



Friends of Issaquah Youth Lacrosse –

When we assembled a group of a dozen middle-school boys for their first Lacrosse clinic six years ago, we had no idea how or even if Lacrosse could take root and grow in Issaquah. It wasn't until the next clinic – a couple of months later -- when *nearly 100* kids attended that we knew Lacrosse was destined to be the next great thing in youth sports.

Issaquah Youth Lacrosse was born in 2004 to foster the growth and development of our youth through the fun and fellowship of a great team sport. IYL as an organization has experienced steady and exponential growth, we have had many IYL players go on to compete in HS State Championships, some go on to play at the collegiate level, and the overall awareness and love of the game expand tremendously in our community. It has been very exciting!

Along the way, dozens of capable, committed and energetic volunteers who share our passion for serving kids and our passion for the game of Lacrosse have stepped up to take on key leadership roles and deliver on the ever-expanding demands of a growing program; a big THANKS to all of them!

Now, as we look forward to our sixth full season having served nearly a thousand boys and girls, and grown a program which now feeds four boys HS programs (Liberty and Mt Si in '10) and one girls HS program, it's time to turn to the next chapter for IYL.

To that end, we have decided to step away from everyday operations of IYL into the positions of **Co-Presidents Emeritus**. We'll be turning over day-to-day operations to a great group of parents and community volunteers who will serve as the Leadership Circle for IYL as we head into the Spring 2010 season. Those leaders are

Co-Presidents:	Charles Mauzy and Eric Bean
Director of Coaching:	Mark Greenhall
Director of Marketing:	Michael Gianopolis
Director of Girls Lacrosse:	Lauren Mincin
Senior Division Director (Boys):	Scott Johnston
Junior Division Director (Boys):	Rene Cespedes
Lightning Division Director (Boys):	Gregg Harris
Registrar:	Mark Berndt

Special thanks to Scott Krahling, IYL's Treasurer since its inception, and his agreement to continue in that role for the next two years. The Board of Directors will be expanded from its existing form (Treasurer plus Co-Presidents) to include the Presidents Emeritus. For the next two years, the five of us along with the rest of the Leadership Circle will focus on creating a new expanded board system and formal governance structure that can ensure that IYL continues to grow and serve the kids and the community well into the future.

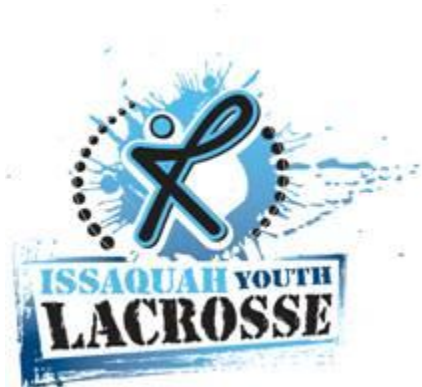
Charles and Eric have agreed to take on these new responsibilities knowing that key to the organization's success will be to build an even bigger and stronger pipeline of adult leaders to step into the IYL board when they step down after the 2011 season. Please talk to Charles, Eric or anybody on the Leadership Circle if you wish to help IYL in any way at all. There are literally dozens of jobs, and surely one that is right for you!

With our registrations on track to deliver the largest group of participants ever in our Spring 2010 season and with a strong transitional leadership team in place, IYL will surely continue to be the leading youth Lacrosse program in the state. And with the vision and energy that the new leadership is bringing to their work, we expect IYL to go places we could never have dreamed of back in 2004 with those dozen 8th graders awkwardly picking up Lacrosse sticks for the first time.

Thank you all for your support and encouragement over these six wonderful years!

Cheers,

Matthew Balkman & Scott Wiley
Co-Presidents Emeritus



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