Hollywood couldn’t have scripted this game any better if it tried!
If a full arena was an indication of success, professional lacrosse would have a home back in the lower mainland. Up until game time there were many questions as to whether or not the BC lacrosse community would support the return of the National Lacrosse League after a seven-year absence. While nothing had been built, they did come.
The nearly 5,000 fans at the sold out Langley Events Centre on December 10th were treated to an amazing exhibition of what the NLL has to offer. To say the least, the Washington Stealth and Toronto Rock wowed diehard lacrosse fans of BC, whetting their appetites for a return of pro lacrosse out west.
Project Coordinator, Paul Dal Monte, a key cog in bringing the game to BC, was excited about the return of the pro lacrosse and how well the event was received by the BC lacrosse community.
"There definitely was a buzz at the Langley Events Centre," stated ex-Vancouver Raven Head Coach Paul Dal Monte. "The weekend can only be seen as a huge success, which was evidenced not only by the great crowd that witnessed the thrilling OT game, but also in the sold out player clinics and the several hundred fans who stayed around for the post-game autograph session."
Local lacrosse players peppered the rosters of both Toronto and Washington and while it was obvious the Stealth were the fan favorites, in the end everyone left with a smile on their face after an outstanding 14-13 overtime victory for the Stealth.
The game opened at a frenzied pace as the Stealth jumped out to a 3-1 lead midway through the first frame. The Rock answered with three straight goals to end the quarter giving the defending champs a 4-3 lead after fifteen minutes.
The preseason rust was evident with sloppy plays and uncharacteristic passes. Some of these athletes last saw game action over three months ago in their summer box loops, but the true talents and athleticism of these pros took form and made for an action packed match, even if this was the first day of training camp for the Stealth.
"All things considered, I thought we played reasonably well, perhaps a little luck on our side to be able to dig up a win late in the game," commented Head Coach Chris Hall. "We had a chance to look at several new players in a game situation, against last year’s best, which was a good measuring tool."
Victoria’s Rhys Duch scored twice in the first half, as the two teams traded goals in the second quarter and Toronto went into the locker room with a narrow 8-7 lead.
The third frame was a penalty-ridden affair with six penalties called, four of which came against the Stealth. The Rock took advantage with their potent power play and outscored the Stealth 3-1 in the quarter, all of their goals power play markers.
Six minutes into the fourth quarter, the Rock scored an empty net goal to take a 12-9 lead following a Stealth turnover with rookie goaltender Chris Seidel pulled for an extra attacker. The Stealth dug down and replied as Paul Rabil, Craig Conn and newcomer Jamie Rooney each scored goals in a two minute span to tie the game at twelve with just over three minutes left. Rhys Duch took the game on his shoulders and notched the game at 13 with just over 30 seconds remaining to force overtime.
Lewis Ratcliff took a Bobby Snider faceoff win just 31 seconds into sudden victory overtime and buried it past ex-Stealth goalie Matt Roik for the overtime win. Rhys Duch led the Stealth netting 3 goals while Ratcliff and Paul Rabil each had a pair.
Stealth faceoff specialist, Bobby Snider, was a force at the faceoff dot maneuvering draws to gain early possessions forcing the Rock to play plenty of the game on the defensive side of the floor. But it was rookie goaltender, Chris Seidel, a Maple Ridge Burrard product, who drew much praise for his steady play making 24 saves in securing the victory.
"Well, I don’t really think anyone surprised me as we were pretty confident as an organization that everyone at camp was capable of making the team," stated Hall. "However, I must say that goalie Chris Seidel put on an amazing show in the second half which seemed to inspire everyone to get us back in the game late."
Toronto, playing in their second exhibition game, were arguably in mid-season form with all their stars dazzling the LEC fans. The Rock was paced by captain Colin “Popeye” Doyle with a hat trick. Blaine Manning, Stephan Leblanc and Dan

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The British Columbia Lacrosse Association (BCLA) held the Annual General Meeting October 14-16, 2011 in Whistler, BC. Every year, this event includes meetings for various directorates, a trade fair, a hospitality social gathering and the annual merit awards banquet. Over 250 delegates were registered for the meetings and 470 participants attended the BCLA Annual Merit Awards Banquet.

This year’s “Hawaiian” theme proved to be a radical hit. This AGM was a year in the making, and by all reports from our members, a resounding success!

“The BCLA staff planned another memorable AGM,” stated BCLA President Sohen Gill. “There were delegates in attendance I had not seen in a number of years; this was great to see!”

The 2011 BCLA Executive was named. They are as follows: President - Sohen Gill, Treasurer - David Soul, Secretary - Myrna Cable, VP, Administration - Gary Van Beck, VP Operations - Greg Toll, VP Performance Program - Ron McQuarrie, VP Development - Terry Mosdell and Director at Large - Dave Jenkins.

On Saturday October 15, the BCLA hosted the annual buffet breakfast for the delegates, families and sponsors. Over 350 people attended the breakfast in preparation for meetings and the afternoon AGM.

In the evening, the gala BCLA Merit Awards Banquet took place on the main stage at the Whistler Conference Centre. The Hawaiian theme was apparent with many people dressed in beach wear, colourful Hawaiian apparel and with numerous leis around their necks. The guests were welcomed at the entrance by Hawaiian hula dancers and our hosts, Mr. Roarke, his sidekick Tattoo and the crazy Maui dancer. Numerous banquet participants dressed up in costumes to celebrate the achievements of the volunteers; none more apparent than the three tables of Super Salmonblines in matching red, white and blue grass skirts.

The evening was emceed by a laid back Dave Evans and his cool sidekick Pete Quevillion.

The banquet crowd was entertained by the antics of Fantasy Island’s Mr. Roarke, Tattoo and the wild Maui man Ugamarakakoa who donned a long pole staff of power. The ever-entertaining Paul Labile, and his Hawaiian hula dancers, taught our members the hula and topped off the show with an incredible fire dance. Once again, Paul Winterton created an incredible year-in-review DVD that wowed the crowd.

The BCLA Merit Awards annually present the BCLA Merit Awards to the many lacrosse volunteers who commit their free time to the sport of lacrosse. Nineteen Merit Awards were handed out during the 2011 Merit Awards Banquet held Saturday October 15 at the Whistler Conference Centre.

The 2011 BCLA Merit Award recipients were as follows: Ted Fridge Family Spirit Award (presented annually to a family or individual to have contributed to the development and promotion of lacrosse locally and/or provincially); The Goss Family (Warren, Shawna, Emily & Hayden), of New Westminster; Hugh Gifford Merit Award (Box & Field Lacrosse – accomplishments of instilling sportsmanship in their players, their leadership and contribution toward improving the image of lacrosse) – Box Lacrosse: John Lee (Barnaby Lakers Intermediate & Junior A) and Field Lacrosse: Marnie Evans (North Island Field Lacrosse); Tom Gordon Plaque (an individual who has done the most for lacrosse in the past year; British Columbia’s Mr. or Mrs. Lacrosse) – Deb Stocks, Vice Chair and Chair BCLA Field Lacrosse Directorate; Ruth Seward Merit Award (Box & Field Lacrosse-award to recognize an individual at the local level for their voluntary, extraordinary contributions to an association or team) – Box Lacrosse: Susan Kirkby (Burnaby Minor Lacrosse Association) and Field Lacrosse: Julia Christiansen (Pacific Rim Youth Field Lacrosse); Norm Wright Merit Award (award presented to member of the media who have done so much for lacrosse) – Box Lacrosse: Tom Delumeau (Quesnel Minor Lacrosse). And the most prestigious BCLA Merit Award an individual can receive, the Tom Gordon Plaque given to an individual who has done the most for lacrosse in the past year, was given to long-time field lacrosse volunteer, Deb Stocks.

She has guided Field Lacrosse both locally and nationally to new levels sitting on the BC Field Directorate and CLF Board of many years.

“Wow, I didn’t really think I’d win this incredible award knowing the other nominations have done so much for lacrosse,” mentioned Nanaimo’s Deb Stocks.

Congratulations to all merit award recipients, President’s Award winners and executive members for their continuous hard work in making lacrosse one of the greatest sports organizations in BC. In the SPIRIT of the game, we thank you!
2012 BC Box Lacrosse Masters

The Port Coquitlam Masters will be hosting the 2012 BC Masters year end tournament this season. Work is already under way and details should be released in the coming months.

The tournament will be held in Port Coquitlam. With the increase in Grand Masters in 2011, there may be two divisions along with the current A, B, and C divisions. Watch for progress updates in the months ahead or contact Betty Selznick at bbsppaq@telus.net.

The Lower Mainland Masters Lacrosse League (LMML) completed a successful inaugural season in 2011. Four teams battled it out every week in a very competitive environment. The feedback has been terrific and everything was positive.

LMML AGM was held December 2011. The executive will be communicating more in early January about the upcoming season.

Some dates to remember are for registration nights on February 5 and February 19. The season will get underway April 15 (a pre-season drop-in will be held beforehand) and will wrap up by end of July. If registrations warrant adding two more teams then the league will expand to six.

John BCMastersLacrosse.com - the third year of BCMasterLacrosse.com is in place for 2012; continuing to grow every month with over a hundred players now receiving the Lacrosse Masters e-newsletter. Several clubs had success last year through joining the website and acquiring players by having their team in the contact section. Email Paul Spartow at admin@bcmasterlacrrosse.com today for details!

In early November, the Development Team was back at visiting Smithers, Hazelton and Houston.

The team flew together to Smithers and planned the next day trip to Hazelton in advance.

The first stop was at Nechako Elementary School. An Inter-crosse program was delivered to 80 students. The Inter-crosse programs consists of a 5-hour history lesson followed by the demon-

The development team consisted of Bryan Baxter, Naomi Walser and Dan Wray. Dan and Naomi invited to Terrace on October 4, and they had the sticks at the hotel and prepared for the next day’s activities.

The team split up on Thursday in order to accommodate more students. Naomi headed north to the village of Greenville in the Nisga’a Territory, while Bryan and Dan attended at Thornhill El-

The evening session was rousing success with 42 students in attendance, even though there were only a few parents. The gym was packed with enthusiastic youngsters anxious to show their teachers and parents what they had learned that day. A second set of equipment had to be opened to satisfy all of the students with sticks and balls. Although there was no plan for this many students, the team managed to keep the group interested and ended with a game. The players included a game of “hot lacrosse” on the playground to Smithers and could not stop talking about the day’s events. Dan made some great contacts and is convinced that this will be a viable future for a future association.

The final day concluded in Smithers at Lake Kathlyn and Walnut Park. Naomi conducted three sessions with a total of 51 students and Bryan conducted four sessions with a total of 95 students. After the sessions the team prepared for the evening session.

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Prime Minister Harper Visits Lacrosse Hall of Fame in New Westminster

Prime Minister Stephen Harper holds the Minto Cup during a Canadian Lacrosse Hall of Fame visit in November.

By Grant Granger - New Westminster News Leader

Many New Westminster residents don’t know their city is home to the Canadian Lacrosse Hall of Fame, or if they do they don’t know where it is.

Stephen Harper does.

In Late November, Chuck Puchmayr, one of the hall’s governors, was going about his business when he got a call from the Prime Minister’s office. The PM was out for the Grey Cup festivities and had a couple of spare hours between events and he wanted a private tour.

Even though Puchmayr is a former NDP MLA, he was happy to oblige. But he did have to keep his mouth shut.

“It was top secret. I was not allowed to tell anybody,” said Puchmayr. “The place was crawling with people in black suits wearing our pieces.”

Puchmayr said Harper is writing a hockey book and a couple of his subjects had lacrosse connections he wanted to check out. Among them were hockey legend Edouard (Newsy) Lalonde, one of Canada’s best lacrosse players in the first half of the 20th century. The hall and the prime minister will be exchanging research on the players.

During Harper’s hour-long visit to the hall, which is tucked into a room at the Centennial Community Centre, he also saw pictures of former Liberal prime ministers Pierre Elliott Trudeau and Lester B. Pearson in their lacrosse-playing college days. Lacrosse, though, was the only topic of conversation between Puchmayr, Harper and a prime ministerial aide on Friday.

“It was not political at all,” said Puchmayr. Puchmayr and the hall have been working with Heritage Minister James Moore, an Adamsiac fan since he grew up in Coquitlam and now lives in Port Moody, to tap into some funding for a pending move to the new Downtown civic centre, slated to open in 2013.

Currently the hall is only open by request, but at the civic centre it will be open at the same time as the other facilities there. Having it there will also allow for school tours.

“It’s kind of been a secret that people don’t know about,” said Bob Stewart, who was inducted into the hall as a builder in 2010. The Canadian Lacrosse Foundation (CLF) has kicked in $40,000 to help the hall with the transfer. Puchmayr said the hall will easily be able to raise the rest of the $80,000 needed for a bare-bones move.

On the move

The new hall will be about 1.400 square feet, slightly larger than now, but with an additional area for preparing items. However, the hope is to find a little more money to pay for computer kiosks to tell stories and to get some cases that will facilitate rotating displays.

“Because the square footage isn’t much, we have to be selective in how we display our stuff,” said Puchmayr. “We’re going to make it work.”

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The first entry in a new guest book that Harper wrote in the hall’s guest book “Thanks for the tour and for preserving an important part of our national history! Stephen Harper November 25, 2011.”

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Gait Twins Enter BC Sports Hall of Fame

By: Jason Beck, Curator of the BC Sports Hall of Fame

When discussing the greatest athletes in any given sport, usually only a select few individuals enter the discussion. Even rarer are those legendary athletes who transcend their respective sports with matchless combinations of astonishing skill, uncanny scoring prowess, and a heap of championship hardware to back it all up. Athletes who changed their games forever. Babe Ruth, Pele, Wayne Gretzky, Michael Jordan, Jerry Rice, Tiger Woods.

Add Victoria’s Gary Gait to this illustrious list. Simply put, Gait is the greatest lacrosse player the world has ever known. If anyone cares to dispute this claim, please read on.

With his twin brother Paul, likely the closest competition to his crown as the game’s greatest player, Gary played any sport that was available from a young age—soccer, basketball, and of course lacrosse, at age four. The Gaits’ next door neighbours also happened to be a set of twins the same age: Greg and Grant Pepper. The four became partners in crime in any sport they could get involved in. In the end, lacrosse was their chosen path.

They chose wisely.

To start, Gary Gait has won every possible major lacrosse title a player can win, an achievement that is unmatched by any other player ever to play the game. It began in 1979 with a Canadian peewee title and a U-19 Canadian championship, followed by a bantam national championship, then a Junior A national championship might have been the toughest—it took six tries, but in 1983, was captured in Gait’s last year of eligibility. In four years at Syracuse University beginning in 1987, the Gaits led the Orange to three NCAA championships with Gary picking up 1988 NCAA player of the year.

On to pro and the success only continued: three Mann Cups (two with the WLA’s Victoria Shamrocks), three Major League Lacrosse titles, three MILL National Lacrosse League titles, the 2004 Heritage Cup, and the 2006 World Lacrosse Championship representing Canada.

Individually, Gait won the NLL MVP award a record six times, the MILL championship game MVP twice, and 2005 MILL MVP. He retired as the NLL’s all-time leader in goals (634), assists (526), and points (1160) and remains amongst the all-time leaders despite being passed by a handful of longer-serving players. He added sixty-six goals in twenty-two career playoff games.

Perhaps the Gaits’ greatest contribution however is the way they revolutionized the way the modern game is played and helped usher in the current professional game’s popularity across North America. It was in university with his brother Gary that McNeill introduced them to lacrosse and coached the boys until age eleven. Their father Fred and Greg and Grant’s father, Bob, first introduced them to lacrosse and coached the boys until age eleven. Looking to take their play to another level, the dads hired former Victoria Shamrocks player Ron McNeill as coach. Both Gaits attribute much of their success to McNeill now, ahead of his time in terms of teaching young kids technical skills and visualization, meditation, interval training, and nasal breathing techniques that just weren’t taught at that time. In 1986, Paul won a full scholarship to New York’s Syracuse University and with brother Gary led the Orange to three national championships in four years. Three times Paul earned All-American standing and was named MVP of the 1989 NCAA Championship tournament.

Upon graduation, professional lacrosse was just taking hold in the US. A Kansas entertainment company specializing in monster trucks had established a fledgling indoor professional lacrosse league and needed star power. Enter Paul and Gary Gait. Over Paul’s thirteen-year pro career he won nine championships: one Minto Cup (with Esquimalt-Victoria Legion), four Mann Cups (one with Victoria), three NLL championships, and one NLL title.

The only player whose team and individual accomplishments rival those of his twin brother, it’s not difficult to see why Paul’s name enters the discussion for greatest lacrosse player of all-time early and often. Four times he led the NLL in goal scoring, eight times was named to the First-Team All-Pro, and in 2002 he won the league’s MVP award. Paul currently ranks as the NLL’s third all-time goalscorer (410) and eighth in points (712). Lacrosse Magazine and the NCAA named him to its All-Twentieth Century Team and 25th Anniversary Team respectively. Four times he represented Canada at the ILF World Championships, earning All-World honours in 1994. Like Gary, Paul is also inducted into the US Lacrosse National Hall of Fame and the NLL Hall of Fame. Currently, Paul remains heavily involved with the Gaits’ own brand of lacrosse equipment, Gait Lacrosse based in Syracuse.

Victoria’s Gait Lacrosse (above) and Paul Gait (below) were inducted in the 2011 class of the BC Sports Hall of Fame.
The game of field lacrosse continues to evolve in Canada. As Inside Lacrosse Magazine recently noted, the “Gold Rush” to recruit Canadian lacrosse players is well on its way and the number of AUSU clubs could very well broach the 300 player level in 2012. This continued surge in the aggregate numbers of Canadians playing lacrosse in the US is the most obvious statistic that describes the changing face of Canadian lacrosse. The “Gold Rush” is producing some outstanding and astounding lacrosse talent in “under prospected” areas. Second, the development of players on the defensive side of center is significant. As Inside Lacrosse recently noted, the “Gold Rush” is producing some outstanding and astounding lacrosse talent in “under prospected” areas.

In the preparation of this report, input was sought from leading coaches and with the author of the article accepts all responsibility for any errors of accuracy or omission.

Canada Rising—Senior Rankings (incoming class of 2012)
2. Kyle Jackson – Midfield – Akwesasne/Salisbury – Michigan
3. Cery Shires – Attack – Namu/Claremont – Loyola
4. Derek Seale – Defense – Hamilton – Cornell
5. Charles Rogers – Midfield – Colgate – Uncommitted
7. T.J. Sanders – Attack – Oshawa/Midfield – Penn State
9. Seth Oakes – Attack – Alkayes/Saloon/Saloon – Uncommitted
12. Ty Klarner – Attack – Port Coquitlam – Uncommitted
15. Riley Glemnitz – Midfield – Midfield – Uncommitted
16. Thomas Bianchin – Attack – Burlington – Uncommitted
17. Ky Tarbell – Attack – Alkayes/Saloon/Saloon – Uncommitted
18. Taylor Albrecht – Midfield – Morley/Field Hockey – Cornell
19. Max Fredrickson – Attack/Claremont – Ligh
20. Tile Flesby – Defense/Edmonton/Hill Academy – Uncommitted
22. James Rafe – Midfield – Langley – Uncommitted
23. Zak Herrereyes – Attack – London – Loyola
24. Konrad Adams – LSM – Akwesasne/Salisbury – Cornell
27. Ryan Turner – Midfield – Ottawa – Uncommitted
28. Steve Cauwell – Attack – Saloon/Saloon – Uncommitted
29. Max Fredrickson – Attack/Claremont – Uncommitted
30. Jake Withers – Midfield – Midfield – Uncommitted
32. Ty Barrett – Goalie – Westminister – Uncommitted
33. Dan Williams – Defense – Hamilton – Uncommitted
34. Blair Boomer – Midfield – Hill Academy – Uncommitted
35. Dan Lomas – Attack – Saloon/Saloon – Uncommitted
36. Josh Byrne – Attack – New Westminster – Uncommitted
37. Chris Kaspar – Midfield – Hill Academy – Uncommitted
41. Davis Reidky – Attack – Red Deer – Uncommitted
42. Quinn Provo – Midfield – Alkayes/Saloon/Alkayes/Saloon – Uncommitted
43. Ty Kibby – Attack – Barbury – Uncommitted
44. Paddo Quinn – Midfield – Hamilton/Halifax West HS – Uncovered
45. Mike Fournier – Midfield – Baalyn – Uncommitted
46. Josh Oliver – Midfield – Marlham/Vermont/Quebec – Uncommitted
47. Derek McLoed – Defense/Claremont – Victoria – Uncommitted
48. Donsie Danyale – Midfield – Victoria – Uncommitted
49. Sam Martin – Midfield – Halifax/Claude HS – Uncommitted
50. Will Glover – Midfield – Oshawa/Hill Academy – Uncommitted

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2. Tyler Pace – Midfield – John Gwin/Albany – Uncommitted
4. Drew Dzidzko – Attack – Saquatecacun – Uncommitted
7. Shane Simpson – Midfielder – Hamilton – North Carolina
8. Michael Green – Midfield – Masconomet – Uncommitted
9. Tyler Albrecht – Midfield – Morley/Field Hockey – Cornell
12. Marcus Davis – Midfield – Midfield – Uncommitted
14. Thomas Bianchin – Attack – Burlington – Uncommitted
15. Michael Messenger – Midfield – Burlington/Trinity Pawling – Uncommitted
16. Holden Cattoni – Midfield – Midfield – Uncommitted
17. Nick Oakes – Attack – Akwesasne/Salmon River – Uncommitted
18. Ty Albrecht – Midfield – Morley/Field Hockey – Cornell
20. Kyle Jackson – Midfield – Akwesasne/Salmon River – Uncommitted
22. Tyson Bomberry – Attack – Whitby – Uncommitted
23. Aaron Madaisky – Defense – South Fraser – Uncommitted
25. Sam Degroot – Midfield – Port Coquitlam – Uncommitted
26. Calum McManus – Midfield – Port Coquitlam – Uncommitted
27. Louis – Guillaume Lemay – Defense – Port Coquitlam – Uncommitted
29. Chase Malcolm – Midfield – Oshawa/Hill Academy – Uncommitted
30. Garrett Zernick – Midfield – Midfield – Uncommitted
31. Sam Murphy – Midfield – Saquatecacun – Uncommitted
32. Gianni Bianchi – Midfield – Burlington/Trinity Pawling – Uncovered
33. John Pearson – Attack – Langley – Uncommitted
34. Brian Johnson – Attack – Six Nations/Claremont – Uncommitted
35. Landon Gagner – Attack – Arizona/Bozot – Uncommitted
36. Alex Tullett – Defense/Claremont – Victoria – Uncommitted
38. John Johnstone – Attack – Claremont – Uncommitted
40. Jake Cullen – Attack – Victoria – Uncommitted
41. Brodie Jongebrun – Midfield – Saquatecacun – Uncommitted
42. Logan Mallory – Goalie – Saquatecacun – Uncommitted
43. Eddie Renaud – Attack – Burlington – Uncommitted
44. Brett Kajola – Attack – Ridge Meadows – Uncommitted
45. Joseph Small – Midfield – Midfield – South Fraser – Uncommitted
46. Connor Steepe – Goalie – Coquitlam – Uncommitted
47. Quenton Pavan – Defense/Coquitlam/Blue Ridge – Uncommitted
48. Jay Lindsay – FOGO – Burlington – Uncommitted
49. Paul Gabriele – Midfield – Victoria – Uncommitted
50. Tony Tremblay – Midfield – Calgary – Uncommitted

About the rankings - Rankings are not without controversy – the author of this article accepts all responsibility for any errors of accuracy or omission.

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CLA Technical Bulletin 11-05

Due to the delay in being given notice by CSA of them being approved lacrosse facemasks that meet CSA standards, and upon concluding that this notice cannot provide for all lacrosse players to acquire CSA approved lacrosse facemasks but that the notice is sufficient to supply players 16 years and under with CSA approved lacrosse facemasks; The Canadian Lacrosse Association (CLA) issues the following directives with regard to helmet and facemask requirements:

FOR PLAYERS 17 YEARS AND OVER:

Players aged 17 years and over, as defined by CLA policy 18.2.1.3* for box and 19.4.1.3** for field, are not required to use a CSA approved facemask for lacrosse until January 1, 2013. Until then players 17 years and over are permitted to use NOCSAE approved facemasks with a CSA approved helmet, provided attaching the facemask to the helmet does not alter the helmet in any way which would void the CSA approval. This means that helmet and facemask configurations that were legal as per CLA policy and used in the 2011 season may continue to be used in the 2012 season. Refer to CLA Technical Bulletin 11-05 for instructions on what qualifies as a legal helmet, facemask and chin cup configuration:

http://cla.pointstreaksites.com/files/uploaded_documents/357/tech_bullitite_11-05_CSA_Lacrosse_Helmet
documents/357/Tech_Bulletin_11-05_Legal_vs_Ilegal_Helmets_v3_5_FINAL.pdf

The CLA warns all players 17 years and over about the potential risks of using non CSA approved facemasks and strongly recommends that players 17 years and over use CSA approved lacrosse facemasks where they are available. The CLA informs players 17 years and over who do not use CSA approved facemasks that they are assuming any and all risks associated with the use of non CSA approved facemasks.

FOR PLAYERS 16 YEARS AND UNDER:

The above exception shall NOT apply to players aged 16 years and under, as defined by CLA policy 18.2.1.3* for box and 19.4.1.3** for field. Such players must comply with CLA policy 12.4 as of January 1, 2012.

12.4 Helmets & Facemasks

12.4.1. A Canadian Standards Association (CSA) approved helmet which contains the appropriate CSA approval mark, and the helmet must be designed so that it does not create a risk of injury to the wearer or another person when it is used as it is intended.

12.4.2. A Canadian Standards Association (CSA) approved facemask for hockey with the appropriate CSA approved face guard for lacrosse.

12.4.2.3.1. The facemask shall be designed to cover the wearer’s entire face to the lower line of the jaw, and prevent the ball or the head of the stick from touching the face of the wearer.

12.4.2.3.2. The facemask must be attached and hinged, chin cup attached to the mask via straps attached to the helmet. Chin strap attached by itself to the helmet loops. It should be properly secured under the chin with a general rule of 1 finger between the strap and under the chin.

There are currently four (4) CSA approved lacrosse facemasks on the sporting goods market and these are noted on the page below.

Equipment which violates the directives contained in this bulletin will be removed from the game and, where required, appropriate penalties will be given.

Should you have any questions in regard to this bulletin, please contact the CLA Office at info1@lacrosse.ca or at 613-260-2028.

*CLA Policy 18.2.1.3: Age is determined to be the age of a player that he or she is or will be in the calendar year of the current playing season. For example, for play anytime from January 1 and December 31, 2006 inclusive, the calendar year is 2006. If a player turns 22 years old in 2006, he/she is ineligible to play Junior in 2006.

**CLA Policy 19.4.1.3: Age is determined to be the age of a player that he or she is or will be in the calendar year of the current playing season. For example, for play anytime from January 1 and December 31, 2006 inclusive, the calendar year is 2006. If a player turns 20 years old in 2006, he/she is ineligible to play Junior in 2006.
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Team BC Impresses in Maryland

At South River H.S. outside of Annapolis on the first day, a sizable showcase of top high school talent attracted well over 125 coaches from all levels of college lacrosse. Some of the representatives in attendance were from the following schools: Army, Denver, High Point, Hopkins, Loyola, Maryland, Navy, North Carolina, Ohio State, Penn, Princeton, Syracuse, Towson, UM, UMass, UMBC, Villanova, Virginia and Yale.

UPLax Tournament organizer Chris Gunkel is a big fan of the Canadian teams competing in their event.

“We are extremely fortunate that these teams (Canadian teams) attend our event,” stated the former Loyola College Lacrosse star Gunkel. "The capacity to drive the pipes, protect the stick, draw a foul and ultimately score with people on them and at various angles is incredible.”

Day two, Team BC travelled north to the idyllic St. Paul’s H.S. outside of Baltimore. The group of tired and banged up players faced off against their toughest challenge, perennial power, and host team, St. Paul’s Gaels. St. Paul’s may have not started their full squad this game, but they did play their top players in the last half. Team BC went up four goals and never looked back.

Many of the 160 college coaches in attendance took notice of the U16’s quick ball movement, aggressive defense and watched in awe as any St. Paul’s player who did not pick up a ground ball cleanly the first time paid the price.

Game two was not a typical Team BC effort as the boys went down 3-0 to a team from Massachusetts. After the rude wake up call, they pulled up their socks and ended the game 10-3. Team defense was smothering and offensively, Team BC possessed the ball well, so they never gave the Massachusetts team a chance.

The last game of the day was a little anti-climactic after the great effort versus St. Paul’s. Team BC faced off against St. John’s College of Washington, DC – a team pumped up playing the best team at the tournament. The low scoring affair ended up in a tie on the score sheet, but if it were played at another time, the outcome would have been easily in Team BC’s favour.

The trip was an overall success and met the goals in getting the quality looks the athletes deserved. The proof is in the pudding as Coach Gillespie, upon his return fielded over 30 inquiries from coaches interested in his athletes.

“I assume many of the players thought I was lying when I told them about all the attention I had received from college coaches,” stated a proud Gillespie. “That is until they saw the steady stream of coaches approach me after our games.”

The plan for 2012 is for the Team BC U16 team to return to Baltimore and likely compete both days at the St. Paul’s tournament spending more time at the event where majority the competition is a premium and more college coaches attend.

For the athletes that will continue their college selection process, it is an easy road to follow, but persistence and good communications are keys to a positive result. Coach Gillespie offered his words of wisdom in the process.

“Respond to all schools that show any interest in you,” reiterated Gillespie. “Feed false to email schools yourself and tell them that you are interested in them. Never close a door in the recruitment process. Also remember, it is a job for these coaches, so don’t take anything personally.”
TEAM BC WOMEN DUST UP AT SAND STORM

By: LT Staff

Seventeen BC women’s High School lacrosse athletes have been busy this fall and winter hon- ing their skills as the first Team BC U19 Women’s Field Lacrosse team took form in preparation for the annual Sand Storm tournament in Southern California.

The fifth annual Sand Storm Lacrosse Festival took place over the January 14 and 15, 2012 weekend in Palm Springs, California. Power packed with teams from the both coasts and non-traditional areas including Arizona, Colorado, Georgia, Illinois, Nevada, Oregon, Texas, Utah and Washington, Sand Storm once again provided the ultimate destination lacrosse experience for both girls and boys!

“I have been very impressed how the coaches have utilized the practices balancing the skill development, game strategies and competition preparation to get to where they are today,” stated Team BC Field Lacrosse Co-ordinator, Reynold Comeault.

Over 44 NCAA college coaches representing Division 1, 2 and 3 schools took in the tourna- ment including most west coast schools like Oregon, LT Davis and Stanford and traditional eastern institutions like Ivy League’s Brown, Colgate, Columbia, Harvard and Penn, as well as, big D1 schools in Notre Dame, Michigan and Villanova.

“Our confidence every one of our girls will have a scholarship opportunity come their way,” said an excited Coach Naomi Walser. “We already have two athletes committed in Ashley Bull (Canisius, NY) and Ellie Delich (UC Davis, CA),” stated Walser.

The setting – sun, palm trees, mountains, seventeen grass fields of nothing but lacrosse at the Empire Polo Grounds south of Palm Springs – Lacrosse Heaven!!

Team BC U19 Women’s team was placed in the Rancho Mirage Conference with 38 teams, specifically in Group E with teams from Mary- land, Colorado, Arizona and California.

Game 1 versus CCLAX-UNO – The team BC started its inaugural event in Palm Springs with a bang scoring early and often. Team BC built up a 7-2 first half lead on the strength of two goals by UC Davis commit Ellie Delich, coast- ing to an 11-7 victory. Delich finished with four goals at the final horn. Jemma Andre was solid in the cage with nine stops on sixteen shots. Other scorers included Ashley Bull (2G), Megan Kinna (2G), Rianne Wilkinson (2G) and Ashley Heisler with a single.

Game 2 versus Denver Summit - Team BC picked up where they left off in the first match going out to a 7-2 first half lead again. Sierra Bonner was instrumental in running the offense from X netting a pair. Ashley Bull provided some highlight reel material by distributing the ball like a true field general and scoring a goal by the final horn. Some crafty stick work, including back hand passes by Bull, didn’t go unnoticed by the college coaches in the crowd. Other goal scorers included Megan Kinna (2G), Rianne Wilkinson (2G), Kara Niede (2G), Ellie Delich (2G), Teya McFarlene (2G), Ashley Heisler (1G) and Kathryn Harvey (1G).

Game 3 versus Bay Area L.A. Wave – Team BC needed a win to clinch a playoff berth and the girls didn’t disappoint. Ashley Bull once again proved herself to be one of the best players in the tournament scoring six goals on route to a 16-8 win. Although the game started with the teams trading scoring opportunities, Team BC settled in with some timely defense from Sydney Hara, Kevin MacMurchy, Georgia Larden and Chantal Arnfeld. Aside from Bull’s individual performance, Team BC showed its unselfish style with excellent ball movement and organized of- fense illustrated by some crisp set plays. In total, ten other players each scored singles including Megan Kinna, Kara Niede, Anastasia Kalyta, Ellen Harrison, Ellie Delich, Sierra Bonner, Teya McFarlene, Jenny Newman, Ashley Heisler and Kathryn Harvey.

Game 4 versus Pacific Falcons – Team BC used this game to run their offensive sets and prepa- ration for the playoff round. After a tentative start, the team put some nice runs together with posting a 10-3 victory. Goalender Jenna Andres

The inaugural Team BC U19 Women’s Field Lacrosse team won four games and lost one at a tournament in California.

Not only was the trip to experience competitive High School Women’s Field Lacrosse, the Sand Storm tournament proved to be a great forum for colleges to scout up and coming talent. The 40 some coaches in attendance were impressed with the Canadian talent and the BC girls made some college connections.

“Being in our inaugural stages (Team BC Women’s Field program), we are looking forward to sharpening up the image and continue to pro- vide as many college opportunities for our female athletes as possible,” noted Team BC’s Comeault.

“I’m very proud of the girls and their perfor- mance at their first women’s field lacrosse com- petition as Team BC,” Noted Coach Walser. “We accomplished many of our goals competing at such a high level in every game.”

Many thanks to coaches Naomi Walser, Ashley Page, Alexis Maddaloni and Reynold Comeault (Team BC Field Lacrosse Co-ordinator) for their guidance in a successful initial Team BC U19 Women’s Field Lacrosse program.

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Team BC, Browning & Mosdell Nominated for Sport BC Awards

2011 marked Browning’s return to coaching field lacrosse with the Team BC Under 16 Field Lacrosse program. He has spent decades coaching box and field lacrosse, now firmly entrenched with BC Lacrosse Association’s Team BC program for the past two seasons. Browning is a professor of the game perfecting each possible scenario and teaching game nuances in preparing his athletes for competition. His attention to detail and teaching his athletes the finer points of the game are supreme.

The result of Scott Browning’s dedication to the Team BC Field Lacrosse program and their 2011 season was evident winning the Under 16 Field Lacrosse National Championships, for the first time, with an 11-10 victory over rival Team Ontario – Browning’s first ever national title as a head coach. Not only did Browning win a national title, personally, he was named an assistant coach of the 2011 U19 Men’s National Field Lacrosse Team and was a member of the Victoria Shamrocks/Waxman man team that was inducted into the Canadian Lacrosse Hall of Fame in the team category in 2011.

Sport BC Team of the Year nomination-Team BC Under 16 Field Lacrosse team

The Team BC Under 16 Field Lacrosse team is a culmination of the best Under 16 year old field lacrosse athletes in BC. These elite athletes were identified in the fall of 2010 and trained up until the 2011 Under 16 Men’s Field Lacrosse Championships, Alfmu Cup, over the Labour Day weekend.

Head Coach, Scott Browning, has brought his knowledge back to coaching field lacrosse with the Team BC Under 16 Field Lacrosse program for the past two seasons. This team was a committed group that ex- ported a lot of each other and themselves. The athletes practiced 13 separate times for about 65 hours over 6 months in preparation for nationals. The Team BC U16 team training regimen was in addition to their local club box lacrosse schedule (4 days/week in season), club field lacrosse schedule (2-3 days/week in season) and personal training activities.

Additional competitions included playing six tournament games in Annapolis and Baltimore, Maryland versus high school teams from Texas, New York, Colorado, North/South Dakota, Washington, DC and Maryland.

The roster included athletes from Metro Vancouver, Vancouver Island, the Interior and Kootenays that endured extensive travel to training sessions. They grew as individuals and as a group billing each other on the mainland and island during training.

The result of Scott Browning’s dedication to the Team BC Field Lacrosse program and their 2011 season was evident winning the Under 16 Field Lacrosse National Championships for the first time with an 11-10 victory over rival Team Ontario – the first ever Alumni Cup Field Lacrosse National Championship for Team BC since its inception in 2005.

Sport BC Official of the Year nomination- Terry Mosdell

Terry Mosdell is one of the BC Lacrosse Association’s most seasoned and knowledgeable officials. This Level 5 box and field lacrosse official has officiated every age group and league in box and field lacrosse in his career.

His hard work and game knowledge as a lacrosse athlete has allowed him to call a fair game while at the same time teach the rules of the game to the athletes during game action.

Mosdell not only calls the game from the arena and athletic fields, but also transfers his knowledge and instructs young officials as a clinician for both box and field lacrosse. He is also a Field Lacrosse Official Master Course Conductor educating new field lacrosse official clinicians.

In 2011, Mosdell officiated over 60 box lacrosse league and playoff games for box lacrosse in Senior A & B, Junior A & B, Minor and Master’s lacrosse. On the field, he called an additional 60 NCAAs, High School and club field lacrosse games.

Mosdell was the Lead Official for 2010 & 2011 Senior Men’s National Championship (Victory Cup) final, officiated the 2011 Senior Men’s Field Lacrosse Nationals Ross and Victory Cups, Junior (Under 19) Men’s First Nation Trophy and Midges (Under 16) Men’s Alumni Cup.

The result of Terry Mosdell’s dedication to lacrosse and his high level of respect has him positioned as one of BC’s and Canada’s top box and field lacrosse Officials. He has been selected to represent BC and Canada at the 2012 Federation of International Lacrosse (FIL) Under 19 World Championships in Finland.

All of this, and he still has time to hold a position on the BC Lacrosse Association Executive and be a top ranked master’s squads athlete. The 2011-46th Sport BC Athlete of the Year Awards Ceremony will take place March 8th., 2012 at the River Rock Show Theatre in Richmond. Ticket information is available at the Sport BC website at sportbc.com.

Scott Browning lead the Team BC U16’s to the 2011 Alumni Cup National title.

By: LacrosseTalk Staff

The BC Lacrosse Association submits nominations for the annual Sport BC Athlete of the Year Awards. This year, Team BC U16 coach Scott Browning, the Team BC U16 2011 Alumni Cup National Champions, and top BCLA box and Browning, the Team BC U16 2011 Alumni Cup Awards. This year, Team BC U16 coach Scott Browning lead the Team BC Under 16 Field Lacrosse program. All that lacrosse knowledge he’s gained is now being paid forward as a coach.

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Simon Fraser announces 2012 Schedule

By William Howard, SFU Lacrosse Media Relations

Simon Fraser Men’s Lacrosse Head Coach Brent Hoskins (8th season) has announced the Clan’s 2012 schedule, complete with fourteen games and a return to SFU’s Terry Fox Field (under renovation last season) for all four home dates, lead by Fraser’s annual Recruit Weekend versus conference rival Oregon and Senior Day versus Washington. The Clan will prop for the challenging schedule with a scrimmage against Washington in late January and an early season match-up versus regional PNCLL Division II opponent Western Washington, before entering the season versus the defending MCLA Division I National Champions Brigham Young in a neutral site contest in Boise, Idaho on February 11. The game versus the Cougars will be part of a three-game roadtrip, with the Clan facing the host Boise State Broncos the following day on February 12.

After a week off, Fraser will make the trip down the I-5 on February 24 to play Colorado State in their first of three neutral site contests to be played in the Portland area. Later that weekend the Clan will continue south to Corvallis, OR to play Oregon State in a cross-divisional PNCLL Match-up on February 26.

SFU’s second home game of the season will be a highly anticipated match-up against Oregon on March 3, part of the Clan’s annual Recruitment Weekend that will take place March 2-3. The following day on March 4, Fraser will take the short trip down to Seattle to play Florida in a neutral site game at the University of Washington, before playing Illinois in Portland on March 17. The Clan will then hit the road down to Southern California where they will face-off against Chapman on March 23, followed by Loyola Marymount on March 23. SFU will wrap up the month of March, with their first PNCLL North Division match-up of the season as they host Idaho on March 31.

April will bring another out-of-conference opponent to the Pacific Northwest as the Clan faces Texas in their seventh and final OOC match-up of the 2012 regular season. Fraser will then close out their schedule with Division II opponents won 12 or more games last season.

Simon Fraser Men’s Lacrosse will compete in its fourteenth season in 2012 and as the Clan look to improve on last year’s 6-8-3 record. The Clan will be competing in the Junior Division along with the MCLA Championship tournament appearances, placing 2nd in 1999 and playing in the 2010 MCLA Semi-Finals after reaching the Quarterfinals in 2008 and 2009. For further information on Simon Fraser men’s lacrosse please visit www.sfulacrosse.com or follow the Clan on Twitter at @fraserlaxcross.

Simon Fraser will begin their season at home against Western Washington on Saturday, February 4 before facing their first MCLA Division I opponent of 2012 when the square off versus Brigham Young in a neutral site contest in Boise, Idaho on February 11. The game versus the Cougars will be part of a three-game round-robin, with the Clan facing the host Boise State on the following day on February 12.

A quick review of the opponents on the 2012 Simon Fraser schedule includes many of the MCLA’s top programs. Including the defending MCLA Division I National Champions (Brigham Young), Fraser will face-off against five teams that qualified for the 2011 MCLA Division I National Championship Tournament (Brigham Young/Chapman Colorado State/Oregon/Texas), four of whom (Brigham Young/ Chapman Colorado State Oregon) advanced to the 2011 MCLA Quarterfinals. SFU’s fourteen opponents compiled a combined record of 126-87 (52%) in 2011 and six of their 2012 opponents won 12 or more games last season.

Simon Fraser posted a 9-9 record in 2011, falling to Oregon in the PNCLL Conference Championship Final. SFU ranked as high as No. 10 in the Top 25 Poll before ending the season at No. 17.

Simon Fraser University Men’s Lacrosse will once again be competing in the Junior Division along with the MCLA National Championship tournament appearances, placing 2nd in 1999 and playing in the 2010 MCLA Semi-Finals after reaching the Quarterfinals in 2008 and 2009. For further information on Simon Fraser men’s lacrosse please visit www.sfulacrosse.com or follow the Clan on Twitter at http://twitter.com/fraserlaxcross.

High School Championships March 5-9

By: Shawn House & LacrosseTalk Staff

The thirteenth annual BC High School Field Lacrosse Championships will be held March 5-9, 2012. The event will again be hosted by Dr. Charles Best Secondary School and games will be held in Coquitlam and New Westminster.

This year’s tournament will see new teams from Langley and Port Moody at the senior level compete with Centennial, Charles Best, Heritage Woods, New West, St. Thomas More, Delta, Pin Meadows, Vancouver College, Holy Cross and Terry Fox. Most of these schools ran Junior teams as well that will also be competing in the Junior Division along with South Delta and Riverside and Sands.

For the first time in many years, the Claremont Spartans will not compete in the event. Claremont, BC’s only high school lacrosse academy has been deemed ineligible for the 2012 Championships.

Claremont and Best in 2011 High School lacrosse action.

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past several years with many more committed to attend college in the future. This year, there are plans for a women’s field lacrosse division as organizers try and get this exciting sport into high schools in BC. If there are any girls’ teams interested in competing in the tournament or any additional tournament information needed, please contact Tournament Co-ordinator, Shawn House at shawn.house@shaw.ca or call 604-524-3063 or 604-461-5581.

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2010 Team Canada Men's Field lacrosse team

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New Faces in New Places & the BCJALL 2012 Shake Down

By: Brad Chaloner

British Columbia is a beautiful place to live – the epitome of “sea to sky.” A snowboarder’s fantasy or a surfer’s haven. It’s a great place to play. BC is also a great place to find work if you’re a qualified lacrosse coach. For a league the disperses future NLL stars like Pez, it’s amazing that the minds that create those stars change year after year. The league is an ever-evolving beast that changes its face every single season. 2012 will be no different.

December was a special month for soul searching as the Delta Islanders’ Head Coach Dave Pang stepped down from his post. Pang led the Isles to a franchise best 12 wins and a third place finish in 2011 after taking the reigns just a few games into the season. The move marks a promotion for Shaun Springett, who moves from assistant to head coach. The Islanders said in a press release “Shawn brings with him an extensive knowledge of the game from his many years of playing in the NLL and his success as both a player and coach in the past will help the Delta Islanders Junior A Lacrosse Club quest for a Minto Cup National Title.”

Springett has a lot of the right pieces in place to do just that. One of the most lethal scorers in BC, Logan Schae, should return to the league from NCAA Div I play by late May. With 60 points in just 9 games last season it is crushing to think what he could do with a full schedule. Schae along with top 10 point getter Mike Malicky form the most dangerous duo in BC. Malicky is spending the spring on the Washing- ton Stealth’s practice roster in the NLL and will being the pro passion and knowledge to his junior club. The Islanders have lost quite a few goals to graduation and two starting goaltenders, but if they answer the net issue and develop a couple of rookies, there is no reason 2012 can’t be another banner year in Delta.

As of press time the three time reigning BC champion Coquitlam Adanacs are without a head coach. Curt Malawsky stepped down in the off-season to focus on his job with the Calgary Roughnecks. The A’s are also under new owner- ship and management though it should be same old same old in Coquitlam. Fortunately for the Adanacs same old same old means another steller season with a BC championship and a fourth straight trip to the Minto Cup. The A’s are without number crunching guru GM Ken Wood this season so it remains to be seen how well they’ll be able to recruit Canada’s top talent. Fortunately again for the A’s, some of Canada’s top talent is already returning to their roster. Floor general Robert Church, play off hero Ben McIntosh and Marty Daveisdal the leader. Buffalo Bandit draftee Jeff Cornell will man the back-end and if Coquitlam can find a solid goaltender, they may as well book their flights to Minto Cup 2012 in Ontario.

Across the Port Mann Bridge in Langley, the Thunder will continue to roll in 2012. The team coached by NLL vet Chris Levis last season casino out of the cellar last season and returned to the playoffs. GM Brock Rose will not rest content saying “now is not the time to be complacent. Although we are pleased with our progress in 2011, making the playoffs was a minimum requirement in our team and organization’s goals. We lost only two players to graduation in 2011 and coming up from our minor midget league club are several players that will compete for jobs on our current Junior roster.”

Strong coaching, another year under goalie Ry- ley Brown’s belt and a tight nucleus of players is an ever-evolving beast that changes its face every single season. 2012 will be no different.

Sticks and Balls, Bottles and Cans – for a Cow

Members of the Coquitlam Adanacs under-14 field lacrosse team hosted a bottle drive on Nov. 19 not to find a trip to a tournament or matching team jackets but to buy a cow that can supply milk to villagers in Buyaya, Uganda. The group behind the fundraising effort is Meaningful Vol- unteer, which earlier this year bought the village a solar panel to provide electricity to a school. It is not uncommon for sports organizations to raise money to buy themselves new uniforms or to cover tournament travel costs.

But a Coquitlam lacrosse team has a different goal in its fundraising. The under-14 Adanacs field lacrosse squad hosted a bottle drive on Nov. 19 in order to raise $500 to buy a cow for a village in Uganda.

The cow will produce about 30 liters of milk a week that can be given to local school kids who do not have access to healthy dairy foods.

“We’re wanting to raise awareness about child poverty in Africa and hope that other people will get behind us,” said Megan Alvarez, a spokesper- son for Meaningful Volunteer, the organization spearheading the initiative. “The kids know how lucky they are to be in a stable environment and a comfortable lifestyle in a loving home.”

As part of the charity effort, the players will get a chance to connect with kids their age on the other side of the world.

Meaningful Volunteer has been helping a small village in Uganda called Buyaya for sev- eral years. Last spring, the organization set up a solar panel at a school in order to bring electric- ity to the community.

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BC Lacrosse Association 2012 EVENTS

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Way To Go!
B.C. Lacrosse Association SUBWAY® Restaurants Volunteer Award

Reynold Comeault (Team BC Field Co-ordinator)

Reynold Comeault started his lacrosse journey as a coach with the Ridge Meadows Minor Lacrosse Association in 1997, spending 7 years on the Ridge Meadows executive from 2000-08 as Association Head Coach/Coaching Coordinator, all the while coaching teams along the way. Reynold coached both box and field teams following son Reegan through the ranks. This Competitive Introduction coach in both box and field has successfully coached teams to Provincial & National medals, none so memorable than the Ridge U13 field boys and the Team BC Bantam National titles in 2006. He is also proud of being a pioneer in developing field lacrosse in Ridge Meadows in 2004. Comeault, firmly entrenched in Team BC programs, coached Team BC box field teams in 2008 & 2011 as well as Team BC box box teams in 2004 & 2006 winning a box title in 2006. He’s currently the Team BC Field Lacrosse Co-ordinator lasing with the U19 Men’s, the U19 Men’s and the newly developed U19 Women’s teams.

After 3 seasons coaching the Langley Jr. A’s, Roy accepted the Team Canada U19 western scout position for the 2012 team. His efforts have not gone unnoticed as he was the recipient of the John Cavill Field Coach of the Year award (2004) and Box Coach of the Year award (2006). Comeault looks forward to his weekends following son Reegan as he competes for Ohio State University in D1 NCAA lacrosse.

Reynold Comeault

The BC Lacrosse Association SUBWAY “Way To Go!” Volunteer Award is offered to any BC Lacrosse volunteer who best exemplifies the meaning of community and sport. This person goes above and beyond the call of duty in the BC Lacrosse community.
Bishop’s wins Baggataway Cup 11 - 6 over Brock

By: CLA

Bishop’s Gaiters win the 2011 Baggataway Cup with an 11-6 win over Brock.

The CUFLA announced the 2011 Award Winners and All-Canadian Teams.

Coach Jordan Crone of the Bishop’s University Gaits won the CUFLA’s Most Valuable Player award after outstanding 2011 campaign and leading his Gaits teammates to a Baggataway Cup. Crone was also selected to the East Division’s All-Canadian team and named the league’s Outstanding Attacker.

Rounding out the CUFLA awards list were Scoring Champion Eric Hubert (Guelph), Outstanding Graduating Player Mike Dube (Bishop’s), Outstanding Rookie Alex Robhrach (McGill), Outstanding Midfielder Niall Carravallo (Trant), Outstanding Defensman Eric Porteous (Western), Most Valuable Goalkeeper Riley McGullis (McGill) and Top Coaching Staff.

The CUFLA Best Team Division All-Canadians were on attack: Eric Hubert (Guelph), Ryan Servelle (S誠re), Carter Williams (McMaster), Midfield: Jordan Critch (Guelph), Scott Watson (Western), Craig England (Brock). Faceoff Specialist: Ben Van Gaalen (Guelph). Defensive Midfield: Russell Poulson (Guelph). Long Stick Midfield: Nikolas Trillo (Western). Defense: Eric Patie (Western), Ryan Cavanaugh (Western), Brandon Forster (Western). Goalkeeper: Cameron Watts (Brock).

The All Canada East Division All-Canadians were on attack: Mike Dube (Bishop’s), Josh Crone (Bishop’s), Alex Robhrach (McGill). Midfield: Niall Carravallo (Trant), Ryan Hesse (McGill), Shane Davidson (Carleton). Faceoff Specialist: J. Miller (McGill). Defensive Midfield: Muson Geldart (Bishop’s). Long Stick Midfield: Daniel McNeil (McGill). Defense: Greg Harnett (Bishop’s), Kyle Robhrach (McGill), Corey Wright (U of T). Goalkeeper: Riley McGullis (McGill).

The CUFLA’s National Team Director of Men’s Field, shrill summarized the selection camp, “as expected, the players performed very well and conducted themselves with class on and off the field. The players experienced a lot of lacrosse in a short period of time and I was impressed with how they handled themselves. They showed strength through adversity and were able to sustain a high level of effort in order to compete throughout the entire weekend. I think it is a reflection of how important the national program is to young Canadian lacrosse players. All 50 players are fully capable of representing Team Canada and should certainly feel proud of their effort and their role in the process of achieving our program objectives. We are confident in the team we have selected and confident in the process we went through to get to this point. The focus will now quickly shift to preparing the team for Finland.”

CLA’s Vice President of International Competition Stewart Begg, has been with the Team Canada program during each step of the selection and shared his thoughts on the process and future of Canada’s national teams, “the CLA is very proud of the effort and investment our coaching staff and scouts have put into our national team program and long term strategy. Young lacrosse players will see this take to the field in Finland and will be inspired and infused with pride just as our Head Coach, Brodie Merril was, who as a young lacrosse player, witnessed Canada come back from an 11-1 deficit in a world championship game against the US in 1998. The future could not be more exciting for young players who dream one day of playing for Canada.”

The following players will represent Canada’s 2012 U19 National Team: Dan Lintner (Whiteh. Oshawa, ON -- Cornell ’10), Joe French (Mimico, ON -- Georgetown ’13), Turner Evans (Peterborough, ON -- Ohio State ’11), Reily O’Connor (Whiteh. Oshawa, ON -- Georgetown ’11), Zack Herwereghs (Walden, ON -- Loyola ’12), Reegan Comeault (Pitt Meadows, BC - Ohio State ’11), Jesse King (Victoria, BC - Ohio State ’11), Wesley Berg (Coquitlam, BC - Denver ’11), Brian Cole (Oakville, ON -- Maryland ’11), Joel Timmey (Oakville, ON -- Hopkins ’14), Kyle Jackson (Sarnia, ON – Michigan ’12), Tyler Albrecht (Oakville, ON -- Cornell ’12), Chad Tutton (Whiteh. Oshawa, ON – UNC ’11), Jay Lindsay (Burlington, ON – Uncommited), Ian MacKay (Port Elgin, ON – Vermont ’13), Drew Scally (Hamilton, ON -- Cornell ’12), Danny MacDermott (Ridowme, BC – NYIT ’10), Aaron Moremore (Whiteh. Oshawa, ON – Townsr ’12), Leo Stouros (Brampton, ON – Uncommited), Tyler Gilligan (Whiteh/ Oshawa, ON – Marquette ’11), Kyle Tolley (Peterborough, ON – Notre Dame ’11), Brenen Donville (Oakville, ON -- Cornell ’12), Hayden Johnston (Toronto, ON – Stony Brook ’13) and Boss Brown (New Westminster, BC – Uncommited).

Team Canada Staff and Scouts who faced the difficult task of selecting the final team were: MF National Team Director – Dave Huntley, Head Coach – Brodie Merril (UNO), Offensive Coordinator – Matt Brown (BC), Defensive Coordinator – Taylor Wray (AB), Substituton Box/Faceoff – Geoff Snader (AB), Goalie Coach – Angus Dineley (ON), Offensive Coach – Scott Browning (BC), Defensive Coach – David Sunnerrville (ON)/(Video Coach – Lawrence Taylor (NS), Team Manager – Terry Lloyd, Equipment Manager – Paul Wade, Therapist – Jessica Price, Therapist – Jem Bell, Head Scout – Stu Brown (ON), Western Scout – Rey Comeault (BC), Western Scout - Paul Ral (AB), Eastern Scout - Clynne Almar (ON) and Eastern Scout – Daryl Haynes (ON).

The 2012 U19 Men’s Field World Championships will be held July 12th to 21st in Turku, Finland. Team Canada will be playing for gold against Australia, Bermuda, Czech Republic, England, Finland, Germany, Ireland, Iroquois Nationals, Netherlands, USA and Wales.
NLL Rule Changes for 2012 Season Announced
Rules expected to improve game flow, better mobility for goalies

The National Lacrosse League has announced rule changes for the 2012 season that are expected to improve game flow, player safety and allow goalies adequate mobility. These “rule changes are expected to allow the players of the NLL to further display their speed and athleticism on-the-floor this season,” said League VP of Operations Brian Lenon.

Major Penalties, now a three goal release instead of two
When a player commits a Major Penalty, his team will be short-handed until the five minute penalty expires OR the opposing team scores three power play goals. Under the previous rule, a major penalty ended when the opposing scored two power-play goals.

Over and back call is now an 8-second violation instead of 10
When a team gains possession of the ball in their defensive half of the floor, they will now have eight seconds to get the ball across the center line. Teams previously had ten seconds to cross the center line after gaining possession. Failure to get the ball across the line in eight seconds will result in possession of the ball going to the opposing team. If the team with possession calls timeout while the eight second count is underway, a new eight second count will begin when play resumes.

Faster transition after a change of possession
When a game official blows the whistle to indicate a loss of possession, the possessing team must put the ball down on the turf immediately. A minor penalty will now be called on any player who throws, retains or rolls the ball away that results in a delay of game.

Better mobility for goalies
Goalies will wear slimmer equipment. A reduction in the maximum size of a goalie’s arm, chest and shin pads by one inch each has been put into effect. The changes are expected to improve goalie’s mobility while not affecting the amount of padding that covers their bodies for safety.

Player Substitution Area
Players must now keep both of their feet within the boundaries of their team’s Substitution Area while waiting to enter the playing floor. The Substitution Area for each team is the area of the playing surface that is directly in front of the team’s bench. Players were previously only required to keep one foot in this area.

Lax Remains America’s Fastest Growing Sport
By: NLL.com

According to the 2011 Sporting Goods Manufacturer Association Participation Report, Lacrosse is America’s fastest growing sport with a 33% growth among frequent participants and 37% growth among all participants.

Should the sport maintain the same growth rate, lacrosse will pass ice hockey at the participation level over the course of the next year.

Last year, the SGMA named lacrosse as the “hottest growth sport”, with national sales of lacrosse equipment increasing in 2009, during a year in which sales of sporting goods for all sports was down more than four percent (4%) nationwide. In a survey of SGMA members, a whopping 50 percent of them chose lacrosse as the sport most likely to have growth in retail sales of equipment. Football came in a distinct second at 25 percent.

Lacrosse continues to outpace all other sports in growth rate,” said National Lacrosse League Commissioner George Daniel. “We are proud to have been a part of the surge by creating thousands of fans to the sport over the course of league’s history.”

Earlier this month, the St. Paul Pioneer Press attributed the dramatic increase in Minnesota’s lacrosse participants to the arrival of the Minnesota Lynx in 2005.

“We look forward to continuing to create new fans and players by bringing the thrilling brand of lacrosse in the coming years,” said Daniel.
Coaches Corner ~
Lacrosse & Athletes with Disabilities

By: Duane Bratt, CLA National Resource Per-
son for Coaching

Whether their aims are recreational or compet-
tive, persons with disabilities deserve to have access
to quality sport and physical activity programs. In
fact, over the last couple of decades there has been
increased exposure and greater participation in sport
from athletes with disabilities (AWAD). This growth is
demonstrated with the Special Olympics, the Paralympics,
and high profile athletes such as Chan-
tal Petitclerc. Unfortunately, only 3% of Canadians
with a disability are involved in sport. This draws
that there is much more that should be done.

While many sports have modified programs for
AWAD, there is one notable absence: lacrosse. As
opportunities exist or are emerging in individual
and team sports for AWAD, it is a shame that when
they come to ask about lacrosse, we have to shout
and say “play another sport.” If lacrosse is going to
thrive and be inclusive to all segments of society it
needs to develop a program for AWAD.

That is about to change. A major initiative from
the Canadian Lacrosse Association, led by the Long-
Term Athletes Development (LTAD) committee, and
funded by Sport Canada, is to develop a lacrosse
program for AWAD. Thankfully, this initiative is not
starting from scratch. In California, they have de-
volved a wheelchair version of lacrosse. This was
developed at the Ontario Lacrosse Association
festival. Meanwhile in Edmonton, a different ver-
tion of the game - sled lacrosse - is being played.
Both of these groups will be represented on the
AWAD committee, as will Dr. David Legg, a kinesiolo-
gy professor at Mount Royal University in Calgary, and President of the Canadian Paralympic
Committee. Other representatives are from the
coaching and officiating sector.

The CLA’s AWAD committee will determine whether to pursue wheelchair lacrosse, sled
lacrosse, or both. This will lead to establishing
a common set of rules. In addition, special coaching
manuals and official guidelines will need to be
developed. Coaches who are unfamiliar with dis-
abilities will need resources to gain the knowledge,
skills, techniques and confidence required to work
effectively with AWAD. Likewise, officials must
be available and capable of guiding lacrosse games
with AWAD.

A LTAD stages document, similar to box, men’s
field, and women’s field, will also need to be de-
volved. AWAD follows the same set of stages as
the other lacrosse disciplines, but it adds two extra
stages: awareness and first contact. The Awareness
stage informs the general public and prospective
athletes with disabilities of the available opportuni-
ties that exist in lacrosse. The First Contact stage
ensures persons with disabilities have a positive first
experience with lacrosse and remain engaged. We
need to train coaches and develop programs that
provide suitable orientation for prospective athletes
with disabilities, helping them to feel confident
and comfortable in their surroundings. In addition,
individuals with disabilities may pass through these
stages at different ages depending on when they first
become active or acquire their disability, and on the
nature of their disabilities. They might pass through
some stages more than once – first without a disabil-
ity and later with a disability.

Finally, pilots will be run across Canada to act as
training sessions for players, coaches, and officials
to the game. These pilots will be useful in building
exposure for lacrosse’s AWAD program. Lacrosse is
a great game and all people, whether able-bodied or
disabled, need the opportunity to play!

In Memoriam

Hall, Ken. A great teacher of the game of lacrosse
and mentor for all officials has left us. Ken was a
mentor to many of the senior refs on the island over
the past several years. And several officials who
are now reffing in the NLL and WLA have attributed
their success in part to Ken’s guidance over the
years. Ken has held several positions on Island
commissions, and was the Head Ref of Juan de
Fuca and Victoria Field LAX for many years. He
is survived by a daughter, 3 brothers and a sister whom
we would like to send our deepest condolences to
on behalf of this Island Commission. Hall passed away
November 30, 2011.

Johnston, Geordie November 1, 1928 - October 31, 2011. On
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