

WELCOME TO THE APRIL 2008 EDITION OF THE MONTHLY CHAPTERS NEWSLETTER!

Many exciting changes and challenges will be presented in this newsletter and those to follow. The focus, scope and mission of these monthly e-blasts is intended to keep all chapter heads and their executive committees apprised of what is going on around the country at the chapter level in order build rapport, share success stories and to keep everyone up to date informatively and administratively. This and all following newsletters will be produced by previous and current chapter heads who are now members of the newly created Chapters Advisory Council. The impetus behind the formation of this council was to have a more hands-on feeling at the grassroots level and to ascertain how US Lacrosse can best serve its' constituency.

RECAP: CHAPTERS ADVISORY COUNCIL (CAC) – WHO ARE THEY?

The Chapters Advisory Council was officially approved in January at The National Convention, and it is comprised of 12 individuals <http://www.uslacrosse.org/chapters/advisorycouncil.phtml> who bring with them a plethora of experience as leaders in their lacrosse communities as capable administrators, coaches, referees, players and general, long-time fans of our game.

WE ARE ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS NOW!!

The Chapters Advisory Council is currently accepting applications for our Communications and Chapters Assembly Committees. If you are interested email Erin esturgis@uslacrosse.org to find out what is involved. (Take a look at the application attached with this newsletter.) Three committees have been formed under the Chapters Advisory Council:

- The Governance Committee
- The Communications Committee
- The Chapters Assembly Committee

...DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING YOUR APPLICATION IS MAY 1ST! IT IS ATTACHED TO THIS EMAIL!

CHAPTER OF THE MONTH IS BACK!

Yes, that's right! We're pleased to announce that we will showcase a Chapter of the Month beginning in the May edition of the Chapter Newsletter. An announcement of each Chapter of the Month will also



go up on www.uslacrosse.org and all your chapter members will be notified via email of all the hard work you put into running your local chapter. Please click on <http://www.uslacrosse.org/chapters/index.phtml> for nomination process details and submittal.

IMPROVEMENTS FOR CHAPTER COMMUNICATION

We have found in the past that a lack of unity (particularly with idea generating, brain storming and lack of help and resources to a new or beginning chapter) among our now 60 chapters had to be addressed. We are in the process of creating a Chapter Resource Exchange Program. We believe it will prove to be a worthwhile experience that can only engender the sharing of knowledge, keeping chapters motivated and invigorated and most importantly, rewarding and highlighting chapters monthly in each newsletter. The Chapters Advisory Council appreciates all of your input and the first step will be filling out the form when it becomes available. More will be posted on <http://www.uslacrosse.org/chapters/index.phtml> soon.

IRS FORM 990 EZ and 990-N

Here is the link to the IRS website with instructions on filing the e-post card form: <http://www.irs.gov/charities/article/0,,id=169250,00.html>. The IRS intends on sending all small non-profit organizations further instructions on filing the 990N. Once at the IRS website you must leave and go to a 3rd party web site to file. But when you get there, it doesn't take long at all! If you have questions about this new from you can go to www.irs.gov or contact Erin esturgis@uslacrosse.org. The Chapters Advisory Council can offer you assistance.



COACHES EDUCATION CLINIC INTENT TO HOST FORMS ARE WAITING FOR YOU!

It's time to think about bringing the premier coach training program in the US to your chapter in 2008 and 2009! US Lacrosse is now collecting information from those chapters interested in hosting a Coaching Education Program instructional clinic from October 2008 to March 2009! The national office needs to

find out who and where there is interest in hosting clinics during the next cycle. This is an easy, online registration process and does not commit you to any single date or site. This Intent to Host application process is purely for planning purposes, but we need to know by May 15, 2008 that you want this terrific event in your chapter during the next clinic cycle! We also want to know if you are considering requiring or strongly encouraging coaches to become certified in the future, since this clinic is a mandatory component for certification. Full hosting information and the online Intent to Host application can be found at <http://www.uslacrosse.org/cep/host.phtml>

AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM THE WOMEN'S DIVISION POST COLLEGIATE COUNCIL...

Lacrosse is exploding all over the United States. There are more and more college athletes looking for places to play after they graduate. The Women's Division Post Collegiate Council (WDPCC) is committed to providing such an opportunity. We are a great resource to help grow women's teams in your areas. In



order to maximize this effort, we need YOUR CHAPTER'S support of our council and our post-collegiate players. We ask for your assistance in making us more visible to your chapter members by distributing and posting our marketing flier in your meetings and throughout your community. We also ask that you reach out and directly support local post-collegiate teams offering whatever resources available, i.e field space, equipment, and the like. Lastly, please invite these leaders to join your efforts. In the end, we believe this partnership will be a win-win as we both work to grow the game. To learn more about the WDPCC please visit our website at <http://www.uslacrosse.org/wdpcc/index.phtml>

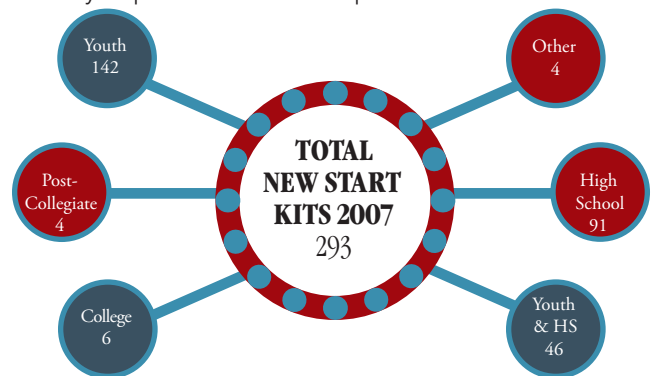
CAN'T EBLAST?

Let US Lacrosse do it for you! US Lacrosse will send your chapter news and announcements to your members for you. Just make sure to adhere to the following guidelines:

- E-blast requests must be sent 7-10 business days before expected deployment to ensure timely delivery.
- Each chapter is allowed 1 blast per 2 weeks maximum.
- Attachments cause delivery issues. Links back to the chapter website are better. If attachments are imperative then they must be WORD or PDF.
- Current Chapter Logos (US Lacrosse can provide)
- Chapter Newsletter format is preferred addressing multiple topics at once. The chapter may want to get into the habit of sending bi-monthly or quarterly newsletters to their membership. This has been a requirement of all chapters in the past.

REACHING OUT TO NEW STARTS!

US Lacrosse, through our Sport Development Department provided almost 300 New Start Kits nationwide in 2007. Please take a look at the excel spreadsheet attached and see if there are any new programs in your area who received one of our kits. It is very important for the chapters to create relationships



with the up and coming groups in your area for support, communication and volunteer cultivation. Please visit <http://www.uslacrosse.org/programs/newstartprogram.phtml> to get more information about our New Start Program and any other Education & Training service US Lacrosse offers.

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HAVE A TERRIFIC APRIL SEASON!

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