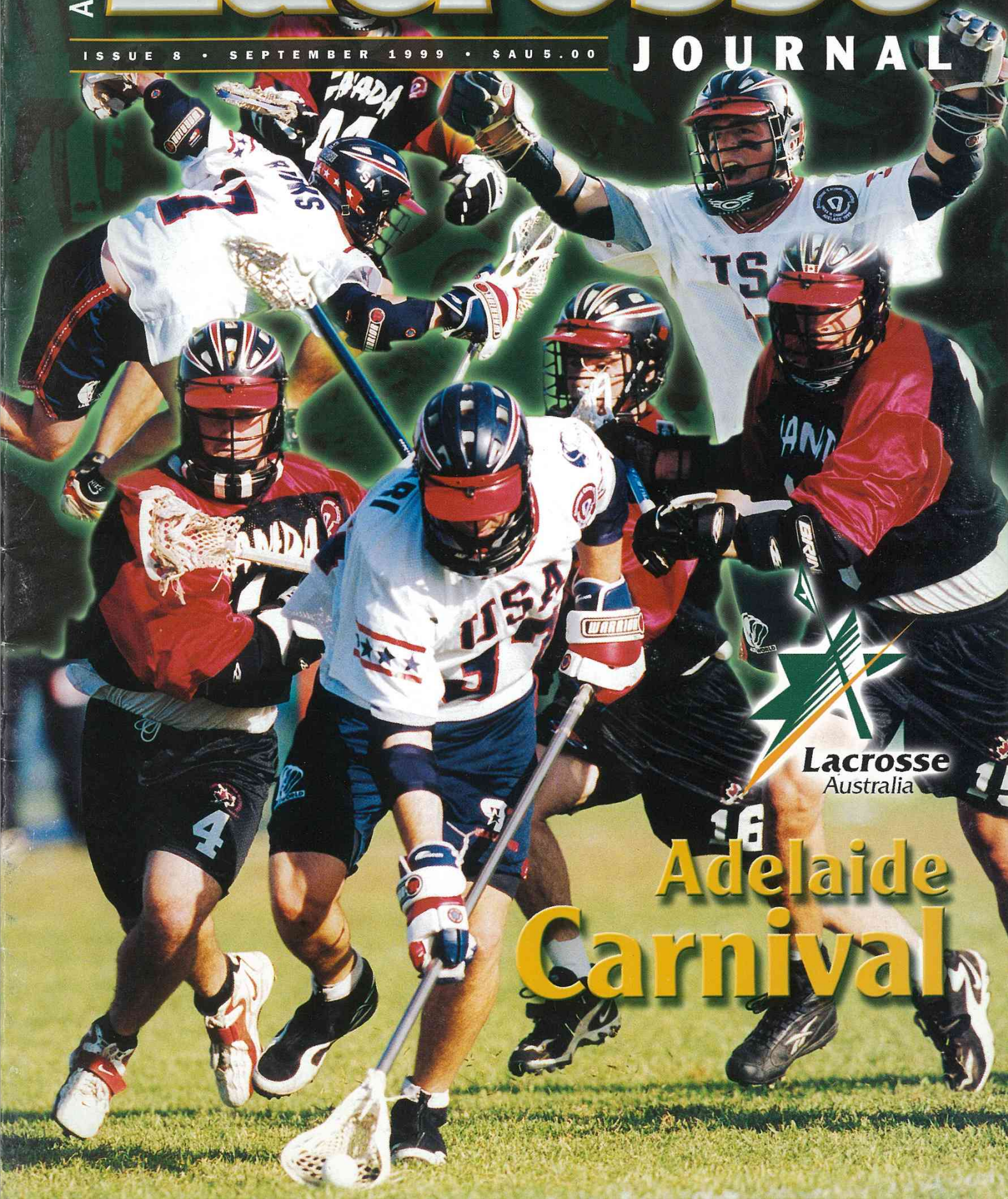


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Effective communication is the lifeblood of every organisation - cut it off and that part of the organisation will wither and die. There is a large range of different media used to communicate throughout lacrosse at all levels - face-to-face spoken word, telephone, teleconference, recordings, facsimiles, email, websites, video, letters, newsletters, advertising, media editorial, photography, magazines and many others.

The Australian Lacrosse Journal has been one element in the communication mix since it was introduced in 1997 after all State Associations agreed to subscribe all registered members for a three year period. It was agreed that the publication would be reviewed before a further commitment was sought from Associations.

We seek your views to assist in this review process. By completing the questionnaire enclosed in this issue, preferably after you have read this magazine, your views can be considered in any decision to continue publishing the Australian Lacrosse Journal. If it is to continue, your response to the questionnaire will influence what type of articles are sought for future issues.

The Journal is published through the voluntary commitment of contributors from every State. The design and printing are professionally contracted to provide the quality and reliable timing of production.

It only takes 10 minutes of your time to complete the questionnaire and encourage these volunteers to continue committing their time and energy to publish the Journal in future.

If you want this Journal, if you want to see photographs of your players and your club members, if you want to read articles of interest about your sport - take the 10 minutes to complete this questionnaire and send it to us.

Apathy is our enemy. If you do not send off the completed questionnaire on the day you read the Journal - we may not hear from you - and that may be interpreted as a lack of interest in the continued publication of the Journal.

We hope to hear your views soon.

Malcolm J Stokes

Editor

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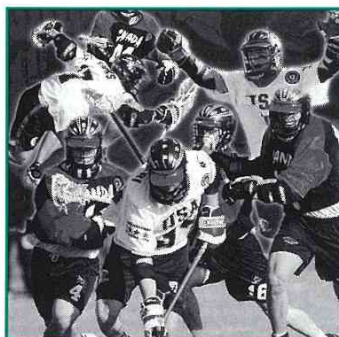
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Around the Nation

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

WALA Awards Presentation Night - this has been brought forward to September 1 and is being organised by a State Senior team committee. A large video screen is being arranged and, for the first time, a Western Australian All Stars Team is to be announced and Best Player awards for all divisions will be presented.

Board/Presidents

The WALA Board meets with club presidents immediately before every second Board meeting. This is a useful meeting to inform club presidents about proposed activities and gain club views about proposals and other issues. The August 1999 meeting created records by having every Club President (or their representative) and every Board Member in attendance.

Referees Perform

Western Australian referees were proud of their performances in Adelaide with good reason. Rolf Kraus was Head Referee for the Under 19 World Championship final game and Greg Harrison was Bench Manager. Ian McRae was the Head Referee for the Under 17 Australian Championship grand final and was also selected as the referee in the ALC All Stars Team. Laslo Tiszavolgyi was Chief Bench Official for the Australian Under 15 Tournament. Terry Culley was Umpire in the Australian Senior Championships and Greg Harrison was Chief Bench Official. Lindsay Scott was Referee-in-Chief for the Under 19 World Lacrosse Championships.

It was reported that five of the top seven referees in the national referee ranking system are from WA. If only we had more of them!

Retirement

Some players may wish that some referees would retire halfway through a game but when Laslo Tiszavolgyi announced he was appearing in his last Under 15 Tournament as a referee some 300 players, coaches, parents and

supporters cheered and applauded - not because they were pleased to see him go - but in acknowledgement of his involvement over past years. Laslo will also be sadly missed from the ranks of WA referees.

Kuljak Club

This club for retired lacrosse players and supporters held their Annual Dinner on August 25 at the Bayswater Lacrosse Club and 2002 Organising Committee Chairman, George Halleen, was the guest speaker.

The Golf Day on October 21 at Sea View Golf Club commences at 1pm and has attracted colourful fields in previous years.

Kuljak has agreed to sponsor the referees for the Under 19 Women's World Lacrosse Championships being played at the WACA ground from September 4-11.

WA Lacrosse Foundation

Since the Foundation was established in 1991 some 38 project proposals for grants, investments and loans have been approved, involving a total funds disbursement of \$73,192. The Foundation Charter requires it to maintain the original funds (\$87,133) after allowing for inflation and this has been achieved with current assets totalling \$104,582. The Foundation has proposed a Strategic Planning Payments Scheme which will see clubs receive \$2,500 in return for achievement of individual negotiated club initiatives which are player/team membership growth orientated. It includes some standard requirements such as conducting club AGM's between the end of the playing season and the WALA AGM; full financial disclosure in a prescribed format and evidence of club public liability insurance. This scheme is in addition to other incentives offered to clubs by the Foundation.

Change at the Top

WALA President, Ian Toy, and Vice President, Allan Griffiths, reversed

their roles in July in a changeover which has caused minimum disruption to the management of the game in Western Australia.

Assessment

Referees have a formal assessment system for their performances but there appears to be no formal assessment system in place for players, coaches, managers, etc. WALA sponsored a member to undertake the first Recreation Industry Assessors Training Course presented in WA, with a view to future developments.

Coaches Register

WALA is now maintaining a register of coaches who must have signed an agreement committing to adhere to the WALA Coach's Code of Ethics and the WALA Code of Conduct. Only registered WALA members are eligible to be on the coaches register.

Finals Time

WALA competition finals commenced on August 21 with the last grand finals scheduled for September 18. Minor Premiers in each division are:

Division 1 Subiaco
Division 2 Subiaco
Under 17 East Fremantle
Under 15 East Fremantle
Under 13 Wembley Green

The Under 17 competition has been very disappointing with only three "real" teams and a composite team. The concept has not worked well at all.

Looking Ahead

For years 2000 and 2001 clubs which do not have at least one Under 13 and one Under 15 team will not be eligible to gain premiership points for their highest ranked team. This places pressure on Phoenix, who have not satisfied the requirement of at least one Under 13 team in 1999 and have received no premiership points for their division 1 team, and Subiaco who had no Under 15 team this year.

QUEENSLAND

Adelaide

1999 is the second year that we have sent an Under 15 team to the nationals which was held in Adelaide. This was another great experience for the boys that attended, gaining much needed match play and experiencing the lacrosse culture that only these events can give.

Four older boys in the Under 17 President's team also gained experience in the next level of competition that has been provided for them.

The South Australian Lacrosse Association also provided some games and training for some of our younger girls who also made the trip south to Adelaide.

All the parents and committee would like to thank the South Australian lacrosse community for their hospitality and support during our stay in Adelaide.

A special thanks again to Bruce Rosewarne for even though he had significant commitments to the overall running of all the championships, he was always available to help with situations where we needed a hand. Thank you, Bruce.

Thanks also goes to the Organising Committee for providing an event that every lacrosse person was proud to be a part of.

Tullabudgera Creek camp for Under 13s is on again this year. The camp is held on the Gold Coast during the September school holidays. Don't forget if you wish to attend contact Graham Nicholls on (07) 3272 2732 or mobile 0409 491 788, for more information.

Paradise 2000 - October 7 - 10.

At the Broadbeach Soccer Club this event is on again this year. Don't forget to put your teams together and contact Ray Trevaskis for more information on mobile 0418 727 266.

Indoor Competition

This competition is progressing very well with now six full teams. Toombul Indoor Centre is the venue which is providing a great Friday night meeting place for all competitors.

Junior Competition

Due to re-start again but at night in the Camira and Caboolture areas. This is a short competition which will take us up to Paradise 2000 - then we can take a break.

Under 15 Nationals

Year 2001 has been allocated to Queensland to host the Under 15 nationals. We will be holding this event on the gold coast at the Tullebudgera Creek camp. This complex is a purpose built camp which can accommodate up to 400 people for school and sporting clubs at a very affordable price. The camp is run by the Queensland government under the Youth, Sport and Recreation Department and is situated on the Gold Coast Highway and backing onto the beach at Palm Beach. Theme Parks are also accessible from outside the camp gates. We also hope by the year 2001 a club should be available for all the southerners who venture north to the Gold Coast area.

Re-Establish Yourself in Queensland

Don't forget if you re-locate yourself in Queensland and wish to continue playing lacrosse, contact the QLA for what to do about lacrosse in Queensland. Contact the President, Graham Nicholls, on (07) 3272 2732 or mobile 0409 491 788.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

1999 Minor Rounds

The minor rounds have been completed and now it's down to the business end of the season - the final series.

The Men's League sees last year's premiers, Woodville hot favourites for back to back flags. They will face West Torrens in the semi finals. The in form team from the last few rounds who have appeared from nowhere, Glenelg, meet Brighton in the other semi final.

The A Reserve final series should be a very tight contest with all four teams very close. Last year's premiers, East Torrens Payneham are looking at making it two in a row in the club's Centenary Year.

The B grade semi finals see minor premiers, Woodville, the team to beat

in another tight finals series.

The Under 17s sees West Torrens, who went through the season undefeated, the team to beat for the premiership.

In the Under 15s final series the two top teams of the competition, Glenelg and West Torrens, should be the two teams to fight for this year's premiership.

Venues for Finals

Finals will be played at East Torrens Payneham Lacrosse Club, Sturt Lacrosse Club (St Marys) with the grand final at Woodville Lacrosse Club (Findon).

Coming Events

Lacrosse SA Awards Night

Date: Wednesday, September 1st
(commencing 7pm)

Venue: Unley Community
Sports Club
39 Oxford Terrace
Unley

Cost: \$25 per person

VICTORIA

State League

The field is wide open in State League - Williamstown, Malvern, Eltham and Camberwell will contest the final series, after finishing in that order. Last year's premiers, Williamstown, have had a good year under new coach, Brian Smith, losing only two games throughout the regular season. Williamstown were very well represented in the Victorian Senior State team and the All Stars Team named at the completion of the tournament.

Malvern State League, with experienced coach, Brian Bell, at the helm, are once again a contender for the flag, and barring injury should do well. Their depth is not as strong as other clubs, but their defence led by the brilliant Bosisto in goals is hard to penetrate.

Eltham, who looked to be the premiership favourites early on, have lost drive across the midfield with Tim Fry injured. Tim has recently undergone a major knee reconstruction and is already on the way to recovery. We wish Tim a speedy return to lacrosse and weightlifting. (Tim has been a State Champion weightlifter

and unfortunately could not compete in the National Series held in Melbourne during August). Mark Cleveland and Darren Nicholas have also had some injury problems this season, but will be back for the finals. Eltham placed third, have missed the double chance and will have to keep winning to keep alive the possibility of taking out their first flag.

Camberwell have just sneaked into fourth place ahead of Surrey Park who missed out on valuable bonus points gained for compulsory Under 13 team entries.

Division 1

Could well be a play-off between the two Eltham sides. Eltham Gold, undefeated throughout the regular season, are defending the title they won for the first time last year and have finished on top, with Eltham Black second. Blacks have been gaining valuable experience throughout the season and will be hard to beat at the business end of the season. Golds have a steady defence and many options in attack, reflected by the 400% on the ladder placings. Other teams to make it to the finals are Surrey park in third place and Williamstown fourth.

Surrey have improved each week and could cause an upset in the finals if they can go on with it. Williamstown have slid down the ladder this year, after having a stranglehold on this division for many years.

WALKABOUT

Sometimes if a goalkeeper misses a few shots on goal the coach might feel he has "gone walkabout"! Australian goalkeeper Greg Larwood has gone to extremes by taking off with wife Kathy to teach English in Brunei for the next few years. Greg has taken his lacrosse stick to see if the Sultan of Brunei might be interested in a lacrosse program. Greg would be happy to keep in touch with the lacrosse world through his email address which is:

greglarwood@hotmail.com

Division 2

MCC, Camberwell, Footscray and Williamstown finished in that order and the likely play-off will be between MCC who are favourites to take out the title and Camberwell who have had a very successful year in this division, after dropping out of Division 1.

Under 17s

Williamstown have a formidable and talented team and are the obvious favourites, not having lost a game all season. Eltham have lost only two games, (both to Willi) and are the other likely grand finalists. Other clubs to do well in this age group are Footscray and Caulfield/MCC and the team that just missed out, Surrey Park/Chadstone.

Under 15s

Division 1 - Finishing order: Williamstown, Camberwell, Altona, Eltham and Surrey Park.

Division 2 - Finishing order: MCC, Camberwell, Caulfield and Williamstown.

Under 13s

Division 1 - Finishing order: Camberwell Magic, MCC Demons, Footscray and Williamstown Fearon.

Division 2 - Finishing order: Caulfield, Footscray, Camberwell Crush and MCC Saints.

Generally Speaking:

Melbourne lacrosse fans were treated to a snapshot of the World Under 19 series, when the Canadian national coach, Scott Browning, accepted the invitation to practice locally before moving onto Adelaide.

Local club, Eltham, hosted the group for a few days and Melbourne turned on brilliant winter sunshine for the visitors, totally confusing them - "is this what Australians call winter?" Shorts and t-shirts were the norm and a good time was had by all. Canada's first game against the combined Eltham Division 1 team resulted in a 16-5 win for them, and their second match against the VIS at Footscray resulted in a 16-7 win for them also. VIS defender James Agnew was voted MVP by the Canadian coaches after the match.

The day was completed with a game between the Victorian Senior Men's team and the Australian Under 19

team who had travelled from their Bacchus Marsh training camp. The game eventually went to Victoria by the narrowest of margins 7-6.

The Footscray Club worked hard to make sure this day was a success and many thanks must go to the Eltham and Footscray Clubs for their efforts over the weekend.

MCC Club News

Coach Jeff Campbell is playing up forward so Bill Stahmer has taken on the role of off-field coach. The Division 2 team finished top of the ladder under the leadership of Mike Bridges. Club legend Joe Vazzoler has coached the Under 17s into the finals and John Nielson has coached the Under 15s into the finals. The Under 13 Demons had Ken Nichols and Ian Bullock to lead them to the finals and the Saints, coached by Martin Dee, have done well, with mainly first year players, to make the finals.

Surrey Park

The bonus premiership points system for fielding two Under 13 teams caught Surrey Park out and cost their State League team a place in the finals. They are already out there gathering junior players to prevent the same problem next season.

Paul Furtado - "Spud" - who played in the 1986 Australian Team in the Toronto World Championships - has been back in town. He is working as a physiotherapist in USA and still enjoying his lacrosse.

Eltham

Coaches required at Eltham Lacrosse Club for the year 2000 - State League, Division 1 and Division 2. Please write to Secretary: Eltham Lacrosse Club, PO Box 32, Briar Hill Vic 3088 or email <elthamlax@techinfo.com.au> or contact Margaret on 03 9434 6575.

Bugged

Nathan Stiglich returned from the Australian Senior Championships in Adelaide with a virus which took a dislike to him and developed into Quinsy - a serious malady which required urgent throat surgery and a near-death experience. Pleased to report he is recovering but will probably be missing from the Eltham team at least until the grand final - if they are in it.

Looking Good

The Australian Lacrosse Council has adopted "Lacrosse Australia" as its name.

A new corporate logo has been developed to effectively communicate the new business identity of Lacrosse Australia.

Changes of this nature are evolutionary rather than revolutionary and the name Lacrosse Australia was introduced in the 1986 brief to designers for production of a new ALC logo - one objective was "to incorporate a more progressive trading name for the Australian Lacrosse Council - recommend LACROSSE AUSTRALIA". This was done and the logo produced at that time included the promotional symbol which was used in a number of areas including on ALC medallions produced since 1991.

Thirteen years is quite a long time for a logo to be in use without change and the 1999 brief to designers required a look and feel to achieve:

- symbolic reference to the sport of lacrosse;
- a sense of the skill, movement, power and excitement of lacrosse;
- appeal as a lifestyle choice to males in the 10-30 year age groups;
- image of a high-tech, fashion age sport of the future.

Submissions were received from several

designers and the ALC Board agreed that the concept from Creative Sweat in Melbourne had the best potential to satisfy the brief. With some modification the design for the graphic symbol was finalised and various options were developed with relative positioning of the symbol and logo type for application in different areas.

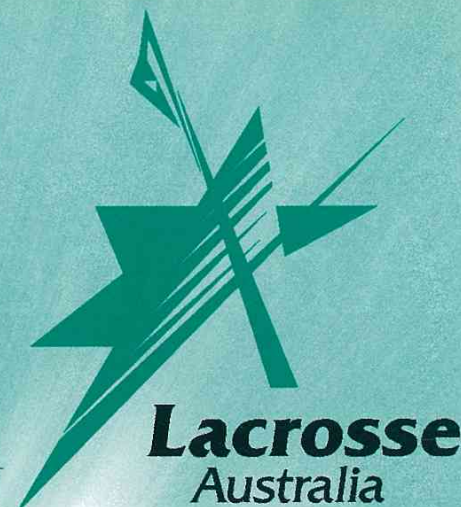
Within three months of the brief being issued the design was completed and applied to production of the following applications:

Letterheads - designed to enable usage by all ALC officers by print application of the logo and company identity with individual details applied by provision of a personal template for use with computers.

Banners - for display at all Lacrosse Australia tournaments and events (these were obviously considered very attractive as several were illegally removed from the Glenelg Lacrosse facility during the 1999 World Under 19 Lacrosse Championships!!)

Lapel Pins - which were sold during the Under 19 World event. Special pins displaying "Fellow" were produced for presentation to Fellows of the Australian Lacrosse Council.

Lacrosse Australia Medallions - for presentation to Australian Team Members, Australian Champion Teams and various other prescribed recipients.



Lacrosse Australia Plaques - presented to Fellows of the Australian Lacrosse Council, ALC Presidents and other specific recipients

Business Cards - and card holders for ALC officers

Screen Savers - which provided several lacrosse action shots and the Lacrosse Australia identity on a diskette for application to computers. These were presented to International Lacrosse Federation delegates and other dignitaries.

Corflute signs - for display, eg on the front of a lectern, were also produced.

The Lacrosse Australia identity has been well received with unsolicited positive comment being received from many knowledgeable quarters. The name "Lacrosse Australia" is registered by ALC in all States.

The efficiency of the implementation is a great credit to ALC President, Leighton Beamsley, and Director of Development, Doug Fox, who have managed the process very professionally.

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Around the world

The International Lacrosse Federation (ILF) met in Adelaide during the World Under 19 Championships. The ILF has been active in promoting lacrosse world-wide and also in promoting the organisation itself. ILF officers could be identified by distinctive jackets in Adelaide and the ILF banner is displayed at all ILF events.

Development Committee

The ILF Development Committee sends coaches to provide coach/player training in developing nations and would be happy to receive applications from coaches in Australia to undertake these missions. Travel expenses are paid by the ILF Development Committee.

Written applications detailing relevant experience and qualifications should be submitted through ILF Development Committee member, Peter Hobbs, 83 Greenhill Road, Wayville, SA 5034.

The ILF Development Committee has included, by invitation, representation from the International Federation of Women's Lacrosse Associations (IFWLA) and a proposal to make the ILF Development Committee a joint committee of the ILF and IFWLA was considered and rejected by the ILF. The ILF and IFWLA will continue to

work together where it is appropriate, particularly in developing nations.

China

Clinics have been conducted at the Beijing University of Physical Education (BUPE) and the Shanghai University of Finance and Economics. The Japan Lacrosse Association has been very active and generous in donating equipment and people to make these things happen. Players from Hong Kong were also involved in the June 1999 activity which involved approximately 550 participants and 350 spectators. A 40 minute special program on Chinese Central TV plus Beijing TV News and newspaper coverage maximised the influence of the activity. They start with softcrosse sticks!

Korea

Development being promoted through two Universities in Seoul. The host of a popular Korean national television show is to participate in a lacrosse camp at Johns Hopkins University and a five person film crew from Korea will be there. Two Korean coaches from Kyung Hee University and two student/athletes from the Korean National University of Physical Education are also attending camps in Baltimore.

Finland

A key person is drafting a development plan for lacrosse in Finland.

South Africa

A former lacrosse player from England, Sue Davies, is now resident in the Western Cape, about 40 minutes from Cape Town and is preparing a development strategy.

Argentina

Equipment grants have been arranged to support the activity in Argentina.

Pacific Rim

Tamae Saito from Japan introduced lacrosse to representatives from Brunei, Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam at a Conference for International Exchange Programs.

Cuba

Students from St Ignatius School in Baltimore took their lacrosse sticks on a baseball exchange to Cuba and conducted informal lacrosse training sessions with Cuban students.

Australia

In 1988 we were one of four nations in the ILF, in 1998 we were one of 11 - in 2008 - who knows!!

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Honour your people



A flock of fellows? ALC Fellows Clive Carr, Cedric Isaachsen, Peter Drew, Bill Taylor and Ken Forrest get together.

In the 125 years of lacrosse in Australia many hundreds of people have made outstanding contributions to the conduct of the game at international, national, State and club level. They have been players, coaches, referees, managers, administrators, scorers - any of the many roles required to be filled to make lacrosse happen. While some of these people are recognised at club or State level with awards such as Life Membership, many are deserving of recognition through the Australian Lacrosse Council Awards system.

Since the first ALC Certificates of Merit were presented in 1946 some 275 people throughout Australia (and one in USA) have been recognised with this award which is well earned when you consider the guidelines for nominees:

1. Players – State Association team at ALC Championships or a representative Australian team on six occasions over an eight year period.
2. Officials – Service to club as active official or coach for at least 10 years and/or
 - Service to Association as active official or coach for at least seven years and/or

- Service to ALC as active official for at least five years.
- 3. Officials (Referees) - Service in control of Association matches for at least 10 years and/or Service in control of Championship and Interstate matches at all levels on at least six occasions over an eight year period.

The highest level award to be made by ALC has been presented to only 17 people since it was established with the first Fellows of the Australian Lacrosse Council inducted in 1988 at the first ALC Fellows Dinner. Only one Fellow can be recognised in any year.

Guidelines require nominees to have been previously awarded the ALC Certificate of Merit at least 10 years beforehand and to have given outstanding service to lacrosse in Australia. Nominations must

be endorsed by the Board of Directors of the nominee's State Association and approved unanimously by the ALC Board.

A pro-forma is available to assist Associations in preparing nominations for both these awards and it is in the best interests of the nominees, and to honour their contribution, that nominations for any award provides a comprehensive outline of the service to lacrosse which satisfies the guideline criteria for the awards. It does not do justice to the contribution of a person if they are not recognised with an award because the information provided about their contribution is inadequate or so poorly presented that the adjudicators could not decide in its favour.

Nominations from State Associations must be received before October 30, so make sure your club nominations are submitted to your State Association for consideration well before that date.

The small effort required to nominate a person brings great credit not only to the nominee but also to the club and Association which nominates them. It is an honour to be nominated for these awards and an honourable action to submit a nomination.



Allan Jennings and Allan (Barney) Frederick are congratulated by ALC President Leighton Beamsley on presentation of the ALC Certificate of Merit.

Thank you Adelaide

From all of us.



Lacrosse South Australia Executive Officer Eric Freeman with Adelaide Lord Mayor Jane Lomax-Smith at the Mayoral Reception

We all have different 'milestones' in our life which are firmly embedded in our memories and around which we relate all our life's activities. Adelaide in 1999 will be one of those milestones for all of us who were fortunate enough to be there.

It was like lacrosse heaven for those who live and breathe the game.

The full range of sizes, ages, skills and behaviours were there - from the smallest Under 15 to the biggest senior, from 13 years to 40 years, from new Under 15s to long playing Seniors, from club level to international level - and that is just on the field.

There were formal occasions where we enjoyed some refinement and showed that the lacrosse agenda includes the community in a Mayoral Reception, the National Anthems at games, the Australian Lacrosse Council Fellows Dinner, the Presentation Dinners and various other formal activities.

There were the informal occasions, just enjoying a coffee, a drink, some tucker

at the venue, in the bar at the end of the day, dining at the Woolshed with other team members, rubbing shoulders on the sidelines with visitors from other States and other countries.

The grounds were marked, the goals in place, the scorers had shelters, the referees were there and the teams were there. Competent first aid/medical support was in place and the gatekeepers were all on hand to ensure we all had tickets. The trophies were presented and the speeches made. The merchandise merchants had smiles on their faces, the Glenelg economy boomed and no doubt the Casino takings were up.

We would all recognise different people who we had more to do with through our particular areas of interest. There were hundreds of workers committed to making this carnival, these events, a memorable time for all of us.

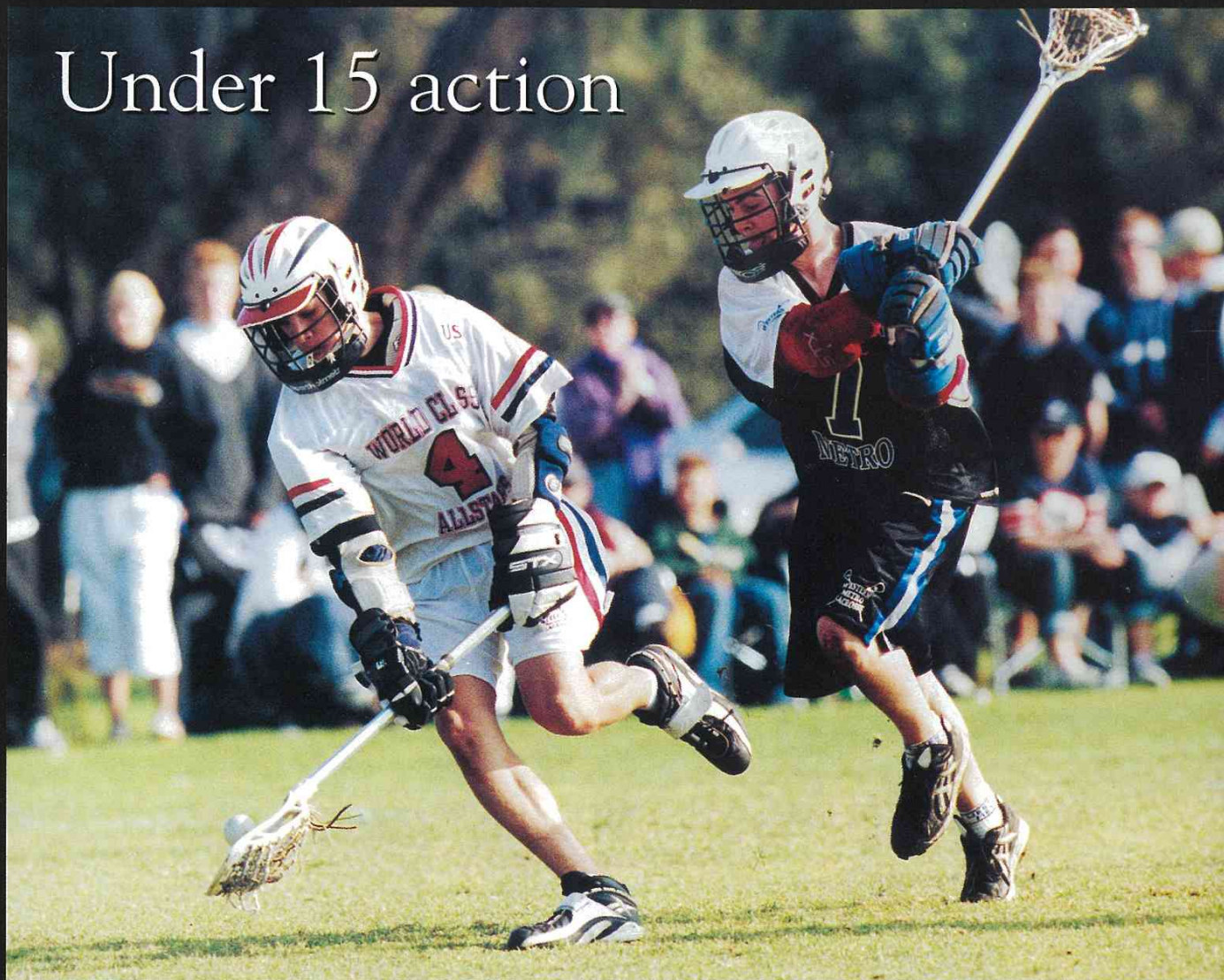
A group who had a big hand and can be identified with no fear of contradiction are Helen Keane, Eric Freeman, Bruce Rosewarne, Margaret Pallant, Allan Frederick.... and the list could go on and on.

Thank you Adelaide for a wonderful job well done.

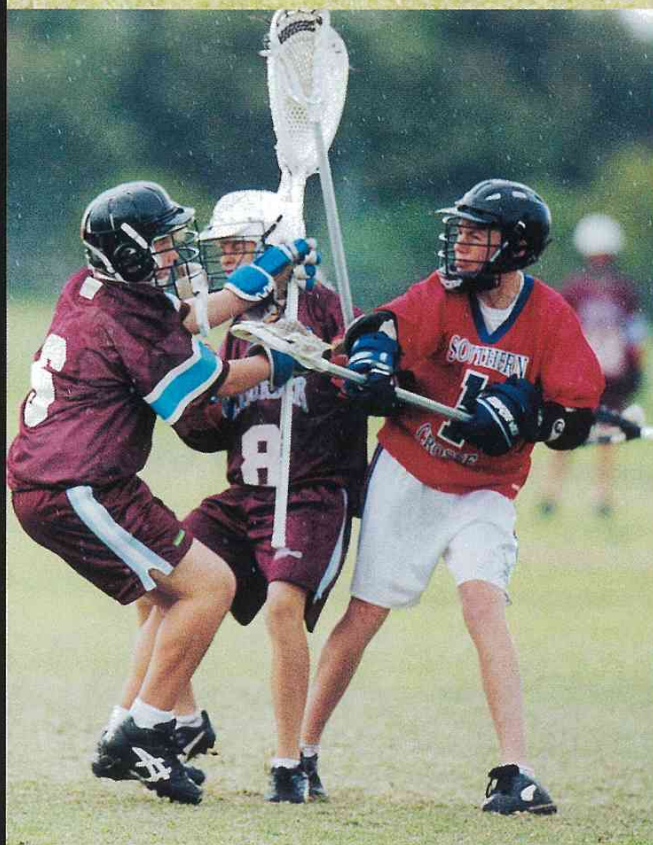


Australian Team Executive Director John Harris with guests from Japan at the Mayoral Reception

Under 15 action



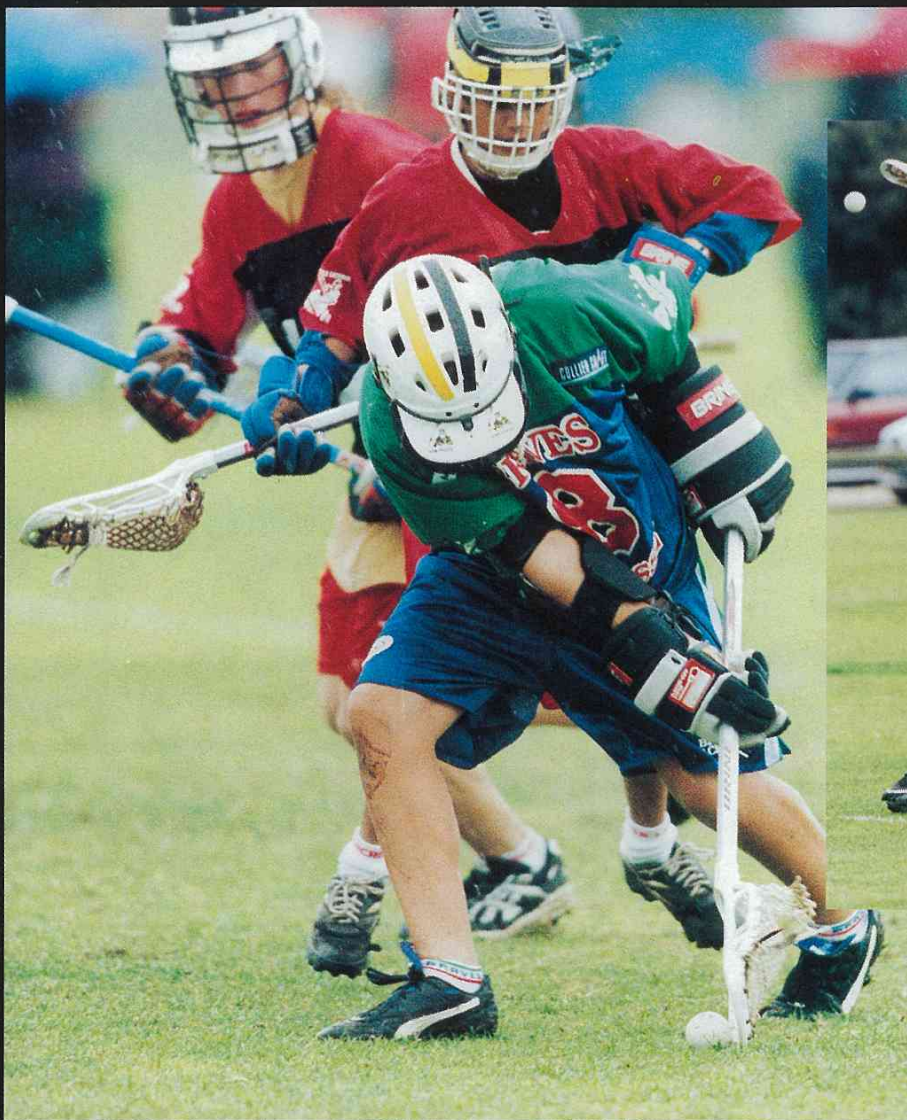
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Northern Thunder goalie vs Southern Crosse ↑



Western Metro wants the ball that Redskins hold ↑



A Southern Brave under pressure from Cobras



↑ A Tassie Tornado rising to the occasion against World Class All Stars



↑ The Eastside King long pole takes on the Western Metro short stick



The long and short of it - Paradise Dolphin looks up to World Class All Star

Australian Under 15 Lacrosse Tournament

Speaking volumes for the international language of lacrosse, the under-15 tournament was more about fostering team spirit, making friends and developing good young people - according to "world-class" lacrosse guru Bill McGowan.

Teaching young people about life is the philosophy embraced by executive director of world class lacrosse, McGowan who organised three touring sides from the United States which participated in the under-15 and under-17 competitions.

McGowan personifies the "friendly games" ethos and promotes it within his touring parties which have visited the Australian shores four times in the past five years.

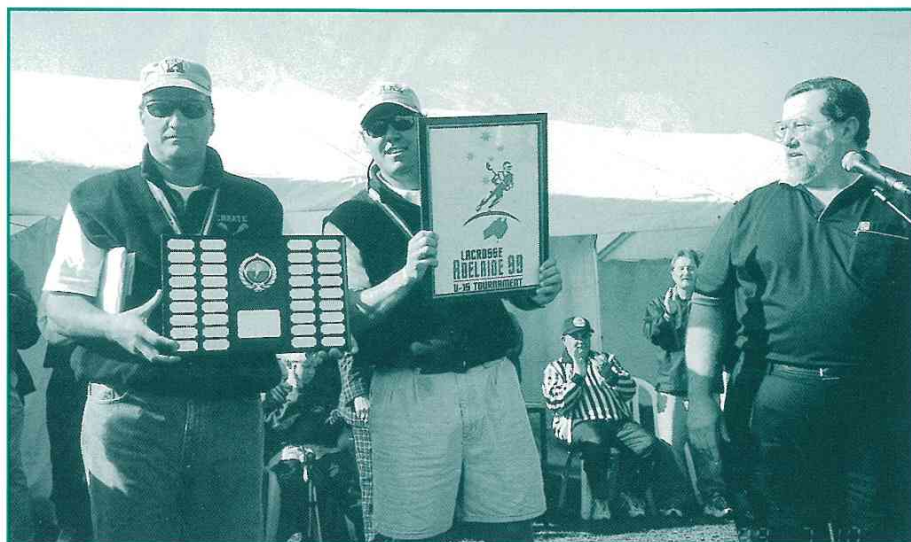
While the USA All Stars triumphed in the under-15 division - defeating Western Metros 13-5 in the grand final, McGowan will tell you that winning is satisfying - but not the most important motivation. Rather, developing good young people is.

McGowan's world-class group (under-13, under-15 and under-17s) first travelled to Australia in 1995 to Melbourne. Then in 1996 the under-17 team toured Perth, and the following year to Sydney - some players of which progressed to play in this year's gold-medal winning American under-19 youth squad.

A former high school coach in Connecticut, McGowan brought a squad of 51 to Australia comprising of boys from numerous States (Texas, Ohio, Delaware, Virginia, Long Island, Connecticut, Pennsylvania, New Jersey) most of whom had never met each other until late June.

"You get out and network and let people know you're looking for quality players - there's no regional try-outs for the tour so I usually go by coaches recommendations," McGowan said.

"I want to bring good players, but more



World Class All Stars with U15 Tournament Trophy and ALC President Leighton Beamsley

importantly I want to bring good kids - if somebody has an attitude they can stay at home.

"It's not all about winning with me - we were fortunate that we did win and that's great but it's an educational experience about growing from within. Lacrosse is such a global sport and I consider myself a global thinker."

Most involved with the international tours would rate the friendships made as one of the most memorable experiences - plus the valuable opportunity of being exposed to a new culture when billeted with a local family.

"When you're living with a local family and you're learning new customs and a whole different way of life - it's a culture shock to some of them - but I just tell them to do everything like you would at home "yes sir, no ma'am" - help people clean up and be kind," McGowan said.

"This year I've seen people I haven't seen in five years - it's wonderful."

"I only met those kids two weeks ago and hopefully now they'll send me a Christmas card! - If I can help them get along to a good school with a recommendation as a good player and person then I'm happy."

Undeniably, world lacrosse power United States produces very good players - largely a result of the embedded college system offering top-players constant high-class competition with their education.

"After college, lacrosse is kind of over but the important thing is being a great person and building a good life - you're not going to make a living from this because it's not a professional sport," McGowan said.

"Our own teams bonded together - maybe just a handful knew each other before and it was about we, not I and the kids played as a team - if we played as individuals we would still be trying to win a game."

Grand Final.

US AllStars 13 (John Livatino 3, Jason Heleva 2, Trip Dyer 2, Alex Carey 2) d Western Metros 5 (Matthew Garnsworthy 2).

Third-place play-off.

Southern Crosse 18 (Andrew Simons 4, Daniel Pusvaciatis 3, Brad Bannan 3, Shaun O'Callaghan 2) d Southern Cobras 3 (Jason Burrows 2).

World Under 19

Lacrosse Championships

Energy, passion and confidence oozed from a predatory United States camp almost like a warning to would-be victims moments before it launched its seven-day mission to defend the world youth champion's mantle.

Unfortunately for the host nation - its first match was against Australia.

The self-belief and intense focus of the young American athletes - which would eventually see them defend their title - was just part of the diverse culture, colour and excitement which characterised the July 2-10 world under-19 championship in Adelaide.

None, however, were as colourful as the Canadians - who finished with a silver medal - sporting bleach blonde hair-do's. Or the names such as Bucktooth, Longboat and Redeye playing for bronze medallist the Iroquois Nations.

Then there was the English team - which had won a competition in its home-land through national newspaper The Daily Telegraph. The team, and supporters, rallied together to collect competition coupons - even sifting through rubbish dumps in Manchester to compile an amazing 32,500 tokens.

The competition required a reason why the entrant should win the grand prize of 50 return flights to Australia - to which they answered ... 'to win the world youth lacrosse championship!' And much to the team's surprise - they won the competition.

With no funding - England were enabled to send the "best team" rather than players who could afford to come. None-the-less it finished in its familiar fourth spot.

An improving Japanese combination -

from a fast developing lacrosse country with passionate, enthusiastic players - almost sneaked fifth position from Australia in a gallant play-off effort, losing to the host by just one goal.

Australia, entering the championship seeded second, carried the hopes of the home crowd to replicate its feats of the past and challenge the highly-fancied Americans.

But it was not to be.

A shell-shocked Australia was dealt a punishing 18-3 opening-game blow against the US. The Americans peppered the goals - scoring five times before Australian midfielder Luke Arnold broke the shackles prior to quarter time.

Dashing American attackers Mike La Monica, Kevin Cassese and Michael Albarelli reaped havoc with penetrating offensive drives, while goalkeeper Scott Schroeder ruthlessly repelled Australia's counter-attacks.

Despite the scoreline, Australia's nucleus of Brett Cook, Kyle Morlang, Leigh Perham, Nathan Rainey and Jai Carroll showed promising signs and coach Graeme Ross remained positive about his side's effort stating a lift in intensity was required.

Australia's fortunes, however, continued to plummet with successive losses to Canada, and then England. But staring down the barrel at its fourth straight defeat - Australia regained pride with an emphatic 24-3 victory against Japan.

With one minor-round game remaining - that result created a three-way traffic jam between Australia, Iroquois and England vying for two available top

four positions.

The United States and Canada had secured first and second spots - while Australia needed a four-goal or better win against Iroquois for a major-round ticket.

With so much at stake - the emotionally-charged encounter between Australia and the Iroquois had the atmosphere of a final. Cook, Perham, Rainey, Carroll, Akridis and Balfour were playing inspired lacrosse and Australia appeared to be well-placed leading 15-10 with just under seven minutes remaining.

But Australia's final's hopes were dashed in the dying moments with a last-minute Iroquois onslaught - thanks mainly to four goals from Roger Vyse. Australia clinched a 15-14 bitter-sweet victory but was eliminated from the final's race.

Australian coach Ross said after the championship ; "Given we didn't have a lot of lead-up competition - playing the US and Canada at the start probably knocked the guys confidence around and we had no solid lines to build on."

"It was only really by the Japan game that we managed to stabilise and by then our defence was really starting to work but it was a bit late.

"After winning two silver medals at previous championships and this year dropping down to fifth spot was pretty disappointing,"

Ross believed not having players exposed to a higher intensity level at the Australian senior championship prior to the worlds this year - had been a disadvantage.

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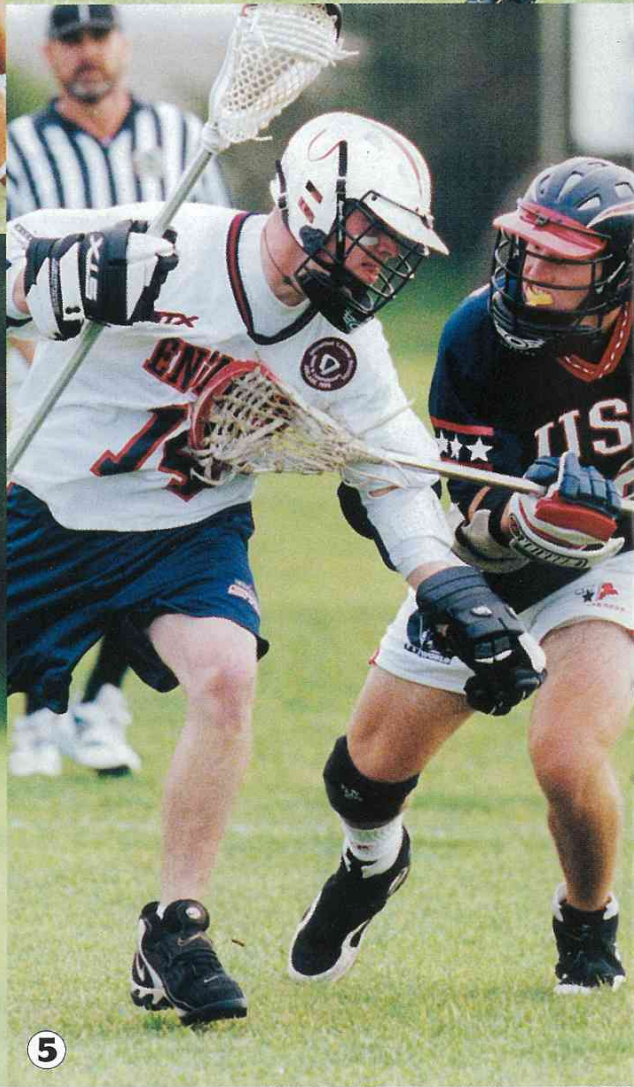
USA stumbles with
Canada pressure ↑

England - "relaxing"
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7. Aussie action.









U19 Another USA goal



The team that is rarely photographed

"Our shorter preparation probably didn't help - in the past there's usually been at least three years to work with the guys. But with one year less between championships and a late coaching appointment it's been only a year we've been working together," Ross said.

"The US are used to pressure games all the time - whereas our guys are coming from being the best players in small teams and they're not used to that hard competition."

Ross, however, praised his troop's endeavour; particularly co-captain Kyle Morlang who showed maturity under pressure - and the defensive efforts of Sam Akridis.

"Kyle is a very aggressive player and we had to temper that - we ran him off the midfield line and he probably didn't like that much but he did that," Ross said.

"Sam Akridis played well every game and showed good leadership - they were probably the most consistent."

Australia's 13-12 victory against Japan gave it an overall fifth placing while the US and Canada enjoyed semi-final wins against England and Iroquois respectively.

That set-up the gold-medal play-off between the United States and Canada, while the Iroquois and England battled for bronze.

Adopted by the local crowd as favourite, the Iroquois ran out deserving winner against England courtesy of some slick ball-movement and well executed set plays. They moved the ball with precision into

their attacking zone - while their defence unit rejected the English counter-attacks. The Iroquois over-ran England 16-11 to finish third - its highest ever placing - and England was relegated to fourth.

The curtain-raiser proved a good appetiser for the main course and when the championship decider rolled around it was an even-money bet between the well-drilled Americans and the Canadians - boasting a bottomless depth of talent.

Both the United States and Canada suffered from early nerves and struggled to find their trademark on-field assurance. But it was the United States which first settled - opening the scoring through Andrew Faraone in the seventh minute.

The reigning champion tallied another two goals to savour a 3-0 quarter-time lead. Canada did not bother the scorers until the fifth minute of the second term when midfielder Curt Smith found the back of the cage. Then team-mate Jamie Roy posted Canada's second goal and the intensity and urgency of both camps lifted.

But it was the Americans who had the answers, and skill to match. They responded with five consecutive goals to draw away to a match-winning 8-2 half-time advantage.

When allowed to settle the US is near impossible to stop - as Canada will testify.

Names such as Mike La Monica, Conor Gill, Kevin Cassese, John Brasko, Nate Watkins, BJ Prager and Scott Schroeder are the cream of world youth lacrosse - all with the skill, winning mentality and discipline to guide their team across the line.

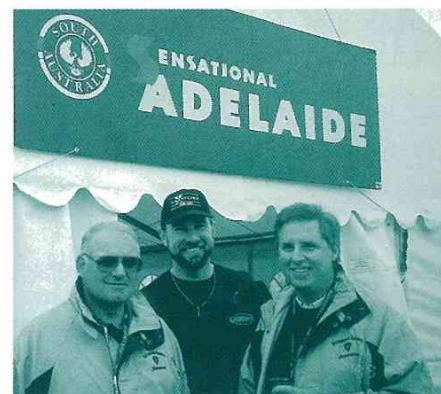
And that is what they did.

The United States extended to a 13-4 three quarter-time advantage and despite a late challenge from the Canadians when the sting had gone from the contest - they defended their title with a well-earned 14-7 full-time victory.

The Americans were the stars of the championship. Post-match adorning fans from the other nations - particularly Australians - flocked the team for autographs and a chance at swapping a prized red, white and blue jersey.

Top-scorers in the gold-medal match for the United States were BJ Prager, Liam Banks, Kevin Cassese, Owen Daly and Andrew Faraone each with two goals. For Canada AJ Shannon and Blaine Manning collected two apiece.

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*Graham Lester (left) leads the referee chorus of
"Three Blind Mice"*

Australian Under 17 Lacrosse Championship/Tournament

Sometimes in sport things just fall into place. Just ask the South Australian under-17 team which - with a foundation of hard work and the backing of a parochial home-town support - realised its moment of national glory.

The South Australians had a score to settle at the Australian under-17 championship between July 3-9 - having lost the past three grand finals to arch-rival Victoria. In the 1998 decider the Croweaters were pipped by one goal to the Big V.

South Australian coach Kym Nayda vowed this time would be different. And while that prophecy was fulfilled when his troops reversed their fortunes of the previous years - Nayda never expected to scoop the pool.

Not only did South Australia triumph as national under-17 champion, it also produced the player of the championship - dynamic playmaker and tenacious defender Scott Dawson. And the coach of the year - third-year mentor Nayda. And it supplied the most representatives in the under-17 All Stars line-up - six - Dawson, Justin Casagrande, Chris Averay, Jimmy Parris, Simon Molloy and Wesley Green.

"We were hoping to do that well but

we certainly weren't expecting it - I knew we had a chance but I wasn't anticipating to sweep the whole lot," Nayda said.

"It was certainly a surprise seeing how strong the team turned out to be. But that was probably the key - the fact that, for that week, they really decided to play as a team."

For Nayda - who partly attributed the team's dominance to its chemistry - the success was sweet having been involved with the team for six years - three as head coach, and three as assistant. The undefeated South Australians defeated perennial powerhouse Victoria in the championship finale, 13-7.

The championship was played coincidentally with the world youth series, which according to Nayda, spurred the South Australians to greater heights; "It was an inspiration for the guys because they could see where the next step up after State could take them," he said.

Leading South Australian player, and prime candidate to "take that next step" Scott Dawson conquered all before him at his second under-17 nationals. Dawson displayed accomplished skill, maturity, discipline and flair, as Nayda explained.

"He's a great player to coach because he

listens extremely well and does what he's told," Nayda said.

"Scott is a very disciplined and fair player who hits hard with the body - and he absorbed a lot of punishment as well but he's just a really good allround player.

"You get some good attackers, and others good at face-offs, some good defenders but Scott is good at all three - he's got all the attributes to go a long way in lacrosse."

The 16-year-old from local Adelaide A-grade side, Burnside, stated he was pleased with his personal form - and to finally beat Victoria.

"We had a well-balanced team and we played as a team - that was the big reason I think for our success," said Dawson, who believed the previous year's experience in the under-17 competition assisted his on-field improvement and maturity.

1999 All Stars Team.

Scott Dawson, Justin Casagrande, Chris Averay, Jimmy Parris, Simon Molloy, Wesley Green (SA), David Millar, Chris Miles, Ryan Garnsworthy -capt, Jeff Joy (Vic), Scott Press, Kwan Fong -capt, Gavin Turner (WA).

Coach of Year - Kym Nayda (SA)

Referee of Year - Ian McRae (WA)



WA holds off a President



↑ The USA Stripe puts pressure on SA

↓ SA hits the ground while the USA Stripe goalie stretches



USA Stripes looking for the ball ↑
from the President's stick



The WA long pole scores a Victorian scalp ↑



→
The ball is the focus of
WA and President's attention



The victorious Victorian Senior Team ↑



Victorian and former West Australian ↑
John Brewer enjoying the success



↑ The Presidents and South Australians getting down to it



Victorian defenders watch the West Australian shot ↑



↑ Off the ground, on the ground - we're all watching the ball

Australian Senior Lacrosse Championship/Tournament

Whispers preceding the senior men's Australian Championship suggested Victoria - going for its third successive title - were under-manned compared to past years. Wisely, Western Australia and South Australia were not so convinced.

Victoria featured eight new faces to the past year's triumphant combination as four-time championship coach Brian Bell set about blooding new talent.

Quietly confident, the Victorians were ready for any on-field possibility with Bell fostering positional flexibility - and a never-say-die attitude.

"That's kind of a Victorian characteristic - that we just never give up," Bell said.

"Other teams can be well in front of us but we just keep coming all the time."

"Being able to rotate players in the forward line is a bit of a luxury and I liken myself to (Essendon AFL coach) Kevin Sheedy the way I keep making changes - that's the way I like to coach and I pick a team with that in mind to move players around if they're getting beaten."

That flexibility resulted in Victoria's three captains occupying the bench against South Australia in the second quarter of the championship opener. But it worked. Victoria - trailing 7-11 at half-time burst out of the blocks in the second half to steamroll the host State and eventuate 19-14 winner.

South Australia were accounted for by Western Australia 15-11 while Victoria preserved its unbeaten record against the Sandgropers in the dress rehearsal for the championship decider with an 18-13 victory.

"In the past the Victorians seem to win all through the week and get beaten in the final because we've been outsmarted or out-coached, so this year I taught the players to be ready for any possibility," Bell said.

In the grand final the scoreline saw-sawed with a one or two-goal margin changing hands for the entirety - and the result going down to the wire.

"The match-ups were very even - they matched-up well on us and we matched up well on them," Bell said.

"Sometimes once you get two goals ahead the game breaks open - but that didn't happen. Every time we got two in front they would draw back to level - then they threw three unanswered goals and went one ahead with eight minutes to go."

But it was Victoria which found something extra when it counted most - scoring two goals in the last 90 seconds of the game to emerge 11-9 victor.

For Victoria, the championship unveiled several exciting prospects; surprise-package 20-year-old Marcus Civelles, and consistent contributors

John Brewer, Greg Moore and goalkeeper Anthony Bosisto.

"Our whole defence played as a unit and kept every team down to a losing score," said Bell, who - in seven weeks - transformed the new combination into a polished national championship-winning outfit.

"Our lead-up was good and we trained together for a couple of months and I felt if they trained any longer they would burn out."

Three-times national champion in three years - Victoria last snared the Australian championship trifecta in 1965, 1968, 1970. Now, for the State which has dominated the senior men's scene in the late 90s - another historical challenge awaits.

Victoria has not clinched a national title in Western Australia since 1965 - where nationals will be staged next year. And four-successive crowns was last won by Western Australia in 1988-91. Stay tuned.

1999 All Stars Team: Anthony Bosisto, John Brewer, Marcus Civelles, Cardin Flaherty, Tom Garnsworthy, Alan Lewer, Greg Moore, Robbie Stark (Victoria), Russell Brown, Scot Griffin, Klay Johnson (Western Australia), Peter Inge, Andrew Stone (South Australia).

Coach of the Year: Brian Bell (Victoria).

Under 19 Presentations



England's David Walkden receives his award from ALC President Leighton Beamsley and USA's Dan Stern



Helen Keane is thanked by ILF President Tom Hayes

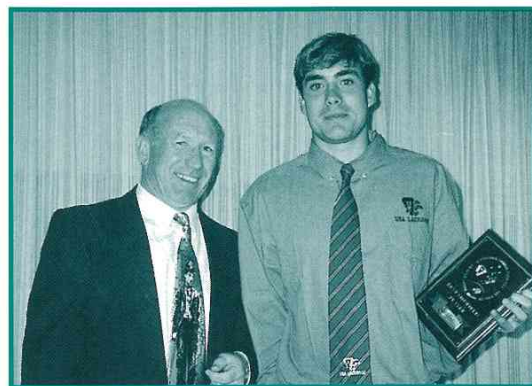
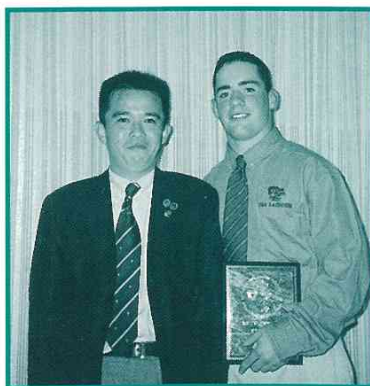
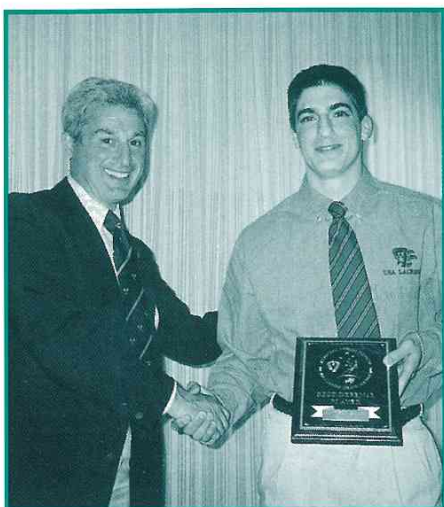


Australian Team Coach Graeme Ross with the Spirit of Lacrosse Award



Margaret Pallant is also acknowledged by Tom Hayes

Best Position Players



Hosting International Players and Coaches

State Associations have varying rules in relation to allowing "international" players to participate in State competitions. If your club is considering inviting a player from another country to join your club, your club will be the sponsors of that person. The following information is provided by the Department of Immigration for clubs who propose to sponsor a player or coach.

Information for Sponsors of Subclass 421 (Sport) Visa Holders

As the sponsor, you have signed an undertaking declaring that you accept responsibility for:

all financial obligations to the Commonwealth incurred by the nominee arising out of the nominee's stay in Australia, and

compliance by the nominee with all relevant legislation and awards in relation to any employment entered into by the nominee in Australia, and unless the Minister otherwise decides, compliance by the nominee with the condition under which the nominee was allowed to enter Australia.

A sponsor is only regarded as being no longer responsible for a sponsorship undertaking where:

the nominee has left Australia without intending to return (and does not hold a valid temporary visa); or

another sponsor has given acceptable sponsorship undertakings in favour of the nominee; or

the nominee is granted a visa other than a temporary visa or a temporary visa in a class for which sponsorship is not a prescribed criterion.

Employment Conditions:

Sports people may only engage in other employment in Australia which is incidental to their sports contract, although they should not need to engage in other employment because the sponsor is unable to provide for their full maintenance in Australia. "Incidental employment" means work other than the sporting activities specified in the nominee's contract. Income from incidental employment should be less than the amount of income which the sports person derives from their sporting activity in Australia. If the income from incidental employment exceeds the income from the sporting activity, that income is not "incidental" and the sports person will be regarded as having changed occupation and be required to depart Australia or to meet visa requirements under a new sponsorship and employment.

Under 15 Winners - World Class All Stars from USA



BOOK REVIEW

"AMERICAN INDIAN LACROSSE - LITTLE BROTHER OF WAR"

by Thomas Vennum Jnr.

A book review by Heather Brown

"It was there that the manitou (spirit) came among them and gave them the knowledge and skill of playing lacrosse. He came with a lacrosse stick in one hand and a ball covered with buckskin in the other. The ball was painted red. He gave the stick and ball to them and taught them how to play. He told them that the game would belong to them, even though other people should learn the game from them."

"American Indian Lacrosse - Little Brother of War" will open your eyes to the rich history of the game that you love. The author, Thomas Vennum Jnr, obviously delights in his subject and his enthusiasm for the ancient traditions of Native American lacrosse translates into a work written with depth and feeling. The book spans the centuries, from time immemorial to the present day, focussing on the game of lacrosse and drawing upon both written sources and remembered accounts. We are made aware of the centrality of lacrosse to the life, both spiritual and physical, of the Native Americans.

The book begins at the time of the arrival of the white man. It sketches a changing world, where the spirituality and traditions of a native people were being broken down by the presence of a new race determined to succeed in a new land. It is sad that much of the original meaning and knowledge of lacrosse has been lost in the struggle for survival of two very different cultures.

However, Vennum Jnr has collected a remarkable amount of information about the Native American game of lacrosse (forerunner to our own sport). He tells us of the rituals that were followed by players, how the game was controlled chiefly by medicine men and was played for all manner of reasons, from recreation to healing the sick. He tells us how sticks and balls were constructed, the legends that were

handed down about their origins, the height and width of the goals and how the winner of the game was determined. The Native Americans believed that the great spirit himself had given them the game of lacrosse, and it was steeped in ritual and mystical belief.

Some of the early chapters of the book deal with the conflict between the early Jesuit missionaries and the Native Americans. It seems that lacrosse and the beliefs associated with it just kept getting in the way of the establishment of the new Christian religion. This was mainly because people chose to play lacrosse rather than attend church gatherings. Nothing has changed!

When white men decided that they wanted to play lacrosse, they began to institute the club system and to make rules for the game. These were first drafted by Dr William George Beers, a dentist, in 1860. The Native American game was regarded as being "irrational, unscientific, impromptu and otherwise lacking in organisation." (Not altogether an unfair assessment; one of the first regulations was "no headbutting!"). Unfortunately, some of the rules made at this time, basically aimed at ensuring that Native American players did not run away with the competition, effectively excluded them from participating in the national and international tournaments which eventually developed as the game spread amongst the white population. In fact, the 1990 Lacrosse World Championships, was the first time in a century that the Iroquois Nationals (a Native American team) had been allowed to compete at that level.

Many of the regulations that were introduced regarding professionalism in the sport in the 1800s discriminated heavily against the better skilled Native

Americans who, because of their relative poverty, had no choice but to charge a fee to appear at tournaments (to cover travelling costs, accommodation and food). The white lacrosse players were mostly drawn from the ranks of doctors, dentists, lawyers and merchants, and were economically self-sufficient. So gradually, the deeply spiritual game of lacrosse became the organised, regulated, relatively non-violent and dearly loved sport that we now play, with little reference to its Native American heritage.

This is a great book to read. It makes sense of the depth of feeling that many lacrosse players have for the game. It is a very well researched document that sometimes moves into the insightful. The author uses story telling and dialogue to break up a mass of fairly technical and academic information, which makes this book appealing to a large audience. Initially, it is not rivetting, but the reader is well rewarded with a "veritable treasure trove" of information about the origins and present day status of Native American lacrosse. An appendix containing stories, legends and more, which are short and easy to read complete the book.

In conclusion, I thought that most lacrosse players would identify with the following Native American Indian belief:

(When a dead person) arrives at his destination, the deceased is informed..... that he can remain there always, that in the village of the dead there is no sickness or trouble and all are happy, and that the deceased " (can) play lacrosse forever."

Heaven!!

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Multi Sport Festival

A triumph for Adelaide

In the spring of 1999, South Australia is set to host more than 20,000 visitors, 12,000 of them participants competing for gold, silver and bronze medals at this year's premier multi-sport festival, the 7th Australian Masters Games.

In the scheme of things, the Australian Masters Games is second only to the World Masters Games. Masters Games have evolved from individual sporting groups conducting veteran events. In 1985, the first World Masters Games conducted in Toronto, Canada was aimed at involving sports persons in competition in their own age groups through a range of sports.

An initiative of the Confederation of Australian Sport, the first Australian Masters Games was contested in Tasmania in 1987. The concept was an instant success. The second Games were in Adelaide in 1989, which also

proved to be an outstanding success.

A decade later, Adelaide is proud to be the first city to host this prestigious event for a second time. The Games, to be held from September 25 - October 3, 1999 will be the largest multi-sport event to be held in South Australia. Plans are well underway to stage 48 sports, both team and individual.

All major sporting venues in and around Adelaide, as well as various locations on the Fleurieu Peninsula, Gawler, the Barossa Valley and Mt Crawford will be involved and local sporting associations will have a major role to play in the administration of the various sports.

A key feature of the Games is the unique opportunity for former elite athletes to pursue their competitive goals while at the same time casual weekend sports enthusiasts can also enjoy a social competition in a supportive atmosphere.

"We are not only looking for ex-champions to take part in the Games. Anyone who wants to "have a go" can participate. The only qualification for entry is that you are old enough! So if you are over 30, you have what it takes

to be part of the 7th Australian Masters Games," said Mr Rob Curkpatrick, General Manager of the 7th Australian Masters Games.

The goals of the Australian Masters Games are to promote a healthy lifestyle and to provide an opportunity for "thirty plus" athletes to participate against their peers in sports of their choice. Social activities have also become an integral part of the Games program.

"We see the Games as a festival of competition, fun and enjoyment."

"The Games encompass team and individual sports providing a wonderful opportunity to mix with and compete against people of your own age group."

"From a participant's point of view, healthy participation, mutual enjoyment and involvement in sport, making friends and sharing experiences are what the Games are all about." Mr Rob Curkpatrick said.

To register your interest in competing or volunteering, contact the 7th Australian Masters Games office on 08 8300 6140. For further information about the lacrosse program in these Games, contact Bruce Rosewarne at Lacrosse SA on 08 8355 3350.

1999 World Cup of Lacrosse

On Wednesday July 14 and Friday July 16 a team from USA played a team from Canada at Johns Hopkins University for a television series ambitiously titled the "World Cup of Lacrosse". This was a private venture by the Gazelle Group which had managed the television coverage for the 1998 World Lacrosse Championships. They obviously believe that lacrosse has a television future. The games were shown in Australia on Foxtel and may well be seen again at some stage.

PARADISE

The Paradise Indy 2000 Lacrosse Tournament is being played from Thursday October 7 to Sunday October 10 at the Broadbeach Soccer Club at Surfers Paradise. There are men's, women's and Under 15 tournaments with teams from USA competing.

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Desperately seeking data

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Many decisions are made by individuals and committees in lacrosse involving teams, clubs, State Associations, national and international organisations. The availability of relevant information about 'the market', particularly people who are influenced by those decisions, is of valuable assistance to the decision makers. This article provides some advice about collecting that information.

What effect would knowing specific information have on how your business operates?

If, for example, you wished to know when, during the week, your clients are most interested in playing your sport or activity, you might ask yourself:

What would we do differently if most of our clients wish to play on the weekend?

What would we do differently if a large portion of our clients wish to play on weekday evenings or mornings?

What would we do differently if their preferred times were spread evenly, throughout the week?

If you decide that the information collected could have the potential to guide significant changes in the way your business operates, then it's probably worth pursuing.

A few general guidelines

Always let your clients know why you are asking them questions. For example, perhaps you wish to describe your clients to prospective sponsors. If so, you may be asking questions that are not obviously related to your services and your clients will think "Why do they want to know that?"

Always explicitly state what level of confidentiality will be maintained. Information that identifies people or their agencies should be left out of reports wherever this is possible. When designing surveys, keep your primary objective to a few priority issues. Don't attempt to learn everything all at once.

Sometimes people send questionnaires to everyone on their membership lists, or to everyone in their region, hoping to gain a good response. Even good questionnaires often get a poor response rate, however - often less than 10%. In this instance you should endeavour to follow up a sample of your "non-respondents" in order to see if they provide characteristically different answers to those people who responded immediately.

A better strategy might be to start out by selecting a manageable sized sample of your target group then apply yourself to getting a high response rate from that smaller sample.

You can gain some useful information from the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS). A range of demographic

information from the 1996 Census is available on the ABS web site at <www.abs.gov.au>. Access this data through the statistics button on the web site and then explore the section on "Community Profiles".

The ABS web site also has some information about participation in specific sports and other activities.

Aside from the ABS you may find that your local council has demographic information about your community that you can access.

Cross-reference your data

For example, do males and females answer questions the same ways? Do your older clients give different reasons for their participation in your activity or do they express different expectations of your services?

Compare your clients to the general population. If 30% of your clients are DINKS (double income - no kids) but only 10% of households in your vicinity are DINKS' households, then it would appear that there is something particularly attractive about your services for this group as compared with other groups.

Wherever possible do a pilot test. That is, give your survey to a small group - perhaps a dozen or two people, to see whether they have any difficulty answering your questions and whether they provide the kind of answers you anticipate.

COACHING CLINICS

Under 15 team members at the Australian Under 15 Tournament in Adelaide had the opportunity to attend coaching clinics conducted by international Under 19 team coaches and players. On Day 1 (Sunday July 4) some 40 players benefited from an intensive clinic with USA coaches and players, after which the USA coaches gave away helmets, sticks and t-shirts to the participants. Day 2 saw 60 players in a clinic run by Japanese and Australian coaches and players.

Great Graphics

Congratulations to the following people who have won an ALC computer screen saver and ALC pin badge for their entries to the "Great Graphics" competition; Kim Stammers (Queensland), Connor O'Hanlon (Victoria), Melissa Roberts (Victoria).

Types of information collection

Most clubs or agencies will have a registration form. Consider the extent to which it may be possible to add pertinent questions to that form without creating too much inconvenience for your customers.

Generally, postal surveys are good for collecting simple information from a lot of people. Face-to-face interviews and discussion groups enable researchers to probe behind people's initial responses and tend to gain more qualitative information but involve fewer people. Telephone interviews generally fall between these and postal surveys and are good where available time is limited.

When should you call a professional?

The simple answer is whenever the information you are seeking is complex or particularly important and when you can afford professional consultants. While research consultants (including market and social researchers) are listed in the yellow pages, you may also wish to contact other clubs or service providers, or your State or Territory Department of Sport and Recreation, to see whether they have used consultants.

Common mistakes

Ambiguity - Ask several people to read your questionnaire before you send it out. You'll be amazed at how many different interpretations people have for the words you use.

Representation and generalisation. While you may do your best to select a sample group that accurately represents all the people you want to know about, remain aware that your data only tells you what these specific respondents are saying. In generalising the findings to the larger population there will inevitably be some degree of estimation and even guesswork. Repeated surveys of larger sample groups will increase the confidence with which you can generalise.

Correlations do not always infer cause and effect. For example, if you reduce your fees and get an increase in membership, it is not necessarily the fee reduction that led to the membership increase.

The membership increase may have arisen from other factors such as a seasonal change, a new program at the local school, another new service you offer, or some other factor.

Leading questions - Think carefully about the way you order your questions. Topics covered by one question may "lead" a respondent's thinking in subsequent questions. If you ask people about fees, transport and timing of games or events and then ask them what sort of things discourage their participation they may well say money, or it's too difficult to get here, or the timing is wrong.

Loaded questions - Respondents will often give the answer that they think you want to hear, or the answer that they feel is most socially acceptable. Avoid questions that have an emotional charge, such as "Since volunteers are so important to our club,

shouldn't they be allowed a discount on membership fees?"

Doube-barrelled questions - Make sure you're only asking one question at a time. Don't ask, "Do you think that people at your school or in the local community are aware of our club?" People at the school may be aware, while people in the community may not.

Researchers like to think scientifically and logically and we like to feel that our findings represent the truth!

However, in the real world beyond white coats and laboratories, life is organic, complex and always changing. What's more, the research we design, implement and analyse is invariably tainted with our own subtle or overt biases.

Paul Kennet was co-ordinator of Research and Evaluation with the Australian Sports Commission when he wrote this article.

APPOINTMENTS

Congratulations to the following people who have been appointed to positions by the ALC Board:

1. Australian Lacrosse Council Secretary
Helen Keane
2. ALC Tournament Executive Directors

Seniors:

Alec Inglis

Under 17:

Helen Keane

Under 15:

Denis Mulroney

These people are the key contacts for State Associations which accept responsibility to conduct these events on behalf of ALC.

REGISTER NOW!

If you have email you can register on the Australian Lacrosse Council register to receive information about lacrosse - including news on World Championships, advertisements for teams or positions available etc. To register just go to the ALC home page at <http://www.alc.lacrosse.org.au/>

Australian Lacrosse Council Directory

Every lacrosse Association and club in Australia again received this very useful directory which provides contact details for all Associations, clubs and other lacrosse organisations. It facilitates communication which is the lifeblood of lacrosse.

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World Lacrosse Championships Update

Following ALC (and their franchisee, WALA) being granted the right to host the 2002 World Lacrosse Championships in 1997, a steering committee was established. Under the chairmanship of Don Rudderham (chair of the 1990 World Championship Organising Committee), their role was to select and recruit an Organising Committee to operate under the auspices of WALA. This committee is now in place and working towards a world class event.

Members of the committee and their areas of responsibility are as follows:

Chairman	George Halleen
Venue	Robin Cornish
Functions	Doug George
Tournament	Steve Mounsey
Public Relations	Des Riley
Team Liaison	Barry Groves
Finance	Matt Hardisty
Webmaster	Geoff White
Secretary/ Administration	Carolyn Rainey
WALA Representative	Don Rudderham (WALA Director Special Projects)

Each of these has a small group assisting in the particular area of responsibility.

Many of these people will be well known to lacrosse supporters throughout Australia. All of them have extensive lacrosse experience, most at interstate, and some at international level. All also have particular interest and skills in their particular portfolio areas.

The group has met on a number of occasions, including for a full day strategic planning workshop. The main purposes of the latter was to establish a "vision" for the World Championships, to identify and resolve "boundary" issues between the portfolios and to determine the "time line" for each activity. The main issues requiring early attention are to "lock in" the venue/s for the World Championships and to construct the budget for the committee.

WALA is confident that the committee is the best available and is well placed to plan and conduct a world class event in 2002.

Australian Under 15 Tournaments

These have been very enjoyable and successful events but State Associations have found difficulty in complying with the rules related to teams which are required to include players from a minimum of three clubs and a maximum of four clubs in a zone, with a minimum of two players from each club involved. This has been successful in encouraging more participation and reduced or eliminated the "State Team" syndrome at that level. It has been suggested that the Tournament could be further extended by making provision for high school teams or single club teams to participate.

State Associations have been invited to consider these matters and advise ALC Director of Competition, Peter Hobbs, before October 15 so it can be considered by the ALC Board.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Malcolm,

Over the past two days I have received two copies of your fine magazine. I guess this has come about because I may be on two circulation lists – namely as an ALC Fellow and also as a Lacrosse Life Member. But one is enough for me and a little precious funding may be saved.

But I do want to congratulate you on your editorial, particularly your comments concerning the Olympic Games. You have expressed so succinctly the thoughts that I have had for many years now, and to my mind the so called "Games" have degenerated into both a politically and commercially directed enterprise. The games themselves have little interest for me these days because of this.

Editor: Thank you



Through the Helmet

by Nigel Barnard

Crunch! Uhh! "What the hell was that?"

Through the corroding bars of my aging helmet approached the white lined boundary line...fast...horizontally! I had been "taken out" and sent skimming, seemingly unconscious, across the pristine turf of Eltham Lower. "Where'd he come from?" I gasped as I lay motionless straddled across the end line. Vibrant flashbacks revealed my lacrosse history presented in micro-second frames.

Early 1962. I was introduced to the game by a school friend and soon joined Brighton Lacrosse Club (South Australia) as a 10 year old, where I played attack in Under 12s or "F" grade (as it was then known). Buit lacrosse was different. No restraining lines. No off-side. Lacrosse was played to rules resembling those of its Canadian/Indian origin. Nine players in attack, ALL trying to score? No problem! Hi-tech aluminium or titanium poles? No way! Pure hickory then... for everyone. No fancy boots with stripes, flashes or

swirls, only real footy boots, plain black (and polished), ankle high with wooden/leather nail in spriggs. Needed a bootmaker to fix 'em too. Spriggs? Sorry they're called stops now! No fashion uniforms either. Black or white shorts only. Hey, did every woollen uniform jumper have a "V" in the second colour emblazoned upon its front?

Progressed through Juniors as an average player, and thought I had the ability to gain selection in the SA Under 16 State Team. Attended selections for a couple of weeks and flew through the trials...until I missed a goal. OK, sure, anyone can miss a goal shot, but I was right in front... of an open goal! I understood why the State Team left without me. Next year though, I was wiser and planned to cut the odds. I mean, if you want to be in the State Team, where 40 kids are vying for attack positions, and only five as goalkeepers, where do you play? Right!! I played the season in goals and came to Victoria in 1966 as the South Australian Junior goalkeeper! A

couple more enjoyable seasons with Glenelg (South Australia) before moving to Victoria in 1971 when I joined Surrey Park. Lacrosse has seen very few changes since then, except players were tougher, or more stupid! I reflect upon two "A" graders, Alan Chiron (Williamstown) and myself, playing in goals without helmets! A few more years with "Surrey", Box Lacrosse for six years (State goalkeeper for five consecutive years and two Australian sides), then retired in 1983.

Sixteen years later, out of the blue, I receive a phone call, "Hi Nige' we're getting a soft lacrosse game going for the old guys later in the year, would you be interested? "Yeah" I said, registering my interest.

"Actually, I wouldn't mind playing REAL lacrosse again." And so I obtained contact details for Eltham Lacrosse Club.

I heard the whistle, picked myself up and limped back to the goals. Thanks for nuthin' Alan Montague (an Eltham stalwart and games record holder!).

Happy USA winners



Intense Australians

