



## ***Press Release***

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### **Washington Lacrosse Hall of Fame to induct five**

*Seattle, Eastside, Kitsap, Spokane legends tapped for Class of 2008*

SEATTLE – Five lacrosse legends from Seattle, the Eastside, Kitsap County and Spokane have been selected for 2008 induction into the Washington State Lacrosse Hall of Fame.

Tony Olney of Seattle, Susan Haviland of Carnation and Vernon A. Smith of Maple Valley, Rob Hawley of Poulsbo and Samuel “Trip” Goodall of Spokane, were tapped by the Washington State Chapter of US Lacrosse to be enshrined October 4 at the 2008 Induction Ceremonies for the state’s lacrosse hall.

Olney, 44, was selected for his role in founding two Seattle-area high school teams and the club at Washington State University. Haviland, 41, and Smith, 58, were pioneers of lacrosse on the Eastside and throughout the state, creating opportunities in their communities for high school boys and girls to play the sport and Hawley, 45, joins the hall after leading successful teams at The Lakeside School and later expanding the sport in Kitsap County. Goodall, 53, will be enshrined for his role in bringing lacrosse to Bainbridge Island and Spokane. All five played collegiately and have applied their experience and knowledge to build interest in lacrosse in the State of Washington.

“Tony Olney, Sue Haviland, Vern Smith, Rob Hawley and Trip Goodall have played pivotal roles supporting, growing and nurturing lacrosse in the State of Washington,” said Gail Loveland, Executive Board President of the Washington State Chapter of US Lacrosse. “Their character, through the game of lacrosse, is exceptional. Each member of the Class of 2008 is a role model to lacrosse players, fans and supporters of every age in Washington state.”

The Class of 2008 will be enshrined at the Hall’s Induction Ceremonies at the Washington Athletic Club in Seattle. The class was nominated for induction by their peers and chosen by a selection committee from the Washington State Chapter of US Lacrosse.

The ceremonies get underway at 6 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 4. Tickets are \$60 and are available beginning Aug. 30 at <http://uslax-wa.org/08hofame.html>.

#### **About Lacrosse in Washington State**

Lacrosse is one of the fastest growing sports in Washington state with over 4,600 US Lacrosse members participating on youth, middle school, high school, collegiate and club teams. From 2000 to 2006, athletes playing the sport in Washington increased 197 percent, while team growth in the state increased 215 percent. In 2007 alone, lacrosse participation in the state grew 15 percent for both men and women. Youth participation accounted for much of this growth, with youth boys participation growing by 27 percent, while youth girls participation increased by 36 percent. Over 2,100 high school students representing 71 boys and 38 girls teams play lacrosse in Washington state.

## **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](http://www.uslax-wa.org)

## **Washington State Lacrosse Hall of Fame Class of 2008**

### **Tony Olney (Seattle)**

Olney, 44, of Seattle is a long-time high school lacrosse coach, official and tireless champion of the sport in Washington State. Along with countless hours of service to the sport, Olney, a high school history teacher at Bothell's Secondary Academy for Success, founded the team at Washington State University and assisted with starting high school teams at Inglemoor High School as a student and later at Nathan Hale High School as a coach. As a coach, Olney has led three local high school teams; as head coach of a combination team of Blanchet/Roosevelt students in 1987, as an assistant at Nathan Hale from 1993-1996, head coach at Nathan Hale from 1998-2000 and head coach at The Lakeside School from 2001-2005. He received Lakeside's Five Year Achievement Award in 2005. His most successful seasons came in 1999 and 2000 at Nathan Hale, where he took the Raiders all the way to the state title game, finishing each season as runner-up. As a US Lacrosse Level 1 Coach's Trainer, he has conducted clinics for new coaches throughout Washington, California, Oregon and Nevada. As an official, Olney served both the PNLA and WHSBLA in high school, college and club games from 1987-1996 including refereeing the Washington State High School Boys Championship games in 1988, 1989, 1993 and 1994. He attained the position of Head of Officials for both groups from 1989-1992. Olney's service to the sport includes serving as Charter Board Member of the WHSBLA (2003-present) and an at large representative of the Washington State Chapter of US Lacrosse (2003-2004). As a collegian, Olney patrolled the field as an attackman and goalie for Washington State University from 1983-1986. He prepped at Inglemoor High School in Seattle from 1981-1982 and as a post collegiate athlete, played for the Mt. Rainier Lacrosse Club, Seattle Lacrosse Club and Old Seattle Lacrosse Club. His community service includes volunteer work with Seattle's Matt Talbot Center, where in 2003, along with his wife Mary McHugh; he received the group's Archbishop Thomas Murphy Community Leadership Award.

### **Sue Haviland (Carnation)**

Haviland, 41, of Carnation is a pioneer of Eastside lacrosse. The math teacher and girls lacrosse coach at Redmond's Overlake School founded the school's girls lacrosse team in 1992, which at the time was one of only five girls teams in the greater Seattle area. At Overlake, her squad won the state title in 1999 during a period from 1996 to 2000 where her teams made six consecutive trips to the state championship game. For her efforts at Overlake, she was twice honored as Coach of the Year. Her commitment to lacrosse in Washington State includes serving on the board of the Washington Schoolgirls Lacrosse Association from 1993 to 2006. She was instrumental in introducing lacrosse to new regions of the state including holding the first clinics in Kitsap and Snohomish Counties and Vashon Island. She also promoted tournaments in Wenatchee and Vancouver. As lacrosse gained popularity locally, Haviland was a key figure in helping a Northwest girls all-star team travel for the first time to a national tournament in the early 1990s and was active in the early efforts of lacrosse to become sanctioned by the WIAA. As a player at Middlebury College, Haviland's teams won conference titles in 1987 and 1988. She prepped at Kingswood-Oxford School (Connecticut) and as a club player; she helped the Seattle Women's Lacrosse team to prominence on the national stage including bringing home national titles in 1994 and 1995.

### **Vernon A. Smith (Maple Valley)**

Smith, 58, of Maple Valley is a lacrosse pioneer in Washington State, helping to establish the original state governing body for boys lacrosse and serving as high school coach, provider of equipment to local athletes and journalist reporting on burgeoning NW teams to a national audience. After moving to the Northwest from Baltimore in the 1970s, Smith helped form the Washington Lacrosse Counsel, the predecessor to the Washington High School Boys Lacrosse Association. He was an original board member of the organization and currently serves as its president. Among the teams that he helped get off the ground and coach was the Bellevue Lacrosse Club (early 1980s), the predecessor of the Bellevue High School program, Vashon High School Lacrosse Club (early 1990s) and the Maple Valley Lacrosse Club. He later went on to coach Vashon through the 1998 season, where he took three teams to the state title game and brought home the state championship in 1997. As head coach with the Maple Valley Lacrosse Club, his team won the state title in 1999 and again in 2000. In 1999, he was awarded the Washington State High School Coach of the Year Award. In 1978, Smith founded Northwest Lacrosse, one of the state's first lacrosse equipment suppliers. As a journalist in the late 1970s, he covered the sport as a regional editor for the national Lacrosse Magazine. As a collegian, after transferring from the U.S. Military Academy, Smith played as a freshman midfielder at Johns Hopkins University from 1971-1972. He prepped at Evanston High School (Illinois) and the United States Military Academy Prep, where he received the team's MVP award. He was elected as captain on both squads. During his high school years, he also played club lacrosse for the Chicago Lacrosse Club in Illinois. His club affiliations have also included the Boeing, Mt. Rainier, Duwamish and Bluefish Lacrosse Clubs in Washington State. Since graduating from the University of Puget Sound Law School, Smith has maintained an active criminal defense practice, receiving recognition from numerous legal organizations.

### **Rob Hawley (Poulsbo)**

Hawley, 45, of Poulsbo, is a champion of youth lacrosse in Kitsap County where he is a math and science teacher and lacrosse coach at Klahowya Secondary School. As a coach, he brought new energy to the sport among 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders by resurrecting the Kitsap Lacrosse Club in 2001. He established the new Klahowya team in 2003 and quickly took his boys to the post season, reaching the Division II playoffs in consecutive years from 2004 – 2008. In 2007, Hawley was instrumental in building the Kitsap Youth Lacrosse Association, a key feeder program for area high schools. Just in its second year, the program fielded new 3<sup>rd</sup> / 4<sup>th</sup> grade and 7<sup>th</sup> /8<sup>th</sup> grade teams and sponsored numerous boys and girls camps, clinics and a summer league. Prior to coming to Kitsap County, Hawley coached at the Lakeside School from 1993 to 2000, where he took the Lions to the state title game in six of eight years, winning the state championship in 1993. Both his Klahowya and Lakeside teams won the prestigious Everett Smith Team Sportsmanship Award. As a contributor to the sport in Washington State, Hawley served as Westside Representative to the Washington High School Boys Lacrosse Association from 2002 to the present. In 1997, he was involved in petitioning the WIAA to sanction high school lacrosse in the state. As a volunteer, he has worked to create, manage and coach a summer league for club, college and high school lacrosse players through the Hero's West Lacrosse league and coached the Great Northwest Lacrosse Camp from 1990 – 2000. Hawley played collegiately at Harvard, where he was named an All-American in 1982 and 1984, All-Ivy League in 1984 and selected to the All-New England Team in 1982, 1983, 1984 and 1985. As a senior at Harvard, he was named team captain and represented the Crimson in both the USILA North South Senior Game and NEILA East West Senior Game. As a prep athlete, he attended Friends School in Baltimore, Maryland where he was named captain his senior year. His team won the conference title in 1980. He was named to the Baltimore Sun-Metro squad three consecutive years. As a club player, Hawley won a USCLA national championship in 1988 with the Maryland Lacrosse Club and also played for the Brine Lacrosse Club in Boston. While playing for the Seattle Lacrosse Club, he served as president from 1992 to 1993.

### **Samuel “Trip” Goodall (Spokane)**

Goodall, 53, of Spokane, is known for bringing lacrosse on Bainbridge Island and to the City of Spokane, co-founding the Spokane Youth Lacrosse Association in 2007. The former high school principal and current district administrator in Deer Park was also an organizer of the Washington Lacrosse Council. At Bainbridge Island High, he coached two state championship teams and was instrumental in the sport attaining varsity status. His commitment to lacrosse in Washington state includes coaching a number of high school All-Americans and All-League selections. As co-founder of the Great Northwest Lacrosse Camp (1984), now known as the Elite 80 Camp, he was instrumental in providing local athletes with a high caliber lacrosse camp, for the first time, in the Northwest. In 2006, Goodall was selected to the Franklin and Marshall College All-Time Men's Lacrosse Team where he helped the school win three MAC Championships in the mid 1970s. As a prep, he was elected lacrosse team captain as a senior and an All-State selection at The Peddie School in Hightstown, N.J. His post-collegiate career includes affiliations with the Philadelphia Lacrosse Club (Philadelphia, Pa.), Rainier Lacrosse Club (Seattle) and Redhook Lacrosse Club (Seattle). As an educator, Goodall spent 12 years as a high school principal in Deer Park, Wash. and is currently an administrator with the Deer Park School District. He currently chairs the Washington State Special Education Advisory Council.

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