

Slippery When Wet

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Summer season registration day

Now the time to plan your team for next season (remember those lovely warm Sunday afternoon's). Registration day for teams wishing to play in summer 97/98 season is on Sunday 28 September 1997 at 2pm. Please bring your whole team along as we always offer a sausage sizzle and mentally prepare ourselves for the socialising required in summer season.

What you need to register a team:

Team name

Team colours

Team member names and contact details

Team registration money (\$170.00)

Sunday 28 September 1997 - 2pm

Football Park Sports Club

Spoering St, Phillip

Winter 1997 Grand final Vipers win

Sunday 14 September, saw the grand final between the Thunderbirds and the Vipers. Both teams had an impressive lead up to the grand final finishing equal on the rounds' ladder.

The first half was nail biting with Vipers scoring first when brilliant passing saw Kerry Madden hit the back of the nets from a well-placed pass from Peter Farr. Within minutes Manny Barriera scored a lone goal for Thunderbirds. It was a very close game and at half time the scores were tied at one all.

The second half saw Vipers dominating. A goal within minutes of the start of the half, a well-placed pass from Dirk Nissen through to Trevor Banks saw the score at 2 to 1. Vipers continued to dominate with the ball in their attacking half most of the time. It was only a matter of time before they scored again, and Trevor Banks did, with a well-placed shot at goals. With only four minutes left of the game, Vipers started to panic and lost some of their precision (maybe they could smell victory). Thunderbirds moved into their attacking half and hammered the ball at the goal. It was only through some brilliant saves from

goalie Bruce Davidson and self-sacrificing dives at the ball from defensive Lina Bucci that held Thunderbirds out for those few minutes.

Final score Vipers 3 goals, Thunderbirds 1 goal.

Presentations afterwards at the club, were noisy and fun. This year's winners of seasonal awards are as follows:

Highest Goal Scorer:

Male: Shane Martin Thunderbirds

Female: Kerry Maddern Vipers

Highest Assist Scorers:

Male: Trevor Banks Vipers

Simon Gamlen Thunderbirds

Female: Deanne Lucas Sharks

Most Valuable Player:

Male: Chris Lucas Sharks

Female: Lina Bucci Vipers

Kerry Maddern Vipers

Sportsmanship Award (Most Improved Players):

Male: Phil Rose Loony Toons

Female: Linda Thornton Ducks

100 Games Club:

Michelle Gibson

200 Games Club:

Shane Martin

Dirk Nissen

Invitation

Saxon Hooper from NSW Broomball has sent us an open invitation. If you are in Sydney on a Wednesday night, join them for scratch matches at the Blacktown ice rink, between 9 and 11pm. Cost is \$9.00 for the evening.

Reminder

As advertised 12 months ago, a new rule comes into force at the beginning of the summer season. The three on three rule. That is, three men and three women on the ice at all times. This will bring the ACT league in line with current international rules.

Summer 97 season

3 women and 3 men on ice at all times

Tuesday night games

Due to declining participation numbers the men's Tuesday night games have been cancelled. The women's will change from a women's only to a mixed format. Tuesday nights are for learning new skills and practicing skills outside the do or die environment of the league games. If you want to try something new, but don't want to let your team down, come and play on Tuesday nights. Next game is 23 September at 10.15pm.

Have you heard!

A drunk decides to go ice fishing, so he gathers his gear and goes walking around until he finds a big patch of ice. He heads into the center of the ice and began to saw a hole. All of sudden, a loud booming voice comes out of the sky. "YOU WILL FIND NO FISH UNDER THAT ICE."

The drunk looks around, but sees no one. He starts sawing again. Once more, the voice speaks.

"AS I SAID BEFORE, THERE ARE NO FISH UNDER THE ICE."

The drunk looks all around, high and low, but can't see a single soul. He picks up the saw and tries one more time to finish. Before he can even start cutting, the huge voice interrupts.

"I HAVE WARNED YOU THREE TIMES NOW. THERE ARE NO FISH!"

The drunk is now flustered and somewhat scared, so he asks the voice,

"How do you know there are no fish? Are you God trying to warn me?"

"No", the voice replied. "I am the manager of this hockey rink."

Close to a broomballer's heart

Here is a recipe submitted by Mark Bailey which many a broomballer will enjoy

1 Cup condensed milk (or the whole can)
 300 ml cream (not thickened)
 3 eggs
 1 cup whisky
 1½ tbs chocolate topping
 ¼ tsp coconut or peppermint essence (coconut better)
 2 tsp brandy
 2 tsp instant coffee powder

Place all ingredients into a blender. Blend in high for 3 minutes. Makes 1 to 1½ bottles.

What does it make? Why Baileys of course.

National Video

Time is running out if you want a copy of the 1997 Nationals. It includes 5 to 10 minutes of every game and the entire games of both finals, also the presentation night (6 hours). See Vanessa or David [Ducks], with your \$20.00. No more orders will be taken after 1st round game of summer competition.

Your Broomball Committee

President	Kevin Jeffrey	Loony Toons
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Volunteer Co-ordinator	Judy Wolfe	Thunderbirds

General meetings are held every third month on the second Tuesday of that month. At the ACT Football Park Sports Club at 7.30 PM. Next one is in December 1997

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Player profiles

Some of our more experienced players have started the ball rolling with their own player profiles. They have taken an in-depth and light-hearted look at themselves and allowed us to peek into their thoughts. Some this edition and more to follow. *(ed. Please excuse if I misread anything)*

Name B. Davidson

Any nicknames: Bruiser, Sergeant Schultz
Age: 34
Married or single: Married to Kristin, 1 child Tahlia
Team: Vipers
Games played: 199
Why do you play the game?
 Good social sport, For the road trips
How do you relax? Have a drink, spending time with the family
Representative achievements: 91-97 ACT Flames, 91 & 95 Australian Rep
Best moment in broomball: Holding Minnesota to 5-1 in 1995



Figure 1: Just before Peter passed out

Sporting hero: Graham Langlands
Most admired opponent: Will Huxley, Lina Bucci, Chris Lucas (they always give a 100%)
Hardest opponent: Peter McNally
Disappointments in broomball: Tony Lane refereeing grand final 1993

Funniest moment in the game: Dirk relieving himself, in the back seat of the car, into a cup, on the way to the Gold Coast (all at high speed): Billy Bush hitting boards in Gold Coast Nationals: Peter Marshall passing out at Christmas party
Who would you like to be with on a desert island? Family
Name 5 people you would, if you could, have around for dinner: Bob Marley, Steph

Worst moment: Kevin Jeffrey scoring against me in a men's contact game
Achievements: 92-97 National Champions
Favorite food: Cookies
Favorite music: Bob Marley, Violent Femmes, Cold Chisel, The Doors
Childhood hero: Mother (she raised 5 kids under 8 by herself)

Graff, Nelson Mandela, *Real Monsters* & Molly Meldrum

How long will you play broomball for? Holis Hill age record (age 71)
Do you see it becoming an Olympic sport? Yes, if Canadians can get it together
Where do you see yourself in 5 years? Alive
Any ambitions: To be successful in anything I do.

Name: Dirk Nissen

Any nicknames: Nugget: Cedric: Romper Stomper: George Foreman
Age: 30
Married or single: Single, going out with girly
Team: Vipers
Games played: 204 ACTBA games
Why do you play the game? It's a lot of fun to play with my mates.
How do you relax? Couple of Melbourne's and a few pipes.
Representative achievements: ACT Rep since 1991: Australia Rep 1991 & 1995
Best moment in broomball: 1991: Tour of Canada: Finally winning a comp after 14 years.
Worst moment: Losing to Adelaide in sudden death at 1990 Nationals.
Achievements: Nationals winners 1991-1997: Comp winners 1996
Favorite food: Thai



Figure 2: Members of the 1991 team to tour Canada

Favorite music: Cold Chisel, Kinks
Childhood hero: Big Ted off Play School and Oscar the Grouch
Sporting hero: Steve Rogers (Cronulla League Player)
Any skeletons in your closet? Nothing you need to know about.

Most admired opponent: Grant Jankte (because he plays in a worse condition than myself)
Hardest opponent: Simon Gamlen
Disappointments in broomball: Losing 7 grand finals.
Funniest moment in the game: Seeing Mark Bailey's testicles disappear at the 93 Nationals.
Who would you like to be with on a desert island? L.A. Lakers cheer squad

Name 5 people you would, if you could, have around for dinner: Siegmund Freud: Bob Marley:

Ed Rosenthal: Demi More and the Dalia Lama
How long will you play broomball for? Hopefully until I beat Gamlen's total
Do you see it becoming an Olympic sport? Not in my life time
Where do you see yourself in 5 years? More arthritic than I am now
Any ambitions: To own the first seed bank in Canberra

PS from the President

I would like to welcome everybody to another issue of the fine publication, Slippery When Wet. This is my first contribution to the newsletter since becoming president of the Association, and I would like to thank everybody for voting for me ('cause I just love the extra responsibilities'...).

With another winter season coming to an end, I would like to take this opportunity to thank and also congratulate everyone who played during the winter, because I know how hard it can be to play games near midnight on Sunday nights. I feel that the season has been a success.

I would like to wish both the Thunderbirds and the Vipers good luck in the winter season grand final (as I am writing this prior to the game). The season has been a tough one and the competition has been strong from all teams (even the good old Toons, if I may say so myself).

Congratulations to all trophy winners from the winter season. Some of the personal efforts this season have been impressive, with many players improving their game and some branching into new areas.

In a small diversion here I would like to say thank you and farewell to one of our favourite players. Lina Bucci, as many of you would know, is leaving us to return to her homeland of Canada in late September. Lina has been a great ambassador for broomball in Canberra, both as a great player, a fair player and a great teacher. I would like to extend my congratulations for her MVP award this winter, thanks for everything, and good luck to you and Micheal for the future. (note - with some encouragement from everybody I reckon we could get Lina to meet us in Bolzano, Italy next year for a few games).

We have had a successful outing to the Gold Coast this year for the nationals, and I would like to congratulate both the Flames and the Cougars on the successful defence of their titles. I would also like to thank everybody who put time into training teams, administration, umpiring, logistics or any other of the things that went into both running and playing in a successful nationals event.

The Association held its Annual General Meeting recently, and there have been a number of changes to the committee. I believe that a vote of thanks should go to all members of the Association who have put in time and effort to be members of the committee over the past year. Thanks especially to Peter Marshall who retired from the committee this year after putting in many years of work for the Association. I believe that his work has been instrumental in getting the Association off the ground and getting the sport to where it is today. His knowledge and enthusiasm will be missed in broomball.

As part of the new committee we welcome Judy Wolfe into the position of Volunteer Coordinator. This is a newly formed position, and forms part of the Volunteer



Improvement Program. Sport requires many volunteers for successful operations, and the Volunteer Improvement Program will assist the improvement of broomball in the ACT. I really encourage everyone to help Judy out in any way when she comes looking.

One place where we really need help already is with fundraising. Most of you will know that the ACTBA is running low on funds at the moment, and we need to begin to raise money from a wider audience - instead of just broomball players. We are in the process of setting up a fundraising subcommittee which will look at all of the issues involved and also run the fundraising activities that the Association will undertake. If anyone wishes to be involved with this important group, please contact Bruce Davidson as soon as possible. Also, if you have any ideas for fundraising, or think you can help in any way, talk to Bruce or myself and we will see what we can do.

One of the most important events that we will be fundraising for is the 1998 World Challenge Cup. This is the world championships of broomball, and will be held in Bolzano, Italy next year. We are intending to put in two teams, a men's and a mixed, from the ACT, and anyone who wishes to be involved should talk to us this week. NOTE: We have to pay a deposit and register teams by the 31st of September - SO GET IN NOW!!!

The last important item is the start of the summer season. You will see in other notices that summer season registration is later this month and the season will start in mid October. I encourage all of you to get some new players in for summer (especially females - 3 on the ice remember), and get your teams in for this comp. I have been hearing rumours and I can see double-figure teams in this summer competition - so get your teams together.

Anyway, good luck to all teams for the coming summer season, and I look forward to at least 28 of you going to Bolzano next year to show the rest of the world what the Aussies can do!

Lost

Lost - one black goalies glove. Believed to have been accidentally put in someone else's bag. Was a Christmas present, so would be very appreciative of its return.

Kevin Jeffrey
ACTBA President