US Lacrosse Chapters Newsletter - *June 2010*

IMPORTANT: 2010 Chapter Compliance

At this time, every chapter should have submitted their 2009 Financial Reports and confirmation of filing with the IRS. If you haven't done so already, please forward that information directly to Lindsay Comodore. The confirmation email that you receive after filing is the only way she will know if a chapter filed. If you filed an extension with the IRS, she will need a copy of that extension.

If you have not filed with the IRS yet, you are in luck! The IRS is allowing small charities to still file. Please file at your earliest convenience and email Lindsay the confirmation, copy of the 990 form or copy of the extension.

In addition, please mark your 2010 calendars for the following dates:
May 31: Final deadline for 2009 Financial Report, IRS Filing Confirmation
Sept. 30: New Annual Board Report, Chapter Agreement and Conflict of Interest forms (for any new executive board members within the last 12 months)
Dec. 31: 2010 Participation Survey

In adopting the new chapter board structure, please allocate the responsibilities of completing the above documents to board members as you see fit. Review the Chapter Operations Manual.

UPDATE: Only 50% of chapters have sent chapter bank information to Lindsay for the ACH accounts. We cannot establish a direct deposit option for chapter rebate checks if we do not receive this information. Please see below for the account information we are looking for:

-The name of the bank in which you have the account
-The official name on the chapter's bank account
-The bank account number
-The routing number

You can email Lindsay directly with this information (or call if you feel

USL News & Resources

W.I.L.L. 2 WIN

US Lacrosse's "W.I.L.L. 2 WIN" (Women in Lacrosse Lead) grant program is offered to NCAA or WDIA women's lacrosse teams that are committed to increasing at-risk/inner-city middle school girls participation in lacrosse. Through mentoring, skill and team building, women's collegiate lacrosse teams that receive W.I.L.L. 2 WIN grants will use the funding to develop a meaningful and lasting connection between the middle school program and their own program. The deadline to apply for a grant is July 1.

Chapter Grant Program Up and Running

At this point, all of you should have received a copy of the electronic chapter grant program application. If you have any questions about the application process, or about the application prerequisites, please email Lindsay Comodore. View a list of the 2009 winners.

Clinic Applications Due July 1

Last chance to apply online to host a Level 1 or 2 coaching education program (CEP) clinic! All the details are on the "Host a Clinic" page, including an online application form, hosting handbooks and more. This is a great way to get coaches the training they need prior to the 2011

uncomfortable emailing).

Chapter Recognition Program Recipients Announced

Quarter 1, 2010: Utah Chapter

After taking a glimpse at the Utah Chapter of US Lacrosse, it is apparent that this chapter is nothing short of unique. Because this chapter also coexists as a league, their operations are significantly different than the majority of US Lacrosse chapters. The Utah Chapter, founded in 1998 and led by chapter president Lisa Schmidt, never ceases to amaze the staff and volunteers of US Lacrosse. The chapter has been actively involved in the local lacrosse community, and also supports the many campaigns and programs established by the national organization in Baltimore. The Utah Lacrosse Association is committed to fostering and promoting the sport of lacrosse, as played by both men and women in the state of Utah.

Below are some events and programs the chapter currently hosts:

- Holds State Coaches Convention in November featuring coaches training
- Annual Park City Ski Town Shoot Out with emphasis on sportsmanship and camaraderie
- Free Coaches Clinic with Penn State Men's Head Coach, Jeff Tambroni
- Year round league operation from youth to adult level
- USL Level 1 and Level 2 Coaching Education Clinics and PCA workshops
- Participates in the U15 Lax Fest and U15 National Championships
- Provides grants plus youth and HS participation scholarships
- ULA Annual Coaches Convention (December 2009)
- Supports the Men's Division Safety and Sportsmanship Campaign

Learn more about the Utah chapter here or contact Lisa Schmidt at exec.director@utahlax.org.

Quarter 2, 2010: Potomac Chapter

With about 9,000 current US Lacrosse members in the area, the Potomac Chapter has been an unlimited resource for chapter members and volunteers alike. With a chapter board and volunteers of 20 under the direction of chapter president Homer Schwartz, the chapter has been exceptionally successful in supporting the growth of lacrosse. The Potomac Chapter has one of lacrosse season and bring new coaches on board!

Applications Welcome for the Michael Breschi Scholarship

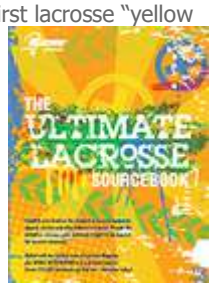
The US Lacrosse Men's Division Coaches Council is now accepting applications for the Michael Breschi Scholarship. The annual scholarship is awarded to two graduating high school seniors who have a parent or guardian that is a full-time employee of an educational institution and a high school or college lacrosse coach. The graduating senior must have plans to attend college. The scholarship was established in 2007 to honor the memory of Michael Breschi, son of North Carolina men's coach Joe Breschi. Application deadline is July 1. Apply online.

Team USA vs. MLL All-Stars

Come out and support the 2010 U.S. men's national team in their last exhibition game before heading to compete in the FIL World Championships! Team USA will square off against the MLL All-Stars at Harvard University on July 8 at 7 p.m. Purchase your tickets.

The Ultimate Lacrosse Sourcebook

Own a lacrosse business? Have events or venues you want to promote? US Lacrosse is excited to announce the first lacrosse "yellow pages." THE ULTIMATE LACROSSE SOURCEBOOK is the definitive consumer guide to lacrosse businesses and will be coming in the October issue of Lacrosse



the highest growth rates in US Lacrosse memberships over the last two years. Additionally, they have been a mentor for many new chapters looking to get off the ground.

Some programs the Potomac chapter has put on include:

- Level 1 and 2 Coaching Education Clinics (several)
- Sponsored a JMU Team Clinic for girls
- Sponsor an Annual Cherry Blossom youth boys and girls tournament
- Annual Potomac Chapter Coaches Clinic and Season Kick-off meeting
- U.S. National Team Clinic Hosts
- PCA Double Goal Coach Workshops (several)
- Annual Golf Outing and Dinner
- Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony (postponed until October)
- Youth Lacrosse Commissioners and League Coordinators meeting with USL Presentations
- Both U13 and U15 Lax Fest Team participation
- National U15 Championship Team Participation

Learn more about the Potomac chapter here, or contact chapter president, Homer Schwartz at homerschwartz@verizon.net.

USL Makes Safety Affordable

US Lacrosse is committed to educating the national lacrosse community about the life-saving value of having Automatic External Defibrillators (AEDs) available during lacrosse games and practices. In order to achieve that goal, US Lacrosse and Cardiac Science, a leading manufacturer of cardiology products, are offering an AED matching grant program which provides an AED and comprehensive management of AED and CPR training to lacrosse leagues or US Lacrosse chapters. Applications are available online.

Application Timeline for Grant Program

March 23, 2010 - Grant applications available
September 15, 2010 - Postmark deadline for submitting completed applications October 2010 - Notification letters sent to all applicants
January 15, 2011 - All AED training workshops must be conducted by this date

"Compete with Class – Honor the Game" Contest

Please send an image/story of how your

Magazine - including manufacturers, retailers, equipment, apparel, footwear, websites, instructional services, venues, education, events and more. To advertise in the lacrosse "yellow pages", please click on the Ultimate Lacrosse Sourcebook link for information and order form. Early bird discounts apply through July 15th. Deadline is August 1st.

USL Store Spotlight

Support Team USA!

Men's Shorts

Stay comfortable while running those laps, or just lying around! These shorts keep you cool while they feature the Men's U.S. Team shield and Warrior and USL logos. Great sides with eclectic Warrior piping provides for a modern look that's pleasing to the eye.

Women's Shorts

Support the Women's U.S. Teams program when you purchase these mesh lacrosse shorts with the U.S. Team shield logo. All proceeds go directly to the team. These shorts are fit for females and cut a little small.

Event Calendar

July 8: MLL All Stars vs. U.S. Men's Team - Boston, Mass.
July 14-24: FIL World Championships - Manchester, England
July 17-22: U15 National Championships at the ESPN RISE Games - Orlando, Fla.
July 17-22: Champion High School Showcase (Boys' and Girls') -

youth teams/leagues in your chapter supported our "Compete with Class-Honor the Game" campaign! If you have any other examples of portraying safe play or good sportsmanship, please submit those as well! All submissions can be sent to honorthegame@uslacrosse.org. Five winners will be announced and those teams will receive "Compete with Class-Honor the Game" decals (see both logos)! Learn more about the Safety and Sportsmanship Awareness Campaign.

2010 Champion High School Showcase Players Selected

After a thorough and highly competitive selection process, the nation's top 96 boys' players have been selected for the 2010 Champion High School Showcase. Teams will be broken down into four teams - PRIDE, SPIRIT, LIBERTY and FREEDOM - to create more regional diversity and balanced competition. This will allow players to bond and interact with other elite players from across the country. View the roster lists, as well as the coaches who will be guiding them, on the Boys' Champion High School Showcase website.

US Lacrosse is also proud to announce the women's rosters for the Champion© High School Showcase. Eighty (80) of the top girl's high school lacrosse players from the class of 2010 representing nineteen (19) states will be participating on four teams. View the rosters on the Girls' Champion High School Showcase website.

Both men's and women's events, along with the U15 National Championship, are part of the ESPN Rise Games, held at the ESPN Wide World of Sports in Lake Buena Vista, Fla. The women's event will be held July 17-19, and the men's event during July 20-22. Read US Lacrosse's announcement of both rosters.

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