

Australian Senior Championships



Championship Most Valuable Player, Warren Brown, holds the Hobbs Trophy watched by Lacrosse Australia President Leighton Beamsley and Tournament Director Alec Ingles



Anthony Feleppa (14) and Andrew Stone (3) hold the cup aloft



The victorious South Australian Team celebrates

Editorial Editorial Editorial Edit

Welcome to the 12th edition of the Australian Lacrosse Journal. This issue contains some great action photographs taken at the Australian Senior Championships held this year in Melbourne. The Eltham Lacrosse Club did an excellent job in hosting this series - in spite of inclement weather! The rain and mud highlighted the grit and determination needed to play lacrosse and the action photographs (taken on the very worst day) captured this spirit and showed what a truly tough sport it is.

As well, this issue contains photos and results of all Junior Australian Championships and Tournaments conducted in 2001. North Adelaide Lacrosse Club successfully hosted the Under 17 event and Queensland Lacrosse Association is to be congratulated for hosting the Under 15 Tournament - a first national event for this Association since 1939. A great effort by the Queensland Lacrosse Association led by Graham Nicholls.

There is some very exciting lacrosse development happening around the world, and Australia is contributing significantly to this. Read about the role Peter Hobbs is playing at the international level and the specific development in the Asia region led by the Japan Lacrosse Association. The Beijing Cup report by Yaz Hayakawa on page 10 is testament to that development.

The 2002 World Lacrosse Championship and ancillary tournaments (Perth, July 5-14) are shaping up as a truly spectacular event and will provide further opportunities for future lacrosse development. At least 15 nations have confirmed their participation in the World Championship and expressions of interest are being received regularly from individuals and groups both from within Australia and overseas about participating in ancillary events. This journal contains a ticket order form and the opportunity to request information on page 26, and a report about activities to date on page 11.

Congratulations to players named in the national team (see page 23) to represent Australia in 2002, especially those who will be wearing the "Green and Gold" for the first time at senior level. It's a great achievement to have made the final cut from a very competitive Australian squad. In front of a home crowd I am sure they will do us proud. The US and Canadian Team rosters are on page 13.

The recent Lacrosse Australia appointments of Trevor Stevens (Executive Director) and Gary Kennedy (Head Coach) to the Australian Under 19 Team sees a valuable mix of leadership and coaching experience for this very important age group. The next World Under 19 Championships to be conducted at Towson University in Baltimore, Maryland (USA) in 2003 provides another opportunity for young Australian players to showcase their lacrosse talents. Look out for Issue 13, which will be distributed early March 2002 and will contain a profile of these two appointees.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all lacrosse supporters. I look forward to working with you next year - a year that promises to be a milestone in the history of Australian Lacrosse.

Mavis Owens

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Victorian State League Division 1 and Division 2 Grand Finals



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South Australia and Western Australia slogging it out in the Australian Championships.

Australian Sports Commission Lacrosse Australia acknowledges the support provided by the Australian Sports Commission.

In the Net

US Men's National Teams Sponsor Announced

Warrior Lacrosse Inc has been appointed the exclusive supplier of lacrosse equipment and merchandise to the US men's national teams program to 2004.

Warrior's sponsorship of cash, equipment and soft goods (worth in the six-figure US dollars over the four year period) will help defray the significant costs in sending the men's senior team to Australia in July 2002 estimated at over \$US200,000.

This is the second time that Warrior has been directly involved with US Lacrosse and its men's national teams program. Warrior also sponsored the 1998 US men's team.

"We did this in 1998 and it worked out great for us," said David Morrow, CEO of Warrior Lacrosse and a member of the 1998 US men's team. "This gives us the opportunity to be associated with US Lacrosse by supporting the national teams and to be affiliated with the best amateur players in the country."

Victorian Under 20s

A tour of Japan in June was a highlight for many Victorian Under 20 players this year. Arranged by the VLA this visit provided valuable international experience for these young players from both countries.

CD Version of Lacrosse Australia Administration Handbook

The introduction of CDs has enabled Lacrosse Australia to distribute the LA Administration Handbook to a wider audience at a cheaper cost. All clubs and associations throughout Australia now have a CD version of this very comprehensive document which is designed to assist all those involved in the business of Lacrosse.

The handbook includes contact details, the national championship handbook, the LA Annual Report and Financial Statements, statistical and historical data, etc. When first distributed in 1996 the Australian Sports Commission acknowledged the LA Handbook as outstanding. Thanks to Leighton Beamsley, LA President and Director of Administration who has responsibility for this portfolio on the LA Board.

Tower Hill Under 15 Tour - Well Done Eltham

Mary Miller, Publicity Officer of the Eltham Lacrosse Club provided this report about the successful Delaware Tower Hill School visit led by Brad du Pont. It's terrific that lacrosse enjoys such regular interaction between lacrosse players from around the world.

Once again the Eltham Lacrosse Club was responsible for continuing the growth and development of this great and sometimes fragile sport, in the welcome it showed the Under 15 touring team from Tower Hill School in Delaware, USA.

The group, which consisted of 15 Under 15 players, four chaperones/coaches and six family members, was headed by Brad du Pont. This was the second time he has brought a junior lacrosse team to Australia, and from all accounts will not be the last. Discussions were held on their next visit in 2005 and preparations are being made at Eltham to send an Under 15 team to North America in 2003.

Whilst Lacrosse itself has no cultural boundaries members of the Club went out of their way to show the visitors how we Australians live, eat and breathe. They loved what they saw and were greatly overwhelmed by our hospitality. There were some hurdles to overcome but the end result was that we have firmly cemented a warm relationship with our American cousins. The visitors were taken to many tourist spots in Victoria and particularly enjoyed the hospitality of the Richmond Football Club and loved watching them play against St. Kilda at Colonial Stadium.

As usual our members and their families showed great commitment in making sure everything ran smoothly and the response from people in assisting with ground preparation, activities and

club room events was tremendous. It was particularly satisfying to see many new faces during the week as well as those familiar ones who continually give of their time. Feedback received from hosting families was that they loved the experience and that it was a very rewarding time for all family members. elthamlax@techinfo.com.au



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Development in China.

Lacrosse in Sydney

NSW Lacrosse continues to develop in the Sydney areas. Many lacrosse people relocate to Sydney for work and other reasons. If you are interested in continuing with your lacrosse or just want a game or two, then contact Jim McBride on 0411 697428 or Randall Hobbs at **randallshobbs@hotmail.com** The new President of NSWLI is Ian

Millward who can be contacted at imillward@witness.com or NSWLI Secretary Helen Chun poc@spin.net.au. Ian and Helen are not new to administrative positions having been on the NSW Board for some time.

NZ Referees

VLA President and experienced referee, John Harris, conducted coaching clinics for referees in Auckland New Zealand earlier this year. Lacrosse Australia has given Mark Freemon considerable support in establishing the New Zealand Lacrosse Association by provision of equipment and facilitating the attendance of John at this referee camp. New Zealand is intending to participate in the World Championship for the first time in the newly formed Green Division.

International Lacrosse Development

The International Lacrosse Development Committee comprises representatives from various nations including Peter Hobbs from Australia and its prime objective is to introduce and develop lacrosse world-wide.

- The Development Committee evaluates requests for support based on:
- Whether or not the sport is being introduced within an educational system or other solid organizational structure
- Whether or not a clear, unified leadership structure within the country has been identified
- Whether or not a three-year development plan, including milestones of progress, has been produced (with or without DC assistance) and submitted.

The IFLDC met in Scotland in August 2000 and in Berlin in May 2001. Activities of note over the past few years have included:

- Sending a number of coaches abroad to conduct coaching clinics.
- Assessing and responding to requests for assistance from over 20 countries.
- Allocating financial support to the value of \$30,000 (AUD) to assist with travel
- expenses for the training of officials in Germany and Czech Republic; Coaching Clinics in China and Korea; and Equipment Grants/Shipment to China, Korea, Argentina, New Zealand and Holland.

Contact has been made with each of the following countries, but the degree of progress varies:

Argentina, Austria, Brazil, China, Czech Republic, Finland, France, Holland, Hong Kong, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Korea, New Zealand, Pakistan, Portugal, Scotland, Singapore, South Africa, Spain, Switzerland, Taiwan and Tonga.

Two of the most difficult challenges are securing support from manufacturers in making equipment available and identifying coaches willing to travel overseas to teach players and coaches. Special recognition goes to Yasuhiko Hayakawa and the JLA for their contribution to Korean and Chinese lacrosse development efforts, and to Australia for its support of development efforts in New Zealand.

US Lacrosse Names 2001 Men's Division High School All-Americans

US Lacrosse is pleased to announce its 2001 Men's Division High School All-Americans, honouring 218 of the top high school boys lacrosse players in the United States. The All-Americans are selected by high school coaches on a regional basis. Each area is allotted a number of All-Americans based upon the number of coaches from that area who are members of US Lacrosse, the national governing body of the sport.

Details are available at www.lacrosse.org

Seeking an overseas coach or player?

Requests are received regularly from people in various countries wanting to coach or play lacrosse in Australia. Many of these players have high levels of experience and could bring a valuable perspective to your club.

State Associations are provided with details as they come to hand, so if your club is interested in securing the services of an international player, then contact your State Association or Lacrosse Australia Secretary, Helen Keane.

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AUSTRALIAN SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

The following reports from Malcolm Stokes and Mary Miller give different perspectives on the premier lacrosse event in Australia during 2001. Mary has focussed on the VIS Lacrosse Team's successful participation whilst Malcolm has given a complete overview.

Some things about the 2001 Australian Senior Championships were different - and others were the same.

What is the same is the camaraderie when lacrosse friends from across the nation meet up in what, for many, is an annual reunion, Whatever happened on the field would not upset the friendships and goodwill which has been generated and developed over many years through lacrosse.

It was different to have Lacrosse Australia Director of Coaching and Officiating deputising for President Leighton Beamsley to declare the Championships open.

Despite the Melbourne 'drought', the cynical would say the Melbourne weather was the same - wer!

Thankfully it was the same to have a lot of hard working volunteers from the host club -Eltham - preparing the fields, providing the refreshments and handling the multitude of tasks associated with the conduct of a national championship. They did a terrific tob in adverse circumstances

Three fields were used in rotation for the two cames every day for four days competition but, despite the best efforts of the ground volunteers, the weather created playing suffaces which were generally considered less

than desirable for the premier national lacrosse event. But that did not affect the efforts of four teams who were committed to four games of lacrosse, with the Australian Champion title the prize for one of the three State Teams. The fourth team, the Victorian Institute of Sport team, was competing with those teams for the Australian Tournament trophy.

And, while the conditions made their task just that much more difficult and less pleasant, credit is due to the team of Referees who officiated throughout the competition in a professional manner.

South Australia showed they were serious about this competition with their 17 goals to 9 defeat of a gallant VIS team. After a 5-2 first quarter VIS clawed back to 7-6 at half time, but SA had too many avenues to goal, using 10 goalscorers overall, to put on a 10 goal second half while restricting VIS to only 3 goals. Mark Cleveland with 3 goals was the only VIS multiple goalscorer.

The Victoria/WA game was a typical Victoria/WA game! Victoria was off to a good start with a 4-2 first quarter, but failed to score in the second quarter, surrendering the lead to WA 5.4. The third quarter was even with 3 goals scored by each team but Victoria overran WA in the last quarter, scoring 5 goals while restricting WA to only 2, running out 12-10 winners. WA had only 5 scorers while Victoria had 8.

Day 2 saw WA restrict the VIS to only 1 goal in the first half, a second goal in the third quarter then 3 in the final quarter while scoring 3 goals in each of the first two quarters and 2 goals in each of the last two quarters to win the game 10-5.

It has been many years since South Australia has defeated Victoria in an Australian Championships, so Victoria went into the game feeling confident. The Victorians overcame a 5-3 against first quarter to be only 1 goal down at 6-7 at half time and an 8 goal to 3 third quarter saw them on top. Three goals from Jim Buchanan and 2 from Darren Nicholas in this quarter made them feel more comfortable. SA had different plans and shut out the Victorian goalscorers in the last quarter while scoring 7 goals to win the game 17-14. Three goals to Wesley Green gave him 7 for the game and half of his championship highest scorer tally of 14 goals and 2 goals in the quarter for a game total of 3 contributed to James Inge championship second highest score of 13 goals. Two time-outs called by Victoria in the final quarter didn't change the scenario.



and in very heavy conditions a 7-2 lead at half between WA and the VIS played with the time indicated SA was in control. Russell VIS team establishing a 7-5 lead at half time Brown contributed 2 of

the 4 WA goals in the third quarter to reduce the lead to 3 goals at 9-6 still gave little indication of the drama to come. In a nailbiting final quarter WA held SA to only 2 goal while pegging the lead

The SA/WA game was played first on day 3 Finals day saw the inconsequential game McHarg Cup in victory and this team was which WA was unable to

overcome, with David

Spreadborough, scoring

2 goals to equal his first

quarter tally, being the

only WA scorer in the

second half, and VIS

matching that with

goals from Mark

Cleveland and C



Menze to give the VIS a morale-boosting 9-7

The championship final saw South Australia marginally in control from the first quarter winning both the first and second quarters with 3-2 scores. James Inge had scored half the 6 SA goals and John

Brewer half the 4 Victorian goals. But it was still tight and the large, predominantly Victorian crowd, were expecting a turnaround in the second half. South Australian team last raised the Garland

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committed to breaking that 17 year drought. South Australia doubled the Victorian score in each of the last two quarters to produce a 6-3 second half and win the game 12 goals to 7 - the largest winning margin in the Championship games.

Lacrosse Australia President Leighton Beamsley presented South Australia with the magnificent Garland-McHard Cup (different) and the Hobbs Trophy for the Best and Fairest player in the Senior Championships was awarded for the second consecutive year to WA goalkeeper Warren Brown (the same). The WA team conceded fewer goals than any

> other team in the championship.

The 2001 Australian Championships signalled a change in the national lacrosse landscape, with South Australia once again playing a major role in

the national scene.

The Championships, like the 43 championships before them, provided plenty of opportunity for enjoyment for participants and spectators alike.





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back to eventually score 5 goals for the quarter and tie the game at 11 each at fulltime. WA win.

needed to win by 2 goals to earn the right to play SA in the final. A SA win put Victoria in the final with SA. It would take a WA win by more than 5 goals to put SA out of the final - and that was unlikely in extra time. The SA team fitness and discipline saw them win the day with goals from James Inge, Leigh Perham and Mark Mangan with no response from WA.

Victoria new they were in the final the next day and established an early 8 goals to nil lead in the first quarter against the VIS team, with 8 individual goalscorers. A 4 each second score at 15-7.

quarter and 3 each second half left the final But it was back in 1983 in Melbourne when a



After an absence of 18 years South Australia finally had their name against the best Australia had to offer. engraved on the Garland McHarg Trophy as National Champions for He was unperturbed after a 17-9 loss to South Australia on the first day's 2001.

The days preceding the final were marked by some of the worst weather experienced in Victoria for many years, and some of the games were played in appalling conditions, including hail. Fortunately for the players and the many spectators the heavens remained shut for the final game, which South Australia won in magnificent style. They had been the better team all week and thoroughly deserved their 5 goal win over the 1999 champion Victoria. The South Australian team were jubilant with their win and celebrated in style in the spacious Clubrooms of the Eltham Lacrosse Club. This Club's

their players and members assisting in making it a smooth running Tournament. Although they were hampered by the weather the grounds and rooms were very well prepared and the catering provisions Joy was rewarded for his tactics and persistence as on the final day's play. were excellent. Those who attended the All Stars Dinner and his team outscored the Western Australian contingent. It was difficult Celebrations were very forthcoming in their compliments.

One of the highlights of the four day Championship was the performance of the Victorian Institute of Sport Team. Coaching problems were solved with the last minute appointment of David Joy from the Malvern Lacrosse Club. David was equal to the task with an outstanding history in lacrosse. He was recruited in 1964 from the Edithvale Primary School and from 1971-93 played senior lacrosse being of them will one day proudly wear the Big V and the Green Blazer". State League Captain for 10 years. He was four times winner of his club's best and fairest and featured in three State League premierships. O'Grady, Keith Nyberg, Cam Shepherd, Tom Oast, Adrian Carter, He was selected in Junior and Senior State teams from 1971 to 1982, Mark Cleveland, Wade Hammond, Carl Menze, Steven Newall, Brody and played for Australia in 1976 and 1978. He has coached Junior and Bush, Shannon Bell, Phil Sherrard, Damian Stringer, Jai Carrol, Luke Senior Malvern teams, and State teams from 1975 to 1999, and it was Moore, Adrian Slattery, Adam Townley, Blake Taylor, Clinton Lander, his expertise in coaching that saw the VIS Squad play very creditably Steven Colautti, Tyson Brooks, Scott Larkins.



play. The young colts although being narrowly behind at each break.

were only three goals down going into the last quarter. Eltham forward Mark Cleveland was named MVP for the game.

> Day two saw the team suffer a 5 goal (10-5) loss to the Western Australian team. Coach Joy was very encouraged by the teamwork of his charges and was singing their praises. commenting their play had improved since the previous day. Goalie Jeff Joy was awarded MVP for this game.

Although they suffered another loss on day three of the competition against Victoria, he was

reputation as 'host' once again came to the fore with large numbers of still encouraged by what he saw and instilled in the team their ability to take the game up to a very high class Victorian Team. Wade Hammond again an Eltham player received the MVP award.

> for him to remove the smile from his face after the game. Many of those in his team had been coached by him previously in Under 17 State Teams and he knew the capabilities of his players. "Keep your eyes out for these names" said Coach Joy in an after Championship interview. "These players are the players of the future. I know some of them have already achieved the highest selection, but I know many more if not all

> Those names are:- Steve Mackie, Lachlan Ross, Jeff Joy, Martin

Match Results

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South Australia (17) def Victorian Institute of Sport (9) Top Scorers: SA: J Inge, W Green (3); M Mangan, S Dawson (2) Top Scorers: VIS: M Cleveland (3) Victoria (12) def Western Australia (10) Top Scorers: VIC: C Barr-Kemp, J Buchanan, J Brewer, D Nicholas (2) Top Scorers: WA: R Brown, J Redman (3)

Dav 2

Western Australia (10) def Victorian Institute of Sport (5) Top Scorers: WA: D Whiteman (3), N Rainey (2) Top Scorers: VIS: A Carter, W Hammond, C Menze, S Bell, A Townley (1)

South Australia (17) def Victoria (14) Top Scorers: SA: W Green (7), 1 Inge (3) Top Scorers: VIC: J Buchanan, B Ross (3), C Barr-King, J Brewer, D Nicholas (2)

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South Australia (14) def Western Australia (11) Top Scorers: SA: J Inge, W Green, M Mangan (3) Top Scorers: WA: R Brown (4), N Rainey, D Whiteman (2)

Victoria (15) def Victorian Institute of Sport (7) Top Scorers: VIC: D Stiglich (4), D Nicholas, W Kendall (3) Top Scorers: VIS: Bell (3)

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Victorian Institute of Sport (9) def Western Australia (7) Top Scorers: VIS M Cleveland (3) Top Scorers: WA D Spreadborough (4), A Ettridge (2) South Australia (12) def Victoria (7) Top Scorers: SA J inge (4), L Perham (3) Top Scorers: VIC D Nicholas (4)

Australian Seniors All-Stars Team

Warren Brown (WA)Co-Captain Craig Schicker (SA) Ben Fleming (VIC) Michael Sheidow (SA) Peter Inge (SA) Co-Captain Nathan Rainey (WA) Jamie Buchanan (VIC) lames Inge (SA) Aaron Stammers (WA) Wesley Green (SA) Russell Brown (WA) Stuart Robb (SA) David Whiteman (WA) Best and Fairest: Warren Brown (WA) Coach: Noel Speck (SA) Referee: Terry Culley

PETER HOBBS - INTERNATIONAL LACROSSE FEDERATION VICE PRESIDENT

Mel Moffat interviewed Peter Hobbs after he was elected to the position of Vice President at the ILF meeting in Berlin. This article gives a brief overview of his lacrosse involvement. Peter, a lacrosse stalwart*, continues to provide strong leadership and strategic thinking to the sport at all levels. (Ed note: Thesaurus shows as strong, resolute, brave.)

Peter Hobbs

 $S_{
m first}$ vice president of the International Lacrosse Federation.

Hobbs, a 54 year old CPA from Adelaide, won the position in a twoway battle with Englishman Ron Balls at the ILF annual meeting in Berlin recently.

He is now second in command to American Tom Haves. who has been president of the ILF for over eight years and is due to retire in January, 2003.

Hobbs could, at that stage, become only the second Australian to hold the post of ILF president.

Coincidentally, another South Australian, Clive Carr, headed the ILF over 15 years ago.

The election for Haves' successor will be held to coincide with the staging of next year's World Series championship, which will take place in Perth from July 6 to 14

"It doesn't automatically follow that I will succeed Tom Hayes, for I imagine a few others will be putting up their hands for the position," said Hobbs.

Hobbs is also currently vice president of Lacrosse Australia and has been a Board member for 10 years.

He had a distinguished career as a lacrosse player, turning out as a defender for the Glenelg club in South Australia as well as representing his State and Australia.

He is tipping a big global future for lacrosse, which will become a professional sport for the first time this year when a new league is launched in the United States.

"The sport is growing in leaps and bounds," he said.

"When the World Series was last held in Australia, in Perth in 1990, five nations took part. There will be at least 12 next year.

And, since we had the annual meeting in Berlin, a further eight nations have come on board as members.



By Lindsay Scott

ILF Chief Referee 2002 World Championships

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Hobbs said next year's World Series could be the perfect launching pad for a greater awareness of the sport, which is considered the fastest in the world. Apart from the top event, Perth will also host the Masters Games, the world seniors title, the world under 17's and the world under 15's.

EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS 2001

Recently I had the pleasure of attending the 2001 European Championships which were held at the Penarth Lacrosse Club in Wales. Penarth is a town just outside Cardiff in Wales. The Teams and the Officials were accommodated in the Balypont Student Village at the Cardiff University where bed and breakfast were provided.

The opening ceremony was quite an event. It commenced with a march complete with marching band, of all competing teams and officials through the streets of Cardiff, concluding at the town hall, where the mayor of the city addressed all teams. After the official welcome everyone was treated to refreshments inside the main Cardiff Police Headquarters.

Accommodation was reasonable, although the rooms were very small by Australian standards. Each room however did have its own en suite. albeit again rather small but sufficient. The atmosphere around the village was the typical friendly atmosphere that has come to be associated with the European Championships. Many stories of the previous days games and conquests were retold over the breakfast table where the very traditional full "English" or perhaps one should say "Welsh" breakfast was served each morning.

The most amazing fact about these championships was that the whole event was organized largely by just two people, Christine and Gordon Shumack. Christine and Gordon are also the backbone of the Penarth Lacrosse Club. They were undoubtedly one of the most amazing couples I have ever met. Nothing was ever too much trouble - where they possibly lacked a little in experience they more than compensated with effort, and a willingness to do anything necessary to make the championships a success. Hopefully we will see them in Perth next year.

This year there were six teams competing; England, Scotland, Wales, Ireland, Germany and Czech Republic. Sweden was absent this year as they were saving their pennies for Perth 2002.

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continents endeavouring to assist them.

Overall it was a great effort and it augers well for Perth next year. The ILF Referees committee, although missing one of its founder members in Jake Curran, spent considerable time during the championship ironing out differences between the various interpretations so that by July next year, all the officials taking part in the World Championships will be working from the same rules, interpretations and mechanics.

At the Annual Meeting of the European Lacrosse Federation which was held during the championships two new nations were admitted as members; Holland and Austria. The membership of the ELF now stands as England, Scotland, Wales, Ireland, Germany, Czech Republic, Sweden, Holland and Austria.

Several of these teams such as Ireland, Holland and Austria, which are not members of ILF have expressed an interest in taking part in the green division in Perth next year. The next European Championships are due to be held in 2003 in Prague, Germany and if you are not doing anything special then, why not schedule a visit. The Germans certainly turn on a great show when they host this event.

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Lacrosse on the Move -Beijing Open Cup 2001

nternational Lacrosse continues to grow with teams representing Hong Kong, Japan, Beijing's Capital College of Physical Education (CCPU), and Beijing University of Physical Education (BUPE) contesting the Beijing Open Cup 2001 at the BUPE in June.

This inaugural tournament was designed to promote friendship between China, Hong Kong and Japan and encourage development of the sport in the region. It was also a means of exploring the possibility of China establishing their own Lacrosse organisation and a Beijing Collegiate team coming to Perth for the World Series 2002.

The Beijing Collegiate organisation would like to send a team to Perth and are considering all the options available to them. Since this tournament was conducted Hong Kong has confirmed its participation in the Green Division of the World Championships/Festival of Lacrosse in 2002.

Japan convincingly defeated Hong Kong in the final of the Beijing Cup (15-1) to win gold and BUPE defeated CCPE (6-0) for the bronze medallion. The scores did not reflect the intensity of all games played throughout the week.

The Japan Lacrosse Association is keen to see Beijing receive further assistance with coaching and visits from the US and Japan likely in October. Japan has given considerable practical support to both China and Hong Kong over recent years, and recently donated a further 13 sets of men's equipment to the Hong Kong Lacrosse Association.

The JLA through their Executive Director, Yasuhiko Hayakawa, is to be commended for such initiatives and for their support of the ILF development objectives.

The 2002 Festival of Lacrosse



Incorporating the World Lacrosse Championship and Ancillary Tournaments

Have you checked out the <www.lacrosse2002.com website yet for the 'latest info' on the World Lacrosse Championship and ancillary tournaments to be held next year as part of the biggest lacrosse extravaganza ever?

competing in the World Championship from July 5-14 and the range of ancillary tournaments that you or your club team can enter. There is something for everyone - young or old, skilled or not so skilled! The annual Australian Championships and Tournaments are all part of the "Festival of Lacrosse" with the Australian Senio Championship commencing on Saturday June 29 and concluding on July 3, and all others commencing on July 6.

Read all about the teams

The Gala Opening at Challenge Stadium on Friday evening July 5 promises to be a spectacular event not to be missed. Corporate Theatre is arranging the festivities for the night, which includes audiovisual highlights, massed band and indigenous dance performances,

Championship Ticket and ticket order forms are available on the web <www.lacrosse2002.com> then go to 'Ticketing'. [A ticket order form is also available on page 26.]

Since 1998, when 11 nations competed in the Blue and Red divisions for the World Championship title, the International Lacrosse Federation has included a Green Division to accommodate the influx of developing nations. Teams from Korea, New Zealand, Hong Kong and Ireland have all confirmed their participation, whilst Tonga and Argentina are also showing keen interest in being in Perth next year. Holland is also expressing interest in participating in a World Championship for the first time. New Zealand is almost certain to enter two teams - one in the World Championship Green Division and a second in the International Open Tournament. This International Open Tournament is designed for teams from within Australia and around the World, so why not consider entering your club

plus a march past of team personnel. And Saturday July 6 will see the team in this tournament? Details and registration forms can be found opening games in the round robin competition in all divisions - Blue, on the <www.lacrosse2002.com> website or by writing to PO Box Red and Green. Entry to the Gala Opening is included in a World 192, Wembley WA 6913 or by faxing a request to 08 9387 8814.

Editor: Thanks to Chris Stevens from South Australia for the great poster above promoting the 2002 World Championships. Chris produced this poster as a school graphics assignment and was encouraged by his friends to submit it to the organising committee.

It's fantastic that someone enjoys the game so much and puts that enthusiasm to such good effect. If your club needs some graphics, you may like to contact Chris through Lacrosse South Australia.

The 2002 Festival of Lacrosse

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Ideal Event and Conference Managers (IECM) have been appointed the official ground tour operators for the Festival of Lacrosse and you can purchase your accommodation and ticket packages from them. Mr Hock Lean, CEO of IECM has considerable experience in events of this kind, having been appointed to the World Swimming Championships on two previous occasions. Contact Hock on 08 9242 2232 or fax 08 9242 2238 or write to PO Box 235, Mt Hawthorn WA 6915 or email <iecm@idealcom.com.au>

Early bird incentives are included - so check out Hock on the contacts above or on the 2002 website "Travel Packages"

PRESENTATION BANQUET

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One of the highlights of any World Championship is the grand final game, where the title is decided. Many will remember the final game of the 1998 World Championship where Canada pushed the USA right to the final bell (15-14)! The Presentation Banquet, ever witnessed. Make sure you are there. where all awards are made, is another one of those highlights not to be missed. This also includes the naming of the 'World Team' - a dream of many lacrosse players. The 2002 Presentation Banquet will be no exception and the organisers have planned a spectacular presentation befitting such a prestigious event. Tickets are limited so if you wish to attend, make sure you don't miss out by purchasing

your tickets NOW. Ticket details are available at <www.lacrosse2002.com> or by writing to PO Box 192, Wembley WA 6913 or by faxing a request for information to 08 9387 8814.

TEAMS

All participating nations are listed on the 2002 website <www.lacrosse2002.com> go to "Teams" and where possible a link to each nation is provided. Team Canada and Team USA have recently been announced and these rosters can be found through these links and on page 13 of this journal. Team Australia has also been announced and you can find the Australian team list on page 23.

Team Canada includes the Gaits brothers, Team USA - Darren Lowe and Andy Ross, members of the 1998 world championship team; and Team Australia - James and Peter Inge, Jamie Buchanan and Matthew Schomburg, a good mix of youth and experience. The World Championship is set for some of the most enthralling lacrosse



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2002 US Men's Team Roster

This is the team that will be endeavouring to defend the World Title at the forthcoming World Lacrosse Championships in Perth next year.

Bob Benson, Attackman (Johns Hopkins) Ryan Boyle, Attackman (Princeton) Scott Bross, Midfielder (Duke) Kevin Cassese, Midfielder (Duke) Scott Doyle, Midfielder (Georgetown) Steve Dusseau, Midfielder (Georgetown) John Glatzel, Defenseman (Syracuse) Michael Howley, Defenseman (Maryland) Timothy Knowles, Defenseman (Duke Tobay LC) Christopher LaMonica, Goalie (Duke Tobay LC) Kevin Lavey, Midfielder (Long Island LC) Michael Law, Midfielder (Denver) Darren Lowe, Attackman (Long Island LC) Kevin Lowe, Attackman (Long Island LC) Rvan McClay, Defenseman (Cornell) Rvan Mollett, Defenseman (Princeton) Michael Powell, Attackman (Syracuse) Todd Rassas, Defenseman (NYAC LC) Andy Ross, Midfielder (Single Source LC) (Navy) Timothy Schurr, Defenseman (Long Island LC) (Washington and Lee) Doug Shanahan, Midfielder (Hofstra) Matt Striebel, Midfielder (Princeton) Trevor Tierney, Goalie (Princeton) Head Coach: Jack Emmer Assistant Coaches: Ron Fraser, Mike Pressler, Ray Rostan

Further information can be viewed at http://www.insidelacrosse.com

MAKOTO AND MARIKO IN TOWN

Recent visitors to Perth were the Japan National Team Head Coach, Makoto Sato, and a team trainer, Mariko Kobanawa, who flew in for the day from a team training camp in Melbourne. Their task was to inspect the University of Western Australia (UWA) Residential Colleges where World Championship teams will be staying, and the UWA Sports Park where the Championship games will be contested.

Team Liaison Officer, Mark McGuffin, appointed by the 2002 Organising Committee, speaks fluent Japanese and assisted the two guests during their brief but successful visit.



Sweet, John Tavares, Steven Toll, Shawn Williams. Alternates: Mike Accursi, A J Shannon, Rob

Kirkby, Gee Nash, Chris Seller, Rodney Tapp, Kaleb Toth, Cam Woods, David Winslow, Devan Wray.

TEAM CANADA

2002 ROSTER

Players: Pat Coyle, Neil Doddridge, Matt Dwane,

Grant Jr, Tracey Kelusky, Chris Langdale, Pat

Maddalena, Derek Malawsky, Tom Marechek,

Andrew Martin, Tom Phair, Gavin Prout, Chris

Sanderson, Matthew Shearer, Dan Stroup, D'Arcy

Gary Gait, Paul Gait, Chris Gill, Jeff Gombar, John

Bill Hicks - Program Director Lacrosse Canada 2002 Email: hicks@axionet.com

Are you interested in playing in the World Championship?

The lacrosse program in some countries is relatively new and teams from these countries may be seeking players to participate in the World Championship - especially those teams in the Green Division which are competing in a World Championship for the first time.

If you are of the relevant nationality, or have a parent of that nationality, then check the www.lacrosse2002.com website for links to those teams and register your interest with them. Alternatively, contact Mavis Owens at multisports@dsr.wa.gov.au on telephone 08 9387 9754 or fax 08 9387 8814.

Want to be part of the action?

Why not experience the thrills and spills of a World Championship by registering for the 2002 Festival of Lacrosse. Opportunities exist for players, officials and volunteers. See page 26.

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UNDER 17 AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONSHIP/TOURNAMENT JULY 8-14 2001

Editor's Note: Led by North Adelaide Lacrosse Club Chairman, Mr Michael Gaspari, the Australian Under 17 Championship/Tournament organising committee in conjunction with the North Adelaide Lacrosse Club, successfully hosted this national event.

The final report by Mr Bob Hewitson highlights the contribution made by clubs and States in hosting national events. It also highlights many opportunities these events present for all those involved. The personal development gained by players, referees, bench officials and organisers is significant and can be added to any resume with confidence.

The experience gained by being involved is most worthwhile and whilst contributing to the sport of Lacrosse, all those involved are also contributing to their own wellbeing. Special thanks on this occasion to North Adelaide Lacrosse Club. Keep up the good work.

Game 1 - South Australia (SA) vs World Class Lacrosse (WCL)

SA did not appear to be interested in playing this game and the final score line proved this to be correct. They were obviously saving themselves for the championship games.

Game 2 / Championship Game 1 - Victoria (Vic) vs Western Australia (WA)

Vic were far too strong right from the start dominating in their midfield play, presenting many opportunities for their forwards to score. The WA defence was placed under too much pressure and could not contain the Vics.

Game 3 - SA vs Presidents

This game was one of the closest games of the series with the Presidents leading by 2 goals 10 minutes into the last term. SA showed a lot of determination to outscore the Presidents 7-3 in this term. This was also the first time the Presidents had played together.

Game 4 - WA vs WCL

This game became a man-up game as each team could not adjust to the refereeing and both were fouling all day. WA attack was far superior scoring 4 goals in the 1st and last terms.

Game 5 - Presidents vs WCL

This game appeared to be very even on paper after the President's effort against SA the day before, however they had run out of leg speed after the first term and WCL proved too strong for them on the day.

Game 6 / Championship Game 2 - SA vs Vic SA selected a defence which was big in size but slow on pace. The Vic team exploited this weakness to the fullest with their forwards scoring 21 of the 27 goals scored. From this result SA will need to regroup for their next game against WA.

Game 7 - Vic vs Presidents

Victoria's team work and overall game plan was far too strong for the Presidents team.

Game 8 / Championship Game 3 - WA vs SA

With these two teams playing for a place in the finals this was the best game of the series. Played in 2 halves with WA on top in the first half and SA dominating the 2nd. With 1 minute to play SA down by one - had 3 shots for goals but could not manage one to force extra time.

Game 9 - WA vs Presidents

The highlight of the week for the Presidents. They played exceptional lacrosse on the day to beat WA who played with the belief that all they had to do was to turn up to win. The Presidents played good team-work that proved a credit to their coaches who had to mould a team together from players who only met for this series.

Game 10 - Vic vs WCL

Once again, as this game had nothing on the end of it and Vic were already positioned to play in the final for the Championship the next day, it was used as a practice run for Vic.

Game 11 - SA vs WCL

The last game of the tournament both teams played this game out in a friendly atmosphere and thoroughly enjoyed the game.

Game 12 / Championship Grand Final - Vic vs WA

After the loss to the Presidents team the day before WA were determined not to let the Vic. Team dominate them as they had all week. The first term saw WA playing very defensive lacrosse but keeping the Vic's down to only 3 goals for the term, however WA themselves went scoreless. The start of the 2nd term WA opened their account with 2 quick goals and suddenly we had a game on our hands. Victoria rallied from this point and outscored WA 13-3 proving they were the best team for the week by not losing a game.

2001 AUSTRALIAN UNDER 17 ALL-STARS TEAM

David Agar (Vic) Dale Booth (WA) Jason Burrows (SA) Matthew Garnsworthy (Vic) Sabian Johnson (Vic)

Jared Pangrazio (SA) Daniel Pearson (WA) Matthew Price (Vic) Daniel Pusyacietis (Vis)

Stephen Mortimer (SA) Co-Captain Matthew Taylor (Vic) Co-Captain Chris Tillotson (Vic) Cameron Walker (WA) Coach: Ric Benedierks (Vic) Referee: George Walker (WA)

Game 1 Tournament South Australia 8 v World Class Lacrosse (USA) 13 Goal scorers: J.Hooper (3) N.Vosburgh (5) A.Carter(2) R.Stockwell (4) J.Thurston (4) M.V.P. I.Hooper N.Vosburgh

Game 2. Championship (Game1) Victoria 22 v Western Australia 7 Goal scorers: M.Price (5) C.Walker. (2) D.Pusvacietis (5) C.Stewart (2) M.Garnsworthy (5) M.V.P. D.Pusyacietis D.Sercombe

Game 3. Tournament South Australia 19 v Presidents 17 Goal scorers: A.Carter (7) C.Brooks (7) S.Mortimer (3) T.Butson (5) M.V.P. S.Mortimer C.Brooks

Game 4. Tournament Western Australia 10 v World Class Lacrosse 6

Goal scorers; C.Walker (3) 1.Thurston (2) S.Broz (2) L.Kubitz (2) B.Elliott (2) D.Booth (2) M.V.P. D.Booth P.Jokicsh

Game 5. Tournament Presidents 7 v World Class Lacrosse 21

Goal scorers: A.Simons (3) J.Thurston (5) C.Brooks (2) N.Vosburgh (4) R.Stockwell (4) M.V.P. S.Baker J.Trapp

Game 6, Championship (Game 2) Victoria 27 v South Australia 27 Goal scorers: M.Price (9) J.Burrows (2) D.Pusvacietis (8) S.Mortimer (2) M.Garnsworthy (4) M.V.P. M.Garnsworthy J.Burrows

Game 7. Tournament Victoria 23 v Presidents 2

Goal scorers: D.Pusvacietis (3) S.MacKinnon (1) M.Price (3) T.Butson (1) A.Lawman (3) N.LeGuen (3)

M.V.P. S.Johnson B.Coxon

Game 8. Championship (Game 3) Western Australia 11 v South Australia 10 Goal scorers: B.Goddard (3) J.Burrows (3) S.Broz (2) J.Hooper (2) C.Stewart (2) A.Carter (2) M.V.P. C.Walker C.Barker

Game 9. Tournament Western Australia 11 v Presidents 16

Goal scorers: C.Walker (4) C.Brooks (5) B.Goddard (2) B.Cleveland (5) M.V.P. M.Bentley C.Brooks

Game 10. Tournament Victoria 20 v World Class Lacrosse 4

Goal scorers: M.Price (7) J.Thurston (1) D.Pusvacietis (6) M.Lane (1) A.Lawman. (5) L.Kubitz (1) M.V.P. M.Price M.Lane

Game 11, Tournament South Australia 17 v World Class Lacrosse 11

Goal scorers: S.Mortimer (4) N.Vosburgh (5) J.Hooper (4) J.Thurston (2) C.Dindler (3) Knocked In 3

M.V.P. S.Mortimer J.Taler

Game 12. Championship Grand Final Victoria 16 v Western Australia 5 Goal scorers: M.Price (6) C.Mulcahy (3) D.Pusvacietis (4) B.Goddard (1) A.Lawman (2) R.Pettigrove (1) M.Garnsworthy (1) J.Reedyk (1) B.Doerner (1) S.Johnson (1) M.V.P. C.Tillotson B.Goddard





U17's All Stars Team



Cale Brooks -Tournament Best & Fairest





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Jason Burrows Championship Best & Fairest

Lacrosse Australia Under 15 Tournament at the Gold Coast, Queensland September 30 to October 6, 2001

Results

Day 1.

Eastside Kings 10 d Western Reds 9 Western Metro 15 d Eastern Eagles 6 Vipers 15 d Gold Coast Panthers 7 Southern Crosse 13 d Northern Thunder 1 Southern Braves 29 d Paradise 0

Day 2.

Eastern Eagles 16 d Gold Coast Panthers 3 Southern Crosse 15 d Eastside Kings 3 Western Metro 13 d Northern Thunder 11 Western Reds 19 d Paradise 1 Southern Braves 19 d Vipers 2

Day 3.

Western Metro 10 d Eastside Kings 7 Southern Crosse 27 d Paradise 3 Northern Thunder 16 d Gold Coast Panthers 4 Southern Braves 14 d Western Reds 5 Eastern Eagles 10 d Vipers 5

Day 4.

Paradise 9 d Gold Coast Panthers 8 Southern Braves 12 d Eastside Kings 6 Southern Crosse 16 d Western Reds 3 Northern Thunder 11 d Eastern Eagles 2 Western Metro 12 d Vipers 5

Day 5.

Eastern Eagles 11 d Western Reds 6 Southern Crosse 16 d Southern Braves 7 Northern Thunder 19 d Vipers 3 Western Metro 20 d Gold Coast Panthers 5 Eastside Kings 21 d Paradise 0

Positions at the end of the Minor Round

Red Division	Points	Blue Division	Poi
Western Metro	10	Southern Crosse	
Northern Thunder	6	Southern Braves	
Eastern Eagles	6	Eastside Kings	
Vipers	2	Western Reds	
Gold Coast Panthers	0	Paradise	

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n Braves Eagles

10. Paradise

Day 6. Play offs.

Western Metro 13 d Southern Braves 9 Southern Crosse 22 d Northern Thunder 5 Gold Coast Panthers 7 d Paradise 6 Western Reds 16 d Vipers 5 Eastside Kings 11 d Eastern Eagles 4 Playing for 3rd Position; Northern Thunder 8 d Southern Braves 5

Grand Final

Southern Crosse 14 d Western Metro 3

Final Standings

1.	Southern Crosse	2.	Western Metro
3.	Northern Thunder	4.	Southern Brave
5.	Eastside Kings	6.	Eastern Eagles
7.	Western Reds	8.	Vipers

9. Gold Coast Panthers

Australian Under 15\$/17s Tournament 2001

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The most recently inducted Lacrosse Australia Fellow, Doug Fox, provided the following eulogy to a great lacrosse champion and Lacrosse Australia Fellow, Terry Allington, at his funeral service earlier this year. Many were in attendance to bid Terry farewell, paying tribute to his enormous lifetime contribution to the sport.

For a team to lose a champion is a very sad occasion.

For a whole sport to lose a super-champion is devastating.

Terry was a super-champion within lacrosse. He was one of our very finest, one from the very top shelf.

Some of the large lacrosse contingent here today knew Terry as a highly skilled player, a crafty and slippery attackman, forty, fifty and sixty years ago.

Most of us knew Terry as:

- the best lacrosse coach Victoria and Australia has ever had
- an exceptional leader, teacher and mentor who has significantly influenced the lives of many young men, not only in elevating their sporting skills but also in impacting their careers by showing them how to set goals, believe in themselves, pursue dreams and persist
- a tireless contributor to our sport for over 60 years as a player, coach, administrator, Magazine editor, publisher, referee assessor, ALC Historian and supreme golf

day organiser. We all knew Terry as a gentleman and, above all, a friend.

It would not be possible today to list all of Terry's teams, committees, achievements (he would chide me for boring you if I tried). Suffice it to say that he was honoured with all of the highest awards in lacrosse at every level over a long span of years:

1940 as a player with Malvern he tasted victory in Malvern's "A" grade premiership team

appointed Life Member of Malvern Lacrosse Club 1967

elected as a Life Member of Victorian Lacrosse Association 1975

Council 1988

awarded Millennium Australian Sports Medal for outstanding services to lacrosse coached teams and won numerous State and National titles and coached Australia successfully both on Australian soil and overseas.



This record of contribution to our sport speaks for itself.

Terry was:

- a perfectionist
- an astute tactician a great student of the game
- an innovator
- a master of the unexpected
- a bulldog who never gave up

Many here, like me, will remember 30 or so years ago at the height of his coaching career when Terry would phone up and ask you to drop around for a coffee (usually at his Flemington Menswear business). He would take me out into the back room and make a coffee and pull out two packets of selfprepared cards, then pull off the elastic band from them and lay them out on the table: the Victorian State team and its opposition for a coming encounter with S.A. or W.A.

Rolley	Stewart	Reddaway
Ross	Cordell	Treloar
Humphrey	s etc	

elected as a Fellow of the Australian Lacrosse Then he would pick up Stewart and move him from attack to midfield saying, "He can play there". I would look at him and nod, then he would pick up Humphreys and move everyone admired and respected him. him from defence to attack. I would look at him and, for emphasis he would move Humphreys to midfield saying "He can play there too if we need him to". He would go

over and over the capabilities of every individual player, every eventuality, all of their past statistics. He would search painstakingly for every minute detail of competitive advantage. No wonder he was successful. He could certainly teach the modern day football coaches, with all of their armies of specialist staff, a thing or two.

Above all Terry loved a challenge. He enjoyed nothing so much as elevating the people around him. In the mid-70's he went to coach Melbourne University who were struggling to find a coach. He had a mix of talented players and some keen new players. Other clubs regarded them as a team they could easily beat. Within a short time Terry had welded them into a strong combination which troubled the best teams in the VLA State League competition.

He believed in others. He showed them that he cared and that they could achieve anything if they worked hard and believed in themselves.

And now he is gone from us but the memory is definitely not departed.

I had occasion yesterday to watch the final hit-out at the State Team selection trials. As I watched I had "Terryisms" ringing in my

"he didn't spot the unmarked player across the other side"

"he gave too many undisciplined penalties" "they didn't move the ball enough" "I would move him up the other end."

Terry was to the last a feisty competitor. Whether it was coaching a lacrosse team, playing a friendly game of golf for a dollar or playing poker for matchsticks to relieve the boredom of an airport transit lounge, Terry was hard to beat.

We all pass our sincere condolences to Mavis, Elaine and family. We thank them for lending Terry to us. It is the mark of a truly exceptional man when you know that

DOUG FOX

Financial Expertise

The Lacrosse Australia board is seeking someone to assume responsibility as treasurer. If you have financial skills and are interested in this position please contact LA Director of Administration, Leighton Beamsley for a position description and other relevant information. Tel: (03) 9521 0603 Mob: 0418 311 201 Email: leighton@beamsley.com.au

Australian U19 Squad

The recently appointed Australian Under 19 Coach, Gary Kennedy has accepted the LA Invitation for the under 19 squad to participate in the Australian Senior Championships next year as the fourth team. Gary has also indicated the squad members, who are not involved in other teams, may also participate in one of the ancillary tournaments.

Victorian Lacrosse Establishes a Men's and Women's Past Players Association.

In recent months the above Association has commenced operation. A Committee has been formed comprising:

President - Allan Gandy Secretary/Treasurer - Rob Pettit General Committee - Les Goding, Doug Imlach, Kendrea Kendall, Allan Rolley, Yvonne Rolley, Fergus Stewart, Marion Wilmott

Dear Past Player,

Re: Formation of a Victorian Lacrosse, Past Players Association

We are writing to inform you that with the active encouragement of the VLA and VWLA a Victorian Lacrosse Past Players Association has recently been formed.

The principal objectives of the Association include:

• The provision of a formal vehicle for past players to remain in contact with the sport

· Provision of information to keep the Members of the Association fully informed about current happenings in the sport.

Providing Members with Fixtures, to enable them to attend games as they wish

Advising past players of all relevant official functions planned by the parent lacrosse bodies in Victoria and Australia.

· Providing all Members with copies of the Constitution of the Association and updated Membership lists with contact details.

 Support the parent bodies for the sport in Victoria where possible with person power to manage and run events and special efforts. • Supplying the official ALC magazine, the cost of which will be included in the subscription cost of the Association membership It is anticipated that a modest annual subscription in the vicinity of \$ 30 will be levied, to cover a small annual donation to the Victorian Lacrosse Foundation, the provision of the ALC Magazine, and incidental expenses of the Association including postage etc. I am writing to invite you to join this Association and ask that you send your details, together with a cheque to the value of \$ 30 to the "Victorian Lacrosse Past Players Association" 13 Willesden Road, Oakleigh Vic 3166.

Yours in Lacrosse

Allan Gandy

Allan H Gandy President Victorian Lacrosse Past Players Association

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and the second second	Please find enclosed my donation of \$30 for membership for 12 months Cheques Payable to: Victorian Lacrosse Past Players Association Send to: Mr. Allan Gandy President, Victorian Lacrosse Past Players Association, 13 Willesden Road, Oakleigh, Vic 3166

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AUSTRALIAN TEAM TACKLES TASK **By Malcolm Stokes** Executive Director Australian Team 2002

Malcolm Stokes knows what it means to prepare a team for the highest competition, having been Executive Director of the 1994 Australian campaign that competed in Manchester, England. It is no easy or small task and Malcolm's report gives us an insight into just one component of that undertaken by volunteers to ensure Australia has the best possible chance to win GOLD on home soil in 2002.

The program planned for the selection process and preparation of the Australian Team to compete in the 2002 World Lacrosse Championships has been followed, with some finetuning, to this date.

Between February 15 and March 11, squad camps were held in each State with Coach John Denic, Assistant Coach Ken Nichols and Strength and Training Coach Ben Hitchins, attending all camps. Training

Co-ordinator Noel Speck attended both the All players were provided the Adelaide and Melbourne camps.

Players were all tested by Ben Hitchins and provided programs to improve strength and conditioning where required.

In each State several younger players, assessed as capable of participating at this level, were invited to participate in each camp to contribute to the personal development of these players. One outcome of that was an invitation to one of those players, Ryan Garnsworthy, to join the squad. Games were played at each camp on artificial surfaces to provide the opportunity for players to experience the surface and coaches to assess players on that surface. The games at the camp in Perth were played on the ground that will be used for the World Championships at University of Western Australia (UWA) Sports Park.

Coach John Denic and Assistant Coach Ken Nichols travelled to USA from May 18-31 and observed the NCAA Lacrosse Finals and met with several coaches and lacrosse people in a "scouting" assignment. They had the pleasure of seeing three Australian squad members -David Toy, Michael McInerny and Kim Delfs - play in the Adelphi Team which won the NCAA Division 2 final with Michael McInemy nominated as Most Valuable Player.

The coaches conducted a Coaches Forum in Melbourne on June 11 to report on their trip and lacrosse developments in USA to coaches, referees and interested people.

A Selection Camp was conducted on Saturday and Sunday 9th and 10th June with squad

States participating. All players were tested in a St Kilda gymnasium, with the 'beep' test and being games conducted at the excellent facility at the Doncaster Hockey Field that had also been the venue for the squad camp in February.

opportunity to 'perform' over the course of five games in a variety of conditions including a very wet Saturday night when spectators had been invited to attend.

A positive initiative at this camp was the inclusion of referees who are also working for selection to officiate at the 2002 World Championships. They participated in some of the fitness tests but also officiated for the five games played - which provided the best players with the best referees and also exposed the referees to higher level games. It also improved the communication between the team coaches and the referees.

Most players were then committed to participate in the Australian Championships from Wednesday, June 13 to Saturday, June 16. The weather was unkind and made the playing fields a quagmire despite the hardworking efforts of the Eltham Club members. The Australian Championships were included in the selection program and the ground conditions resulted in players having to show their skills on field conditions that contrast significantly to the artificial surface on which the World Championships will be played.



Brad Skepper "pumping iron" at the squad tests.



Peter Buettner takes the strain

However, the playing surface is only one of many variables which may influence players' performance and there were still many attributes for the selectors to assess as the players slogged it out. The players had four games in four days for the Championships which followed a two-day rest after the hard two-day camp. Our draw for the World Championships has us playing at least six games, worst case scenario seven games, including the final, in eight days.

The intention was to reduce the squad to 23 players from those participating in the selection camp and Australian Championships, making a squad of approximately 30 with players from USA and several who could not participate in the camp, to participate in the final selection camp in Adelaide from October 19-21. Because of the conditions in which the Australian Championships were played, the coaches decided to increase that camp size to 44 players, providing an additional 14 players the opportunity to progress to the next stage.

This has significant ramifications for the team budget and will involve additional costs for team and squad members which are proposed to be refunded when fundraising and sponsorship support has been gained to cover the costs associated with the team.

The appointment of Les Goding and Don Rudderham as Team Managers and Phil Kestel as Assistant Managers, with Ben Hitchins as Strength and Conditioning Coach is welcomed. Noel Speck is Training Co-ordinator and Kathy Goad-Burgess is the State Squad Co-ordinator, providing operational support for the squad in South Australia.

The Team is a Lacrosse Australia program and enjoys strong support from the Lacrosse Australian Board of Directors. We share the great disappointment of reduced funding from the Australian Sports Commission for lacrosse, with no funds provided for the Team, and will be pursuing this issue with the ASC and in other areas, on behalf of all Team members and the lacrosse community.

It would be great to have all Australian Team supporters in "uniform" during the World Championships and a 'Supporters Shirt' has been produced - navy or black shirts with the Lacrosse Australia Team 2002 logo on the breast. We hope every lacrosse supporter - and players, coaches, officials etc - will purchase at least one Supporters Shirt to wear at the Championships. Keep your eyes open for them at State Finals, Under 17s and Under 15s Championships and other lacrosse activities.

Information about the Championships, including links to other participating nations sites (with the USA Team already named) is available at www.lacrosse2002.com

Australian Squad Training Camp



The 'beep' test: a) waiting for the start;



the Doncaster Hockey Clubrooms is the backdrop;



c) last man running - Brad Ross comes out tops in this test.

Stop Press!

Since this article was written the October Training Camp was successfully conducted at the Police Academy in Adelaide and the team subsequently announced:

2002 AUSTRALIAN LACROSSE TEAM

Brown	Russell	WA
Brown	Warren	WA
Buchanan	Jamie	VIC
Cahill	Thomas	WA
Fleming	Ben	VIC
Garnsworthy	Ryan	VIC
Garnsworthy	Scott	VIC
Griffin	Scot	WA
Inge	James	SA
Inge	Peter	SA
Marquard	Sam	VIC
Nicholas	Darren	VIC
Purdie	Gordon	VIC
Rainey	Nathan	WA
Ross	Brad	VIC
Roost	Nathan	WA
Schomburg	Matthew	WA
Scheidow	Michael	SA
Sparks	Terry	VIC
Stark	Robbie	VIC
Wann	Michael	WA
Whiteman	David	WA
Windsor	Matthew	SA
Executive Dire		colm Stok
Head Coach:	John	Denic

Executive Director:	Malcolm Stokes
Head Coach:	John Denic
Assistant Coach:	Ken Nichols
Assistant Coach:	Ben Hitchins
Managers:	Les Goding,
	Don Rudderham
Assistant Managers:	Phil Kestel,
	Neil Stokes

**** * Rising Stars * ***



PROFILE Name: JASON BURROWS Nickname: Buz Date of birth: June 16, 1984 Birthplace: Glenelg, South Australia Club : Brighton Coach: Kym Nayda How old when started playing Lacrosse: Nickname: Fuzzy 6 years old Why did you start: My cousins told me about Birthplace: East Fremantle, Western the sport What do you like about it: The speed and Club: East Fremantle fitness involved in the game Career highlight: Under 17 State Team Career low: Sickness just before tryouts of 12 years old U17 State Team Goals - 2002 season: To make State side. What do you like about it: The girls Play Club League consistently Goals - long-term: Australian Under 19 Career low: Losing two State finals Team, Club Premiership Personal motto: Hit hard Likes: Music (Hip Hop & R&B), Lacrosse, Goals - long-term: Australian Player Dislikes: Mushrooms, Brussell Sprouts Hobbies: Playing Lacrosse Favourite food: Pizza Favourite drink: Beer Favourite movie: Scary Movie Sportsperson most admired - and why: Jen Adams - making it BIG in America Who has had the greatest influence on your sporting career: Des Edwards, Bob Carter,

Golf

Kym Navda



PROFILE Name: COLLIN STEWART Date of birth: June 17, 1984 Australia Coach: Gary Kennedy How old when started playing Lacrosse: Why did you start: Modcrosse Career highlight: State Under 17s Captain Goals - 2001 season: Playing Division 1. Playing State Under 17s Personal motto: Thrills Likes: Parties and Girls Dislikes: Nagging Mothers Hobbies: Cricket Favourite food: Junk Favourite drink: Junk Favourite movie: Bad Boy Sportsperson most admired - and why: Sir Donald Bradman - simply the best

sporting career: Mum and Dad



PROFILE

Name: MATHEW TAYLOR Nickname: Tubby Date of birth: April 30, 1984 Birthplace: Williamstown Hospital, Victoria Club, Williamstown Coach: Ryan Garnsworthy, Marcus Civille How old when started playing Lacrosse: 10 years old Why did you start: I had to stop Gymnastics so needed something else to do What do you like about it: The creed, the tactics, the physicality Career highlight: Being named in the 2000 Under 17 All-Star Team Career low: Losing the Under 15 Tournament final to USA Goals - 2002 season: Win State, Seniors and Under 17 finals Goals - long-term: Play for Under 19 Australian Team Personal motto: Do my best, then better Likes: Chicks, books, lax, summer at the beach Dislikes: Too much homework. People who don't listen Hobbies: Playing lax. Reading Favourite food: Apple Crumble Favourite drink: Traditional Raspberry Favourite movie: Lock Stock and Two Smoking Barrels Sportsperson most admired - and why: Marcus "Boo" Civille. 'Cos he's good at what he does Who has had the greatest influence on your Who has had the greatest influence on your sporting career: My big brother - Blake

How To Instantly Improve Your Strength & Judgement?

Can mouthguards help.....

Julian Hodges an international thermoforming and mouthguard consultant who introduced Custom Pressure Laminated Mouthguards to Australia in 1984. He represents the Australian Dental Industry Association on the Standards Australia Technical Committee for Sports Mouthguards. His company "Good Innovations" can be viewed at <www.goodinnovations.com>

Are there times when you wish you had more strength over your opponent or that your judgement had been better?

If so why don't you use one of the aids that Formula 1 World Champion Michael Schumacher uses to help him win? He leaves nothing to chance and nor should you!

The surprising, clever and simple solution is one that is being increasingly used by champions from all types of helmet sports, even BMX racing and Skiing, to help them win. When he drives, Michael Schumacher uses an intra-oral aid to reduce fatigue, increase upper body strength, improve concentration and to reduce the impacts and G forces of motor racing.

It is like a mouthguard but it is high tech, very comfortable and easy to speak (just ask Michael Schumacher). It is a mouthguard with a difference and it is something that could give you the extra edge in your performance that you have been searching for.



For Lacrosse and

These intra-oral aids

are custom made for

each person from the

latest co-polymers

and then laminated

very much like a car

windscreen.

Motor Racing where helmets are worn, 2 thin layers of material are fused together in a special machine. To spread load and guarantee maximum comfort, the registration between the upper and lower jaw is included in the final result. For sports where helmets are not worn, for the Hockeyroos, the Wallabies and All Blacks, different designs are required.

You now know how to instantly improve your strength and judgement when you are playing. As a bonus you will also protect your teeth and possibly reduce the chances of concussion. You may not know it but the impacts to your unprotected teeth that occur when you compete may have serious and expensive implications for you later in life and no sensible person would want that to happen.

THE NEXT BIG SPORT - LACROSSE

USA newspaper. Not the most informed commentator - but he obviously has it right when he says "I say it should be the national sport." And he's referring to lacrosse.

Unlike most of the other Bay Area

lemmings, I stayed home last weekend.

So what did I do? A little golf, a lotta

great barbecues and oodles of relaxation.

future". And no, it's not kickboxing.

The semi-finals were on Saturday and

the finals were on Monday. If you missed

the final between Syracuse and

Princeton, you missed the best thing I've

seen on TV in a long time. The sport?

The rest of the offerings last weekend

were pretty grim. The no-name Kemper

Open was a weather-delayed disaster.

The NBA playoffs were terrible. Nobody

can challenge the Lakers. Nobody I

know watched, or even commented on,

the Indy 500. So, on Saturday morning,

while everyone around me drove

LACROSSE.

down to watch NCAA lacrosse.

I knew very little about the sport going in, and I don't know that much more about it right now. But I do know that I couldn't look away.

It has everything - scoring, violence and constant action. Have you wanted to smack someone across the face with a Most importantly, I discovered the next stick? It's legal in lacrosse. (Editor's big sport, the next NFL, the "sport of the note: Like the writer said he doesn't know much!! Players will know it may look that way, but it's certainly not legal.) Some guys have bigger sticks than others - always a topic of conversation among the sports-minded.

> The helmets are a twisted combination of hockey and football. Other than gloves and the helmet, there is very little protection for lacrosse players. And I never saw anyone take a dive, pretend they're hurt, then all of a sudden get up and run at full speed once the ball gets near them again. That's a soccer trick.

Edited extract from a West Coast somewhere or trimmed their bushes, I sat Michael Powell weighs about 160 pounds soaking wet. He was the star for Syracuse. He had the game-tying goal with 16 seconds left. I jumped off the couch, because I was rooting for the Orangemen. Princeton won 10-9 in overtime and their coach dropped to his knees and wept in the middle of the field.

> It's sorta like hockey with a round ball, but the goalie has his mask and a big ol' stick with a net to try and stop a rubber ball flying at him like a bullet. The Princeton goalie made a stop with his thigh at one point late in the game. Ouch!

Since most people don't ice skate, it's a lot easier to relate to a guy running around with a stick while others try to knock him down and take his ball away. It's a bit like Tiger Woods and the rest of the PGA Tour.

Yeah, I know. Lacrosse is an East Coast thing. A few high schools play the sport out here, but it barely registers on the radar. I say it should be the national sport. Then again, I say a lot of things.



2002 World Lacrosse Championships

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Notes: 1. All prices in Australian dollars (AUD\$) 2. All prices include 10% Goods & Services Tax (GST) 3. Payment must be cleared before tickets are mailed. 4. Refunds will only be provided if the tickets being ordered are not available. 5. Child age is Under 14 years as at 5 July 2002. Proof of age may be required for entry. 6. Tickets will be mailed in the first week of each month commencing December 2001. 7. Full payment must be received with Ticket Order Form.

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Child - Premium	90		
Child - Standard	60		and the second
Presentation Banquet Tickets	80		
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Payment Details: Payment can be made by one of the following methods: 1. Cheque or Money Order together with the Ticket Order Form posted. 2. Complete credit card details on Ticket Order Form and post or fax.

Please forward to: 2002 World Lacrosse Championships, PO Box 192, Wembley, WA, AUSTRALIA 6913 OR Fax: 61 8 9387 8814

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2002 Festival of Lacrosse Expression of Interest

You can register for any of the following by logging onto www.lacrosse2002.com. Alternatively, complete the form below and the relevant information will be mailed to you.

Volunteer Category: D This is a great opportunity to get involved. Send us your details and indicate what area/s you would be interested in as a volunteer (eg. ground staff, media, medical, merchandise sellers, commentators, transport etc.)

Please list:

Playing Categories Grand Masters (Over 45 years) International Open (Team registrations only) Grand Masters (Over 45 years) Masters (Over 35yrs) Aussie Style Masters (Over 40 yrs - Modcrosse rules) Under 17s (Team registrations only) Under 15s (Team registrations only) Modcrosse Under 13s Referee/Time-Keepet/Scorer Please send me information and a registration form for each of the categories I have ticked above.

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YEAR 2002 LACROSSE AUSTRALIA CALENDAR

Confirmation of dates is recommended by contacting the relevant person.

Note 1: Lacrosse Australia and the International Lacrosse Federation meetings scheduled for the World Championship period are proposed only at this time. Note 2: The "Festival of Lacrosse" ancillary tournaments are subject to team and/or individual nominations.

Month	Date	Activity	Venue	Contact	Email address
February	13	LA Meeting	Teleconference	H Keane	alcsecretary@picknowl.com.au
April	12-14	LA Board Meeting	Perth	H Keane	as above
May	15	LA Meeting	Teleconference	H Keane	as above
	31	Member States required to pay 50% of LA account		H Keane	as above
June	29 to	Australian Senior Championship commences	Perth	H Keane	as above
July	3	Australian Senior Championship concludes	Perth		

2002 World Championship and Festival of Lacrosse Perth, Western Australia

	3-4	World Championship Referees Manual	UWA Sports Park	L Scott	scott@cygnus.uwa.edu.au
		Workshop / Briefing			scottl@directeng.com.au
	4	LA Meeting - [Note 1]	Perth	H Keane	as above
	5 (mornin	g) ILF Meeting - [Note 1]	Perth	M Owens	multisports@dsr.wa.gov.au
	5 (evening	z) World Championship - Gala Opening	Challenge Stadium	M Owens	as above
	6	World Championship - Matches Commence	UWA Sports Park	M Owens	as above
		Australian Under 17 Championship/	UWA Sports Park	S McRae	stevemcrae@iprimus.com.au
		Tournament commences			
		Australian Under 15 Tournament commences	UWA Sports Park	S McRae	as above
		"Festival of Lacrosse" Ancillary	UWA Sports Park	S McRae	as above
		Tournaments commence			
		[Under 19; Masters Over 35;			
		Grand Masters Over 45; Aussie Style Masters;			
		Modcrosse; Sofcrosse] - [Note 2]			
	8	ILF Golf Day - All welcome [Date to be confirmed]	To be determined	A Griffiths	allangriff@ozemail.com.au
	11	Lacrosse Australia Fellows Dinner - All welcome	Royal Perth Yacht Club	D Rudderham	margrudd@iinet.net.au
	12	World Championship Referees		L Scott	as above
		"Tour through Vineyard"			
13	13	Australian U17 and U15 Championship/	UWA Sports Park		
		Tournaments final day			
		Festival of Lacrosse final day	UWA Sports Park		
	14	World Championship - Final Day	UWA Sports Park		
		including Grand Final			
		World Championship - Presentation Banquet	Challenge Stadium	D George	DGeorge@liswa.wa.gov.au
tember	1	Member States required to pay balance		H Keane	as above
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	18	LA Meeting	Teleconference	H Keane	as above
	30	Nominations for LA Directors close		H Keane	as above
ober	30	LA Annual General Meeting	Teleconference		
	30	Nominations for LA Fellow close		H Keane	as above
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vember	15-17	LA Board Meeting	Adelaide	H Keane	as above

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