

ACT Masters Hockey

Screech May 2021

Second quarter kicked off with Life Night. While the second quarter comp is trimmed down from the first quarter there is an impressive number of teams – though again we had to contend with heavy rain at the season start.

This month's *Meet The Committee* is devoted to the two Goulburn members Anthony White and Conway Bogg. One of the joys of playing Masters hockey in the ACT is that we, unlike other capitals, are part of country hockey. Goulburn recently joined the main comp. We were pioneers!

It is particularly special being joined with Goulburn (and Crookwell) because of their rich history in Australian hockey including raising Australian players. While it's been some time since we played at Goulburn, we ACT players enjoy the adventure of the trip and the hospitality of playing at the Goulburn hockey centre. Thanks to the Goulburn players for continually making the trip here Mondays and even coming to Thursday Happy Hour.

Talking of Goulburn, we should also mention Ken Briggs. While not a current committee member, he is a life member of ACT Masters Hockey. Ken has done an enormous amount for us - organising, managing, coaching and playing with distinction in ACT and Goulburn/ACT sides as well as playing for Australia. You could say he is Goulburn's Doug Dawson. Or perhaps Doug is ACT's Ken Briggs? Thanks, Ken.

Sad News We have just heard of the passing Barbara - Don Whitbread's wife of 61 years. Don was a foundation Masters player and committeeman and after hockey retirement our official Patron. A Memorial Service will be held on Friday 14 May at 2 pm at Wesley Uniting Church, 22 National Circuit, Forrest, where Don is Musical Director.

Life Night

Life Night raised \$2500 and a good time was had by all. Southside won the trophy and Ken McCasland accepted the trophy, The Cataldo's prize was won by Chris Lucas



The prize donors were

- The Hockey Shop, Lyneham
- Coles, Amaroo
- Bunnings Warehouse, Gungahlin
- Belconnen Soccer Club, McKellar
- Hockey ACT & Pick Up Stix Cafe
- Sutton Googy Eggs
- Cataldo's Salon
- VP Enterprises
- ACT Masters Hockey Assn

Thanks to them. It is good to have this connection with ACT businesses as well as helping people.

NSW O/55 25th -27th June

Goulburn/ACT are playing at Taree in the O/55s NSW Championships. We always have a good team in that grouping. All the best to them.

Australian Championships 29 September to 9 October 2021 Newcastle, Wyong & Maitland

Remember to nominate for the Australian Championships. It's a chance have the competition experience that the stars had in their 20's, with the added plus of much better social and tourist experiences. This time it is a festival of hockey with the Women's Masters included and spread over three venues. Nominations on the ACT Masters website.

Meet 'The Committee'

Conway Bogg

Conway is Goulburn born and bred and has played hockey there since the age of 6. He has played Masters hockey since 2000 representing Goulburn and ACT at state and national championships and managed the ACT over 35 national side in 2018 and 2019. Conway provides further connections with Goulburn and NSW hockey since he has been Secretary for Goulburn Masters for the last 10 years and has had official positions with NSW Masters. He says he nominated for our committee to return something back to ACT Masters as Goulburn has been involved with ACT masters from its inception

Anthony White (Whitey)

Another long-term Goulburn player, Whitey is a great goalkeeper and organiser of Goulburn sides. Always fun to play against and with, he has played for ACT and NSW in the Australian Championships for many years. A man of many talents, Whitey has also been official masseur for Australian teams on overseas tours. We are thankful that he has included the ACT Masters Committee among his 'giving back to hockey' activities.

Condolences to Don Whitbread and Family

We were deeply saddened to hear of the passing of Don Whitbread's wife Barbara. They were married for 61 years. Barbara had suffered a stroke and Don was her carer for many years. It was always a joy to see Barb at the Hockey Centre for important Old Canberrans matches. She was a lovely lady.

We all in ACT Masters extend our deepest sympathy to Don and his family. We would also like to acknowledge his devoted care for Barbara.