of Newsletters in the library. Thanks,

Gillian Kings-Lynne

Wafa Representative's Report 2012

Wafa Committee

As always, key individuals have been vital to the running of Wafa this year. Thanks to the following for taking on essential roles in Wafa:

Ben Peden (President), **Mike Dunham** (Vice President and AFF rep), **Sue Adler** (Secretary), **Laz Leonard** (Registrar), **Lisa Blyth** (shared role of Tournament Chair), and special thanks to Cavalier's **Alex Boujos** and **Kay Howard**.

Alex very capably took over the role of Tournament Chair for half of 2012 while **Lisa** was away. **Kay** is Wafa Treasurer and has additionally done a lot of other 'behind the scenes' work such as preparing for AFC#3 many months before the event.

Some of the above are staying on for 2013; however, anyone is very welcome to join the committee. Please contact **Ben** or myself if you might be interested in joining.

AFC#3

The main event for Wafa this year was AFC#3. As usual the support for this from Cavalier volunteers was terrific. Thank you very much to everyone that helped out before, during and after the event! It was also great to have plenty of Cavs fencers taking part in this competition, with some excellent results. Well done to everyone that competed.

Wafa competitions and Activity Day volunteers

With assistance from Wafa (most notably **Mike Dunham**) Cavalier members have run a number of state events such as the Wafa comps. Thank you to **Alex** for training up those interested in the use of the competition software. A big thank you to all those Cavs members that

volunteered their time to assist with running state events. It is fantastic that new members have been volunteering along with the more experienced fencers.

AFT / AFS

There have been strong views expressed by fencers and others about the current system for the Australian Fencing Team / Australian Fencing Squad. This resulted in a proposal earlier in the year to suspend the system. This motion was narrowly defeated but more discussions will follow.

Opponents to the current system have a number of complaints including:

- Selection for the Australian Team is unfair and should be based solely on competition points,
- Selection is too far ahead of competitions,
- The approach of the AFF is dictatorial and disrespectful to individual coaches.

Supporters of the current system state that:

- The current system is an improvement on the previous system,
- Under the current system there have been a greater number of young fencers competing internationally.

Please note that there are many more “for” and “against” comments but this is not the correct forum to discuss in detail. Of the WA fencers and coaches involved in discussions about this that I have spoken to, the majority oppose the current system. However, there are notable exceptions that strongly support the current system. I recommend that any fencer (and their coach) that might be vying for a place on the Australian Team in the future should become involved in the current discussion.

Fencing Calendar

Venues for upcoming national events have recently been confirmed. Dates for 2013 are now available on the AFF website. Note that Perth will be hosting the Junior (Under 20s) national competition at the start of

October. Please mark this in your diaries!

Logo

There is a competition to decide the future WFA logo. Voting for the logo will happen at the Awards Dinner or votes can be emailed in before this. See the WFA website for details.

Awards dinner

Following on from Cavaliers successful hosting of the 2011 Awards Dinner, Excalibur will be hosting this year's WFA Awards Presentation and Social Evening on Saturday the 1st of December. Please come along for a great evening and to support your fencing community.

Winners from last year who have trophies that need returning:

- Cadet, U15 and U13 trophies can be returned on the evening of the Awards Dinner.
- Other trophies (such as Open and Junior) can be returned beforehand to Belmont during the State Open finals.
- Please let **Lisa Blyth** (wafatournament@gmail.com) know that you have a trophy and will be returning it.

Good luck to all Cavaliers at the upcoming State Finals and National Finals. It is a great reflection of how well the club is doing to have such a large representation from Cavaliers at these events.

Adrian Paxman

WFA Committee 2013

The **Committee for 2013** is:

Ben Peden – President
Kay Howard – Treasurer
Mike Dunham
Laz Leonhard
Adrian Paxman
Lisa Blythe
Kevin Vincent

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WFA Awards Night

**Saturday 1st December 2012 at
Hilton Bowling Club**

Congratulations to **Excalibur** for putting on a very successful Awards and Social Evening. From all reports, there was a great crowd and Cavs was well represented. I feel really thrilled that the tradition will now continue from our huge effort from last year to get the ball rolling again for the Awards Social.

Many thanks to **Kay Howard**, a Cavs Mum, who worked hard through the WFA Committee to help make the evening a success.

My thanks to **Grace Rosario** who pushed the ticket sales at Cavs in my absence. A great job.

Absolutely the greatest news that **Cavaliers came a draw with Excalibur for the Club Foil prize**, after losing it for the first time ever last year! Next year will be ours for sure! Congratulations to all the Foilists who contributed points to this prize.

Congratulations to **Kylie Caunt who took the prize for Women's Open Epee**.

Congratulations to **Kylie Caunt and Isobel Ellis who shared the prize for Veteran Women's Epee**.

WFA SPECIAL MENTION AWARDS FOR 2012

In addition to the above-mentioned awards, we are pleased to announce that the following three fencers from Cavaliers were presented with 'Special Mention' Awards at that event.

Our Congratulations go to (cont)

- **Alex Boujos**, who received special mention for his assistance with the Wafa Tournament Chair position while **Lisa Blythe** was away earlier in the year. **Alex** has put in many hours to assist in the running of tournaments and was instrumental in installing the upgraded computer program for these events.

- **Simon Macintyre**, who received special mention for his many hours of refereeing, and other DT assistance, at the Wafa tournaments during the year.

- **Cameron Gregg**, who received special mention for helping out with refereeing at the Veterans Competition and day of Women's Fencing during the year. He also put in a great volunteer effort to the AFC#3 and canteen and helped out with the Awards Dinner.

We couldn't be more pleased with the great effort put in this year by Cava fencers in the interest of fencing across the State.

To everyone - well done.

Gillian Kings-Lynne

Wafa Awards Night Kay Howard

Kay reports – “There was a huge turnout from Cava. Everyone enjoyed the exhibition bouts. Food was great (and in abundance), and someone suggested that we try for some music for the next one. UWA is hosting the next one and some of the Mums are excited to be organising it.

Steve Gregg and **Maxine Osgood** (both Cava) were the winners of the door prizes).



Jerry Scudds, **Lindy Porter** and **Frank Kocsis** helped to present the awards. **Jerry** gave a talk about how the fencing community works from the local level to international. He talked about fencers and about the role of the parent in supporting the fencers, the clubs, the state association and the federation.”

The Fairest and Best (**Trevor Spafford** award) went to **Lisa Blyth** for her commitment to the sport, the help and initiative that she always shows. **Trevor** was a life member of Cava and Wafa”.

Kay Howard

Photo York Fayre 2012

As promised, here is a photo from the **York Fayre** held last year on Sunday 4th November 2012.



Cava Fencers: L to R Seymour Wolfinger, Adrian Paxman, Peter Harbin, Piers Harbin, fencer from another club, and from Cava, Isobel Ellis. Photo thanks to Ursula Harbin.

CAVS AT Wafa AWARDS

L to R – Darren Martin, Stuart Webster, Drew Foley, E-K Gulland, Elim Wong, Kylie Caunt, Melanie McCarthy, Alex Haass, Isobel Ellis, Sarah Meredith, Sian Webster, Gino Trichilo. Front – Cameron Gregg, Llewelyn Foley, Dylan Devenish. Photo thanks to Kay Howard

Fencers' Choice Results

Each year club members are given the chance to put forward a ‘people’s vote’ for someone of their choice.

Welcome Advance:

Congratulations to **E-K Gulland** who was nominated by **William Reynolds**.

“Whenever I enter ECU gym, she always says ‘hello’ with a very heart-warming smile. She is always there to help even if it takes up her own time.”

Notable Knight:

Congratulations to **Elim Wong** who was nominated by **William Reynolds**.

“He is a great and cool dude whose sportsmanship is beyond amazing. Very honest and very talented.”

SUMMER SESSIONS

Thanks to **Simon Macintyre** who organised private fencing sessions over the summer break for those who wished to keep fit after all that Christmas feasting.

Fencer Profile Drew Foley



Not everyone realises that the heaviest task in our fencing club is, coincidentally, the least visible one. With a collection of clothing and

equipment valued at around \$50,000, the job of Equipment Officer is not one which could be taken lightly.

We are extremely fortunate to have **Drew Foley** take on this daunting task – a task which involves hours of volunteer time, much of which is done at home.

With a seemingly unceasing capacity for optimism, **Drew** has proved to be a most enthusiastic newcomer to fencing – going in at the deep end to involve himself not only in the fun side of a sport which he loves but also to offer a massive commitment to the well-being of the club itself.

Drew started fencing fairly recently to be involved actively with his sons. Here is his story.

“I first started by just watching and being ‘support crew’ for **Llewelyn** and didn’t consider ever taking it up myself. I became involved with scoring and running at the comps and, in doing so, became friendly with **George Osgood**, who has a persuasive way of luring you into his passion of fencing and all things equipment.

While **Llewelyn** was competing at the UWA Activity Day at the end of 2011, I joined in with the “Parents Have a Go” session. I thought “this is fantastic. I can do this and it could only be good for my health.”

So at the beginning of 2012 I started fencing.

What weapon? Epee and Sabre. There are only 2 weapons, aren’t there?

I love the fun and fluid nature of Sabre, but Epee just feels right for me. So if I had to declare ‘my

weapon’ I would have to say I am an Epeeist who dabbles with Sabre.

When it comes to fencing socially or competitively, I think I am best described as “socially competitive”. Anyone who has seen me at a comp would know that I have the biggest grin from ear to ear regardless of the score!

My attitude is - one point against everyone - and anything after that is the icing on the cake. Being able to have a go and loving it is the most important thing. If you’re not having fun, why do it?

I think the comps are fantastic. I have competed in everything possible this year - Wafa Novice Epee and Sabre, Wafa Open Epee and Sabre, Wafa Veterans’ Epee and Sabre - and what a blast doing the Veterans’ Epee and Sabre at the AFF#3 Nationals! And don’t forget the Club Handicap comps.

Two highlights stand out this year at the comps.

First, was being able to fence the Cavs Sabre “B” team with **Llewelyn** and his brother **Lohrrin** forming an all Foley Family team. (I am sure this must be unique for AFF fencing).

The other highlight was being able to fence in the Cavs “A” Epee team, defeating Singapore with a convincing score.

I wanted to put something back to the club that was giving so much to **Llewelyn**, so put my hand up for the Equipment Officer role.

I am still very much a novice when it comes to equipment to which some of my rewired body chords are testament. I think this year I have found ways to arrange three wires in combinations mathematicians could not even work out. (Just ask **Llewelyn!**)

Until a few years ago when **Llewelyn** started fencing, we had had nothing to do with the sport. I realised early last year that here would be a great opportunity for us to participate as a family, so I joined up with the boys, and we haven’t looked back. I have met some of the best people fencing.

I work as an Architect during the week, and also hold a Mechanical Engineering Qualification.

I have practiced Tai Chi for about 15 years and teach Tai Chi on Monday nights in Glen Forrest.

I have always been involved with sport. In the past years I have played Basketball for Churchlands and Subiaco and Lacrosse for Wembley. I sailed for many years in the Junior Dinghy class winning both State and Club Championships. Later, competing in the Javelin Class, my best result was a 3rd place in a heat of the World Titles in 1983 and finishing 11th overall.”

There is no doubt that **Drew** is a pretty active family man, and that Cavs is the lucky beneficiary. We wish him all the best for his future in the sport and may he continue to enjoy his family fencing.

Gillian Kings-Lynne, Drew Foley

Photo Cavs Comps

Results of the rounds and finals of Club Handicap Competitions held during 2012 will be available on the Cavs website as soon as they come to hand. The program for 2013 is now available.



Epee Finalists – 1st Adrian Paxman, 2nd Bobby Emmanuel, 3rd Damian Kneale. Photo thanks to Kylie Caunt.

Cavs Dates 2013

Saturday 2nd February
First session for 2013

Saturday 9th February
Coaches Meeting 1.30pm

Saturday 23rd February
Beginners' Course commences

Wednesday 27th February
Beginners' Course commences

Saturday 2nd March
Epee Handicap Comp

Saturday 9th March
Foil Handicap Comp

Saturday 16th March
Sabre Handicap Comp

** Date of **Start of Season BBQ**
to be announced – late February

AFF#1 DH McKENZIE QLD
5th, 6th, 7th April,
Yeronga in Brisbane

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Cavs on Australian Team at Oceania

Adrian Paxman reports – “The 2012 Oceania Veteran Men's Épée Team event at Canberra was very exciting to take part in (with **Nigel Nutt**, **George Mittermair** and **Adam Reynolds**).

Nigel took the lead back in the last period to give Australia the win over New Zealand.

In related Oceania news, congratulations to **Damian Kneale** from Cavs who was preselected by AFF to represent Australia in the Oceania Veteran Men's Sabre Team.”

Adrian Paxman

Results National Champs 2012

Results for Cavs fencers at the Nationals, December 2012, Canberra

Open Men's Epee (86)

Adrian Paxman 27
Damian Kneale 44
Elim Wong 85

Open Women's Epee (43)

Isobel Ellis 33

Open Men's Foil (55)

Dylan Devenish 39

Open Women's Foil (32)

Gabriella Ullaga 26

Open Men's Sabre (38)

Malcolm Davies 11
Damian Kneale 13
Simon Macintyre 21

Open Women's Sabre (23)

Marissa Black 5
Grace Rosario 8

Veteran Men's Epee (25)

Adrian Paxman 5

Veteran Women's Epee (10)

Isobel Ellis 5

Veteran Men's Foil N/A

Veteran Women's Foil N/A

Veteran Men's Sabre (14)

Damian Kneale =3

Veteran Women's Sabre N/A

Men's Epee Teams (13)

WA (A) 6
WA (B) 13

Women's Epee Teams (8)

WA 6

Men's Foil Teams (11)

WA (A) 5
WA (B) 11

Women's Foil Teams (6)

WA 5

Men's Sabre Teams (7)

WA (A) 1
WA (B) 5

Women's Sabre Teams (5)

WA =3

Oceania Veteran Men's Epee Team

Australia 1
New Zealand 2

Cavs Needs President

If you are interested, please contact **Mike Middleton** or **Mahmud Jaffar** at the club for information and discussion.

Duties:

Usual presiding duties.
Responsible for overall liaison with ECU / WAFA / other authorities.
Responsible for overall smooth running of club.
Qualities of leadership in future club direction, communication and delegation.

This is not such a bad time to offer your assistance, as the current committee is very strong with a well-balanced number of experienced and new people working together.

Cavs Needs Promotions Officer

This is a position which has never taken off in the past but could be developed into quite an important role depending upon the energies of the particular person who takes it on.

Duties:

Keeping up supplies of the club brochures.
Overseeing O Day on the ECU campus.
Advertising on Campus - Beginner Courses.
Advertising at the Gym reception.
Getting the club banner finished!
Advertising in the Community and Schools, etc.

Please let **Mike Middleton** or **Mahmud Jaffar** know if you are interested in taking this on.

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