



The team poses for a photo after the Big One

Boston University Fencing Club

Winter 2012/13 Newsletter

Hello, fencers! In case you've been wondering what's been going on at BUFC this past year, look no further; it is once again time for our semi-annual newsletter.

New Equipment

We had a great fall semester and hope to keep the trend going in the spring. One of the main highlights is that we no longer have to share equipment with the fencing PDP class, so every single piece of equipment we have is brand new. We even have one more scoring box, which means each weapon gets its own strip – no more waiting to get in some practice! The club sports office also built us a bigger and better storage area to house it all.

Eboard/Captains

This year has seen many changes, not least of which is our new eboard. Our graduating seniors left many empty spots. Only Amy Ferguson, our beloved Secretary, remained. Our current eboard is:

Ralph Conserva (President)
Neel Dhanesha (Vice President)
Austin Walker (Treasurer)
Amy Ferguson (Secretary)



Austin Walker has replaced *Rachel Power*, who was our Fall 2012 treasurer and is studying abroad this semester.

Our **captains** for the **spring semester** are:

Men's Sabre: Russell Roth-Peltz

Women's Sabre: Emma Ryan

Men's Foil: Nick Gauthier

Women's Foil: Amy Ferguson

Men's Epee: Will Carbery

Women's Epee: Cara Martone

A lot of great new people joined us this year, but we also had to say goodbye to many of our juniors. Kelly Miller (Women's Sabre Captain), Caroline Thompson (Webmaster), Rachel Power (Treasurer), Emily Brewster, Cameron Gebhard, and Chaya Rusk are all going abroad in the spring. We hope they enjoy their time abroad and look forward to hearing about their experiences fencing with other universities!



Caroline Ng has her weapon tested before a bout at Wellesley College.

Tournament Results

The Big One

This year, as usual, the tournament season started with the Big One, an individual tournament hosted by Smith College. Incredibly, we were one of the first teams there, which means we managed to stake our claim on a pile of extremely comfy gym mats – and anyone who's been to a tournament knows how much of a difference that makes. Everyone had a great time competing, whether they were freshmen at their first-ever tournament or seniors at their last Big One. This year we were able to take 36 fencers, which is more than any in recent memory.

The following fencers placed in the top 30:



A foil bout in progress at the Wellesley Invitational

Men

Sidney Leung (MF) in 10th

Austin Walker (MF) in 25th

Thomas Hernquist (ME) in 28th

Hudson Rowland (ME) in 29th

Ralph Conserva (MF) in 30th

Women

Kelly Miller (WS) tied for 3rd

Cara Martone (WE) in 21st

Arielle Sharma (WE) in 22nd

Emily Brewster (WS) in 22nd

Emma Ryan (WS) in 23rd

Northeastern Fencing Conference (NFC) Meet #1

On Saturday November 17th, we competed against Brandeis, MIT, Brown, UNH, Sacred Heart, Umass and Wellesley. This year the tournament was hosted by MIT. We had 87 victories for the entire tournament; the women's squads scored 48 while the men's squads scored 39. Our men's foil and women's sabre squads led the team with 21 victories each.

Alumni Tournament

We have exciting news! BUFC is planning on hosting an alumni tournament on April 20th, 2013. We would love to see you there! If you are interested in fencing, please contact us at our email address: bufence@bu.edu. Even if you don't feel like fencing, we hope that you swing by to watch and swap some stories. We are constantly trying to piece together the fencing club's history and are always happy to hear from you. If you can't make it, feel free to send us an email with any stories you might want to share; even the smallest details can be extremely illuminating.

Looking Forward

We have a busy tournament schedule ahead of us for the spring semester, most notably Club Nationals at Michigan State in April. We're looking forward to a semester full of intensive drills and lots of practice. If you'd like to keep up with our progress throughout the semester, like us on [Facebook](#) or check out our blog: blogs.bu.edu/bufence.

Spring 2013 Schedule

Women's Fencing Invitational at Wellesley College: 1/27
New England Collegiate Club Fencing Championships at UNH: 2/16
New England Intercollegiate Fencing Championships at Brandeis: 2/23
NFC #2 at TBD: 3/3
Club Nationals at Michigan State: 4/6 – 7
1st Annual BUFC Alumni Tournament at BU: 4/20



The team yearbook photo for this year