

WELCOME TO THE OCTOBER 2008 EDITION OF THE MONTHLY CHAPTERS NEWSLETTER...

Chapter of the Month Hopefuls

Beginning in 2009, our Chapter of the Month program will switch to a quarterly basis. Additionally, awardees will receive a prize in honor of their nomination. Honorees will be announced in March, June, September and December. In 2008 thus far US Lacrosse named the Greater Houston Chapter and the New Jersey South Chapter as Chapters of the Month.

To learn more about the program and process contact Lindsay Comodore, Chapter Relations Associate at chaptersassoc@uslacrosse.org.

CONVENTION NEWS

Iron Man Had to Start Somewhere

Baseball Hall of Famer and 2009 US Lacrosse National Convention keynote speaker Cal Ripken attests to the home-grown approach. Stop by the Chapters Leadership Conference in conjunction with the convention Jan. 16 to find out how you can help your US Lacrosse chapter support the growth of our favorite game!



Visit the link below to register for the US Lacrosse National Convention Jan 16-18 2009: <http://www.uslacrosse.org/convention>

Chapter Leadership Conference

To register for the Chapters Leadership Conference January 16, 2009 email Lindsay Comodore, Chapter Relations Associate chaptersassoc@uslacrosse.org.

Online Community

To see a list of benefits when you attend the Chapters Leadership Conference join our US Lacrosse Convention Community here: 09uslconvention.ning.com/

Chapter Steps in the Ring to Host Box Lacrosse

The Vermont Chapter of US Lacrosse hosted the Kahnawake Mohawks for the first ever "Box" Lacrosse games at the Essex Arena on Aug. 29-30. The action was fast-paced and hard-hitting as the Vermont players adjusted to the physical Canadian style of play. Kahnawake completed the 2008 summer season as Quebec Lacrosse League Champions. The core of the Mohawks roster had just returned from a third place finish in the Senior "B" Presidents Cup in Edmonton Alberta. Kahnawake was lead by Captain Clay Kirby, NLL draftee Logan Kane, and Nations Cup MVP, Joe Hall.

(To see the complete write up by Jeff Culkin of the Vermont Chapter go to <http://www.uslacrosse.org/chapters/events.phtml> or to contact the Vermont Chapter please go to their website www.vtlacrosse.org.)

A Chapter Story

Almost 1000 people were on hand on June 14th, in Anderson Park, Upper Montclair-New Jersey for the unveiling of a memorial for former Montclair High lacrosse coaches, Gil Gibbs and Homer Robinson. In their 10 seasons together they led Montclair to 7 state championships and a varsity record of 144-10. Gil Gibbs died of cancer in 1978, at age 39. Homer Robinson's battle with cancer ended in 1999.

During the decade of the 70's, Montclair became arguably the 1st nationally recognized high school lacrosse program, located outside of Maryland or Long Island. Montclair grad's played in 42 NCAA final four games with 6 players winning division one championships and 10 selected to college all American teams. Gil Gibbs was the 1977 recipient of the USILA, Howdy Meyers, Man of the Year Award. While recovering from cancer surgery, he led Montclair to a 20-0 record which included a 9-4 win over MSA Champion Gilman, in a game played at Princeton's Palmer Stadium.

Both Gil Gibbs and Homer Robinson are members of the New Jersey Lacrosse Foundation Hall of Fame. When Gil began coaching at Montclair High in 1966, only 10 teams played lacrosse in NJ. In 1979, the year after his death, 48 teams were playing lacrosse in NJ. The New Jersey Lacrosse Foundation has grown to become one of the largest chapters of US Lacrosse.

(-Mike Hynes, Montclair NJ)

Everyone's Favorite Thing to Do

Of course I am referring to Chapter Compliance! I'm sure you received the email on September 12 titled 'Chapter Compliance Requirements 2008'. If you need help with any part of compliance this year please contact the Chapter Relations Department at chaptersassoc@uslacrosse.org. We will get you the assistance you need!

Please bear in mind while MOST aspects of compliance are not due until the end of the year, your IRS 990, 990-N or postcard must be filed by November 15th and US Lacrosse is required to have all of these on file so please forward all the appropriate IRS TAX DOCUMENTATION to US Lacrosse by November 15th! This is an IRS mandate for 2008.

IRS Streamlines Application Process for New Tax-Exempt Organizations

If your chapter is interested in exploring the opportunity to become its own 501c3 Tax-Exempt Organization click on this link <http://www.irs.gov/newsroom/content/0,,id=187308,00.html> and scroll down to the proper press release headline "IRS Streamlines Application Process for New Tax-Exempt Organizations. If you have further questions please contact Erin Sturgis esturgis@uslacrosse.org or Jack Light jdldmd47@aol.com to find out more about this topic through the Governance Committee of your Chapters Advisory Council.