

Weston, Florida - January 16, 2011
Florida Lacrosse Classic Lacrosse Tournament
10th Anniversary Edition

The 10th annual Florida Lacrosse Classic concluded three days of play on a spectacular South Florida day on January 16. Thirty five teams started play at Tequesta Trace Park in Weston Friday to crown National Champions in the Grand Masters and Half Century Divisions and bragging rights Champions in the Brine Division of the Grand Masters.

In Grand Masters play four teams rose to the top – last years Champions Team Harley a team based out of Maryland and runner up Atlantic Sportswear were there as were the fourth seed Slo Moes (Virginia Alumni) and fifth seed Elder Statesmen (Hobart Alumni).

Saturday's semi finals started with an 11-8 Team Harley victory over a stubborn Slo Moes squad and a chance at a repeat title. The Elder Statesman took on Atlantic Sportswear and won 12-7 to set up an Elder Statesman – Team Harley final.

A repeat was not in the cards for Team Harley as the Elder Statesman ran to a 9-6 victory to win the 2011 Grand Masters National Championship in front of a capacity standing room only crowd.

In the Grand Masters Brine Division play was marked with some incredibly close and hard fought games. Mr. Boh out of Maryland beat the Long Island Jesters 11-4 to move into the finals. Team Tarzan (formerly High Peaks and last years Brine Division Champions) scored with 40 seconds left to break a 12-12 tie and beat the host Frogs (Florida Real Old Guys) 13-12.

The finals saw a back and forth paced game with Team Tarzan breaking a 9-9 tie with seconds left on the clock and a behind the back shot to take their second Brine Division crown.

The Half Century National Championship match saw the Elder Statesman outlast Maryland's Team Piv's/Patron 6-5 to repeat as champions and take home the first National Championship at that age bracket. Upstate NY based Cloudsplitters took third place beating first time Half Century entrant Polar Bears.

The Florida Youth Lacrosse Foundation puts on the Florida Lacrosse Classic tournament as its main fundraising event. The foundation has been instrumental in starting youth and High School programs throughout the State of Florida and in growing the game at the youth level. In cooperation with Brine/Warrior they have contributed over \$145,000 worth of equipment to approximately 80 programs. The organization provides equipment to help defray the cost of start-up as well as organizational experience to help set up each new program.