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# The Fencer

ECU Cavalier School of Fencing Newsletter



## Note from the Editor

This edition aims to wind up the final competitive and social events of last year and to wish the incoming new Committee all the best for 2014.

During the summer break there was a lot of activity despite the heat. Fitness and fencing sessions were arranged for club fencers under the care of **Dylan Devenish** and a special Epee Clinic was organised by **Mike Middleton** on January 25<sup>th</sup> with coach **Sam Jau**.

An extra Committee Meeting was arranged to discuss suggested updates to the Constitution. The results of this will be announced later in the year.

While we have many familiar faces continuing with Cavaliers into 2014, the Executive will have a very new face with the introduction of **Grace Rosario** and **Jinny Skerman** to the roles of President and Secretary respectively. This will be welcome 'new blood' to the team and well-suited to meet the needs of the ever-changing and modern fencing scene.

We welcome **Brett Criddle**, **Seymour Wolfinger**, **Leon Brownrigg** and **Llewelyn Foley** as newcomers to the Committee, along with **Andrew Munro** who has offered to learn the role of armourer. **Malcolm Davies**, while not a 'newcomer' has

returned to the Executive after a short absence.

We thank **Isobel Ellis**, **Mahmud Jaffar**, **Kylie Caunt**, **Drew Foley**, **Perry Ruffo**, and **Dylan Devenish** for continuing on with their hard work for this forthcoming year.

We thank **Mike Middleton** and **Damian Kuruckchi** for their hours of volunteer time as outgoing members of the Executive. Mike will continue to be one of the main forces behind Club coaching.

As for me, I will be leaving the Executive, but continuing with the Newsletter for as long as possible.

**So – all set to go on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> February** with normal Club sessions for both Bladez and the Main Group. The Beginners will start later in the month and just in time for the Start of Season BBQ.

Good luck. Good Fun and Good Fencing in 2014.

*Gillian Kings-Lynne*

## 2014 CLUB FEES UNCHANGED

**Beginners' Course** \$90  
**Senior Membership** \$340  
**Junior U/20 Membership** \$270  
**Junior U/12 Membership** \$210  
**Bladez Try-Out** \$20

Remember that in addition to these fees are the costs of Affiliation, Capitation and Equipment Hire.

## 'Welcome Back' from our President

*"I hope you all enjoyed your summer, and that you are looking forward to coming back to fencing soon - Grace"*

## Bankwest Sponsor

We are proud to announce that the **Bankwest Community Sponsorship Happy 365 Program** has agreed to sponsor Cavaliers for a second consecutive year with an amount of **\$1000**. Our grateful thanks go to Bankwest for this generous offer – which will be spent on wireless scoring equipment.

Don't forget that **T Shirts** can be ordered from Cavs website – available from the Bankwest grant from 2013.

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## Cavaliers Membership

### Senior Male

Barrett-Lennard Chris  
 Beadle Gavin  
 Boujos Alex  
 Brownrigg Leon  
 Criddle Brett  
 Cuthbert Colin  
 Devenish Dylan  
 Foley Drew  
 Halleen Ben  
 Harbin Peter  
 Harbin Piers  
 Jensen David  
 Karia Jai  
 Kishi Lucien  
 Kneale Damian  
 Kuruckchi Damien  
 Kwan Andrew  
 Lee Yen-Sen  
 Macintyre Simon  
 MacRae Michael  
 Middleton Mike  
 Munro Andrew  
 Ng Hendric  
 Pekel Daniel  
 Webster Stuart  
 WolfingerSeymour  
 Wong Elim

### Junior Female

Hadwin Orlando  
 Hodges Laura  
 Kamila Lovita  
 Kneale Amy  
 Rosario Alice  
 Rosario Grace  
 Sanchez Monica

### Associates

Algaba Rhonda  
 Herzog Neil  
 Hodgson Toby  
 Kings-Lynne Chris  
 Perry Ruffo

### Life Members

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

### Junior Male

Austin Thomas  
 Foley Llewelyn  
 Freedman Lewis  
 Gibson Dylan  
 Gregg Cameron  
 Haass Alexander  
 Luca-Morison Gabriel  
 MacKenzie James  
 MacKenzie Tomas  
 Marcus Sam  
 Martin Darren  
 McConnell Edward  
 McConnell Zak  
 Mettam Cameron  
 Mettam James  
 Moralee Tyrone  
 Orrman Finn  
 Reynolds William  
 Ruffo Antonio  
 Steinkrug Kurt  
 Stretton Mark  
 Thomson Ryan  
 Trichilo Gino  
 Vinten Sean  
 Wakelam Ellis  
 Yang Jonathon

### Senior Female

Black Marissa  
 Caunt Kylie  
 Ellis Isobel  
 Gulland Elizabeth  
 Jensen Rebecca  
 Kings-Lynne Susannah  
 Meredith Sarah  
 Park Ivy  
 Ranieri Michelle  
 Schultz Nikki  
 Skerman Jindalae  
 Smith Kimberley  
 Ullaga Gabriella  
 Vinten Claire

### Contract Coaches

Davies Malcolm  
 Hein Sven  
 Thompson Kieran  
 Jau Sam

## Cavs Epee Clinic

*Thanks go to Mike Middleton who organised a special Epee Clinic with coach, Sam Jau, during the summer break on 25<sup>th</sup> January. This clinic was subsidised by Cavaliers for the benefit of its members.*

## Beginners' Course Dates 2014

### Beginners Course 1

Saturday - February 22 at 2.30pm  
 Wednesday - February 26 at 7.30pm

### Beginners Course 2

Saturday - May 3 at 2.30pm  
 Wednesday - May 7 at 7.30pm

### Beginners Course 3

Saturday - July 12 at 2.30pm  
 Wednesday - July 16 at 7.30pm

### Beginners Course 4

Saturday - Sept 20 at 2.30pm  
 Wednesday - Sept 24 at 7.30pm

## Club Handicap Competition Dates

All competitions start at 1pm at Cavaliers. All welcome

8<sup>th</sup> March Foil Handicap  
 15<sup>th</sup> March Epee Handicap  
 22<sup>nd</sup> March Sabre Handicap

5<sup>th</sup> April Foil Handicap  
 12<sup>th</sup> April Epee Handicap  
 19<sup>th</sup> April Sabre Handicap

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

## WAF A Tournaments

1<sup>st</sup> – 2<sup>nd</sup> March  
 Open #1 at Cavaliers

9<sup>th</sup> March  
 U/15/17 Epee at UWA

15<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> March  
 U/15/17 Foil/Sabre at Belmont

29<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> March  
 U/13/20 Foil/Sabre at Excalibur

5<sup>th</sup> April  
 U/13/20 Epee at UWA

26<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> April  
 Fremantle Masters at Excalibur

See Fencing WA website for details  
<http://www.fencingwa.com/>

## Cavs Committee 2014

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

## Start of Season BBQ

Start of Season BBQ to be held Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> March after the fencing session for that day.

Cavaliers will supply the sausages, bread and soft drinks. Offers of salads and desserts are most welcome.

Always a good event – bring your family too!

## AFF Tournaments

21<sup>st</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> March  
 AFC #1 in Melbourne

See AFF website for details:  
<http://www.ausfencing.org/home/>

## Overseas Tournaments

8<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> February  
 New Zealand Masters in Dunedin

7<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> March  
 Asian Jnr and Cadet Championships in Jordan

3<sup>rd</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> April  
 World Jnr and Cadet Championships in Bulgaria

11<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> April  
 North American Cup in Minneapolis

## Penguin Island Trip

A wonderful time was had by all at the Cavs Day Out to Penguin Island on the 15<sup>th</sup> December 2013.

Great idea, Dylan – we can tell by the photos that the outing was a definite success!

The group met at Rockingham to take the short ferry ride across to the island to visit the Rehabilitation Centre for the tiny penguins.

The day was spent swimming, playing beach cricket, exploring the coastline and lunching in the picnic area. The highlight of the day was attending the penguin feeding time and hearing about the work carried out at the Centre.



Matt, Jinny and children, Anais, Grace, Elmo, Dylan, Darren, Yen-Sen and E-K.



**FAMILY DAY  
AT  
PENGUIN ISLAND**

Yen-Sen, Orlando, Toby, William, Peter



Peter, Grace, Elmo, Darren, Dylan, E-K, Jinny and Matt

*Thank you to all those who sent me great photos – too many to print here.*



Ivy and Elmo

## Important Message from Fencing WA

### NEW!!! ENTRY FEES FOR COMPETITIONS IN 2014

Happy New Year and welcome to Fencing in Western Australia for 2014. This is just a quick note to remind you of some important fencing and competition related items of note:

**1. Please remember to pay your affiliation fees using SportingPulse.**

To do so, visit our new web page at <http://www.fencingwa.com/> and click on the Payment button in the top right.

Any problems, please e-mail me at [wafaweb@yahoo.com](mailto:wafaweb@yahoo.com).

**Note that all fencers should AFFILIATE (\$30)** to (a) be part of the FencingWA community, and (b) ensure that they are covered by the appropriate insurance, (c) participate in any FencingWA activities (including U13 events).

**Those fencers who either (a) are competing in under 15 events or above in WA, or (b) wish to participate in any national event, should also pay their CAPITATION fee (which covers AFF Capitation).**

**2. Please note that a fee will be charged for competition entries this year**, with the funds going back into raising the standards of competition and refereeing. **The fee will be \$5 per event for entries received on time** (ie. by the Monday before competition) and **\$10 for entries made up to the Friday** before the event. **A late fee of \$20 per event** will be charged if competitors turn up on

the day and have not entered properly.

We are investigating alternative entry procedures, but until an alternative mechanism is confirmed, payments can be made using the usual SportingPulse payment portal. A confirmation e-mail should be sent using the competition registry page found under the competitions menu at <http://www.fencingwa.com/>

**3. Please note that weapons testing will continue to apply in 2014.** Non-compliant weapons (weight, gauge or overall functionality or safety) will not be allowed to be used in competition.

**4. For all U13 foil and epee competitions FencingWA policy is that size 2 weapons should be used** (there is some scope to use size 3 if provided by a club, to accommodate the transition but please do not purchase a size 3 weapon as this may not be acceptable in future).

**5. Please check the FencingWA competition rule book** which should be available at <http://www.fencingwa.com/#!/downloads/c1xvs> in the downloads section. Other FencingWA policies can also be found at this location.

**6. Please also note that the FIE rules have been updated** and are available from [http://britishfencing.com/uploads/files/book\\_t\\_jan\\_2014.pdf](http://britishfencing.com/uploads/files/book_t_jan_2014.pdf).

**7. Follow us on Facebook** (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/fencingwa/>) and **Twitter** (@FencingWA)

**8. Finally, we need volunteers.** In particular, the **Association needs a secretary and/or someone to help with communications.** This is an extremely important and

rewarding job and is at the heart of what we do.

If you are interested in helping out in this, or any, capacity, please contact me on [wafaweb@yahoo.com](mailto:wafaweb@yahoo.com)

*Kind regards, Ben Peden,  
President, FencingWA*

## At the WAFA Awards



Isabel Longbottom (UWA), Llewelyn Foley  
At the State WAFA Awards for  
Most Improved Fencer (Shared)



Kylie Caunt at the State WAFA Awards for  
Women's Veteran Epee

## WAF A CHAMPIONSHIP AWARDS 2013

### Men's Open Foil

Marek Jamrozny SWF

**Runner-up** Dylan Devenish Cavs

### Women's Open Foil

Elizabeth Scibiorski SWF

### Men's Open Epee

James Lewis UWA

### Women's Open Epee

Alanah MacLaurin UWA

### Men's Open Sabre

Sutherland Scudds EXC

### Women's Open Sabre

Marissa Black Cavs

### Men's Junior Foil

Cedric Bauer SWF

**Runner-up** Darren Martin Cavs

### Women's Junior Foil

Abigail Lee EXC

### Men's Junior Epee

Lachlan Bunney UWA

### Women's Junior Epee

Alanah MacLaurin

### Men's Junior Sabre

Jadryn Dick EXC

### Women's Junior Sabre

Grace Rosario Cavs

**Runner-up** Sian Webster Cavs

### Men's Cadet Foil

Cedric Bauer SWF

### Women's Cadet Foil

Louise Johnson EXC

### Men's Cadet Epee

Lachlan Bunney UWA

### Women's Cadet Epee

Alanah MacLaurin UWA

### Men's Cadet Sabre

Cameron Gregg Cavs

**Runner-up** Llewelyn Foley Cavs

### Women's Cadet Sabre

Sian Webster Cavs

### Men's U/15 Foil

Ignacio Dominguez UWA

### Women's U/15 Foil

Louise Johnson EXC

### Men's U/15 Epee

Lachlan Bunney UWA

### Women's U/15 Epee

Louise Johnson EXC

### Men's U/15 Sabre

Jake Williams EXC

### Women's U/15 Sabre

Louise Johnson EXC

### Men's U/13 Foil

Rafe Harrison-Murray UWA

### Women's U/13 Foil

Emma Johnson EXC

### Men's U/13 Epee

Andrey Zatselyapin UWA

### Women's U/13 Epee

Emma Johnson EXC

### Men's U/13 Sabre

Alex Brown EXC

**Runner-up** Sam Marcus Cavs

### Women's U/13 Sabre

Emma Johnson EXC

### Men's Veteran Foil

Steve Johnson EXC

### Women's Veteran Foil

Olena Polyakova UWA

### Men's Veteran Epee

Steve Johnson EXC

### Women's Veteran Epee

Kylie Caunt Cavs

**Runner-up** Isobel Ellis Cavs

### Men's Veteran Sabre

Steve Johnson EXC

**Runner-up** Damian Kneale Cavs

### Women's Veteran Sabre

N/A

### Veteran Master-at-Arms

Steve Johnson EXC

### Veteran Overall Club

Excalibur Fencing Club

### Novice Mixed Foil

Ivy Park Cavs

### Novice Mixed Foil

Michael Macrae Cavs ??

### Novice Mixed Sabre

Sam Marcus Cavs

### Novice Men's Epee

Sam Prater SWF

### Novice Men's Epee

Shuo Wang SWF

### Novice Women's Epee

Melissa Robinson SWF

### Open Foil Overall Club

Excalibur Fencing Club

### Open Epee Overall Club

UWA Fencing Club

### Open Sabre Overall Club

Swordfish Fencing Club SWF

### Best and Fairest

**Trevor Spafford Memorial Trophy**

Cameron Gregg Cavs

### Most Improved Cadet

**York Motor Museum Trophy**

Llewelyn Foley Cavs

### Most Improved Cadet

Isabel Longbottom UWA

### Encouragement Award

Lewis Freedman Cavs

### Life Member

Jeremy Scudds EXC

### Special Thanks

Steve Johnson EXC

### Special Thanks

Damian Kneale Cavs

### Special Thanks

Rhonda Algaba Cavs

### Special Thanks

Lisa Blythe EXC

### Special Thanks

Kay Howard WAF A

The **WAF A Awards Presentation and Social Evening** was held on **Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November at Hackett Hall UWA**. The successful evening was hosted by the UWA Club.

A Three-Weapon Italian Relay was presented by some of our top young fencers representing each club.

The Presentation Ceremony was accompanied by a light buffet supper.

## At the WAF A Awards



Lewis Freedman at the State WAF A Awards Encouragement Award

## Results Australian Jnr Nationals in Perth 3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> October

AT COCKBURN BASKETBALL CENTRE, STARLING STREET, HAMILTON HILL

Results for National Tournaments at <http://www.ausfencing.org/home/>

### Results for Cavs Fencers

#### MEN'S FOIL (28)

We were lucky to have a WA fencer in the top eight - **Alisdair Dunham** (UWA)

**Darren Martin** 14

**Antonio Ruffo** =22

**Alex Haass** 24

**William Reynolds** 28

#### WOMEN'S SABRE (14)

**Sian Webster** 6

**Grace Rosario** 11

#### WOMEN'S TEAM SABRE (4)

**Sian** and **Grace** also fenced in the team Sabre 4th.

#### WOMEN'S FOIL (19)

**Orlando Hadwin** 14

#### MEN'S FOIL TEAMS (6)

**Darren Martin** fenced team WA (A) =3

**Alex Haass** and **Antonio Ruffo** fenced in team WA (B) 6

#### MENS SABRE TEAM (5)

**Llewellyn Foley** and **Cameron Gregg** fenced in team WA(A) 2

**Tom Austin** fenced in team WA (B) 5

#### MEN'S SABRE

Not listed

#### MEN'S EPEE (20)

No Cavs here, but WA fencer, **Lachlan Bunnay**, UWA, in top eight, close finish.

#### WOMEN'S FOIL TEAMS (5)

**Orlando Hadwin** fenced in team WA (A) =3

**Grace Rosario** fenced in team WA (B) 5

#### WOMEN'S EPEE

No entries from Cavaliers

**Abigail Lee** from WA was placed top 8

#### MEN'S EPEE TEAMS

No entries from Cavaliers

**WA came** =3

#### WOMEN'S EPEE TEAMS

No entries from Cavaliers

**WA came** =3

#### SZAKALL TROPHY

Points accrued for each State overall  
**WA came** 3<sup>rd</sup>

**Congratulations to all Cavaliers and other WA club fencers who entered the National tournament.**

**Thank you to all Cavs fencers who volunteered to help out over the weekend. We appreciate it very much.**

**To those young fencers for whom this was their first experience of fencing or helping out at a National Tournament, I hope your experience will encourage you to continue with your competitive goals.**

**Thank you to all parents who were part of the team.**

*Gillian Kings-Lynne*

## 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.

## Kids Jokes from Cameron

**What did the grape say when the elephant stepped on it?**

Nothing - it just let out a little whine!

**What happened when the computer fell on the floor?**

It slipped a disk!

**I don't make jokes. I just watch the government and report the facts!**

**Why does a chicken coop have 2 doors?**

Because if it had 4, it would be a chicken sedan!

**Doctor, Doctor - I feel like a small bucket.**

You do look a little pail!

*Thank you to Cameron Gregg*

## Coaching News at Cavs

### CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to **Kylie Caunt**, our Coaching Coordinator, who earned her Level 1 Epee Coaching Qualifications during 2013.

### THANK YOU

Our special thanks go to the following volunteer coaches who dedicated valuable time to the Club during 2013.

**Kylie Caunt**  
**Mike Middleton**  
**Sarah Meredith**  
**Elizabeth-Kate Gulland**  
**Piers Harbin**  
**Mahmud Jaffar**  
**Neil Herzog**  
**Stuart Webster**  
**Sian Webster**  
**Cameron Gregg**  
**Llewellyn Foley**

### CHANGE TO BEGINNERS' COURSES

The biggest change to the Cavs timetable for 2014 will be the reduction in the number of Beginners' Courses.

This is to ease the load of the volunteer coaches and allow them more time for their own fencing.

Don't forget to let your friends know about our Club – the more, the merrier!!

### CLUB COACHES NEEDED

There is always an opportunity for you to learn the skills of coaching at Cavaliers. If you are interested, please have a chat to **Kylie Caunt** for further information. **Cavaliers supports volunteer Club coaches in areas of training and first aid courses.**

## Letter to Bladez Parents for 2014

**28 January 2014**

*“Welcome back to the fencing year, which starts on Saturday 1 February.*

### Fencing Grades

*This year we will be introducing grade levels for Bladez kids. Each term (four times a year), we will have an assessment at which kids will have an opportunity to go up a grade and claim a coloured arm band for that level. We hope that this will give the kids goals for improving their fencing and also make it easier for coaches to train them at the level best-suited to their ability and experience. After 1<sup>st</sup> term this year, we ask that kids who have achieved a level bring their armbands along to fencing sessions. More information about this new initiative will be sent out later this year.*

### Venue and supervision

*We would like to remind all parents and guardians that ECU Mt Lawley gymnasium is an open venue, with multiple fencing (and other sports) sessions running. With this in mind, please remember:*

- *All children must have an adult guardian present in the venue whilst they are at a Bladez or other fencing session*
- *Children arriving 15 minutes or more after the start time for Bladez will not be permitted to join the Bladez session. This is to ensure that each child has enough time to benefit from the session, and that disruptions are kept to a minimum.*

*Throughout 2014 we will be sending out information about social events to Bladez kids and*

*their families and you are, as always, very welcome to join in! In 2013 we had barbecues, a laser tag session and a group visit to Penguin Island and we plan more family-friendly events in 2014.*

### What to wear

*As we are well into a Perth summer, this is a good time to remind everyone that fencers must always wear long stretchy pants ending below the knees (long shorts, leggings or tracksuits – not jeans) for fencing. This is a safety requirement for blade work, as is tucking t-shirts in. Closed sports shoes are also essential.*

*It is important that all fencers bring plenty of water with them – particularly in this hot weather!*

### Getting equipment

*Most Bladez fencers borrow equipment from the club for fencing sessions. Your help with kitting out kids with equipment from the club cabinets is very much appreciated, particularly with younger and less experienced fencers. Time saved at the cabinets is more time fencing and playing!*

*We highly recommend that you help your Bladez fencer(s) collect fencing equipment at the start of the session and put it to one side so they can quickly change into it when needed. Bladez coaches are very happy to help out with any questions or problems.*

*Coaches are also happy to help out with inquiries about how to purchase pieces of equipment, whether it is just a fencing glove or a full kit.*

### Beyond Bladez Sessions

*Once your junior fencer(s) has the basics under their belt, they may be interested in fencing beyond the weekly Bladez session. Please talk to our friendly*

*coaches about whether your child may like to join in general sessions and/or go to some outside competitions, and what may be required for these.*

*We would appreciate feedback from you about this or any other fencing questions you may have.*

*Many thanks, Sarah Meredith, Elizabeth-Kate Gulland, Mahmud Jaffar – Bladez Coaches”*

## Bladez Calendar

### **Term 1**

1pm Sat 1<sup>st</sup> Feb to Sat 5<sup>th</sup> Apr  
29<sup>th</sup> Mar is grading day TBA

### **Term 2**

1pm Sat 3<sup>rd</sup> May to Sat 28<sup>th</sup> Jun  
21<sup>st</sup> May is grading day TBA  
28<sup>th</sup> June is Parents’ Day\*

### **Term 3**

1pm Sat 26<sup>th</sup> Aug to Sat 30<sup>th</sup> Sep  
No session 6<sup>th</sup> Oct (Nationals Perth)  
1pm Sat 13<sup>th</sup> Oct to Sat 30<sup>th</sup> Oct  
13<sup>th</sup> Oct is grading day TBA

### **Term 4**

1pm Sat 18<sup>th</sup> Nov to Sat 13<sup>th</sup> Dec  
6<sup>th</sup> Dec is grading day TBA  
13<sup>th</sup> Dec is Parents’ Day\*

*\*On Parents’ Day, Bladez members can bring a family member or a friend to have a go at fencing for free.*

## Congratulations Bladez

Congratulations to two Bladez fencers who received recognition at the Wafa Awards Evening.

***Sam Marcus received the trophy for Novice Mixed Sabre.***

***Lewis Freedman received the Encouragement Award.***

This is fantastic news for you both – all the best for your future in Fencing.

*Gillian Kings-Lynne*

## Article in The Senior News

### *Keeping Fit on the Piste Peter still holds his own when it comes to fencing*

*By Annie Lee for  
The SENIOR News  
January 2014*

*“At the age of 80, Peter Harbin is still holding his own in fencing duels with much younger opponents.*

*And he says the sport is an ideal way for seniors to keep fit and agile.*

*Having fenced in his young days, and with urging from his son, Peter took the sport up again at 67.*

*“I started fencing in my teens,” he said.*

*“In those days most boys wanted to emulate the swashbuckling heroes of the movies, like Errol Flynn.”*

*Peter and his son, Piers, are members of the ECU Cavalier School of Fencing, Western Australia’s oldest established fencing club.*

*Peter often gives decades away to younger opponents – but he is not daunted.*

*“They’re just a person in a white outfit on the other side of the piste, and if I can beat them I certainly will,” he said.*

*Peter prefers foil and epee. “I used to do sabre, but didn’t like it.”*

*He has competed in a number of national and state events over the past few years, including the world championships in Sydney, Commonwealth Games in Melbourne and a national Japanese veterans’ competition in Tokyo.*

*“Two years ago in Japan I was fencing for the top four,” he said.*

*“I got so excited I blew the lot and finished eighth.”*

*Peter is now considering whether to try for the Commonwealth Games.*

*“The selection trials are held in the eastern states, so I have to decide whether I want to travel over for those,” he said.*

*Peter’s other love is cars and you can often catch him at the York Motor Museum which he runs.”*

*(Sorry, unable to print photo)*

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**Fencing Information:** AFF/WAFA website

## York Fayre and Photos November

*“Thanks very much to Peter, Piers, Daniel and Jinny for taking part in the fencing demonstration at the York Medieval Fayre yesterday, to Peter and the York Motor Museum for organisation / sponsorship of this event and to the accompanying family entourages for the support.*

*A good promotional event for fencing.”*

*Adrian Paxman*



Peter, Daniel, Jinny, Piers, Adrian  
At York Medieval Fayre

Piers and Jinny at York Medieval Fayre

