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A RECORD 101 USL FIRST STICK GRANTS AWARDED TO NEW PROGRAMS

The saying goes... “Don’t judge each day by the harvest you reap, but by the seeds that you plant.” Many of us would consider it a perfect day when you can claim both. For the more than 2,400 new lacrosse players across the country, that day was August 15th.

The First Stick grant is the ultimate grassroots initiative for new and developing lacrosse teams. US Lacrosse is delighted to announce 101 First Stick Program grant recipients in 31 states across the country, providing for 24 players in each program. Each grant includes equipment, training for coaches, US Lacrosse membership for all, and full access to US Lacrosse developmental resources. These 101 grants follow a successful pilot program in 2011, and are designed with the goal of each program becoming self-sustaining and operating by US Lacrosse national standards. All First Stick program grants are two year commitments.

The First Stick comprehensive approach to program development began in 2010 thanks to the leadership gift of Peter Gibson of the Gibson Family Foundation. Gibson’s contribution honors the significant impact that sports, and specifically lacrosse had on his life, community and friends.

Gibson’s gift allowed US Lacrosse to lead efforts to design the program elements that will provide the greatest impact on youth participants. Through the First Stick program, US Lacrosse hopes that all youth, regardless of backgrounds and circumstances, can be inspired to play hard, dream big, and act responsibly within the sport of lacrosse and the game of life.

BY THE NUMBERS

143 First Stick applicants:
40 Girls, 103 Boys

66 Boys grants awarded:
39 Boys youth
27 Boys high school

35 Girls grants awarded:
21 Girls youth
14 Girls high school

31 states represented:
Alabama
California
Connecticut
Delaware
Florida
Georgia
Idaho
Illinois
Kentucky
Massachusetts
Maryland
Maine
Michigan
Missouri
Mississippi
Montana
North Carolina
Nebraska
Nevada
New York
Ohio
Pennsylvania
Rhode Island
South Carolina
South Dakota
Tennessee
Texas
Utah
Virginia
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CHAIRMAN’S PERSPECTIVE
Edward T. Calkins, Chair, US Lacrosse Foundation

With the rapid growth of lacrosse, new programs are taking hold across the country. US Lacrosse keenly understands the support structure and investment it takes to not only start a program, but to truly help it take root and sustain it for years to come.

While no one will deny the magic of owning their first stick, scaling America’s First Sport is more than just equipment grants. Of equal importance are initiatives to train coaches and officials, consistent access to field space, ensuring local programs operate to the highest standards advised by US Lacrosse, and the significant commitment required by families and schools to get new players to practices and games. These are just some of the building blocks for a successful and sustainable youth lacrosse program.

The mission of US Lacrosse is to “provide programs and services to inspire participation while protecting the integrity of the sport.” Our commitment to that mission is best expressed by US Lacrosse’s numerous efforts to provide all the necessary resources for a safe and positive youth lacrosse program development. However as the sport grows, we see and hear every day of the growing challenges of delivering the youth lacrosse experience in that positive, safe, and responsible way.

The work of US Lacrosse is much more powerful if we as parents act as educated consumers when it comes to our children’s lacrosse experience. It is our responsibility to know everything we can about the programs in which our children play.

- Is our child’s coach certified and trained?
- Have coaches had background checks?
- Are AEDs on the sidelines at all practices and games?
- Does the program abide by the unified youth rule standards that allow for a consistent and safe playing experience?
- Are the officials properly trained?

Too often we worry about the wins and losses of our child’s team, and not enough about the qualifications of a coach, or the core mission of a youth program as a whole. You, as a parent and a consumer, have every right to ask important questions of the programs your child plays in. Please do.

New program or old, please know that you are empowered by US Lacrosse to hold your child’s program to the highest standards and best practices recommended by our organization. Please make use of the resources available through www.uslacrosse.org, call your local US Lacrosse Chapter or reach out to us directly at the National Headquarters in Baltimore. US Lacrosse and the services we provide are here to help you to understand how to be an educated consumer of the sport. In doing so you will help us deliver on our mission of integrity, safety, and a positive sport experience. Our children deserve nothing less.

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REMEMBERING SEPTEMBER 11TH

On September 11, 2001, many friends of lacrosse were among the thousands of lives lost during terrorist acts against the United States. The ripple effect of these deaths, and the deaths following during the war against terrorism, have impacted thousands of families, friends and programs within the national lacrosse community. To honor their memory, US Lacrosse invites you to share your stories, images, remembrances and tributes on our Lacrosse Remembers facebook page or in the photo album of the victims of 9/11.

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NATIONAL TEAMS AMBASSADORS FOR LACROSSE AROUND THE WORLD

National Teams Program
Fundraising Critical to Sport’s Goodwill

It is an honor and a privilege to be selected to represent the United States as a national teams player. It is also expected that each player will serve the sport well by sharing his or her gift with the world.

National team players continue to play for their local teams while carrying the torch of US Lacrosse around the world. Their commitment to furthering the sport is second to none, and donations to the National Teams Program provide opportunities beyond international competition and allow players to provide goodwill to communities across the country through clinics and appearances.

Fundraising for the National Teams Program supports the selection, training, development, clinics and travel of one competition team (men’s senior, women’s senior, men’s U19, or women’s U19) each year. The efforts are ongoing and do not stop after competition. By investing in the National Teams Program, you are acknowledging the importance of each player to provide goodwill through lacrosse in communities around the world.

U19 MNT brings home seventh gold from Finland

With the tradition of nothing-but-gold medals on the line, the U.S. men’s U19 national team captured the FIL U19 World Championship in July, beating Canada 10-8 to cap a comeback run through the tournament after dropping a pair of pool play games to the Iroquois and the Canadians.

The U.S. kept its streak alive of winning every gold medal since sanctioned U19 international play began in 1988. Team USA dominated on faceoffs, winning 17 of 22 as a team, and tournament MVP Matt Kavanagh scored two goals and added two assists. Kavanagh (Notre Dame), Stephen Jahelka (Harvard) and Ryan Tucker (Virginia) were each named to the All-World team.

Perhaps the most rewarding aspect of this competition was the way the team embraced the Keeper of Lacrosse core value of teamwork. Looking beyond individual accolades and glory, they came together after two devastating losses, digging deep within their hearts to find a way to make their country proud. The transformation was on full display as the world awaited Team USA to be dethroned. This is the power of National Teams Program: to get it done together.

Seventh Annual Stars & Stripes Weekend in Northern California Kicks Off 2013 World Cup Activities

The 2012 US Lacrosse Stars & Stripes event will be held Oct. 3-7 in Palo Alto, Calif., on the campus of Stanford University and nearby Burlingame (Calif.) High School.

Team USA will square off against Australia in the first matchup between the world’s top two women’s teams since 2009, when the U.S. defeated Australia, 8-7, to capture the gold medal at the FIL World Cup in Prague, Czech Republic. Team USA will also take on collegiate programs Cal Berkeley and Stanford in weekend play, in addition to holding several training sessions.

The women’s senior team will also host Stars & Stripes: An Evening with Team USA, a unique parent/daughter fundraising dinner on Friday, Oct. 5, from 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at La Honda Winery in Redwood City, Calif. This up close and personal event with Team USA players is limited to 125 guests.

Visit www.uslacrosse.org/starsandstripes for ticket information and schedules.

Women’s National Team selected to compete in the 2013 World Cup

Following a three-day tryout featuring more than 80 of the top women’s lacrosse players in the country, US Lacrosse announced the 36-player roster for the 2012-14 U.S. women’s national senior team. This group will serve as the training team pool for the squad that will compete in the 2013 Federation of International Lacrosse (FIL) World Cup in Oshawa, Ontario.

Attack
Katrina Dowd, Northwestern
Danielle Etrasco, Boston
Molly Ford, Georgetown
Karri Ellen Johnson, Maryland
Lindsey Munday, Northwestern
Kate Rowan, Syracuse
Shannon Smith, Northwestern
Michelle Tumolo, Syracuse

Midfield
Sarah Albrecht, Northwestern
Kelly Berger, James Madison
Sarah Bullard, Duke
Allyson Carey, Vanderbilt
Tatum Coffey, Penn State
Taylor D’Amore, Johns Hopkins
Brittany Dashiell, Florida
Grace Golden, William & Mary
Kristin Igoe, Boston College
Caitlyn McFadden, Maryland
Kelly McPartland, Maryland
Katie Schwarzmann, Maryland
Lauren Schwarzmann, Johns Hopkins
Laura Zimmermann, North Carolina

Defense
Kelly Barnes, Georgetown
Rebecca Block, Syracuse
Kristen Carr, North Carolina
Amber Falcone, North Carolina
Katie Hertsch, Hofstra
Holly McGarvie, Princeton
Regina Oliver, Ohio State
Jennifer Russell, North Carolina
Iliana Sanza, Maryland

Goalie
Liz Hogan, Syracuse
Megan Huether, Duke
Kendall McBrearty, Virginia
Michaela Meagher, Florida
Devon Wills, Dartmouth
More than 180 programs with over 20,000 participants in 34 states have joined the Keeper of Lacrosse Project, a grassroots campaign to preserve the essence of lacrosse by promoting its core values:

- spirit of the game
- tradition
- virtues of honor, integrity, respect
- teamwork
- good sportsmanship
- connection with community

These values extend well past the playing field into the soul of the lacrosse player. In the rapidly changing world of lacrosse, the time is now to save lacrosse from the fate of other sports.

During US Lacrosse efforts to instill these values over the last nine months, something amazing has happened along the way. Through the Keeper Project, the staff of US Lacrosse has been increasingly inspired by the lacrosse community. With efforts small and large, these values are in full display across the country. We are touched everyday by the selfless and heartwarming acts people are doing in the name of lacrosse.

While each issue of Lacrosse Magazine brings to you Keepers who exemplify the values, the October issue of Lacrosse Magazine will do a “Keeper Kids” feature of ordinary kids doing remarkable things through lacrosse. Kids like Sean Hamburger who is trying to bring peace to communities by starting a combined Jewish and Muslim boys lacrosse team to compete in the 2014 World Lacrosse Festival in Denver, Colo. Or the players from a CONNY boys club lacrosse who raised $35,000 for the Make-A-Wish Foundation in support of a local child. Or the third and fourth graders in Austin, Texas, who dedicated their season and fundraising efforts to a fallen player from Rochester, NY. (See page 5 of this newsletter.)

US Lacrosse believes that maintaining the culture of the sport and rewarding those who embrace the essence of the game is a worthy investment to save the culture of lacrosse.

With so much negativity surrounding sports in America, US Lacrosse will continue to use the Keeper Project to inspire people across the country to share the essence of lacrosse from generation to generation and community to community. We will continue to share the stories that make lacrosse stronger; these are the real stories of the sport of lacrosse.

Donations to the Keeper Project will help establish grants for programs across the country to apply to and receive funding to support their Keeper Project goals. To make a donation, please visit www.uslacrosse.org/donate and select The Keeper of Lacrosse Project. The game is in your hands. Take good care of it.

Jim Soran and Michelle Secor of the Vail Lacrosse Shootout partnered with the Keeper of Lacrosse Project to present the Keeper Sportmanship Awards to recipients from each division. Clockwise from top left: Kyle Harrison, Sean Fox, Jim Soran with Kevin McGurn, the Durangatangs, and Michelle Secor with a member of the Paradise Lacrosse Club.

—photos by Clark Bell

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HALL OF FAME WEEKEND CELEBRATES THE GLORY DAYS OF LACROSSE

The Lacrosse Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony weekend promises to be a festive celebration honoring the glory days of an impressive group of lacrosse greats entering the National Hall of Fame:

Inducted as a truly great player:
- Jen Adams (Maryland 2001)
- Roy Colsey (Syracuse 1995)
- Brian Dougherty (Maryland 1996)
- Kelly Amonte Hiller (Maryland 1996)
- Jesse Hubbard (Princeton 1998)
- Tim Nelson (Syracuse 1985)

Inducted as a truly great coach:
- Missy Foote (Middlebury College)
- Cindy Timchal (Northwestern, Maryland, U.S. Naval Academy)

The black-tie optional affair on Saturday, October 20, gives friends, family and fans the opportunity to rekindle their connection with each inductee in a sentimental and emotional evening which includes videos of days gone by and heartfelt speeches of what lacrosse has meant in their lives. This touching event is open to the public however tickets are required.

The National Lacrosse Hall of Fame was established in 1957 to honor men and women who by their deeds as players, coaches, officials and/or contributors, and by the example of their lives, personify the great contribution of lacrosse to our way of life. Induction to the National Hall of Fame is the highest lacrosse honor that can be bestowed.

For more information and biographies on each inductee, visit www.uslacrosse.org/HOF.

Hall of Fame Golf Classic: A Nine and Dine Event for the US National Teams Program

Prior to the induction, the US Lacrosse Foundation is holding the second annual Hall of Fame Golf Classic - A Nine and Dine Event on Friday, October 19 at Hillendale Country Club in Hunt Valley, MD.

Hosted by the current Men’s Senior Team Head Coach Richie Meade along with Hall of Fame member Richie Moran and former Women’s U19 National Team head coach Wendy Kridel, proceeds from this year’s tournament will benefit the US Lacrosse National Teams Program. Joining them are former U.S. Senior National Team coaches Jack Emmer, Sue Stahl and Dave Urick.

This event is open to the public but limited to no more than 64 golfers. The National Teams Program is funded by donations to the US Lacrosse Foundation; this event will benefit the Women’s U.S. National Senior Team travelling to Canada in 2013 to defend their gold medal, and the work of all national teams players as ambassadors for lacrosse at home and abroad.

AN UNLIKELY BATTLE CRY FROM MILES AWAY

Steve Alvarez opened what he expected to be a regular e-newsletter from US Lacrosse and immediately felt the lump in his stomach.

Alvarez read of the tragic death of 12-year-old Tyler Kopp in Rochester, N.Y., who was struck in the chest by a lacrosse ball during a game and died five days later. As the coach of the Vipers Lacrosse Club third- and fourth-grade team in Austin, Texas, and a father himself, Alvarez decided to share Tyler’s story.

The team decided to dedicate its season to Tyler’s memory, placing a “TK9” (his initials and number) decal on their helmets and carrying a picture of their fallen “brother” to each game. They encouraged each other to “play like Tyler,” and in doing so, shared their mutual love for the game. The boys then took their dedication a step further, donating their allowances and fundraising in their communities to raise over $300 to donate to the Kopp family to support the purchase of an automated external defibrillator (AED), a portable device that delivers potentially lifesaving defibrillation therapy as treatment for sudden cardiac arrest.

Additionally, Vipers’ leadership is refocusing the club’s priorities to invest in a US Lacrosse-matching AED grant, toward which contributions from parents have begun.

“Tyler was part of our lacrosse family,” said 9-year-old Ethan McKinley, a driving force behind the team’s fundraising efforts. “We honor him because he was a lacrosse player, just like us.”

Earlier this year, US Lacrosse awarded AED grants to nine lacrosse organizations nationwide to subsidize the cost of acquiring AEDs and to offset the cost of AED/CPR training. For more information on US Lacrosse’s AED Program, go to www.uslacrosse.org/AED.
From May through July, US Lacrosse ran major events in six locations in three time zones, battled temperatures ranging from 40 degrees to 100, coordinated 249 teams and successfully oversaw the completion of 645 lacrosse games. Did you see our events team in Arizona, Colorado, Florida, North Carolina, Texas and New York?

Palo Alto, Calif.
Women’s National Team is hosting Stars & Stripes Weekend at Stanford University and Burlingame High School from October 5-7. Reserve your spot today for the special Parent/Daughter Dinner with the U.S. Women’s National Team on Friday, October 5. See page 3 of this newsletter for details.

Colorado Springs, Colo.
US Lacrosse crowned two new Women’s Collegiate Lacrosse Association (WCLA) champions in Colorado Springs, Colo. in May 2012: UC Davis in Division I and North Carolina in Division II.

Arizona • Colorado • Florida
North Carolina • Texas • New York

Denver, Colo.
Denver played host to the premier rivalry in international lacrosse featuring a rematch of the 2010 FIL World Championship gold-medal game in which Team USA defeated Canada, 12-10, in Manchester, England. The event served as a preview of the 2014 FIL World Championships, to be hosted by US Lacrosse at Dick’s Sporting Goods Park in July 2014.
The US Lacrosse National Convention, presented by Champion, returns to Philadelphia Jan. 11-13, 2013. Two-time Super Bowl coach Dick Vermeil will deliver the keynote address to coaches, officials and game administrators. The largest and most comprehensive educational and networking event in the lacrosse world, the event will feature live demonstration fields, approximately 150 educational sessions, over 100 vendors and the US Lacrosse Fan Fest.

Lake Placid, N.Y.
Players and their families were welcomed to the Lake Placid Summit Tournament with a Glory Days and Giveaways happy hour hosted by the US Lacrosse Foundation. Donations made during the event benefited the National Teams Program and Keeper of Lacrosse Project.

Orlando, Fla.
The US Lacrosse U15 National Championships welcomed 51 teams from 25 states in July. Two new champions were crowned: For the girls, Skywalkers 2015 Blue (Md.) and for the boys, Long Island Express (N.Y.)

New York City, N.Y.
The US Lacrosse Foundation awarded its highest honor, the William H. “Dinty” Moore III Distinguished Service Award, to former USLF Board Chair, T. Brett Haire in June. Under Brett’s leadership, the US Lacrosse Foundation established with greater clarity its role in supporting the mission of US Lacrosse through raising funds, enabling the national governing body to best serve the sport. It was under Brett’s leadership that US Lacrosse established the First Sport Society to recognize donors of $1,000 or more contributing to the programs and activities of US Lacrosse.

Washington, D.C.
US Lacrosse partnered with the University Club of Washington to sponsor the Tewaaraton Award and Native American High School Player of the Year Scholarship, presented at the Smithsonian’s National Museum of the American Indian in Washington, D.C. in May. The University of Maryland’s Katie Schwarzmann and Colgate’s Peter Baum were the winners of the 2012 Tewaaraton Awards. Marissa Haring of the Seneca Nation and Bradley Thomas of the Tuscarora Indian Nation were the recipients of the Native American High School Player of the Year Scholarship.
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US Lacrosse is honored to recognize the following First Sport Society donors of $1,000 or more to US Lacrosse since January 2012. Thank you for all you do to Raise Your Game™!

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LACROSSE matters to:

Name: Barrett Carlson, who in lieu of presents for her 14th birthday chose to give the gift of lacrosse to others by asking friends to make donations to the First Stick Program. She raised over $200 for US Lacrosse program.

Home: St. Louis, Missouri

Lacrosse Connection: I started playing when I was seven years old and, although I play other sports, lacrosse is my absolute favorite!

Favorite Lacrosse Experience: This summer, I played with the FCA (Fellowship of Christian Athletes) national U15 team in the Warrior Vail tournament. My coaches and teammates were amazing; it was a life-changing experience in a beautiful setting! I also attended the inaugural Northstar Invitational in Lake Placid. I loved playing with girls from all over the country - and I learned SO much from my coach, Amanda Macaluso, who will be a senior at Northwestern! She was awesome!

Lacrosse Matters to me because... it is the sport I love! It is fast-paced, exciting, and requires incredible teamwork. Coming from a “non-traditional” lacrosse area, I would like to see the sport grow throughout the entire country because it has taught me so many life lessons and exposed me to so many inspirational people!