

About Randy Hall

Thohneñ'datek Thomas Randall "Randy" Hall, Akwesasne Mohawk Wolf Clan, passed away January 18, 2018. He served in Vietnam with US Army (1965-68) and participated in the 1972 AIM take-over of the Bureau of Indian Affairs in Washington D.C. He loved sports and was deeply involved with the Onondaga Athletic Club where he played and coached lacrosse and basketball. One of his favorite things to do was to travel and play in tournaments. In his memory, the Haudenosaunee Wooden Stick Festival honors Randy by naming the wooden sticks tournament after him.

The inaugural Haudenosaunee Wooden Stick Festival was held at Onondaga Lake in 2013. Previously the game had been played exclusively on Haudenosaunee Nation territories, but in 2013, Randy Hall asked Philip P. Arnold and Sandy Bigtree for help in bringing the game back to Onondaga Lake—its place of origin. It was here the Peacemaker arrived well over 1,000 years ago to bring peace to five warring nations. Few realize that Deyhontsigwa'ehs, the Creator's Game, was an integral part of this peacemaking process. This ancient game is still played ceremonially among the Haudenosaunee. It is played hard, but always played to foster good relationships between human beings and the natural world.

4th Haudenosaunee Wooden Stick Festival

features wooden lacrosse stick makers and other Haudenosaunee crafters. The festival takes place on the sports fields on the south end of Onondaga Lake Park. There will be traditional singing and dancing along with traditional Haudenosaunee foods and speakers. This event will be educational and entertaining for the whole family.

The Haudenosaunee Confederacy was founded on the shores of Onondaga Lake—now called Syracuse, NY. Over 1000 years ago. Deyhontsigwa'ehs played an integral role in establishing "The Great Law of Peace." Today throughout Haudenosaunee territory the "Medicine Game" is still played in ceremony. We are dedicated to re-establishing a Haudenosaunee presence back at Onondaga Lake where this game was originally played.

Players or vendors please register at our website:

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****DRUG AND ALCOHOL FREE EVENT****



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Second Annual Randy Hall Masters Wooden Stick Lacrosse Tournament

There will be referees, a tent for changing, a box sized field marked out on the grass with 4x4 nets by Onondaga Lake. Players will be responsible for helmets and gloves, and wooden sticks. Teams will be responsible for their jerseys. Wooden sticks are preferred but not required.

- **First Prize:** Leather Game Ball, trophy, \$150 cash.
- **Second Prize:** Plaque & \$75 cash.
- **Third Prize:** Plaque & \$75 cash.

The tournament registration fee

- **\$300 per team until 3/31/19**
 - Early Bird
- **\$400 per team until 8/31/19**
 - Regular
- **\$500 per team until 9/28/19**
 - Walk-up

Individual registration for house team (includes house jersey and lunch):

- **\$75 per person until 3/31/19**
 - Early Bird
- **\$100 per person until 8/31/19**
 - Regular
- **\$125 per person until 9/28/19**
 - Walk-up

Deyhontsigwa'ehs-
The Creator's Game, Lacrosse
Weekend 2019
Saturday September 28 thru
Sunday September 29, 2019
Onondaga Lake Park,
Liverpool, New York
(near Syracuse)

...In the heart of Onondaga
Nation Territory

The Haudenosaunee (called “Iroquois” by colonists) are the originators and keepers of the game known today as “lacrosse.” Deyhontsigwa'ehs (“They Bump Hips,” in the Onondaga Language) goes back millennia and is also known to as “The Creator’s Game” and the “Medine Game.” The Onondaga Nation is the “Central Fire” of the Haudenosaunee Confederacy of six separate nations (Mohawk, Onondaga, Oneida, Cayuga, Seneca, and Tuscarora).



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