

# Sarnia Sword Club

Dear Fencer

Allow me the opportunity to say hello and welcome to the Sarnia Sword Club, established in 1969 fencing all three weapons, foil, épée and sabre.

Please carefully read through the information pack that accompanies this letter, and if you need any more information do not hesitate to contact me.

Whether a new or experienced fencer you will be joining a friendly club whose policy is to ensure fencing is accessible to everyone. We have qualified coaches' available providing training to beginners and elite fencers alike. If ever you need more information do not hesitate to talk to one of our coaches or club members who will be pleased to offer advice.

Our established club night is Thursday night at Beau Sejour between 7:30 and 9:30 in the evening. Club activities involve training, coaching and league nights for each weapon. There are also competitions both local and further afield allowing you to fence at a pace comfortable for you. There is also fencing for club members on Mondays at the Vale Douzaine Room and, courtesy of the Guernsey Fencing Academy, at Elizabeth College.

For those stalwart members returning as well as our welcome novices:

This season the committee is looking to offer other opportunities for fencing development through such activities as refereeing and armouring.

The committee has also proposed beginners and improvers options to the coaches as part of our drive to keep people with the club.

We also felt that changing the layout of the pistes would further assist beginners with their integration along with more mixed skills fencing; watch out for these changes once the season commences.

The 2014 season also heralds the Commonwealth games, good luck to all our fencers who will be competing. I would ask that all members assist where they can in our competitors preparations. Please look to promote the upcoming Commonwealth Showcase, an important event to promote our sport.

The Sarnia Sword Club is organised by the Committee elected at the AGM held in June. This year the Committee is

Paul Sadler Chairman / President, Janice Firth (Hon Treasurer), Elaine Ellington (Hon Secretary), Jamie de Carteret, Ross Gouarin, Sam Parish and Wendy Batiste.

We meet once a month and are keen to discuss any queries or other items you may wish raised; particularly in how the club can develop.

We work closely with other fencing clubs and organisations including British Fencing, a full list and contact details can be found at <http://guernseysports.com/sports/fencing/>

There are many ways that the committee communicates with the fencing community:

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[www.sarniaswordclub.com](http://www.sarniaswordclub.com)

[sarniaswordclub@outlook.com](mailto:sarniaswordclub@outlook.com)

Facebook – browse for Sarnia Sword Club

Included as part of the 'Welcome Pack' are a menu for the start at China Red, it would be good if you can attend what is always a good social event.

The beginner's flyers, an opportunity to spread the word, please circulate at your workplace and any other location you deem appropriate.

A subscription form and scale of fees, please take note of the late payment notice and other caveats that could impact on you fencing.

It's your club; lets make this season a successful and well-attended one.

Regards Paul Sadler - Chairman Sarnia Sword Club