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## 2013 – the 100th ANNIVERSARY OF THE SWORDS CLUB!



Welcome to a new year at The Swords Club, one that promises to be very special as we celebrate our 100th anniversary. There are plenty of events and activities planned to make the most of this important achievement – we are the oldest continually operating fencing club in the country, and during that time we have only had three head coaches – quite amazing!

On the left you can see the logo, which we will be using to brand the celebrations throughout the year. Thanks to Jacobus de Beer for coming up with such a wonderful design that captures both the tradition and the vibrant future of our Club.

The major celebration of our milestone will be The Swords Club 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner, which will be held on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2013, at **Waterview in Bicentennial Park**, at Sydney Olympic Park. All members and friends of the Australian fencing community are invited to join us to celebrate our long and proud history. Tickets for the dinner are \$75 for an adult, which includes a three-course dinner and beverages, and \$50 for children under 13, which includes a two-course dinner and beverages. There will be fencing demonstrations and displays of memorabilia, and it promises to be a night of fun! Tickets will be available through the Try Booking website, and details will be sent to members as soon as they are available.

Stanton Library in North Sydney (234 Miller Street) will also be hosting the **En Garde Exhibition** which highlights the role of the club in the development of fencing from its origins as a genteel activity for the elite, to today's modern competitive sport, open to all. The exhibition will run from 10<sup>th</sup> April until October and will be open from 9am – 9pm Mondays to Thursdays, 9am – 6pm on Fridays, and 10am – 5pm at weekends. The Mayor of North Sydney will open the exhibition on 10th April, and all members are welcome to come along and view the fencing equipment and ephemera as well as information on the personalities associated with the club over the past 100 years.

We will be keeping you up to date with other information about the celebrations over the next few months.

### CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS!

**We are looking for volunteers to participate in the Grand Salute to be performed at the Anniversary Dinner. This is a traditional salute of The Swords Club, and consists of a number of moves made by a group in unison. If you are interested in participating in recreating a bit of Swords Club history, please ask Vivienne for more details.**



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A reminder that membership fees are now due for 2013. A copy of the membership form has been emailed with this newsletter, and is available from our website [www.theswordsclub.org](http://www.theswordsclub.org)

Memberships are due by the end of March to ensure that members are covered by the State insurance policy, so please ensure you pay as soon as possible.

## IN BRIEF

There will be no fencing at the Club on **Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> March**, Easter Saturday.

Farewell and good luck to Rose de Kantzow, who has started University at ANU in Canberra. We hope to see you back at the Club whenever you're in town, Rose!

## UPCOMING EVENTS

9th/10th Mar	Canberra Day Novice Foil/Open Foil, ACT		
16 <sup>th</sup> March	Roberta Nutt U15 Foil	B 0745	G 0745
17 <sup>th</sup> March	Roberta Nutt U13 Foil	B 0845	G 0900
	Roberta Nutt U11 Foil	B 1300	G 1300
24 <sup>th</sup> March	Highlands Shield Open Foil/Novice Foil, Mittagong		
5 <sup>th</sup> -7 <sup>th</sup> Apr	AFF#1 D H McKenzie, Brisbane		
28 <sup>th</sup> April	U11 City of Sydney Foil	B 1200	G1200
	U13 City of Sydney Foil	B 0845	G 0900

## RESULTS – CONGRATULATIONS!

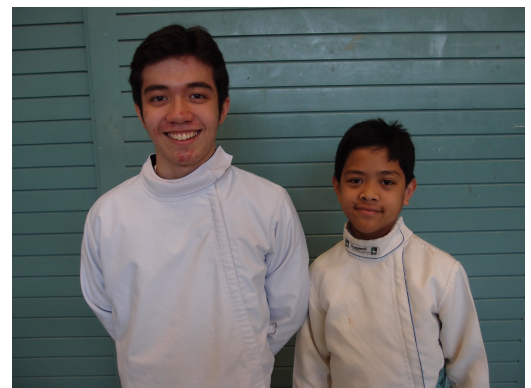
TSC 2012 Challenge Round Winners

Season Opener Open Women's Foil  
Season Opener Veteran Mixed Foil

Junior Women's Foil Grand Prix 1 2013

Matthew Fisher  
Emilio Lapitan

1st Jackie Budniak  
3= Adrian Finch  
3= Michel Seibel  
3= Claire Graham White  
3= Emily Venn



Matthew and Emilio

*The 2013 Saturday 10am fencers ready for a new year!*

