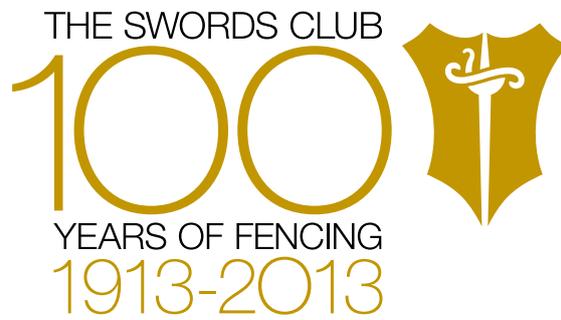


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Inter Club Fencing Competition

The inaugural Inter-Club Fencing Competition was hosted by The Swords Club on Sunday 22 June 2014. A total of twenty-six fencers from The Swords Club and Masters competed across three age divisions in U15, U20 and Open. Whilst some fencers competed in two competitions, Grace Gallur is to be congratulated for competing in ALL!

All the fencers relished the opportunity to bout on the piste and interact at their leisure with other fencers afterwards. The overall feeling of goodwill was evident both on and off the piste. Although no awards or medals were handed out, everyone who took part gained something from the day.

The running of the competition was a real Club team effort, with Edwin Lapitan as DT, and numerous TSC members taking on referee duties including Fiona Budniak, Steve Lake, Mark Marsi, and Vince Newton,

As well as some quality fencing on display there were some quality cappuccinos to be had throughout the day. Special thanks to Cathryn Kelly and Suzanne Newton for organising refreshments, and a big thank you to the Gallur family for supplying ample gourmet sandwiches for lunch.

Since the inaugural Inter-Club Fencing Competition in June, three further competitions have been held with The Swords Club and the Masters Club alternating as hosts. Epee has also been introduced to the timetable.

Thank you to everyone who has competed and thank you also to those who have contributed in various ways to ensure the competition is a success. The Fifth Inter-Club Fencing Competition is scheduled for Sunday 9 November at The Swords Club. Please join us for another great day of fencing.



U20 National Championships

Over the 27th-30th of September, several Swords Club fencers travelled to compete in the U20 National Championships in Brisbane. In the Women's Foil event, Claire Graham-White and Grace Gallur finished in the top 8, Claire placing 5th and Grace placing 8th. Emmanuel Lapitan finished 18th in Men's Foil and Kelvin Peh finished 21st in Men's Epee. In addition to the U20 Championships, the U23 Epee Championships also took place. Kelvin Peh finished 16th. Claire Graham-White competed in the Women's Foil and Kelvin Peh in the U20 Men's Epee teams, their teams placing 1st and 3rd respectively.

All fencers were happy with their results, and fun was had by all!

Report from Grace Gallur



Kelvin Peh, Claire Graham-White and Grace Gallur



Fencing for Fun at the University Games

Claire Graham-White recently competed at her first Australian University Games. Fencers are encouraged to compete in all weapons, so Claire fenced sabre for the first time in her life. When asked about the experience she declared rather wryly "It was highly entertaining".

As to be expected, Claire excelled in her weapon of choice, taking bronze in the women's individual foil and earning silver in the teams event. Claire who is in her first year at the University of New South Wales studying Engineering, started fencing at The Swords Club in 2009 when she was 14. She continues to train at TSC and also coaches throughout the week.

The Australian University Games (AUG) has grown since 1993 to be Australia's largest annual multi sport event. In 2014, the AUG attracted over 7,100 student athletes from 41 tertiary institutions across Australia. Thirty two sports were represented including fencing. In order to compete at the games, athletes must be currently enrolled at an Australian University.



Learning from the Master

Vivienne continues to play a vital role in the development of fencing in Australia by training some of our more experienced fencers in the art of coaching. Whilst a *Beginner's Coaching Course* was run earlier in the year, Vivienne recently commenced an *Advanced Coaching Course*.

New coaching courses, including further advanced courses, will be scheduled in 2015.

Please talk to Vivienne at the Club if you are interested in developing your coaching skills.

Thank you Vivienne for all that you do!

Vale Phil Mansfield

This Swords Club Newsletter couldn't be published without an acknowledgement to Phil Mansfield, a man who has been a friend to so many of us. Phil passed away tragically in a motorcycle accident on 1 September 2014.

Phil was a great contributor to the sport of fencing, both as competitor, coach, official and as President of the Southern Highlands Fencing Academy. He was a true gentleman, a friend to many and also one of the most outward looking people I have had the privilege to call a friend.

Phil and I both came to fencing late in life and around the same time. As such we shared the frustrations of taking on younger, faster opponents in the Open and the more mature, experienced fencers in the Veterans. We were both determined to be competitive, but to also enjoy this sport that we had discovered midlife.

When a bout didn't go the way he wanted, Phil would walk towards his bag and shake his head. But his disappointment was transient and it wasn't long before a smile would return to his face and he would return to the piste to watch the remaining bouts and encourage whoever needed it. Phil gave a warm welcome to everyone and made you feel he was genuinely pleased to see you. He was full of praise and encouragement for all our young fencers whether in defeat or victory. It was always a pleasure to meet Phil on and off the piste.

I last saw Phil at the Brian McCowage Veteran Men's Foil Competition.

I wasn't even going to compete, as I was tired and sore from a Saturday spent crawling around under my house. But when I declared "I might stay home", Suzanne replied "But Phil will be there" and that was enough to make me get up and go fence. The fact that Phil always made the effort always spurred me on to act in kind.

Farewell Phil. We will miss you always.

Vince Newton
President – The Swords Club



Image: Brian McCowage Veteran Foil Championship 2014 (24/8/2014); Phillip Aitchison, Vince Newton, Phil Mansfield and Adrian Finch

On the Podium



Gold to Joseph and Bronze to Ken in the U/13 Gilt Foil 12/10/2014

Hers's a little snapshot of some of our fencers on the podium. Congratulations! And well done to all our fencers for competing. For a full list of competition results see p8.



U/11 Mixed Foil Mini Series 3 26/10/2014
Jonah (Gold), Taylor (Silver) and Alisa (Gold) in the Girls Foil



Gold to Jackie in the State Open Womens Foil



U/9 Boys Foil Mini Series 3 12/10/2014
Yanyi (Gold)

Can you work out who the fencer is from one of their signature moves?



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State Club Teams Championship

The Swords Club turned up in force for the recent State Club Teams Championship. We fielded three teams in Men's Foil, two for Women's Foil and one for the Men's Epee. The Club Teams event is a great way for younger fencers to have an opportunity to fence with more experienced fencers in a friendly, supportive environment.

Our standout TSC Epeeist, Kelvin Peh, was supported by Richard Phoon and David Grenet. Congratulations David for fencing in your first Epee Competition EVER and a BIG WELCOME BACK to Richard Phoon who recently joined The Swords Club after a twenty year break from fencing. Whilst he has been out of the fencing circuit since his uni days, he has been keeping himself healthy with ballet. *(Looking forward to seeing some more grace on the piste! - Vince Newton)*

Congratulations also to our Women's Foil Team, Fiona, Jackie, Claire and Grace, who took home silver.



Annual General Meeting and Extraordinary General Meeting Tuesday 16 December 2014, 7pm The Swords Club

The TSC Committee are in the process of the reincorporation of The Swords Club. In order to complete the incorporation (reincorporation), we need to obtain a vote of at least five TSC members endorsing incorporation. There is also tabled a formal vote of the members on the TSC's Constitution which was reviewed and accepted some time ago.

Notice is thereby given for an Extraordinary General Meeting followed by the Annual General Meeting on Tuesday 16 December 2014, 7pm at The Swords Club.

We welcome your attendance at both Meetings.

If you require further information please contact Vince Newton.

McEvoy Cup

The Swords Club McEvoy Cup Foil Competition for Junior Members (18 years old and below) is scheduled on the afternoon of Saturday, 8 November 2014 (immediately after the 12:00pm class). Details of the competitions as follows:

Date: Saturday, 8 November

Times: Check-in: 12:45pm; Start of bouts 1:10pm

Venue: The Swords Club

Entries: Entry fee is \$25; Participants must be financial members of the Club for insurance purposes. Membership can be updated on the day.

Format: Boys and girls will be in separate groups. Competition will start with poules and continue with 15-hit direct elimination bouts until completed.

Equipment: All fencing will be using electric equipment. There will be limited Club gear available to borrow on the day. If possible, from the quarter-finals onwards, lame bibs will be in use. If you have them, please wear full fencing whites although (thick) tracksuit pants will be acceptable. The second-hand clothing and equipment pool will be available

The Jubilee Cup

The Jubilee Cup was originally held in 1963 to celebrate The Sword Club's 50th year. It ran as an annual competition from 1963-1979.

In 2010, the Jubilee Cup was reinstated as an annual competition at The Swords Club. Although we fence as comrades, the desire to win and be listed alongside some of the most illustrious names of fencers in Australian history, brings out the competitive streak in all of us.



Images Clockwise from top: 1. Group Photo Jubilee Cup Men's Foil Competitors: Back Row from left: Kelvin Peh, Adrian Finch, Vince Newton, Michael Siebel, Joseph Mayer
Front Row: Emmanuel Lapitan & David Grenet
2. Emmanuel and David 3. Michael and Kelvin 4. Vince and Adrian 5. George and Vince 6. Vince and Kelvin 7. Vince and Emmanuel 8. Joseph and Emmanuel with Michael (refereeing)





Frank Bartollo and Vince Newton with the winners of the Jubilee Cup 2014 Mens Foil.
 Gold - David Grenet
 Silver - Immanuel Lapitan
 Bronze - Joseph Mayer

Jubilee Cup Round Up

There were some very intense bouts in the DEs where several competitors went point for point with their opponents. With the end of the first round of DEs it was decided that the finals would be held on the Thursday. Though some (not mentioning any names) would argue that two days was still not enough time to recover for the next round of eliminations.

Congratulations to David Grenet on winning the Jubilee Cup for the 3rd time in the past five years,



Vince Newton with the Jubilee Cup winners for 2014.
 Gold - Jackie Budniak,
 Silver - Claire Graham-White
 Bronze - Fiona Budniak



Jackie and Suzanne

Where would we be without our DTs and Referees? Thank You Edwin for serving both nights as DT and a big thank you to Hillary for refereeing the Men's Foil.

(If you're wondering why the number of images for men's foil outnumber the images for the women well it had something to do with a little thing called a battery.)



Competition Results

President Cup Open Women's Foil	10/8/2014	1st Jackie Budniak
President's Cup Veteran Men's Foil	10/8/2014	=3rd Adrian Finch =3rd Michael Siebel
Brian McCowage Open Women's Foil	24/08/2014	1st Jackie Budniak
McCowage Veteran Men's Foil	28/4/2014	2nd Vince Newton =3rd Adrian Finch
ABC U13 Girls Foil	14/06/2014	=3rd Martina Ho =3rd Amelia Thorne
School Championship Mini 2 U9 Boys Foil	1/06/2014	1st Yanyi Zuo
School Championship Mini 2 U11 Boys Foil	21/06/2014	1st Jonah Newton
Schools Championship Mini 2 U13 Boys Foil	21/06/2014	3rd Ken Kawaura
State Championships Under 23 Men's Epee	27/07/2014	2nd Kelvin Peh
State Championships 2014 Junior Men's Foil	13/07/2014	=3rd Emmanuel Lapitan
Mini Series #3 Under 9 Boy's Foil	27/07/2014	1st Yanyi Zuo
NSW Central West Championships Open Foil	3/08/2014	3rd Vince Newton
U/15 Australian Championship Women's Foil	July 2014	2nd Grace Gallur
<i>Grace also won gold in the Women's Foil Team event in NSW A with Ellie Jordan, Rebekah Shiba and Caitlyn Trussell.</i>		
<i>Morgan Kelly came second in the NSW B Team along with Courtney Buchanan, Freya Clarke, Violet Hull.</i>		
Riverina Championships U/15 Womens Foil	20/09/2014	3rd Isabella Newton
Riverina Championships U/15 Boys Foil	20/09/2014	3rd Jonah Newton
Riverina Championships U/13 Boys Foil	21/09/2014	2nd Jonah Newton
School Championship Mini 3 U11 Boys Foil	12/10/2014	1st jonah Newton 2nd Taylor Mock
School Championship Mini 3 U13 Boys Foil	12/10/2014	1st Joseph Mayer 3rd Ken Kawaura
School Championship Mini 3 U11 Girls Foil	12/10/2014	3rd Martina Ho
State Championship Womens Foil Team	19/10/2014	2nd TSC - Team A
State Championships Open Womens Foil	26/10/2014	1st Jackie Budniak

