

La Riposte

The Swords Club Newsletter
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WORDPLAY ON AND OFF THE PISTE

The first six months of 2014 has been a whirlwind of activities for The Swords Club. Our fencers have been training hard with good solid take up for all our individual and group fencing classes, as well as strong participation in our January and April training camps. TSC fencers have also been well represented in all state, regional and national competitions. Congratulations to all our fencers who have competed for our Club and their respective Schools in the last few months.

Since January, TSC Committee Members have been involved in grant applications, the review of the proposed changes to the NSWFA Constitution and a review of The Swords Club Constitution. We are also working on the schedule for new fencing workshops, camps and a proposed inter-club fencing competition.

We hope you are enjoying our new initiatives. We welcome your feedback and value your participation.

Vince Newton – President
The Swords Club

HONOURING THE NGHS CENTENARY



NGHS Fencing Display

Thank you to all our fencers who participated in the fencing display for the NGHS Centenary celebrations during Festival Day.

North Sydney Girls High (NGHS) celebrated its Centenary with a Festival Day on May 17, 2014.

The Swords Club shares a long history with NGHS, dating back to 1987, when one of our life long members, fencer and coach, Roseanne White introduced fencing to the school. Within a year her team of Julia Shoulder, Sophie Phillip and Kate Jordan won the State School Championship and went on to win bronze at the Nationals.

In 1999, The Swords Club moved to North Sydney Girls High School and has been fencing there ever since. This period of stability has seen the Club continue to grow, and remain competitive at both a State and National level.

The Swords Club joined in the Centenary celebrations by presenting several fencing displays to a packed auditorium during Festival Day.

We are proud of our shared history and congratulate North Sydney Girls High School on reaching this important milestone.

Happy 100th Birthday NSGH!

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.

Tuesday PM		Thursday PM		Saturday AM	
Beginners Class	6pm-6.45pm	Frank's Footwork Class	7pm-8pm	Junior Class	10am-10.45am
Advanced	7pm-7.45pm	Individual	5.30pm-10pm	Intermediate Class	12noon-1pm
Individual	5.30pm-10pm	Social	5.30-10pm	Junior Class	1.30-2.15
Social	5.30-10pm			Individual	10am-4pm
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*Please note individual Epee and Sabre lessons are available from Jeff Gray on Thursday nights.

TSC MEMBERSHIPS DUE

All 2014 memberships were due by 31 March 2014. The period of grace has now concluded. Your registration and membership fees allows for the Club to pay rent, procure equipment, maintain equipment, and take out the required insurance policies that the Club is required to hold.

PLEASE NOTE: Owing to insurance reasons, non-members will be unable to participate in Club activities until membership requirements are met.

If your fees are outstanding due to financial hardship please contact our President, Vince Newton, or any of our TSC Committee members listed below, to discuss the matter. We strive to ensure inclusiveness at all levels and will work towards finding a solution.

TSC COMMITTEE 2014

Special General Meeting Saturday 9 August 2pm, 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 5 TSC members endorsing incorporation. There is also tabled a formal vote of the members on TSC's Constitution which was reviewed and accepted some time ago.

We welcome your attendance at the Special General Meeting.

If you require further information please contact Vince Newton.

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

WE LOVE ADELAIDE!

On the long weekend in June, several Swords Club fencers journeyed to Adelaide to compete in the 2014 Robyn Chaplin (AFC#2), including Allison Blom, Fiona and Jackie Budniak, Adrian Finch, Grace Gallur, Emmanuel Lapitan and Vince Newton. For Grace and Emmanuel it was the first time they have competed in the National Open Competition. They handled the "step-up" well. Congratulations Emmanuel and Grace.



Adrian, Emmanuel and Vince



Grace with her No.1 Supporter

Did you Know? The Robyn Chaplin Memorial Championship was Frank Bartolillo's first National Open Competition at the age of 13.



Did you know? The State Coach of Fencing South Australia started his fencing career at The Swords Club? Professor Joan Beck coached Leon Thomas from the age of 8 years. One of the highlights of his time at The Swords Club was when he was invited to fence in the Golden Jubilee Cup alongside Brian McCowage and John Fethers.

After Professor Beck retired in 1974, Leon decided his interest lay with epee, so he moved to coach Maitre Charles Stanmore at the Sydney Fencing Club. In 1984 Leon relocated to Adelaide. Leon has been instrumental in the development of fencing across our nation. He has been Head Coach for the Australian Team for four World Championships, two Commonwealth Championships and was Field of Play Supervisor for Fencing for the 2000 Olympic Games and Field of Play Supervisor for fifteen years of World Cup Epee held in Sydney.



HIGHLAND FLING

When members of The Swords Club competed in the Southern Highlands Fencing Challenge, seven of our ten fencers won medals. What a fabulous result!!

It was a wonderful way to spend a Sunday, seeing our fencers from U/13 to Veterans, fencing with such enthusiasm. Thanks to the Southern Highlands Fencing Academy for organising such an awesome tournament, and for the Southern Highlands Christian School for hosting the event. Great facilities, great food, great atmosphere!





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SECOND HAND CLOTHING POOL

Our 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, thanks to Cathryn Kelly. 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

A small stock of new **Swords Club jackets** are available for purchase for the reduced price of \$35. Children's Size 6, 8, 16 Adult Size S & M

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

22 June 2014 Inter-Club Fencing Challenge - TSC
28-29 June 2014 Country Cup, Wagga Wagga
5-9 July 2014 AFC U/15 & Cadets, Marrickville

RESULTS – CONGRATULATIONS!

DH McKenzie (AFC#1) - Veteran Women's Foil 2nd Fiona Budniak
DH McKenzie (AFC#1) - Veteran Men's Foil = 3rd Vincent Newton

Marconi Cup 2014 Open Men's Foil =3rd Emmanuel Lapitan
Marconi Cup 2014 Open Women's Foil 2nd Jackie Budniak
Marconi Cup 2014 U/13 Boys Foil 1st Joseph Mayer
Marconi Cup 2014 Under 11 Mixed Foil 1st Jonah Newton
2nd Elias Lapitan

Tony Dominguez Memorial Veteran Men's Epee = 3rd Michael Siebel

State Championships 2014 Cadet Men's Foil 2nd Edoardo Crepaldi-Milone

State Championships 2014 Cadet Women's Foil 1st Grace Gallur

State/School Mini Series #1 - U13 Boys 2nd Joseph Mayer
=3rd Ken Kawaura

State/School Mini Series #1 - U13 Girls =3rd Martina Ho

State/School Mini Series #1 - U11 Mixed 1st Jonah Newton
2nd Elias Lapitan

Robyn Chaplin Veteran Women's Foil 3rd Fiona Budniak

FIX IT WORKSHOP

A workshop explaining the basic maintenance of foils, wires & masks.
Saturday 9 August 2014 1.30pm – 2.00pm
The Swords Club