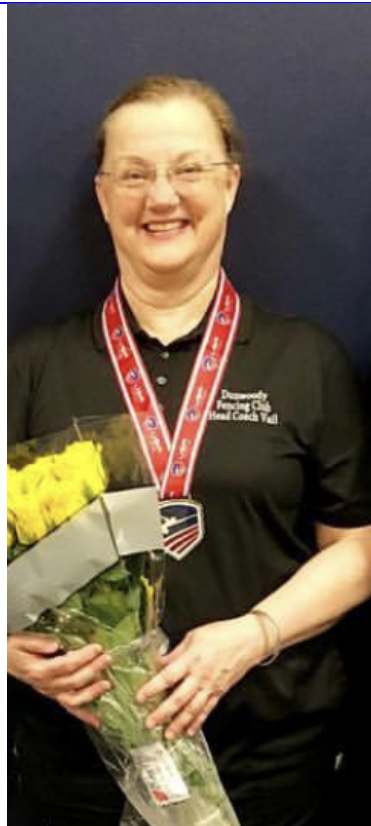


The Advance

e-news for DHS Wildcats Fencing

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Lunging Through Life: Head Coach Kathy Vail

We dug deeper to learn more about Coach Vail, who introduced fencing as a club to the first public school in Georgia and who has brought most of the current member schools into the Georgia High School Fencing League (GHSFL). She's been the vice chairman of the GHSFL for at least 14 years now.

How long have you been the Fencing Coach of Dunwoody High School? *From the founding of the team in 2010 to present day.*

What do you like most about fencing? *The mental game...the physical game...the combination of the two.*

What city are you from? *San Gabriel, California*

How long have you been in Atlanta? *20+ years*

Other

Hobbies: *Geocaching, Cross-stitching*

Favorite food: *Chocolate*

Favorite TV Show: *Any TV show that has an episode that includes fencing.*

Favorite movie: *The Princess Bride. It's a must-see for fencers.*

Unique fact about yourself: *I'm always happy to show pictures of and talk about my cat Augustus.*

Fencing Goal for DHS next year? *Personal bests for each of our fencers; Medals and points for our team; Happy fencers.*

What do you want each of our fencers to remember about their high school fencing career? *How much fun they are having, how great their teammates are, how great it is to be able to fence for our school.*

Pictured receiving the Coach's Medal at Nationals in July 2018 (her student won the Div. II USA Fencing National Championship, and the coach of a National Champion receives a medal.)

This Week & Upcoming:

- Thu 11/8 - Regular practice
 - Thu 11/8 - REF CLINIC at North Atlanta High School
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- Thu 11/15 - Regular practice
 - Thu 11/22 - HAPPY THANKSGIVING - NO PRACTICE
 - Thu 11/29 - Regular practice
 - Sat 12/1 - Tournament (Round 5) at Roswell H.S.
 - Sat 12/15 - HOME Tournament (Round 6)
 - Fri, 12/21 - Team Social

See our website's [calendar](#) or the year-at-a-glance at the bottom of this newsletter.

CORRECTION:
Here is the correct link to:
["All 3 Tournament Location Results"](#)
[Bookmark](#) our website's Results page.

www.dhsfencing.org

Ease into being a referee:

- *go to the clinic just to learn what's involved - no pressure!*
- be a timekeeper or scorekeeper to see what happens up close
- try-it-out as a ref at our Thursday practices

upcoming clinic information below

Referee Clinic 4 - this week

Thursday, November 8

The fourth GHSFL Referees Clinic of the 2018-19 season will be held on November 8th.

Venue: Cafeteria at North Atlanta High School 4111 Northside Pkwy NW Atlanta, GA 30327

Date: November 8, 2018

Start Time: **6:30 pm sharp.**

Class will run no later than 9:15pm.

Fee: \$15.00 per person. Cash would be preferred, but if you are paying for a group by check, please make them out to Kathy Vail.

Please RSVP to kathy.vail@ghsfl.net

Kathy Vail

Vice-chair, Georgia High School Fencing League

Save the Date!

Team Social - Friday, Dec., 21st

- Soderberg's residence -

- more details coming soon -



3 Vacancies for Dec 1

PM Responsible Parent and Timekeeping are EASY!

Thank you to those who have already signed up:

- Pennie Norris AM Responsible Parent
- ? - PM Responsible Parent
- Debra Donovan - cooler of water.
- David Kopel, Harry Murphy, and Cailin Thelen - Refs
- Karen Kasowski, Michele Garber, ?, and ? - Timekeeper (*need 3 more*)

SIGN-UP

First-come, first-served!

WILDCATS

Women's Team: 4th Place (out of 19)

Men's Team: 9th Place (out of 21)



***Make sure your fencer is in
the year-end photo show.***

Add photos [HERE](#). (Drag and Drop)

[Drag/drop Instructions](#)

[Browse Photos](#)

Webmaster: [Gary Sonnier](#)

***Fencing jacket embroidery is available - [email](#) if
you're interested. The last name is embroidered
and costs around \$20.***



Volunteer Opportunities - Jump In

- **Fundraising Chair:** Reel in financial support for our team.
- **Tournament Volunteer:** Sign up for a job [HERE](#)

Contact: Sharon Murphy - dunwoodyhsfencing@gmail.com or 404.372.7663



Growing Team Needs

With a larger team this year, our club continues to grow and with that comes the need for additional equipment and skilled people. This past year we've purchased 2 more electronic fencing strips (\$1,100 each), hired an assistant coach, and we'll cover the cost of referees as needed during tournaments - just a few of the bigger ticket items.

Thoughtfully consider a sponsorship or donation to keep our team strong.

Donations are tax deductible.
Make checks payable to: DHS Wildcats Fencing, Inc.,
which is a 501(c)3 charitable organization.

[Click here to learn more about sponsorship levels.](#)

[DONATE HERE](#)

Contact: Eric Kasowski - ekasowski@yahoo.com or 404-680-0890

Helpful Links & Files

[Absolute Fencing Gear](#)
[Tournament 101](#)
[DHS Fencing Website](#)
[DHS Fencing By-laws](#)
[Dunwoody Fencing Club](#)
[Email DHS Fencing](#)
[Pictures: Browse and Add!](#)
[Volunteer Sign-up](#)

2018/19 Calendar

Practices are Thursdays from 3:10pm - 5:30pm at DHS unless noted.

November

No tournaments are scheduled
No practice during the school break...happy Thanksgiving!
TBD: Team Pictures (last year they were on 11/29/17)

December

1 (Sat): Tournament - Round 5; Location: Roswell HS
14 (Fri): EVERYONE! TOURNAMENT PREPARATION after school
15 (Sat): HOME TOURNAMENT at DHS - Round 6
21 (Fri): Team Social at the Soderberg's home

January

12 (Sat): Tournament - Round 7; Location: Lassiter HS
26 (Sat): Individual Championship: Location: Chattahoochee HS

February

2 (Sat): Team Championship; Location: Alpharetta HS
7 (Thu): GHSFL Day at the Capitol (Recognition of GHSFL schools and champions)
End of February - plan to get next year's physical now and check it off your list!

March

TBD: Last Practice Date for the 2018/19

TBD: DHS Pep Rally Demonstration
TBD: End-of-the-Year Banquet
TBD: Demonstration at Peachtree Middle School

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Team captains 2018-19

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Women's Team Captain: Sarah MacElroy

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