



4<sup>th</sup> Annual

# World's Longest Continuous Running Lacrosse Game

Share the Power of a Wish.

The Penn-Air & Hydraulics Foundation in conjunction with the Eastern York KNIGHTS is pleased to host the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual World's Longest Continuous Running Lacrosse Game. This event is being played in memory of Travis Sipe, a young man who passed away in October of 2004 as a result of a tragic car accident that occurred in March of 2001.

Travis, a 16 year old Sophomore at the time and one of the original members of the York Lacrosse Club, had just received his driver's license. The next day, he contributed 5 goals and 1 assist in his first game that spring for Dallastown. On his way home that evening, Travis fell asleep at the wheel. Paramedics rescued him from the single vehicle accident that Saturday evening. Travis spent the next three and a half years fighting for his life while in a coma like state. He passed away on October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2004.

The York County lacrosse community came by the side of the Sipe family to support Travis through a number of events over the years. The "Take it to the Goal...#14" Fundraiser in 2003 raised over \$7,000 which enabled Travis to receive a customized wheel chair and transportation to a number of lacrosse games that spring. The generous donations as well as the caring actions of the York County lacrosse players and parents truly helped to make a difference. In 2007 & 2008, the Annual Longest Game generated \$3,500 each year which was donated to Make-A-Wish Foundation®.

Travis enjoyed teaching children the sport of lacrosse. He had a true desire and passion to help children. This is one of the many reasons why we have again chosen to support Make-A-Wish Foundation® with income generated from this worthwhile event.

The **Guinness Book of World Records** does state that any continuous running game must be played with a roster that limits the total number of players. Although we had hoped to set an official world record with Guinness, our event will qualify as the "unofficial" record so that we can involve hundreds of York County boys in this exciting game. Travis was one of the first players in the York Lacrosse Club which was started in 1996. As a fifth grader, he played on the inaugural High School team with 19 other boys from around the York County area. In the last 13 years since the first York County lacrosse season, the growth of the sport has been tremendous. In 2008, we had nearly 1,700 boys and girls playing in York County. This spring, we estimate over 2,200 playing throughout the County from 2<sup>nd</sup> grade up through High School. The Sipe family continues to support the growth of the game so we are proud to be able to honor Travis through this event.

## FAQ's.....

- When is the event.....Saturday, March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2009
- What time does it start.....7:00 am
- What time does it end.....2:00 pm
- How many fields.....3 fields of play
- Where is the event...Lanco Fieldhouse, E. Petersburg
- How much is it to play.....\$20 is the cost per player
- How do I pay....either \$20 cash or check paid on 3/21
- Check payable to..Penn-Air & Hydraulics Foundation
- How long do we play....Everyone plays for one hour
- How many on the field .....7 v 7 plus a goalie
- How many on a team.....minimum of 12 per roster

## So what do I do next if I am interested.....

We will be accepting registration forms from any of the 52 York County youth teams starting March 2<sup>nd</sup>. The time slots are on a first come first serve basis. Team registration will end on March 16<sup>th</sup>. The final schedule will be published on Wednesday, March 18<sup>th</sup>. Teams will be scheduled to play for the one hour periods based on similar age level. The first game will begin at 7:00 am. We will play for 14 minutes, have a moment of silence to remember Travis, then continue the games. At the end of the first games, the next two teams will step onto the field. The game score will continue from where the prior game score concluded. At the end of the event, we anticipate 17 hours of continuous lacrosse where the score might be 347-336. Everyone who plays wins in this event. All paid players receive a food voucher and a gift. All teams must wear their team jerseys and shorts. If a team does not have a goalie available, then a wooden insert will be installed in the goal with the corners cut out for scoring. Your team's participation is greatly appreciated!



## YCLA Honors the Game!



Over the last year, hundreds of lacrosse teams and organizations from around the US have made a positive difference in their communities by helping those in need. The Eastern York KNIGHTS is thankful to the YCLA for its participation. We are proud to participate in this worthwhile event to create enough income to sponsor a Wish child. Make-A-Wish Foundation® is an international non-profit organization that grants the wishes of children with life-threatening medical conditions to enrich the human experience with hope, strength and joy. We will work with the local Regional Manager to insure that the proceeds generated go towards helping a local York County child and family.

A copy of the official registration and financial information may be obtained from the PA Department of State by calling toll-free, within Pennsylvania, 1-800-732-0999. Registration does not imply endorsement.