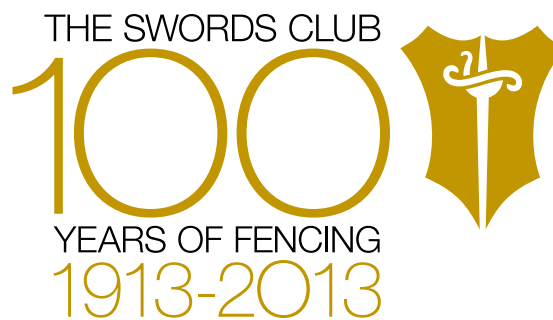


La Riposte

**The Swords Club Newsletter
No. 26 August 2016**



A Fine Year for Fencing

2016 is shaping up to be a great year for The Swords Club with membership at consistent levels, good representation at competitions and a continued wide range of fencing training programs both individual and group throughout the week.

This year has seen the introduction of bouting practice on Thursday evening between 6pm and 7pm prior to Frank's footwork class. These activities are open to all TSC members and can be undertaken on a casual or regular basis. Let me encourage you to take up this opportunity as we all know footwork and bouting practice is the key to fencing improvement.

TSC has run two inter-club competitions this year. The idea is to give our fencers more opportunities for competitive bouting and an opportunity to get to know each other better. I'd also encourage you to mark your diary for the upcoming Swords Club competitions, the McEvoy Cup for U18 fencers, the Jubilee Cup and the Nils Saksen Mixed Handicap Foil Competition. Details can be found in this newsletter.

Could I remind you, that if you haven't paid your 2016 TSC Membership, then you need to do so immediately or contact me directly to discuss the matter. 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. Our Committee works hard to ensure that membership fees are kept at an affordable rate, but with a rental increase in 2016 and the possibility of another increase in 2017, it has become imperative that we collect all outstanding fees for 2016. Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Thank you on behalf of the TSC Committee to all our members who have already made payment.

The NSWFA adopted a new constitution on the 24 July, which was endorsed at a special general meeting. Representatives of The Swords Club attended a number of meetings involving the revision of the constitution over the preceding two years and provided significant input to the process. TSC as such, are generally satisfied with the revised constitution.

I'd like to take this opportunity to offer my thanks to all our Committee members, coaches and volunteers who have contributed to the ongoing operation and development of The Swords Club and its fencers. I'd also like to thank the parents and extended families of our young fencers who contribute in so many ways to the sport.

In 2016, it is my hope that all our fencers have the opportunity to develop their skills, strengthen friendships and continue to enjoy fencing.

*Vince Newton
President
The Swords Club*

Inter-Club Challenge 2 2016



Fencing was the perfect escape from the wet weather on Sunday 19 June. Our second Inter-Club Challenge drew fencers both young and older for a great afternoon of camaraderie and competition. Special thanks to Jackie for serving as DT, Fiona, Vince and Wayne for refereeing.



On the Podium



Fighting Through Injury

Injury couldn't prevent Mohamed Abou Ghaida from competing in the South East Asia Pacific Junior and Cadet Championships at Pasig City in the Philippines. Mohamed sustained a nasty knee injury whilst on the piste and after treatment continued bouting.

Mohamed placed 9th in the Cadet Men's Foil but was unable sustain his competitive form and eventually placed 42nd in the Junior Men's Foil.

In August he competed in the Senior Boys Foil Team competition in Brisbane where he again sustained a knee injury. Despite the injury his Team won silver. Congratulations Mohamed and best wishes for a speedy recovery.



New Swords Club Hoodie and T-Shirt

TSC is now taking orders for the newly designed Club Hoodie and T-shirt. The first order will close on 20 September, so be quick and place your order **NOW!** Details at our website or contact Fiona Budniak

<http://theswordsclub.org/>

Nationals U15 Marrickville



Whilst fencing is always the main game at the Nationals, competing against interstate rivals also offers the opportunity to catch up with the wider fencing fraternity. Our boys were quite chuffed to meet Leon Thomas, a Swords Club alumni and State Officiating Director for South Australia. Beverley Chan also took a keen interest in the fencing and cheered on our TSC fencers (Thank you Beverley) Whilst our boys didn't make the podium this time, they are to be congratulated on their outstanding efforts, sportsmanship, resilience and fantastic attitude.

◀ Leon Thomas with Piers, Ken Joseph and Jonah



Ken Kawaura and Piers Hobkirk



Jonah Newton



Alisa Tyshchenko



Ken Kawaura



Joseph Mayer



Jonah Newton

Nationals U15 Marrickville

Thank you to the TSC coaches, parents, family and friends who supported our fencers throughout the U15 Nationals. Special thanks to our members and families who gave their support through canteen duty, food donations, refereeing, weapons check, and cheer squad.



Top Row from Left: Beverley Chan and Frank Bartolillo; Frank with TSC fencers.
Second Row: Jeff Gray with Joseph Mayer; Alwyn Wardle with Ken Kawaura.
Third Row: Alwyn Wardle with Jonah Newton; Claire Graham-White on canteen duty; Vincent Newton on weapons check; Saskia helping Piers with a faulty wire.
Fourth Row: Kelvin Peh refereeing; Leon greeting Frank.



On the Podium



First Foil Fight

Congratulations to Alexander Phoon who competed in his first U11 foil competition at the Western Sydney Regional Challenge at Marconi on 21 August 2016. Jonah and Joshua also put in a fine effort in U13 Foil coming 1st and =3rd respectively.



Thanks also to Richard and Vince for refereeing the U13 and U11 foil competitions on the day.



Bathurst Bronze

The New South Wales regional competitions afford the opportunity to take a break from the city and enjoy the countryside. The Central West Regional Championships was held in Bathurst on a beautiful blueskyed weekend. Whilst some of our members left Sydney early to make the 3 hour journey, others were fortunate to make a weekend of it. Congratulations to Adrian Finch for Bronze in the Open Epee.



Celebrating the City of Sydney

There was cause for celebrations at the recent City of Sydney Competition, with Jackie Budniak taking gold in a tightly contested competition.

Congratulations also to Richard Phoon who won gold in the Veteran's Men Epee.

On the Podium

Presidential Sweep

The 2016 President's Cup Open Women's Foil was an intimate affair with only seven competitors. However it was a tightly fought contest with the women giving everything they had. Congratulations to Claire and Jackie for winning bronze.

Image: Podium winners, Violet, Julia and Claire, (Note: Jackie is absent due to another commitment)



They say a picture paints a thousands words, but Joseph assures us that in this case this image could be misconstued. He actually was very pleased with his silver placing he just wasn't ready for the cameraman! Congratulations Joseph on your silver medal in the National School Fencing Championship - Men's Foil (Intermediate).

Robyn Chaplin AFC 2 Adelaide, South Australia 10-13 June 2016



Whist a podium finish is always the icing on the cake, sometimes it is not to be. AFC#2 in Adelaide is always worth the journey, friendship, good food and lots of fencing.



Top right clockwise: Adrian Finch in action: NSW Vet Women's Foil competitors - Abigail Nutt, Anna Ballard, Suzanne Newton and Fiona Budniak; Andrey Tyshchenko; Vince Newton; Vince on the piste.

2016 ASIAN MASTERS/OCEANIC VETERANS/AFC 3

TSC fencers recently journeyed across Australia to compete in the 2016 Asian Masters/Oceanic Veterans/Australian Fencing Circuit #3. The competition was held on the 25-30 August 2016 in Perth. TSC fencers represented NSW and Australia in the foil and epee events. The combined Championships drew competitors from Japan, Hong Kong, the Phillipines, Iran and Singapore. It was a great opportunity to fence people from other nations and get to know each other.

Congratulations to all our New South Wales competitors including our TSC members, Anna Ballard, Fiona and Jackie Budniak, Adrian Finch, Claire Graham-White, Vince and Suzanne Newton, Richard Phoon and Andrey Tyshchenko.

A special congratulation to Claire Graham-White who made the top 6 in the Australian Fencing Circuit #3. Open Women's Foil - no small feat given the competition.

Further competition results can be found later in this newsletter.

Piste or Podium?

The Swords Club was the sole Club representative for New South Wales in the Women's Foil Club Team competition. The competition was a direct elimination round. Team members included Anna Ballard, Jackie Budniak, Claire Graham-White and Suzanne Newton. In a closely fought contest our team eventually went down 45-44 to ECU Cavalier, who went on to win the competition against VRI Fencing.

To journey such a long way to only fence one competitor left us feeling a little hollow. So after discussing the matter between the two teams, we made a request to fence off for third place. We were informed that as the situation stood both teams would receive bronze medals for equal third, but if we fenced each other, then only the winning team would receive medals. It was heartening that amongst the fencers the overall spirit was one of unity, that we all preferred more time on the piste than the podium, and were both willing to risk the outcome. Once we rustled up a referee (only resorting to a little bribery) we were *En Garde!*



It's a minor point that TSC did win and yes we did get to be on the podium, but I think all of us will remember that the true achievement lay in the display of sportsmanship.

Thanks to the Excalibur Team, for donning their whites after already being changed, and coming back onto the piste. We salute you!



2016 ASIAN MASTERS/OCEANIC VETERANS/AFC 3



Top Row from left: Fiona on the piste: Jackie: Silver for Fiona - Asian Masters.
 2nd Row: Richard Phoon: Claire - Top 6.
 3rd Row: Adrian in Australian B Team: Vince in finals Australian Vet Men's Foil Team: Vet Women's Foil Team about to go on the finals piste.
 4th Row: Bronze for Suzanne - Oceania Vets Women's Foil 40+
 5th Row: The A Team finding something to laugh about on the B Team strip: Australian Vet Men's Foil Team A & B on the podium



COACHING COURSE

Would you like to share your fencing skills with others and earn money doing so?

Coaching is a great way to improve your fencing skills, share your love of fencing and earn extra cash. It is also a great opportunity to learn from a person who has been instrumental in the development of fencing throughout Australia.

During 2016, Vivienne has been training some of our more experienced fencers in the art of coaching. A *Beginner's Coaching Course* was completed in February, and an *Advanced Coaching Course* is near completion.



The next *Beginner's Coaching Course* will commence after the October School holidays. If you are interested in becoming a coach please contact Vivienne, viviennetucker@gmail.com

IN FRONT OF THE LENS

Fencers Anna Ballard and Claire Graham-White recently took part in an advertisement for superannuation. The brief for the Internet advertisement for *Colonial First* called for a "retired" fencer to outplay a younger fencer and thus demonstrate that planning and strategy can reap rewards. The all day shoot took place in the glamorous Blouza Hall at Granville.

Claire said of the experience, "It was a great experience, I found it very interesting to see how they created the



advertisement, and eventhough the day was long, I would definitely do it again."

Anna agreed adding, "I was surprised by the level of detail they required, When filming the salute, I had to keep moving my blade half a centimetre this way or that until it was in the right frame"



CROWS NEST FESTIVAL

The Swords Club will be performing a fencing demonstration as part of the annual Crows Nest Festival. Our fencers will be on stage from 4.00pm-4.30pm, so come along and lend your support.

The Crows Nest Festival is on Willoughby Road, Crows Nest from 10.00am-5.00pm on Sunday 16 October 2016.



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

With the possibility of another rent increase in 2017, it has become even more imperative that fencers attend to any outstanding 2016 TSC Membership fees. 2016 memberships were due in April. 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 as soon as possible.

PLEASE NOTE: Owing to insurance reasons, non-members will not be able to participate in Club activities 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

Sword Club Events - Dates for Your Diary

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.

This year the Jubilee Cup will be fenced as a mixed competition with an overall winner and a winner named for each gender.

Mixed Open Foil

Date: Poules - Tuesday 13 September

DE Tuesday 20 September

Times: Check-in: 7pm; Start of bouts 7.30pm

Venue: The Swords Club

McEvoy Cup

The Swords Club McEvoy Cup Foil Competition for Junior Members (18 years old and below) is scheduled on the afternoon of Saturday, 10 October 2015 (immediately after the 12:00pm class). Details of the competitions as follows:

Date: Saturday 15 October 1pm

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

Venue: The Swords Club

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

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

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

Nils Saksen Mixed Handicap Foil Competition

Saturday 17 December 2016, 9am onwards

The Swords Club

This year marks the 65th anniversary of the Nils Saksen Mixed Handicap Foil Competition. This competition is open to all our member fencers. It is a great opportunity to fence people across a range of age and skill levels as it is a handicap competition. This is also our end of year gathering so we invite you to not only compete but also enjoy a sausage sizzle and sweet treats on the day.

If you are unable to fence, please feel free to drop in anytime to say *Hello!* and if your timing is right share in the BBQ.

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

Annual General Meeting Tuesday 13 December 2016, 7pm The Swords Club

Notice is thereby given for an Annual General Meeting on Tuesday 13 December 2016, 7pm at The Swords Club.

We welcome your attendance at the AGM.

If you require further information please contact Vince Newton.

Competition Results

State Championship 2016 U15 Boy's Foil	8/5/2016	2nd Joseph Mayer =3rd Ken Kawaura
State Championship 2016 U15 Girl's Foil	8/5/2016	1st Alisa Tyshchenko
2016 Schools Senior Boys Foil Individual Championship	14/5/16	2nd Kelvin Peh
NSW State Championships 2016 Cadet Men's Foil	15/5/2016	1st Joseph Mayer
2016 Schools Senior Boys Epee Individual Championship	28/5/16	1st Kelvin Peh
State-School Mini Series #1 2016 U11 Boy's Foil	22/5/2016	1st Yanyi Zuo
State-School Mini Series #1 2016 U9 Boy's Foil	22/5/2016	2nd Yanray Zuo
State-School Mini Series #1 2016 U11 Girl's Foil	22/5/2016	1st Ava McCann 2nd Chloe Van Vilet
State-School Mini Series #1 2016 U13 Mixed Foil	22/5/2016	1st Taylor Mock 2nd Alisa Tyshchenko (4 UTS) =3rd Elias Lapitan =3rd Jonah Newton
2016 NSW School Championships U15 Boys Foil	28/5-4/6 2016	2nd Joseph Mayer
2016 NSW School Championship U15 Girls Foil	28/5/2016	1st Alisa Tyshchenko
President's Cup Foil 2016 Veteran Men's	5/6/2016	=3rd Adrian Finch
AFC #2 Robyn Chaplin, Adelaide SA	Veteran Women's Foil	= 3rd Fiona Budniak
2016 National School Team Championships	18-19/6/2016	
Cadet Australian Championships Mens Foil Teams	18-19/6/2016	NSW B (incl Joseph Mayer) = 3rd
2016 U/15 & Cadet National Championships	Sydney, NSW 6-10/7/2016	
U15 National Sydney Boy's Foil Teams:	NSW A - Silver	
Team included: Robert Ciccarelli, Ken Kawaura, Joseph Mayer, Shosuke Morota Chu		
Cadet Men's Foil - NSW B - Bronze		
Team included: Alexander Crawford, Adrian Liu, Joseph Mayer, Shosuke Morota Chu		
State Championships 2016 Junior Men's Foil	31/7/2016	3rd Joseph Mayer

Competition Results

State Championships 2016 Junior Men's Foil	31/7/2016	3rd Joseph Mayer
Central West Regional Championships - Bathurst Men's Open Epee	7/8/2016	=3rd Adrian Finch
City of Sydney 2016 Open Women's Foil	14/8/2016	1st Jackie Budniak
City of Sydney 2016 Veteran Mixed Epee	14/8/2016	1st Richard Phoon
City of Sydney 2016 Mixed Veteran Foil	14/8/2016	=3rd Vincent Newton
Western Sydney Regional Championships Marconi Cup U13 Boys Foil	21/8/2016	1st Jonah Newton =3rd Joshua Phoon

2016 - Asian Masters / Oceania and AFC 3 Veterans - Perth 25-30 August 2016
Australian Fencing Circuit #3 - Open Women's Foil - Top 6 - Claire Graham-White

Oceania Veterans Women Foil
(40-49 age category) = 3rd Suzanne Newton
(50-59 age category) 2nd Fiona Budniak
(60-69 age category) 1st Anna Ballard

Asian Masters Women's Foil
(50-59 age category) 2nd Fiona Budniak
(60-69 age category) 1st Anna Ballard

Oceania Veterans Women Epee
(40-49 age category) = 3rd Suzanne Newton

Asian Masters Men's Foil
(60-79 age category) = 3rd Adrian Finch

Oceania Men's Foil (60-79)
(60-79 age category) = 3rd Adrian Finch

Asian Masters/Oceania Women's Foil Team - Gold
Team included: Anna Ballard, Jenny Bonney Millet, Suzanne Newton and Abigail Nutt

Asian Masters/Oceania Men's Foil Team - Gold
Team included: Peter Barry, Vincent Newton, Adam Reynolds and Andrey Tyshchenko

Asian Masters/Oceania Men's Foil Team - Bronze
Team included: Justin Aloï, David Chachs, Adrian Finch and Steve Johnson