



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

2023 Xmas Message

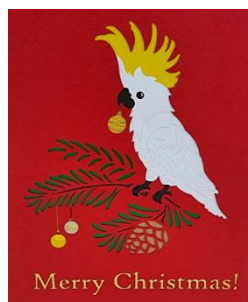
From The President...

Wasn't 2023 a good year? Against the odds, not only did we compete on the west coast in an expensive multi-Masters competition, we fielded 6 teams and took home more bronze medals than wooden spoons!

Our Monday night competition grew in each quarter and continued to provide over 220 elder statespeople a fun and competitive night out. I don't know every player out there on Monday nights, but somebody does. I have to extend a special shout out to our team coordinators that make things happen. You are the gel that makes my ideas a reality every Monday night, even when the draw gets muddled. Thanks - you are the best.

I should take the chance to highlight the stars of our Monday night comp, the Tuggeranong Club. They have embraced Masters hockey and our ideals and are producing a huge stream of Masters players that are now the most dominant (in terms of numbers) in our competition. I am in awe of their organisation and approach, which is continually growing the opportunity for ex-players, new players and women to be a part of our endeavour. Thanks Jason and Marcelle and the team.

This year our events have been great hockey and great times. Think Canberra cup, LifeNight, the intercity challenge and our Christmas Sevens. Thanks to the events Committee under Brett Wallace: they make things all right on the night.



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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.





I think I should say something about the success that was the Christmas Sevens. Somebody called it organised chaos, and I could only bicker about the "organised" bit. But it worked and worked right on time. Teams played, shuffled on and off, left umpires, had results recorded and hung around to share Christmas cheer with teammates: maybe I have to accept the "organised" bit.

Congratulations to the team from DEM Demons, who picked up the Groundskeeper Willie trophy on the night. This year the trophy (or 11 trophies, actually free drinks) was an encouragement award, awarded to the LOWEST goal scoring team. The Demons didn't score a goal, but played hard and were enthusiastic participants on the night, as they were all year. For a bunch of doctors and nurses that decided to join us a few years ago they continue to surprise me with their improvement and involvement.

Lastly, thanks to your Committee. Each and every one on that committee gives up time and energy to make sure you get to play on Monday nights, represent your city, state or Country. They are the shakers that give you the opportunity to be a mover.

Farewell Bob

Bob Pike, the perennial master of Barton has decided to call a close on his time as team coordinator. Bob is a Life member of our association and has used every breath he has to breathe life into Barton, transforming them from a memory into a functioning and financially viable entity in both HACT and ACT Masters competitions. We will still see Bob around the grounds, cheering the Black and Whites on and doing a bit of umpiring. From everyone in Masters Hockey, thanks for all your efforts, Bob, you are a true champion of our sport.

Merry Christmas and a happy new year to all members of ACT Masters. See you all next year.

Leo Clarke

President
ACT Masters Hockey



*Merry
Christmas*





20 Year Reunion – ACT Over 50s

Way back in 2003 the ACT claimed what is arguably the Territory's first senior division one National Championship flag. Ten of the squad reunited at the Hockey Centre on Saturday 24 November to relive the games and cheer the Chill women into their first grand final.

Competing in Canberra was an obvious advantage but from my memory it was always touch and go. Gerrin Hingee was brought down from the over 55s to bolster numbers and Ken Birrer competed in the final with his thumb wired after breaking it in the round games.

The full squad (from the championship booklet) was:

Ken Birrer, Richard Black, Kel Chesterton, Trevor Duncan, Geoff Funnell, Anthony Graham, Ian Gratton, Ron Jackson, Steve Jakiwczyk, Mike Cook, Denis Lovell, Steve McEntee, John Nicholas, Brian Pallister, Peter Shands, Ian Deas.

How many can you pick in the photo?





One Flew Over The Cockey's Nest

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

Looks like poor Tuggers Fields took a hammering in the recent storm that hit Canberra.

Deputy *Reporter-at-Large*, Ranger Bob "National" Parks took a couple of pics after the initial shock of finding his beloved Tuggers complex was a little worse for wear



The Screech family are set to welcome a new family member into the flock in early 2024. You can guarantee the proud Grandparents will post plenty of photos in the next edition.



Thursday Players



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Reporter-at-Large,
ACT Masters Hockey Assn





Hockey Australia Masters
Men's National Championships



HOBART 2024

➔ Watch for details in **Early-Feb 24** via Newsletter, on
our Facebook page and on the website. ➔

ACT Masters Hockey are looking for players, managers & coaches

Age Groups: 34+ to 50+ (incl) age groups

55+ to 80+ (incl) age groups

Dates: 12 – 20 Jul 24

22 Jul – 1 Aug 24



Keep up to date on our website www.actmastershockey.com

The 'Canberra "Icon" Cup'

Saturday 2nd & Sunday 3rd March 2024
@ Lyneham

Masters Hockey
action in
Canberra

Ready for some Rep hockey action?

Join the Masters Hockey fun for the return of the 'Canberra Cup'.

We're looking for teams, players, umpires and technical officials.

Details to follow in early 2024 Keep a look out for the FB posts and newsletters.

All Masters players are welcome

➔ **Why not put your own team in.**







Keep up to date on our website www.actmastershockey.com





Up Coming Events

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

	18 Jan 24	Happy Hour Hockey (Lyneham)
	29 Jan 24	Q1 Mon Night Comp
	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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