Spectrum W.A. Netball Club back for their 8th Masters!

Spectrum W.A. Netball Club first came to the Alice Springs Masters Games in 2002 and they keep coming back! According to club member Mardi Mules;

“Spectrum Netball W.A. loves ASMG and that’s why we keep coming back – for the games, for the love of the sport but mainly for the friendship and the atmosphere.”

This group of women from W.A. are all extremely passionate about their netball - some playing at a very high standard in the past. Their ages range from ‘babies’ who are in their early 40s, through to ‘experienced Gamers’ who are in their mid-50s. Team members not only play netball but also participate in swimming, indoor rowing and athletics.

They are well known around the games for their fun and outgoing attitudes and not to mention green cowboy hats as pictured above!

“Our team has met some amazing people over the years and look forward to each ASMG to reunite with friends, both on and off the court,” Mardi says.

Spectrum Netball has been heavily involved with the National Breast Cancer Foundation (NBCF) through fundraising for the ‘Pink Night’ at the Pat Gallagher Netball Centre courts during the ASMG. All proceeds have gone directly to the NBCF and benefited both men and women suffering from breast cancer.

Have you registered your netball team?

Head to our website for more information:
Yeperenye Shopping Centre is once again a proud sponsor of the Alice Springs Masters Games.

The Centre is named after the Yeperenye Caterpillar Dreaming, a significant Dreamtime story in local Arrernte culture. The Centre has been open since 1987 and it owned and managed by a local Indigenous organisation.

Yeperenye Shopping Centre prides itself on being the centre of choice with over 40 shops, including Woolworths Supermarket, BWS, a pharmacy, Brumbys, Telstra, optometrists, Alice Springs Camera House, Centre Jewellers, EB Games and a variety of men’s and women’s fashion.

The Centre has an inside food court and an alfresco dining area for day and night dining. The food court includes a variety of homemade café style food, sushi and juice bar, fresh sandwiches, hot dogs, chips and great coffee!

The alfresco dining area located on Hartley Street and includes; Subway, Outback Pide and Kebabs, Alice Pizza, Gloria Jeans, The Asian Noodle House, Kim’s Little Kitchen and Hong Kong Restaurant.

Yeperenye Shopping Centre sponsors and supports many events throughout the Central Australian region including; Red Centre Nats, Imparja Cup, Pioneer and Souths Football Clubs, Women’s Football League, Harts Range and Aileron Bush weekends, Volunteer Bushfire Brigade, Special Souls, Clontarf Foundation, Alice Springs Netball, education programs, individuals and more.
First ‘Overseas’ Cricket Team Registers for the Masters

Potato farmer and avid cricketer Terrence Rattray (pictured above) has never been to the Alice Springs Masters Games before; in fact he had never heard of it until he did a quick search on the internet! Terrence was at home watching the Imparja Cup, a national Indigenous cricket competition held annually in Alice Springs. He was intrigued and did a search on “Alice Springs cricket” and as he says “good old Google” introduced him to the Alice Springs Masters Games.

“…once I knew we were eligible, nothing would keep me from a weeks cricket combined with my first experience of a unique area of the country during the perfect season climatically.”

Terrence’s team are called the Pirates and is made up of Tasmanians and some Tassie “ex pats”. They play in the East Coast Tassie 20/20 competition. One of his teammates, “Jezza” now calls Darwin home and they haven’t played together since 1999!

“…the last time I played with Jezza was on a 45 degree day (Yes we do get one per decade in Tassie) in 1999 Pyengana v/s Bridport on the North East Coast of Tassie, Jezza made 73no before having to retire to go and milk cows … so it will be great to catch up.”

The Masters are a great way to catch up with old friends and make new ones. We welcome the Pirates to the Alice Springs Masters Games and hope that they have a fantastic first Games.

Cricket is coordinated by Rob Borgas who has coordinated the last three Masters cricket competitions. His contact details are on the website at:

www.alicespringsmastersgames.com.au/sports/cricket

Rob is on the lookout for more women’s teams so if you know of anyone that may be interested please let them know to register or contact us for more info!

Competitor Profile – Maisie Austin OAM, ASM

When did you start playing basketball?

I commenced my Basketball career in the Darwin Basketball Association competition in 1963, have played every season since then, and represented Darwin and the Northern Territory at intra-state, interstate and overseas championships and carnivals, as a player, coach and referee. I am still currently playing in the Darwin Basketball Association competition 53 years later, aged 67.
When did you first compete in the Alice Springs Masters Games?

I was coach/player of the Darwin women’s team which participated at what was then the Centralian Masters Games in Alice Springs in 1986. There was only one division, Over 35s, and in that first Masters Games, there were only four women’s teams – Darwin, Western Australia and two from Alice Springs.

We had the honour of winning the first ever Masters Games gold medal for basketball at those Games. We played against WA and won the game on the final buzzer. We were ably supported on the sidelines by swimming legend Dawn Fraser!

Six of the original players from the 1986 team -myself, Lorraine Adams, Shirley Lew Fatt, Ev Ottley, Helen Lyle and Chris Sargent - made up the nucleus of the Darwin teams which participated at every Masters Games in Alice Springs from 1986 – 2014.

What is your highlight of the Alice Springs Masters?

At one of the Games in Alice Springs, a men’s team decided to stop their game, brought out an esky of beer into the middle of the court and invited the opposition to join them. They remained there until the final siren sounded!

Our women’s team has carried on this tradition at Masters Games to the surprise, but enjoyment, of the opposing teams.

These are the six stalwarts taken at the 2014 Masters in Alice – 28 years later!

Back L-R: Chris Sargent, Shirley Lew Fatt, Lorraine Adams

Front L-R: Ev Ottley, Maisie Austin, Helen Lyle

Competing at the 1986 Masters

“The Friendly Games” - enjoying a drink at half court!
Boomer's Baseballer Braving the Bitumen on his Beemer!

Sydney based baseballer Darrin Hart is attempting something different for this year’s Alice Springs Masters Games, ditching Qantas for his BMW motorbike and 6000 or so kilometres of bitumen.

Darrin wanted some extra time and two wheels to give himself more freedom to explore;

“I’ve really enjoyed the weekly festival in the past, doing a bit of sightseeing between parts, but hadn’t really had time to fully appreciate the ‘Red Centre’. This time around, I thought I’d include my love of motorcycling and adventures with baseball … turn it into a 3 week adventure!”

Darrin has been playing in the Alice Springs Masters Games since 2010 with his team of 20 odd years, the Boomers.

Baseball will be coordinated this year by Harold Schmidt and Rich Brigham. They are keen to present a great competition with games running all day from 9am into the evening. There is a canteen and fully licensed bar at Lyle Kempster Baseball Park. Lyle Kempster is a top quality venue, Harold swears that it’s the best field he has ever played on and he’s American so thats saying something!

If you are thinking of competing in baseball this year head to:  

Are you riding to Alice Springs for the Masters? Darrin is keen to ride with others so if you are interested email him at diver_darrin@hotmail.com

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Come Visit “The World’s Largest Classroom” in Alice Springs

The Alice Springs School of the Air Visitor Centre is a multi-award winning interpretive centre located 3.5km from the CBD which offers visitors from around the globe a virtual journey in "The World's Largest Classroom".

Established in 1951 to provide a much needed education resource to children living in remote Central Australia, the Alice Springs School of the Air is a distinctive and first of its kind educational facility in the world. The school provides daily lessons to children aged between 4 and 14 years, living in remote locations such as cattle stations, roadhouses, Aboriginal communities and national parks.

The classroom covers most of the Northern Territory, the northern area of South Australia and the eastern area of Western Australia; totalling 1.3 million square kilometres of Outback Australia. Students study at home with a tutor and join a teacher for regular “live” class lessons broadcast via satellite from the school studios in Alice Springs using “Interactive Distance Learning” (IDL) technology.

The unique visitor experience includes a short film and a guided presentation providing a narrative about the distinctive history of the school and how it operates. Visitors can view “live” or recorded lessons (outside of school hours) while tour guides deliver a full interpretation of how the lessons take place and the innovative techniques that make it possible for students living in isolated areas to participate in school classes without having to travel vast distances every day. Be inspired by stories about the students' unique Outback lifestyle and what has been, and continues to be, one of the most unusual methods of education in the world.

The School of the Air is offering a special entry fee this year for Masters Games entrants to the Alice Springs School of the Air Visitor Centre between the 7 – 17 October 2016. Showing your accreditation pass for the Games will entitle the holder to a discounted rate of $ 9.00 per adult and $ 7.00 per child (5 – 16 years). There is no entry fee for local Alice Springs residents.

For more information head to: assoa.nt.edu.au or phone 08 8951 6834

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