

Slippery When Wet

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Summer season registration day

For many it's a sign of relief, that winter season and the late nights are over. We can now look forward to Sunday afternoon at the rink, and a visit to our favourite watering hole afterwards for a cool refreshing drink or two. Now is the time to register your team and players for summer season. Contact all your players that hibernate in winter and get them down to our registration day. Let them mingle amongst the winter veterans, who have many late night war stories to tell, and rediscover the delectable delights of Mrs Mac. This season each team is required to nominate at least one person from the team to be a referee. Training will be provided. Also if you under 18 and wish to play, the ACTBA requires written permission from parents and that you play with a full face cage

Where: Football Park Club

When: Sunday, 25 August 1996

Time: 4pm onwards

Hot buffet supplied

Presentation Day

Presentation of trophies and awards from winter season will be held on registration day. So please stay after registration and congratulate the grand final winners and other trophy recipients.

Where: Football Park Club

When: Sunday, 25 August 1996

Time: 5pm

Annual General meeting

Short reminder that the Annual General meeting of the ACTBA is on 18th. Please come along and participate. Election of Committee members will take place, and it is important that you elect a committee to represent you.

Please then stay and watch the Grand final on at 9.15pm.

Where: Football Park Club

When: Sunday, 18 August 1996

Time: 7pm

New Ice Rink

As many of you may have heard by now, the Association is working in conjunction with a number of other sporting organisations towards the establishment of a second ice rink for Canberra. Although planning and negotiations are very much in the early stage, everything is looking positive at this stage.

Unfortunately, commercial considerations (and the uncertainty of getting it off the ground) have meant that plans haven't been able to completely divulge before now. However now that a professional feasibility study of the project has been completed. The time is right for all members of the Association to be formally notified and be given the opportunity to participate in the process.

For this reason, a large chunk of this newsletter is devoted to letting you know where plans are and where they are headed with a new rink.

Background

It should come as no surprise to most, that the demand for ice time from the sports of Broomball, ice hockey and ice skating, exceeds that available. Although John Raut does his best to meet our competing demands, there is just not enough hours in the day to meet all our needs. It is largely for this reason that all ice sports have had to consciously limit the promotion of the sports, as we cannot guarantee ice time for an influx of new players/participants.

In late 1995, the beliefs about the demand for a second rink were confirmed in a Sports Marketing Survey into ice hockey and the use of a rink, conducted through ANU. Amongst many other things, the survey revealed that 71% of respondents (largely in north Canberra) would use an ice rink if one was more easily accessible. Considering this, and other information, people started to look at the prospect of building a rink on the north side of Canberra.

The reason for looking to north Canberra/Belconnen was based on the fact a second rink was needed to expand our sports. It just didn't seem logical to build a second rink on the southside (although there was strong emotional pressure to look at Tuggeranong). This decision was based on a study of Canberra's demographics and the ACT

Government's medium to long term development plans. It is also essential to point out that the continuation of a rink in South Canberra is fundamental to the future development plans of all ice sports.

With everything looking positive to this point, the Associations of Ice Hockey, Broomball and Figure Skating got together and agreed that a second rink was needed by all sports and that they would progress the proposal as a joint venture. In May this year, the ACT In-Line Hockey joined in the venture.

The bottom line at this point was that they knew the demand for a new rink existed. Also that, if we (as the sports involved) did not do something about it very soon, a private developer would. Thereby losing the opportunity for the sports to have some control over our future. In this regard, it has always been the intention to build a rink for the sports, controlled by the sports, with the profits coming back to the sports.

Through December-February many meetings were held with government bodies to gauge the support for the project. Meetings were held with the General Manager, Bureau of Sport and Recreation, the Minister, Bill Stefaniak, the AIS, ASC and importantly Property Division of the ACT Government (in regard to possible land sites). Although there was no indication of financial support, all parties were extremely enthusiastic about the plans and this translated into direct encouragement and assistance particularly from the Bureau of Sport and Recreation and Land Supply.

As a result of these meetings, the bureau of Sport and Recreation placed us in contact with the ACT Tennis Association. This was done on the basis that ACT Tennis had a proposal to redevelop the National Tennis Centre site at Lyneham. Basically, ACT Tennis wanted an indoor tennis court but could not justify building one for their use alone, and we were looking at building a (large) indoor sports centre that needed to be used by other sports to ensure economic viability. Since that time, ACT Tennis and the Ice Sports have had many fruitful discussions with a view to a joint development venture.

It was also known that if this project was going to have any chance of success, professional assistance would be required. In March this year, the Committees of Management of Broomball, Ice Hockey and Figure Skating agreed to engage an architect. John Nott & Associated was chosen to conduct a feasibility study of the proposal, including a financial analysis and initial schematic design. For the financial analysis, John Nott in turn engaged National Capital Properties, a local company specialising in commercial property development. The feasibility study was completed in May with the results presented to a meeting of the combined Committees of Management on 6 June.

The result of that feasibility study indicated that the project was indeed feasible and economically viable and that a

joint venture with ACT Tennis to develop the Lyneham site was the preferred option. ACT Tennis have since agreed with the findings and have provisionally agreed to a joint venture to develop Lyneham.

Scope of the Project

In deciding the scope of the project, the following factors were taken into consideration:

- the facility should provide quality facilities for our sports,
- with the proximity of the AIS, it was in our interest to develop and promote the rink as a national training centre for our sports (this proposal has been discussed and has the support of the national bodies of all sports involved),
- the facility should be able to cater for national and international standard events/tournaments,
- the facility would need to be multi-purpose in function. To cater for as many uses as possible to ensure it is economically viable (let's face it, ice sports alone won't generate the revenue required to pay for a rink and
- although the rink would be controlled by the sports, the day to day management would be placed in the hands of a professional indoor sports centre organisation.

From the above factors, it was agreed that we needed a main ice surface plus a secondary ice surface. From this it was not far to add a concrete surface under the same roof that would cater for in-line hockey and other indoor sports such as indoor hockey. This is using the principal of, the more users, the easier it is to cover costs. The remaining factor then, was the seating capacity of the main rink. After much investigation and analysis, it was determined that to be economically viable, plus caters for future demands, a seating capacity around the main rink in the order of 5000 spectators was needed. This size was also essential to ensure possible television coverage of events held in the facility.

To summarise, the project is now looking at an indoor sports centre with a main rink with 5000 seat capacity. Using available technology, the surface can be covered for other events such as indoor basketball, tennis, concerts and other events. In addition, there will be a second (dedicated) ice surface of international size, plus an in-line skating surface that can also be used for other sports.

Sports Involved

In going into a joint venture with ACT Tennis, two further sports (with existing facilities on the Lyneham site) became involved with the project. Sports presently in the project include:

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| ACT Broomball | ACT In-Line Hockey |
| ACT Figure Skating | ACT Squash |
| ACT Ice Hockey | ACT Tennis |
| ACT Indoor Cricket | |

Economic Viability/Financing

Despite the size of the project, (or rather because of it), the cost analysis indicated that the project is economically viable. At this stage there are potential investors in the project and all indicators are encouraging. To ensure we are not carried away in this department, the directors of National Capital Properties will continue to be involved in the project in regard to the provision of financial analysis advice and advice on funding options.

Management Structure

By this stage you are probably wondering how ACTBA can afford to be involved in something this large. Basically we can't! For that reason, a separate management entity representing each of the sports involved will be established for the purpose of progressing the project. In this way the business of the project will be separated from that of the Associations. Be assured that while the interests of the ACTBA will be served, the ACTBA (or any other Association) will have no legal or financial responsibility for the project.

While on this point, let it made it clear that suitable structures will be put into place to ensure no one sport dominates another in the use of the facilities. Also, no individual or group of individuals associated with our sports, stand to gain financially out of the project. The project is being run by the sports, for the sports.

Where to now?

At present, there is about to be a formal agreement entered into with ACT Tennis to pursue the option of a joint venture for the development of the Lyneham site. Hopefully, over the next few months, everything will fall into place and there will be a proper joint venture arrangement. Certainly, the President of ACT Tennis and Peter White from ACTHA, are keen for this to occur. In the meantime, John Nott and Associates will progress to the next stage of the project including detailed design and engineering and further liaison with Government agencies.

This may appear to be a little sudden and a bit of a dream. It is not sudden and many people have been working on this project in one form or another for nearly twelve months. It is bit of a dream, but nothing has occurred in the analysis of the project what would indicate that the plans are not achievable. Certainly, if something does come up then the plans will be revised. Hopefully this won't occur.

National Support

So that you are aware, the national bodies of Ice Hockey, Figure Skating, Broomball, In-Line hockey and Tennis are aware of our proposals and are fully supportive of the project. In certain areas, this has extended to financial support to the project.

In summary, although this is a large project, it has developed from the necessity for an additional ice facility in Canberra. Ice sports in Canberra have reached a point in

their development that if we do not take this opportunity now, we will flounder in the future as sports. Also an important aim of the ACTBA is to promote the development of the sport of Broomball in the ACT. We can't do this without sufficient facilities

This article was adapted from Peter White's [ACTHA] article to the Ice Hockey Association. ACTBA's representatives in this project are Peter Marshall [Ramjets] and Bruce Davidson [Wet Ones]

Contact Division

Contact division on Tuesday nights will continue in summer, although start time maybe a little earlier. All players are encouraged to come along to practise and learn new skills. Details are still sketchy but watch out for further details.

Broomball General meetings

General meetings have changed from the first Tuesday of each month to the second Tuesday of each month. Still at the Football Park Club at 7.30 PM.

Committee Address:
ACT Broomball Association
PO Box 453
Woden ACT 2606

Money

Some of the costs involved.

Team Registration

To register a team to play in summer competition costs \$170.00. This fee must be paid on registration day.

On side note, any outstanding moneys (individual, team, etc.) are usually dealt with in the following way. After the overdue date, teams initially will incur loss of competition points. If the outstanding amount remains outstanding, other action maybe taken, such as expulsion from the competition. It is in a players or teams interest to discuss any outstanding moneys with the Treasurer as soon as possible. Outstanding game fees will only be carried over for one week, please remember to see the Treasurer or Committee representative prior to playing.

Wanted

This space to advertise your sponsors. This space to advertise free to financial broomball members and sponsors of Broomball. Price on application for all others.

Wanted

Players willing to submit themselves for a player profile section to the newsletter. Just send the following details to the editor.

- Name
- Age
- Team currently playing for
- Length of play, including short history of teams
- Position normally played
- Best moment of Broomball
- Worst moment of Broomball
- Short reason why do you play broomball.
- Black & white photo of oneself optional.

Newsletter

Send all articles for the newsletter to:

The Editor
Slippery when wet
PO Box 453
Woden ACT 2606

or by Email to:
dtucker@ozemail.com.au

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Letters to the editor

Committee elections are coming up. I would like to encourage people who have opinions about where they want the broomball association to head, to actively participate, by nominating to become a committee member. Please note, not all position require a lot of work. Your input and enthusiasm is wanted (needed) for the continuation and growth of our sport. Even, attendance at monthly meeting would assist greatly. Please come and put your point of view forward, starting with the AGM.

Jodie Brandon

Broomball X

Welcome to a very difficult Wonderword. Hopefully this will test the patients of the best. Your mission if you choose to take it is, find all the words, identify the missing words and then find the hidden sentence. Submit your missing words, the hidden sentence and player profile details as listed above (except make them cryptic and no photo) to the Editor. Then a winner will be chosen from the correct entries and a prize will be presented.

Ball	Grim Reefers	Ref
Brooms	Helmet	Sharks
Cold	Ice	Shins
Ducks	Loony Tunes	Shoes
Fall	Nationals	Slash
Finals	Pads	Stick
FOOD	Party	Vipers
Fun	Pub	Wet Ones
Goalie	Ramjets	

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E	T	C	T	R	A	W	S	O	N	T	T	H	H
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H	M	F	L	O	N	N	N	A	U	N	C	R	
S	L	A	N	O	I	T	A	N	S	O	K	E	E
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L	H	E	A	P	N	E	U	D	O	O	F	U	E
A	W	L	A	U	R	E	C	E	V	A	F	T	E
S	S	R	F	B	T	N	K	N	I	R	I	Y	R
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L	D	A	W	G	N	I	C	I	R	N	E	O	R
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Entry is open to all who read this magazine. The Editor is not liable for any. Winner will be the first correct entry shown that the Editor is satisfied to submit but to avoid fuss of holding Jodie's list is not available at the time of printing. Please do not delay in availability, and reasonable compensation. Any prize awarded will be the prize shown on the page. There are already thousands of words hidden in these letters, and the hidden words are very cryptic and no photo. The player profile part of the competition will remain the property of the editor, those who will be used to form a word book for the magazine probably called 'Wet Ones II', but the Editor has the right to withdraw it and this is a better one than being in the magazine. There will be a list of 100 words used in the puzzle. The Editor shall not be liable for any loss or damage whatsoever sustained or personal injury sustained by the player upon the prize has reached to.

Nationals 1997

- Gold Coast June long weekend
- Quote Qantas travelling Friday return Monday \$392.00 travelling outside of long weekend \$302.00
- Quote Ansett \$286.00
- Prices based on group booking, 50 people.
- Peter to approach motels on Gold Coast for competitive prices in regards to Nationals.

Referees

P. Marshall approached ACT Ice Hockey and Indoor Hockey in regards to referee assistance and training. Nothing is planned in the near future, although there is an opportunity to do something with ice hockey.

Office Accommodation

As part of the new ice rink proposal, an offer to share office space in the old Holder high school, lease to be managed by ACTIIL. Cost approximately \$800.00 per year to each organisation. Share of furniture and equipment to be negotiated. Motion to accept P. Marshall, seconded S. Brandon, motion carried.

Game Sheets

Anyone with old game sheets regarding any ACTBA sanction matches or events, could you please forward them V. Muller c/- of PO Box 453 Woden ACT 2606.

MVP

S. Martin presented two new options after discussion two more were added.
Action: S. Martin to present full proposals to AGM.

Shoe Hire

Proposal from P Marshall to hire broomball shoes on a casual basis, to members and new players, with a view to reducing start up costs for new players, then sold at a discount rate, after x number of wears.
Seconded T. Martin, motion carried.
Note: Cost and other details to be decided. Any suggestions?

Women's contact

Steve Jones has taken over managing the women's contact league from Tracey. Contact Steve on 231 4405.

Membership refund

Proposed by D. Costanzo on behalf of S. Contanzo to refund 96/97 membership due to being unable to play for personnel health reasons. Seconded J. Brandon, motion carried.

Meeting closed 9.40pm

ACTBA General Meeting of 13 August 1996

Meeting opened 7.56 p.m.

Present: P Marshall
V. Muller
S. Martin
S Brandon
J Brandon
T Martin
D. Costanzo

Minutes of previous meeting moved to be accepted P Marshall. seconded S. Martin. motion carried

Correspondence in:

World's Finest chocolates
ASSA level 2
Floorball brochures
ACT Sports House
Acknowledgement Grants applications
Letter of resignation B. Davidson, D. Nissen
Quotes from Ansett & Qantas re: Nationals 1997
ACT Coaching Centre
Women in Sport
Offer of office accommodation

Correspondence out:

P. Marshall response to resignations
EMail regarding Wizard schedule software

Treasurer's report:

Full financial report to be mailed out with minutes.

Summer Competition:

- Expected to start 22nd September (with no games October long weekend)
- Registration details contained in accompanying newsletter
- New team colours and names need to be approved by Committee
- Possible will schedule scratch matches or training sessions using available time prior to start of Summer comp. Anyone interested or with ideas please contact S. Brandon Ph: 0419 434533
- Proposed for Summer comp. to require teams to have 3 of each gender qualify for finals, with the outlook to having three and three on ice for Summer 1997 season. Action S. Martin to present full proposal to AGM

General Business:

ASSA Level 2

Course runs Tuesday evenings starting next Tuesday evening, 17/8, must have completed level 1 or show equivalent proficiency, for further details contact Peter Marshall Ph: 0414 511147.

ACTBA Financial Report May - July 1996

Credits	May	June	July
Team Registration	510.00	170.00	
Membership	380.00	165.00	2648.60
Game Fees	2210.00	1110.00	2660.00
Equipment sales	30.00	60.00	85.00
Interest	22.64	28.16	23.78
Miscellaneous (Nat Training)	85.00		
(\$30 outstanding game fees) (\$110 for training)		1340.00	
(\$600 Nationals entry) (\$600 Nationals sales)			365.00
(\$100 outstanding game fees) (\$265 contact matches)			
Total	3237.64	2873.16	5782.38

Debits

Gov't credit Tax	2.31	3.23	2.88
ACT Sports House	75.00		
Vanessa Muller (press releases)	54.35		
Phillip Ice Rink	2925.00		1987.50
Petty cash	50.00		
Can-Fab engineering	400.00		
Tracey Martin (Wizard schedule software)	20.12		
MM Promotions (freight)	175.06		
Ref Payments	175.00		
Sign of the Times (Nationals T-shirts)		966.00	
Fabric warehouse (Nationals Team shirts)		861.00	
Narrabeen Ice Rink		2200.00	
Stop cheque fee			1.00
Weston Trophies		540.88	
Cash Tin short (16/7)			10.00
Total	3877.83	4571.11	2001.38

Opening balance

May	8342.19
add total credits	11893.18
less total debits	10450.32
less outstanding cheques	150.00
Balance	9635.05

Money owed to Association

Invoice 13	Gurus	\$15.00	
Invoice 24	SEQBA	\$486.75	(development kit)
Invoice 27	Bendigo	\$445.00	(development kit)
Invoice 29	NQBA	\$805.00	(equipment)
Invoice 33	NSWBA	\$330.00	(development kit)