

## Neenah Lacrosse Club Team History

The Neenah Lacrosse Club (NLC) was founded in early 2003. Coaches Paul Zielski and Gary Olson, both former UW Oshkosh Lacrosse players, formed this club team because of their love of the sport and their desire to inspire and grow the tradition-rich sport in Neenah. Christopher Green joined Olson and Zielski on the coaching staff at the beginning of the first season. The main goal of this club was to provide the youth of the area access to this great sport as an alternative to the traditional high school sports.

In the first year NLC had 19 very dedicated players. [These 19 team members](#) were instrumental in introducing the Neenah community to lacrosse.

While NLC's first season was a short one and the team went 0-4, these 19 individuals will be credited with the founding and beginnings of a very successful lacrosse program in Neenah. Each year the team has grown with the 2009 team reaching 41 players, which allowed for JV games to be added to a varsity schedule.

Formalization of the Neenah Lacrosse Club was established in December of 2004 with the creation of an Executive Board. The founding Executive Board members were: Bob Simpson, President/Treasurer; Bruce Otto, Vice President; Linda Walter, Secretary; Members at Large; Kit Simpson, fundraising; Paul Zielski, Head Coach, Brendon Otto, Sr. Player Representative