

Central Susquehanna Lacrosse Club History

In 1999 the CSLC was founded to promote the development of both boys' and girls' lacrosse in the Central Susquehanna Valley. We started as two families concerned about the absence of lacrosse in our children's athletic choices, soon grew to four and then many more! For two years practices were held during the summer months, but in 2001 the Club added practices in the spring season to allow the middle school boys' team to play 4 games against teams in the Harrisburg-Carlisle area. In the spring of 2002 we had boys' and girls' high school teams and a boys' middle school team, all with full schedules.

In January and February 2002 we had an indoor lacrosse league for middle school and high school boys' at the Sports Zone in Montandon. We continued our summer program for boys and girls in summer 2002. In January and February 2003 we held winter practices for middle school boys, high school boys, and 5th-12th grade girls at Champs Sports Factory.

The CSLC boys have played as an associate member of the Central Pennsylvania Scholastic Lacrosse Association (CPSLA) against teams in the Harrisburg/Carlisle/York/Lancaster area. In 1998, the boys' league consisted of seven teams. In the spring of 2002 there were three divisions of boys' teams with 8 or 9 members in each division! In 2005 the membership expanded to 32 teams. In 2004, the CSLC boys' team joined with the new team in State College and the new team in Danville (Columbia-Montour LC) to form the Central Susquehanna-Nittany Lacrosse League.

In February of 2006, with the addition of the new Selinsgrove team and the formation of a Lewisburg team, the boys' league, CSNLL, met the requirements to become a recognized league under the umbrella of the CPSLA. This was the first year that Lewisburg players were eligible for the all-star teams. Further, the winner and second place finisher in our league participated in the post-season playoffs.

On January 24, 2007, the Lewisburg Board of School Directors voted 8-1 to make both boys' and girls' lacrosse varsity sports in the Lewisburg Area School District starting with the 2007 season. CSLC will sponsor the new Lewisburg Lacrosse program, as well as the Milton High School Girls Lacrosse Club and the Middleburg Girls Lacrosse Club.

CSLC welcomes players from throughout the Central Susquehanna Valley, and has had players from Lewisburg, Milton, Selinsgrove, Mifflinburg, State College, Muncy, Bloomsburg, Danville, Sunbury, and Warrior Run play with us. As the sport grows in popularity, we hope that each community will be able to form its own team, and eventually join together to expand our newly formed league here in the Central Susquehanna Valley.

Short History of Lewisburg Girls Lacrosse

- 1999 Central Susquehanna Lacrosse Club (CSLC) founded
- 1999-2000 Summer programs for girls and boys
- 2002 CSLC proposal to Lewisburg Area School District (LASD) to make lacrosse a school-sponsored sport (denied)
- 2002 CSLC girls' team joins 5 other teams to form the Mid-Penn Girls Lacrosse League
- 2003 Mid-Penn Girls Lacrosse League expands to 8 members; CSLC has varsity and JV teams; 8 CSLC players selected to Mid-Penn All-Star Team; Jenn Gemberling selected US Lacrosse Academic All-American; 4 CSLC players selected to Capital Region Keystone Team
- 2004 CSLC record 11-4-1, 3rd place in league; 9 CSLC players selected to Mid-Penn All-Star Team; Julia Milner selected US Lacrosse Academic All-American; Sarah Surgala US Lacrosse Academic All-American Honorable Mention; 5 CSLC players selected to Capital Region Keystone Team, 2nd place at Keystone Games
- Fall 2004 CSLC proposal to LASD to make lacrosse a school-sponsored sport (denied)
- 2005 CSLC girls' team plays in York Girls Lacrosse League because Mid-Penn schools became PIAA-sanctioned; 1st Girls River Sticks tournament; 7 CSLC players selected to York All-Star Team; Julia Milner selected US Lacrosse All-American Honorable Mention; Sarah Surgala US Lacrosse All-American Honorable Mention; 2 CSLC players selected to Capital Region Keystone Team, 2nd place at Keystone Games
- 2006 CSLC girls' team plays as an independent; 2nd Girls River Sticks tournament; Kelly Kling and Corey Moist selected to Capital Region Keystone Team, 3rd place at Keystone Games
- January 2007 CSLC proposal to LASD to make lacrosse a school-sponsored sport (approved by Board of School Directors)
- 2007 Lewisburg Lacrosse and CSLC
 - ❖ Lewisburg plays PIAA-sanctioned teams in Mid-Penn League and Wyoming Seminary
 - ❖ CSLC plays non-PIAA teams in York League, central and northeastern PA

US Lacrosse, the national governing body of both men's and women's lacrosse, officially created the Central Pennsylvania Chapter of US Lacrosse in January 2003 (visit <<http://www.lacrosse.org>>). Lacrosse has grown so dramatically in this area in recent years that it made sense to break away from the Philadelphia/Eastern Pennsylvania Chapter and form our own. More than 50 high schools and clubs field boys' and girls' teams in Adams, Berks, Cumberland, Dauphin, Lancaster, Lebanon, Northumberland, Snyder, Union, and York counties.

In the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, there are more than 119 boys' high school teams, 123 girls' high school teams and 70 youth lacrosse clubs. This means that students at more than one quarter of all Pennsylvania high schools have the opportunity to play lacrosse. The number of lacrosse teams is expected to continue growing in the foreseeable future.