



A Blue

A Gold

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C Blue

C Gold

C Red

C White

O/65 Blue

O/65 Green

O/65 Maroon

Masters Matters

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Dates For The Diary:

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2020: World Cup (s) - To be determined. } Australia and Southern Cross

WHM Christmas Party: I am at a loss to understand why any of our number would not attend this function. It has been unmissable since I joined WHM. This year's was no exception, and as usual in recent years formalities were kept to a minimum. Numbers were not quite as bad as Bob's original email thought they might be, even though well down on the days when 90% (at least) of all players would be there. Thank you to Jason de Wind and all the Stadium staff for the table settings, the food preparation / service, and the drinks.

Bob's wine and hamper raffles were organised very quickly, with a very streamlined prize handover (so I heard, as usual nothing came my way). Irene Simpson and John Ree assisted Bob in ticket preparation and prize collection. There were many winners of wine, whose names I could not hear but that raffle kicked off our charity fund-raising for 2019 with \$300+. Five hampers were also raffled and won by: Gaynor Beckett (friend of Brian Soares), Mark Faithfull, Carol Thomson, John Jeffreys and Bob Stidwell. We owe a lot to: IGA Canning Bridge who donated a hamper again this year, Woolworths Bentley Plaza (\$200), both Woolworths and Coles Booragoon (\$50 each) for their donations towards stocking the hampers. And we also owe Bob's wife Janise, who converted the gift cards into hamper items by careful shopping for specials, and then assembled all five. Bob says that we have raised \$660 towards next year's charities from this raffle alone.

Simon got through the evening's brief formalities in fine style, first thanking (almost) all the workers who keep our competition going. The George Winning Trophy went to our WHM Secretary Bob Bowyer, who responded appropriately. Simon then told us a couple of stories - what would the sex of a computer be? Males and females think differently (*who knew?*), it appears. And apparently there is a strong correlation between diseases and body parts. You might ask Simon to repeat the story, but it could be difficult for him to repeat the display of (most) of the aforementioned parts.

We were all very pleased when Derek Jobe went to the microphone and ensured that Simon received our thanks for another good year as the man at the top.

Many of us went home much earlier than we did when I attended my first WHM Christmas Party, which was quite a while ago and we were all a lot younger then.

Orthopaedic Challenge Match: As per the forecast of our limericist (Isaac Asimov's term for a writer of limericks) the Knees prevailed in a very tight contest. I seem to be a semi-permanent fixture in the curtain raiser so I have again sought an unbiased, knowledgeable match reporter. But as Gordon Jeffery was unavailable this year (like last year) my own views appear yet again later in this issue.

Peter Hammond: In late news Peter has had a fall. See the Balinese Bulletin on Page 8.

Fees for 2019 PHS Season: The Committee has kept the 2019 fees at the same level where they have been ever since we switched from weekly payments (of \$5) to annual. It is now time for us all to pay up. The amount(s) due and how to pay them are:

- a) All players pay \$300 - no allowances for sabbaticals, travel, etc.
- b) New players pay \$350, which includes a shirt and socks.
- c) Players who are over 80 on 1st January 2019 will pay only 50% of the fee.
- d) All goalkeepers pay \$200. Unless they are over 80.

If paying by bank transfer (the preferred option), please include your name, division and team in the reference (for example 'Mercer A White'). The BSB is 036-004 and the account number is 111511. Cheques are to be placed inside an envelope with your name, division and team written on the outside. Pass the envelope on to Treasurer Steve Farrar, either directly or via your team captain.

Note: This only applies to Wednesday play at PHS.

The Merger of IMHA and WGMA: *Since the last issue the only news I have been able to locate is on the IMHA website. This reads as follows: "The IMHA Board discussed the outcomes of the meeting between the IMHA and WGMA Presidents in Rotterdam in November. The Presidents agreed that the Interim WMH Board would consist of two IMHA and two WGMA reps as before, and that they would focus on a few key tasks:*

- + Two incomplete sections in the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the FIH & WMH.
- + The date and location of the first WMH General Assembly (GA) and cut-off date for nomination of future WMH officials.
- + Dates by which NAs (*National Assemblies?*) and their local Masters Hockey organisers must agree upon representatives and delegates for the GA.
- + Fine tuning of the Articles of Association in relation to any changes to the MoU.

The WMH has been incorporated in the UK and Directors of the company appointed from both the present IMHA and WGMA. The Events (*including Australia's Sue Briggs and Peter Sweeney*) and Commercial/Communication (*Australians Martin Ferrari and Norman Same are members*) workgroups will continue their development tasks. A marketing package for the WMH brand name is being developed alongside commercially viable logos to enhance the brand's image. A cloud database is being set up to enable players and teams to self-register with the WMH and reduce future administrative demands." *Now you know as much as I do - Ed.*

Letters To The Editor: My thanks to all those who responded to December's MM. I heard from John Chapman, Nevelle Brown, Eric Alcock, Chris Morley (with email addresses and a quiz answer), Neil Miller and Steve Farrar. As always, feedback is very welcome.

Thank you to all who answered my query about email addresses. I now have up-to-date contacts for John Chapman and Len Collier. Ric Rodoreda and Rob Crofts remain on the wish list.

Steve Farrar: "On the subject of rules and umpiring I would like to inform you that it is possible to use the FIH rules app on a smart phone. It can be downloaded for free. Use this link:

<http://www.fih.ch/inside-fih/our-official-documents/rules-of-hockey/> to find the information."

Thanks Steve; my ancient phone did not complete the download. New Year shopping due? Ed.

Department of Corrections: Apologies to John Harper, who should have been in our "2018 Roll of Honour" as our other goalkeeping coordinator. And I spelled Jason de Wind as Wynd. Sorry. And I now belatedly wish all readers a Happy New Year, with plenty of good hockey.

Quotable Quote One: "Driverless vehicles are nothing new. We already have thousands on our roads." *Roger Follows, South Perth, 'Letters to the Editor' in "The West Australian" of Saturday 29th.*

Punology One: It is after the event, but here is a Christmas toast: "Here's champagne to real friends and real pain to sham friends."

Department of Health ('A' Division): Unfortunately Les Waldon's comeback was brief, as the back went bad again. Hopefully it will respond well to a rehabilitation programme. In the **Blue** team Neil Scaddan and Ken Watt may resume before too long, and it is also said that Peter Dennis may be back in 2019. For **Gold** Stan Balding and Ian Lyon are long term injured, while Phil Metcalf has not been seen for a little while and Ken Walter is a week by week proposition. **Red** have not had Trevor Kerr, Roger Partington or Bill Williamson in their ranks for some time. **White** have long term absentees in Ken Beer and Paul Robinson, and Eric Alcock is yet to resume Wednesday play. In the **goalkeeping** ranks Bill Baldwin and Colin Benporath are both in long periods of convalescence after operations. We hope that all of you make it back onto the PHS turf at some stage in 2019.

New Rules in 2019: FIH have made several changes effective as from 1st January 2019. There does not seem to be anything which will cause us major disruption, but those of us with Rule Books or the phone app will need to update. There are five changes:

Introduction of the match format of four quarters as standard. This one will not have any impact on either our Wednesday or Saturday matches, as we do not play 70 minute games at present. In this format time is stopped between the awarding, and the taking of a penalty corner.

That will make it interesting for umpires controlling Hockey WA fixtures. Not only will they need to carry the appropriate time-keeping technology, they will also have to remember to use it.

Removal of goalkeeping privileges for substitute field player. This is a mandatory experiment with effect from 1st January. Teams now have two options; they either play with a goalkeeper who wears full protective equipment comprising at least headgear, leg guards and kickers and who is also permitted to wear goalkeeping hand protectors and other protective equipment or they play with only field players. Any change between these options should be treated as a substitution.

This does not greatly change what we are already doing in 'A' Division. We already have a local rule that any penalty corner awarded cannot be taken if there is no goalkeeper, and it must be converted to a long corner. Most of our substitute goalkeepers prefer to use their sticks rather than their shin pads when defending the net. We only ever substitute field players for keepers from dire necessity rather than from choice.

Defending free hits within 5 metres of the circle. All players other than the attacker taking the free hit must be at least 5 metres away, including when they are in their circle. However, if the attacker chooses to take the free hit immediately, then defenders who are inside the circle and within 5 metres of the ball may shadow around the inside of the circle as per the explanation of the rule before 2019. This has the advantage of not preventing the quickly taken free hit which has been widely welcomed by coaches and players. It also maintains the 5 metres rule used everywhere on the pitch to provide space for the free hit taker.

This does not change the requirement for the ball to travel at least 5 metres before it can be played into the circle, and should be a welcome innovation.

Free hits awarded inside the defensive circle. A defender may now take a free awarded in the circle anywhere inside the circle or up to 15 metres from the back-line in line with the location of the offence, parallel to the side-line.

This should speed up play, and possibly save some of us from travelling unnecessary yards. In several instances the 'A' Division defences are already getting the ball back into play quickly.

Completion of a penalty corner. Rule 13.6 described the completion of a penalty corner, both for substitution purposes and at the end of a period. This has now been deleted. The option that a penalty corner is completed when the ball travels outside the circle for a 2nd time no longer exists.

In the April 2018 issue (No 4) "Masters Matters" listed the ways in which a penalty corner is deemed to have finished as per Rule 13.5 in the 2017 Rule Book. Steve Farrar provided a correction in the May issue, pointing out that Rule 13.6 was also relevant, but that is the case no longer.

Comment Sought: These changes should not have a great impact on our Wednesday and Saturday games. Any reader comment would be very welcome.

'A' Division Blog: How about a collective New Year resolution to give up being grumpy old men?

December 12th: There seemed to be a distinct lack of interest in the 'A' Division ranks, as 15 minutes before play was due to start we had hardly enough players for two teams and one goalkeeper (Barry) who was preparing to play on the field. Thanks to John Harper for coming up from Turf Two and to Harps and Barry for doing the first five games straight. Gold added Peter Wallis and Ken Walter (on the comeback trail) and were the team of the day, having two wins and a draw (3 for, 0 against). Some very good goalkeeping kept the scoring to a minimum (only 5 against the keepers) but there were still some good goals. These included a put-in to John Ree from a hard hit, bouncing ball, a Graham Harler deflection, another Red team build-up finished off well by Ron Venables and a good strike by Peter Eastlake in the last (GK free) game of the day. Nine umpires were used in the absence of Neil and John. Player numbers were Blue (9), Gold (8 including Peter Wallis), White (9) and Red (9). Only 7 goals were scored, and two occurred while there were no GKs.

December 19th: We only just had enough players for three teams, but played the first five of the fixtures before abandoning the last match. This allowed the participants in the Orthopaedic Match warm-up time. I trust that nobody was limited to two games, as there was a lot of demand for fill ins. Goalkeepers Barry and Tony were joined by new recruit Ian Spencer, who played in O/60s for Aquinas in 2017. The play varied considerably in quality as most of us became accustomed to new team-mates. Blue+ and Gold+ both did not have a win, as they only had two matches each; while Red won twice and White once. As is customary several golden opportunities were missed, but John Jeffreys put a couple nicely into the corner, Ron Venables used his pace to turn a couple of half chances into goals, John Ree converted with a hit from near the top and Peter Eastlake slammed in a corner in fine style. However, the goal of the day has to go to a Knees player warming up for the big match. Peter Livingstone had a run at centre forward for the White side and got his first for some time. Player numbers were: Red (9), White (9), Gold (6), and Blue (6). Goals 9.

Fourth Quarter: This quarter we managed to play some semblance of the scheduled fixtures from the 17th October onwards, which is better than usual. Three of our four teams ended the quarter with positive goals for/goals against balances (3, 2, and 1), indicating that Gold had a deficit of 6. The sides seemed to be relatively even for most of the time, with all having both good and bad days. As always the relative strength of our teams was determined by how many players were absent, and who they were and the quality of the fill-ins. It can be disconcerting to have been blanketed by one's opponent, then to see him lining up again in the next match.

2018 Year: The goal differences were more apparent over the twelve month period. Blue and White each scored more than they conceded; by 31 and 28 goals respectively. While Red and Gold both gave up more goals than they scored; (25 and 34). I consider these were the teams who suffered the most from long term injuries and absences. Red were formidable when they included Mal Horrigan, John Jeffreys and Les Waldon, but this did not happen very often. Other players who missed plenty of games included captain Roger Partington and goal-scorer Trevor Kerr. Gold's list featured only 12 players, among them Ken Walter and Stan Balding, who were very occasional attendees. In addition Jim Balding, Phil Metcalf and Peter Willett missed quite a few games, and it's no wonder that the Golden goals were down in numbers. Blue also had absences, but covered them fairly well, with one notable exception in Peter Dennis, though Peter Eastlake proved to be a very good replacement. The White team began the year with a reasonable forward line. Then Ham D'Souza had back problems, Ron Venables was transferred to Red, Paul Robinson needed a hip replacement, Brian Soares needed open heart surgery, Ken Beer had Achilles problems and Roy Grant had frequent trips away. Plus Len Blyth squeezed his hockey in between running a farm. Bob Hotinski looked as though he would be of assistance in solving the forward line problems, then his back problems forced him out of hockey.

So this is a division of Western Hockey Masters hockey where it is almost impossible to make sure that the sides are even each week. About all that we can aim at is to start the year with equality on paper, and hope that injuries and absences level out through the year.

And the umpiring has been problematic, to say the least. All the best to George Bradbury, who has taken on the role of umpiring coordinator. If ever MM can be of assistance

From The Saturday O/65s

The Other Christmas Party

Photo John Mercer



The Des and Pam Kelly clubrooms provide an excellent venue.

Although summer has been with us for a month now the strong sea breezes have kept conditions cool. So much so that we have yet to set up outside for post match drinks and nibbles.

We have signed up several social members for this summer season. Some like to be there for all the hockey; others arrive just in time for our post-match refreshments. It's a great chance to catch up with hockey acquaintances and have a drink (or even two) in good company.

Other benefits of social membership are apparent when we hold an event such as the Christmas Party, pictured above. Many of our currently non-playing members were there.

In December, 2015 one of our WHM end-of-year charities went by the name of POOPS, signifying "Pets of Older Persons." Both Jim Wright and wife Beth were involved. Those of you who watch the Channel 10 news may have seen an extended story and interview with Beth on December 31st. The charity is still going, and obviously is helping many senior people (that means older than us) to exercise their constant companions. It made a great and welcome change to see such a good news story on a TV news bulletin instead of the usual catalogue of disasters.

Our Christmas Party is (like the Wednesday one) a function not to be missed, as the number who attended, but did not play on the day attests. That included: Marty Greay, Paul Robinson, Roy Grant, Ian Lyon, Len Walker, Peter Murray, Peter Blockley, John Milner and the boss, Les Waldon. We dined on pizzas, whole chickens, ham and salads, with several platters of fruit to follow. These could be washed down with red or white wine. Thanks to chief organiser Jim Wright and all who assisted in the setting up and the minimal cleaning up. As usual, Howie could be relied upon for cold beers and soft drinks - 36 beers and 29 soft drinks were consumed.

I think that there is no doubt that our Saturdays are running quite well. Please do not forget that if you have a problem of any kind then talk to a Committee member.

The French Letter - Alas No More: There will be many readers who will miss the regular reads from La Belle France - not least the MM editor. So this issue includes a couple of bilingual puns so that we do not have to give up our monthly French Letter cold turkey. I suggest that if you do not read French Google can be used to translate any word or words which are foreign to you. (*'Huit' is French for 8*)
 "Huities - breakfast des octogenarians."
 "Samedi my prince will come - I also have dates for Thursday and Friday."

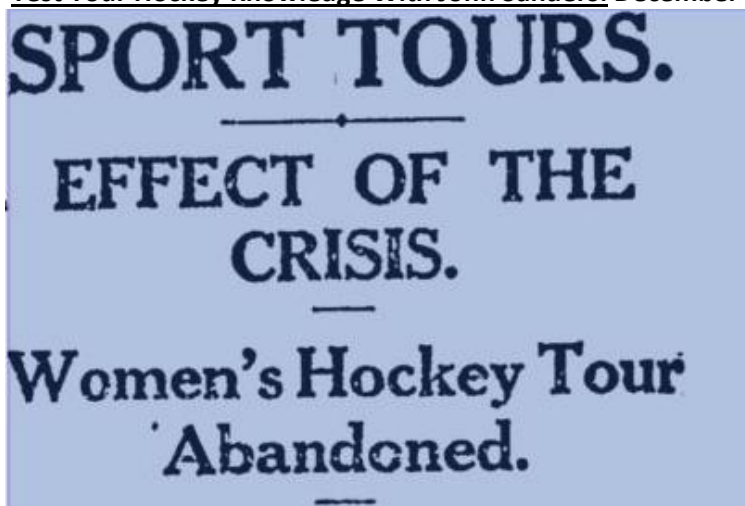
'B' Division Report: We still do not know anything about Turf Two, from either the 'B's or the 'C's. It would be interesting to discover whether all the red wine that Bill Campbell has taken home resulted in a corresponding decline in the quality of his hockey. Or has it functioned like rocket fuel? This may apply post-Christmas in every one of our Divisions when January play resumes.

Shakespeare Said It: "Pursuit would be but vain." All's Well That Ends Well Act III Scene IV. *There are several 'A' Division forwards who generate this reaction from full backs. Defenders can no doubt supply their own list of names, but I hear that Peter Dennis may be back this year.*

"Say no more; howe'er the business goes, you have made fault i' the boldness of your speech." The Winters' Tale Act III Scene II. *'A' Division umpire reacting to continual questioning of decisions by players. It really is high time we all shut up and just got on with it.*

"How hast thou lost thy breath?" "By running fast." The Comedy Of Errors Act II Scene IV. *Sometimes WHM players exaggerate slightly. Our memories tell us we are still quick.*

Test Your Hockey Knowledge With John Sanders: December's question was:



This headline refers to the cancellation of the AAWHA (later the Hockeyroos) tour of England in:

- a) 1929 b) 1939 c) 1949 d) 1959.

Chris Morley sent in the only correct answer, rightfully thinking that the outbreak of WW II would have been enough to call off any such tour. (*actually, the only answer*)

January's question is: Three debutants have been named for the Hockeyroos team for the Champions Trophy held in China recently. They are: Rebecca Greiner (Qld), Greta Hayes (NSW) and WA's Penny Squibb. One of them will be identified as HA player number:

- a. 300 b. 400 c. 500 or d. 600

Answer next issue.

Grumpy Old Men 1: "There are two modes of establishing our reputation: to be praised by honest men, and to be abused by rogues. It is best, however, to secure the former because it will invariably be accompanied by the latter." *Charles Caleb Colton (1780 - 1832) English cleric, writer and collector well known for his eccentricities.*

Balinese Bulletin No 39:

"The following is all I have to offer this time round. Having read it through you will understand why.

First there was the ATM that ate my NAB card on Thursday the 20th December. This was at the outset of the Galungan holiday period so could not report it until the following Thursday just gone. Did so and was asked to meet with the ATM technician at the offending ATM just down the road. Met with him at around 5:30 to be told that the card had "popped" out when the machine came back on line and some bastard just took off with it. The card has now been stopped by NAB and a new card will be issued promptly (?).

Now for the fun bit ... being a silly old bugger I happened to lose my footing at the place of the ATM and suffered a nasty fall from a height of two steps up and fell heavily on my back and left side. Lying there summing up my situation I didn't realise my predicament until I found that I couldn't get up. A few concerned locals had gathered there by this time and together with my driver managed to carry me to the car. Got me home and Erin, the driver and our Bali Family painstakingly moved me inside. Which is where I am now.

For the first 24 hours I was unable to move from the bed. Now I can manage to move, not without a great deal of pain, from the bed to sitting positions in the bedroom and the living area. This movement is not unassisted and I use a make do bamboo clothes rack as a "frame" of sorts. I suspect that an Xray will be required at some stage when things get back to normal with Galungan in the course of the next week. I do feel that there is no major bone injury as the pain is very localised with no real constant or shooting pain. The pain is primarily when I attempt to transfer any weight to my left leg. Any thought of a hospital visit is a problem with no medical insurance as a result of being "elderly." We will need to await the result of any Xray down the track.

We will keep you informed.

Love from us up 'ere."

Peter Hammond *(Thank you very much Peter for keeping us in touch during your troubles. Please keep on doing so, and I'm sure that many members of WHM will want to convey their recovery wishes to you. I hope that reading and answering emails is good therapy. Let's hope that 2019 can only get better for you (and Carlton). Ed.)*

'A' Division Goal Scorers 2018: As we age it seems that goals become increasingly difficult to score. So "Masters Matters" has adopted a policy that the leading players will be recognised here. For each of our 'A' Division teams, here are the players who were successful at least 10 times last year:

Blue: Peter Dennis, Peter Eastlake and John Ree. Worth mentioning is that Peter Dennis and Peter Eastlake both played for only half the year while John Ree's 38 goals was the top score for 2018. And Nevelle Brown managed nine goals, having played only during the last quarter.

Gold: Phil Metcalf. This team had trouble getting the ball into the net, generally due to the absence of their principal sharp shooters. Phil was responsible for more than 1/3 of their tally.

Red: Bob Maley and Ron Venables. *(Ron scored several for White in the first quarter too)* In addition to Bob and Ron, Red had a couple of players who were absent for long periods in Bob Bowyer and Trevor Kerr, who got eight apiece.

White: Ham D'Souza and John Mercer. Peter Blockley had one quarter in the forward line for eight goals, while Ham had to overcome severe back problems.

Grumpy Old Men Two: Observing the shutdown of Government in the U.S.A. led to including:

"Suppose you were an idiot and suppose you were a member of Congress. But I repeat myself."

Mark Twain (1835 - 1910). A source of many superb quotes - what would he have made of Trump?

Quotable Quote Two: *"But the greatest menace to our civilisation today is the conflict between giant systems of self-righteousness - each system only too delighted to find that the other is wicked - each only too glad that the sins give it the pretext for still deeper hatred and animosity." Herbert Butterfield (1900 - 1979) Regius Professor of History/Vice-Chancellor of the University of Cambridge.*

Wine Raffles 2018: Not included in this analysis are the winners from the Christmas Party. My table did not suspend conversation during the draw, and as a consequence the only winner I know about is table-mate Ian Lyon. I found the results so extraordinary that I double-checked the additions done by the Excel spreadsheet; but they were correct. For the first time since I began recording wine winners for 'Masters Matters' (and my own interest) one ticket buyer has managed to get into double figures. At least this year the principal worker managed to make the podium, well done to Bob Bowyer. There is a tried and tested method for winning, which is very simple:

- 1) Be in the bar each Wednesday WHM hockey is played.
- 2) Buy at least three raffle tickets. (*Or more, if you have sufficient wealth*)
- 3) Have good fortune.

Without further ado, the leading successful practitioners of the system in 2018 were:

11 wins: Bill Campbell. (Who obviously should have run our short-lived WHM Lotto syndicate)

6 wins: John Mercer. (See system above)

4 wins: Bob Bowyer, Ivan Wilson, Vern Gooch and Phil Hewton.

3 wins: Neil Patterson, David Evans, Howie Herbert, Ian Hill, Greg Street, Paul Robinson, Peter Murray, Peter Fogels, Mike Robinson and Ian Lyon.

2 wins: Nevelle Brown, Peter Jones, Peter Eastlake, Ian Bromell, Graham Challenor, John Lindsay, Graham Harper, Robin Bailey, Neil Scaddan, Brian Soares, Barry Rutter, Stan Balding, Geoff Riley, Brian Thomas, Mike Gottschalk, Jeff Godfrey, Glenn Mihala, Mal Poole and Len Blyth.

1 win: Twenty four people won only once.

The fifty nine winners included 29 from 'A' Division, 24 from 'B' Division and 6 visitors, umpires, past players and Jason who manages the PHS bar. If you bought tickets and failed to win at all, you have the consolation of having supported our charitable efforts.

Well Dones: The December 'A' division umpires include: Peter Evans, Col Gee, Ian Hill, Mal Horrigan, John Lindsay, John Mercer, Neil Scaddan, Greg Street, Ken Walter, Ken Watt and Ivan Wilson; while the 'B' and 'C' umpires are unknown - thanks to all. Thanks also to the officials from the Orthopaedic Challenge Match; Ken Edwards, Vern Gooch and John Lindsay. Perry Lakes umpires since 08/12: Eric Alcock, Peter Brien, Colin Gee, Marty Greay, Neil Scaddan, Rod Spencer, Greg Street, Les Waldon, Ken Watt and Ivan Wilson; thank you. Our Perry Lakes catering has been special too, well done all.

Punology Two: *These originally came from 'New York Magazine', via a book collecting the best puns which appeared therein. The request this time was for "Fractured Dictionary" entries starting with 's' and the results were startling in their originality:*

Slattern: A planet known for its rings and cheap women.

Scurry: Hastily prepared Indian dish.

San Andreas Fault: Theological doctrine which holds that if California falls into the ocean St Andreas is responsible.

Past Players, Non-Players and Injured Players: At PHS: George Winning (12 th) + Derek Jobe, Ricky Watt, Brian Lester (and Anne), David Munt, Bob Stidwell (and Pat), all at the Christmas Party. Perry Lakes party numbers were included on Page 6, but on other days we saw: Bruce Mercer, John Mercer, Paul Robinson, Neil Scaddan and Ken Watt. In previous years we have had a few more players in this category; perhaps we can make a point of inviting them in 2019.

Medical Update: Thanks to Roger Jewell for information on a couple of health issues which may be free of charge, depending on your age. The free vaccination for shingles was announced in 2016 as a 5 year catch-up for those aged between 71 and 79 (I've already had mine). Having seen the disease in my own father, I'd recommend the vaccination to everybody, during your next GP visit. And the supply of bowel cancer testing kits stops once you are aged over 74. Is that too old for treatment?

Orthopedic Challenge Match - 19/12/2018

Photo Community News



This match is fast becoming a tradition in the lead-up to the Christmas break and a fairly good crowd went to Perth Hockey Stadium for the event. Several players had qualified to take part since the previous encounter, but almost all of these were knee replacements and a little re-balancing of the teams was necessary.

From the outset a tight contest eventuated. The speed and skills on show were a marked improvement on the O/70s curtain raiser, and a lot of the midfield interceptions and trapping were top quality. At the end of the first quarter there was no score. Play continued in similar vein in the second quarter until a fast break down the right side and a good cross resulted in Peter Fogels opening the scoring for the Knees. The Hips fought back immediately, with Don Sanders leading very well in the front half. It was no surprise when he earned and calmly converted a penalty stroke to send the teams into half time level at one goal apiece.

The third quarter was just as keenly contested as the first two had been. The Knees were starting to gain an edge, due to their greater depth on the bench but there was no further scoring before three quarter time. Both sides pressed hard in the last minutes, but following a penalty corner Tom Long scored well in the subsequent play, making the final score 2-1 to the Knees. The goal tally would have been much greater had it not been for some timely and desperate deep defence at both ends, with special mention to goalkeepers Andrew Robertson (Hips) and Ross Easton (Knees).

Mr Geoff Cooper representing the Australian Orthopedic Society, and Mr Martin Ferrari representing the Australian Masters Hockey Committee presented the trophy to the Knees. Both sides celebrated later at the Western Hockey Masters Christmas Party.

The "Canning Times" carried a report on the match with an extended interview. Bob Bowyer announced that it is hoped to run an interstate bionic challenge match in conjunction with our next tournament, to be held in Bunbury / Busselton during September / October this year.

Orthopaedic Challenge Trophy

Photo John Mercer / Bob Bowyer



Hips 2018	Age	Knees 2018	Age
Andrew Robertson (GK)	66	Adrian Gabriel	61
Bob Le Merle	73	Bill Rochester	67
Chris Buchan	57	Bob Bowyer (Capt)	79
Don Sanders	69	Brian Thomas	66
Dudley Evans (Capt/coach)	67	Graham Harper (Manager/Selector)	62
Eric Alcock	78	Greg Allen	66
Ivan Wilson	77	Nick Pereira	63
Jim Banks (Coach)	74	Norman Same	63
Jim Campbell	67	Peter Fogels	68
Mal Skinner	65	Peter Jones	67
Neil Miller	70	Peter Livingstone	78
Peter Evans	68	Peter Murray	75
Rob Tincey	56	Robin Bailey	75
Shane Knapp	64	Roger Davey	67
Simon Thomson (Manager)	72	Ross Easton (GK)	68
		Shane Williams	62
		Thomas Long	66

Umpires: Ken Edwards, John Lindsay, Vern Gooch. First Aid: John Ree.

Previous Scores: 2016 Hips (3), Knees (1). 2017 Hips (3), Knees (4).

Predictions for 2019: Some of you may remember this heading from last year. Even though it failed to attract any comment at the time I enjoyed it myself, and have resolved to have a repeat. This is also prompted by a check on last year's forecasts (Issue No 1 - 2018). So what does MM expect?

- 'A' Division will continue to be polite and respectful to umpires.
- And so will the Saturday O/65s.
- "Masters Matters" will include lots of stories about 'B' and 'C' Divisions.
- Nobody will suffer an incapacitating injury, or undergo a hip or knee replacement.
- 'A' Division will convert many more of their scoring opportunities.
- Our playing numbers will be good in every Division, in every quarter.
- 'C' Division will gain enough recruits to allow for player promotion to 'B' and 'A' Divisions.
- Bill Campbell will not win five more wine raffles than anybody else.
- The bar will continue to have full houses each Wednesday.
- Donald Trump will make a new deal, and secure world peace.
- The Fremantle Dockers will win the AFL premiership.

I know I'll be wrong on the second last one. I just hope it will not be terribly wrong.

Predictive Limerick: Our resident MM limericist decided that he needed to have his say on the above paragraph. Why should outlandish and erroneous forecasts be the sole province of our politicians, economists and the editor of Masters Matters?

In 2019 what will change? (*pronounce twenty nineteen*)
John Mercer predicts outcomes strange
Like total surprise
A Wednesday wine prize
That turns out to be Penfolds Grange.

George Winning Trophy 2018: As announced earlier, this award went to Bob Bowyer. It would be easy to describe him as our WHM Secretary, but that would not begin to describe the amount of work he does for our hockey. He's also Secretary/Treasurer of the Saturday Committee, and runs the wine raffles each Wednesday, which are the sole source of our donations to charity each Christmas Party. Congratulations on a well merited honour from "Masters Matters" and us all.

Our 2019 Schedule: As I am due to be away from April 2nd to May 2nd there will probably be no edition of "Masters Matters" in May.

Technology: My apologies to those of you who receive printed copies of "Masters Matters." Since my laptop was replaced recently the printer is now connected by wireless. And ever since then it no longer prints colours properly. I trust that you would rather receive an imperfect copy than none. It is rather difficult to receive technological support at this time of the year, as well as being expensive.

Retirements? I am only surmising, but it seems that we not have as many school principals as we did once. Both John Chapman and Len Collier have recently changed their emails, and the 'edu' cannot now be found in their addresses. If my guess is correct, then all the best for your new lives, including the freedom to travel outside school holidays.

Change of Details: Could all members of WHM, past and present, remember that in the event of any change to your email address you should notify Colin Gee. Colin is our data base administrator and his email address is gee.colin@gmail.com.

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