



Welcome to the latest edition of *SCREECH*, Newsletter of the ACT Masters Hockey Association.

VALE STEVE JAKIWCZYK

With deep sadness we pass on the news of the death of Steve Jakiwczuk. Steve was a long-time member of our association and of the Canberra Hockey community.

While playing club hockey in Canberra (with Waratah and UC) Jacko started playing Masters hockey in 1990 and continued through until 2021. He represented the ACT 16 times in that period, in between overseas postings and a long and valiant fight against various cancers. He captained, vice captained or coached his side on six occasions. He was awarded the ACT Masters Hockey Silver Service Award in 2021.

Steve was selected as Captain of the Australian over 40s and 50s teams. A very talented player, a hard player but a genuine nice bloke.

Gerrin remembers Steve as an enthusiastic hockey player with great skill and a rare natural instinct for the sport. He always played in the strong controlling midfield roles for both ACT and Australian teams, often as captain. My personal memories of Steve began when we played together in the Goulburn Vets Carnival. With a very



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ACT Masters Hockey respectfully acknowledges the traditional Custodians of the lands throughout the Australia on which we play our great game. We pay our respects to Elders past, present and emerging.



mixed bag of player skill and fitness around him, Steve managed to organise us to win the second division comp. He was a way better hockey player than all of us - but he made every player feel like they had a contribution to make and gave us the opportunity to shine.

Masters' hockey was an important part of Steve's life, and one that he did his best to remain a part of despite his declining health. One of his last official "gigs" was as coach of the Goulburn 60s side in Wyong just prior to Covid. We are sure Steve found coaching hard - he just wanted to come on and show everyone what to do! He attended whatever events he was able to, and in later years, with no immune system, Steve still came down on Thursday afternoons and watched old friends from the stands. Even in his last days he refused to slack around in bed but sat up to watch the Olympic hockey.

Steve was also a long serving officer of the Australian Federal Police and served in both Afghanistan and Samoa. That posting to Samoa led to one of Steve's contributions to community hockey. Steve arranged for the collection of a container of our old hockey equipment and through the Australian Navy, free transport to Samoa to foster the game over there.

A true gentleman and positive role model for all who knew him, the hockey field will be a poorer place without Steve Jakiwczyk. Our thoughts are with Steve's family and friends.

Steve's funeral was held at St Christophers, Manuka on Fri 9 Aug.



Australian Veterans Hockey Championships Canberra 2003
Australian Capital Territory 50's Division 1



Back: Ian Deas (Manager), Peter Fogarty, Brian Pallister, John Nicholas, Richard Black, Anthony Graham, Geoff Funnell (absent), Ken Birrer (absent)

Middle: Trevor Duncan, Dennis Lovell, Mike Cooke, Ian Gratton, Steve McEntee

Front: Mark Furze, Peter Shands (Coach), Kel Chesterton (GK), Steve Jakiwczyk (Captain), Ron Jackson

HOBART 2024 WRAP-UP

Hockey took on the Tassie winter at the end of July for the 2024 HA Men's Master Championships. With numbers down across most States the ACT held their own again in the O45/1, O50/1, O60/2 and O70 competitions.

Final Teams Positions:

O45/1	2 nd place
O50/1	7 th place
O60/2	1 st place
O65/1	5 th place
O70	6 th place

Individual Honours:

O45/1 Leading Goalscorer
O60/2 Leading Goalscorer
O60/2 Play The Whistle
O60/2 Player of the Final

Chris McCarthy
Derek Fittler
ACT
Derek Fittler



Scores and final placing aren't a true reflection of the gritty games across many divisions, especially on days of bad weather. Well done to all who took up the challenge to represent the ACT and to do our Association proud.

At the conclusion of the Championships, HA announced the teams for the 20125 Trans Tasman Competition. The following ACT players have been selected, and we offer our congratulations to them all:

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| O34 | Daniel Borrett | Jarred Brown | Tristan Kearns | |
| O40 | Mathew Hotchkis | Glenn Turner | | |
| O50 | Shane Burke | Chris McCarthy | Franco Ormazabal | Ian Westcott |
| O55 | Andrew Bewick | Leon Phillips | | |
| O60 | Michael Hemsley | | | |
| O65 | Mark McElligott | Colin Trinder | | |
| O70 | Roy Ashcroft | David Kerlake | Peter Shepherd | |
| O75 | Derek Gawthorne | Stephen Graham | Denis Lovell | |



GOLD for the ACT 060/2



2024 Hockey Australia Men's 60+/2 Masters Championships
60+/2 Gold



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A Coach's musings from Hobart

Well that was an overnight success that was almost a decade in the making.

The most pleasing thing was not just to get that medal around my neck but to do it with so many team-mates from previous years when we did it tough. Yes, we are the ACT and we have come back disappointed before....but not this time.

We had 11 of the 15 players that finished with the wooden spoon in Perth last year. 13 of our 16 have played with us at various times since Bunbury in 2019 during a time when we have finished no higher than 5th. A handful of us were still there from the last time we were in Hobart in 2017 when we finished....Last.

Despite that I knew we had a strong team and I said it to them well before we went away. I was going to be very disappointed if we did not come back with a medal this time.





And we earned it. The core group has put in the hard yards every Thursday over the recent years building our combinations and our understanding.

The plan was to focus on 5 fundamental things and while its all very well to say what you want to do but you still have to do it, and the team executed beautifully on the pitch.

1. Intensity. We said we were going to bring the right intensity to every game and maintain that intensity from the warmup to the final whistle. We did that, no question.

2. Position. We said we wanted to keep our structure - to be where we were supposed to be when we were supposed to be there. We did. We marked every other team out of the game. They rarely put more than 3 passes together. In 7 hours of hockey plus a wobble off we conceded just 5 goals.

3. Style of play. We said we wanted to play proper hockey. We took a couple of games to get going but once we did it was great to watch as time and again we put together 6, 7 or 8 pass movements with some beautiful end to end hockey and some great goals. Derek was deservedly golden stick, but while he could (and did) run through them at times, for the most part he didn't need to do it all by himself.

4. Simplicity. We wanted to get the basics right. We did that too. We cut out the dumb turnovers and bad decisions of previous years. It wasn't mistake free by any means but it was low error hockey for this level.

5. Communication. We wanted to get the talk right. We knew that the third party calls were the key. So we made Scottie our one legged general at the back and he really came through for us. But right across the park the talk was there and it was the right talk.

So I've still got that warm winning feeling. Don't know how long it will last but I'm clinging on to it as long as I can. Very proud of what we achieved and also very grateful to have been a part of it and to have done it with a great bunch of players.

Stan Callaghan

ACT O60/2 Coach 2024





HOCKEY AUSTRALIA MASTERS CHAMPIONSHIPS - Hobart 2024 Australian Capital Territory Over 60's Division 2



BACK ROW : Ollie Raymond, Ian Laing, Bruce Taggart, Rob Solomon, John Michael, Brett Wallace, Derek Fittler, Laurie Hannigan, Suzi Foley (Manager)
FRONT ROW : Rob Keogh, Harvey Worboys, Scott Klingan (Vice Captain), Stan Callaghan (Coach), Mike Hemsley (Captain), Paul van Elmeren (Vice Captain), Gerard Yvanovich, Mark Spooner

Presentation of Service Awards

The Championships in Hobart was the perfect opportunity for our President Leo to present Service Awards to Association Members who have made significant contributions over long periods of time. A Silver Award was presented to Steve Hood and Bronze Awards to Chris 'Chutney' McCarthy and Leon 'Box' Phillips. Congratulations to them for their fabulous contribution to Masters hockey in the ACT.



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Intercity Challenge 2024

The Merv Goodridge & Doug Dawson Cup



30 Nov – 1 Dec 24



What do you do once the winter season finishes?

Are you addicted to hockey?

We have the solution

The *Merv Goodridge and Doug Dawson Cup*, our annual Canberra v Sydney Intercity Challenge, is being hosted by Sydney this year, at Cintra Park, home of the Briars Hockey Club. Keep an eye out for nomination information after the winter season finals are complete.



One Flew Over The Cocky's Nest

... or Never let the truth get in the way of a good story



He had to wait a **LONG** time, but Nigel, erstwhile Mascot of numerous ACT Teams over the years, finally got a gold medal. 😊

Providing invaluable support to the O60/2 team in Hobart, Nigel was honoured to share in the victory and later celebrations.

Nigel's Valet, Mr Ollie Central-Coast, summed it up nicely after the Grand Final game *"In the many years I have been in service to Mr Nigel I have shared his pain and anguish at so many near misses in securing a medal. Seeing his elation this year warms my heart."*

Nigel appears certain to have his small family with him next year as they support the O60s in defending their title.

Screech

Reporter-at-Large,
ACT Masters Hockey Assn



SCREECH FAMILY TREE



Nigel Cockington Screech I



Nigel Cockington Screech II



Nigel Cockington Screech III



Up Coming Events

Don't forget to mark your diaries with these upcoming events

-  **Every Thu** **Happy Hour Hockey (Lyneham)**
-  **30 Nov-1 Dec 24** **Intercity Challenge: Cbr v Syd (Sydney)**

2024 ACT MASTERS HOCKEY CALENDARS

The updated calendars of all Masters hockey events involving the ACT, NSW and HA is available on the ACT Masters Hockey website.

Follow the link to download the calendar in PDF format:

<https://www.actmastershockey.com/act-masters-calendars/>

The calendar now also includes a yearly planner, making it easy to see events across the year in a single glance.




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