

March 2019

## AFC#1 HIGHLIGHTS

The 2019 Australian Fencing Circuit kicked off with the D H McKenzie/AFC#1 in Melbourne in March.

**Congratulations to gold medal winners –**

**Freya Clarke in Open Women's Foil and Sam Auty in Open Women's Sabre.**



While bronze medals were won by Du Min Yi and Alexandra Hely (Open Women's Sabre), James Siu (Open Men's Sabre), Violet Hull (Open Women's Foil) and Yves Fontaine (Open Men's Foil).



In the Under 23 Australian Epee Championship, Karen Nonis won a bronze medal.



Our veterans performed well, winning five of six golds:

Du Min Yi (sabre), Davide Wheeler (sabre), Abigail Nutt (epee), Julia Lyaschenko (foil), Taewon Song (epee)





**Four silvers:**

**Sarah Osvath (epee), Annabelle Ballard (foil), Harriet Jordan (sabre), Andrey Tyshchenko (foil)**



**Three bronzes:**

**George Foster (sabre), Abigail Nutt (foil), Adam Reynolds (foil)**

## **SCHOOL AGE CHAMPIONSHIPS ARE UNDERWAY**







The 2019 NSW School Age Fencing Program got under way on 30 March with eight rounds of individual events and four rounds of team events to come. This year, there'll also be three rounds for novices who have not before entered a school age competition.

Check out the program results at - <http://nswfencing.org.au/school-age-program-results/>

The School Age Program is the NSW qualifying event for the Australian Schools Championships to be hosted by NSWFA in August and September.

## FRIDAY NIGHT CUT-OFF FOR SUNDAY COMPS

NSW fencers can now enter for Sunday competitions by 6pm on the Friday before the event, giving you more flexibility in planning your weekend. After 6pm, a late fee of \$60 will apply.

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## ANNUAL FENCING TOURNAMENT

**\$20 fee for the first entry**  
 Additional entries are \$10 each  
 Registration for each event will  
 take place 15 minutes prior to each event starting



**SATURDAY 13TH APRIL**  
 9.00am: Junior Electric Foil (10 to 15 years of age)  
 12pm: Ladies epee\*  
 12.30pm: Mens epee\*  
 4pm: Master Tournament (over 35 epee)  
 6.30pm: Social Club Dinner

**SUNDAY 14TH APRIL**  
 9am: Men's Electric Foil\*  
 9am: Ladies Electric Foil\*  
 2pm: Men's & Ladies Novice Sabre\*

\*Entrants to be 14yrs and over

**ENTRANTS MUST BE REGISTERED WITH THE NSW FENCING ASSOCIATION OR THEIR STATE ASSOCIATION**

**SOCIAL CLUB DINNER**  
 Penrith Academy of Fencing invites all fencers and friends to join together for a social evening. Meals and drinks can be purchased at the venue.  
**VENUE:**  
 O'DONOGHUE IRISH PUB  
 Front Dining Room,  
 99 Great Western Highway,  
 Emu Plains NSW  
 Commence 6.30pm onwards

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE PENRITH ACADEMY OF FENCING ON 02 4751 2314 OR EMAIL: PENRITHFENCING@GMAIL.COM • UNIT 5, 49-51 REGENTVILLE RD, JAMISONTOWN

## PRESIDENT SUMS UP A SUCCESSFUL YEAR FOR NSW FENCING

In her President's Report to the NSWFA annual general meeting on 24 March, Kaye Mahoney highlighted the main achievements for NSWFA in 2018. She noted:

- Our fencers again won five of the six Australian championships points trophies.
- We had 19 Australian champions, winning over half the gold medals at championship events.
- Participation in State competitions grew by 15%.
- We hosted four major multi-day competitions.
- The new format school age fencing program proved a success.
- We invested more to improve the NSW Fencing Centre.

Kaye reported a significant increase in competition attendance in 2018 – up by some 15% on the previous year. The strongest growth was in youth (under 20) participation with competition entries up 22%. Although membership of NSWFA by competitive fencers remained fairly stable, we can report a significant increase in overall participation to some 2,500 as clubs provided us with more detail on the number of club fencers who don't show up in our competition attendance numbers and those who visited their club to try out fencing.

Kaye said that while these numbers are encouraging, we need to maintain upward momentum in competition attendance across the board through effective marketing and organic growth. Growth in participation, competition entries and hence revenue is a strategic priority.

## BOARD ELECTIONS



At the AGM Sara Scott and Jing Shang were elected as Directors. Both were previously on the Board; Sara was appointed last year to fill a casual vacancy and Jing was an Appointed Director. Sara is the President of the University of Sydney Fencing Club and is completing a Masters degree. Jing ran a successful fencing business in Shanghai before moving to Sydney recently. Her children Sophia and Joseph are keen fencers.

The current Board comprises Kaye Mahoney (President), Nigel Cotman (Finance Director), Duncan Fairweather (Secretary), Dennis Hely, Michael Howard, Sara Scott, Jing Shang, Pam Shein (Appointed Director), Ross Taylor.

## TEAMING UP WITH THE DUKE OF ED

Proud to support



NSWFA has become a Duke4Sport Partner, linking fencing to the Duke of Edinburgh International Awards that gives points to young people who volunteer for community projects. In concert with the Duke of Ed, we'll be offering programs under which young fencers can earn points, such as serving as referees. More details on this later.

Apart from the satisfaction of doing good, a Duke of Edinburgh Award can help your education and career opportunities. Find out more at [www.dukeofed.com.au](http://www.dukeofed.com.au)

Speaking of volunteering, if you'd like to help administer fencing's engagement with the Duke of Ed program please let us know – contact [secretary@nswfencing.org.au](mailto:secretary@nswfencing.org.au)

## UPCOMING COMPS

Date	Competition	
13-14 April	Bill Gal Tournament – Penrith + Social Club Dinner Sat 13 April	All weapons
22-24 April	NSW School Holiday Fencing Camp	Register via <a href="http://www.nswfencing.org.au">www.nswfencing.org.au</a>
25-28 April	2019 Oceania Cadet Champs + NZ U15/Cadet Champs - Wellington	All weapons
26-28 April	Victorian Invitational Event/State Championships - Melbourne	U13/U15/U17 All weapons
28 April	State Club Teams - Epee	U10/U14/Cadet/Open/Veteran
4, 11, 18, 25 May	School Age Fencing Program	<a href="#">See Program signup</a> <a href="#">Individual signup</a>
19 May	Mini Series #2	U8/U10/U12 Sabre U8/U10 Epee U14 Foil
26 May	Mini Series #2	U8/U10/U12 Foil U12/U14 Epee U14 Sabre
1/15/22 June	School Age Fencing Program	<a href="#">See Program signup</a> <a href="#">Individual signup</a>
2 June	Tony Dominguez Epee/President's Cup Foil/Novak Sabre	Open/Vet All weapons
2 June	NSW Elite Sabre Camp	
7 June	National Sabre Clinic - Adelaide	
8-10 June	AFC#2 Robyn Chaplin U23 Foil Championships Asian Veteran Circuit - Adelaide	U23 Foil Open/Vet All weapons

## Kathleen Baxter 28 November 1930 – 23 March 2019

It is with sadness that we acknowledge the passing of Kathleen (Katie) Baxter.

Katie began her fencing career at The Swords Club in 1949 and went on to compete at the Rome Olympics in 1960. Katie initially made the switch from tennis to fencing as wet weather had interfered with her playing so she decided to try an indoor sport. She took lessons from Owen Weingott before moving to Professor Joan Beck.

In 1951, she competed in her first National Championships in Brisbane. She was a reserve team member for the Australian Team in the 1958 British Empire and Commonwealth Games in Cardiff, Wales. By 1959 she had won the NSW State Open Women's Foil and National Women's Open Foil titles which saw her inclusion in the Australian Fencing Team for the 1960 Olympic Games in Rome. Like other Fencing Team members, she was required to raise seven hundred and forty—nine pounds to secure her team place. TSC members rallied around Katie and other fellow club members, including Brian McCowage and David McKenzie to assist in raising the necessary funds.

During the Olympics, she won two bouts but it was not sufficient for her to promote to the next round. However, the wonderful experience of her first Olympics stayed with her for the rest of her life. Employment with American Express enabled Katie to travel to many countries to fence and train. She continued to compete in State and National competitions up until 1967 and fenced on a casual basis through to 1979.

Katie was a sectional manager for the tragedy-marred Munich Olympic Games and held roles as Secretary and Delegate for New South Wales Fencing and The Swords Club.

Katie was held in high esteem in the Australian Fencing community and will always be remembered with great fondness.

Her funeral will be held in Bowral on Wednesday 3 April. Further details will be advised in due course.

Source: Edited extract: SLNSW. Swords Club scrapbooks and memorabilia, 1913-2014, Compiled by Professor Joan Beck and Janet Hopner Haswell.



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### NSW Fencing Association 2019 Coaching Clinics

1. "School Coaching"
  - Fencing Program for school
  - Group work development
  - Suitable for School Coaches or Trainee School Coaches7<sup>th</sup> September 9:30 – 1:00pm
  
2. NSW Coaching Clinic – Foil
  - Suitable for currently accredited Foil Coaches21<sup>st</sup> September 9:30 – 1:00pm
  
3. NSW Coaching Clinic – Epee
  - Suitable for currently accredited Epee Coaches19<sup>th</sup> October 9:30 – 1:00pm
  
4. NSW Coaching Clinic – Sabre
  - Suitable for currently accredited Sabre Coaches16<sup>th</sup> November 9:30 – 1:00pm

These Coaching Clinics will earn reaccreditation points for 2020.

All Coaching Clinics will be held at the NSW Fencing Centre  
Building 2 / Level 1  
190 Bourke Road  
Alexandria

Time: 9:30am – 1:00pm Saturdays  
Registration through NSWFA website  
<http://nswfencing.org.au/home/register/>

April 2019  
NSW State Coaching Director





# 22<sup>ND</sup> – 24<sup>TH</sup> APRIL NSW SCHOOL HOLIDAY FENCING CAMP

**Cost per person (includes equipment hire):**  
**\$70 (1-day), \$130 (2-days), \$180 (3-days)**

Register online:

<https://www.registernow.com.au/secure/Register.aspx?E=33715>

Contact: [FencingCentre@nswfencing.org.au](mailto:FencingCentre@nswfencing.org.au)



NEW SOUTH WALES  
**fencing**

9:30am -3:30pm  
Drop off from 9am

All Weapons –  
Epee, Foil, & Sabre

Beginners &  
Intermediate  
(suitable for little  
fencers from 6+)

Bring water, lunch,  
and your equipment  
if you have any or  
else it will be  
provided

Includes coaching  
and electric fencing

**NSWFC**

Building 2  
190 Bourke Rd.  
Alexandria 2015

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**20 – 21 APR 2019**  
**2019 HONG KONG**  
**62<sup>ND</sup> FESTIVAL OF SPORT**

**NSW Fencing Association – Gladiator's  
International Asia Tour #2**

NSW Fencing Association is organising a Tour for Minime Fencers of Foil and Epee suitable for U/12 and U/14.

With a training camp on 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> April.

The event is being coordinated by Jing Shang from NSWFA.

Nomination for the Tour:

[www.registernow.com.au/secure/Register.aspx?E=34095](http://www.registernow.com.au/secure/Register.aspx?E=34095)

**Registration will close 24<sup>th</sup> March 2019**

*2019 Festival of Sport  
Hong Kong*

*U/14*

*Foil & Epee*

*Organised Tour for  
Minime Fencers*

*Hong Kong  
International event*

**AGE CATEGORIES:**

**U/14 BOYS & GIRL'S  
INDIVIDUAL  
COMPETITION  
(AGE ELIGIBILITY  
2005 -2009)**

**Contact:**

**Jing Shang**

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## 28<sup>TH</sup> – 29<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2019 SYDNEY U14 INTERNATIONAL GP

### Calling all U14 Fencers!

The inaugural 2019 Sydney U14 International Grand Prix is an Individual and Team tournament in Epee, Foil and Sabre.

This event is suitable for Fencers from 2009 – 2005. Fencer will be representing their Club in both the Individual and Team events

Please contact NSW Entries for more information

[Entries@nswfencing.org.au](mailto:Entries@nswfencing.org.au)

Please note: This event directly before the AFF National “Spring Camp” at the AIS, in Canberra

Registration Link:

Coming soon

28<sup>th</sup> Sept Saturday

U14 Boys Foil

Ind & Teams

U14 Girl’s Sabre

Ind & Teams

U14 Girl’s Epee

Ind & Teams

29<sup>th</sup> Sept Sunday

U14 Boy’s Sabre

Ind & Teams

U14 Boy’s Epee

Ind & Teams

U14 Girl’s Foil

Ind & Teams

NSW State Minime Equipment  
standard will be applied

FIE competition formula will be  
used

Gold, Silver & 2 Bronze

5<sup>th</sup> -8<sup>th</sup> place Awarded





# 19<sup>TH</sup> – 24<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2019 KOALA MINI CHALLENGE & FRIENDSHIP CUP

## Calling all Minime Fencers!

The 2019 Koala Mini Challenge is coming up soon! With Fencers from all over Australia, Oceania and Asia

### Training Camp

18<sup>th</sup> November @ NSW Fencing Centre

### Koala Mini Challenge

U/8, U/10, U/12 & U/14 Individual Epee, Foil and Sabre

### Friendship Team Cup

U/8, U/10, U/12 & U/14 Team Epee, Foil and Sabre  
(2019 will hold the inaugural U/8 Team event)

For more information contact

[Entries@nswfencing.org.au](mailto:Entries@nswfencing.org.au)

19<sup>th</sup> Nov Tuesday

U/10, U/12 & U/14

Epee & Sabre

Individual

21<sup>st</sup> Nov Thursday

U/8 Epee, Foil & Sabre

Individual

22<sup>nd</sup> Nov Friday

U/12 BF- U/10 & U/14 GF

Individual

23<sup>rd</sup> Nov Saturday

U/12 GF – U/10 & U/14 BF

Individual

20<sup>th</sup> Nov Wednesday

U/10, U/12 & U/14

Epee & Sabre Teams

21<sup>st</sup> Nov Thursday

U/8 Epee, Foil & Sabre Teams

24<sup>th</sup> Nov Sunday

U/10, U/12 & U/14 Foil Teams