

The Advance

e-news for DHS Wildcats Fencing

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Spotlight:

Coach Carol Hickey

Since it's her first year with us, there's loads to discover about Coach Carol. She quickly fell in sync with the team, and we're grateful for her attention and talent! Read below to find out what took her across the world and the hobby that puts her above it.

What brought you to Dunwoody High School to coach our Fencing team? **It was Taylor's and Kathryn's mother that brought me to do Dunwoody High school as Sarah works with a friend of mine, and she knew I was an international fencer.**

What do you like most about fencing? ***How it teaches life skills, setting goals, respect for your competitor and teammates, good sportsmanship, and the ability to have the mind body experience when your out there on strip in the zone. These skills, you will carry through life into your working life.***

Where are you from? How long have you been in Atlanta? ***I grew up in Ireland and won my green card in the lottery and became a citizen prior to the 2000 and 2004 games so I would compete for the USA. My first job in Atlanta was working for the 1996 games as director of a federally funded program to teach inclusion in the schools systems through sports.***

Other Hobbies: ***I like to fly gliders and single engine planes, and yes, I have a pilot's license. Flying gliders gives you tremendous amount of freedom when your released from the tow plane, and to watch the hawks circle in the terminals along with you is amazing. I also enjoy swimming twice a week and working with the you guys on your fencing skills.***

Favorite food: ***Fish, Tilapia grilled is my favorite***

Favorite TV Show or Series: ***Blue Blood***

Favorite music or movie: *Queen is my favorite, and yes, I am going to see Bohemian Rhapsody.*

Unique fact about yourself: *I have met three presidents, one prince and one king. I was awarded my flying wings from Prince Michael of Kent. I was also the first American to win bronze in epee at the world championships.*

Fencing Goal for DHS next year? *To have all fencers in the top 16, and have both men and women's team*

What do I do for a living: *I went to school for aviation and became a flight dispatcher, but never worked a day in that field. I am a territory manager for a national company called Numotion that brings mobility to all, I use my personal life skills to bring joy to all.*

This Week & Upcoming:

- Thu 11/15 - Regular practice - notify Mrs. Forbes if you will NOT be participating in the Dec. 1 tournament.
- Thu 11/22 - HAPPY THANKSGIVING - NO PRACTICE
- Wed 11/28 - Team Picture Day
- 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 [calendar](#) to add events to your Google Calendar or see the remaining year-at-a-glance at the bottom of this newsletter.



Important: If Not Participating

Dec. 1st Tournament

If you will NOT be participating in the December 1st tournament at Roswell, notify Mrs. Forbes at this Thursday's practice or [email](#) by the end of this Thursday, the 15th.

Team Photo Date Announced

Wednesday, Nov. 28

Our team photo and individual shots are scheduled for Wednesday, November 28th. No time has been announced yet, but everyone needs to bring in their uniforms and equipment on Wednesday. The equipment can be left overnight at the school for Thursday's practice.

Only 3 Volunteers Needed

Dec. 1 Tournament

We still need 1 "PM Responsible Parent" and 2 "Timekeepers". ***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 2 more*)

SIGN-UP - First-come, first-served!

Coming Attraction

Home Tournament #2

We'll need all hands on December 15th for our 2nd home tournament to run even more smoothly than the 1st one. Look for the sign-up coming soon and claim your part!

Mark Your Summer Calendar

Fencing Camp Dates Approved

We've been approved to hold our 2nd annual DHS Fencing Camp on Monday - Thursday, June 3rd - 6th, 2019. The cafeteria will be ours from 9 am - 1 pm. Plan on attending and helping at our club's money-making and skill-building event.

Why Fencing?

How Will Fencing Benefit My Child?

Fencing provides physical and cognitive benefits. Students describe fencing like a physical "game of chess." It takes strategy and quick reflexes. Your opponent can make an... [finish reading from the source.](#)

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Save the Date!

Team Social - Friday, Dec., 21st

- Soderberg's residence -

- more details coming soon -

Add photos for the year-end photo show

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

Webmaster: [Gary Sonnier](#)

Wildcats Spirit

**Women's Team: 4th Place (out of 19)
Men's Team: 9th Place (out of 21)**

Fencing jacket embroidery.

The fencer's last name is embroidered on the back of the jacket according to USA Fencing protocol and costs around \$20. [Email](#) if you're interested.

Volunteer Opportunities

- ***Fundraising Chair:*** Reel in financial support for our team.
- ***Referee:*** become certified, try-it-out at practice.

- **Tournament Volunteer:** Sign up for a job [HERE](#)

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

Browse Pictures



Consider a sponsorship or donation to keep our team strong.

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.

Donations are tax deductible.

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

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2018/19 Calendar

See our website [calendar](#) to add events to your Google calendar.

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

November

15 (Thu): Notify if NOT participating in the Dec. 1 tournament

No scheduled tournaments

No practice during the school break...happy Thanksgiving!

28 (Wed): Team Pictures - **BRING UNIFORM**

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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