

La Riposte

The Swords Club Newsletter
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WELCOME TO THE NEXT CENTURY!



The Last Junior Class of 2013 with Vivienne as Coach

FENCING 101

Welcome back to a new year at The Swords Club and to another fun-filled season of fencing. The TSC Committee has already met and enthused at looking for opportunities to better serve the members – including grant applications, fencing camps, conducting safety and equipment audits and participating in the process of proposed changes to the NSWFA constitution.

I would like to extend a thank you to Vivienne for her continued support and for assistance in getting the Club settled into its routine for 2014.

We welcome your feedback, participation and support as we take The Swords Club into its next century.

If you wish to discuss any ideas or Club matters, please don't hesitate to contact me or one of our Committee members. The 2014 TSC Committee is listed within this newsletter.

I want to wish everyone all the best and hope you enjoy another great year of fencing.

Vince Newton – President
The Swords Club

PROFESSOR JOAN BECK 1918-2014



FAREWELL SALUTE

Thank you to our junior fencers who performed a farewell salute in honour of Professor Joan Beck at her memorial service. We know for many of you, it was the first time in your young lives that you had attended a funeral. Yet you were able to carry out this duty with great dignity. It was a fitting tribute to an extraordinary woman.

Fencers included Murray Peh and Kelvin Peh, Emmanuel and Emilio Lapitan, Odina Kliffen, Claire Graham-White, Isabella, Angelina and Jonah Newton, Piers Hobkirk.

The Swords Club community was saddened by the death of Professor Joan Beck in January 2014. As Head Coach of The Swords Club from 1952-1975, Joan was instrumental in the development of fencing in Australia in the mid-20th century. She later studied archaeology, becoming a key figure in the development of the Rundle Foundation for Egyptian Archaeology at Macquarie University.

On January 20, family and friends gathered in Sydney for a memorial service to celebrate her life. It was a fascinating insight into a remarkable person who pursued her passions in life whilst embracing those around her with generosity, humour and love.

You can read more about the life of Professor Joan Beck in an obituary published in [The Sydney Morning Herald](#) on Thursday, 6 March 2014.

TSC FENCING TIMETABLE

The Swords Club continues to provide strong and varied training programs to cater for individuals of every age and level.

If you are yet to make arrangements for individual or group lessons, please contact Vivienne who will be able to guide you towards the most suitable training program.

We look forward to another great year of fencing as we head into our 101st year!

Tuesday PM		Thursday PM		Saturday	
Adult Beginners Class	6:00pm-6.45pm	Frank's Footwork Class	7:00pm-8:00pm	Junior Class	10:00am-10.45am
Adult Advanced Class	7:00pm-7.45pm	Individual Lessons	5.00pm-10:00pm	Challenge Round	10:50am-11:50am
Individual Lessons	5.30pm-10:00pm	Social Fencing	5.30pm-10:00pm	Advanced Class	12:00nn-1:00pm
Social Fencing	5.30pm-10:00pm			Junior Class	1:30pm-2.15pm
				Individual Lessons	12:00nn-4:00pm
				Social Fencing	1:00pm-4:00pm

* Please note individual epee and sabre lessons are available from Jeff Gray on Thursday nights

TSC MEMBERSHIPS FEES DUE

All 2014 memberships are due by 31 March 2014. Your registration and membership fees allow the Club to pay rent, procure and maintain equipment, and take out the required insurance policies the Club is required to hold. The collection of membership dues is a significant administrative effort. It is requested that you assist in this endeavour by ensuring you have completed the necessary membership applications by this date.

PLEASE NOTE: Owing to insurance reasons, non-members will not be able participate in Club activities after 31 March 2014 until membership requirements are met.

NEW TSC COMMITTEE 2014

At the AGM last 17 December 2013, **Katy McEwen** and **Michael Siebel** stepped down from the Committee. Katy has been a long term supporter of The Swords Club, with her son Matthew fencing from a very young age. One of the many ways in which Katy contributed to the Club was through editing the Club newsletter and all TSC documents. Thank you Katy for all that you have done; we will miss you, your writing wizardry, calm demeanour and your hospitality in hosting the Committee meetings. Please come and see us sometime.

Michael has served on the Committee for two years and also served as an NSWFA delegate. Fatherhood commitments have taken a priority, but thank you Michael for all your efforts and contributions.

Welcome to our two new Committee members, Cathryn Kelly and Graham Firth and thank you also to Edwin Lapitan for becoming our Club Registrar.

The Swords Club Committee 2014

Vincent Newton	President
Jackie Budniak	Vice-President
Suzanne Newton	Secretary
Fiona Budniak	Treasurer
Cathryn Kelly	Committee Member
Graham Firth	Committee Member
Edwin Lapitan	Registrar

SWORDS CLUB COMPETITION RESULTS (2013)

62nd Nils Saksen Cup

- 1 Hayden Rabone
- 2 Grace Gallur
- 3 Claire Graham-White
- 4 Mohamed Abou-Ghaida
- =5 Emilio Lapitan
- =5 Luke Rizzo

2013 Challenge Round Champions

- Seniors – Emmanuel Lapitan
Juniors – Joseph Mayer



Q4 2013 NSW COMPETITION RESULTS



NSW Friendship Cup

- 2 U13 NSW Boy's Foil Team A
Emilio Lapitan
- =3 U13 NSW Boy's Foil Team B
Mohamed Abou-Ghaida
- 2 U13 NSW Girl's Foil Team A
Morgan Kelly
- 1 U11 NSW Boy's Foil Team
Ken Kawaura
Jonah Newton
Kieran Zucconi
- 1 U9 NSW Mixed Foil Team
Elias Lapitan
John Paul Macks

NSW Koala Mini Challenge

- U11 Boy's Foil
=3 Ken Kawaura
=3 Jonah Newton
- U9 Boy's Foil
1 Elias Lapitan

JANUARY 2014 SUMMER CAMP



Our January Summer Junior Fencing Camp was so well-received that we are planning another for April 2014 and/or June 2014. The camp included footwork and fencing drills, structured and supervised bouts, and team and individual matches.



A big thank you to Alwyn Wardle and Fiona Budniak for putting our young fencers through their paces and instilling in them a love of fencing.

SECOND HAND CLOTHING POOL UP AND RUNNING!

We are delighted to announce that a second hand pool for fencing clothes and gear has been set up at the Club. You can pass on your used items for donation to the Club, or for sale to other members.

The pool will be available to members on a Saturday morning, where you can both donate and purchase. Please also feel free to email Cathryn if you would like to add them to the list of available items at ckelly@eande.com.au

CLUB MERCHANDISE

A small stock of new Swords Club jackets is available for purchase at a reduced price of \$35 each.

Children's Sizes – 6, 8, 16
Adult Sizes – S & M

We also have Club socks available for \$10 a pair. Contact or email Cathryn



2013 NSW GRAND PRIX AWARDS

The Swords Club had a significant presence in the final tally of the NSWFA's 2013 Grand Prix Points Awards, particularly in the junior fencers' categories. The awardees were recognized in the NSWFA Gala Dinner in Concord Golf Club in December 2013. Congratulations to our fencers who excelled in the following award categories:

Open Women's Foil	3	Jackie Budniak
U15 Girl's Foil	3	Grace Gallur
U15 Boy's Foil	2	Emmanuel Lapitan
U15 Boy's Epee	1	Kelvin Peh
U13 Boy's Foil	3	Joseph Mayer
U13 Boy's Epee	3	Emilio Lapitan
U11 Girl's Foil	2	Hanna Lake
U11 Boy's Foil	1	Ken Kawaura
	2	Jonah Newton
U9 Boy's Foil	1	Elias Lapitan

JANUARY & FEBRUARY RESULTS – CONGRATULATIONS!



The Swords Club fencers were out in force for the NSWFA Season Opener Open Foil. Eleven of the 30 competitors were from The Swords Club – not bad for an 8:15am start on a Sunday. Congratulations to Jackie Budniak who came 3rd in Women's Foil.

There were prizes for all our veteran competitors. In the Season Opener Veteran Men's Foil, Vince Newton came 1st with Adrian Finch and Michael Seibel finishing equal 3rd. Michael also picked up bronze in the Veteran Men's Epee. Congratulations everyone for setting an enthusiastic pace for the year!

Our junior fencers started their competition year with the Roberta Nutt Shield Competition. Although they were flying the banner for their respective schools, it is worth noting the results, as so many of the competitors train at The Swords Club. Congratulations to all our fencers who participated in this competition!

2014 Gilt Junior Women's Foil

=3 Claire Graham-White

2014 Season Opener – Open Women's Foil

=3 Jackie Budniak

2014 Season Opener – Veterans Men's Foil

1 Vince Newton

=3 Adrian Finch

=3 Michael Seibel

2014 Season Opener – Veterans Men's Epee

=3 Michael Seibel

2014 Roberta Nutt Shield

U15 Girl's Foil

2 Grace Gallur

U15 Boy's Foil

=3 Mohamed Abou-Ghaida

U13 Girl's Foil

=3 Hanna Lake

=3 Amelia Thorne

U13 Boy's Foil

1 Joseph Mayer

=3 Ken Kawaura

=3 Jonah Newton

U11 Mixed Foil

1 Taylor Mock

=3 Elias Lapitan

UPCOMING EVENTS

8-9 March	Canberra Day (Open and Novice)
16 March	Southern Highlands Shield
21-23 March	AFC #1 – D H McKenzie (Melbourne VIC)
27 April	Marconi Cup (Foil) – Open, U15, U13 and U11
4 May	U13 and U11 Foil
18 May	State U15 Foil and Epee Championships



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