



## **Dear Carthage Lacrosse Families:**

Welcome to the Carthage College Men's Lacrosse Team's 2011-2012 season. Another summer has flown by so that means the Fall Ball Season is now upon us. The guys have been hard at practice for a couple of weeks now and the team roster has been completed by Coach Neff. It looks like we have about 45 players. The Carthage Lacrosse Red Stick Club (CLRSC) Board hopes to make this season another exciting experience for every parent. The tremendous success the CLRSC has enjoyed is due to the overwhelming support and spirit of volunteerism provided by the parents.

I am Chris Honn (my son, Kyle is a Senior). I will be serving as the CLRSC President for this season. A special welcome and hello to the Freshmen players and parents. This letter is the first communication for the season and will be posted on the CLRSC website at [www.redstickclub.com](http://www.redstickclub.com). The website will be updated frequently so make sure to check the site often. We have a lot to update everyone about so let's get to it.

A list of the current CLRSC Board Members is on the website and will be included at the end of this letter. If you would like to join the parent board, please contact any of the board members as we are seeking new members onto the board.

## **Mark your calendars for these upcoming events:**

### **October 8<sup>th</sup>—Team “Red and White” Scrimmage at 7 p.m. at Art Keller Field**

This is an inter-squad scrimmage that is held each Fall once the team roster has been filled.

### **October 15<sup>th</sup>—3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Lakefront Classic Fall Ball Tournament**

**First Game starts at 8 a.m.** Carthage will be hosting the Lakefront Classic Fall Ball Tournament once again at Art Keller Field. The Team will be split into two team's and play all four of their games on Saturday. This is a fund raising event

for the team and run by the CLRSC. We will have concessions and spirit wear for sale. Our goal is to raise at least \$750. We will need several volunteers to assist with concessions and to work the game clock and the penalty box. Please contact Vikki Sheer at [vsheer@aol.com](mailto:vsheer@aol.com) if you would like to volunteer. Refer to the attached PDF file which details the schedule for the Tournament.

Instead of collecting an admission fee at the Fall Ball tournament it has been the Red Men's custom to "Give Back" to the Community.

We will be collecting used LAX sticks to support the Kenosha Boy's and Girl's Club, so clean your closets, garage and basement and bring all used sticks (boys and girls) to the Fall Ball Tournament. You can also go to Walgreen's and buy a child's version of a lacrosse stick which is called "Fiddlesticks".

**October 16<sup>th</sup>—Golf Outing this year's Golf Outing is being held at the Bristol Club** Join us at 9:00 a.m. at Bristol Oaks Golf Course for early round. Cost is \$50 per golfer, which includes 18 holes on a gorgeous course, cart and sandwich lunch. Register with [Maryellen@blanchardalliance.org](mailto:Maryellen@blanchardalliance.org) by October 07. Prizes for most original golf attire, closest to the pin and longest drive. Representatives from ESPN will be on hand for the judging. Please send to Mary Ellen via email your foursome reservation and Donna Rebeck your check to 1540 Oswego Road, Naperville IL 60540.

Bristol Oaks is located at: 16801 75<sup>th</sup> Street (Hwy 50) Bristol WI  
262-857-2302

Directions: From I-94, take Hwy 50 (west) for 2 ½ miles. Golf Course on the Left

### **2012 Schedule--**

The schedule has been finalized and is posted on the Carthage College and the Red Stick Club websites. A link to the Carthage website is on the Red Stick Club website and a link to the Red Stick Club website is on the Carthage College website. We have four home games at Art Keller Field scheduled this season, and the schedule includes the year-end Conference Tournament so mark your calendars for May 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>. The winner of the regular season will be the host for this Tournament. The winner of our Conference Tournament will receive an automatic bid to the NCAA Tournament.

**Red Stick Club Memberships** We hope everyone will become a CLRSC member this year. Our primary goal as the exclusive Booster organization for the Men's Lacrosse Team is to raise funds for the Team to supplement Coach Neff's budget needs. Membership dues will assist with the cost of feeding the boys on road trips

and help with annual equipment/uniform needs the team may have. We will provide a comprehensive presentation on this subject at the Lakefront Classic. The club membership will be the same as last year (\$240.00).

**Fund raising** Thanks again to everyone who made 2011 a record breaking fund raising success. We are well underway with fund raising activities for the new season. If you have any ideas on how to raise funds for the team, please speak to a CLRSC Board Member. A more comprehensive update will be provided at the parent meeting at the Fall Ball Tournament. NOTE: This year the boy's will *not* be working at the Bradley Center.

**Annual Raffle** We will again have our Red Men Lacrosse player's sell raffle tickets. This year's raffle drawing will be held on April 7, 2012 at the game against Trine at half-time.

**Spirit Wear / Team Clothing** Our new partner is Under Armour. Orders have already started coming in. We have a cut off date of October 25<sup>th</sup>, so bring your checkbook and order form to the Fall Ball tournament. If you order by this date, your order will be delivered to your door prior to the holidays. We will have samples at the Fall Ball Tournament for you to look at and try on. Linda Morse [morse3@charter.net](mailto:morse3@charter.net), will be able to answer any questions that you may have about Spirit Wear. A second order will be done prior to season if you missed ordering the first time.

**Meet and Greet Parent Meeting and presentation of the 2011-2012 CLRSC Budget will be held at 9:30 a.m. at the Skybox** Our Board Treasurer, Donna Rebeck, [donnarebeck@sbcglobal.net](mailto:donnarebeck@sbcglobal.net) will provide a brief presentation to everyone at the Lakefront Classic. Topics to be discussed include: membership cost, how to pay for the membership, revenue and expenses from last season, and, our preliminary budget for the upcoming season. The Skybox is in the TARC Center adjacent to the basketball court.

**Senior Night---TBA** We have several seniors on the Team that will be finishing their LAX career this upcoming season. Stay tuned for the details regarding this event.

**Banquet ---TBA** Stay tuned for the details on this event. The date will depend on a couple of things like the year end Conference Tournament and whether or not we make the NCAA playoffs.

## Volunteer's Needed

**Grab n Go Coordinator – contacts parents via email and signs them up to provide a meal for the team to eat on the bus on their way home from an away game. We have budgeted the cost of \$250 per Grab and Go again this year.**

## Miscellaneous Parent Information;

**If you would like to receive live updates via text during the games, Chris [chonn9@msn.com](mailto:chonn9@msn.com) will continue to do his live updates. Please send him your phone number and what games you would like to get live “texting” updates. Check [www.redstickclub.com](http://www.redstickclub.com) and Carthage College websites for those games that will be streamed on the Internet or presented via live stats. When we are traveling to out of town games, we do try and go out as a group before or after the game, so make sure you check the website to see if we have a organized a location to meet.**

**We look forward to meeting the new parents and seeing the returning parents at the Scrimmage and the Lakefront Classic Fall Ball Tournament. The CLRSC Board Member contact information is included below so if you have any questions or ideas please contact us.**

**Just a reminder: Get your hotel reservations now for the scrimmage and the Lakefront Classic. There are several hotels near the campus. Make sure to ask for the Carthage College rate where ever you stay, you may also check the Carthage website @ <http://www.carthage.edu/family/hotels> Most hotels have a special rate to offer. Discounts typically cannot be done online.**

**Best regards and lets have a great 2012 season!!!**

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