

Subject: Edmond Lacrosse Club (ELC) News – June 4, 2010

1. Successful Apr 24 Edmond Lacrosse Festival: Appreciate Marc Anderson taking the lead on this and for the many volunteers who helped with the contests, setup, cleanup, and selling apparel and stickers.
2. Exhibition Games at Chesapeake field – May 27: The ELC players (Scoopers, Girls, and HS boys) were invited to showcase the sport of Lacrosse to the employees and families of Chesapeake Energy. Thank You to those who participated! This was a great event and we look forward to a long relationship with Chesapeake.
3. As our spring season ends, ELC would like to thank our volunteer coaches. They have all contributed greatly to the success of our program. We appreciate their willingness to devote their time and talent week after week. They prepare practice plans, coordinate carpools, complete online coaches training, attend 4 hours of CPR/First Aid/AED training, and listen to complaints☺. We could not do this without these selfless individuals!
4. Thank you goes out to long-time ELC supporter Lewis Orthodontics. This is the fifth season Shannon & Dave Lewis have provided free t-shirts for all registered players and coaches. The kids look forward to adding to their lacrosse t-shirt collection every year.
5. Friends of Edmond Lacrosse: The ELC would like to extend a special “Thank You” to our sponsors. A list and website links (if available) are provided at <http://www.edmondlacrosse.com/friends-of-lacrosse/>. Their support is very much appreciated. In return for their thoughtfulness, please consider them when you are in need of a service or product, and thank them for their support.
6. ELC Board of Directors Changes: President Cheryl Prebula’s term ended May 31, 2010. Marc Anderson, formerly, the ELC secretary, will move to the president position. Krista Dobbs will take the vacated secretary position.
7. Note from Cheryl: Thank you to everyone who worked with me to help make ELC into the successful organization it is today. It has truly been one of the most rewarding experiences of my life. The smiles on the kids faces as they play catch with a friend and their obvious excitement every time they hit the field are just a few of the things I treasure most about my time with ELC. Every season I love looking out over the lacrosse fields and seeing them all covered with boys and girls. Lacrosse is still in its infancy in Oklahoma but Edmond is a great prototype and hopefully other communities will want to emulate. I will continue to be involved as the girls’ coordinator and I look forward to seeing ELC growing and thriving as the years go by!
8. PLEASE complete the end of season surveys emailed to parents last week. We really need constructive feedback to ensure we continue to have a first-class program. Please click on this link to complete the parents’ survey. <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/9PJVZJM>
9. End of season thoughts from age group coordinators:
 - Krista Dobbs—3rd/4th grade boys: We had an exceptional group of boys, some who knew the sport of lacrosse and some who were "first timers." I have to give praise to the parents who were so diligent in bringing their boys to practice every week--practice makes perfect. The boys have really embraced the sport and learned so much. We had outstanding coaches this year who were relentless in giving of their time and abilities to teach the boys. I am excited to be a part of this organization.

- John Morris—5th/6th grade boys: I thought the 5/6 grade boys did a tremendous job improving their caliber of play over the course of the season. This couldn't have been done without the fantastic coaches that gave of their time this year. I was very proud of how hard the boys played in a lot of very closely contested games, and I was very impressed by the level of sportsmanship displayed by our boys in this age group. I think the future of Edmond Lacrosse looks very bright!
- Marc Anderson—7th/8th grade boys (recreational/competitive): These were a great group of kids, parents, and coaches to work with this season. It has been a lot of fun to watch how they have developed and improved since the early days at "the firehouse. " Now the 8th graders are moving into the High School level and will begin a new stage of development.
- Brendan Klein—High School Boys (Varsity & Junior Varsity): Commitment, hard-work, improvement, and success were the trademarks of the Edmond Cavaliers high school program this year! Every single player and parent at both the JV and Varsity level, through their commitment to the program and hard-work in practices and game, earned the title of Inaugural Tornado Alley Lacrosse League Champions! Every member of the High School coaching staff was so impressed with the growth and improvement each and every player demonstrated this season and that alone would have made the season a success, but the teams wanted more and as such, they worked harder and harder until they had achieved their goal of being league champion. It is precisely this drive and determination to constantly improve that will take this program to the next level in the very near future!
- Dave Heaton—Scoopers (1st-3rd grades co-ed): Wow, what a super sophomore season the scoopers had this year. We had a tremendous enrollment with our numbers climbing to 50 kids. I was very proud to be part of a group of coaches and kids that all worked very well together and took the program to the next level. The kids did an awesome job of not only learning the basic skills of lacrosse, but also gaining the understanding of the unselfishness that it takes to play this game. Edmond's lacrosse future lies in these very talented and hard working young kids, and I am happy to say, it is in very good hands.
- Cheryl Prebula—
 - Grade School Girls: This is the inaugural season for the grade school girls group. These were 4th/5th/6th graders--most who had never played before. Two teams were formed that played in-house games and also participated in the Hockaday Playday in Dallas TX in April. The girls really got the hang of it as the season progressed. It was a learning experience for all involved--players, coaches, and parents. We are really looking forward to our future seasons.
 - High School Girls: They joined an informal league which included Tulsa and NW Arkansas teams. They also played teams from Allen TX, McKinney TX, and Ursuline TX. The level of play has increased throughout the season. We appreciate the commitment of the girls and their parents as the majority of their games were played out-of-town.
 - Stay tuned for the second Girls Lacrosse Rocks Oklahoma event in the fall of 2010--to include college-level women's games and girls clinics (all ages).