

Letters to the Editor

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Editor's note:

Apologies for the delay in this edition; study, fencing and work commitments all got the better of me. Happy New Year to all VAFA members and I look forward to providing more fencing news in 2006.

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President's Report

Looking back ... always with an eye to the future

2005 was been another highly successful year for VAFA both on and off the piste. Whereas Victoria used to be known as the dominant fencing state, in recent years, we have earned the right to add the title of 'the friendly and sociable fencing state'. Two events punctuated this for me quite dramatically. At the National Championships in Sydney at the end of September, the single most striking sight was the sea of tracksuits, with 'Fencing Victoria' emblazoned across the back, and 'Team Victoria' across the heart! The wave of dark blue and white was quite spectacular. The other event was the hugely popular 'President's Dinner', which attracted an astonishing 190 people – not just fencers, but their friends and families as well. The fact that our new tracksuits are worn proudly by young and old fencers alike, and the wide range of ages represented at the dinner fills me with confidence for the future of the sport in Victoria.

This good spirit in no way diminishes our competitiveness. Not only are the numbers up at the local competitions, but so is our representation at national events, and we continue to snare more than our share of Australian titles and other successes. Our fencers continue to stamp their authority on national events at all age levels, building Victoria's proud tradition as the pre-eminent fencing state.

We started the year with the traditional Under-20 training camp, followed by the highly successful National Under-20 Championships, with a record 183 entries. In the past two years the numbers have risen by 20% and 15% respectively. There were also 44 teams, up from only 24 teams last year. This bodes well for the growth of numbers in the open competitions in the years ahead. We do need a bigger venue, even though the State chose not to come to the party with VAFA and the Monash Council ... but that's another story, and I assure you that our resolve to fight for a bigger and brighter venue remains undiminished. It's not a question of if, but when. Congratulations to Dean Williams, Martin Camilleri and Alex Carroll on their subsequent selection to represent Australia at the World Junior and Cadet Championships in Linz. Dean's top 32 finish in the Cadet Epee World Championships deserves special mention.

In March we hosted AFF Circuit #1, which had 190 entries. As well as providing a welcome source of revenue, the tournament provides an opportunity for our local fencers to mix it with the country's best, in our own backyard. We took out three individual open titles, as well as a veteran title. Congratulations to all our fencers who won national titles during 2005. Our reigning National Champions are **Katie Boyles** (Under 15 Girl's foil), **Dean Williams** (junior men's epee), **Elli Wellings** (women's epee), while **Elli Wellings** and **Ross Austen** hold the titles of Oceanic Zone Champions for 2005.

In addition, **Martin Camilleri**, **Evelyn Halls** (twice), **Richard Lewith**, **Victor Lewith** and **Amber Parkinson** all took out AFF open epee events; **Jo Halls** and **Marcus Best** won AFF open foil events; **Alex Carroll** (twice) won AFF open sabre events, while in the veterans, **Anne Ryan** won an AFF sabre event and **Zoltan Vilagosh** had a bag of veteran gold medals (**in both foil and sabre**)! We are also national team champions in the open men's epee, women's epee and women's sabre, as well as in under-20 men's epee, men's foil and under-15 girls' foil.

It has been a more lean year in terms of international successes – partly because being the post Olympic year, fewer athletes have travelled overseas – however, William Dolley, Evelyn Halls, Jo Halls and Amber Parkinson all qualified for the World Championships. Evelyn produced an impressive 21st place in a field of 132. Evelyn was also the only Australian with a top-eight finish in the Challenge Women's Epee.

The combined State/National epee training squad continues to train twice-weekly at the Fencing Factory, under the leadership of Maitre Vlad Sher. The success of these sessions is highlighted by the dominance of Victoria's epeeists nationally: the six top ranked men's epeeists in Australia come from Victoria; likewise eight of the top ten women's epeeists train in Victoria.

It is heartening to see that six of the top ten men's foilists also train in Victoria. Although we rank 1st and 4th in women's foil, we need a few more up there to help! And sabre ... well, I still think if only we could get a regular state squad training session running in foil and sabre ...



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We have had good success in getting grants from VicHealth and the Department of Victorian Communities (or VicSport as they were known) over the years, and I am delighted to report that we received an additional grant this year for the complete revamp of our website.

On a personal note, there was a pleasing symmetry to the 2005 fencing season – Evelyn Halls and your humble president ‘tied the knot’ at the beginning of January (before the fencing season began), and Seamus Robinson got married in Japan in November (just after the season finished)! And Pieter Leeuwenburgh and Teresa Lennie have found a novel way to increase the numbers in fencing in Victoria. We wish them all the very best for the impending arrival of ‘junior’.

2006 promises to be a full and exciting year – in addition to our normal activities, we anticipate that a significant number of Victorians will be heading off to the Commonwealth Fencing Championships in Dublin. Good luck in your efforts to qualify for this event, and for achieving all your goals!

Another highlight of 2006 will see us well on the way to becoming a fully 21st century organisation, as we evolve out new look website, where you’ll be able to log on, pay your affiliations and entries, update your details, find out everything you need to know – all effortlessly, and without the current administrative burden on both you and the officers of VAFA.

We are also about to launch the ‘Star Program’, which should be a tangible and positive contribution to the strength and well-being of your very own fencing club. Stay tuned for more about that in the New Year. But most importantly, I believe that our sport is about people, and personal interactions, both on the strip and off. I trust that 2006 will see us strengthening these bonds, and I am completely confident that the Fencing Victoria family will continue to flourish, with your help and support ...

Peter Osvath

VAFA Support from the State Government

One of our members recently asked what support VAFA receives from the State Government and how it is used to develop the sport. This brief article will hopefully answer this question and provide you with information on how to obtain further information.

State funding is awarded to the whole range of sports on a competitive basis. This means that we have to come up with convincing proposals and submit a business case justifying why the government should spend their money on the VAFA proposal rather than on a project submitted by a different sport.

VAFA currently receives funding from the Department of Victorian Communities – Sport and Recreation (DVC) and from VicHealth.

The VAFA executive spends considerable time meeting to develop sound proposals for grant applications. If we are successful, in addition to actually running the programs, we meet with the staff of DVC and VicHealth to advise them of how programs are working and provide detailed written reports to these organisations every six months on the progress of the particular program. We are also required to provide financial reporting to show how the grant was acquitted. In other words, we can only use the money for the purposes outlined in the grant proposal.

DVC Grant. The current grant is used to pay the State Development Officer to promote fencing in schools; to subsidise training courses for coaches; to train P.E. teachers; to ensure that the sport contact details are current in the relevant school, sport association and other databases; as well as a range of other activities involved with participation and competition.

‘Easy Access for the 21st Century’. In 2005, the President and SDO put together a proposal submitted under the ‘Future Developments Program’. The proposal addressed the development of a completely re-vamped web presence, including capability for online information management and payment.

VicHealth Funding has a focus on improving participation in sport by developing club infrastructure, management and policies. VAFA uses funding from VicHealth to promote fencing in schools close to clubs, to help improve club administration through the development of the Star Program and in previous years through the adoption of SmokeFree, Healthy Eating and Responsible Serving of Alcohol policies. VAFA is also looking for opportunities to assist coaches or others to start fencing clubs. We are currently having discussions with Victoria University in the hope of starting a club in 2006.

If you require further information, please visit the websites of DVC and VicHealth or contact the State Development Officer, Pieter Leeuwenburgh on (03) 9897 3160 or via email teapea@internode.on.net.

Stop Press—Congratulations to Pieter and Teresa!!

Pieter Leeuwenburgh and Teresa Lennie celebrated New Year’s Eve in a very special way. They greeted 2006 with Amelia Judith Leeuwenburgh who was born at 12.10am on the 31st December.

To quote Pieter “all fingers, toes, arms and legs present. Weight 3.52kg...”

Congratulations from us all.

Fencers are funny people though - the “classic quote” from one fencer was “if she’d been born 12 hours later she would have had a whole extra years eligibility in the cadet and junior fencing ranks...”

Upcoming events

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|----------------|----------------------------|
| 12–15 Jan 2006 | U20 Training Camp (VIC) |
| 17–20 Jan 2006 | U20 National Champs (VIC) |
| 24–29 Jan | Commonwealth Junior Champs |
| 22–24 April | 2006 AFF Circuit # 1 (VIC) |



VAFA results

<div><div>Under 15 State Foil Championships</div><div>19 June 2005</div><div><div>Boys'</div><div><div>1. Callum Simons</div><div>VRI</div></div><div><div>2. Alex Grant</div><div>VRI</div></div><div><div>3. Damian Mueller</div><div>VRI</div></div><div><div>4. Michael Robbins</div><div>MFC</div></div><div><div>5. Christopher Nagle</div><div>VRI</div></div><div><div>6. Ned Daniher</div><div>Brunswick</div></div><div><div>7. David Odorisio</div><div>Brunswick</div></div><div><div>8. Simon Hannah</div><div>VRI</div></div><div><div>9. Daniel Nero</div><div>Brunswick</div></div><div><div>10. Carl Roffey</div><div>Mordialloc</div></div></div></div> <div><div>Girls'</div><div><div>1. Katie Boyles</div><div>VRI/Fioretto</div></div><div><div>2. Victoria Vilagosh</div><div>MFC</div></div><div><div>3. Alison Lancaster</div><div>VRI</div></div><div><div>4. Livia Beattie</div><div>VRI</div></div></div>

Under 17 State Foil Championships

19 June 2005

Boys'

1. Dean Williams

VRI

2. Callum Simons

VRI

3. Simon Hannah

VRI

4. Damian Mueller

VRI

5. Robert Hutchison

MFC

6. Christopher Nagle

VRI

7. Daniel Nero

Brunswick

8. Michael Robbins

MFC

9. David Odorisio

Brunswick

10. Will Gallo

VRI

Girls'

1. Katie Boyles

VRI/Fioretto

2. Victoria Vilagosh

MFC

3. Samantha Auty

Fioretto

Under 15 State Epee Championships

19 June 2005

Boys'

1. Alex Hunter

VRI

2. Lachlan McCall

VRI

3. Tristan McCall

VRI

4. Andre Garcey

Geelong FC

Girls'

1. Alison Lancaster

VRI

2. Diana Sher

VRI

3. Jess White

GAF

Under 17 State Epee Championships

19 June 2005

Boys'

1. Cosmin Mihailescu

Peninsula

2. Max Brumby

VRI

3. Dean Williams

VRI

Girls'

1. Stephanie Williams

Geelong FC

2. Tiffany Jiang

Geelong FC

VAFA results continued

U15 Foil (Girls) <div><div>1. Victoria VilagoshMFC</div><div>2. Alison LancasterVRI</div><div>3. Livia BeattieVRI</div><div>4. Isabelle Lanning</div></div>	Men’s foil <div><div><i>Tableau A</i></div><div><div>1. Chris JonesVRI</div><div>2. Ian JacksonMFC/VRI</div><div>3. Craig GourlayMelb Uni</div><div>4. Elizabeth WarrenMFC</div><div>5. Zoltan VilagoshBlacklords</div><div>6. Sarah BergerVRI</div><div>7. Brook DunstanFioretto</div><div>8. Dean WilliamsVRI</div></div></div>	<div><div>16. Aaron ElborneMonash</div><div>17. Conaill AutyFioretto</div><div>18. Julian LehaneLa Trobe</div></div>
U20 Foil (Mixed) <div><div>1. Charles HemeryVRI</div><div>2. Dean WilliamsVRI</div><div>3. Yen-Sen LeeMonash</div><div>4. Michael RobbinsMFC</div><div>5. Victoria VilagoshMFC</div><div>6. Brad CastlesBrunswick</div></div>	Under 13 State Championships <div><div>23 October 2005</div></div>	
U20 Epee (Mixed) <div><div>1. Charles HemeryVRI</div><div>2. Cosmin MihailescuPeninsula</div><div>3. Owen LeeCaulfield Gr.</div><div>4. William HuangCaulfield Gr.</div><div>5. Dean WilliamsVRI</div><div>6. Tiffany JiangGeelong FC</div><div>7. Katrina HarrisGeelong FC</div><div>8. Stephanie WilliamsGeelong FC</div></div>	Boys’ foil <div><div><div>1. Damian MuellerVRI</div><div>2. Kelvin ChangCaulfield GS</div><div>3. Morgan TaylorVRI</div><div>4. Cooper BreenBrunswick</div><div>5. Hugh GilbertVRI</div><div>6. TC ReynoldsVRI</div><div>7. Ryan AuteriCaulfield GS</div><div>8. Conaill AutyFioretto</div><div>9. Dushan Karovich-WynneMFC</div><div>10. Jamie GroobyMFC</div><div>11. Jeremy SorelVRI</div><div>12. Arvind JothamCaulfield GS</div></div></div>	
U20 Sabre (Boys) <div><div>1. Alex FinkelFioretto</div><div>2. Christopher NagleVRI</div><div>3. Dean WilliamsVRI</div></div>	Girls’ foil <div><div><div>1. Siobhan ButlerSthn Highlands</div><div>2. Ioana MihailescuPeninsula</div><div>3. Catherine TierneyVRI</div><div>4. Genevieve TierneyVRI</div></div></div>	
U20 Sabre (Girls) <div><div>1. Kiera O’GormanBlacklords</div><div>2. Samantha AutyFioretto</div><div>3. Victoria VilagoshMFC</div></div>	2005 State Novice Championships <div><div>16 October 2005</div></div>	Under 20 Sate Championships <div><div>23 October 2005</div></div>
State Championships <div><div>17 September 2005</div></div>	Women’s foil <div><div><div>1. Diane HedinVRI</div><div>2. Dianna GuMUFC</div><div>3. Joshi PittmanMFC</div><div>4. Lisa CousinsMFC</div><div>5. Becky LissenburgLa Trobe</div><div>6. Rachel GrayLa Trobe</div></div></div>	Men's sabre <div><div><div>1. Alex FinkelFioretto</div><div>2. Chris NagleVRI</div><div>3. Alex LeeMonash</div><div>4. Chris PhamMonash</div></div></div>
Women’s epee <div><div><div>1. Amber ParkinsonVRI</div><div>2. Vicky WilkesMFC</div><div>3. Jenny HopeVRI</div><div>4. Penny SmithVRI</div><div>5. Catherine MackayVRI</div><div>6. Jacqui BrownVRI</div><div>7. Jessica SullivanBrunswick</div><div>8. Isis DaltonVRI</div><div>9. Angela Dobson-BlockPeninsula</div></div></div>	Women’s epee <div><div><div>1. Rebecca RoseVRI</div><div>2. Emily BallantyneVRI</div><div>3. Diana Gu</div><div>4. Jane TooheyVRI</div><div>5. Angie DerbyVRI</div><div>6. Angela Dobson-BlockPeninsula</div><div>7. Becky LissenbergLa Trobe</div></div></div>	Women’s sabre <div><div><div>1. Victoria VilagoshMFC</div><div>2. Samantha AutyFioretto</div></div></div>
Veteran’s foil <div><div><div>1. Zoltan VilagoshBlacklords</div><div>2. Roger AlcockVRI</div><div>3. Adam ReynoldsVRI</div></div></div>	Men’s epee <div><div><div>1. Mark BianchinMonash</div><div>2. Chris NagleVRI</div><div>3. Simon AutyFioretto</div><div>4. Loon VongvixayFioretto</div><div>5. Chris PhamMonash</div></div></div>	Mixed foil <div><div><div>1. Charles HemeryVRI</div><div>2. Dean WilliamsVRI</div><div>3. Alex LeeMonash</div><div>4. Victoria VilagoshMFC</div><div>5. Mary UccelliniMFC</div><div>6. Mark BianchinMonash</div><div>7. Damian MuellerVRI</div><div>8. Yen Sen LeeFioretto</div><div>9. Alison LancasterVRI</div><div>10. Alex GrantVRI</div><div>11. Chris NagleVRI</div><div>12. Ned DaniherBrunswick</div><div>13. Jake GipsonVRI</div><div>14. Chris PhamMonash</div><div>15. David OdorisioBrunswick</div><div>16. Brad CastlesBrunswick</div><div>17. Morgan TaylorVRI</div><div>18. Samantha AutyFioretto</div><div>19. Mandy YeungBlacklords</div></div></div>
Men’s epee <div><div><div>1. Ross AustenVRI</div><div>2. Will DolleyVRI</div><div>3. Simon SummerfieldMelb Uni</div><div>4. Jason MacqueenVRI</div><div>5. Derek FloodLa Trobe</div><div>6. James BlythmanVRI</div><div>7. Matt ChamplinVRI</div><div>8. Marko MenedieksLa Trobe</div><div>9. Scott PetersonVRI</div><div>10. Nick StevensonMelb Uni</div></div></div>	Men’s Foil <div><div><div>1. Simon HannahVRI</div><div>2. Chris NagleVRI</div><div>3. Jake SmorgonMFC</div><div>4. Damian MuellerVRI</div><div>5. Geoff BorwithMFC</div><div>6. Shannon ReidMFC</div><div>7. Loon VongvixayFioretto</div><div>8. Stefan GlarinVRI</div><div>9. Mark BianchinMonash</div><div>10. Wilfred LeeMonash</div><div>11. Chris PhamMonash</div><div>12. Jeremy MossVRI</div><div>13. Simon AutyFioretto</div><div>14. Peter LissenburgLa Trobe</div><div>15. Adam ReynoldsVRI</div></div></div>	Women’s foil <div><div><div>1. Victoria VilagoshMFC</div><div>2. Mary UccelliniMFC</div><div>3. Alison LancasterVRI</div><div>4. Samantha AutyFioretto</div><div>5. Mandy YeungBlacklords</div></div></div>
Women’s foil <div><div><div>1. Elizabeth WarrenMFC</div><div>2. Sarah BergerVRI</div><div>3. Victoria VilagoshMFC</div></div></div>		

AFF Results

AFF Circuit # 3 Perth 26–28 August 2005			18	MOIR Kim	VIC	Women’s foil		
			30=	SNELLING Anthony	VIC	1	WANG Wenying	SIN
			32	NAGLE Christopher	VIC	2	LAMY Adeline	SA
Men’s foil			Women’s sabre			3=	GEISSELER Olivia	NSW
1.	BEST Marcus	VIC	1	CARROLL Alex	VIC	3=	NG Ruth Yi Lin	SIN
2	PAYNE Nick	GBR	2	LAMY Adeline	SA	10	WELLINGS Elli	VIC
3=	JONES Chris	VIC	3=	BROOKS Jessica	NSW	18	WARREN Elizabeth	VIC
3=	SLOWIACZEK Joe	NSW	3=	SUTHERLAND Roxey	NSW	20	BERGER Sarah	VIC
6	WILLIAMS Dean	VIC	10	LOGAN-BELL Christina	VIC	29	VILAGOSH Victoria	VIC
9	MOK David	VIC	13	RYAN Anne	VIC	37	LOGAN-BELL Christina	VIC
10	HEMERY Charles	VIC	21	VILAGOSH Victoria	VIC	Men’s epee		
11	TREMELLEN Ewen	VIC	Veterans Men’s foil			1	MAIA Tuko	NSW
12=	SPACCATORE David	VIC	1	JAFFAR Mahmud	WA 40+	2	AUSTEN Ross	VIC
14	JACKSON Ian	VIC	2	VILAGOSH Zoltan	VIC 40+	3=	FANG Nicholas Kuo Wei	SIN
17	MOCELLIN Claude	VIC	3=	HARBIN Peter	WA 70+	3=	HEFFERNAN Nick	VIC
19	SELVEY David	VIC	3=	YAGMICH Dennis	WA 50+	6	DOLLEY William	VIC
22	VILAGOSH Zoltan	VIC	5	INGLIS Tim	WA 40+	9	CAMILLERI Martin	VIC
32	DARE Shane	VIC	Women’s foil			10	LEWITH Richard	VIC
33	MacINTOSH Roger	VIC	1	BONNEY-MILLET Jenny	QLD 40+	16	CHAMPLIN Matthew	VIC
40	NAGLE Christopher	VIC	2	BAHEMIA Carol	WA 40+	19	MOK David	VIC
Women’s foil			3=	BUDNIAK Fiona	NSW 40+	22	OSVATH Peter	VIC
1	GEISSELER Olivia	SUI	3=	SLOWIACZEK Anna	NSW 40+	26	HEMERY Charles	VIC
2	HALLS Jo	VIC	5	COLEMAN Meredith	SA 40+	29	SPACCATORE David	VIC
3=	LAMY Adeline	SA	Men’s epee			31	MACQUEEN Jason	VIC
3=	SMIALKOWSKI Ania	NSW	1	MacDONALD Kyle	NZL 40+	41	BLYTHMAN James	VIC
8	WELLINGS Elli	VIC	2	BAILEY Colin	WA 40+	43	FARRELL David	VIC
11	WARREN Elizabeth	VIC	3=	HARBIN Peter	WA 70+	47	SUMMERFIELD Simon	VIC
15	BERGER Sarah	VIC	3=	HEWITT Duncan	WA 40+	53=	BECKWORTH Rowan	SA
25	LOGAN-BELL Christina	VIC	Men’s sabre			53=	WILLIAMS David	VIC
29	VILAGOSH Victoria	VIC	1	VILAGOSH Zoltan	VIC 40+	58	NAGLE Chris	VIC
Men’s epee			2	CAPPER David	NSW 40+	Women’s epee		
1	LEWITH Victor	VIC	3	INGLIS Tim	WA 40+	1	WELLINGS Elli	VIC
2	MERIAUX Mathieu	WA	3	SCUDDS Jeremy	WA 50+	2	MACKAY Catherine	VIC
3=	AUSTEN Ross	VIC	5	ROLLINS Chris	WA 40+	3=	HARTLEY Genevieve	VIC
3=	McENIERY Peter	QLD	6	HARDIN Peter	WA 70+	3=	HASWELL Adele	NSW
5	HEFFERNAN Nick	VIC	7	BROUGHTON Edward	WA 40+	5	SULLIVAN Jess	VIC
6	NUTT Nigel	ACT	Women’s sabre			25	BROWN Jacqui	VIC
7	JAMROZY Marek	POL	1	PORTER Lindy	WA 50+	Men’s sabre		
8	OSVATH Peter	VIC	2	RYAN Anne	VIC 40+	1	LEITCH Simon	QLD
9	MACQUEEN Jason	VIC	3	COLEMAN Meredith	SA 40+	2	CHAN David Wei Ren	SIN
10	HEMERY Charles	VIC	2005 Oceania and Australian			3=	HARCOURT Tony	QLD
15	WILLIAMS Dean	VIC	Open Championships			3=	WELLS Sam	GBR
16	FARRELL David	VIC	30 September - 4 October 2005			30	CONNARD Adrian	VIC
18	DOLLEY William	VIC				32	VILAGOSH Zoltan	VIC
20	CAMILLERI Martin	VIC				33	BOUGHTON Justin	VIC
21=	CHAMPLIN Matthew	VIC				37	McKENRY Andrew	VIC
31	MOK David	VIC				39	SNELLING Anthony	VIC
33	SPACCATORE David	VIC				42=	DARRAGH Stephen	WA
Women’s epee						42=	NAGLE Chris	VIC
1	HALLS Evelyn	VIC				Women’s sabre		
2	HASWELL Adele	NSW				1	DU Min Yi	NSW
3=	LUCAS Nikki	SA				2	CARROLL Alex	VIC
3=	WELLINGS Elli	VIC				3	LAMY Adeline	SA
6	MACKAY Catherine	VIC				3	WELLINGS Elli	VIC
7	SMITH Penny	VIC				20	LOGAN-BELL Christina	VIC
8	HARTLEY Genevieve	VIC				21	RYAN Anne	VIC
10	PARKINSON Amber	VIC				22	VILAGOSH Victoria	VIC
11	SULLIVAN Jess	VIC				Open men’s foil teams		
13	HOPE Jenny	NZL				1	NEW SOUTH WALES "A"	
Men’s sabre						2	VICTORIA "A"	
1	JACCARD Frederic	NSW				3=	NEW SOUTH WALES "B"	
2	WALSH James	QLD				3=	WESTERN AUSTRALIA	
3=	HARCOURT Tony	QLD				5	NEW ZEALAND	
3=	HARCOURT Michael	QLD				6	SINGAPORE	
10	BOUGHTON Justin	VIC				6	VICTORIA "B"	
13	VILAGOSH Zoltan	VIC						
15	CONNARD Adrian	VIC						

AFF Results continued

Open women's foil teams 1 NEW SOUTH WALES "A" 2 VICTORIA 3= SINGAPORE "A" 5 QUEENSLAND 6 NEW ZEALAND 7 NEW SOUTH WALES "B" 8 SOUTH AUSTRALIA	Oceania teams Men's foil 1 AUSTRALIA 2 NEW ZEALAND Women's foil 1 AUSTRALIA BERGER Sarah BONNEY-MILLETT Jenny SMIALKOWSKI Ania WELLINGS Elli 2 NEWZEALAND COLEMAN Monique HARVEY Laura WENBORN Lydia	Men's foil 1 PURDIE Richard NSW 50+ 2 VILAGOSH Zoltan VIC 40+ 3= HILL James QLD 50+ 3= JAFFAR Mahmud WA 40+ 5 deJONGH Rob NSW 50+ 6 TURNER Rowan NSW 50+ 7 HROVAT Volker NSW 60+ 8 WITKOP Peter NSW 60+ 9 CHRISTODOULOUJohn NSW40+ 10 DOMINGUEZ Tony NSW 70+ 11 vonZOPF Roland NSW 60+ 12 ZIEGLER Stuart NSW 40+
Men's epee 1 VICTORIA "A" 2 NEW SOUTH WALES "A" 3= SINGAPORE 3= WESTERN AUSTRALIA 5 NEW SOUTH WALES "B" 6 NEW ZEALAND "A" 7 VICTORIA "B" 8 NEW ZEALAND "B"	Men's epee 1 AUSTRALIA 2 NEWZEALAND	Men's epee 1 deJONGH Rob NSW 50+ 2 MacDONALD Kyle NZL 40+ 3= HROVAT Volker NSW 60+ 3= PURDIE Richard NSW 50+ 5 FAIRWEATHER Duncan NSW 40+ 6 DOMINGUEZ Tony NSW 70+ 7 WILMOTT Myles NSW 40+ 8 WITKOP Peter NSW 60+ 9 vonZOPF Roland NSW 60+ 10 ANDREWS Dave NSW 60+ 11 GASKELL Anthony NSW 60+
Women's epee 1 VICTORIA 2 SOUTH AUSTRALIA "A" 3= NEW SOUTH WALES "A" 3= SINGAPORE 5 NEW SOUTH WALES "B" 6 WESTERN AUSTRALIA 7 SOUTH AUSTRALIA "B" 8 QUEENSLAND	Men's sabre 1 AUSTRALIA HARCOURT Tony HOWARD Michael LEITCH Simon WALSH James 2 NEW ZEALAND CHAN Jonathan PATERSON Sandy READ Michael ROBERTSON Luke	Women's epee 1 SEGGIE Julie NSW 40+ 2 SLOWIACZEK Anna NSW 50+ 3 RYAN Anne VIC 40+
Men's sabre 1 SINGAPORE 2 NEWSOUTH WALES "A" 3= NEW SOUTH WALES "B" 3= QUEENSLAND 5 NEW ZEALAND 6 WESTERN AUSTRALIA "A" 7 VICTORIA 8 WESTERN AUSTRALIA "B"	2005 Australian Veteran Champs 30 September - 4 October 2005	Men's sabre 1 GWYNN Charles NSW 40+ 2 HILL James Qld 50+ 3= CAPPER David NSW 40+ 3= VILAGOSH Zoltan VIC 40+ 5 WILMOTT Myles NSW 40+ 6 ANDREWS Dave NSW 60+
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The VRI Team (left) won a hard-fought contest against the MFC Team (below) at the Inaugural VAFA Dinner.

Who knows, perhaps next year it could be your club, fighting it out at the dinner?



AtB goes behind the mask of Chris Jones

Chris Jones, competitive fencer and fencing coach talks to Around the Bouts about his role as Victorian Regional Development Officer

Tell us about your role as Victorian Regional Development Officer

I completed my coaching course to improve my Fencing and then started coaching at schools through VAFA. I have been coaching at schools for 5 years now and I really enjoy it. My job is to increase the numbers of athletes we have in the sport by going to schools and teaching students how to fence and increasing the awareness of the sport.

Describe your average week.

Pieter Leeuwenburgh and I go to a number of schools every day each week and usually teach a three-class session to the students. We teach school students in years 5–11, but mainly we teach at secondary schools. As both males and females participate in fencing we have 100% of the population at our fingertips. We have visited a number of schools and the interest in fencing keeps growing.

Pieter and I carry at least 22 sets of gear: jackets, blades, masks, breast protectors, fencing paraphernalia and information. This ends up being a fair amount with the car pretty much packed all the time; in addition to coaching gear and every other day my own fencing bag.

We have had a number of students join clubs after attending these introductory classes. At Monash uni, where I coach once a week, I have had students who remembered me from teaching them at school!

What do you see as the future of the program?

My ambition is to increase the number of fencers in Melbourne, and to increase the public's awareness of this great sport that we are involved in. Hopefully one day we will be a mainstream sport as is the case in many European countries. Our aim is to build up the schools represented and increase the school fencing numbers, up to and beyond the number in NSW, where the sport flourishes within the schools sports programs.

We'd like to see clubs established that are associated with or close to schools that we teach at, to facilitate training and participation from school students.

We are always looking for sponsors in the sport and the more exposure we get the greater likelihood that we will be successful.

I really enjoy teaching school students. It's great to see them learn and reproduce the moves you have taught them. The sports teachers get a kick out of it too, and are often surprised at the level of fitness and skills gained. Fencing is also a tactical sport and is beneficial for development in other sports.

The novelty factor of actually being *allowed* to hit someone with a weapon is an advantage fencing has over other non-mainstream sports. Teaching etiquette and appreciation of one's opponent is one aspect I hope that my students take away from the class.

When my competitive career finishes (which won't be anytime soon, I hope) I would like to become a full time coach, and pass on what I have learnt to the future generations of Australian champions!

As for your own fencing career, you competed overseas for the first time this year, tell us a bit about your experiences.

This year was great from my own fencing point of view. I went on two trips to compete in four world cup foil events. The first trip was to Seoul in South Korea, a large city of 15 million, where there were really good competitive



foilists. I learnt a lot about how the continuous fencing these guys do at a very high level maintains their standard, something we in Australia have to deal with. The temperature was 0°C so that was quite hard coming from 30°C in February. I fought hard but only won one bout, which was an average result.

I then went to Shanghai in China, an expansive city of 20 million. Here, I found the fencing standard to be higher again. I trained at a highly competitive government-subsidised club and then with the Chinese National team who were there for the competition, which was a great experience. I would really recommend China as a fencing destination, they train hard and are very nice to fence. It's a little hard on your own unless you speak Cantonese or Mandarin, but they are very friendly to international fencers.

I unfortunately picked up a flu bug and was not well for the competition, in fact, after my bouts I fell asleep and woke up to find everyone had gone! The experience was great even though I lost all my bouts ... at least I was scoring hits.

In May I went to Bonn, Germany, for my third comp. Bonn is a very small city, however, being German everything was well organised and it was great having the Allstar shop set up at the venue. The men's comp was large with 180 entries: Ian Jackson and I were the Aussie representatives. I fenced quite well and won three out of six bouts, I lost my first D.E. under dubious circumstances however the situation was more of a 'regular competition experience' than anything else.

Next on the list was training in Budapest, Hungary, with Ian and Jo Halls which was great – Hungary has an amazing fencing history and fencers are treated as sporting heroes there which was great to see! From Hungary we went to Espinho, Portugal, and I had my fourth and last international comp for 2005. Unfortunately my results didn't go as planned but again I learned a lot and felt quite comfortable competing at that level.

I would highly recommend any Australian to take up the experience of qualifying for and competing in international competitions. The drawback for me is the cost, working for myself and taking time away from work is difficult, and thus upon returning my time has been spent trying to organise sponsorship for the sport.

What are your personal fencing goals for the next 12–18 months?

I am planning to go overseas again next year for a few more designated world cups, I hope to maintain and improve my national ranking and hopefully be selected to go to the Commonwealth Championships in Belfast. The summer period will be spent training and getting even fitter than I am now and looking forward to the competitive season beginning again.

What do you like to do in your spare time?

Spare time! Well, I am married (for 2 years now), Afrodite and I try to spend as much time as we can together and with our friends.

Most of my day is taken up on programs or on the initiatives I am hoping to put into effect.

I run my own garden maintenance business, which takes up the daylight hours and I spend a lot of time at the VRI FC or at schools coaching.

Chris is also the Publicity and Media Liaison for VAFA and the AFF.

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VAFA Presentation Night Awards

The 2005 VAFA Presentation Night was held on 29 October at the Prahran Town Hall in conjunction with the VRI–MFC Cup dinner. It was a very entertaining evening with VRI winning the team match. Awards were presented in recognition of Victorian fencers’ numerous achievements throughout the 2005 season.

The All Victorian Team awards:

U13 Foil

Damian Mueller, Christopher Nagle, Morgan Taylor, Cooper Breen
Ioana Mihailescu, Amanda Beare, Stephanie Backwell

U15 Foil

Callum Simons, Richard Williams, Alex Grant, Damian Mueller
Katie Boyles, Victoria Vilagosh, Mary Uccellini, Alison Lancaster

U15 Epee

Alex Hunter, Lachlan McCall, Tristan McCall, Cosmin Mihailescu
Alison Lancaster, Jess White, Diana Sher

U17 Foil

Dean Williams, Callum Simons, Tyson Jones, Robert Hutchison
Kristina Popova, Katie Boyles, Victoria Vilagosh,

U17 Epee

Dean Williams, Max Brumby, Cosmin Mihailescu, Alex Hunter
Alison Lancaster

U17 Sabre

Alex Finkel, Alex Grant, Dean Williams, Chris Nagle
Victoria Vilagosh, Samantha Auty

U20 Foil

Charles Hemery, Dean Williams, Jeremy Shelley,
Sarah Berger, Kristina Popova

U20 Epee

Martin Camilleri, Dean Williams, David Farrell, Matt Champlin
Catherine Mackay, Ashleigh Butterworth, Charlotte Curnow

U20 Sabre

Alex Carroll

Novice

Chris Nagle, Damian Mueller, Simon Hannah, Mark Bianchin
Katie Boyles, Diane Hedin, Miranda McCarthy, Rebecca Rose

The trophy for **Novice Fencer of the Year**, kindly sponsored by Thunderstruck Performance Gear is awarded to: **Christopher Nagle**.

Christopher is 12 years old and started fencing in January. This year he won two Novice foil competitions and came 2nd in the Novice State Foil and Epee Championships. Christopher shows great promise in all three weapons, and already regularly competes in state and national levels across all age groups. We wish him many successes in the future.

Veterans

Zoltan Vilagosh, Alex Kaufman, Kim Moir, Anne Ryan

The trophy for **Veteran Fencer of the Year**, kindly sponsored Triple F Sport is awarded to: **Zoltan Vilagosh**.

Zoltan won the veteran’s foil in the Victoria Tournament, DH McKenzie Tournament and placed second in the Perth International Tournament and Australian Championships. Zoltan won the D. H. McKenzie and Perth International veteran’s sabre and placed 3rd in the Australian Championships.

All Victorian Sabre Team

Justin Boughton, Adrian Connard, Kim Moir, Zoltan Vilagosh
Alex Carroll, Christina Logan-Bell, Anne Ryan, Elli Wellings

All Victorian Foil Team

Marcus Best, Charles Hemery, Ian Jackson, Chris Jones
Jo Halls, Sarah Berger, Elizabeth Warren, Elli Wellings

All Victorian Epee Team

Ross Austen, Will Dolley, Richard Lewith, Viktor Lewith
Evelyn Halls, Catherine Mackay, Amber Parkinson, Elli Wellings

The VAFA sincerely thanks **Marcus Best** for his generous donation of an honour board to display the recipients of the following six awards at the State and National High Performance Fencing Centre. We would also like to thank Triple F Sport, Northcote Plaza Medical Clinic and Thunderstruck Performance Wear for their sponsorship of the individual trophies.

Fencer of the Year Awards:

The awards for junior and senior fencers of the year are awarded on the basis of a combination of requirements – international, national and state results, and support of the Victorian Fencing Community through participation in state competitions and in the state team.

2005 Junior Male Fencer of the Year: Dean Williams

Dean won the U20 Australian Epee Individual Championships as well as the Epee and Foil Team Championships and placed 3rd in the Foil Individual. In April, Dean represented Australia at the U17 and U20 World Championships, achieving a top 32 placing in the U17 epee. Dean was a finalist in all three weapons at the U17 National Championships and was U17 State Champion in foil and sabre. Dean received AFF high performance awards for U17 Epee, U20 Epee and U20 Foil.

2005 Junior Female Fencer of the Year: Alex Carroll

Alex won the Sabre in the DH McKenzie Tournament and Perth International Tournament and came 2nd in the Australian Championships. She was the captain of the Victorian Sabre Team that took out NSW 45–44 in a thrilling final at the National Championships. Earlier in the year, Alex represented Australia at the Junior World Championships and at the FIE Junior World Championships Training Camp.

2005 Senior Male Fencer of the Year: Ross Austen

Ross came second in the DH McKenzie Tournament and 3rd in the Perth International Tournament, and finished the year as State Champion, National Team Champion and Oceanic Open Epee Champion.

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2005 Senior Female Fencer of the Year: Evelyn Halls

Evelyn came second in the Victoria Tournament and won the DH McKenzie Tournament and Perth International Tournament in 2005. Evelyn represented Australia at the World Championships in Leipzig and placed 21st in a field of 128 fencers. She finishes the year as the top women’s epeeist in Australia.

The Young Blood Award is for the Victorian affiliated fencer who is under 26 (as at the start of the calendar year) and has shown significant improvement in fencing skill, principally through their State, National and/or International results, and who is an outstanding role model for younger fencers through their contribution to Victorian fencing and the Victorian fencing community.

The Inaugural Young Blood Award goes to: **Jess Sullivan**

Over the past few years, Jess has contributed significantly to Victorian fencing at a grass roots level through her involvement with the Brunswick Dragons fencing club. Jess has devoted many hours of her time to the day to-day running of the club and coaching beginners and junior fencers. She has often put the good of the club ahead of her own interests – for example, by prioritising the coaching of others ahead of her own training sessions.

In 2005, Jess has made a significant breakthrough in her own fencing career. In her first year out of junior competition, Jess has already made an impact at the senior level. During the AFF season she finished a career-high 2nd in the D. H. McKenzie Tournament and recorded top eight finishes in both the Victoria Tournament and the National Championships.

One of the greatest things about Jess is her attitude to fencing, especially team fencing. Anyone who has ever seen Jess in a team environment will know that her energy and enthusiasm are infectious. She has been a committed member of Victorian teams for a number of years and was part of the victorious Women’s Epee team at this year’s Nationals. Jess has also lent her support to junior teams, and was an active presence at this year’s U15 & U17 Nationals in Sydney.

It is inspiring to see someone of Jess’ age put so much back into the sport – Jess, we thank you for the contribution you have made to date, and we hope that you will be part of the sport for a long time to

come.

The Caliburn Award is for the Victorian affiliated fencer, accredited coach, referee or volunteer who “*has made an outstanding contribution to Victorian fencing and the Victorian fencing community, who consistently displays good character, integrity and a non-political attitude; and inspires others in the Victorian fencing community*”.

The inaugural Caliburn Award goes to: **Elli Wellings**

A highly versatile fencer, Elli has had podium finishes in all three weapons at national events this year, and is the current Australian University Games foil champion, Australian and Oceanic Open Epee Champion and member of both the Victorian epee and sabre teams which are the current National title holders.

A coach – Elli coaches a number of children and adults, individuals and class groups, at VRI Fencing Club and coached at the U20 National Camp and U17 State Camp, and the U15, U17 and Schools Nationals in Sydney. She has recently developed the SwordPlay program which will be expanding awareness of and participation in fencing amongst primary school students in Victoria as part of the Active After Schools Community program. Her approach to coaching and development is informed by her interest in and care for people as people first. She is acutely aware that social issues and interpersonal matters are as important as technical fencing training.

Finally, Elli is a committed volunteer who consistently puts developing the fencing community ahead of her own training and career. For the past three years she has been president of Australia’s largest and most successful fencing club and in that time has seen numbers grow from 70 to 200 members and encouraged a notable difference in club culture through creating a better sense of community. She has also served as an executive member of VAFA for the past three years and on various commissions. She has been involved in improving the sense of community at the state level, co-designing the Team Victoria t-shirt and tracksuit as well as the U20 Nationals t-shirt. She also acts as an athlete representative to the AFF. Most weekends (when she is in the state) she is involved in running junior and novice competitions as DT and referee. She has contributed to the greater sense of community by developing and running the successful Handicap Competition, the VRI–MFC Cup and this inaugural VAFA Presentation Dinner.

World Fencing Championships 8 - 15 October 2005, Leipzig, Germany

Jenny Hope (honorary Victorian) reports on her first World Champs.

Fencing is fun, and the better the fencing, the more fun it is, whether watching or participating. That was basically my take on my first World Champs experience in Leipzig, Germany, in October.

Six Australians qualified:

Will Dolley	men’s epee	VIC
Evelyn Halls	women’s epee	VIC
Amber Parkinson	women’s epee	VIC
Jo Halls	women’s foil	VIC
Emma Hynes	women’s sabre	QLD
Roxey Sutherland	women’s sabre	NSW

The Aussie team was accompanied by national coach, Vlad Sher, and team manager, Peter Osvath, as well as Jeff Gray who helped out with armoury.

Leipzig is an East German city, mostly plain and grey but also friendly and uncomplicated. Good, solid German fare abounded, not even close to 99% fat free, with goulash soup, schnitzel, pastry, bratwurst and more schnitzel being popular choices for the Aussie contingent. I’m the wrong person to ask about nightlife, but I’m reliably informed there were a few good spots and the beer was cheap and excellent. Being a smallish city, Leipzig also seemed to take its role as host of World Champs pretty seriously. For a fencer from Down Under who isn’t used to seeing much publicity for their sport, it was a buzz to stand under one of the big World Champs billboards around the city, or to ride on a tram with an ad for the competition on the front of it, and absorb smiles from fellow passengers who recognised my fencing bag. Not quite footy player status, perhaps, but it’s a start ...

Evelyn was highest placed from the Aussie contingent, making it to the top 32 by beating Sophie Haarlem (SWE), then losing to Cristiana Cascioli (ITA). English-based sabreur, Emma Hynes was the only other Australian to progress through the pools into the D.E., putting in a strong effort against Alessandra Lucchino (ITA). As for your Kiwi narrator, I battled through my pool but lost my first D.E. bout to Olga Partala (UKR). Despite being disappointed not to make the second day, just competing at that level was an awesome experience. I think that sentiment was shared by at least one other first-time Worlds participant – on the first day, I arrived just as Will Dolley was finishing his last pool bout without managing to get a win, and he was grinning from ear to ear!

Once the difficult bit was over, it was time to sit back, soak up the atmosphere, and watch some fantastic fencing. Highlights for me were the:

- men’s épée final, Jeannet (FRA) vs. Kolobkov (RUS). Two amazing but very different fencers in an edge-of-the-seat match – Kolobkov scored the winning hit in extra time.
- men’s sabre final, which was wireless. Watching two hefty sabreurs charging around the piste unencumbered looked as much like real swordfighting as anything I’ve seen.
- Marika Vosu (EST) in the women’s épée finals. She showed real strength of mind in several close D.E. bouts, in the face of some pretty dodgy refereeing, and finished with what looked like a well-deserved silver medal.

I haven’t said much about overall results because you can find them at <http://www.fencing2005.com/ergebnisse.php>, including pool results for everyone on the Aussie team. Thanks all for being there and well done, especially to our world-class Victorians!

2006 VAFA Program of Events

Comp. Date	Entries Close	Event(s)	D.T.	Venue	Fee	Eligibility
Jan 12-15		U20 National Training Camp		FF		U20
Jan 17-20	Jan 2	AFF U20 National Championships	AFF	FF	\$40	U20
Jan 24-29		Commonwealth Junior Champs		Chennai		By selection
Feb 20		Around the Bouts Issue 1/06 Due				
<i>Feb 22</i>	<i>7:30 pm</i>	<i>VAFA Council Meeting</i>		<i>FF</i>		<i>All Welcome</i>
Mar 12	tba	Level 1 Coaching Course		FF		
Apr 1	10:00 am	VRI Open Epee (M & F)	Squad	FF	\$16	Open
	1.00 pm	Bela Valyan Open Sabre (M & F)	VRI	FF	\$16	Open
Apr 2	9.30am	Veteran's Foil #1 (M & F)	VRI	FF	\$16	Veterans [40+]
	11:00 am	VRI Open Foil (M & F)		FF	\$16	Open
Apr 9		<u>Victorian Junior Individual #1</u>				
	9:30 am	U13 Foil (M & F)		FF	\$10	U13
	9:30 am	U20 Foil (M & F)	VSFC	FF	\$10	U20
	11:30 am	U15 Epee (M & F)	&	FF	\$10	U15
	11:30 am	U20 Epee (M & F)	Brunswick	FF	\$10	U20
	1:00 pm	U15 Foil (M & F)		FF	\$10	U15
	1:00 pm	U20 Sabre (M & F)		FF	\$10	U20
	tba	Level 1 Coaching Course		FF		
Apr 9-17		Junior World Championships	FIE	Korea		By selection
Apr 15-16	TBA	AFF Epee Training Camp	AFF	FF	\$40	By invitation
Apr 22-24	Mar 31	AFF Circuit #1	AFF	FF	\$40	Open
April	TBA	Olympic Solidarity Course				By selection
Apr 30	10:00 am	Novice Foil #1	La Trobe	FF	\$16	Novice
	1:00 pm	Novice Epee #1		FF	\$16	Novice
		<u>Victorian Schools Team Champs</u>				
May 7	10:00 am	Foil Teams (M & F)	VSFC &	FF	\$25	Primary or
	1:00 pm	Epee Teams (M & F)* Pre-entry Only*	Brunswick	FF	\$25	High School
May 13	10:00 am	Open Epee #2 (M & F)	Squad	FF	\$16	Open
	1.00 pm	Open Sabre #2 (M & F)	MFC	FF	\$16	Open
May 14	10.00 am	Open Men's Foil #2	Blacklords	FF	\$16	Open
	10.00 am	Victoria Cup Women's Foil (Open #2)		FF	\$16	Open
May 20-21	May 8	Pre-Challenge Camp		Melb		By invitation
May 22		Around the Bouts Issue 2/06				
<i>May 25</i>	<i>7:30 pm</i>	<i>VAFA Council Meeting (Star Program Briefing)</i>		<i>FF</i>		<i>All Welcome</i>
May 26-28	Apr 21	Challenge Australia World Cup	FIE	Sydney		By selection
		<u>Victorian Schools Individual Champs</u>				
May 28	9:30 am	U13 Foil (M & F)		FF	\$10	U13
	9:30 am	U20 Foil (M & F)	VSFC	FF	\$10	U20
	11:30 am	U15 Epee (M & F)	&	FF	\$10	U15
	11:30 am	U20 Epee (M & F)	Peninsula	FF	\$10	U20
	1:00 pm	U15 Foil (M & F)		FF	\$10	U15
	1:00 pm	U20 Sabre (M & F)		FF	\$10	U20
Jun 3-4	May 30	AFF Epee Training Camp		Melb		By invitation
Jun 10-12	May 23	AFF Circuit #2 DH McKenzie	AFF	Adel.	TBA	Open
Jun 18		<u>Under 15 & Under 17 State Champs</u>				
	9:30 am	U15 Foil (M & F)		FF	\$16	U15
	9:30 am	U17 Sabre (M & F)	VSFC	FF	\$16	U17
	11:00 am	U17 Epee (M & F)	&	FF	\$16	U17
	12:00 pm	U15 Epee (M & F)	MFC	FF	\$16	U15
	12:00 pm	U17 Foil (M & F)		FF	\$16	U17
	1:30 pm	BUY,SELL & SWAP MEET		FF		All Welcome
Jun 25	10:00 am	Victorian Club Team Foil #1	RMIT	FF	\$30	Open
Jun 26-27	TBA	U15 & U17 Camp		FF	TBA	U15 & U17
Jun 30-Jul 4	TBA	U15 & U17 National Champs	AFF	Sydney	\$40	U15/17, State
		Australian School Team Champs				School Teams
Jul 16	tba	Level 1 Coaching Course		FF		
Jul 23	10:00 am	Novice Foil #2 (M & F)	VRI	FF	\$16	Novice
	1:00 pm	Novice Epee #2 (M & F)				

Comp. Date	Entries Close	Event(s)	D.T.	Venue	Fee	Eligibility
Jul 30	10:00 am	Victorian Club Team Foil #2	Blacklords	FF	\$30	Open
Jul 26	7:30 pm	VAFA Council Meeting		FF		All Welcome
Aug 5	10:00 am	Open Epee #3 (M & F)	Squad	FF	\$16	Open
	1:00 pm	Open Sabre #3 (M & F)	Fioretto	FF	\$16	Open
Aug 6	9:30 am	Veteran's Foil #2	RMIT	FF	\$16	Veterans [40+]
	11:00 am	Open Foil #3 (M & F)		FF	\$16	Open
Aug 12-13	Aug 4	AFF Epee Training Camp		FF	TBA	By Invitation
Aug 18-20	Jul 28	AFF Circuit #3	AFF	Perth	\$40	Open
Aug 21		Around the Bouts Issue 3/06				
		Victorian Junior Individual #3				
Aug 27	9:30 am	U13 Foil (M & F)		FF	\$10	U13
	9:30 am	U20 Foil (M & F)	VSFC	FF	\$10	U20
	11:30 am	U15 Epee (M & F)	&	FF	\$10	U15
	11:30 am	U20 Epee (M & F)	Brunswick	FF	\$10	U20
	1:00 pm	U15 Foil (M & F)		FF	\$10	U15
	1:00 pm	U20 Sabre (M & F)		FF	\$10	U20
Sep 1-3	Jul 7	World Veteran Championships		England		By selection
Sep 9	10:00 am	Open Epee #5 (M & F)	Squad	FF	\$16	Open
	1:00 pm	Open Sabre #5 (M & F)	MFC	FF	\$16	Open
Sep 10	10:00 am	Tom Mills Men's Foil (Open #5)	Melb Uni	FF	\$16	Open
	10:00 am	SBV Women's Foil (Open #5)		FF	\$16	Open
Sep 17	10:00 am	Novice Foil #3 (M & F)	Monash	FF	\$16	Novice
	1:00 pm	Novice Epee #3 (M & F)		FF	\$16	Novice
	tba	Level 1 Coaching Course		FF		
		John Fethers Golden Foils (VJI#4)				
Sep 24	9:30 am	U15 (Graded & Ungraded)	VSFC &	FF	\$10	U15
	11:00 am	U13 (Graded & Ungraded)	VRI	FF	\$10	U13
	12:30 pm	U20 (Graded & Ungraded)		FF	\$10	U20
Sep 20-25	Jul 7	Commonwealth Fencing Champs		Ireland		By selection
Sep 29-Oct 7	Jul 7	World Championships		Italy		By selection
Sep	Jun 30	Oceania Junior Fencing Champs		NZ		By selection
Oct 8	10:00 am	Open Epee #4 (M & F)	Squad	FF	\$16	Open
	1:00 pm	Open Sabre #4 (M & F)	Melb Uni	FF	\$16	Open
	tba	Level 1 Coaching Course		FF		
Oct 9	9:30 am	Veteran Foil #3	Peninsula	FF	\$16	Open
	11:00 am	Open Foil #4 (M & F)		FF	\$16	Open
		State Novice Championships				
Oct 15	10:00 am	Foil (M & F)	MFC	FF	\$16	Novice
	1:00 pm	Epee (M & F)		FF	\$16	Novice
		State Club Team Championships				
Oct 21	10:00 am	Epee (M & F)	Squad	FF	\$30	Open
	1:00 pm	Sabre (M & F)	Fioretto	FF	\$30	Open
Oct 22	10:00 am	Foil (M & F)	La Trobe	FF	\$30	Open
		State U13 & U20 Championships				
Oct 29	9:30 am	U13 Foil (M & F)	VSFC &	FF	\$10	U13
	9:30 am	U20 Epee (M & F)	VRI	FF	\$10	U20
	11:00 am	U20 Sabre (M & F)		FF	\$10	U20
	12:30 pm	U20 Foil (M & F)		FF	\$10	U20
Nov 11	TBA	VAFA Dinner & Presentation Night		TBA	TBA	All Welcome
		State Open Championships				
Nov 18	10:00 am	Epee (M & F)	Squad	FF	\$16	Open
	1:00 pm	Sabre (M & F)	Fioretto	FF	\$16	Open
	1:30 pm	Veteran Epee (M & F)	Fioretto	FF	\$16	Veterans [40+]
Nov 19	9:30 am	Veteran Foil (M & F)	Monash	FF	\$16	Veterans [40+]
	11:00 am	Foil (M & F)	Monash	FF	\$16	Open
Nov 20		Around the Bouts Issue 4/06				
Nov 23	7:30 pm	VAFA Annual General Meeting		FF		All Welcome
Nov 25-26		AFF Epee Training Camp		FF		By invitation
Dec 2-6	TBA	Australian National Champs & Oceania Veteran's Championships	AFF	QLD	\$40	Open Veterans [40+]