

## Member Bulletin – March 2018



### NEW SCHOOL AGE FENCING PROGRAM OFF TO A GREAT START

The first day of the new format NSW School Age Fencing Program proved a success with 97 school fencers from 13 schools competing in 7 events. The day's timetable ran very smoothly and the feedback from fencers and parents was very positive.

They liked the shorter time commitment so they could get away earlier and the separation of boy's foil into divisions so fencers were fencing against boys of similar ability.

A big thankyou to Jacqueline Fontaine and Liz Diskin who organised the timetable and managed the event, to DT Sam Auty and our hard-working referees and, not least, to Oscar and Con in the café.



U18 Girl's Roberta Nutt finalists and Australian Schools Individual qualifiers Erin Bofinger – MLC (silver), Alisa Tyshchenko – Reddam House (gold), Violet Hull – SGHS and Krystal Jessup (Distance Education) (bronze).



U18 Boy's Roberta Nutt finalists and Australian Schools Individual qualifiers Yves Fontaine - Sydney Grammar (silver), Sean Morota-Chu – Sydney Grammar (gold), Robert Ciccarelli – Patrician Brothers and Joseph Mayer – St Aloysius (bronze)..



## **PATHWAY TO THE AUSTRALIAN SCHOOLS CHAMPIONSHIPS**

The arrangements for the 2018 Australian Schools Senior and Intermediate Championships have been announced. The national schools event will be held in Sydney at the NSW Fencing Centre.

Seniors: 28-29 July

Intermediate: 25 – 26 August.

Intermediate is up to Year 9. Seniors is for Years 10 – 12 but is also open to younger fencers.

Nominations will be a 2-stage process. Two months before the national event, NSWFA will call for nominations for both individual and team fencers. We will then submit a list of ranked fencers and teams to the AFF. Depending on entries from other States, there is likely to be a further round of nominations from NSWFA.

The top 4 fencers from the national schools individual qualifier (Roberta Nutt) and the top two teams from the team qualifier (AJ Rae/Roseanne White 5 week program) are automatically selected. Should there be additional capacity for entrants or if selected qualifiers do not accept their places, the NSW Schools Selection Committee will select further qualifiers from the Roberta Nutt results. A more detailed outline of the NSW selection process will be circulated to members in the near future.

[Link to AFF Australian Schools Championships](#)

## **OLD HAND TAKES A YOUNG ONE**



The first of seven Mini-Series events during the year was held at the NSW Fencing Centre on 10-11 March. The Mini-Series program is the opportunity for U8 – U14 to compete in all weapons for NSW medals and ranking points.

NSWFA Honorary Member Peter Witkop presented medals to winners in the first Mini Series round – the Peter Witkop Shield. We know Peter won't mind us calling him an old hand – he's been a familiar face at NSWFA as a fencer and armourer for decades.

The Mini Series end with the Koala Mini Challenge and Friendship Cup teams events in early December. Since 2011 these events have grown into the leading competition for 13 and under fencers in the Asian region with young fencers from Japan, Singapore, Malaysia, Hong Kong, New Zealand, New Caledonia and all over Australia attending.

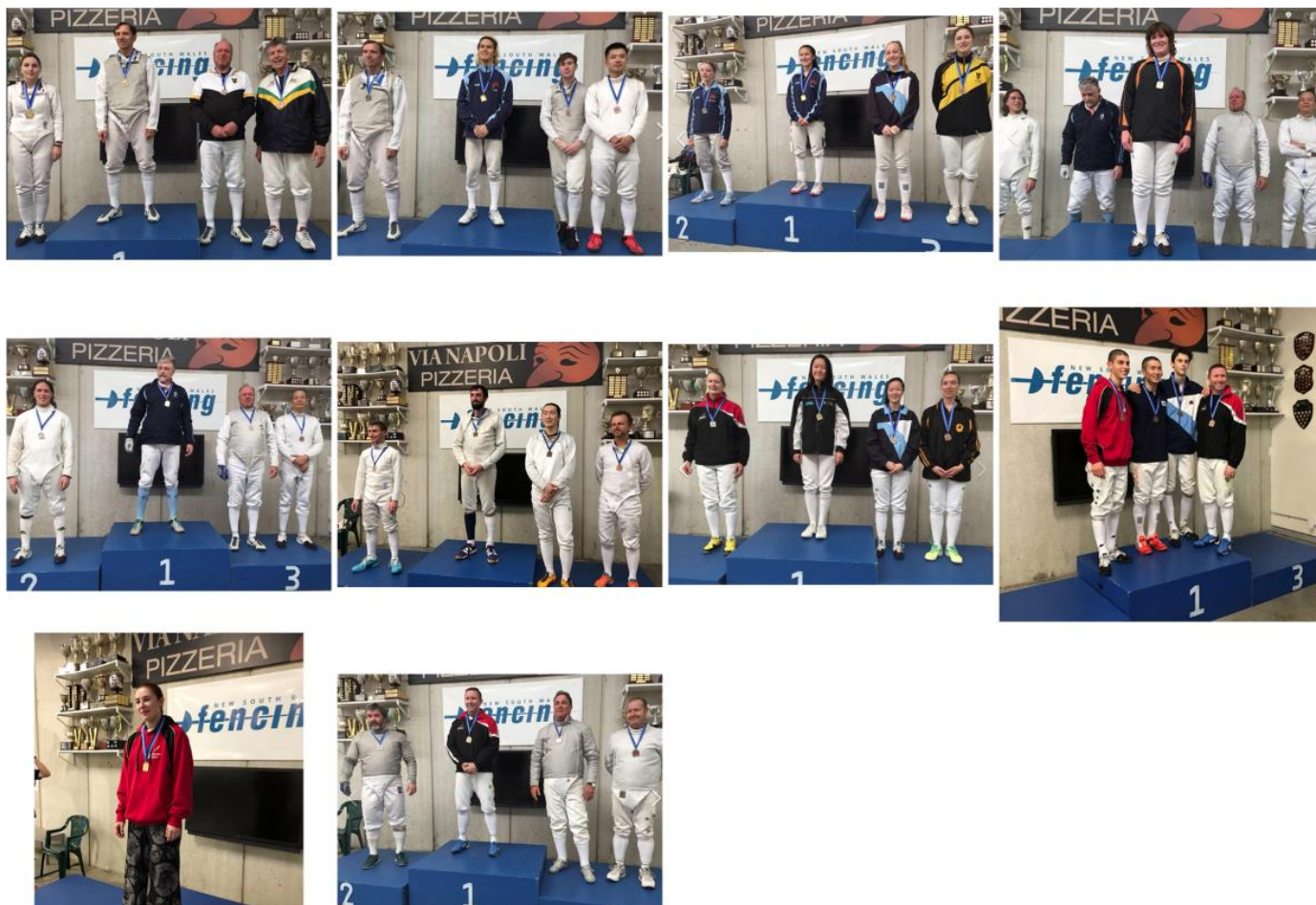


## **AGM DATE SET**

The NSWFA Annual General Meeting will be held on Sunday 3 June. The formal notice of meeting will be emailed to members by the end of April.

## **SEASON OPENER**

Congratulations to all our winners who joined us for last weekend's Season Opener! Here is a selection of photos of winners. See facebook for the names of winners ([Link](#)).



## BEST OF LUCK AT THE WORLD CHAMPS

A large contingent of NSW fencers are representing Australia in the 2018 Junior and Cadet World Championships taking place from 1 – 9 April in Verona, Italy. Organisers are expecting over 1300 of the worlds strongest junior and cadet fencers from more than 100 nations to compete. Best of luck to all of the following NSW fencers...we will be cheering for you:

Karen Nonis (epee)
Emily Principe (epee)
Katherine Wang (epee)
William Zeng (epee)
Robert Cicarelli (foil)
Freya Clarke (foil)
Matt Dall'Asen (foil)
Miya Herman (foil)
James Hull (foil)
Violet Hull (foil)
Krystal Jessup (foil)
Tianji Lukins (foil)
Sean Morota Chu (foil)
Alexandre Douglas (sabre)
Kai Hardge (sabre)
Alexandra Hely (sabre)
Christian Hely (sabre)





## UPCOMING COMPETITIONS

Date	Competition	
31 March	Level 1 General Coaching Course	<a href="#">Register online now</a>
7 April	School Age Fencing Roberta Nutt U16 Boys Foil Div1	<a href="#">Register online now</a>
8 April	Penrith 'Three Weapon' Team Competition	Open, mixed, teams of 3 weapons –see below
18 – 20 April	School Fencing Camp	<a href="#">Register - all weapons</a>
5 May	School Age Fencing Roberta Nutt U18 Boys Sabre	<a href="#">Register online now</a>
6 May	Mini Series #2	<a href="#">U8-U14 epee/sabre</a>
6 May	Marconi Cup	<a href="#">U12-U14 foil, Open epee/foil</a>
12 May	School Age Fencing Roberta Nutt Senior Boys Epee	<a href="#">Register online now</a>
13 May	Mini Series #2	<a href="#">U8-U14 foil</a>

Enter online at: <http://nswfencing.org.au>

**Penrith Academy of Fencing's**  
**Three Weapon**  
**Team Competition**



**Teams of three fencers**  
 Male or female, one fencer for each weapon – foil, epee and sabre

Date: Sunday 8th April 2018  
 Venue: UNIT 5, 49-51 REGENTVILLE RD, JAMISONTOWN  
 (TAKE THE MULGOA RD EXIT, PENRITH, OFF THE M4)  
 Registration: 8.45 am, starting at 9.00am • Cost: \$35.00 per team

• Drinks and snacks also available from onsite canteen •  
 If you are interested in entering or for further information contact:  
 THE PENRITH ACADEMY OF FENCING  
 ON 02 4751 2314 OR EMAIL: [PENRITHFENCING@GMAIL.COM](mailto:PENRITHFENCING@GMAIL.COM)

## **REMINDER TO CLUBS – AFFILIATION FOR 2018 OVERDUE**

Some clubs have still not yet affiliated/registered with NSWFA for 2018. Until they do so, these clubs are exposed to significant risk as they are not covered by the AFF/NSWFA insurance for public liability, professional indemnity and personal injury. Please go to [www.nswfencing.org.au](http://www.nswfencing.org.au) and become affiliated (more than 10 competitive fencers) or registered (10 or fewer competitive fencers). The benefits of club affiliation/registration are:

- Insurance coverage for personal injury, public liability and professional indemnity risk.
- A full listing of club details on the NSWFA website.
- Participation in NSWFA club team competitions

## **AN OPPORTUNITY TO TEACH OTHERS WHAT YOU KNOW.**

NSWFA is running a Level 1 General Coaching Course over five sessions this year. Once accomplished you will be qualified to teach fencing in schools and clubs and earn money for imparting your knowledge of fencing to new and regular fencers. The course includes a refereeing component. It's not too late to sign up.

[Download Coaching Flyer](#)

## **NOTICE TO ALL COACHES – 2018 COACH ACCREDITATION**

These items must be uploaded to the AFF Portal (link) by ALL coaches in order to be re-accredited for 2018. [Download AFF Accreditation Process](#)

- First Aid Certificate – The certificate must be dated within the last three years, otherwise the course must be done again.
- Coaching General Principles – The General Principles Certificate must be dated within the last three years, otherwise the course must be done again.
- Coaching Hours – doc form attached and verified
- Coaching Activities – doc form attached and verified

The ASC Community Coaching General Principles course is here:

[https://www.ausport.gov.au/participating/coachofficial/generalprinciples/community\\_coaching\\_general\\_principles](https://www.ausport.gov.au/participating/coachofficial/generalprinciples/community_coaching_general_principles)

All documents must be verified by the NSWFA State Coaching Director prior to accreditation being renewed.

NSWFA State Coaching Director: [alexandraandre70@gmail.com](mailto:alexandraandre70@gmail.com)

If you have any questions please contact Alex Andre on the above email address.

## CHANGES TO FIE MASK REQUIREMENTS

Members are reminded that the new FIE mask requirements (which affect FIE masks as well as 350 N masks) are being implemented as follows:

**Junior and Cadets:** For all FIE, AFC and EFC events, new mask requirements will be enforced from the Junior and Cadet World Championships in April onwards.

**Seniors:** For all FIE, AFC and EFC events, new mask requirements will be enforced from the Senior World Championships in July onwards.

**Fencing in Hong Kong, Singapore and Thailand:** If you plan to fence in these countries please note that they have already implemented the new mask requirements. For example, an U14 event in these countries will require a modified mask.

**If you are considering buying a new mask we strongly recommend that you do not buy it unless it complies with the new requirement. If you have recently purchased a non compliant mask we suggest that you ask the supplier to retrofit it so that it complies.**

NSW will be implement the new mask requirements at NSW competitions at the same time as the AFF does.

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