

MidSouth School Age Fencing Classes

Term One has nearly come to an end, in fact the last classes for each session are as follows...

Medbury Monday Class: 4 April

Selwyn House Tuesday Class: 5 April

Wednesday Class at the Fencing Institute: 13 April

Medbury Friday Class: 1 April

The children and coaches have all worked hard this term and all fencers have improved their fencing skills as well as having fun along the way and built friendships with other members of their classes.

There have been a couple of standout highlights for the term which we will mention here...

The Adam and Eve Show Came to Wednesday Class: The Adam and Eve Show is a week day programme that is on TV2 at 4.30pm. The presenters on the show challenge each other to a duel once a week where they try to best each other and in so doing they showcase the their studio audience and all viewers a sport/ art form etc. Last Tuesday, 22 March, fencing was showcased. To be able to do this the presenters came early to Wednesday class and training with Andreas and Brittany and other Burnside pupils that attend Wednesday class. The clip from their training at the fencing institute was showcased as part of the show as well as the advert for the show the day before. Andreas and Sheldon then fenced in front of the live audience on the show and then the presenters fenced. It was a great showcase of our sport. If you and your child didn't see the show and would like to it can be viewed on TV onDemand or Youtube.

<https://www.tvnz.co.nz/ondemand/the-adam-and-eve-show/22-03-2016/series-2016-episode-22>

Olga Jekyll Foil Team Fencing Competition: This competition was held on the 19th March and was open to any foil fencer. We had 10 of our school class fencers compete. Our coaches Sheldon and Brittany went to support them and coach them while they were on the piste fencing. With this competition all fencers were put into teams. Each team had an experienced fencer, intermediate fencer and beginner fencers in it. The fencers that competed were Charlotte, Matt, Harriet, Daniel, William, Alexander, Nathan, Finn, Ryan and Connor. Because the teams were mixed all fencers had someone in their team that they didn't know which was great for them meeting people that fence with different coaches, from different clubs or just from another MidSouth School Class.

The Results:

Open Team Competition:

1st: Matt and the team

3rd: Charlotte and the team

Intermediate & Primary Team Competition:

1st: Censa Team- Connor & William

2nd: Wolves Team: Alexander & Finn

3rd: Blades Team: Daniel & Nathan

U9yrs Primary Competition

1st Harriet

3rd Ryan



Congratulations to you all for your placings and the fun you had fencing in the competition and for what you learnt!

Feedback Questionnaire:

As it is the first term the MidSouth have run the school fencing classes we are interested in fencer, parents and coaches feedback of how the first term has gone.

If you could spare a couple of minutes to fill in our 2 question questionnaire that would be great.

<http://goo.gl/forms/KfbHZ9tSnO>

Your feedback is greatly appreciated. If you are reading a paper copy of this newsletter you can either type the above URL into your web browser or open the newsletter that is sent to your email.

Entertainment Books:

Fencing MidSouth are selling Entertainment Books for Youth Development this year. The youth development fund is used to help our young fencers. We have attached 2 order forms to this newsletter as we need your help with this fundraising venture. We have a goal to sell 52 Entertainment books. There will be lots of people you know that most years buy an entertainment book. A couple of ideas are....neighbours, grandparents, aunts & uncles, best friend's parents, parent's best friend, a colleague of two from your parents workplace. If you work somewhere you could put up a poster to advertise this fundraiser we do have posters that can be used. Email me ² and I will organise to get it to you.

Becoming An Affiliated Fencer: Being an affiliated fencer means that you belong to not only your fencing class but to the Canterbury region and Fencing New Zealand. When you play cricket or netball this automatically happens when you pay your club fees for the session, as fencing is a much smaller sport with less infrastructure and clubs and most events being run by the region this doesn't happen and it is a separate process that fencers need to do.

The Fee that you pay to affiliate is put straight back into the fencing community in the area as it helps to run competitions, coach training, equipment for fencing classes to use and the high performance regional programme among other things. It also ensures that you can compete in regional and national competitions and have a NZ age group ranking.

MidSouth's aim this season is to grow its junior membership. If you are unsure whether your child will compete in any regional competitions you can choose to get them an associate membership, \$35 and then if they compete they can upgrade to a full membership. If they are going to compete then you can get them a full membership, \$65.

Use the link below to go to the membership page and create a login

Membership Page

Interclass Fencing Competition: Next term we have booked the hall at Medbury on Saturday 28th May in the afternoon so that we can run a competition with all the different MidSouth Classes. We would like to have some commitment as to numbers of fencers this date suits as we need to tell the Medbury Hall coordination how many people we will expect on this day. If you could email me and let me know that would be great. [**leasaogilvie@gmail.com**](mailto:leasaogilvie@gmail.com)

First Classes for Term Two:

Term 2 starts on 2 May 2016

Medbury Monday Class: 9 May, Last Class of Term: 4 July

Selwyn House Class: 3 May, Last Class of Term: 5 July

Wednesday Class at the Fencing Institute: 4 May, Last Class of Term: 6 July

Medbury Friday Class: 6 May, Last Class of Term: 1 July.