



Press Release

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Washington lacrosse hall to induct six in 2010

Mercer Island, Edmonds, Redmond, Seattle, Vashon Island, Bainbridge Island lacrosse leaders tapped for induction

SEATTLE – Six lacrosse leaders from Mercer Island, Edmonds, Redmond, Seattle, Vashon Island, and Bainbridge Island have been selected for 2010 induction into the Washington State Lacrosse Hall of Fame.

Mercer Island High School assistant coach and youth program founder Mark Larson, youth lacrosse champion and coach Harry Osterander of Edmonds, longtime high school officials Janet Lennon-Jones of Redmond, and Lorrie McKay of Seattle, Whitman College and Vashon Island High School program founder Charley Rosenberry of Vashon Island and Bainbridge High School coach and former Canadian National Team member Tami Tommila of Bainbridge Island were tapped for induction by the Washington State Chapter of US Lacrosse.

The six will be enshrined Saturday, October 23 at the state hall's third semi-annual induction ceremonies at the Washington Athletic Club. Tickets are \$66 and go on sale Wednesday, May 12 at www.uslax-wa.org/hof.html

MARK LARSON

Seattle, Wash. (Mercer Island High School)

Former Florida State University lacrosse player, Mark Larson, 53, of Seattle is the Mercer Island High School boys assistant coach, co-founder of the Mercer Island Youth Lacrosse program and former Washington Chapter President of US Lacrosse. Under Larson's seven-year guidance, MIYL grew of just 20 participants to over 70. Today, over 250 Mercer Island youth participate in the program, which has become a model youth lacrosse program in the State of Washington.

HARRY OSTRANDER

Edmonds, Wash. (Youth Lacrosse / Lakeside School)

Former St. Lawrence College lacrosse player, Harry Osterander of Edmonds is a longtime high school coach and champion of the sport in Washington state. Along with service on the state board of directors of the Boys High School League, Osterdander, 64, was the head coach at Lakeside Middle School from 1988 – 2006 and for nearly 20 years was involved in the teaching of lacrosse skills to Washington state's youth as an organizer lacrosse clinics at the high school, youth and middle school levels along with Boys & Girls Clubs in Bellevue, Edmonds and Snohomish.

JANET LENNON-JONES

Redmond, Wash. (Official)

Former Wellesley College lacrosse player, Janet Lennon-Jones of Redmond is a 19-year veteran umpire in Washington state. Lennon-Jones, 41, was the state's first District-rated umpire and also the first in the state to hold a national rating as an official. She officiated the first Washington high school girl's state championship in 1993 and today continues to pass her skill to younger generations of officials by conducting officiating clinics in the state.

LORRIE MCKAY**Seattle, Wash. (Official)**

Former Western Washington University player Lorrie McKay has umpired lacrosse games at every level in Washington state for over 20 years. An organizer of the association that became the Washington Women's Lacrosse Umpire Association, McKay, 45, McKay has served in a variety of roles including Chair of the WWLUA from 2005 – 07 and League Umpire Assignor from 2003 – 06. She was also a founder of the Washington Junior Umpire Program. For her efforts the local umpire board recognized McKay's contributions by naming their annual service award in her honor.

CHARLEY ROSENBERRY**Vashon Island, Wash. (Vashon Island High School / Whitman College)**

Former Whitman College lacrosse player Charley Rosenberry of Vashon Island is the founder and current head coach of the Vashon High School lacrosse team. Rosenberry, 51, founded the Whitman College lacrosse program while a student on the Walla Walla campus. Since coming to Vashon, he won the Division II state championship in 1997 and 2005 and was selected Division II coach of the year in 2003 and 2006. At Whitman, Rosenberry serves on the school's Board of Overseers and a lacrosse scholarship fund was dedicated to him in 2006.

TAMIKO "Tami" TOMMILA**Bainbridge Island, Wash. (Bainbridge Island High School)**

Langara College lacrosse standout and former Canadian National Team member Tami Tommila is the head coach of the Bainbridge Island girls lacrosse team. While at Bainbridge, Tommila coached the Spartans to four state championships. For her efforts she was named the 2005 Washington high school girls coach of the year. As an athlete, she competed in three World Cup tournaments, serving as Canadian team captain in 1997. A tireless champion of the sport, she runs a Bainbridge youth lacrosse camp for kindergarten through high school aged players and organizes off-season competition opportunities for girls.

About High School Lacrosse in Washington State

Lacrosse is the fastest growing sport in the U.S. and in Washington State the sport has seen double-digit growth in six of the last eight years. In 2010, over 2,700 high school students representing 83 boys (www.WHSBLA.org) and 55 girls (www.WSLAX.org) varsity and jv teams in eastern and western Washington compete in a nine-week season March – May. The annual Boys and Girls Washington State High School Championships take place in late May.

For daily high school lacrosse results or to receive results through an RSS feed, please visit <http://media.uslax-wa.org/>

About the Washington State Chapter of US Lacrosse

A recognized Chapter of US Lacrosse, the Washington State Lacrosse Foundation serves an important role in the growth of lacrosse in Washington State. The Chapter provides funds for equipment grants for new boys and girls teams, travel grants for coaches to attend the US Lacrosse National Convention, CPR and First Aid training, and continuing education programs to develop coaches and officials. The Chapter proudly sponsors the Washington State Lacrosse Championships, LaxFest and the Hall of Fame Awards Dinner. For more information visit www.uslax-wa.org

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