

EN GARDE! EXHIBITION OPENING

The **En Garde Exhibition**, celebrating 100 years of fencing by The Swords Club, was officially opened by the Mayor of North Sydney Jilly Gibson on Wednesday April 10, 2013. More than 100 people joined in the celebrations with a champagne preview of the Exhibition.

At the Opening, Rose Anne White former President of The Swords Club was guest speaker for the evening. She gave a lively insight into the Club during the 50s and the importance placed on training, the care of equipment and the furniture by Professor Joan Beck.



Mayor of North Sydney, Jilly Gibson, introduces Rose Anne White

One of the highlights of the evening was when Bill Cope introduced himself. He had recognized his younger self in a photo in the local paper. The photo also featured Tom Cross, John Fethers and Rod Steel. During the night he shared many interesting tales about The Swords Club and his time fencing in Europe in the 1950s.

En Garde is the fruition of two years collaboration between The Swords Club and Stanton Library to mark the centenary of the Club. Kelly Mitchell (Stanton Library) and Suzanne Newton (TSC) curated the Exhibition with assistance from the Council Historian, Dr Ian Hoskins. The personal scrapbooks of Professor Joan Beck formed the starting point of research for the Exhibition. Nearly 200 articles from magazines and newspapers were resourced from the National Library databases and the State Library



Left: one of the exhibits of historical equipment and photographs. Right: Linda McLaren, Vivienne Tucker, Rose Anne White, Suzanne Newton and Nandy Sucic

of NSW. The Australian College of Physical Education also provided access to their archives, which proved to be a rich resource for fencing artifacts, written ephemera and historical photographs. The Swords Club is also appreciative of the many individuals who assisted with the Exhibition by loaning equipment and memorabilia for the displays and sharing their personal stories.

A slideshow of the Opening, which features several of the displays can be viewed at our web site www.theswordsclub.org

The **En Garde** Exhibition continues until October 2013 at the Heritage Centre of the Stanton Library.



Peter Anderson, Jeff Grey and Bill Cope at the official opening



In conjunction with the *En Garde!* Exhibition, The Swords Club presented a fencing workshop at the Stanton Library in the April school holidays. This free event was booked out, introducing fencing to a number of potential new club members! Participants discovered the art of swordplay with a weapons demonstration, followed by hands-on instruction under Vivienne's guidance, ably assisted by members of the Budniak, Lapitan and Newton families.

Right: Congratulations to the place getters in the recent City of Sydney U11 Foil event held at Marrickville, pictured with their proud coach!

Below: The Roberta Nutt competition is the first of the school competitions for the year, and Swords Club members were there in force! Congratulations to all of our fencers who competed in this event, many of whom were placed.





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Don't forget to book for the event of the year –
The Swords Club 100th Anniversary Dinner
 to be held on **Saturday 20th July 2013**
 at **Waterview in Bicentennial Park, Sydney Olympic Park.**
 For tickets, please go to the **TryBooking** website at:
www.trybooking.com/CNGN

IN BRIEF

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.

DON'T FORGET MEMBERSHIPS ARE NOW OVERDUE – PLEASE SEE VIVIENNE OR FIONA TO SIGN UP!

UPCOMING EVENTS

19 May	City of Sydney Open Foil	M 0845 W 0900
	City of Sydney Veteran Foil	M 1330 W 1330
26 th May	State U15 Foil Championships	B 0845 G 0900
	State U15 Epee Championships	B 1200 G 1200
2 nd June	State Cadet Foil Championships	B 0845 G 0900
	State Cadet Epee Championships	B 1200 G 1200
8 th – 10 th June	AFF#2 Robyn Chaplin, Adelaide	
23 rd June	State U23 Foil Championships	M 0845 W 0900
	State U23 Epee Championships	M1200 W1200

RESULTS – CONGRATULATIONS!

U11 City of Sydney Boys Foil	2 nd	Ken Kawaura
	3 rd =	Jonah Newton
	3 rd =	Kieran Zucconi
U11 City of Sydney Girls Foil	2 nd	Hanna Lake
	3 rd =	Amelia Thorne
U13 City of Sydney Boys Foil	3 rd =	Riley Graff
	3 rd =	Joseph Meyer
	3 rd =	Sinead Kelly
U13 City of Sydney Girls Foil		
Southern Highlands Challenge		
Open Womens Foil	1 st	Jackie Budniak
Canberra Day Tournament Open		
Womens Foil	1 st	Jackie Budniak

Congratulations also to all our fencers who have been competing in the schools competitions over the last month, and good luck for the finals coming up!



Swords Club Members have been travelling far and wide for recent competitions – left, at the Canberra Day Tournament, and right, at the inaugural Southern Highlands Challenge held on 24th March at the Mitagong RSL. This was a great success, with the Southern Highlands Club showing great hospitality, and Swords Club members not only came away with a first place, but also the raffle prize and winnings from the pokies!