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Fencers Head to Junior Olympics

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High school fencers Gabriel Bronfman (left, Miramonte) and Casey Lee (Acalanes) with their coach Ryan Arieta of George Platt's Swordplay Fencing Academy in Concord. Photo provided

Two Lamorinda Epee fencers are heading to the Junior Olympics, following recent successes in both regional and national fencing events. Casey Lee, a senior at Acalanes, and Gabriel Bronfman, a freshman at Miramonte, have both qualified for the Fencing Junior Olympics to be held mid-February in Portland, OR. This trip marks Lee's third trip to the JOs, and she will be competing in the Junior Women's Epee event; Bronfman is competing at the JOs for the first time, in both Junior Men's Epee and Cadet Men's Epee events.

On the regional Bay Cup circuit, Lee finished first and second in the Junior Woman's Epee championship the last two years and Bronfman was Y14 champion for the past two years. Lee finished fifth in the 2013 Division II National Championships this past summer, and Bronfman is a nationally-ranked Cadet epee fencer, participating in USFA tournaments in Virginia, Ohio and Georgia.

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