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Dates For The Diary:

2017: September 16th: End of Saturday O/65s winter season. Wind up dinner at Perry Lakes.
 September 23rd - October 7th: Interstate Masters Championships; Hobart.

No WHM 27/09 & 04/10.

No Saturday O/65s 23/09, 30/09 and 07/10.

October 11th / 18th: Combined 'A', 'B' and 'C' divisions on one turf 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm.

October 14th: Start of Saturday O/65s summer season.

December 20th: WHM Christmas Party - PHS.

2018: June 21st/July 1st. WGMA World Cup - Barcelona.

} Australia and Southern Cross

July 27th / August 5th: IMHA World Cup - Terrassa.

} Australia

Interstate Masters Championships. Possibly Newcastle.

2020: World Cup - possibly Japan.

} Australia and Southern Cross

Fixture Changes - Including State Teams: This arrangement has been modified. The WA State O/65s will still play in the 'B' Division in place of the Gold team from August 23rd to September 13th (not on September 20th). The 'A' Division will have too many players away from the State O/70s and O/75s to start from that August date. What was decided is that for September 6th, 13th and 20th these sides will be joined by the WA Country O/70s (as many as possible), and all remaining players are to play in a White team, unless they are helping one of the representative sides with numbers. The 'C' Division online fixtures are still unchanged as at the time of closing off this edition, though the bar commentary on 23rd August noted that the games played were in the order of White versus Blue twice followed by Red versus Gold twice. Expert opinion was that a lot of the State O/60s were in the last two mentioned teams - it certainly appeared to be a good quality match.

Playing Arrangements at PHS and Perry Lakes during Hobart: Please note that there will be no play on Wednesdays 27/09 and 04/10. On 11/10 and 18/10 only one turf will be in use for combined 'A', 'B' and 'C.' Our Saturday play is suspended for 23/09, 30/09 and 07/10, with the summer season starting on October 14th at Perry Lakes.

Hockey WA New Faces: Congratulations and best wishes to Garry Fitzpatrick, who as from July 23rd is the new President of Hockey WA. The announcement states that he is a former president of both Riverside Lions and Suburban Lions, and is still a keen player today. Congratulations also must go to WHM's 'C' Division Gold player Peter Westlund, who is taking up a new role as Vice President of Hockey WA. His other credentials include being a former President of North Coast Raiders, Curtin, WAIT and a past Chairman of WA Masters Hockey.

Hockey Australia Appointment: A new CEO has been appointed effective June 2017 in Matt Favier, who was the Director of the AIS from 2011. We wish him well.

Vale Peter Kennedy: It was with much sadness that we report the death of Peter Kennedy on 28th August. There departs another player who did much to initiate the veterans competition which has led to our domestic, interstate and international events. Obituary can be found on Page 13.

Department of Health: Robin Bailey, Roger Partington and John Mercer each have a problem knee and are missing games as a consequence. The prognosis is unknown in all cases. Bob Bowyer is now able to get around without the crutches and is still very much on target for a proper recovery. See *Letters to the Editor*. Eric Alcock has not been seen since an unsuccessful attempt to play back on the 12th July at UWA. We hope it's due to a holiday rather than an injury. John Sanders has not been able to umpire due to the effects of a deflected hockey ball striking him in the leg. I heard on the 16th that Adolphus Abrahams spent time in Fiona Stanley Hospital with fluid on the lungs, but has now returned home. Les Waldon is in the middle of moving to his new home, and is carrying a problem shoulder. He's not playing at the moment to make sure that he can finish the pre-move painting, as well as do all the fetching and carrying involved. A lot of players (well, three at least) fell over during the 'A' division on the 23rd, and it's hoped that no incapacitating injury resulted to either Greg Black (voted best dive) or Bob Robinson (multiple falls). John Mercer woke up on Thursday the 24th with a right knee which hurt worse than the left knee which had kept him out for the previous three Wednesdays. Neil Mannolini has been in the wars recently (see 'A' Division Blog) but wife Pat has undergone an operation for cancer recently which is believed to have been successful. The "Masters Matters" editor needs to apologise publicly for making things even more difficult by directing a hockey ball onto Neil's leg. Sorry, Neil. Would 'A' Division players please desist from injuring any more umpires - we need as many as we can get. Paul Robinson has now begun the comeback, and has played without visible ill-effects and in good touch too. Other players who have resumed recently include Ash Foster (who claims his mobility has suffered while injured) and Mal Jackaman, who resumed and stopped again, I believe due to plantar fasciitis. Best wishes to all sufferers for a total, complete and speedy recovery.

Department of Corrections: Our apologies to Graham "Chip" Challenor for a mis-spelling. We're not too sure how that one slipped through the rigorous proof reading. Apologies also to WA Country 70s coach Rod Sims, who we spelled as "Simms" last issue. The date for the WHM Christmas party at PHS has not been correct in the fixtures, or here. It will actually be held on December 20th, rather than the 13th, as wrongly printed in the July and August editions.

Letters To The Editor: August did not prompt a flurry of responses - possibly because some people are still reading it. Thank you to Ken Dyer and Ken Watt.

Ken Dyer: "..... and I enjoy your international input." *Ken was kind enough to say that he likes the jokes too. And I'm sure the foreign correspondents will be pleased to hear they are appreciated. They are certainly welcomed by me, as they provide news for me to read, rather than write. Ed.*

Ken Watt: "... could we in future refer to Bob Bowyer's mobility assistance device as something other than a crutch, and that he would be better off with two ... for obvious reasons. The very thought of it is quite disturbing. Regards (in jest), Ken." *Thanks Ken, latest I hear is that Bob now has his mobility assistance devices and moon boot for sale on ebay. The next mobility assistance he will require is a hockey stick. Hopefully the 'Masters Matters' readership has no need for anything else.*

Vale: This month has seen the deaths of two of the best players I ever saw in what used to be our 1A competition. The hockey was great when players of the calibre of Cec Pearce and Kevin Carton were included. I was a ballboy at the WACA for a match between CBC and Perth, with both sides including several Olympians (memory tells me Eric, Gordon and Julian Pearce along with Kevin Carton for CBC and Ray Evans, Phil Pritchard and Dennis Kemp for Perth) and was in awe of the skills on display.

Quotable Quote 1: "Where justice is denied, where poverty is enforced, where ignorance prevails, and where any one class is made to feel that society is in an organised conspiracy to oppress, rob and degrade them, neither persons nor property will be safe." *Frederick Douglas (1817 - 1985). US abolitionist and the first black Vice Presidential candidate in 1872 for the Equal Rights Party*

Where The Bloody Hell Are You? The question has been posed before in “Masters Matters” though perhaps not quite so bluntly. We currently have players away in Glasgow as well as some extreme WA winter weather. Our numbers are very low in both ‘A’ and ‘B’ divisions and also in the bar after the matches have been completed. Based on the team lists I can access the numbers in Scotland are: Australian O/75s: Gason, Baldwin, Harler, Lyon, Osborne, Venables, Willett. (A div 6, B div 1).

S/Cross 65s: Evans, Challenor (A), Fogels, Robinson (M). (B div 4).

S/Cross 70s: Andrews, Blackwell, Murray. (A div 2, B div 1).

S/Cross 75s: Horsley, Patterson, Ree, Stidwell (A div 4).

Alliance: Benporath, Gaston. (A div 2).

This makes a total of 14 out of ‘A’ division and 6 from ‘B’ division. The team lists show that ‘A’ division has 61 players and ‘B’ division 48. These include long term absentees like Colin Sanders, a few who are travelling the world such as Dave Horsley and some who are temporarily injured. I hope I’m part of the third group.

So it appears that there are players who are not coming to PHS to play hockey. Of those who do not many stay afterwards for the socialising. Why is this so - is it possible for non-players and non bar attendees to send an email to “Masters Matters” and tell us your reasons for staying away. Even teetotal players come to the bar, so that is not an acceptable explanation.

More Where The Bloody Hell Are You? Our limerick writer managed to draw inspiration from this unlikely source and decided that apathy was one possible cause:

It seemed no one wanted to play
Some came but a lot stayed away
A few were too sore
I’m sure plenty more
Just said to their wives; “Not today!”

Yet More Where The Bloody Hell Are You? Or perhaps the inclement weather was a factor.

Our numbers are still in decline
We can’t even raffle a wine,
Play the right fixtures
Not these team mixtures
Might help if the sun were to shine.

In late news the sun has made a brief re-appearance. Our missing players have not. Ed.

Grand Masters 2018 Barcelona World Cup: Our last issue included the email from Southern Cross Secretary Peter Hayes advising that only one team per organisation would be permitted in each age division of this event. The old adage “Better Red than dead” was often quoted the other way round as “Better dead than Red.” And this suggested to our limerick writer:

For many it will be in vain
To try and play hockey in Spain
As Southern Cross Red
Appears to be dead
And only the Blue sides remain.

It may be premature to proclaim the demise of Southern Cross Red, as the Glasgow tournament has just featured them in the Tournament Trophy O/65s. But if the World Cup does not want them then it would seem logical to assume that not many other tournaments will. Ed.

Grumpy Old Men (and Women) 1: “Many books require no thought from those who read them, and for a very simple reason; they made no such demands on those who wrote them.” *Charles Caleb Colton (1780 - 1832). Eccentric English cleric, writer and collector. From “Lacon” 1820.*

'A' Division Blog: We have not played the scheduled fixtures on any Wednesday in August - yet.

August 2nd: The Australian O/75s had departed for Glasgow the previous evening, which meant our numbers would be down. Barry Rutter forgot to bring one goalkeeping pad, and many 'A' division players forgot to turn up. At 1:00 pm there were barely enough for two teams, so no fixtures could be played. The scratch games produced much better trapping and intercepting than passing and as a consequence turnovers were frequent. The scoreboard end was also the scoring end, even after the only playing goalkeeper wearing pads in Colin Benporath went off after the third game. The other playing goalkeeper in Barry Rutter also stopped then after a lively run at right inner. Ham D'Souza began his return to hockey after injury and holiday with a trademark run and goal in the first minute of play. John Ree warmed up by pursuing a thieving raven which had made off with a packet of nuts and raisins. A thrown stick led to the retrieval of the unopened package, and John celebrated by banging in goals from everywhere. More players arrived later and final numbers were Red (7, with Barry Rutter), White (7), Gold (6) and Blue (10). The goal tally was not kept, as they are sometimes a lot easier when numbers are down and there are no goalkeepers.

August 9th: It was a day of inclement weather, as reflected in the attendance. At the scheduled start of play the numbers were insufficient to fill two teams, so after a quick check with Turf Two found that the 'B's were playing, the hockey began 15 minutes late with eight from Blue and Gold versus nine from Red and White. There were no goalkeepers in attendance (the word was that Barry Rutter was due to be the only one) and a non-playing Les Waldon was the sole umpire. Some (by no means all) of the hockey reached a fairly good standard, but this fell away as players tired. Goal of the day was not awarded due to the very high number of contenders, but some players will be relieved that the miss of the day will not be awarded either, for the same reason. It was not a good day to be a spectator. Player numbers were: Blue (5), Gold (3), Red (5) and White (7).

August 16th: Despite poor morning weather the afternoon was fine. Not so our attendance, with one goalkeeper (Barry) and barely enough players to start at 1:00 pm yet again. This week Red and Gold combined against White and Blue until the last game of the day when the two remaining blue shirts deserted to the colours team, leaving nine white shirts against ten players. The numbers fluctuated throughout the day, and it seemed that as late comers arrived other players departed. The play was rather uneven for most of the time and Phil Metcalf had a birthday lurking up high to trap and convert repeatedly, which became a fair bit easier after Barry called it a day. I have had a word or two about the player numbers elsewhere in this issue, and will not repeat those sentiments here. Emails appear to be a rather imperfect means of communication, as despite requests to arrive early and bring white and coloured shirts many were still arriving for a 2:00 start. We also diverted a few 'B' and 'C' division players up to Turf One. Player numbers: White (8), Blue (5), Gold (7) and Red (6) - but never all at the same time. Goals - too many to count.

August 23rd: The situation was normal, with only one goalkeeper (Barry Rutter for two games) and just enough players for two teams. As has become customary the play was rather unbalanced and it was a good thing that a lot of the White/Blue attacks were foiled by stalwart defence from Barry and the Gold/Red backs. Not all of them however, and after Barry's departure the goals flowed at the White / Blue attacking end. The ball rarely made an appearance on the other side of the centre-line, though on one occasion when it did David Pandher converted with a fine solo run. I eventually decided that the reason for some of the imbalance between the teams was due to the Gold/Red side having three players who were well below their full pace (Robin Bailey, Ash Foster and John Mercer) while White/Blue had only Neil Scaddan. Julian Gardner (up from Esperance - welcome) was not at peak fitness (supposedly), but seemed to be running extremely well after moving into the forward line. Umpire Neil Mannolini had a tough day at the office, falling on the steps before play started and ending up with a cut forehead. He was then struck on the leg during play by a John Mercer hit, but was fortunate that it was not somebody who can hit a hockey ball properly. Player numbers were Blue (4), Gold (6), White (7) and Red (4). Goals scored - too many to count again.

From The Saturday O/65s: Summer hockey starts on October 14th. More next issue.

A point or two of clarification for our recent recruit. Though well known when he played at the highest levels as “Bob” Andrew he prefers “Rob.” Please also note that the surname has no “s.”

Selector Harvey Davies completed his pre-match task on the 12th and was satisfied that he’d been able to give Blue and White 10 players each. He then realised that he’d worn the White shirt to Perry Lakes, and had just included himself in the Blue team.

During August non-playing attendees included Bruce and John Mercer, John Peirce, Neil Scaddan and Ken Watt. Bruce tells me that his hockey resumption is imminent.

On this topic, Ken Watt merits a special mention. While injured he has not only attended regularly but also umpired many times. As most of us who have blown a whistle know, it can be a thankless task. He even officiated on the day before departing for Glasgow.

August 19th was the first day in a long while that we lacked the numbers for two complete teams. The smaller field was used and a keen 7-a-side contest was in progress when I departed to attend WA Country training in Busselton.

The next weekend (26th) was not a great deal better. We began with nine a side on a full field with Peter Pittendrigh as one goalkeeper and “non-playing” Les Waldon as the other. Then John Peirce arrived from work saying the boss would not allow him to leave early again. As he was wearing a blue shirt he joined them and from then onwards the Blue side scored all the goals.

Winter windup: As stated in Dates for the Diary this will be held on Saturday 16th September as a buffet dinner at the Perry Lakes clubrooms. Partners will be included (there’s a first) and we usually start and finish the night fairly early. This will also serve as a farewell to the Hobart travellers.

Test Your Hockey Knowledge With John Sanders: August’s question was: In the 1952 Test Tour of New Zealand three West Australians scored 82 of the 130 goals for Australia. Ian Dick and the late (*very recently*) Cec Pearce scored 18 goals each. Who was the other player? John gives the answer to this one as Mel Pearce, whose 46 goals were fell just short of the 48 goal combined total of all other members of the touring party. John also informs us that in all matches the opposition’s total of goals was just 10. No-one attempted an answer.

September’s question is: When was the late Kevin Carton first selected to play for Australia? Was it?
a) The Sydney Test v New Zealand in August 1954. b) The Test match v India scheduled for August 1955. c) The 1956 Melbourne Olympic Games. d) The tour of New Zealand in 1958. *Answer next issue. Thanks for the regular supply John - Ed.*

Dummy Spit Of The Month: Ash Foster came under consideration here for leaving early without his hockey stick. He saved himself from a win by phoning immediately he reached home and requesting that a fellow member of WHM assist him to re-unite with the stick. So, to find a winner, I ask all former players for Southern Cross Red how they reacted to the Barcelona news. Thought so.

Quotable Quote Two: “It is said that power corrupts, but actually it’s more true that power attracts the corruptible. The sane are usually attracted by other things than power.” *David Brin (1950 -).US engineer and science fiction author.*

Punology One: Those of you who know Latin will be familiar with the originals of these fishy tales:

Caviar Emptor: Beware of the fish.

Carp Diem: Seize the fish.

Veni, Vidi, Fishy: I came, I saw, I fished.

Cod Erat Demonstrandum: Proving the fish.

Squid Pro Quo: Done a fishy deal.

Tempus Fish-it: Time flies when you’re fishing.

Prima Fishy: First fish.

The French Letter No 35:

Well, our summer has continued on its dull and dismal way - not a lot of rain but lower than average temperatures and almost constant cloud cover. At least we have been continuing to enjoy fresh garden produce.

I have been busy over the last month constructing a gift for our fifteen year old granddaughter, Tiffanie. She is about to start at senior high school ("lycee" in France) so I thought I would make something of value that she could keep for life. I decided to construct what is known in the USA as a "hutch clock". It's a little shorter than a traditional grandfather clock but the real difference lies in the front section which consists of three shelves which allows for the owner to use that space to store keepsakes, books, small photo frames – whatever takes one's fancy.

A photo of the completed clock is attached. At the moment it is minus its face as I am waiting for the glass to cover the clock face, to be cut. It will run on a quartz movement.

Best wishes to all those playing the nationals.

Ian Purdie (*Thanks for this horological story Ian - definitely too large for the shelf.*)



Balinese Bulletin No 26: Thank you to Peter Hammond again. Your and Ian's pieces are appreciated a lot by the editor. And the readership too, according to comments I hear.

A WEEK IN BALIA week in Bali, when you are retired with nothing particular to do on any one day, is comprised of 6 Saturdays & a Sunday. Father Time here doesn't go rushing about all over the place, pushing people around & herding them into little boxes. Instead, he calmly goes about his business at a very leisurely pace. If he finds you haven't finished something you may or may not have started .. he moves on without waking you. At this point I assume you "get my drift".....time just seems to move on, unnoticed & without realizing it a week & even a months has passed you by ...mind you without any ill effects.

AIRPORT TAXIS. Unlike most places on this planet, when you arrive at the airport you may well expect to simply find a taxi to take you to your hotel villa etc. Not so here in Bali. The transport services from the airport are run by what we call the "Bali Taxi Mafia". Some influential local has organized for himself the "Franchise" to provide the transport for incoming flights. Taxi companies like Bluebird, for example, are not allowed to "pick up" ..they can drop only. Many people will have transport provided by their hotel or villa but those who are not so fortunate ..be warned. You will find yourself being asked ridiculous prices & having to fight with several competing drivers. If you find yourselves coming to Bali & without provided transport at this end please let me know & I will arrange for transport at "non-ridiculous" prices. No, this is not a business interest of mine, simply an offer to assist Ageing Hockey Player friends ...certainly those in need of assistance!!

BALI DENTISTS. Bali has well been known for providing excellent Dental Care at very, very reasonable prices. Many Australians have been known to incorporate a holiday here with dental work they need. I recently needed to have some Root Canal work done. The finished result was excellent & the cost even more so with the total cost being around AU\$150.00. I sat through two 45 min sessions waiting for the "pain" to begin .. no injection & no pain. I can certainly recommend my Dentist .. there are, however many others that come highly recommended also.

MASTERS CHAMPIONSHIPS.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all those exceptional Ancient Hockey Players down there a very successful & injury free Masters Championships. Long may you Rule!!

Peter Hammond



Thanks to Stan Salazaar for this reminder of a State team from former years. Under Peter's piece seemed to be the best position, as I remember PH running one of the early State O/50 teams in a year when I provided some cannon fodder for them in practice matches. Ed.

'B' Division Report - August: As Gordon has been away for all the Wednesdays in August so far there is no correspondent's report this issue. I have heard that numbers have been very short - certainly true judging by the numbers in the bar. I have also heard that the State O/65s played quite well as they started their Hobart preparation matches on the 23rd, and won three games 1-0, with a draw in the other match. *The 'B' division report will be limited or non-existent for September also. Ed.*

Have Hockey Stick, Will Travel: Last issue featured the report from Simon Williams on the national O/70s tour of Europe. This one features several bulletins from the Australian O/75s, who at the time you read this have just finished playing in the European Championships in Glasgow. Many thanks to Richard ("Speedie") Osborne, who has been good enough to provide "Masters Matters" with several despatches from the tour.

Pre-Tournament: We have played six matches starting in Belfast where we lost 2-0, then Dublin losing 3-0. These matches were against two different Irish teams who were much younger and faster. Then we went to Swansea where we beat a Welsh side 2-0, moved to Wrexham in North Wales where we won 2-1 against a different Welsh team. Both teams had several younger players in their fifties or sixties with only a few in their seventies.

From there we tripped to Haddington Scotland (15 miles out of Edinburgh) and played a ladies' team that included one top grade 25 year old man and two teenage boys apart from the rest of the girls in their late teens or early twenties. They belted us 6-1. Lastly we played a local Glasgow club who beat us 6-2. Similar story re composition of our opposition. Too young, too fast and too few players over 70, none over 75 that I remember. In fact some old former players who came to watch, have said that they are surprised to see us still playing and many regret retiring too early. It has been tough but stimulating as we have covered so much beautiful countryside and towns. No bad injuries, so we look forward to playing against our own age group. This afternoon we went to the opening ceremony and caught up with many old friends both Australian, in the Southern Cross teams and European. A large turnout.

Day 2: We beat Alliance five nil today after beating Southern Cross six nil yesterday. Today against Alliance Graham Harler and Ian Lyon (2) scored, as did Keith Ellis. Graham also scored yesterday as did Ian Lyon, Peter Gason and Ron Venables (*an all WHM list of scorers - Ed*) with some 'tothersiders helping in a match where all six were field goals. Both Bill Baldwin and I have had little to do except order players around in defence and encourage the team. That has been a change from being perpetually besieged in the six lead up games.

Ron Venables was voted man of the match by Alliance today whereas Keith Ellis won the award yesterday. We gave John Ree the award yesterday in the Southern Cross match. Both games have been played more on our terms as we are in our age group and we have been able to move into attacking hockey. We now face England tomorrow, then the Dutch on Thursday and finally Germany on Saturday. These three teams are National teams and significantly more threatening so we will be hard pushed. England has already won the European Cup having beaten both Germany and the Dutch and we aren't allowed to contest the Cup. But we hope to beat all three.

We have been lucky with the weather but it looks to turn to rain, and the summer is more like our winter. The Hockey Centre was used for the Commonwealth Games and is admirable, but has only two pitched so some games are at different sites.

Day 3: We drew with England yesterday nil all. They were pretty physical and well drilled. Their goalie did not get a touch, although we had some good chances to score but did not. Bill and I had some important saves and we were full of running in the last few minutes looking threatening but couldn't finish off. Ron Venables has continued his excellent form. So has Peter Willett. The Dutch today, then Germany Saturday.

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Day 4: We beat the Dutch 3-0 and deserved more goals as we played very well. Ian Lyon continues his goal scoring from in close showing his valuable abilities. Peter Gason got a fine penalty corner and David Webster got our third in the last quarter. Peter Willett, Graham Harler and Ron Venables continued their effective contributions. Neither Bill B nor I got a touch so we now have no goals against us in 4 games. Now for the last game on Saturday versus the Germans. We are hoping to emulate the English by not losing a game and equalling their record. They have won the European Cup but we are not allowed to. It would have been something to play them in a final.

We have been lucky as showers have been intermittent and we have kept dry.

Day 5: We won our match versus Germany 2-1. An early goal by Ian Lyon from the post set us up. We were active and aggressive and could have put more in but were inaccurate. Then the Germans scored in the last seconds of the first quarter. The match progressed with us being the aggressors whilst they seemed defensive only attacking on the rebound. Again we just could not finish several classy approaches.

In the last few minutes we were awarded a penalty stroke which Peter Gason converted to the chagrin of the Germans. They were very physical throughout and several tackles were not even penalised at all.

Some very happy boys here.

Thanks a lot for these Speedie. Congratulations to all the team on topping the table, even if you were not able to be the official winners. Both Australia and England won 4 matches and drew 1. Australia's goal difference was 15 and England's was 10. Ed.

Freudian Slip? I could not resist including this from the Hockey Bulletin of July 14th, 1962.

Lost, at the WACA on Sunday, July 1st. Goalkeepers pads, stick and kickers. Left in error in the boot of an Austin A40. Please return to Dick Osborne Cricketers A1. *They must have come back, as Speed is still playing in the goals now. To preserve his good health, our source will not be revealed. Ed.*

Glasgow Facts and Figures: Those who like to know everything have no doubt found the website for the tournament by now. For those who just like to see what our WHM representatives managed to achieve, here are some of the details.

O/75s: Scorers: Australia - Ian Lyon (5), Peter Gason (3), Graham Harler (2), Ron Venables (2).

Southern Cross - John Ree (3).

The World Cup and Tournament Trophy competitions were combined in this age group. I have been informed that the Southern Cross team won the Gold medal - which is a strong possibility given that there were only two non-national teams out of the six which competed.

O/70s: In the Tournament Trophy competition Southern Cross were defeated in the final 1-0 by LX Red. And Alliance (including Colin Benporath and Terry Gaston) were successful 3-1 in a shootout against the Netherlands for the bronze medal. Peter Andrews and Scott Blackwell each scored one goal for the Southern Cross side.

O/65s: Southern Cross Blue has won the silver medal in the Tournament Trophy. Peter Fogels (2) and Dudley Evans (1) scored goals and Ash Challenor scored a green card.

O/60s: Southern Cross won the Tournament Trophy bronze medal, 2-1 over Alliance in the play off.

World Cup O/70s: WA Country players may be interested to know that the team list for Scotland has included Kieran McLernon as captain and Roy Crichton. No sign of Alan Bryce.

World Cup O/65s: Heath Tyrell played for Ireland - who lost all their matches (three of them 2-1). He also managed to collect one green card.

If any reader would like more information, and lacks the technical skills to search for it from the tournament website then please contact the newsletter editor. I'd be happy to include a slightly less parochial summary of the results in the next issue, including all World Cup winners. Ed.

Happy Birthday: Thanks for the beers to Simon Thomson, who celebrated and bought on the 23rd.

Glasgow Tournament Off-Field Report: “Masters Matters” received an email from Scotland which is worth including in full. Ken Watt has become a temporary member of our foreign correspondents.

“Last Wednesday we (5) ventured to Edinburgh to see the sights and end up at the ‘Tattoo’ and while walking around came across the Southern Cross café. Naturally we entered and (flashing our jackets) asked for a discount, the owner, of course, refused but asked if he could have his photo taken with us when we had finished our meal. We lined up outside for a photo and were joined by this stranger who wanted to join in, however Brian Stewart nearly wet himself as when the stranger approached he exclaimed in a very deep baritone Scottish lilt .. “Can I join you?” The attachment says it all.” (*The Edinburgh Arts festival runs for the whole of August. The Fringe Festival seems to be a part of this and you never know who you might encounter - Ed.*)

Southern Cross At Southern Cross Cafe

Photo from Ken Watt



I trust that readers can manage their own Who's Who

Well Dones: The August ‘A’ division umpires have included: Adolphus Abrahams, George Bradbury, Lionel David, Ian Hill, Mal Jackaman, Neil Mannolini, John Mercer, Barry Rutter, Neil Scaddan, and Les Waldon. There were very few players to say “thank you” after the games, so we’ll say it now. Thank you to both the ‘B’ division and ‘C’ division umpires also. The August Saturday umpires were: Peter Brien, Ken Edwards, Neil Scaddan, and Les Waldon. We could not have the usual PHS sausage sizzle due to the shortage of numbers. The low attendances have been berated at length elsewhere in this edition and require no further comment from me here.

Peter Hearne Retires: This news has reached me without any background information. I know that Pedro has played more than 800 games for my eventual home club Eastern Blades and has also been overseas with Southern Cross multiple times. He’s played in the Interstate Masters Championships a lot, with (at least) Northern Territory, Victoria and Western Australia. It has to be something really serious for him to quit. Best wishes from us all at WHM for retirement, and please join us for a post-match drink on Wednesday whenever you can.

Punology Two: How did the fisherman meet the mermaid? Online.

Peter Kennedy: The following was produced in consultation with Colin Nicholas - former President of both the AHA and WAHA (now Hockey Australia and Hockey WA). It also draws on Peter's own piece about the start of Veterans hockey in WA, and concentrates on hockey only. I'm sure that those who would like to know more will be enlightened at the funeral, which is to be held as a cremation service at Karrakatta Cemetery on Friday the 1st September commencing at 2:30 pm.

Peter saw active service in WWII, and was in Tobruk when the Germans laid siege to it. The survivors of this referred to themselves as the Rats of Tobruk, taking up the name from the German propaganda of the time. Their Association had an annual gathering which drew people from all over Australia (*I met one of them I knew on the Indian Pacific - Ed.*). The war obviously deprived a lot of young men of some of their best sporting years, but it appeared to me that Peter did his level best to make up for that by continuing to be an active sportsman well into his nineties.

After WWII Peter played for the WA State team, and toured New Zealand with the Australian side of 1948, which won the series. In Perth he played with the Old Aquinians club at the top level at the time when they and Old Mods were on the ascendant. He kept on playing, and in his own words proceeded to "slide gracefully (!) down to the bottom grade of the day." This was in about 1965. In 1970 Suburban proceeded to start a competition between teams of Over 40s on a Sunday in September for the Gardie Marshall trophy. (*The story of the day can be found in Masters Matters No 4 of 2014, written by Mike Gottschalk - Ed.*) The Vets competition finally began in 1977 and the interstate competition in 1981. Peter was heavily involved with all these undertakings and it has been said that he was the prime mover in the establishment of the Interstate Championships.

His involvement with the game continued, and I personally played against him in O/50s (2). He later transferred to Subs, and was still umpiring their O/60 side in 2008. He has been a visitor to PHS on a Wednesday on several occasions after I joined, including the Christmas Party, as well as being on the "Masters Matters" mailing list right up to this year.

Readers of The West Australian will be aware that he was a participant in Masters Athletics until he was well into his nineties. He usually made the photograph as the oldest male participant.

I enjoyed meeting him immensely and respected him as a strategic thinker. Our game in WA is greatly in his debt, and I hope we can pay a proper tribute to him.

First WA State Over 50s



Peter Kennedy (continued): The photograph on the previous page was sent to me as the first ever WA State O/50s. There are many names I cannot supply, but Peter is prominent as the third from the left in the front row. Also included are Colin Nicholas and Neil Mannolini, plus several others I could **probably** name. Readers who can identify everybody could send me the list of names and we'll print the photograph again in the next issue with a proper caption.

I suggest to all readers who would like to know more about the inception of Senior Citizen's hockey in WA to click onto Newsletter No 3 in 2014 after exiting from this one. Peter's own words on this subject can be found on Page 7. It's interesting to note that he closed with speculation about the O/60s of the future - now they will be the young blokes at the Barcelona tournament by comparison with the O/65s, O/70s and O/75s.

Rule(s) of the Month: I intended to include the rule(s) regarding the conduct of a penalty corner but as we do not take a corner without a goalkeeper in the net very few, if any, of the corners awarded ever actually happen at the moment. So this segment will take a break this month.

Shakespeare Said It: "Why, that's the way to fool their preparation, and to conquer their most absurd intents." Antony and Cleopatra Act V Scene II. *Hobart coach working on game plans.*
"We cannot be here and there too." Romeo and Juliet Act I Scene IV. *Heard occasionally in our Wednesday matches as outnumbered defenders try to prevent unmarked forwards scoring.*

Smile, You're on Candid Camera: On the 5th August we were approached by a very congenial parent from the skateboard park carrying what appeared to be a very sophisticated camera. Chris Whincup had taken a few action snaps of our Perry Lakes action, and later sent some through to me. When Peter Fogels returns from Glasgow I'll ask if he can include them on the website. Meanwhile...

Blue versus White

Photo Chris Whincup



Chris says: "I hope you like the photos and well done to all the guys out there on the field."

John Milner passes to Ash Foster

Photo Chris Whincup



There's a few years on display here, but who's counting?

Past Players, Non Players and Injured Players: It has been a little easier to record non-participants as the numbers on the turf and in the bar have been well down. At PHS noted were Phil Anderson, Bob Bowyer, Jeff Godfrey, Ian Hill, Mal Jackaman, John Mercer, Les Waldon and George Winning. And at Perry Lakes social attendees were Bruce Mercer, John Mercer, Rod Moulds, John Peirce, Neil Scaddan, Les Waldon and Ken Watt. Thank you to Jason for the Stadium food and all those who were rostered for the Perry Lakes nibbles.

Grumpy Old Men 2: "If we were to wake up one morning and find that everyone was the same race, creed and colour we would find some other cause for prejudice by noon." *George Aiken (1892 - 1984) US Vermont Senator for 34 years - and a Republican.*

Withdrawal Symptoms: For those who will miss their weekly hockey 'fix' while our Wednesday play is temporarily suspended the AHL is on in Perth. Play runs from Thursday 28th September through to Sunday 8th October. I noticed from The West Australian that two Indian development teams will be playing. Tickets can be purchased online via www.trybooking.com.

Masters Matters Schedule: This issue has been delayed for the Glasgow tournament results. Then it was a must to include an obituary for Peter Kennedy. Nevertheless, the pre-Hobart issue must go out before Friday 22nd of September, which is my departure date.

Stop Press: Grandchildren are arriving in profusion for our WHM executive. Simon is just back from Melbourne, now Bob Bowyer is off to Gosford to welcome a new grandson. Congratulations to all.

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