History was made when the Team Canada U19 Women's Lacrosse team met the USA in the 2015 FIL World Championships gold medal game for Under 19 Women's Lacrosse supremacy in Edinburgh, Scotland this past July. It would be the first time Canada competed for U19 world gold – but there were more historical firsts to be realized, as this international lacrosse story unfolded.

The Canadian U19 Women's Lacrosse team entered the 2015 World Championships ranked 3rd in the world behind the USA and Australia respectively. Since 1995, when the U19 Women's World Championship tournaments began, Canada had placed no better than third place, winning bronze in 1999, 2003 and 2011 – they finished out of the medals in fourth place in 1995 and 2007.

Canadian Head Coach, Scott Teeter, and his staff, prepared the women for the international tournament grind of eight games in ten days.

"I thought we were progressing nicely -- I was curious to see the level we would peak at and I thought we had enough talent to compete with the US," said Coach Teeter. "We were experienced and probably the deepest and most talented U19 team that Canada has ever put together. Besides experience, our biggest strength was we didn't have a weakness at any position."

Team Canada opened the tournament against long-time foes, the mighty USA, a team of top US high school players and Division I college lacrosse recruits. Canada kept on pace with the US knotting the score 7-7 at the half. This game proved to be a tale of two games as Canada turned the ball over on twelve occasions in the second half and were outshot 26-12 overall, only to be outscored 8-2 in the last frame dropping a 15-9 decision.

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The next day, England proved another challenge for Canada. After a 4-2 Canada halftime lead, England outscored Team Canada 5-3 to tie the score at seven at the end of regulation time. Again, Canada gave up the first overtime goal only to have Canada's Megan Kinna (1G) clutch up and tie things up with just 0:13 left in OT. Just like the night before, Lydia Sutton (1G, 1A) scored the game winner two minutes into sudden victory to eke out a 9-8 victory over a tough English squad.

Two close OT victories – Canada could have easily started the tournament winless in the first three games!

"It really showed me the character of my players," said Teeter. "We had both games won and we blew games late. Even when we were down in overtime, we stuck together and made some key plays to lead us to victory. It was our game to lose and I knew if we played to the level we were capable, we would finish on top."

The ladies found their legs in the next three round robin games and outscored their opponents 51-3 with lopsided victories over Wales (12-3), Korea (20-0) and host Scotland (19-0). Scoring in bunches helped fine-tune the Canadian attack and allowed for additional time to work together as a team and get accustomed to the international game and officiating.

Team Canada standout player and scoring sensation, Selena Lasota, adapted to the international game and new team systems after a successful Freshman season at Northwestern. Her fast-paced, physical play brought plenty of attention from opponents. After too many yellow cards, Lasota was rested in the Korea match.

"I thought she (Lasota) had a difficult time understanding our systems early on, as well as, playing within the parameters of the officials on the world stage," explained Teeter. "Once she bought into playing creatively within our systems, she was a force to be reckoned with!"

In second place, with a comfortable 5 win and 1 loss record, Canada was set for the Australia rematch semi-final game. In their prior match, Canada squandered

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Steele, Manville & Richardson Win BCLA Scholarships

By: LacrosseTalk Staff

The BC Lacrosse Association is proud to announce Harlowe Steele (Coquitlam), Emily Manville (New Westminster) and Jake Richardson (Langley) as the 2015 BCLA scholarship recipients. Steele was the Dorothy Robertson Scholarship recipient, Manville the Wayne Goss Scholarship recipient and Richardson received the Ted Fridge Scholarship.

Harlowe Steele has been a longtime member of the Coquitlam Adanacs lacrosse community. She played minor lacrosse with the Coquitlam Minor Association competing on many boys teams early on and all-female teams later in her minor career. She was a member of the Illiana A1 team that took gold at Provincials a few years back. Harlowe was a high performance athlete with the Team BC Box and Field Lacrosse programs winning 2 golds and 2 silvers at nationals. She is a lacrosse advocate volunteering her time coaching young Tyke girls, working introductory clinics and managing the 30-second clock at Junior B games.

In addition to coaching, Steele volunteers for KidSport Tri-Cities and has offered her time with the Share Society, Relay for Life and many school events. She will attend San Diego State University to study environmental engineering and to play for the lady Aztecs lacrosse team.

Emily Manville has been an athlete for the New Westminster Minor Lacrosse Association since 2006 (NWMLA) where she has competed in both Box and Field Lacrosse. She played 3 seasons with both Team BC Box (2011-13) and Field Lacrosse teams (2013-15) competing at various national and international events. Her strong leadership skills and lacrosse abilities won her an invitation to try out for the Canadian U19 Women’s team in 2014. Emily has also affiliated box lacrosse for the past 5 years.

Manville is involved in many activities and is a person others are drawn to because of her leadership qualities. This honours student has worked as a day care assistant, a peer tutor in high school and has spent time working at the LEC as a retail associate for the Stealth lacrosse games, TWU and Junior hockey games to name a few. Manville will attend Columbia University (New York) to study chemistry and biology, with the ambition to pursue a career in paediatric medicine. She will play Division I Women’s lacrosse for the Lions.

Jake Richardson is an active player and coach for the Langley Minor Lacrosse Association (LMLA). As a Box and Field lacrosse player in the LMLA, he has continued to rise and showed it is committed to giving back to the greater BC lacrosse community.

Outside of lacrosse, Richardson volunteers his time with the LMLA coaching young Box and Field athletes; he manages social media updates for the Senior Salmonbellies and has offered his time at the Port Coquitlam Car Shows. Jake will attend The University of Mount Olive (North Carolina) where he will play lacrosse.

Congratulations to all scholarship and bursary recipients and good luck in your future scholastic endeavors.

BCLA Raise $39,753 During 2015 Vancouver Stealth Season

By: Stealth Lax

Vancouver, BC (May 7, 2015) – The BC Lacrosse Association’s Scholarship Program on the Move Fund Travel Grant raised $39,753 during the Vancouver Stealth’s nine home games during the 2015 season.

This is the second year that the BC Lacrosse Association (BCLA) and the Stealth have teamed up to raise funds for the Stealth-BCLA “Lacrosse on the Move” Travel Grant Program. BCLA volunteers sold 50/50 raffle tickets during Stealth home games, and the Stealth donated monies raised through an auction of player worn jerseys.

“I am thrilled with the partnership that the Stealth have formed with the BCLA to support lacrosse through the Lacrosse on the Move Travel Grant,” said Stealth Owner Denise Watkins. “I’m very excited that the fundraising efforts have increased this year to nearly forty thousand dollars. These funds really help families with travel costs so that they can participate in the sport. I’m happy that we can help the growth of the game working with the BCLA.”

The Stealth introduced a new electronic 50/50 raffle system this season, replacing the existing manual 50/50 raffles, allowing fans real-time displays of total prize money available in the jackpot. 50/50 sellers were able to reach more patrons and allow longer ticket sales to increase the jackpots for the “Lacrosse on the Move” Travel Grant Fund.

For the second consecutive year, the Stealth auctioned off their limited edition game worn jerseys, raising $9,920 during BCLA Night on March 21.

Sohen Gill, BCLA President reflects, “We are proud of the partnership that the Vancouver Stealth and the BC Lacrosse Association have created and developed over the past two years. Having a professional lacrosse team in our community has increased the exposure and interest in the sport of lacrosse, and providing the opportunity to allocate grants to local lacrosse associations and their athletes is a major milestone. The Stealth has demonstrated its commitment to giving back to the greater BC lacrosse community.”

In two years, the BCLA has raised $64,573 for the Lacrosse on the Move Fund, which goes towards teams traveling to minor box lacrosse and youth field lacrosse provincial championships. Another portion funds athletes participating in Team BC, many of whom could not otherwise otherwise be afforded the opportunity to represent our province.
"It's never an easy decision but I kind of knew then my career was over, that I'd never play again,“ Murray said this season has had its share of obstacles. “But this is the first season that I felt like, 'Oh man, I'm ready to be looking at a year-and-a-half of rehab before I'm ready.’”

For Murray, the rigors of putting up a burly 210 pounds, staying motivated, while never a problem, has added to the wear that comes from toiling on the Sticks. "I was told then my career was over, that I’d never play again after ripping up my knee in 2009,“ Murray has shown how far determination and hard work can take you. “I was told then my career was over, that I’d be looking at a year-and-a-half of rehab before getting back on the field,” he recalls. "I was back playing the next season and back at work in three months — I’m not someone who will give up when told it can’t be done.”

Still, as life is prone to do, the season didn’t unwind as planned. Just prior to the opening game, head coach Bob Salt, who had committed to working the bench with assistant Todd Stockdale in a transition year, stepped down. "It’s not an easy decision but I kind of knew, in my heart of hearts that the time to leave was when my body and my mind had had enough,” says Murray. "I'm comfortable with my decision and I'm dreadling the moments of going out, but I'd rather go out when I still can.”

By: LacrosseTalk Staff
The 2015 SUBWAY® BC Lacrosse Zone Players of the Year were announced earlier this summer. Seven lacrosse zones from across BC nominate an athlete who best exemplifies what it takes to be a top athlete on and off the field.

The following Midget aged athletes were selected as their Zone Player of the Year in 2015. Zone 1-Conor Sinclair (Cranbrook), Zone 3-Candice McDole (Ridge Meadows), Zone 4-Nick Hanney (New Westminster), Zone 5-Liam O’Connor (Vancouver), Zone 6-Brandy Zunti (Cowichan Valley) and Zone 8-Douglas Porter (Prince George)."
Fieldhouse, in the Vancouver Stealth practice facility.

The season will run from October 25, 2015 to February 13, 2016. Lacrosse players 35 years and older can register and is open to everyone. The league consists of six teams with 18 players and 2 goalies per team. The league plans to expand to eight teams in the future. All games are Sunday evenings in three time slots with games starting at 6:30pm, 7:45pm and 9:00pm.

To register, please contact Ian Quinney at Lowermainlandmasters@gmail.com. Spots are filling up fast so get your money in to secure a spot. The cost is $175.00 per player and $100.00 for goalies. If players do not secure a spot on a team, individuals can be placed on a spare list (drop in rates apply) for when teams are short players (injuries or holidays).

The LMMLL is now taking registration for the fall box lacrosse season. Games will be played at the Langley Events Centre and aspirant BC lacrosse players.

2015 U19 World Lacrosse Foundation Grant Awards

By: Jane Boullier

The U19 World Lacrosse Foundation has recently announced the latest round of grant awards as part of its continued commitment to aspiring BC lacrosse players.

After being named to the Under 19 Women’s Lacrosse team, Megan Kainu and Danina Stropu were both awarded grants by the Foundation. In July, Team Canada travelled to Edinburgh, Scotland for the U19 Women’s World Championship; they returned as champions after defeating Team USA.

Also receiving awards this year were U18 Team BC players Johnnie Gras and Matthew McIlhinck, who will compete for the 2015 First Nations Cup in halifax, Nova Scotia.

Since 2010 when the first grants were awarded, the U19 World Lacrosse Foundation has provided over $77,000 to young athletes and eligible lacrosse programs in BC.

“With BC’s incredible depth of talent and the unparalleled commitment of lacrosse program volunteers it is very difficult to decide on winners; but it is a real pleasure to read about the accomplishments and aspirations our ambitious young athletes during the selection process” said U19 World Lacrosse Foundation President Cliff Pascas. “Our grant awards support athletes in pursuit of their goals and helps to further establish BC as a lacrosse leader.”

The application deadline for next year’s awards is May 31, 2016.

Potential candidates for the award can find detailed information on the U19 World Lacrosse Foundation’s website www.U19worldlaxfoundation.com

Master’s Box Champs

By: LacrosseTalk Staff

The Lower Mainland Masters Lacrosse League (LMMLL) finished their 2015 Box Lacrosse season after a long hot summer in the six team league. The 2015 season consisted of eight league and three playoff games per team.

The final games were played and a championship was crowned. Team Gold took the title for the second straight year over Team Blue 15-7. Team Gold was crowned. Team Gold took the title for the second straight year over Team Blue 15-7.

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Second Team All-Stars are as follows. Goaltender: Eric Penney (New Westminster). Defense: Jeff Cornwall (New Westminster) and Brett Mydske (Langley). Forward: Robert Church (Burnaby), Hawksbee (New Westminster) and Rory Smith (New Westminster).

WLA Announces 2015 League Awards

By: Chris Fox

The Western Lacrosse Association would like to announce and congratulate the 2015 League Award Winners and All-Stars. “On behalf of the WLA Board of Governors, myself, and support staff that have a part in ensuring that the league is run in a professional manner, we would like to congratulate all of you for being recognized as the best in our league.” said WLA Commissioner, Ernie Truant.

The 2015 WLA First Team All-Stars are as follows. Goaltender: Eric Penney (New Westminster). Defense: Jeff Cornwall (New Westminster) and Brett Mydske (Langley). Forward: Jesse King (Victoria), Ben McIntosh (Maple Ridge) and Corey Small (Victoria).

Second Team All-Stars are as follows. Goaltender: Tye Belanger (Burnaby). Defense: Ian Gordon-Defensive Player: Brett Mydske (Langley) & Eric Penney (New Westminster); Commission Trophy-Most Valuable Player: Ben McIntosh (Maple Ridge Burrards); Gord Nicholson-Defensive Player: Brett Mydske (Langley Thunder); Three-Star Award: Rhys Duch (Victoria); League Top Scorer: Rhys Duch and Corey Small (Victoria); Fred Wooster-Unsung Hero: Jesse Fehr (Burnaby); Pat Saunders (Langley) and Logan Schuss (New Westminster).

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notted off eight unanswered goals to take an 8-2 lead early in the third frame.

“We ran into a strong draw-man from Ontario that really helped them control the pace of the game,” noted Poole. “Other than that we were as good or better.”

Team BC was forced to play catch-up by making the rest of the way - an uphill battle since they were unable to possess the ball from the face-off with little time to work. Both teams traded goals in the third as Ontario lead 11-5 after three quarters.

The rally was on! Nathaniel Kozievnikov opened the fourth with a goal 0:15 into the pe- riod, then added his second of the game at 6:53 narrowing the gap to 11-7. Dylan Foulds scored an unassisted marker, but Ontario answered a minute later to make the score 12-8. Riley Phillips took the team on his shoulders and scored his fourth and fifth of the game, but it was too little too late as Team BC ran out of time and dropped a 12-10 decision.

“We battling back from an 8-goal deficit,” said Poole. “The guys that battled their hardest and showed a lot of character and heart to be able to come back – I couldn’t have asked for much more.”

“Overall I was happy with the group – it was a total team effort,” reflected Poole. “We have a great manager that works hard all year and a committed coaching staff. We are eager to start tryouts and we are looking to put the strongest team together to battle for that championship – the one we let slip away this year.”

Team BC top scorers included: Dylan Foulds (11G, 7A), Parker Johnson (12G, 3A), Connor Chetner (10G, 13A), Dustin Procyk (12G, 5A), and Dylan McCormick (7G, 7A). Goalies Mathew Chapman and Finn Stark were named MVPs. The U18’s ended up with a 3 win, 1 loss round robin to hand Team BC an 11-7 Alumni Cup final loss.

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For the second year in a row the Coquitlam Jr. Arrows were looking to repeat as Minto Cup champions. Their team is a veteran-laden one head coach, Ian Poole, and assistants Reyn- old Comeault and Richard Lachlan were deter- mined to repeat as national champs in 2015!

The game looked to still be in reach for Co- quitlam for a few more minutes, but two more goals from the Arrows before the end of the first and two more in the second put the A’s in a big hole going into the final frame. A determined Jean-Luc Chetner managed to pot one early in the third, assisted by Cole Shafer, who scored a goal of his own two minutes later. But any hope that the A’s would be able to turn things around and make a comeback were quashed when Six Nations’ Ryan Lee scored back-to-back markers less than one minute apart, both assisted by Jordan Durston.

The club was finished off in Game 6 last Satur- day in a 9-4 loss. Arrows will hoist the biggest prize for a second year in a row.

At the Minto Cup finals, the other end of the rink Christian Del Bianco of the 41 shots he faced in the match, while at the 6-4 Ontario lead at the half. Team Ontario went up 7-4 early in the third frame and was answered by 2 goals by Finn Stark to make it a 7-6 game heading into the final frame. Daniel Chard tied the game at 7-7, but moments later, Team Ontario pulled ahead and never looked back as they dominated the last period to hand Team BC an 11-7 Alumni Cup final loss.

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Americans Masters Games 2016 - 1 Year Out

By: LacrosseTalk Staff

Be a part of history. From sunny beach vol-
leyball to cool curling and 26 other sports in-
between, there is certainly a sport for you…..and lacrosse of course!

The 2016 Americans Masters Games (AMG) will run from August 26 to September 4, in Vancouver, BC. The world class event will bring upwards of 10,000 athletes from Canada and worldwide to compete in various team and individual sports.

The sports in these inaugural Games include: Athletics, Archery, Badminton, Baseball, Bas-
ketball, Canoe Kayak, Curling, Cycling, Dance Sport, Driving, Field Hockey, Figure Skating, Golf, Ice Hockey, Judo, Karate, Lacrosse, Rowing, Rugby, Soccer, Softball, Squash, Swimming, Table Tennis, Tennis, Tumbleweed, Triathlon, and Volleyball.

The Masters Games movement is centered on providing a supportive, social and fun environ-
ment for people over the age of 30 to compete in their sport. Masters events enable and encourage people to pursue an active lifestyle and reach their limits, enjoy the atmosphere and engage with like-minded people from around the world.

The BC Lacrosse Association, like numerous other BC Provincial Sport Organizations, has jumped on board for these games to offer a great Masters sporting experience in Men’s Field La-
crosse. BCLA Rwanda development, Terry Mos-
dell, and his volunteer committee, have taken a lead role to plan for the lacrosse competitions.

The early plans are to have two divisions in-
cluding Junior Masters ages 30+ and Grand Mas-
ters ages 45+. The team sizes will be approxi-
mately 20-25 players. The BC masters will fill under Masters rules and will need to be BCLA registered master field lacrosse players to partici-
pate. There will be a team entry fee which will include game competitions (3-4 games depend-
ing on the number of registered teams), medals for teams that place in the top three of each age group, plenty of social events built around the competitions and the experience of a lifetime to compete in a world sporting event. More details for lacrosse competitions and medalist will be communicated in the coming months to the lac-
rrosse community as they are confirmed.

“This event will be pretty big — we hope to have teams from all around attended,” said Terry Moldell.

About the Americans Masters Games: The Americans Masters Games are an opportunity for people of any sporting ability (from past-Olymp-
ians to bright-eyed novices) to compete in an inclusive, friendly & fun atmosphere. In 2016, Vancouver will host the first ever Americans Mas-
ters Games, supported by the following Games stakeholders: Vancouver, Tourism Vancouver, Vancouver Hotel Destination Asso-
ciation and BC Pavilion Corporation - with overall project and competition leadership from Sport BC & the BC provincial sport organizations. Masters competitions occur regularly at local, national and international levels, with a World Masters Games held every four years.

Senior Men’s Field Fall Start

By: Mary Clare

Men’s field lacrosse is a competitive league that consists of 8 teams from the lower mainland.

We are looking for players born 1995 and earlier. The youth age group has changed from U19 to U18, so all 3rd year U19 players are now eligible to play in the senior league. Most of the teams have a lot of younger players – it’s not as scary as it sounds! We play Saturday nights out doors that have a lot of younger players – it’s not as scary as it sounds! We play Saturday nights out.

For more information please contact the commissioner, Mary Clare, at H: 604-946-
5082, C: 604-862-8730 or email maryclare@
hotmail.com. She can put you in touch with teams that have room on their rosters. Our web site is www.cwfll.ca.

The league kicked off with a jamboree on September 12th, league play began September 19 and runs through to December 5th, breaks for Christmas and re-starts January 16th. A pro-
vincial championship will take place at the end of February. Last year, we had an island team attend provincials, and we are hoping to expand that to the interiors from this year. The top two teams are eligible to go to Nationals and play for the Ross/Victory Cup.

By: Ted Clarke, Prince George Citizen

The winning streak had ended and the West-
wood Sports Pub Devils have been dethroned.

They lost a nail biter semifinal 7-6 in double-
time to the Port Moody Express at the B.C. senior C lacrosse provincial championship in Armstrong, and their hopes were drained by the time they stepped on the floor for the bronze-medal game 75 minutes later, losing that game 14-4 to the host Armstrong Shamrocks.

"We were super-tired, we just got gassed af-
ter the semifinal," said Devils coach and manager Chris Scott. "We hung in there with Moody.

The semifinal winner for Port Moody came seven minutes into the second sudden-death overtime period, after a 10-minute first overtime went scoreless. Blair Pyo’s shot trickled through the legs of Devils goalie Steven Brizan.

"It was shot Steve stopped but it had some backspin on it and it went back into the net – it was a greasy one but that’s how those games end," said Scott. "We came out of that game with our heads held high. Moody thought they were going to walk all over us. We had our chances and they have a good team. After 63 wins in a row you can’t get too upset when you lose a couple of games and we’ll come back stronger next year.”

Until this weekend, the Devils hadn’t lost since 2013 season. They captured their second-straight Prince George Senior Lacrosse Association championship a month ago, while Port Moody won the Lower Mainland-based West Coast First Division.

Montgomery Jones, and Matt Rochon each scored two goals, while Danton Nicholson and Scott Anderson scored in the semifinal for the Devils.

Ridge Meadows defeated Armstrong 10-8 in the semifinal and went on to win the senior C championship game 8-6 over Port Moody.

The Devils opened with a 9-8 win over the North Shore Indians, then defeated the Kelowna Raiders 12-5. One other PGSLA team, the BX Pub-Bandits, went 0-3 in the round-robin, losing 6-5 to Armstrong, 13-4 to Port Moody and 13-4 to Armstrong. The Bandits faced the Ladder Pioneers Sunday for ninth place and lost 10-7.
Chris Gill (Pitt Meadows, BC) -- Chris Gill was a perennial top seven OLA Junior A league Scorer. In 137 Junior A regular season and playoff games, he scored 482 goals and 352 assists for 833 points. In playoff action, he netted 179 goals and 231 assists in 137 games. Malawsky was a five-time WLA All-Star, a two-time WLA Rookie of the Year and 1st Team All-Star (1997, 2000). He was named the WLA Wally Pye Scorer while leading the WLA’s Mann Cup final in 1996. In seven seasons with Coquitlam (1990-96), Malawsky brought home 3 Mann Cups; he won his fourth ring with the Victoria Shamrocks in 2003. During his Major Junior career, he scored 145 goals and 395 assists in 155 games; he scored another 41 goals and 123 assists in 82 playoff games. Chris Gill (Pitt Meadows, BC) -- Chris Gill was a member of the Team Canada U19 team in the 1991 World Lacrosse Championships as a fourth generation inductee after great-grandfather Paul Gait. His first exposure to field lacrosse came as a member of the Team BC U19 field hockey team that competed at the 1985 Western States U19 field hockey championships. His Coquitlam Adanacs and Tri-City field hockey team won provincial championships on three occasions and Ross Cup MVP gold medals (2004). He played on two Pacific Northwest Senior A field hockey tournament championship teams (1990 & 1991) and was selected to two national tournament honours twice (1991 & 2001). As a member of Team Canada’s Men’s Field Lacrosse team, he was selected to the 2008 Canada Cup winning Brampton Excelsiors (2002) and 2009 Mann Cup winning Brampton Excelsiors (2008). With the silver medal winning Team Canada Senior Men’s squad (2010). He was inducted into the Canadian Lacrosse Hall of Fame as a member of the 2006 Team Canada Men’s Field Team (Team Category).

Tom Patrick (Brampton, ON) – Tom Patrick was named Rookie of the Major Series. In 130 regular season and playoff games, he was awarded the Gene Dopp Award for Outstanding Offensive Player in each. His Coquitlam Indians. His 186 game pro career had stops in New West, Toronto, Vancouver, Calgary, Edmonton and Colorado where he scored 354 goals and 235 assists for 589 points. He won three NLL Championships with Toronto (2) and Colorado. Gill also was a member of the 2002 Mann Cup winning Brampton Excelsiors (2002). He was a first-round draft pick of the Coquitlam Adanacs in 2004.

Tom Patrick (Brampton, ON) -- Tom Patrick was instrumental in turning around Orangeville Minor Lacrosse in the 1980s, and one team have been named for induction into the Canadian Lacrosse Hall of Fame as a 5-year-old in Port Moody, BC. He played goal for the Coquitlam Jr. A Adanacs (1984-87), won 1st Team All-Star honours (1986 & 1987) and was BCLL All-MVP with Paul Galt. His first exposure to field lacrosse came as a member of the Team BC U19 field hockey team that competed at the 1985 Western States Lacrosse Tournament. His play led to a scholarship offer with Whittier College where his teams won three Western Collegiate Lacrosse League titles and two Western States championship titles (1985-1989). In his senior year, he was a co-captain and was named MVP for the North-South Collegiate all-star game. Pat was a first-round draft pick of the Coquitlam Adanacs (1988) and played 13 NLL seasons with Coquitlam, North Shore and Okanagan.

Larry Lloyd (Whitby, Ontario) -- Larry Lloyd played for the famed Oshawa Grads in the NLL in 1980 with the Philadelphia Wings (2005-2008). He played 4 Minto Cup winning teams. In 63 Junior A games, he scored 155 goals and added 119 assists for 274 points and added 57 goals and 106 assists for 263 points in playoff action. He scored 7 goals and 6 assists in his first Senior A game with the Brooklin Redmen (1968). He played 130 games for the BCLL and in seven seasons with the Mann Cup winning Brampton Excelsiors (1980-85) he scored 356 goals and 315 assists for 671 points and added 57 goals and 32 assists for 199 points in 130 playoff games.

Larry Lloyd was inducted into the Oshawa Sports Hall of Fame (1992) and the Canadian Lacrosse Hall of Fame (2000) as a member of the Os- hawa Grads. Larry also was inducted into the Victorian Sports Hall of Fame (2005) and in the Canadian Sports Hall of Fame (2017). Larry Lloyd was a youth he played hockey, soccer and basketball. He was a member of the 1988 Canada Cup winning Brampton Excelsiors and led to his becoming a life-long Salammbone player. He joined the world of minor lacrosse from director to president. He was instrumental in turning around Orangeville Minor Lacrosse in the 1980s, and one team have been named for induction into the Canadian Lacrosse Hall of Fame as a 5-year-old in Port Moody, BC. He played goal for the Coquitlam Jr. A Adanacs (1984-87), won 1st Team All-Star honours (1986 & 1987) and was BCLL All-MVP with Paul Galt. His first exposure to field lacrosse came as a member of the Team BC U19 field hockey team that competed at the 1985 Western States Lacrosse Tournament. His play led to a scholarship offer with Whittier College where his teams won three Western Collegiate Lacrosse League titles and two Western States championship titles (1985-1989). In his senior year, he was a co-captain and was named MVP for the North-South Collegiate all-star game. Pat was a first-round draft pick of the Coquitlam Adanacs (1988) and played 13 NLL seasons with Coquitlam, North Shore and Okanagan. He played goal for the Coquitlam Jr. A Adanacs (1984-87), won 1st Team All-Star honours (1986 & 1987) and was BCLL All-MVP with Paul Galt. His first exposure to field lacrosse came as a member of the Team BC U19 field hockey team that competed at the 1985 Western States Lacrosse Tournament. His play led to a scholarship offer with Whittier College where his teams won three Western Collegiate Lacrosse League titles and two Western States championship titles (1985-1989). In his senior year, he was a co-captain and was named MVP for the North-South Collegiate all-star game. Pat was a first-round draft pick of the Coquitlam Adanacs (1988) and played 13 NLL seasons with Coquitlam, North Shore and Okanagan. His Coquitlam Adanacs and Tri-City field lacrosse clubs were 6-time Provincial champs and he received top goaltender honours in each. His coaching of the National Field Lacrosse Championship teams. Jeff led his squad to four national titles including three Ross Cups (1992, 2004 & 2005), and the 2005 Blue Streaks top goaltender on three occasions and Ross Cup MVP gold medals (2004). He played on two Pacific Northwest Senior A field hockey tournament championship teams (1990 & 1991) and was selected to two national tournament honours twice (1991 & 2001). As a member of Team Canada’s Men’s Field Lacrosse team, he was selected to the 2006 Mann Cup winning Brampton Excelsiors (2002) and 2009 Mann Cup winning Brampton Excelsiors (2008). With the silver medal winning Team Canada Senior Men’s squad (2010). He was inducted into the Canadian Lacrosse Hall of Fame as a member of the 2006 Team Canada Men’s Field Team (Team Category).

Veteran Player Category-

Paul Gait (Niagara Falls, NY) – Paul Gait was a co-captain with the NLL Colorado Mamabells in 2002. He was a member of the 2004 and 2005 Mann Cup winning Brampton Excelsiors (2002) and 2009 Mann Cup winning Brampton Excelsiors (2008). He played in two Mann Cups (2008 & 2009) with the Salammbone. In 2001, Chris Gill was a member of Team Canada’s Men’s Field Lacrosse team and won the Mann Cup in 1988. In 2005, Chris Gill was a member of Team Canada’s Men’s Field Lacrosse team and won the Mann Cup in 1988. In 2005, Chris Gill was a member of Team Canada’s Men’s Field Lacrosse team and won the Mann Cup in 1988. In 2005, Chris Gill was a member of Team Canada’s Men’s Field Lacrosse team and won the Mann Cup in 1988. In 2005, Chris Gill was a member of Team Canada’s Men’s Field Lacrosse team and won the Mann Cup in 1988. In 2005, Chris Gill was a member of Team Canada’s Men’s Field Lacrosse team and won the Mann Cup in 1988. In 2005, Chris Gill was a member of Team Canada’s Men’s Field Lacrosse team and won the Mann Cup in 1988.
Hall of Fame 4-peat for Gill-Dickinson Family

Chris Gill
By: Bruce MacDonald & LT Staff

Chris Gill is joining his father, grandfather and great-grandfather in the Canadian Lacrosse Hall of Fame. Gill is one of ten new inductees to be honored by the Hall later this November.

In thirteen Western Lacrosse Association (WLA) seasons with the Burrards and Salmonbellies, Chris scored 482 goals and 352 assists for 833 points in 282 regular season and playoff games. He was a five-time WLA all-star, a two-time league leading scorer (1997 & 2000), the Three Star Award winner (1997) and WLA MVP (1998). He played in two Mann Cups (2008 & 2009) with the Salmonbellies.

Chris has also given much of his time back coaching youth lacrosse in Ridge Meadows as well as coaching his daughter on various Team BC teams including Women’s Field Lacrosse.

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Sohen Gill

“It was a shock when I was first told – I couldn’t believe it,” said an elated Gill. “This award means so much to me and my family – it’s neat to follow in my family’s footsteps being inducted alongside such greats.”

Chris’s dad, Sohen, twice the commissioner of the WLA, was inducted into the Hall in 2005 as a builder. He managed and coached teams beginning in 1970, not to mention organized thirteen national championships. Between 1961 and 1969, Sohen played eight seasons of senior lacrosse with Burnaby, Victoria, Vancouver, and Coquitlam, scoring 141 points in 111 games. He is widely considered the first Indo-Canadian lacrosse player in western Canada and very likely the first in the entire country.

“I was very excited to hear of Chris’s selection to the hall,” stated the elder Gill. “You look back to his youth lacrosse days, he was a very good lacrosse player and people would say he takes after me – I’d always say, no, Bill Dickinson (Chris’s grandfather) was the key to his success.”

Sohen’s father-in-law, Bill Dickinson, was a formidable player with a reputation as both a great defender and a top scorer from 1935 to 1951 in the Intercity Lacrosse League (ICL). In 398 career games with Richmond, Vancouver, North Shore Indians and Salmonbellies, including 21 Mann Cup finals games, he scored 941 points including 611 goals. After retiring from the game, he held the position of ICL commissioner for 6 years. He was inducted into the Canadian Lacrosse Hall of Fame in 1965.

Bill’s dad, Les, inducted into the Hall in 1971, got the lacrosse ball rolling in 1936 when he helped to establish the Vancouver Burrards. One of his first recruits was son Bill for the 1937 season. Under Les’s leadership and Bill’s checking and scoring prowess, the Burrards won from ICLL cellar dwellers to Mann Cup finalists in 1940.

Almost 80 years of lacrosse in the Gill-Dickinson families has shaped many lacrosse lives in four generations of lacrosse in BC. And with other family members volunteering and the younger generations of the family toiling in minor lacrosse, there’s a good chance of future greatness.

“Four generations… it’s never been done before,” noted Sohen Gill. “I’m not sure if there has even been three generations of inductees – there could be a fifth generation in the future.”

Hall of Fame Announces 2015 Inductees

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some 20 years later by Gary Gait. He played three pro seasons with New Westminster (1968-69) and Maryland Arrows (1975) winning two World Professional Championships with the Salmonbellies. Ed joined the Salmonbellies as an underage player in 1969 and played Senior A for New West over six seasons from 1969-1977. In his first Senior season, Goss scored 51 goals and 45 assists for 96 points and was named to the 1st All-Star team. He was the W.C. Ellison Trophy recipient for playoff MVP that same season. In 188 Senior A and pro games, Ed netted 215 goals and 301 assists for 516 points and 376 penalty minutes. His Salmonbellies team went to three straight Mann Cups, winning two (1970 & 1972). Goss was inducted into the Canadian Lacrosse Hall of Fame as a member of the New Westminster Salmonbellies 1968-1972 team.

Team Category-
Peterborough James Gang 1981-83 – The Peterborough James Gang lacrosse teams, that were coached by Mark Vitarelli and managed by Lee Vitarelli, won three straight Minto Cup titles in 1981, 1982 and 1983. In three regular seasons, the James Gang amassed a record of 58-4. In the 1981 season, they had a perfect 20-0 regular season and in playoffs, they swept Etobicoke and New Westminster.

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SUBWAY® BCLA Box Lacrosse Provincial Champions Crowned

Pee Wee A1 Gold - Ridge Meadows Burrards
Bantam A1 Gold - Juan de Fuca Whalers
Bantam A2 Gold - Surrey Rebels
Midget A1 Gold - Coquitlam Adanacs
Female Junior Gold - Coquitlam Adanacs
Female Midget Gold - Ridge Meadows Burrards
Female Bantam Gold - Port Coquitlam Saints
Female Pee Wee Gold - Ridge Meadows Burrards

By: LacrosseTalk Staff

The 2015 SUBWAY® BCLA Box Lacrosse Provincial Championships took place during the month of July in four centres around BC. The 2014 Provincials had 111 teams with over 2700 athletes, coaches and volunteers participating in the championships.

The events and locations were: Pee Wee and Female Provincials July 8-12 in Ridge Meadows and Port Coquitlam, the Bantam Provincials July 15-19 in Kelowna and the Midget Provincials July 22-26 in Prince George.

The 2015 SUBWAY® BCLA Box Lacrosse Provincial medal winners were as follows.

Pee Wee A1-Gold: Ridge Meadows, Silver: Coquitlam, Bronze: Juan de Fuca.
Pee Wee B-Gold: Saanich, Silver: Oceanside, Bronze: Port Coquitlam.
Pee Wee C-Gold: Kamloops, Silver: Campbell River, Bronze: Mission.
Bantam B-Gold: Campbell River, Silver: Shawnigan, Bronze: Juan de Fuca.
Bantam C-Gold: Penticton, Silver: Vanderhoof, Bronze: Juan de Fuca.

Bantam B-Gold: Coquitlam, Silver: Comox Valley, Bronze: Peninsula.

The SUBWAY® Team Sportsmanship award went to the Pee Wee A2 Kelowna Kodiaks team, Female Junior Prince George Posse team, the Bantam A1 Delta Islanders and the Fort St. John Midget C team.

The Warrior Sports Canada Most Valuable Player award selections were: Pee Wee A1 – Joel McCormick (Ridge Meadows); Pee Wee A2 – Eli McComb (North Shore); Pee Wee B – Brenden Jamieson (Oceanside); and Pee Wee C – Kenney Sween (Campbell River).

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The players came together as a family and fought for each other

Female Junior Head Coach Blair Bradley

The Female Juniors were on a mission to get back to their winning ways and we didn’t disappoint going a perfect 6-0 in the round robin. Team BC top scorers were: 9-4 and 11-5 victories over Nova Scotia, 8-4 and 6-2 over Alberta and 10-5 and 9-3 over Ontario. BC was adamant to improve on their 2014 bronze with a date versus Ontario for gold. BC led 1-0 after the first with the score tied at two after the second frame. In the third, four different Team BC players (Bradley, Delich, Dexter and Harvey) scored early and in bunches to take the lead and the ladies never looked back to go on and win 6-4 for the title. Team BC top scorers overall were Ashley Bull (13G, 15A), Keely Bradley (8G, 6A), Kaelyn Dexter (5G, 9A). Goaltenders Madison Krassman and Santana Mactety posted a total 3.86 goals average in 7 games. Kyra Bradley and Ashley Bull were awarded Team BC tournament all-star selections.

Our boys battled hard every step of the way, but fell short in the last game,” said Coach Jason Bishop. “The journey was a tough grind and a fantastic experience – one many players will never forget.

MidJrts-The MidJrts team looked to repeat as national champs. Parry was evident with the MidJrts as it was a 5-team battle at the top with improved Nova Scotia and First Nations squads. MidJrts placed third after the round robin with a 3-2-1 record after battling illness and adversity. Team BC top scorers were: 13-1 over New Brunswick, 10-7 over Alberta, 15-2 over Saskatchewan, a 7-7 tie with Nova Scotia, and two losses, 10-7 to First Nations and 7-1 versus Ontario. The First Nations team proved to be a thorn in Team BC’s side all tournament as BC lost 11-5 in the semi-finals. Team BC met Nova Scotia for the bronze and persevered with a narrow 6-5 victory for the bronze. BC top scorers were: Sekawnee Baker (11G, 8A), Adam Faltonton (8G, 3A), Kyle Nichols (9G) and William Clayton (6G, 8A). Goaltenders Justin Smith and Brodie Harris held their opponents to 5 goals against in eight games.

Sekawnee Baker was named the Team BC tournament all-star.

“While we fell short of our goal of a National Championship, I believe that the team upheld the high standard of play, respect and sportsmanship that has been associated with the program since the start. It was an honour to coach our Team BC MidJrts team,” stated Coach Trevor Smith. “I’m very proud of the Bronze Medal. With our fair share of hurdles, the team fought through adversity to earn a national medal. It was a great experience.”

Team BC Box Lacrosse Technical Coordinator, Darcy Rhodes, was proud of all athletes, coaches, managers and volunteers that made the Team BC experience impressive.

“The 2015 Team BC Box Lacrosse program once again had a successful year at Nationals, as the team continued in the same fashion,” stated Rhodes. “All players, coaches and team personnel should be proud by the way they conducted themselves at Nationals – it is always nice to get such positive feedback on how well Team BC represents themselves as a Province at Nationals.”

BCLA VP of Performance Programs, Ron McQuarrie, was proud of Team BC’s accomplishments fully knowing the athletes took their games to another level.

“In 2015, we saw four National Lacrosse League level and a few Hall of Fame coaches share their knowledge and expertise while coaching various Team BC boxes teams,” exclaimed McQuarrie. “The amount of lacrosse learned by the athletes, not only individual skill, but also team play, is worth its weight in gold.”

Photo: Denise Reddekopp
Victoria Shamrocks are Intermediate A 2015 Provincial Gold Medal Champions.

By: LacrosseTalk Staff

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In the Intermediate “A” gold medal game, the Shamrocks led the Salmonbellies 5-2 at the end of the first period. Midway in the second, the Salmonbellies fought back to tie the game at six. The Shamrocks then outscored the Salmonbellies 8-1 the rest of the game to win 14-7 for the 2015 Provincial Champions. In the bronze match, Coquitlam and Langley were tied at four goals apiece at the end of the first period. After allowing one more goal in the second, Coquitlam took control and ended up defeating Langley by a score of 12-8 to win the bronze.

Cowichan Valley Thunder are Intermediate B 2015 Provincial Gold Medal Champions.

The 2015 Provincial Awards for the BC Intermediate B provincials are as follows. All-stars: Jordan Wenaus (Ridge Meadows), Taylor James (Cowichan Valley), Victor Robichaud (Delta), Andrew Miller (Coquitlam), Bentley Barrados (Delta) and Kain Stewart (Goal: Cowichan Valley).


Shamrocks and Thunder Win Intermediate Titles

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In the Intermediate “A” gold medal game, Coquitlam took a 3-1 lead over Coquitlam at the end of the first period and extended that lead to 7-3 by the end of the second. Each team added two more goals apiece in the third to make the final score 9-5 in favor of Cowichan Valley.

In the Intermediate “B” bronze game, Ridge Meadows took a 4-1 lead into their dressing room, after the first period, but Delta scored five unanswered goals in the second. Each team traded goals in the third with the Delta Islanders taking the game 7-5.

The 2015 Provincial Awards for the BC Intermediate B provincials are as follows. All-stars: Reid Bowering (Coquitlam), Charlie Kartenbach (New Westminster), Christian Bosa (Langley), Eddie Smith (Victoria), David Byrne (Victoria) and Spencer Erwin (Goal: Victoria). Point Leader: Marshal King (Victoria). Most Sportsmanlike Player: John Hofseth (Coquitlam). Top Goalie: Spencer Erwin (Victoria) and MVP: Eddie Smith (Victoria).

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In Memoriam

Stan Cowie. Well-known New Westminster athlete, Stan Cowie, passed away on May 7, 2015. Cowie, born in the Royal City on March 31, 1933, was a member of the Junior Salmonics that captured the 1953 Minto Cup championship. He then joined the Senior Salmonbells and was a member of the 1958 Mann Cup winners. Over a six-year Senior career, Stan accumulated 104 points on 70 goals and 34 assists. Cowie was also a well-known local basketball player and a member of the Vancouver Golf Club.

Skip MacKay. Skip MacKay, one of the most outstanding lacrosse stars of the 1950’s, passed away May 5, 2015. Born Norman Kenneth MacKay on January 31, 1934, Skip grew up in Vancouver’s East End where he quickly earned a reputation as a promising lacrosse, hockey and soccer athlete.

Also, his greatest season was 1958, when his 96 points earned him the Commissioner Trophy as the league’s Most Valuable Player. Although his team lost the playoffs to the ‘Belies, Skip once again was the MVP, taking the Max McDonald Trophy.

Ernie Smith. Lacrosse Hall of Famer Ernie Smith passed away August 7, 2015. Smith, born in Grayson, SK, was just 17 years of age when he experienced his first Senior-level lacrosse—six games with the North Shore Indians. The next season in 1942, he donned the Vancouver Burrards’ uniform for an 11-year career. In 303 games, Ernie gained 566 points on 429 goals and 127 assists. Smith was inducted into the Canadian Lacrosse Hall of Fame in 2005.

Bob Stewart. Over six decades of close involvement with the game of lacrosse ended June 11, 2015, with the death of popular Bob Stewart. Born Robert Foster Stewart on July 22, 1935, he was another Vancouver East End product that somehow managed to squeeze in soccer, basketball, rugby and lacrosse while attending Britannia High School.

In 1954, Bob was a member of the PNE Indians’ Junior boxla squad that entered the Minto Cup championship. Two years later, he gained his second Minto Cup gold medal with the Mount Pleasant Legion—same team, new sponsor. Over the following 10 years, Bob played soccer and lacrosse with Ex-Brick before taking up coaching and managing young athletes with the Westminster Soccer Association and the New Westminster Junior Salmonbells. Later, he became a director with the senior Salmonbells’ organization and spent 20 years as a governor with the Canadian Lacrosse Hall of Fame. Bob was inducted into the Hall as a Builder in 2010.

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2015 BCLA Box Lacrosse provincials Warrior Fair Play Awards

Female Junior

Kirtin MacMurchy (Coquitlam) Emily Prouse (Great North West) Amber Haley (New Westminster) Gaby Jones (New Westminster) Danita Stroup (Port Coquitlam) Sierra Leforge (Ridge Meadows)

Female Midget

Kirsten Davies (Coquitlam) Teodor Zarkovic (Nanaimo) Jaime Lee (New Westminster) Ingrid Vaca (Port Coquitlam) Puja Bell (Ridge Meadows) Adrienne Guimond (Ridge Meadows)

Female Bantam

Sarah Belsher (Kamloops) Marsh Barker (Langley) Alyssa MacDonald (Nanaimo) Shanina Louie (New Westminster) Megan Morris (Port Coquitlam) Elise Tremblay (Port Coquitlam)

Female Pee Wee

Trinity Chow (Burnaby) Breanna Hollingshead (Coquitlam) Chantelle Lee (Nanaimo) Myah Ali (New Westminster) Jannah Lego (Port Coquitlam) Sarah McAdoo (Ridge Meadows)

Fair Play Coaches & Official

Wes Eaton Katrina McCurrach Tony Angell Podium Belt (Official)

Midget A

Blane Donaldson (Coquitlam) Brayden Brown (Juan de Fuca) Jordan Daniel (Langley) Kobe Noda (New Westminster) Nate Facelski (Ridge Meadows) Will Johnson (Saanich)

Midget B

Trevor Gilbert (Coquitlam) Jake Servatich (Kamloops) Aidan Jon (Nanaimo) New-Francis-Leroux (Penticton) Chase Law (Port Coquitlam) Mac Schindel (Penticton) Cole Johnson (Saanich)

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By: Erin Kingston

Vancouver, BC – August 2015 – Vancouver Killarney Minor Lacrosse Association (VKMLA) announces that three of its graduating lacrosse players have received National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) scholarships. Intermediate players, Chase Pretti-Pearsall, Wesley Lo, and Tyler Vogrig, step outside the box and their field turf in Canada to export their homegrown lacrosse skills to NCAA University field lacrosse teams.

“Chase, Wesley and Tyler have all excelled playing box and field lacrosse with VKMLA. These players have consistently performed at a high level of lacrosse, have been drafted by BC Junior A teams after 2 years of play at the Intermediate level and are now selected to play at the NCAA University level,” said Regina Villanueva, VKMLA President. “Vancouver athletes heading to the US speaks of the caliber of youth lacrosse and the opportunities for players in NCAA programs and in the future to represent Canada in world class competition.”

In 2012, Chase Pretti-Pearsall was captain of the gold winning team at the BC Field Lacrosse Championships, named MVP twice, contributing 15 goals and 3 assists during the playoffs. Chase was Vancouver’s 2013 ‘Graduating Player of the Year’ in his Midget year. He played Team BC Midget box securing bronze at the Nationals that same year. He finished his U19 field lacrosse season playing for Surrey winning the bronze medal at the Provincials. He also participated in the 2014 “All Canada Lacrosse Games” and was one of only two BC players named to the All Star Team. In addition to playing the game, Chase officiated lacrosse for 6 years and received the VKMLA Junior Referee award in 2010. Pretti-Pearsall is a very well-rounded midfield field player, who emphasizes teamwork and demonstrated that as a coach of VKMLA field lacrosse for a season.

“My passion for lacrosse combined with my academic success opened NCAA doors. I’ve selected Mars Hill University (Asheville, NC) to play with the Lions who just won the 2015 South Atlantic Conference 2 championship. It came down to choosing a university that offers the degree I want and has a strong men’s lacrosse program. I’ll be back in Canada to play with Burnaby Lakers Junior A in spring 2016.”

In 2014, Vancouver’s Wesley Lo was drafted by the Langley Junior Thunder in the BC Junior A Lacrosse League. Wesley is a strong, right-handed offensive player who graduated from Killarney Secondary in the class of 2015. Lo has received an athletic scholarship from Alderson Broaddus (Philippi, WV), to play the midfield position in field lacrosse for the NCAA Battlers team. Another Vancouver player to receive an athletic scholarship, Tyler Vogrig, is playing his second year for the High Point University Panthers, NCAA Div. 1, in North Carolina.

Student-athletes like Chase, Wesley and Tyler inspire youth to pursue the growth sport of lacrosse at the Canadian and US university level. No other sport boasts a growth rate above 10%. From 2009 to 2014, a total of 551 schools added boys’ programs and 556 schools added girls’ programs which resulted in 27.8% growth for boys’ lacrosse and 31.2% for girls’ lacrosse.

Box Lacrosse Provincial Host Conveners

The BCLA Provincial Championships take a host of passionate volunteers to successfully run and administer tournaments in their host communities. These special people took a leadership role in their community spending long, tireless hours with their volunteer teams preparing for that one weekend of non-stop lacrosse action!

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Thank you all for your passion and love for lacrosse. Your hard work and efforts mean so much to so many people in the lacrosse community. Your selfless use of your time has help etch life-long memories in the minds of young BC Lacrosse players and their families.

Congratulations Scott, Dianne, Stacey Tracey & Tammy!

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Nicola Valley Builds New Box Facility

By: Kelly Bartch, Past VP/coach NVMLA

The Nicola Valley Minor Lacrosse Association (NVMLA) has completed its 11th season of lacrosse. There have been many bumps along the way as we grow the sport and manage the challenges of a newer association. The athletes enjoyment in playing lacrosse far outweighs the losses. We continue to develop and improve the skill base of our athletes to increase the number of registered players. We were fortunate to have some coaching help from the likes of Steve (Stumps)Dam of Easuru and Rick Baker who encouraged us to build a box.

The grand opening of the Lacrosse Box was held in May 2015 with a great turnout despite the rain. Since then, it is a rare occasion when the box is not in use. The kids practice and play on their own for hours, only limited by the dinner bell. We expect to see an increase in player registration and skill development for the Nicola Valley Lacrosse Association.

This August, the NVMLA partnered with the BCHL’s Merritt Centennials Jr. A Hockey School to provide five days of introduction to lacrosse for 100 kids ages 5 to 14, most of whom had no previous lacrosse experience. By the end of the week, many of the kids indicated they wanted to play lacrosse in the Spring! NVMLA has the highest registration numbers per capita in the Interior. There is a strong interest in the sport and the new box is expected to build the association to new levels.

The future of lacrosse in Merritt is expected to grow and continue to develop a junior and senior level team. The mission of the board is to convert a junior and senior lacrosse program to include men’s and women’s field lacrosse as well! For now, we will enjoy the new box! This summer has already seen a number of Mark twain travelers stop and enjoy the facility with great surprise to see what many have already said is one of the best outdoor boxes in the province!

Consider this an invitation to any you passing through to stop and try it out!

Men’s Field Lacrosse Rules

Little change for 2015-16 season and five rules you should know

By: Andy Watson

With field lacrosse season just around the corner, the thought was it would be a good time to share five rules commonly misunderstood in the outdoor game.

1. Crease Play: Unlike box lacrosse, an attacking player may reach into the goal crease to play a loose ball, so long as that player does not initiate contact with the goaltender. And unless the goalie has the ball in his stick any portion of the stick that is outside of the crease can be checked under the same circumstances as the stick of any other player (see Rule 48.1).

2. Loose Ball Rule: Players can make contact with each other within 9 feet of the ball as long as it is not from behind and legal under other rules of the game. A legal shoulder to shoulder hit is allowed in this area as players contest loose balls.

3. Stalling: Under Rule 62, any deliberate action on part of a team in possession of the ball to maintain possession of the ball outside the attack goal area by holding or passing the ball without a reasonable effort to attack its opponent’s goal may be guilty of a technical foul known as stalling. A team may be told to advance the ball into the attacking area if they are deemed to be not playing. And once inside their attacking zone, a team may be instructed to “call it in” - move the ball back and forth in the attacking area. If the offensive team causes the ball to leave the attacking area except after a shot, that team loses possession. It’s important to note that a team that is stalling cannot be guilty of stalling.

4. Long Sticks: Up to four long poles (52-72 inches) in length are allowed on the field at any time. Most often, these are used by defensive players to aid them in keeping offensive players out of the goal. If a player has possession with the ball in their stick, their stick is now only counted forward - so there are no longer any non-forward checks.

5. Sticks: Players not using long poles are required to use crosses that measure 40-42 inches in length and between 6-10 inches in width. Pick string connection, sticks when measured that are not of the correct length/width, or a stick that withholds the ball from result in a three-minute penalty and the player loses their stick for remainder of the game under Rule 75.3. The illegal cross rule (Rule 63) outlines when a player’s stick infracts results in a technical foul. A player of technical foul stick infractions include, a pocket that is too deep and shooting strings that are too long (more than 2 inches in hanging length). When conducting a stick check, teams get one ‘free’ check a game without penalty if they are incorrect. A team can have a goal disallowed if that stick is deemed illegal after being used to score a goal. Young players may play with shorter sticks as permitted by local league rules.

RULE CHANGES

The Canadian Lacrosse Association has instituted three rule changes this year.

1. Timeouts: In the past, teams could call timeouts while the ball was being played in and out of bounds. With field lacrosse season just around the corner, we thought it would be a good time to introduce the concept of ‘huddle” - meaning the ball cannot leave the attack goal area except when a team is shorthanded and once inside the ‘huddle’ area.

2. Faceoffs: Teams can no longer bring a man up on the wing when they are shorthanded. This will further penalize teams when they are short in contesting a loose ball off a faceoff.

3. Offsides: The count for offside players is now only counted forward so there are no more than seven players allowed in the defense and no more than six players allowed in the offense. Essentially this will help the game, especially at the developmental level, in allowing for “slow changes.”

There are also some other minor rule changes - one with regard to field dimensions that notes they have been changed to unify the women’s and men’s dimensions. Note, the lacrosse playing field shall be a rectangular field 110 metres (120.30 yards) long and 60 metres (65.62 yards) wide. A full version of the CLA men’s field lacrosse rulebook is available at the CLA web site (www.lacrosse.ca) under the Officials Tab (via Rules of the Game).

Coach’s Corner

Competitive-Development Coaching Clinic

By: Duane Bratt, CLA National Resource Person

Competitive-Development is the most advanced course in the CLA’s coach development program. Competitive-Development box lacrosse clinics having been running for several years, and now it is time to convert the manual for men’s and women’s lacrosse. The target audience is the pool of coaches that would be available to coach Canada’s national U-19 teams in both men’s and women’s field lacrosse. This would include existing national team coaches as well as the coaches of provincial U-18 teams. While the target audience is the U-19 level, as with box lacrosse, national senior team coaches would also be required to be competitive-development certified.

The writing of the new manuals is occurring in two steps. First, the following theoretical material from the box manual has been converted to the field manuals:

- Becoming a student of the game by assessing the changes that have occurred in lacrosse over the last 10-15 years.
- Role of the coach (interventions in practices, games, and the team environment; communication, feedback, managing conflict).
- Developing a lacrosse program (designing/implementing training camps, team selection, talent identification procedures, statistics and scouting).
- Mental Preparation (developing a competition focus plan, addressing distractions, goal-setting, visualization, establishing the right level of intensity, training mental skills).
- Physical Preparation (prevention and recovery, anti-doping, developing athletic abilities).
- Note: these modules are taught by a CAC subject expert.
- Planning (managing support personnel, procedures that promote readiness for games, decision-making during games, design a year-long lacrosse program, advanced practice plans, understanding the concept of microcycles).

In addition, special men’s and women’s field scenarios are being crafted. These scenarios, which are led by the learning facilitator to encourage discussion among the coaches, are an integral part of the clinic setting. This writing process is led by Duane Bratt, who wrote the competitive-development box manual, but is being vetted for quality control by coaches of our national teams. On the men’s side it is Randy Meams (head coach of Canada’s Senior Men’s field team) and other national team coaches and for the women it is Roxanne Curtis (women’s field Master Learning Facilita- tor), Scott Teeter (head coach of Canada’s U-19 Women’s field team), Tami Rayner (assistant coach of Canada’s U-19 Women’s field team) and Carolyn Toll (former national team mem- ber and coach).

The second step is to write all of the new advanced technical systems: team offence, team defence, transitions, man up, man down, goalkeeping, and analyzing performance. In addition, new statistical and scouting forms especially designed for men’s and women’s field are being designed. The writing for this technical material is being done by Meams, Teeter, Toll, Rayner, and others.

The timelines for this project are pretty quick. The initial writing will be finished by December 2015 to be presented to the Coaching Association of Canada (CAC) by March 2016. The hope is that full context approval will be granted by the CAC to the CLA in Spring 2016.

One of the key events is the pilot clinic in January 2016 in Toronto. The clinic will be facilitated by Duane Bratt and will include some of the top coaches in men’s and women’s field across Canada. The input provided by these coaches on both the theoretical and technical material will be critical for quality control and will led to necessary revisions.

The expansion of the competitive-development coaching course program to include men’s and women’s field lacrosse is a positive recognition that lacrosse in Canada has three distinct, but equal, disciplines.
Stealth 2016 Preview

By: Teddy Jenner

Stealth will be much improved from last year, and they will have a much better chance of getting back in the playoffs. The team has made some key acquisitions during the off-season, and they have a lot of young talent on the roster. The team has a good mix of experienced players and young talent, and they have a good chance of pushing for a playoff spot.

Eric Penney will replace All-Pro Goaltender Tyler Richards

Tyler Richards has been the starting goaltender for the Stealth for the past few seasons, and he has been a key part of the team's success. He is a proven goaltender who has helped the team win several games, and he has been a key player in the team's playoff success. He will be missed, and it will be interesting to see who steps up to replace him.

The team has acquired Eric Penney, who is a young goaltender with a lot of potential. He has been a stand-out player in the junior ranks, and he has shown good potential at the senior level. He will be a great addition to the team, and he has a good chance of becoming the starting goaltender for the Stealth.

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CUFLA 2015 Preview

By: Mack Abbott

As the summer winds down and the box lacrosse season wraps up, it's time for our national game to head back outdoors. That means the Canadian University Field Lacrosse Association (CUFLA) season is right around the corner, with 15 teams from Ontario and Quebec beginning their quest for the 2015 Baggataway Cup championship. The Guelph Gryphons capped off the 2014 season with a 15-12 victory over the McGill Redmen in the championship game. It was Guelph’s second straight championship, making them the first team to repeat since the Brock Badgers and Queen’s Gaels did so in 2007-08. Parity is the name of the game in CUFLA, as five different teams have won the championship in the past six seasons, including Brock, McMaster, Guelph, McGill, and Guelph. This season looks to be no different.

Entering this season the Brock Badgers, Guelph Gryphons and Western Mustangs will look to maintain a stranglehold on the top three spots in the West Division, as they have done every year in recent memory. The Badgers typically feature a high-flying, fast-paced offence, confirmed by their 201 points scored in the 2014 season. On the other end of the spectrum, Western is known as a lock down defensive squad, having the West Division’s best goals against average last season. Splitting the difference are the Gryphons, who use a mix of offence and defense to propel them to success. Heading into the upcoming season, all three of these teams will look to continue that trend in maintaining their positions at the top of the division.

Further into the division the Laurentian Voyageurs and Toronto Varsity Blues, who finished tied for 4th in the division in 2014, will look to improve upon that result. Both have finished either 1st or 2nd in the division each of the last four seasons. The Redmen—who feature incoming goatehunder Conor Maruhan of Victoria, BC—will look to maintain their defensive dominance in the East, giving up an average of only five goals per game in 2014. Not far behind the Redmen and Gaels are the Queen’s Gaels and Carleton Ravens, who rounded out the top four last year. The Gaels, who squeaked past the Ravens in the opening round of last year’s playoffs, lost a 17-16 barnburner against Western in the 2014 quarterfinals and will be looking to improve upon that result. Both teams will be hot on the heels of Bishop’s and McGill for the East’s top spot.

The East’s 5th seed belonged to Trent last year. Located in the lacrosse hotbed of Peterborough, Ontario, it wouldn’t be a surprise to see the Excalibur climb the standings this season. Rounding out the playoff picture in the East last season was the first-year team from Nipissing University, with the winners advancing to the quarter-finals against an opponent from the opposite division.

2016 FIL U-19 Worlds Update

By: Andy Watson

The 2016 Federation of International Lacrosse (FIL) Under-19 World Lacrosse Championships being held at Coquitlam Town Centre are just under two years away. Following on the heels of the momentum generated by the senior men’s national team, the Canadian world junior men will look to capture their first U19 crown in history on home soil. The process for attracting sponsors is now underway. If you are interested in sponsoring the tournament, please contact Garth Cambrey at garth@2016world lax.com.

Vancouver Sports Pictures signs on after successfully delivering photography services in 2008, Vancouver Sports Pictures has signed on as the official photographer for the 2016 FIL U19 World Lacrosse Championship.

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2015 NLL Media Person of the Year: Steve Ewen

Earlier this summer, the National Lacrosse League announced Steve Ewen from The Province as The Tom Borrelli Award winner, annually presented to the NLL Media Person of the Year, for the 2015 season.

Ewen was recognized by his peers for providing comprehensive coverage of not only the Vancouver Stealth, but also the entire roster of the league, teams and players, on a regular basis over the last 12 months across print, digital and social media.

“There are a lot of talented people in the media banging the drum for lacrosse,” Ewen said. “I’m elated to have my name connected to them through this award.”

Ewen joined The Province, the most-read daily newspaper in British Columbia, in 1994. He began covering the NLL in 2002 while his lacrosse reporting dates back to the start of his career in 1989.

The award is named in honor of the late Tom Borrelli, who covered the Buffalo Bandits for the Buffalo News from the team’s inception in 1992 until 2008. Borrelli passed away in November 2008 after an accident that took place while covering high school football in Buffalo. In 2007, he had been the first media member to be recognized by the NLL Hall of Fame for contributions to the game.

“Never met Tom Borrelli, but I’ve heard nothing but great things,” Ewen said. “Guys like Paul Tutka, Jake Elliott and Stephen Stamp, among others, are all fiercely passionate about the game and have the best interest of the sport at heart.”

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Team Canada Box Roster Announced

By: CLA

OTTAWA, ON, May 19, 2015 - Dean French, Canada’s national team Chairman and the Canadian Lacrosse Association have announced Canada’s roster for the 2015 F.I.L World Indoor Lacrosse Championship (WILC). Canada’s elite indoor athletes will take on the world, vying for a fourth consecutive gold medal, at the Carrier Dome at Syracuse University on September 19.

The World Indoor Games are shaping up really nicely with thirteen countries competing, September 19.

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By: CLA

OTTAWA, ON, May 6, 2015 - Edmonton, Alberta native Taylor Wray will take the reins for a second time as the Canadian Lacrosse Association (CLA) announces the selection of Wray as head coach for the 2016 Under-19 Men’s Field Team Canada. After leading the 2012 U-19 Men’s Field Team Canada to a silver medal, including a historic round-robin victory over Team USA, Wray will once again lead Canada on its run for gold when the world converges on Coquitlam, BC in the summer of 2016.

Wray, an NCCP competition-introduction certified coach, has enjoyed a long and successful lacrosse career, both on and off the field. Growing up he played junior A (box) lacrosse in Burnaby, BC then headed south for a strong college career playing four years for Duke University's men’s field team, before ultimately entering the professional league playing for the National Lacrosse League’s Calgary Roughnecks in 2004. From the time he graduated at Duke and while still playing competitively himself, Wray began his coaching career when he joined the coaching staff at Queen's University of Charlotte (N.C). as assistant coach. Wray held that position for four years (2003-06) then spent four seasons as assistant coach for Lehigh University (2006-11) before taking on his current role as head coach for Saint Joseph’s University (Philadelphia, PA) in August 2011. Now in his fifth season with Saint Jospeh’s, Wray continues to exude his abilities to effectively and successfully lead athletes to excellence and was honoured in 2014 by being named NCAAs 2014 Northeast Conference Coach of the Year. Wray possesses a wealth of high-level playing and coaching experience that he brings with him to every team he’s been a part of.

I am thrilled that Taylor Wray is returning as the head coach of our U-19 team for the 2016 world. When you speak with people who work with him the common descriptor is ‘Leader’. Our U-19 players are in the early stages of developing their leadership skills and they will benefit greatly from working with Taylor,” commented CLA’s National Team Director - Men’s Field, David Huntley.

The Albertan native has also excelled internationally. In 2012 as head coach for the U-19 men’s field national team, Wray led Team Canada to a round-robin victory over Team USA, a feat that no one else has been able to match. Team Canada went on to claim the World Indoor gold medal for the second straight time and he was named to the All-World Team.

Team Canada Chairman, Dean French spoke to the international value of having Wray return to lead the team. “I do not know of any other national team that has a guy on their coaching staff who has played or coached in four World Championship finals since 2006; having Taylor return as Head Coach of our U-19 team is definitely a competitive advantage for Team Canada.”

With fourteen months to go until Team Canada steps on the field in Coquitlam, coach Wray’s first task will be to exude his abilities to effectively and successfully lead athletes to excellence and was honoured in 2014 by being named NCAAs 2014 Northeast Conference Coach of the Year. Wray possesses a wealth of high-level playing and coaching experience that he brings with him to every team he’s been a part of.

Wray spoke to his appointment, “I am honored and thrilled to have been selected as the Head Coach for our U-19 national team. There is no greater honor in sports than having the opportunity to represent your country. To be in a leadership role is a tremendous responsibility and one that will not be taken lightly.”

He too is already looking forward of what’s to come, “I believe we have an incredibly talented pool of players to choose from and I’m looking forward of learning more about them, assembling the coaching staff and building the support team necessary to help us win the world championship in 2016.”

BCLA Partners
in BC Sport Conference

By: LacrosseTalk Staff

Coaches from across BC and the Pacific Northwest will be in attendance at the BC Sport Conference to be hosted on January 16, 2016 at Burnaby’s Michael J. Fox Theatre.

The BC Lacrosse Association has partnered with Basketball BC, Volleyball BC, IBC School Sports and Sport Burnaby to bring this professional development conference to local coaches.

Coaches can earn 3 NCCP Professional Development Credits for attending the conference. Guest speakers include: Jay DeMerit (MLS All-Star), Ashleigh McVor DeMerit (Olympic Gold medalist-Skicross), John O’Sullivan (Bestselling sports author), Trevor Ragan (Sport-centered motivational speaker) and Lindsey Wilson (Former Pro basketball player).

Conference topics will include cultivating captains, winning at no cost, becoming a mentor, growth mindset and mental training. The BCLA are planning a lacrosse specific session just for lacrosse coaches (details to be determined).

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