



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

VALE PAUL HEMSLEY

After a long and often difficult battle with the ageing process, another of our founders has passed away.

Paul Hemsley was a passionate advocate for participation, and once he found hockey and the Veteran’s ethos, he embraced both with gusto. Paul discovered our game late in life through his family and while not the most gifted player, his special skill was his love of playing and his fervour to make everybody else love it just as much.



Paul (L) and Kakka

Paul was a long-time member of our association. He played in 10 National Championships in 1985, 1993 to 1999, and then 2002 and 2005. He was team Manager in 1997 and 2002. In Canberra Paul played in our Monday night competition from 1985 to 2010. He also managed teams on Monday night from 2004 through to 2014.

And while I am still searching for proof, I am pretty sure that Paul was part of the ACT team that won the territory’s first Hockey National Championship medal in 1985. I remember the radiant smile and glint in his eyes as Kakka hung that medal around his neck.

Paul will be remembered by all who came across him as a real gentleman. A bloke with a dry wit, a sharp mind and devotion to others. He called it noblesse oblige, a French term Paul often used and taught me. It refers to the unwritten obligation of people from noble ancestry to act honourably and generously to others. I am not sure Paul’s nobility was listed in any book of

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Got a story to tell?



Send it to “Screech” at:
vice-president@actmastershockey.com



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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.



peers, but he certainly acted with honour and generosity to others and was always prepared to take on any task for his family and friends. And for blokes who wanted to play hockey.

Paul was the ultimate optimist. Saying no to him was virtually impossible. If you said NO NEVER, he would record it as “maybe”. Personally, I will be forever grateful to Paul for that optimism that dragged me into his life, his club and Masters hockey.

Paul is survived by his children Martin, Maryanne, Louise, Stephen, Michael and Margaret, most of whom have made a contribution to our sport. Our sympathies go particularly to Michael and his wife Catherine who are current Masters members.

Leo Clarke

President
ACT Masters Hockey

THE LONG RUN

September is just around the corner, and PCSG ACT Region are looking to participate in the Long Run to support fundraising for the Prostate Cancer Foundation of Australia.

Team **Beat Prostate Cancer ACT** is hoping to rally Canberrans to have some fun in either walking, jogging, running, or cycling 75 kms during the month of September and help raise funds to support our peak body that does so much to assist men and their families coping with a diagnosis of Prostate Cancer.

The following is a link which I was hoping you may be prepared to send out to your members to enable them to either join our team or support our team by donating.

<https://www.thelongrun.org.au/fundraisers/BeatProstateCancerACT2380>



[Will you help us conquer The Long Run?](#)

Help love go the distance and support Aussie men and families living with prostate cancer. Register for The Long Run or donate today!

www.thelongrun.org.au

PCSG ACT Region values the support shown by ACT Masters Hockey and looks forward to continuing to work together in the future in raising awareness of the need for early detection.

Regards,
Greg McRoberts
President
PCSG ACT Region



ONE FLEW OVER THE COCKY'S NEST

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



I know I'm not exactly a model for Trent Nathan or Calvin Klein when it comes to dressing for matches but I sure beat the hell out of some of the "fashion trends" I see around the traps. This bloke clearly needs extra fashion lessons from his Grandson or Fin Everding. I'd also put money on him looking for a beanie with a pom-pom in his bag.

Rumours of a *Catwalk comeback* have been quashed by Mrs McElligott, who admitted to not having been home when he left for hockey that day and accepted no responsibility for his appearance.



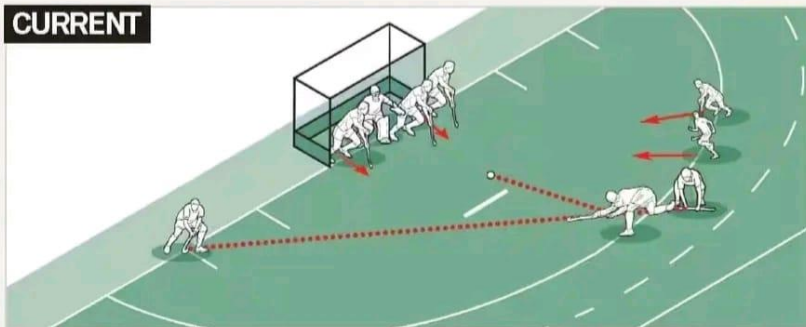
To PC or NOT to PC

Well, this must be the shortest trial of a hockey rule change since the Scottish banned kilts in Test Matches against the Irish. The FIH move lasted less than 3 weeks from announcement of the trial to having the CEO issue a "... We're not scrapping it, just holding off on implementation for a bit" . While opinions were mixed amongst early discussions it appeared likely a two-year trial would commence in Jan 24. Not to be, apparently.

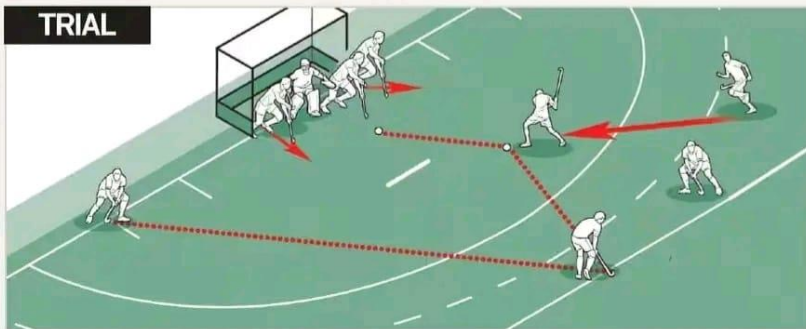
Perhaps we could get FIH to get rid of the "accidental foot" infringement and help the game flow... or am I just dreaming again?

WHAT HAS CHANGED

CURRENT



TRIAL



UNLIKE THE existing rule, where the attacking players can stand at the top of the 'D', as per the proposed rule they will have to stand beyond the 5m dotted line outside the circle.

The existing rule allows the attacking team to take a direct shot at goal from penalty corners after

stopping the ball just outside the 'D'. Under the proposed rule, the ball has to travel 5m outside the circle before it is stopped by the players, who will be positioned at the dotted line.

The ball has to be played back inside the 'D' before a shot can be taken at goal.



Spot The Difference?



Neither Can I

Do you like Winter in Canberra? Then you are really suited to playing in the ACT Masters Rep Teams in 2024 as we head on down to Hobart to sample stunning blue skies, light (chilly) breezes and superb cuisine (Tasmanian for 'beer'), and play a little hockey. Hockey Australia are still debating dates, apparently torn between the splendor of September-October and delights of July. I certainly don't envy their decision. Keep a look out for further news after our boys get back from Perth. If I was a betting Cocky I'd hedge a bet on Sep-Oct, but I'm not a gambler.



Screech

Reporter-at-Large,
ACT Masters Hockey Assn



INTERCITY CHALLENGE RETURNS TO CANBERRA



The Merv Goodridge & Doug Dawson Cup

ACT Masters Hockey Association will play host for the annual Intercity Challenge 2023. All games will be played on 11 & 12 November at The National Hockey Centre in Lyneham.







There will be 2 games per Age Group (4 x 15 minutes quarters each game) commencing at 1.30pm on Saturday 11 November (to enable Sydney players to drive up in the morning). Each Age Gp will play one game on Sat PM and one game on Sun AM. Games will be played simultaneously on Carter and Watt Fields, with Saturday's games concluding at around 4pm. Sun games will be played between 9.00am and Midday, followed by presentations of trophies.

Pick Up Stix will be open for the duration of games and at the conclusion for post-game drinks and food on Sat and presentations on the Sunday afternoon.

Age Divisions

4 teams:

-  34 to 45s (Masters),
-  46 to 55s (Senior Masters),
-  56 to 65s (Grand Masters) and
-  66s and Over (Legends)

Playing Strip ACT Teams will wear our normal ACT championship strip.

Questions?

Please e-mail: events@actmastershockey.com

To nominate: go to

<https://www.actmastershockey.com/intercity-challenge-2023/>

Get in Quick as positions always fill fast.



DRESS FOR NATIONALS IN PERTH



Clive, our hard-working uniform coordinator, is in the final stages of preparing our playing and off-field orders for Perth. With our new range easily accessible your Association asks all representative players to retire those old tops, ditch the hats, caps and beanies 'acquired' from other states and represent the ACT in style.

We are planning on items being available for collection at the Canberra training day, but like all plans we remain flexible as shipping is outside our control. Don't be concerned: Clive and your Manager will get your order to you.

If you have questions, contact your Manager or e-mail the Coordinator on uniforms@actmastershockey.com

Part of the new ACT Masters uniform range



HOCKEY IN TIME OF CONFLICT

Did you know that the Egyptians played an early form of hockey several thousand years ago. Aussie men and women serving in Cairo in WW1 and WW2 continued the links.



A social game in Cairo early in WW2

The Australian Hockey Association also raised funds through a subscription during the early stages of the campaign in North Africa in WW2 to purchase and send a "Battle Buggy" to provide support.



The "Battle Buggy" presented to the General Officer Commanding 2nd AIF, Lieutenant General Sir Thomas Blamey by the Australian Hockey Association. From the left: Lieutenant Colonel A. S. Wilson, Lieutenant General Sir Thomas Blamey, Captain Carlyon.



Outdoors group portrait of an AIF hockey team which played Egypt National at the Sporting Club at Christmas time.

Cairo, Egypt, December 1915




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 (Lyneham)
 27 Aug 23	Cbr Trg Day for Rep Teams (Tuggeranong)
 23 Sep-7 Oct 23	HA Masters National Championships (Perth)
 11-12 Nov 23	Intercity Challenge Cbr v. Syd (Lyneham)

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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