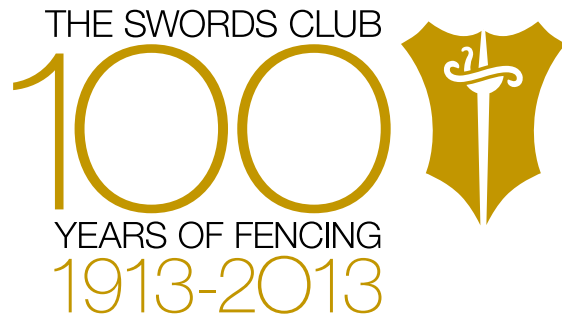


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The Swords Club Newsletter
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Fencing 2016



The first quarter of 2016 has produced some outstanding results for our fencers across the ages. The Swords Club has been well represented in both city and regional competitions. I congratulate all our fencers who are working towards improving their fencing skills through competitions.

The Swords Club continues to offer a range of training programs from beginners to advanced, both on an individual and group basis. You can find details of our training schedule within this newsletter. The Swords Club is always open to new ideas, so if you have any suggestions regarding training, or our Club in general, please let me know.

*Vince Newton
President
The Swords Club*



Congratulations to our Swords Club members who were awardees during the 2015 NSW Fencing Gala Awards. Congratulations Jackie, Ken, Yanyi and Ryan on your achievements across State competitions in 2015!

64TH NILS SAKSEN CUP



The 64th Nils Saksen Handicapped Mixed Foil competition on Saturday 12 December 2016 signaled the conclusion of another year of fencing for our members and their supporters. The competition which always has a celebratory atmosphere saw more than thirty five fencers come together and enjoy a day of fencing. The Nils Saksen competition always has a touch of Survivor about it as the fencing commences at 9am and often doesn't conclude until after 5pm. Fencers really must outwit, outlast and outplay their opponents.



After a day of fencing Ken Kawaura was declared the 2015 winner. Swords Club life member Linda McLaren presented the Cup to the much deserved winner.

Special thanks to Jackie and Fiona and Mark for refereeing throughout the day. Thank you to Edwin and Vivienne for serving as DT, and a thank you to our parent supporters for your assistance.

64TH NILS SAKSEN CUP



Above: A special moment: Alwyn Wardle who coaches Ken with the Nils Saksen trophy. Al won the Nils Saksen Competition in 1971 and 1973. He also salvaged the trophy from the 1985 fire and returned it to its former glory (though the top was lost in the blaze).

Top Left: The final six for 2015 were Ken Kawaura, Emmanuel Lapitan, Kelvin Peh, Claire Graham-White, Georgia Wallace and Piers Hobkirk.

TSC FENCING TIMETABLE

The Swords Club continues to provide strong and varied training programs to cater for individuals of every age and level. As well as experienced fencers, we welcome beginners and those wishing to return to the sport of fencing.

If you would like to make arrangements for individual or group lessons, please contact Fiona Budniak who will be able to guide you towards the most suitable training program.

TSC Fencing Timetable					
Tuesday PM		Thursday PM		Saturday	
Adult Beginners Class	6.00pm-6.45pm	Frank's Social Fencing	6.00pm-7.00pm	Junior Class	10.00am-10.45am
Adult Advanced Class	7.00pm-7.45pm	Frank's Footwork Class	7.00pm-8.00pm	Challenge Round	10.50am-11.50am
Individual Lessons	5.30pm-10.00pm	Individual Lessons	5.30pm-10.00pm	Advanced Class	12.00pm-1.00pm
Social Fencing	5.30pm-10.00pm	Social Fencing	5.30pm-10.00pm	Junior Class	1.30pm-2.15pm
				Individual Lessons	12.00pm-4.00pm
				Social Fencing	1.00pm-4.00pm

* Please note individual epee and sabre lessons are available from Jeff Gray on Thursday nights. at The Swords Club. Epee lessons are also available from Alwyn Wardle on Saturday at The Swords Club.

TSC MEMBERSHIP FEES DUE

All 2016 memberships are due NOW. Your registration and membership fees allow the Club to pay rent, procure and maintain equipment, and take out required insurance policies that our 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 to participate in Club activities after 8 May 2016 until membership requirements are met.

TSC COMMITTEE 2016

At the 2015 AGM, the following TSC members were appointed to the TSC Committee.

Vincent Newton	President
Jackie Budniak	Vice-President
Fiona Budniak	Treasurer
Suzanne Newton	Secretary
Claire Graham-White	Comittee Member
Cathryn Kelly	Comittee Member
Edwin Lapitan	Club Registrar

INTER CLUB CHALLENGE



It was a small but dedicated group of fencers that came out on a wet Sunday afternoon to compete in our first InterClub competition for 2016.

What better way to spend a wet Sunday than warming up on the piste? Special thanks to Edwin Lapitan who served as DT and to Fiona Budniak for refereeing throughout the day.



Emmanuel Lapitan was declared winner of the Open Foil and Jonah Newton winner of the U13 and U15 Foil.



Images Clockwise: Fiona Budniak; Jonah and Ken; Claire and Vince; Emmanuel and Ken.

TRI STATE U9, U11 & U13 TOURNAMENT

Several young TSC fencers travelled to Tuggeranong, Canberra on the April 9-10 weekend to compete in the Tri-State Tournament. The event, organised by the ACT Fencing Association, aims to encourage children to try fencing, and as such there are no DEs just a lot of time to fence. The weekend consisted of several individual and team competitions and a training camp.

A big thank you to the ACT Fencing Association for organising a fun-filled event and to all our parents who journeyed to the Capital in support.

U11 Mixed Foil	1st Yanyi Zuo
U11 Mixed Foil	2nd Jae Park
U13 Boys Foil	1st Jonah Newton
U13 Boys Foil	2nd Lachlan Balir
U13 Boys Foil	4th Yanyi Zuo



Joshua, Jonah, Lachlan and Yanyi with ACTAFA Vice President, Hans Dimpel.

On the Podium

The season opened for our young fencers with the Roberta Nutt U11,U13 and U15 Championships. Our fencers put in a great effort representing their schools, from across Sydney. For a full list of competition results from January - 1 May 2016 see p8.



Joseph celebrating his gold medal finish with Frank Bartolillo



Ava with proud Mum, and Coach Emmanuel Lapitan



Our U13 Boys chilling out together before the DEs. From the back: Yanyi, Jonah, Jae and Elias



Ava and Chloe won 1st and 2nd respectively in the State/School Mini Series #1 U11 Girls Foil on 22 May 2016.



Alisa and Hanna



Kelvin kicked off 2016 with silver at the School Senior Boys Foil Championships and then bettered the result in May with gold.



Canberra Day
2016 Women's
Foil
Jackie Budniak -
Gold

2016 Southern
Highlands Fencing
Challenge Women's
Foil
Anna Ballard (Gold)
Suzanne Newton
(=3rd)



Marconi Cup Challenge 2016

The Marconi Club certainly offers a glamorous setting to fence in with decorative carpets, high ballroom ceilings and homemade sweet treats to keep our energy levels up. There was added excitement at the Club this year as the Marconi Cup Challenge was held on the same day as the A-League Grand Final and the Wanderers fans were out in force. It was quite a family affair for The Swords Club with three entries from the Newton family, two from the Finch family and another two from the Lapitans. Helmut was there in support of son, Joseph as was Mikiko for Ken. The Budniaks were represented both on and off the piste with Jackie fencing and Fiona doing a fine job of refereeing the U13 comp and the women's foil.

The Sword Club fencers put in a fine effort winning the U13 Boys Foil, the U15 Boys Foil and the Open Women's Foil. For a full list of competition results see p8.

Images Clockwise: Vince spent his birthday fencing; Lachlan and Vince square up in their DE; Finals Bout between Leah and Jackie; Finals bout Jonah and Lachlan; Andrey in action in the semis; Referee extraordinaire - Fiona; Jackie in action; No.1 supporters for their No.1 sons, Ken and Joseph retrospectively; Elias, Jonah and Yanyi during the poules; Leah and Jackie before the Finals bout for Open Women.

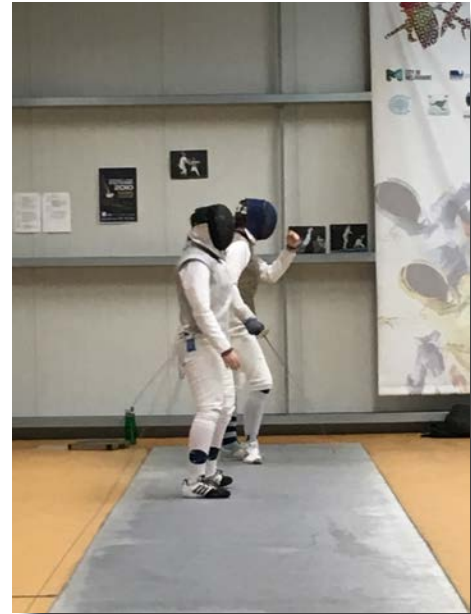


DH McKENZIE

The D H McKenzie is the first competition in the Australian Fencing Circuit. The 2016 competition was hosted by Victoria on the ANZAC weekend. Nine TSC fencers represented New South Wales in Open Men's Foil, Open Women's Foil, Open Men's Epee, Veteran Men's Epee, Veteran Men's Foil, Veteran Women's Foil and U23 Men's Epee. The competition is a wonderful mixture of fierce competition and camaraderie. It's also another step in gaining invaluable fencing competition experience.



Jackie seeing the humour in the lack of water!
Below in action on the piste.



Claire happy with her hit.



Kelvin on the attack



Vince fighting off an opponent



Adrian in stealth mode

DH McKENZIE



Fiona is action



= 3rd for Fiona Budniak and Anna Ballard in Veteran Women's Foil. (Jenny Bonnet-Millar was first with Abigail Nutt claiming silver)

At times when fencing, the feet may leave the piste, in fact during the DH McKenzie competition one fencer was given a yellow card for deliberately stepping off the piste to avoid a hit. Below are some of the rules relating to feet.

CROSSING THE LIMITS OF THE PISTE *Updated December 2014 Copyright British Fencing*

Stopping the bout

t.26. 1. When a competitor crosses one of the lateral boundaries of the piste with one or both feet completely off the piste, the Referee must immediately call 'Halt!'.

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2. If the fencer goes off the piste with both feet, the Referee must annul everything that has occurred after the boundary has been crossed, except a hit received by the competitor who has crossed the boundary even after he has crossed it, provided that this hit results from a simple and immediate action.

3. However, a hit scored by the fencer who leaves the piste with one foot only is valid provided that the action was started before the 'Halt!'.

4. If one of the competitors leaves the piste with both feet, only a hit made by the fencer who remains on the piste with at least one foot can be counted valid, even in the case of a double hit.

Rear limits

t.27. Should a competitor cross the rear limit of the piste completely — i.e. with both feet — a hit will be scored against him.

Lateral boundaries

t.28. 1. If a competitor crosses one of the lateral boundaries of the piste with one or both feet, he must step back one metre from the point where he left the piste; and if he goes off the piste during an attack he must return to the position he occupied when he started his attack and then step back a further metre (but cf t.29).

2. If the exercise of this penalty places a competitor with both feet beyond the rear limit of the piste, that competitor is considered as having been hit.

3. A competitor who crosses one of the lateral boundaries of the piste with both feet — e.g. when making a flèche — to avoid being hit will be penalised as specified in Articles t.114, t.116, t.120.

Leaving the piste accidentally

t.29. A competitor who involuntarily crosses one of the boundaries of the piste as the result of any accidental cause (such as jostling) incurs no penalty whatever.



Competition Results

Roberta Nutt Shield U11 Boys Foil	21/2/2016	1st Yanyi Zuo
Roberta Nutt Shield U11 Girls Foil	21/2/2016	1st Ava McCann
Roberta Nutt Shield U13 Boys Foil	21/2/2016	1st Lachlan Blair 2nd Taylor Mock =3rd Yanyi Zuo
Roberta Nutt Shield U13 Girls Foil	21/2/2016	1st Alisa Tyshchenko 2nd Hanna Lake
Roberta Nutt Shield U15 Boys Foil	21/2/2016	1st Jospeh Mayer
Roberta Nutt Shield U15 Girls Foil	21/2/2016	3rd Alisa Tyshchenko
Roberta Nutt Shield U13 Boys Epee	21/2/2016	1st Joshua Phoon
Canberra Day Women's Foil		1st Jackie Budniak
Southern Highlands Fencing Challenge Women's Foil		=3rd Suzanne Newton
Seasoner Opener Veteran Men's Foil	13/2/2016	=3rd Adrian Finch
ACT Tri-State Championships U13 Foil	9-10/4/2016	1st Jonah Newton 2nd Lachlan Blair
AFC #1 DH McKenzie Melbourne, Victoria Veteran Women's Foil	24/4/2016	= Fiona Budniak
Marconi Cup Challenge Women's Open Foil	1/05/2016	1st Jackie Budniak
U15 Boys Foil		1st Jospeh Mayer 3rd Ken Kawaura
U15 Girls Foil		1st Alisa Tyshchenko
U13 Boys Foi		1st Jonah Newton 3rd Yanyi Zuo
U13 Girls Foil		1st Alisa Tyshchenko

