

# STAR SWORD CLUB

## News

Just a couple of quick notes:

- Session Cancelled - 1st May
- Match Reports - Star vs Whitchurch and Star vs Cardiff Uni
- Beginners' Courses
- Community Chest Grant

### **SESSION CANCELLED**

Next Thursday's session (1st May) will unfortunately be cancelled due to the Star Centre being closed. Training will; resume as normal on the 8th of May.

### **MATCH REPORTS**

This week the Star Sword Club team (Chris Powell, Max Weedon, Tom Martin & Gareth Crowther) competed in two inter-club matches.

The first was on Thursday the 24th of April against Whitchurch Fencing Club. The match was in Epee with a team format, first to 80 hits. The match was very close fought but thanks to a few superb performances by the team in the closing fights, Star finished around ten hits clear of Whitchurch.

The second match was against Cardiff University who fielded a very strong team (Chris Markall, Jon Harris, Andrew McLeod, Rose Gordon and Rob Prior). The match was first to 45 in all three weapons. Surprisingly Star lost the foil by 5 hits after a superb performance from Chris Markall. Perhaps even more surprisingly Star won the Sabre by two hits, Max Weedon defeating Markall in the final bout. With everything to play for in the Epee, Star started badly going down 10 hits in the first three fights, despite some excellent catching up, Rob Prior managed to maintain Cardiff's lead to win the Epee 45-43. So a very close fought victory for Cardiff. No doubt a rematch will be forthcoming next year.



From left to right: Chris Powell, Tom Martin, Max Weedon

### **BEGINNERS' COURSES**

Please remember we have our next senior beginners' course starting on the 15th of May and our next mini-fence beginners' course starting on the 5th of June. Please notify anyone who you think may be interested in taking up the sport so they can secure a place early.

### **COMMUNITY CHEST GRANT**

Star Sword Club recently received a Community Chest Grant through the Welsh Sports Council for £1000. This money has been used to purchase equipment for the club's new mini-fence initiative, introducing the sport of fencing to 6 to 10 year olds in the Cardiff area.

If you require any further information about the articles above, or the club in general, please don't hesitate to contact me on the details below.

Kind regards,

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