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# Masters Matters

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**Dates For The Diary:**

September 28th and October 5th: No Wednesday play during Adelaide - insufficient numbers.  
 September 24th, October 1st, 8th and 15th: No Saturday play during Adelaide.  
 September 24th to October 8th 2016: Interstate Masters Championships - Adelaide.  
 August 19th to 27th 2017: European Cup - Glasgow. } Southern Cross / Australian 70s and 75s.  
 2017: Interstate Masters Championships - Hobart.  
 2018: Masters World Cup - Madrid. } Australia  
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**Nominations For Australian Teams:** The news reached me on the 12th September that these will close on September 21st. Events next year include the Trans Tasman matches and a European tour by the O/70s and O/75s which will include the European Championships in Glasgow from August 19th to 27th. They are now online only (not like our census, we hope) and the form can be accessed on the Australian Masters Hockey web-site at [www.australianmastershockey.com](http://www.australianmastershockey.com).

**Nominations For Southern Cross:** For those who have not heard yet, teams have been nominated in the Tournament Trophy section of the European Cup in Glasgow for O/60s, O/65s, O/70s and O/75s. Nominations will open after the Adelaide tournament on October 9th & close on October 31st. The form can be accessed via the Southern Cross web-site at [www.southerncrosshockey.org](http://www.southerncrosshockey.org).

**State And WA Country Teams:** The State O/75s have now also added Phil Anderson (who has taken over the ticket from David Lester - another successful Raiders pass). Bill Baldwin has been told by his surgeon that playing for the Country O/75s is OK provided the area where the BCC was removed is protected by the helmet. I'm sure this is good news to Ken Watt, who can now revert to using his pace playing on the field instead of lurking behind the pads. Perhaps WA Country may have known something as the web-site's team list has included Bill throughout. The latest I hear is that Brian Stewart (who is now a non-player - see Department of Health) has taken on coaching this side.

**Department of Corrections:** Last issue we told you that Bill Baldwin was not playing in Adelaide. We're very pleased to have been wrong. See the Department of Health.

**Stadium Sausage Sizzle:** To fit in better with the PHS calendar of events the date has been changed from the first Wednesday of each month to the last one. This means that the next one is due on 26th October - where you will be able to tell your Adelaide stories, or listen to them if you did not go.

**Department of Health:** Bill Baldwin has now played on two Wednesdays and is doing well. Not a bad comeback. Colin Sanders (State O/75s coach) and Ken Watt (former Country O/75s coach) both have a severe viral infection at the time of writing. Brian Stewart (current Country O/75s coach) has been informed that he needs a shoulder operation, and regrettably will not be playing in Adelaide. Coaching O/75s must be stressful - Ken defines the disease as Anticoachalitis. Mal Jackaman and John Milner were occupying the chairs in the sun watching their team on Wednesday instead of playing - both claimed muscle strains. Several members of State teams were out of action on 17th September - including Chip Challoner, Howie Herbert and Ron Venables. I'm told that in all cases it's just precautionary. And in serious news Richard McEntee from the Saturday O/65s has a blocked aorta (which was discovered on 2nd September) and will be having corrective surgery. Yes he is a relative of Steve McEntee - cousin. Best wishes to all for a speedy and complete recovery.

**Welcome Back:** To State O/65s goalkeeper Steve Drake-Brockman, who I previously sighted lying on a stretcher in the northern circle on Turf One, then departing to hospital via ambulance with a badly dislocated shoulder. He was at State training on the 14th, and has made a good recovery.

**Letters To The Editor:** Responses came from Bob Robinson, Neil Mannolini, Stan Salazaar, John Milner, Ken Beer and David Lester. Thanks to all.

**Bob Robinson:** "... Yes it was me in the Mod team playing at the W.A.C.A. Just a few weeks later Max Havercroft centred a ball striking my leg causing a significant break. I found driving a manual 1934 Hillman Minx in the weeks that followed presented quite a challenge." *Was it one foot for all three pedals, or the good foot for accelerator and brake, with a hockey stick for the clutch?* Ed.

**Neil Mannolini:** Was kind enough to compare 'Masters Matters' to the Woolworths Masters chain of hardware stores - favourably. I hope we'll still be here after they are wound up.

**Ken Beer:** Picked up on the La Rochefoucauld quote last issue about it being an ability to conceal one's ability; "... Thanks for not concealing your ability to consistently prepare an entertaining and informative newsletter every month." *I usually edit out the occasional pieces of self-praise, but as this one addresses my major KPI for 'Masters Matters' I have included it.* Ed.

**Well Dones:** The 'A' division umpires list for September is as small as possible Thank you to Vern Gooch and Neil Mannolini, who have done all the games. Gordon has mentioned the 'B' division umpires in his report, and again the 'C' division are not known to me - thanks to you all. September Saturday umpires were: Peter Brien, Dudley Burress, Brian Glencross, John Mercer, Neil Scaddan, Rod Spencer, and Ron Venables. Thanks umps. And the cooks were Jason at PHS and Jim Wright at Perry Lakes. Thanks to all who contributed to WHM during September.

**2016 Tournament:** As I age forgetfulness is increasing. The seems to be a common problem; a quick chat with Simon on the 14th revealed that he had found three forgotten track suit tops, while I had found one. All I forgot was my hockey stick, which I rarely use, but will need in Adelaide for entry to the turfs. Fortunately it was in the Stadium Lost Property. Perhaps going away makes our minds so busy on trip details that we overlook the day to day essentials.

**Quotable Quote Number One:** "History is indeed little more than the register of the crimes, follies and misfortunes of mankind." *Edward Gibbon (1737 -1794) English historian, writer, and M.P. His most famous work is "The Decline And Fall Of The Roman Empire."* Ed.

**Persian Perceptions - With Neil Mannolini:** *Thanks for this Neil. Since you went it seems to have become very much the fashionable place to visit - having featured in both Perth newspapers.*

- 1) Tehran (capital) - NO PARKING meters.
- 2) A population of about 9 million.
- 3) No SUVs or large vehicles.
- 4) Mostly Peugeot 206 sedans.
- 5) City streets three lanes each way / built up (foot high separate garden with trees / flowers).
- 6) Speed humps in streets.
- 7) Only 'toots' to warn other drivers that they are getting too close. Never saw any accidents or dented cars.
- 8) Impossible to have head on - even in country roads a metre high iron barrier dividing. The three lane roads are everywhere.

Out in the country the highways' three lanes spell out the respective speeds; 100/110/120.

Never any sign of road rage.

As you can appreciate, a perfectly safe environment.

Officially it is Iran, but the locals refer to each other as Persians and are proud of their heritage.

Pat and I had a wonderful holiday.

Neil

PS: Sadly no sign of hockey in Iran / Persia.

**Department of Limericks Part One:** Our look back to 1959 last issue (thanks again to Peter Gason) has produced a response from Bob Robinson who confirmed that he is the R Robinson in the Mods list. WA hockey was very dominant in those days, and nostalgia has produced the following:

A blast from the past came from Gase

When Perth was a much nicer place

It was a good time

To be in one's prime

And play top grade hockey full pace.

*There is nothing personal in this one. I was yet to take up hockey, and was still at school. Though the I Hewitt in the Mods list made me wonder if it was Ian Hewitt from the year ahead of me. If it was he would have been very young for 1As. Ed.*

**Happy Birthday:** To Ken Walter, who completed his qualification for the State team this month, and bought drinks at PHS on 14th September.

**Grumpy Old Men Part One:** "In the absence of any clearly-defined goals we become strangely loyal to performing daily trivia until ultimately we become enslaved by it." *Robert Heinlein (1907 - 1988), US science fiction writer who was a favourite of mine for years. He was famous as the recipient of a visit from the FBI during WW II, who grilled him regarding a story he had written about atomic dust, and insisted that he must have had access to classified information (it was 1942). He did not predict the bomb (just the fallout) but he did correctly predict the nuclear stand-off in this story.*

**Punology One:** Did you hear about the bloke who went to a beaver movie? He said it was the best dam picture he'd ever seen.

**A' Division Blog:** The Adelaide pre-tournament has now finished. Will there be a redraw when play resumes afterwards? Hope not, I have enough hockey shirts now.

**August 31st:** The first casualty of the day happened before play began, with Richard Osborne unable to play due to a sore knee. Ken Watt decided that his borrowed goalkeeping gear was oversized and went back to playing on the field (correct call, I think) where he saved brilliantly on the goal line in the first match. Scoring turned out to be very difficult with 3 goals to the State 70s and 1 each to the other 3 teams. Goalkeepers Barry, John & Tony all played well, and it is taking time for combinations to be established in the Adelaide teams. John Watts made a cameo appearance for the WA O75s but there is no truth in the rumour he was there to gain advance intelligence. His wife Chris is here to play interstate croquet. Good finishes went to John Jeffreys (corner), Bob Bowyer & David Pandher. Player behaviour was very poor at times, and I agree with Neil Mannolini's piece in the last edition which states that it would certainly merit a card in Adelaide. Player numbers were WA O/75s (13), WA Country (11 - no GKs), WA O/70s (11), and Blue (11). Goals scored 6.

**September 7th:** Goalkeepers everywhere; comebacks from Bill Baldwin, Speedy, & Col Benporath, plus Barry and John, so Tony played 'B' division & Ken Watt did not pad up. Roger Jewell returned after a very long break, but has not forgotten how to play, while Simon's holiday has not deprived him of the ability to appear anywhere on the field at any time. Some good hockey was played by all teams as well as some not so good hockey & some more bad tackles were perpetrated. Without any prior general announcement the corners went haywire. As the Blue team pointed out, for them this is not training but just their normal Wednesday games. Stan Balding produced yet another classy reverse stick goal, while Peter Gason showed again how to convert a corner. Player numbers were Blue (12), WA O/70s (12), WA O/75s (11) and WAC (12) including GKs. Total goals scored 8.

**September 14th:** The State O/70s were close to full strength for the first time, missing only tourist Mal Horrigan. Fortunately for the competition, coach Don Smart is still trying different combinations and the aim was to improve teamwork rather than win by the greatest possible margin. Some good hockey was played midfield, but this generally broke down near the attacking circle. Combined with some resolute defence and good play from all five goalkeepers scoring was impossible for the first 3 games. The O/70s finally goaled twice against the Blues, revealing that they have some real pace up front (for this age group, anyway). The O/75s and WA Country managed a goal apiece in the next match, and that's where the scoring finished for the day. The new umpires' shirts looked very smart - well done to those responsible. Player numbers on the day were WA Country (12 including 2 GKs), Blue (12), WA O/70s (15) and WA O/75s (11). Goals scored 4..

**Four Score Years:** I noted that the Wellingborough tournament from 7th to 9th April 2017 is calling for nominations for an Over 80s game as well as Over 70s and Over 75s. We have several members of Western Hockey Masters currently playing good hockey who would be eligible for this event. Good luck to Bill Greenwell (who I met again with England LX in Newcastle) and Kettering Hockey Club for the tournament. I'll try to keep track of the Over 80s so see if they manage to play.

**Quotable Quote No Two:** "Where humour is concerned there are no standards; no one can say what is good or bad, although you can be sure that everyone will." *John Kenneth Galbraith (1908 - 2006).*

**No French Letter:** Ian Purdie has had severe internet problems (so will I when I attempt to connect to the NBN after Adelaide). Hopefully he will be back next issue.

## O/70s Tournament Training

Photo from Simon Thomson



**WHM Chairman reaches even greater heights but stays on the rails**

**From The Saturday O/65s:** The winter season has now come to a close. Early numbers for summer have been very good and we look forward to some really hot hockey. And dry hockey too.

# The winter rain was as bad as we thought it was. A story in the West Australian about the WAFL being played in the rain was very revealing. It claimed that out of 24 Saturdays during their season it had rained on 19 of them. No wonder we felt victimised at times.

# A new player (to me) joined our ranks on September 10th. Terry Gaston was able to inform me that he was John Smith from Melville, and was dubbed A.K.A. during the Launceston tournament.

# Time for another reminder that Peter Brien cannot always see through you. So please be honest if he asks you whether the breach was inside the circle or not.

# See you all again on 22nd October.

**Test Your Knowledge With John Sanders:** September's question was: Who made their debut for the Hockeyroos first? a) Georgia Nanscawen b) Casey Eastham c) Rachael Lynch d) Jodie Kenny. *No answers were received. The actual debut dates for each player were a) 28/05/2009 b) 17/08/2006 c) 29/06/2006 d) 10/02/2011.* October's question is: These Hockeyroos made their Australia debuts for on the same day of the week. Was it on a) Monday b) Tuesday c) Wednesday d) Thursday *Answer next issue.*

**Punology Two:** Have you heard about the newly discovered species of raven, which is really good at holding things together. They're called velcrows.

**A short history of New Holland:** *Written by Eleanor Sanders with big words by Colin Sanders*

*The following is a work of historical fiction, and is to be understood as such. Any reference to any living person is incidental and accidental and is not to be taken as the truth or in any other way to be construed as an accurate description of the characters involved.*

In the year MMXIV AD (2014) the Masters Hockey Association of Australia decreed that 17 supposed hockey players plus coach, umpire and manager be transported to the Netherlands (often spelt Nederland, & not to be mistaken for Never Never Land), for committing the sin of age-related fraud, in the belief that they could still run, trap and in other ways prove enduring virility, usually displayed by waving carbon fibre wands at little white balls. Their only real art was a significant ability to consume beer, but that's hardly a value held high by the MHA. Though found guilty, the MHA moderated the sentence with a dint of mercy.

The 20 - otherwise known as the Over 70s - and in this regard there was some obvious and regrettable age discrimination, were assigned to settle and found a new colony, called New Holland.

The 20 were indeed a felonious, intemperate lot, drawn from across a dry, often hot and uninspiring land which was led by a zealot known as Abbott. Interestingly this Abbott was also a known felon for conspicuous smuggling of small birds known as budgies. But so far he had got away with it.

It was hoped however that the 'Transportees' could prosper in the new colony and make amends for their multitude of misdeeds.

After a long and arduous trip on the Flying ship Emirates - as the Flying Dutchman was not available - the colonialists finally reached a hilly land (Barcelona) where the natives taunted and wrestled with bulls, but the voyagers preferred to look for a place to settle that was flatter and for God knows why - largely below sea level.

They called this place New Holland. The natives were very tall and blonde and wore orange robes, and mysteriously used two wheels to move about instead of their legs.

Although the convicts had spent many hours during their misspent youth running around in gangs and waving sticks at little balls, they did indeed possess some useful skills besides drinking beer. It is worth examining the character, and believe it or not, the not insubstantial talents of this nefarious lot.

One called Len, who was known as the leader, knew a bit about cattle - he had in fact wanted to stay in the hilly land and fight bulls but it was found that it didn't pay to be gored, partly because it hurt horribly, but mainly because his fellow travellers observed that the new colony required leadership and furthermore they need help to balance (or fiddle, as the case may be) the colony's books.

A gnomish colleague of Len, who went by the name of Keith, was very familiar with sheep & wool, which was very fortunate as New Holland was quite chilly in the winter, & warmth could only be assured by knitting sweaters from the new land's strong orange fibre. Keith knew of this and put into practice a skill he reputedly learnt from a well known Australian weaving bird called Robin.

An ex banker called Gase was set the task of dribbling or smacking coins from the wreck of the Batavia back into the colony's economy. This was known as fiscal easing in some distant lands - a very useful skill. Indeed Gase achieved a few highly respected goals this way.

And talent was to be found everywhere when one looked.

Des Biddle formed a government department of Any-thing & Every-thing, & then consulted to it. What a prosperous enterprise that was.

Moreover, to ensure all work in the colony was to the highest & correct standard (ISO 9001), a very busy fellow with a hyphenated name eagerly took to the task - in fact he ran away with it.

Of course the new settlers needed some land on which to build shelter, so felon Sticks, sentenced for wearing luminous socks, was able to oblige with some small parcels of low lying land surrounded by water - Sticks was a good developer although he largely led from the rear.

The umpire - Ian, appropriately and without bias, fear or favour surveyed the land for its use by the colonists. And a softly spoken weed of a bloke called Colin sorted out the drainage and the water supply. Not only that, he also wrote the environmental impact statement for the project /8



using such impressive language that only he and Des could understand and approve it. The coach was consulted as to the materials and amounts to be involved.

So New Holland developed and little dwellings soon appeared. A bow legged chap called Barry was eager to do the floors, which he did well, and Smithy added a coat of orange paint as that was the only colour available in this place.

An engineer called David cooked up some interesting chemicals out of red poppies and included cow dung and cheese in the mix, then made up lots of rules so that the settlers would not harm themselves.

Allan worked out a way to use windmills to transmit messages to the settlers who bravely explored beyond the Blue Mountains which by this time were worn totally flat and had become the Blue Lagoon.

Under Lefty's agricultural expertise, gradually the colony became self-sufficient. Another Barry set up a shop selling excess produce to both the orange people and to the colonists and Dick started a deer farm.

Brute provided security from the ever present two-wheelers who could come upon you from the wrong side without warning.

However some needed to be re-educated so the other Col set up a training facility so Wattsie and his wife Trish could teach the colonists bridge and croquet although he really wanted to train them in hockey which he was rather good at.

On the cultural side Ron did some lovely abstract paintings to make the huts more homely and Ian Hill sang "Ging Gang Gooly" around the camp fire at night. And when necessary he ensured that the colonists' personal plumbing remained in good order.

Many of the convicts were allowed to bring their wives to New Holland & their contribution should not be overlooked - nagging when required, repeating information several times each time a little louder, controlling the purse strings and sewing convict numbers on their regulation shirt.

There was one young female known as Bianca-Marie, transported to the new land for grabbing a hammie, and for changing her hair colour. She was a treasure, making sure the men all ate boiled eggs so they did not get scurvy, and in other ways she treated their many ailments and frailties which became more numerous as time went by. It is yet to be resolved whether it was her tender care which drew the men to her or whether the toil of their labour resulted in the injuries they displayed. But either way a good outcome was assured.

However, over time the climate changed, it rained frequently, water levels rose and the pumps began to fail, and while defeated only once in their 3 battles with the local orange people, the colonists became deeply concerned that their new land would soon be girt by sea. They petitioned for tickets of leave to the leader of Terra Australis - the great Abbott, who demanded that any rights of pardon must be accompanied by an enduring commitment by the colonists to pay the full cost of travel, food and accommodation for the entire venture. This was quickly but grumpily agreed upon, and all paid up.

The collector was a Brute who had been in the security business, so he knew how to deal with a disparate group - he got his money. However there were ways of getting around him through his charming wife Allannah; she was compassionate and understanding which proved to be wonderful soothing attributes. And in time the pardon for the colonists' earlier misdeeds was granted, with the harsh proviso that return to Terra Australis - a land itself surprisingly girt by sea - was only to be undertaken by carriage with the FS Emirates again.

So after many adventures and some modest success, and as the orange sun sank slowly in the West the colonists said farewell to Van der Valk, and on the appointed day each now wiser colonist winged their way to Oz.

*Footnote: On arrival in their new land at Scheveningen the colonists had set a post in the sand with a bronze plate with the mysterious inscription O70 WGMA. This replaced a previous blue and white china plate with the letters DELFT.*

*Written by Eleanor and Colin Sanders and presented at the team's final dinner - Hotel Van der Valk.*



**Who's Who:** Readers with the Australian teams booklet from this tournament can enjoy themselves by matching the cast of characters in it to the colonists in the above story. For the rest of you here are a few extracts from the booklet which will be of assistance. And thank you to Colin and Eleanor.

Len Blyth: Chartered accountant and cattle breeder. (Captain)

Keith Ellis: Scientist. Accompanied by Robyn - a.k.a. the lady with the knitting.

Peter Gason: Retired banker.

Des Biddle: Consultant.

Peter Cramer-Roberts: ISO 9001 Quality Control Consultant.

Barry Eager: Retired vinyl flooring contractor.

Ian Hill: Semi retired Consultant urologist. Former member WASO chorus.

Colin Sanders: Hydrologist / environmental policy consultant.

Ron Todero: Retired.

Ian Wright: Retired agricultural science teacher / agent for fertiliser company / runs own small farm.

Colin Whittaker: Retired School Principal.

David Webster: Retired scientist and property developer (nickname Sticks).

Dick Cummins: Retired.

David Sinclair: Former chemical engineer, now part time OH & S Manager.

Peter Smith: Painter.

Barry Rutter: Sales Manager.

Allan Crouch: Retired telecommunications principal technical officer.

Ian Grant: Retired engineering and land surveyor (now hockey umpire).

Marie Sarandoglou: Remedial massage therapist.

John Watts: Retired chartered quantity surveyor.

Bob Rowley: Retired security guard (nickname Brute). Accompanied by Allannah.

**Vale Ted Jones - Grandfather and Architect of Masters Hockey:** It is with great sadness that WAC advise of the death of our very much esteemed Life Member #99 Ted Jones, last Friday (09/09/16). Ted's contribution to Masters, both in Australia and internationally was quite extraordinary and we have him to thank for the state of Masters Hockey today. *(Thanks to Dean Lomax for this tribute)*

Little did Ted know in 1943 when he held his first hockey stick that his involvement in hockey would continue for more than 60 years. Over and above playing hockey up until the early 80s Ted always exhibited a strong desire to develop the sport of hockey at ALL levels - he managed his first representative team (Goulbourn) in the NSW State Championships in 1949. From 1949 through to 1978 Ted's achievements include: NSW State badged umpire, NSW State Secretary, Tournament Director (State and international) and ABC hockey commentator.

Masters 1979 - 2006: By this time Ted had moved to WA. As WAHA VP (with responsibility for veterans) he directed the establishment of the inaugural National Championships in Perth in 1980 (6 teams) and the first Veterans International series (Australia versus Malaysia) in 1981. He continued to be at the forefront of the growth in Masters' hockey for the next 25 years. Since this time Australian Masters hockey has grown to 9 divisions and nearly 80 teams. Similarly International Masters has also grown to 9 divisions through Pacrim, IMHC and WGMA with approximately thirty affiliated nations as part of FIH .

Ted accrued Life Memberships at all levels of Masters' hockey, including State, AMHC, IMHC and WGMA. As National Convenor (AMHC), Team Management, International Tours Organiser, International Tournament Director, Secretary of IMHC and WGMA it is safe to say Ted is one of the grandfathers and architects of Masters hockey.

Ted was unable to travel to the two Masters World Cups that were held in Australia earlier this year and his lasting wishes for Masters hockey were "Good Hockey and Great Fellowship."

As a token of our lasting gratitude for his lifetime contribution to hockey AMHC will name the trophy for the inaugural O75s Australian championship the Ted Jones Memorial Shield.

**Balinese Bulletin No 17: FOR THE CULTURE TRAGICS ...**

It has occurred to me that having finished the morning shower in our "outdoor" Balinese bathroom & contemplating the fact this weekend is the weekend of KUNINGAN I should take the time to expose some of you down there to a little of the Balinese culture, a culture that is wonderfully diverse & spiritual.

**Kuningan day, that marks the end of the Galungan holiday, is celebrated every 210 days, ten days after Galungan.**

The Balinese believe that Kuningan day is the day when their ancestors return to heaven after visiting the earth during Galungan celebration. They make offerings to be given to the ancestors on their farewell day. The offerings include yellowed rice (Kuningan is derived from the word *kuning* which means *yellow*) which is placed in a small "bowl" made of coconut leaves. Other common offerings a seeds, fish and fruit like papaya and cucumber. The yellow rice is the symbol of human's gratitude towards God for all the life, joy, wealth, health and prosperity given. The bowls are decorated with a small figures of shadow puppets which represents angels that bring joy and wealth to earth.

It is also said that on Kuningan day Ida Sang Hyang Widhi (God) is blessing and giving prosperity to the whole world. Many people believe that the celebration should be done before noon, before gods and goddess' return to the heavens to continue their asceticism.

On Kuningan day you can see *tamiang* and *endongan* decorations hanging outside homes and temples.

*Tamiang* means - and is formed as a round - *shield* and represents protection, defense, and the cycle of the globe. It functions as a reminder to humans of karma and that they should protect themselves from bad behavior.

*Endongan* means bag of provisions. It is made of coconut leaves and shaped like a bag or a pocket. The Balinese put different things like seeds, fruits, tuber inside the *endongan*. Some people see it is a symbol of food supply for the journey of the ancestors from earth to heaven. From a spiritual view, *endongan* represents the essential provisions that every human should carry-knowledge and homage. In some villages, especially in Gianyar region, *Barongs* or *ngelawangs* - lion like creatures - are going from house to house followed by kids playing traditional Balinese music instruments. If a barong arrives in front of your house, you should give an offering called *canang* with *sesari*(money) on it, after receiving the offering; the barong will dance and bless your house and your family.

**Visitors From Abroad.** We were fortunate enough last week to have had the opportunity of lunching with John Pendred & his Wife Di, together with friends of theirs from Perth. They made their way out to where we live. Shared a Bintang or two here then walked down to a local eatery ..Warung Dua, a walk of only some 8 min. We all enjoyed local Indonesian/Balinese food, washed down by another couple of Bintangs. We look forward to welcoming "Visitors from Abroad" whenever the opportunity presents itself.

**"Who You Gunna Call"** The house we have recently moved to is not on mains water supply ...probably a good thing ..& we draw our water from a well on the property. Naturally there is a water pump necessary to draw the water to the various outlets. For some obscure reason, about a week ago we needed to walk to the pump, "smack" it into submission until such time as it decided to work for a time before going back to sleep once again. This exercise was repeated as much as 10-15 times a day ....pretty unsuitable really. Well our Balinese friend Putu, who visits almost every day, called her Family friend, who happens to work as an electrician on building projects nearby. He gave the "offending pump" the once over & declared there was a replacement item that he needed to purchase & install. Some 30 min later he had replaced the part necessary & presented me with his "bill" for parts & labour .....Rp150,000 ..or some Aus\$15.00. I can happily report that our water is now running again without our earlier problem.

**Masters Hockey Championships 2016.**

By the time you all read this you will all be preparing to attend the 2016 Championships. May I wish you all every success & trust you all return injury free. *Thanks Peter - we enjoy hearing from you. Ed.*

**'B' Division Report - September:**

**Injuries:** A number of players are suffering ligament and muscle issues resulting from the increased September intensity with the finals in progress & extra training for the Nationals. Get well all of you.

**Visitors / New Players:** Alan Chapman (Canberra) has continued to enjoy the delights of Perth for his extended stay. Will relocate to Adelaide in time to captain the Canberra O/65s. Ha been taking notes on the progress of the WA team. Good to see Peter Morgan, Lenny Collier, Ian Kealley and Bruce Goetze playing the 60s games as members of the WA 65s.

**Life's Linger Moments:**

# There was a hockey player (no not the editor) who sent ten puns to friends, with the hope that at least one of the puns would make them laugh. No pun in ten did. (*This pun was in MM 09/2012. Ed.*)

# There are more people alive now, than have died in all of human history. (National Geographic)

# Latest take on Little Red Riding Hood: The Wolf said "It isn't safe for a little girl to walk through these woods alone." The girl replied (aka Germaine Greer) "I find your sexist remark offensive but I will ignore it because of your traditional status as an outcast from society, the stress of which has caused you to develop your own biased view of the world. So piss off."

**This Month's Hockey:**

And so the climax of the hockey season has arrived. First we had the finals of the grass hockey season and then we will have the Nationals. A lot of preparation has gone into the hockey season and bragging rights are now being awarded. In the O/60s WASPS and Westside Wolves went head to head at Perry Lakes. An epic final eventuated in front of a reasonable crowd as WASPS scored early. Wolves responded with goals either side of the main break and held the lead to the final siren, when WASPS who had been awarded a penalty corner converted after the bell to tie the scores. After 15 minutes of scoreless golden goal time the result was decided by penalty flicks. WASPS missed one flick giving the grand final win to Wolves. Strong work by the Morgan and Osborne brothers laid the groundwork for their win. For the losers Dudley Evans, Maurie Giles, Keith Gilbride and Jim Campbell worked their butts off, but the team fell short. Graham Wood and Vern Gooch ably umpired the Grand Final as they had for most of the 60s final series. Well done.

Wednesday hockey changed for the month as the National teams added to their training schedule. The traditional teams for the month lost a few to the 60s, 65s and 70s resulting in the O/60s operating with 3 teams; WA 65s and nominally a blue and a white team. Numbers were variable and teams were made up by borrowing players from other teams and from the WA 60s who arrived early (thanks Ted, Kommy, Harps, Buck and Carlos). As could be expected the WA 65s did not lose a game during the 3 weeks of this report but did struggle to put teams away. 65s scored 13 goals in 12 games and won 6 of those games. Blue scored 6 goals and won 2 games whilst White scored only 4 goal and won only 1 of the 12 games. Interestingly their most prolific scoring occurred in the absence of the coach & the attendance of Lenny Collier (who scored 3 goals in his 1 week visit). The 65s will lose Lenny's scoring talent if their goalkeeper Steve Drake-Brockman is unable to play. It is also true to say that the 65s never had a full team or anything like a full team available.

The control of the midfield and movement of the ball into the forward line appears to be a focus of the 65s and they will be using the select ball control and passing talents of Ian Pestana, Peter Morgan, Jim Campbell and Dudley Evans to set up the forwards in goal scoring positions allowing the like of Allan Ledger, Roger Davey and Terry Parker to slot home the winners. Standout players for the white and blue teams included Rod Bickers, Peter Galbraith, Chris Morley, Dudley Burress, Colin Murray-Smith, Peter Wallis and Dave Evans, whilst Ray Domingo continues his forward running, The umpires headed by George, John & Vern (plus the occasional current player) continued to ply their trade amongst the strongly diversified opinions of the experienced players, getting more right than wrong. Stricter interpretations of the rules in line with national expectations caught some players offside (no pun intended), but has been a good move.

Goalkeeping duties for the month were shared amongst Tony Marshall, Ross Easton and Graeme Samson. Many thanks for your strong performances.

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And so it's off to Adelaide for the Nationals. I wish all teams from WA and WAC and WA players playing for other states best wishes for the carnival and hope that it as enjoyable for you as I hope it will be for me.

Gordon Jeffrey (*Thanks Gordon. See you in Adelaide. Ed.*)

**Department Of Limericks Part Two:** This has to be the last word before Adelaide:

Good luck to those off to S.A.

Let's hope we can come back and say

"The boys from the West

Have all done their best

At least the results are OK."

*With luck all the results will make into the next edition. Ed.*

**Past & Temporarily Retired Players:** The chilblains are no better, consequently neither are my notes.

I have recorded Jeff Godfrey, Brian Lester, John Sanders and George Winning at the Stadium and can also remember seeing Rusty Phillips and Ron Venables (who umpired) at Perry Lakes.

**Grumpy Old Men Two:** "Hegel was right when he said that we learn from history that man can never learn anything from history." George Bernard Shaw (1856 - 1950). *His Wikipedia page describes him as an Irish playwright, critic and polemicist. Polemicist could be defined as Grumpy Old Man - maybe.*

**Dummy Spit Of The Month:** For September this goes to all those who reacted when a normal (long) corner suddenly became three penalty corners. I have to admit to being one of them - having had no prior knowledge of this, and quickly going cold while standing on the centreline did not appeal.

**Shakespeare Said It:** At our age we are going to make errors. During this pre-tournament phase we might have to endure match post-mortems too. "All faults I make, when I shall come to know them, I do repent." The Winter's Tale Act III Scene II. *Even that might not get you off the hook.*

"I had a thing to say, - but I will fit it with some better time. ... I had a thing to say, - but let it go."  
King John Act III Scene III. *Shakespeare has some advice about talking back to the Adelaide umpires.*

**Department of Limericks Part Three:**

There's so much ado about rules

You'd think we had lost the crown jewels

The truly wise men

Slow count up to ten

The rest of us yell out like fools.

*Not written by umpires. 'A' division players need to realise we are not playing for whaling stations.*

**Masters Matters Schedule:** It is highly probable that the next issue will feature Adelaide. What else it will feature depends on what happens between now and then. After predicting that this issue was to be a smaller edition, I'll give up predicting.

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