





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

2024 HA Masters Championships

Hot Off The Press...

After several agonising months the worst kept secret in Masters Hockey has finally been confirmed: we are off to HOBART in 2024. In a statement released on 15 November HA Masters has confirmed the Men's National Championships will be held at the Tasmanian Hockey Centre in Hobart, as follows:



-  O/34 to O/50 (inclusive): 12 to 20 July 2024
-  O/55 to O/80 (inclusive): 22 July to 1 August 2024

Keep an eye out in **JANUARY 2024** for details on nominating for ACT Teams. Nominations will be called for much earlier than usual to allow teams to be selected, uniforms ordered, and administrative details organised several months earlier than has been normal practice.

We will also be moving to a new playing uniform in January 2024, to conform to Hockey ACT teams' new strip, bringing Masters in-line with all other representative teams.

The Association will continue to arrange central accommodation for those who request it. Time to start looking at flights, Spirit of Tasmania bookings and, of course, keeping fit!!

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Got a story to tell?



Send it to "Screech" at:
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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.

'ngung-giya-rra'
Incorporating the words of ngung-giya-rra
By Rachelle Turner



Intercity Challenge Wrap Up

The Merv Goodridge & Doug Dawson Cap



ACT Masters Hockey Association played host for the annual Intercity Challenge at The National Hockey Centre in Lyneham on 11 & 12 November.



and a word from an interested spectator . . .

Congratulations to all the ACT players. Sitting on the sidelines I was impressed with the teamwork and inclusivity of the ACT teams. Our size will always dictate that Canberra teams play what is recognisable in Masters Hockey as Carnival Hockey. All of our teams had a "carnival" mix of ability, experience and fitness, and yet we performed as a team and gelled to challenge our Sydneysider opponents in all aspects of the competition. We had our lion tamers, our jugglers, and even our clowns, but thanks to the hard work of a lot of the trapeze artists and each team's ring master we put on a great show.



I hope to be a part of the carnival next year and hope to see you all again.

I need to acknowledge the work by Brett Wallace and his events team, the Committee supporting them.

I also need to thank Mark McElligott for arranging tech benches and umpires for the weekend. Despite some people assuring a contrary opinion, usually from the naughty chair, the quality of the officiating was great - the equivalent to our CL1 competition.

Leo Clarke

President
ACT Masters Hockey

Left: Doug Dawson, Greg Kay (SMHA President), Leo Clarke & Brad Goodridge (Merv's son)





GAME SCHEDULE 11th-12th NOVEMBER 2023

					Goals		Points	
					CBR	SYD	CBR	SYD
Game 1	56-65	Grand Masters	Carter	1330	3	6	0	2
Game 2	34-45	Masters	Watt	1330	3	4	0	2
Game 3	66+	Legends	Carter	1500	3	1	2	0
Game 4	46-55	Senior Masters	Watt	1500	1	2	0	2
Game 5	66+	Legends	Carter	0900	5	0	2	0
Game 6	46-55	Senior Masters	Watt	0900	1	1	1	1
Game 7	56-65	Grand Masters	Carter	1030	1	3	0	2
Game 8	34-45	Masters	Watt	1030	3	2	2	0
Goals For					20	19		
Goals Against					19	20		
Difference					1	-1		
Points							7	9

Result:

- 1 Pts – 2 win, 1 draw, 0 loss
- 2 Then 'Goal Difference'
- 3 Then highest 'Goals For'
- 4 Then Joint Winners

Results Sheet



One Flew Over The Cocky's Nest

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

Looks like I'll need to update my Family Tree, and my Birth Certificate.

Some of our more "mature" readers have pulled out their dusty files and provided a little more history behind *Screech*.

President Leo Clarke... *"Actually, he was born as the Canberra Cocky in 2002, in preparation for the 2003 Nationals in Canberra. It was within the Millennial drought and Canberra was awash with Cockies in September 2002, so when Doug said we would need a mascot, I thought the cocky was the ideal. In those days he was a happy cocky, friendly, and convivial! Looking at the cover of the 2003 book, he looks a bit chook like, so there is a chance I might have given Rob (Armstrong) a rough job (the telltale signs of my artwork are there - chook hair and bad feet), but Robbie turned it into a*

thing of beauty.

He had a few outings between 2003 and 2011, but when we came to do the materials for 2011, Denis Lovell was sure we needed a tougher more competitive image, and so Rob obliged. It was a probably that year, when Ollie Raymond, Hoodie and a few others got hold of the over 45/2 side, and what was once Lachie the Cocky became Nigel - named after their side - the Nigel's (brown ties, felt caps). Never looked back since."







Screech

Reporter-at-Large,
ACT Masters Hockey Assn



Up Coming Events

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

	Every Thu	Happy Hour Hockey (Lyneham)
	11 Dec 23	7-a-side & Xmas Breakup
	12-20 Jul 24	HA Masters 34-50 Championships (Hobart)
	22 Jul-1 Aug 24	HA Masters 55-80 Championships (Hobart)

2023 & 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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SCHEDULE OF MAJOR ACTIVITIES



2024	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
JAN	PH															ACT CM		HHH Starts							HHH	PH				Q1 Starts	
FEB	HHH				Q1 / 2			HHH				Q1 / 3			HHH					Q1 / 4	ACT CM		HHH	ALAN RICHARDSON MEMORIAL CARNIVAL NEWCASTLE		Q1 / 5				HHH	
MAR		CANBERRA CUP CBR		Q1 / 6			HHH			MASTERS COMP DUBBO		PH			HHH ACT AGM & CM				Q1 / 7			HHH			Q1 / 8			HHH		MASTERS COMP ALBURY WODONGA EAST ER	
APR	AW MASTERS PH			HHH	NSW MASTERS 40 & 55 & 70 ILLAWARRA			Masters Life Night			HHH				Q2 Starts	ADF HOCKEY SYDNEY						Q2 / 2			PH					Q2 / 3	
MAY		HHH	NSW MASTERS 45 & 60 MOOREBANK		Q2 / 4			HHH				Q2 / 5		HHH						Q2 / 6	ACT CM		HHH			PH				HHH	
JUN			Q2 / 7			HHH					PH		HHH						Q2 / 8	ACT CM		HHH			Q2 / 9		HHH	NSW MASTERS 34 & 50 & 65 NEWCASTLE			
JUL	Q2/10			HHH				Winter Break			HHH				HA MASTERS 34-50 HOBART										HA MASTERS 55-80 HOBART						
AUG	HA MASTERS HOBART				Q3 Starts			HHH				Q3 / 2		HHH						Q3 / 3	ACT CM		HHH			Q3 / 4				HHH	
SEP		Q3 / 5			HHH					Q3 / 6		HHH				Q3 / 7	ACT CM		HHH				Q3 / 8		HHH					Q3 / 9	
OCT			HHH				PH			HHH				Q4 Starts	ACT CM		HHH				Q4 / 2		HHH					Q4 / 3			HHH
NOV				Q4 / 4			HHH				Q4 / 5		HHH						Q4 / 6	ACT CM		HHH			Q4 / 7			HHH			
DEC		Q4 / 8			HHH				Xmas 7 a Side	ACT CM															PH	PH					

Public Holiday
 Week Ends
 —●— ACT Masters
 —●— NSW Masters
 —●— Hockey Australia (incl Masters)
 —●— School Holidays
 Short Months
 —●— Regional Masters