

unduly so for Swords Club members.

RESULTS:

Men's Foil:

1. G. Tubier (Ind.)
2. D. McKenzie (Swords)
3. R. Mondhing (S.F.C.)

Ladies' Foil:

1. A. Darragh (S.F.C.)
2. J. Mansfield (S.F.C.)
3. A. Keet (Swords)

Juniors:

1. W. Ronald (F.C.)
2. G. Jennings (F.C.)
3. J. Willdig (N.P.B.C.)

A VISIT to The CANBERRA SWORDS CLUB

by Prof. JOAN BECK

On Saturday, 9th November, Kathleen Baxter, David McKenzie, Ivan Lund and myself set off in David's new car, for a visit to the Canberra Swords Club.

The trip was fast but uneventful, and, speaking as a nervous and dreadful "back-seat" driver, I must admit that I quite enjoyed the ride.

The first problem on arrival in Canberra, was to find the entrance to the Motel in which we were booked for the night, but after several circuits of the block we found our way in and checked in at the office. The Receptionist seemed surprised that Professor Beck would be sharing a room with Miss Baxter, but David hastened to explain that it was Prof. JOAN Beck, and everything returned to normal!

The Canberra fencers had arranged for a reception to us at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Halsey, and we spent several very enjoyable hours meeting most of the Club members.

I have always found that the hospitality extended to visiting fencers in Clubs outside Sydney, is quite overwhelming, and Canberra lived up to this reputation.

Fencing actually commenced at 9.30 a.m. on Sunday, at the Y.W.C.A., and about 16 fencers participated. They were given Class and Individual lessons in foil, movements and theory were discussed and tactics during bouts.

Some judging and Presiding was done. In fact we covered quite a lot of ground in the time we were there.

I would like to compliment the beginners on their attention when more advanced work was being demonstrated and discussed.

In these visits there must be a certain amount of work far in advance of some of the fencers, and the fact that they are prepared to listen (and often ask very intelligent questions) augers well for their future understanding of the sport.

I would also like to compliment those fencers who have given up so much of their time to teach others. In a Club where there is no professional, all the work and organisation falls to the enthusiastic few and I think that only a professional can really appreciate the value of the work being done by these people.

I am looking forward to my next visit to Canberra and hope that in a few years there will be several Clubs in the A.C.T. as healthy rivalry is a great incentive to improvement.

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