

Fundy Riptide Times

DECEMBER 1, 2014

ISSUE 1

INSIDE THIS ISSUE:

- Talks underway regarding new Province-wide U18 Field Lacrosse League **2**
- N.B. Field Lacrosse Alliance [NB-FLA]
- The Riptide Rep Team program is planning the 2015 season **2**
- FLA Box program looks at "Tiers" in all Divisions from Novice to Midget **2**
- New Board Members welcomed to the FLA **3**
- FLA makes investment in youth goalies **3**
- Player Profile. **4**
- Colin Doyle**
- Toronto Rock**
- Story Ideas? Contact us at the email address below!

Welcome to the First Issue of the Fundy Riptide Times

The Fundy Lacrosse Association - encompassing the Grand Bay-Westfield, Kennebecasis Valley and Saint John areas of the Fundy Region - has the goal of efficient and effective development, promotion and governance of minor lacrosse (mini-tyke to midget age groups) in the Fundy Region.

Lacrosse, our national summer sport, has a long history in Canada, and the Fundy Lacrosse Association will strive to provide a quality program to all interested parties (children, youth and parents) through Association leadership and skillful sport management.

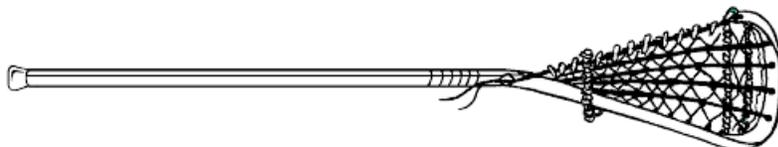
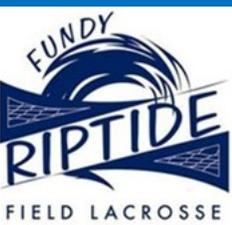


Keeping You Informed, and Keeping Lacrosse in Mind

The primary purpose of the Fundy Riptide Times is to keep you, the lacrosse player, parent or fan, informed and up to date with what is happening within and around the Fundy Lacrosse Association. Occasionally, milestones pass or accomplishments are achieved that, for various reasons, may not be on our radar. To address these oversights, we ask the FLA membership to share these with us to include in the next issue of the Fundy Riptide Times.

Simply send your milestone or story idea to:

fundylacrosnews@gmail.com





Riptide Rep Team Box Program

It is the goal of the Riptide Program to make the FLA the strongest lacrosse association in Atlantic Canada through quality coaching and player development and high level inter-provincial tournament play.

A key component of the Riptide Box Program is

player and coach development at the Tyke, Novice and Pee wee age groups. Weekly skills & drills sessions will be featured, outside of normal team play, focusing on the fundamentals of team lacrosse.

Rep Travel teams remain the primary focus of the

Riptide Box Program. These teams are selected by an open try-out process, and will end their seasons by competing in high level box lacrosse tournaments outside of New Brunswick.

A Riptide Committee, reporting to the FLA Board of Directors, will oversee the technical elements of the program.

“Luck is what happens when preparation meets opportunity”

FLA offers both indoor box lacrosse and outdoor field lacrosse programs



First Steps Toward N.B. Field Lacrosse League



Talks are underway between LNB and member associations from Tantramar, Codiac, Kings County, Oromocto and Fundy Lacrosse regarding the formation of a new U18 Field Lacrosse League in the province. Although still in the early stages, we are looking for a launch date of Spring 2015. The N.B. Field Lacrosse Alliance [NB-FLA] will be a place for our midget and retired midget players to stay competitive through high school. Watch for more details to come from your home association.

A Two-Tier Blended Approach

The FLA ran a pilot project in recent years to “tier” some box league age divisions. The approach involved evaluating players prior to the season, and placing them in the appropriate tier. Admittedly, some lessons were learned throughout the process; but overall it was regarded as a success, allowing players in both tiers to excel and improve their game skills. If the registration numbers will allow, we will be using the two-tiered approach again for the upcoming season. In addition, age groups from Novice to Midget will see players from K.V. and Saint John blended on the same team, improving competitiveness and balancing.

Fundy Lacrosse Association Welcomes New Board Members



The Fundy Lacrosse Association held their AGM on Sunday, October 26th. Topics of discussion

included reports from various Directors, as well as a brief look ahead to the upcoming box and field lacrosse seasons. It was unanimously agreed that the FLA focus on growing the great game of lacrosse in the Fundy Region.

The FLA Board welcomed

the following new members:

Rob Powell

Al Rogers

Janice Shepherd

Jaime Peacock

We look forward to a great season working together!

*“Just play.
Have fun.
Enjoy the
game”*

-Michael Jordan

FLA Makes Investment in Youth Goalies

In the past, the FLA has acknowledged the brave goalies in our league by reimbursing some registration fees, or entering their names in a draw for prizes. This past season, we took a major step in recognizing their importance by investing in new goalie gear for the Tyke and Novice age groups. This new gear will ensure that the young goalies are safe and secure as they protect their house between the pipes.



Calvin and Hobbes by WATERSON





Lacrosse NB Names

Colin Doyle Head Coach

Colin Doyle began his NLL career in 1998, playing for the Ontario Raiders. He scored 34 goals and 27 assists, leading the Raiders in scoring. He was



named NLL Rookie of the Year. Inside Lacrosse magazine considers Doyle still among the elite in the game, listing him in their top 25 players as of November 2014.

The game of lacrosse in New Brunswick is about to be taken to a whole new level thanks to a unique partnership between Lacrosse New Brunswick (LNB) and lacrosse superstar, Colin Doyle, Captain of the Toronto Rock along with his personal trainer and ex-Toronto Rock teammate – Wayne Burke. LNB recently signed a contract that will involve Doyle and Burke in a series of training camps running in the Saint John and Moncton areas from January to April which will be open to players from the Novice to Midget divisions from across the province. “The Lacrosse New Brunswick Program for Excellence” will allow children the opportunity to experience the game under the direction of local coaches with Doyle and Burke developing and guiding the program, attending sessions virtually to speak to the players and making four in-person appearances throughout the course of the training.

Not only is Colin an incredibly accomplished Lacrosse player he is also a gifted teacher. He has an amazing ability to connect with kids and, in what seems like minutes, have a profound impact on them in terms of skill and their commitment to the game.

Colin and Wayne will be in New Brunswick for four weekends. During those weekends, they will personally conduct training sessions for the Program’s participants. They will also be present to personally coach the New Brunswick provincial teams at the 2015 Nationals in Whitby, Ontario and Saskatoon, Saskatchewan.

See www.laxnb.ca for more details and registration information.



**FASTEST GAME
ON THE FEET!
ONLY WITH
SPEEPRIME!**