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## 2011 Maple Leaf Awards Recap

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BURNABY, BC (February 9, 2011) The Simon Fraser University men's lacrosse program, in partnership with Burnaby Mountain Selects Lacrosse, hosted the fifth annual Maple Leaf Awards Dinner on Saturday, January 29, 2011 at the Westwood Plateau Golf & Country Club in Coquitlam, British Columbia. The evening was once again a resounding success, as it celebrated Canada's national summer sport by honoring youth and collegiate field lacrosse in British Columbia.

The sold-out event acknowledged the 2010 BMS Scholar Athlete Award recipients and individual player award winners for the 2010 summer and fall rosters of the Burnaby Mountain Selects Elite Touring Teams that competed in California, Colorado, Maryland, Massachusetts, Nevada, North Carolina, Oregon and Washington. The semi-formal evening also kicked-off the upcoming collegiate season by recognizing the SFU 2010 graduating seniors, introducing the incoming 2011 freshmen class, and recognizing the SFU lacrosse 2010 team award winners, PNCLL All-Conference and MCLA All-America league honors recipients.

The 2011 awards dinner and silent auction featured sportscaster Scott Rintoul, co-host of the morning show on Vancouver's flagship sports station - the TEAM 1040, as the evening's Master of Ceremonies, as well as special guest Max Ritz who delivered the evening's keynote address. Growing up in Wayne, Pennsylvania and having a standout lacrosse career at the University of Maryland (NCAA Div. I), Ritz has gone from the East Coast hotbed of lacrosse to helping to revolutionize the sport and playing a major role in pioneering it's growth on the West Coast. Currently a Director of Adrenaline Lacrosse - the premier apparel line in lacrosse and brand behind the largest club lacrosse organization in the United States and Co-Founder of the LXM Pro Tour - an initiative designed to introduce lacrosse to mainstream audiences by combining world-class professional lacrosse games with live concert performances, Ritz took the sell-out crowd of just under 300 along his inspiring journey as a professional lacrosse player turned innovative entrepreneur and talked about the impact that it is having on the game of lacrosse as we know it.



One of the evening's most memorable moments was the presentation of the inaugural SFU Chris Friesen Memorial Award, a scholarship in the amount of \$1000 to provide a student playing lacrosse at SFU with a chance to work harder on their studies, work harder on lacrosse and change the world as a result. Following an emotional and captivating video that highlighted Chris' 17 young years and his incredible legacy to Be The Best, Chris parent's Ingrid and Randy Friesen, along with his brother Max, presented the inaugural Chris Friesen Memorial Award to Luke Genereux, a senior captain on the SFU men's lacrosse team, who also worked with Chris since 2008 as a Coach with the Burnaby Mountain Selects program. Raising over \$30,000 to date, the award will continue to be presented annually from an endowment that was established at SFU earlier this year to help honour Chris' memory.

Proceeds from all five Maple Leaf Award Dinners have gone to benefit the SFU Lacrosse Endowment Fund and youth and collegiate field lacrosse in BC. Please see below for a list of this year's award winners:

## **2011 MAPLE LEAF AWARD WINNERS**

### **SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY MEN'S LACROSSE**



#### **01. MCLA ALL-AMERICA 2<sup>ND</sup> TEAM**

Russel Thomas (Nanose Bay, BC / Ballenas Secondary) – Senior, Midfield

#### **01. MCLA ALL-AMERICA 3<sup>rd</sup> TEAM**

Adam Foss (Cochrane, AB / Cochrane High School) – Senior, Attack  
Ben Towner (Port Coquitlam, BC / Terry Fox Secondary) – Senior, Attack

#### **01. MCLA ALL-AMERICA HONORABLE MENTION**

Nathan Clare (Ladner, BC / Vancouver College) – Junior, Defense  
Luke Genereux (Port Coquitlam, BC / Terry Fox Secondary) – Junior, Defense

#### **02. MCLA SCHOLAR ATHLETES**

Adam Foss (Cochrane, AB / Cochrane High School) – Senior, Attack  
Kevin Riley (Coquitlam, BC / Gleneagle Secondary) – Senior, LSM

#### **03. MCLA NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS – ALL-TOURNAMENT TEAM**

Russel Thomas (Nanose Bay, BC / Ballenas Secondary) – Senior, Midfield



#### **04. PNCLL COACH(ES) OF THE YEAR**

Jeff Cathrea and Brent Hoskins, Simon Fraser University

#### **05. PNCLL MOST VALUABLE PLAYER**

Ben Towner (Port Coquitlam, BC / Terry Fox Secondary) – Senior, Attack

**06. PNCLL OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

Adam Foss (Cochrane, AB / Cochrane High School) – Senior, Attack

**07. 2010 PNCLL ALL-CONFERENCE 1<sup>ST</sup> TEAM**

Adam Foss (Cochrane, AB / Cochrane High School) – Senior, Attack  
Luke Genereux (Port Coquitlam, BC / Terry Fox Secondary) – Junior, Defense  
Ryan Hodge (San Antonio, TX / Texas Military Institute) – Sophomore, F/O  
Kevin Riley (Coquitlam, BC / Gleneagle Secondary) – Senior, LSM  
Russel Thomas (Nanoose Bay, BC / Ballenas Secondary) – Senior, Midfield  
Ben Towner (Port Coquitlam, BC / Terry Fox Secondary) – Senior, Attack



**08. 2010 PNCLL ALL-CONFERENCE 2<sup>ND</sup> TEAM**

Nathan Clare (Ladner, BC / Vancouver College) – Junior, Defense  
Ben Davies (New Westminster, BC / New Westminster Secondary) – Junior, Midfield

**09. 2010 PNCLL ALL-CONFERENCE HONORABLE MENTION**

Colton Dow (Coquitlam, BC / Heritage Woods Secondary) – Freshman, Attack  
Chris Tessarolo (New Westminster, BC / New Westminster Secondary) – Junior, Attack



**10. SFU LACROSSE MOST VALUABLE PLAYER**

Adam Foss (Cochrane, AB / Cochrane High School) – Senior, Attack

**11. SFU LACROSSE OFFENSIVE MVP**

Russel Thomas (Nanoose Bay, BC / Ballenas Secondary) – Senior, Midfield

**12. SFU LACROSSE DEFENSIVE MVP**

Kevin Riley (Coquitlam, BC / Gleneagle Secondary) – Senior, LSM

**13. SFU LACROSSE FRESHMAN OF THE YEAR**

Colton Dow (Coquitlam, BC / Heritage Woods Secondary) – Freshman, Attack

**N/A. SFU LACROSSE UNSUNG HERO**

Ryan Hodge (San Antonio, TX / Texas Military Institute) – Sophomore, F/O

**14. SFU LACROSSE MOST IMPROVED PLAYER**

Mike Ripley (Saskatoon, SK / E.D. Feehan High School) – Senior, Goal



**15. SFU CHRIS FRIESEN MEMORIAL AWARD**

Luke Genereux (Port Coquitlam, BC / Terry Fox Secondary) – 2011 Senior, Defense

**16. SFU LACROSSE ENDOWMENT AWARD**

Ben Johnson (Calgary, AB / Berkshire Preparatory) – 2011 Senior, F/O

**17. SFU LACROSSE TED FRIDGE MEMORIAL AWARD**

Adam Foss (Cochrane, AB / Cochrane High School) – Senior, Attack

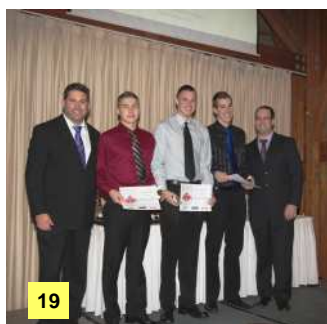


**2010 SFU GRADUATING SENIORS**

**2011 SFU FRESHMEN CLASS**

**2011 SFU CAPTAINS**

## BURNABY MOUNTAIN SELECTS – ELITE TOUING TEAMS



### 18. 2010 TOURNAMENT ALL-STARS

Adrenaline Challenge (San Diego, CA) – Kyran Clarke (Port Coquitlam, BC / Terry Fox Secondary 2013) - Attack  
 Adrenaline Challenge (San Diego, CA) – Riley Glemnitz (Pitt Meadows, BC / Pitt Meadows Secondary 2013) - Midfield  
 Adrenaline Challenge (San Diego, CA) – Aaron Madaisky (Surrey, BC / Holy Cross High School 2013) - Midfield  
 Adrenaline Challenge (San Diego, CA) – Quinton Bradley (Richmond, BC / Matthew McNair Secondary 2011) - Defense  
 Adrenaline Challenge (San Diego, CA) – Tyler Buchan (Burnaby, BC / Holy Cross High School 2011) - Midfield  
 Denver Team Camp (Denver, CO) - James Rahe (Aldergrove, BC / W.J. Mouat Secondary 2012) - Midfield  
 Denver Team Camp (Denver, CO) - Taylor Stuart (Coquitlam, BC / Heritage Woods Secondary 2012) - Midfield  
 Denver Team Camp (Denver, CO) - Alex Thomson (Coquitlam, BC / Gleneagle Secondary 2012) - Defense

### N/A. 2010 SUMMER – SENIOR ELITE

Defensive MVP - Danny McDermott (Richmond, BC / Matthew McNair Secondary 2010) - Defense  
 Offensive MVP – Geoff Barnes (Spokane, WA / Gonzaga Preparatory 2011) - Attack  
 Team MVP – Tyler Buchan (Burnaby, BC / Holy Cross High School 2011) - Midfield

### 19. 2010 SUMMER – JUNIOR ELITE

Defensive MVP - Alex Thomson (Coquitlam, BC / Gleneagle Secondary 2012) - Defense  
 Offensive MVP – James Rahe (Aldergrove, BC / W.J. Mouat Secondary 2012) - Midfield  
 Team MVP - Taylor Stuart (Coquitlam, BC / Heritage Woods Secondary 2012) - Midfield

### 20. 2010 SUMMER – SOPHOMORE ELITE

Defensive MVP - Quinton Pavan (Port Coquitlam, BC / Terry Fox Secondary 2013) - Defense  
 Offensive MVP – Spencer Bromley (Surrey, BC / Earl Marriot Secondary 2013) - Attack  
 Team MVP – Kyran Clarke (Port Coquitlam, BC / Terry Fox Secondary 2013) - Attack

### 21. 2010 SUMMER – U13 ELITE

Defensive MVP - Matthew Buchanan (New Westminster, BC / Glenbrook Middle 2016) - Defense  
 Offensive MVP – Liam MacDonald (North Vancouver, BC / Seymour Heights Elementary 2016) – Attack  
 Team MVP – Gordy Bowden (Coquitlam, BC / Summit Middle 2015) – Goal



## 22. 2010 FALL – SENIOR ELITE

Defensive MVP - Bayne Bosquet (Coldstream, BC / Kalamalka Secondary 2011) - LSM  
Offensive MVP – Aidan Yonge (Burnaby, BC / Moscrop Secondary 2011) - Midfield  
Team MVP - Quinton Bradley (Richmond, BC / Matthew McNair Secondary 2011) - Defense

## 23. 2010 FALL – JUNIOR ELITE

Defensive MVP - Mitchell Walton (Penticton, BC / Princess Margaret Secondary 2012) - Midfield  
Offensive MVP – Ryan Vogrig (Vancouver, BC / Vancouver Technical 2012) - Midfield  
Team MVP - James Rahe (Aldergrove, BC / W.J. Mouat Secondary 2012) - Midfield

## 24. 2010 FALL – SOPHOMORE ELITE

Defensive MVP - Brad Hofmann (Richmond, BC / Robert McMath Secondary 2013) - Defense  
Offensive MVP – Riley Glemnitz (Pitt Meadows, BC / Pitt Meadows Secondary 2013) - Midfield  
Team MVP – Kyran Clarke (Port Coquitlam, BC / Terry Fox Secondary 2013) - Attack



## 25. 2010 FALL – FRESHMEN ELITE

Defensive MVP - Gordie Phillips (Port Coquitlam, BC / Terry Fox Secondary 2014) - Defense  
Offensive MVP – Connor Robinson (New Westminster, BC / St. Thomas More Collegiate 2014) - Midfield  
Team MVP - Jordan McKenzie (New Westminster, BC / St. Thomas More Collegiate 2014) - Defense

## 26. 2010 FALL – U13 ELITE

Defensive MVP - Dylan Chand (Coquitlam, BC / Minnehada Middle 2015) - Defense  
Offensive MVP – Connor McNeill (Chilliwack, BC / A.D. Rundle Middle 2015) - Midfield  
Team MVP - Brodie Gillespie (Port Coquitlam, BC / Kwayquitlam Middle 2015) - Midfield

## 27. 2010 FALL – U12 ELITE

Defensive MVP - Matthew Buchanan (New Westminster, BC / Glenbrook Middle 2016) - Defense  
Offensive MVP – Kyle Toporchak (Vancouver, BC / False Creek Elementary 2016) - Attack  
Team MVP - Mateo Le Van (Maple Ridge, BC / Highland Park Elementary 2016) - Attack

## ABOUT SIMON FRASER MEN'S LACROSSE

Simon Fraser University men's lacrosse is entering its sixteenth season in 2011 and competes in the Men's Collegiate Lacrosse Association (MCLA). The Clan have captured a record eight PNCLL Conference Titles (1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2003, 2008 and 2009) and are tied for fifth all-time with ten MCLA National Championship tournament appearances, placing 2nd in 1999 and most recently playing in the 2010 MCLA Semi-Finals after reaching the Quarterfinals in 2008 and 2009. The Clan are proudly sponsored by Harrow Sports and Onyx Lacrosse / Riddell Helmets.

For further information on Simon Fraser men's lacrosse please visit [www.sfulacrosse.com](http://www.sfulacrosse.com) or follow the Clan on Twitter at <http://twitter.com/fraserlacrosse>.

## ABOUT BURNABY MOUNTAIN SELECTS LACROSSE

Established in 2006 by Simon Fraser University men's lacrosse Co-Head Coaches Jeff Cathrea and Brent Hoskins, the Burnaby Mountain Selects Field Lacrosse Program is an amateur sports organization designed to train players in a high performance environment to best prepare them for a collegiate field lacrosse career. Selection and consideration into the program is reserved for a select group of elite student-athletes, who possess the desire to work hard and learn in a

competitive team environment, while demonstrating the ability to prioritize their academics goals in the highest regard. More than 265 athletes in grades 5-12 have participated in the Selects program from over 35 communities across British Columbia's Lower Mainland, BC Coast, BC Interior, Washington State and Idaho. The Selects travel to compete in top college recruiting tournaments throughout North America, winning several international events and helping to place over 40% of graduating players in collegiate field lacrosse programs.

The Selects are proudly sponsored by Harrow Sports and Onyx Lacrosse / Riddell Helmets. For further information on Burnaby Mountain Lacrosse please visit [www.selectslacrosse.com](http://www.selectslacrosse.com) or follow the Selects LIVE on Twitter at <http://twitter.com/selectslacrosse>.

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