



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

VALE ZIG DZUBINSKI

ACT Masters Hockey is sad to advise the news of the recent passing of master’s hockey stalwart and Australian Player Zig Dzubinski. Zig celebrated his 80th birthday in March this year. Zig’s funeral was held on Tuesday 13th June 2023 at the Norwood Park Crematorium, Canberra.

Zig’s mates share some of their memories



Hockey Triumphs.

A first occasion for Zig was the first and only time that a Masters World Cup has been played in Athens. The event immediately followed the Olympics in 2004, and the Hockey facility was dismantled immediately afterwards.

Zig and I had been selected for an Australia No 1 O/60s side. The other sides were Australia No 2, England (2), Germany, Netherlands, Italy, and Alliance. Zig was highly regarded by our coach, John Watts (VIC). It was not because Zig was the fittest, most skilful, or fastest forward in the side (that honour would have gone to Barry Mott of QLD). What Zig had and was prized at the international level and by John, was strength on the ball and he was a real danger goal-scoring wise in the circle.

Zig played in all Round Robin games and scored goals. But the side struggled to score enough. Fortunately, the last round of the Round Robin games went our way, and, to our surprise, we found ourselves in the final against a re-hot

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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.



Germany. To the shock of everyone, including a very bitter Germany, we won. Zig scored in that game. **It was a triumph.**

Following on from this, Zig in his generous nature had agreed to play for QLD in the Australian Masters (2004) immediately on return to Australia. Others including myself had withdrawn from our state sides. We did not see that we were up to it after a gruelling few weeks in Europe. Zig went ahead and was an important part of a winning QLD side – **another triumph.**

Az Zig said to me later, playing in the Australian Championships was the silliest thing that he had done in his Hockey career, body-wise. He struggled body-wise after that. But he continues to this day to be well-remembered throughout Australia for his contributions at the highest levels of the game.

Des Biddle

I have a few memoirs about Zig in the early days playing on a Monday night (not so much of the Nationals, as he was “older” than me by some years). He was a lot of fun to be around.

One non Hockey memory I have is going fishing with him at Batemans bay, in my Boat, and he was very keen on his fishing, so we had an enjoyable time. In the cabin that we shared he was in a top bunk (I was in the lower bunk underneath). It was one of those bunks that have slats under the mattress and the slats let go. Zig came crashing down onto my bed, on top of me, in the middle of the night – thank the lucky stars I had consumed too much alcohol and was uninjured, I didn’t know whether to laugh, cry or curse - so I think I did all 3.

Doug Dawson

GOULBURN O/65s AT NSW MASTERS STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

On the weekend of 2-4 June, members of ACT Masters Hockey formed the major element of the team representing Goulburn in Division 2 of the Over 65s NSW State Championships in Tamworth, held in conjunction with the NSW over 45s titles. The team also included a local Tamworth resident and a Western Sydney resident to get our numbers to a ‘healthy’ level, for 5 matches in 43 hours! Played under blue skies and temperatures around 24 degrees, it was great hockey weather.

Friday matches opened with a close and tough encounter against Bathurst and an old friend and regular ACT Masters player, Glen Falconer. Bathurst opened the scoring in the first half with the equaliser being scored early in the second half. The score was locked at 1-1 till Glen made a break down our left side, and centred the ball across the face of goal where his team-mate’s “shot” deflected straight up in to the front corner of the crossbar and bounced straight down.



While we played on the umpire saw fit to award a goal and would not be moved from this . With only two and half minutes left the pressure was on. A skilled run in to their circle with seconds left and a pull-back on to a defender's foot went unrewarded and we finished 2-1 down in very ordinary circumstances. This result ultimately costing us the chance of a possible first place on countback.

Our second match on Friday saw us run out 1 nil winner over Southern Highlands (3). Saturday saw the team continue its winning way with victories over Newcastle 2 nil and Manning Valley 3 nil. Our final game on Sunday against Southern Highlands (2) saw a 6 nil win recorded, which meant Goulburn finished second behind Bathurst. While we created a great number of circle penetrations and scoring opportunities in each match, finishing ultimately let the side down, but some good hockey was played, and everyone gave their best.

Convivial evenings in the South Tamworth Bowling Club and Longyard Hotel helped ease tired legs and reenergise mind and body for the following day's challenges. Thanks To Eric Green for managing us, Conway Bogg for making the team's entry and accommodation arrangements and Mark McElligott for coaching his "herd of cats"!



*Peter Shepherdguns or pistols?
Ross Anderson isn't impressed, not so sure about
Conway Bogg: that 'smile' is either envy or denial*



ONE FLEW OVER THE COCKY'S NEST

..... OR NEVER LET THE TRUTH GET IN THE WAY OF A GOOD STORY

As I headed North recently to visit family I found myself “geographically embarrassed”. Trying to determine the best spot to rest the night I stumbled across a wayward bunch of Goulburn Masters players joining in the fun at the NSW Masters O/65s State Championships in Tamworth.



They clearly looked like a Manager’s nightmare.
Fantastic to see that Tamworth Hockey even had
Parksie-sized chairs.



LIFENIGHT 2023 CHEQUE PRESENTATION

Our President, Leo, recently had an opportunity to present Greg McRoberts, President of the ACT & Region Prostate Cancer Support Group, with a cheque for \$1000, raised as part of our recent LifeNight.



Screech

Reporter-at-Large,
ACT Masters Hockey Assn



HOCKEY ACT LIFE MEMBERSHIP AWARD



2023 HOCKEY ACT LIFE MEMBER INDUCTEE

LEO CLARKE



Congratulations to Leo Clarke, who has been inducted as a Hockey ACT Life Member at the recent Hockey ACT AGM.

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Leo's contribution as an administrator commenced in 1982 with Daramalan Eagles Hockey Club. Leo was a continuous member of the Daramalan Committee for 35 years and served many of those years as the clubs President. Leo continued his involvement with Daramalan right through until 2017 at which point, he successfully guided he club through a merger with North Canberra to create the North Canberra Eagles who are today one of the largest hockey clubs in Canberra. Since 2017 Leo has remained on the committee of North Canberra Eagles and is the current Vice President. 2023 celebrates Leo's 41st continuous year as a committee member of the club.

In 2004, Leo joined the ACT Masters Association, which would commence his 19 continuous years of exceptional contribution to Masters hockey in the ACT and has been President since 2018. His service to Masters hockey has been highlighted by his personal effort in fostering growth in membership to almost 500 members, creating new pathways for people to remain engaged in the sport and the move to a professional association structure with an administration and governance that reflects his extensive experience and drive for excellence and the continued investment in the future of the Masters organisation in the ACT, both financially and in a diverse committee membership. His leadership on and off the field has been instrumental in the significant rise in the profile of ACT Masters Hockey and its standing in the wider Hockey Australia Masters community.



Leo has been the driving force behind the Monday Night Competition since its inception as an organised team competition in 2005. For 18 years he has personally overseen the recruitment of clubs, teams and individuals to a point where they now number 25 competitive teams each Monday Night. Using his extensive experience in the sport he has been responsible for developing and managing the draw and appointing umpires to field weekly games that have allowed ACT Masters to provide a competition that offers enjoyment, participation, and representation opportunities to select teams that hold their own at the National Championships."

In 2017, Leo established the Thursday afternoon Masters match which aims to offer more senior members of the Masters competition an opportunity to remain actively involved with the sport in either a playing, umpiring or supporter capacity. This social gathering highlights Leo drive to continue to offer opportunities for participants to remain active in the community and remain engaged in a social network, something that has been recently highlighted to us all during the covid pandemic.

Leo has consistently volunteered his time to Hockey ACT to assist wherever possible at event time. Leo has volunteered as nearly every international series that Canberra has hosted in the last 25 years. Leo has volunteered his services to Canberra Lakers, Strikers and now Chill home games to assist wherever possible to ensure that home matches ran smoothly. Leo has also contributed as an umpire not only at club level but also June Long Weekend and Quikstix events.

Leo commenced playing Hockey in 1966 with Daramalan in the junior competition and started playing in the senior competition with Daramalan in 1970. Leo was a consistent member of the A3 Daramalan Eagles side but does have fond memories of playing briefly in first grade side. Leo continues to play SL4 with North Canberra Eagles, Monday night and Thursday afternoons in the Masters competition. He has represented the ACT Masters at National Championships on 12 occasions since 2003, including 3 occasions as Captain and 1 as Vice Captain.

Leo's efforts have been recognised at both club, Masters and Hockey ACT over the last 40 years. For his outstanding contribution and commitment to their organisations, Leo has received Life Membership of Daramalan Eagles Hockey Club, North Canberra Eagles Hockey Club and ACT Masters Hockey Association. With Daramalan and North Canberra Eagles Leo has been awarded virtually all Club service recognition awards, many on multiple occasions, including having won Club Person of the year in each of the last four decades.

Hockey ACT recognised Leo's service to the community in 2017 being awarded the Bill Weidner Award for Sports Administrator of the Year.

As such, it is deserving that Leo Clarke, for his exceptional contribution to Hockey in the ACT, be awarded with Life Membership of Hockey ACT.

(Thanks to Hockey ACT for the News Story on Leo's recent award of Life Membership)



CLOTHING ORDERS NOW OPEN

Not able to get to Perth for the Nationals but still want to upgrade your wardrobe with the ACT Masters range? Head over to this link and fill out the order form.

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Be quick Orders Close 7 Jul 23



You can also order Track Pants, Silk Ties and Beanies
Need more info, drop Clive an e-mail at:

uniforms@actmastershockey.com



2023 HA MASTERS NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS



Heading to Perth? Managers, Coaches and Committee Members are contacting selected players seeking a variety of information – accommodation returns, uniform orders, etc.

Please assist them by responding promptly.

Don't forget the **Canberra Training Day** for teams heading to Perth:

 Sunday <u>27 Aug 23</u>	 0900-1000	O/60 & O/65
 Tuggeranong	 1000-1100	O/50 & O/70
 9am - 12noon	 1100-1200	O/34 & O/45

JOIN THE FUN & HOCKEY ACTION IN PERTH 2023

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS & REGISTRATION 2023

Registration is mandatory to play in ACT Masters competitions, including Monday Nights, and ensures all participants are covered under the Hockey Australia Sports Insurance Policy.



Make sure you are protecting yourself and your mates.





Go to: <https://www.actmastershockey.com/registration-membership-2023/>

If you strike a problem, please speak to your Team Coordinator ASAP.



UPCOMING EVENTS

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

 Every Thu	Happy Hour Hockey
 17 Jul 23	Quarter 3 Starts (Monday Night Comp)
 21-23 Jul 23	NSW Champs 60s (Newcastle)
 27 Aug 23	Cbr Trg Day for Rep Teams (Tuggeranong)

2023 ACT MASTERS HOCKEY CALENDAR

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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