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Masters Matters

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WHM AGM: By now I trust that everybody knows the date (16th September), time (5:45 pm) and venue (Eastman Room - PHS) of this event. We must have a quorum so please attend if you possibly can, even if you are happy with the way WHM is run. If you cannot attend then please use the proxy form which will be circulated beforehand. Mark Twain's advice for those planning to address the meeting: "It usually takes more than 3 weeks to prepare a good impromptu speech."

Vale Wayne Pendergrast: It was with much regret that I heard of Wayne's passing on 18th August. I first encountered him when he was a teenager on Abbett Park doing solo work with a stick, a ball and a goal. He played for Scarborough's top team for a long time and then pursued coaching at Harlies where he met his wife Annette. Later he joined Western Hockey Masters but due to work pressures was unable to play a lot of games. WHM was well represented at his funeral.

Positive Spin on Covid-19: As I trust you all have now realised, 'Masters Matters' usually prefers to "Always Look On The Bright Side Of Life", even if at times it's on similar lines to the Pythons' "Life of Brian." In a normal year the PHS turfs are used for a variety of tournaments necessitating us to move our Wednesday matches to other venues. This year that might not happen. As a consequence:

It's normal for us to vacate
 When Wednesday's a tournament date
 Though this Covid virus
 Is most undesirous
 At least there is no relocate.

Of course that means those of us who cross the Narrows Bridge get caught in the traffic going home on most Wednesdays - unless we stay on for another drink. Can't have everything

Department of Corrections: Something strange appears to have happened to the August edition. No errors have been detected; either by our readers or the editor. It can't be as easy as that.

Dates For The Diary:

2020: September 16th: WHM AGM - Eastman Room at PHS. 5:45 pm.

October 10th: Saturday Masters AGM and end of season dinner - Perry Lakes.

December 16th: Hips versus Knees - PHS. Followed by WHM's Christmas Party.

2021: July 23rd to August 8th. Tokyo Olympics.

Masters World Cups:

Australia, Southern Cross and Alliance.

O/35 and O/40 Men and Women - Nottingham, England. August 13th to 22nd.

O/45, O/50 and O/55 Men; O/45, O/50, O/55, O/60, O/65 Women; Spirit of Masters - Cape Town SA.

September 18th to 27th.

O/60, O/65, O/70 and O/75 Men; Spirit of Masters - Tokyo, Japan. November 7th to 17th. (*confirmed*)

Mega Interstate Tournament:

Women: Newcastle September 23rd to October 2nd.

Men: Newcastle September 24th to October 9th.

Department of Health: The news here is not all good this month. Bob Robinson is now in the ICU at Fiona Stanley Hospital and may not receive visitors. Julian Gardner has suffered a severe stroke and has been flown from Esperance up to Fiona Stanley. In late news Pam says that he is making good progress and should be moving to Osborne Park Hospital in the not too distant future. Visits can be made and are welcome, but Pam tells me that they should be limited to 20/30 minutes. David Lester has had a mini stroke but still is at home (and came to Perry Lakes 29/08). Bob Bowyer will have yet another operation to tackle his ongoing problems; it is hoped that this one might be exploratory and corrective. Keith Kessell has a couple of problems, a corrective plumbing operation is due very soon as a starting point. Jim Balding strained a muscle doing a little exercise on a Wednesday morning (26/08) and umpired instead of playing. Peter Willett has an injured hand and has not played for some weeks while Angelo Strano has been away for a very long time now - that ankle must be in bad shape. The news on the August surgeries is good and Les Waldon (shoulder replacement), John Halley (full knee replacement), and John Sanders are all said to be doing as well as can be expected. Best wishes for a speedy recovery to all, including those I do not know about.

Letters To The Editor: Thanks to Keith Kessell, Nev Brown and Simon Thomson for some feedback. I had meant to quote a prior response from Keith, which describes our MM mission statement well: "Congratulations John on your continuing devotion to the cause of old persons mobility." My own portability has degenerated during prolonged inactivity unfortunately.

Hockey Reflections: "Early in August I informed captain Colin Gee that I would be playing my last game on August 19th. It was a difficult decision to reach after many years of hockey. However age and body issues had caught up with me and I felt that I could no longer contribute in a satisfactory manner. My right knee is probably headed for a replacement and my left hip isn't crash hot either. And so it was – Colin announced my retirement to the Gold team on the 19th prior to commencing play. I played out the day and we had a couple of quiet beers afterwards.

However, I couldn't help but reflect back on my time in hockey and thought it might be of interest to readers of this bulletin – so here goes.... just a few things worth mentioning.

I didn't start hockey until I was 18, having previously been tied up with football. I commenced playing with PFA (a Church youth side) in 1955 – played a couple of games in B3 grade complete with my footy boots with aluminium stops. Got promoted to the Reserve 2 side and played the season out as a right full back. In fact that's the only premiership side I have ever played in.

Played for Scarborough and was Club president for eight years and presided over the union between Scarborough and Perth to form North Coast Raiders.

Played for Hale 0/60's including a period as team captain.

Joined the Wednesday Hockey competition in 1992 and played there until departing for France in 2006. Captained the Blue side for 2 years. Played in a few WA state Vets sides as well.

While in France played for Rouen University for one year and played in several European Cups in the Alliance side – Amsterdam, Canterbury and Barcelona were highlights.

All in all it has been a great pleasure and I have made many friends over the years. I loved playing and will really miss my involvement but I had reached that point where I felt it was time to go.

I wish all the current WHM players well – may you continue to enjoy your hockey for many years to come."

Ian Purdie

Many thanks for the piece Ian. We initially met at Scarborough where we were President and Men's Hockey Director when our Ones won the Challenge Cup. Later you were my first captain when I joined WHM. Might we still see you at PHS joining George Winning in the bar? Ed.

Quotable Quote One: "The 2 most common elements in the universe are hydrogen and stupidity."
Harlan Ellison (1934 -) US science fiction author and screenwriter. As the pandemic has shown.

WHM Summer Hats: The indefatigable Robin Bailey has secured a supply of suitable headgear for our Perth summer hockey. They come in a range of colours (yellow, orange, lime and black) & sizes. The price is only \$15. Brian Soares was kind enough to allow his photograph to be taken.



As usual MM's limerick creator has a comment:

To Robin another well done
We now have some hats for the sun
Skin cancer's a curse
Before it gets worse
I think that I'd better buy one.

The order has been placed with our uniforms officer.

New Players: Welcome to Alan Oldfield (B Division) and Peter Selfe (also B Division). Alan's club is Raiders and Peter's Victoria Park. Best wishes for a long and enjoyable time with WHM.

Grumpy Old Men and Women 1: "Get all the fools on your side and you can be elected to anything."
Frank Dane (1885 - 1957). English silent film actor. So that's how (insert name here) got in.

'A' Division Blog: Gold and Red seem to have most of the long term injuries.

August 5th: The weather was good but the same cannot be said about all of our hockey with quite a lot of the passing being somewhat erratic. Gold are still low on numbers and Bob Maley and Sukdev Pandher transferred from the Red side for the day. When Robin Bailey arrived he joined them too. The Blue team had the best day with a dominant performance against Red, and also eked out a win over Gold, surviving a series of penalty corners after full time. They dominated against White but did not score, losing to a very rare forward thrust by their opponents. Gold played very well but did not put it together until the last game of the day when they thrashed a disjointed White. Goal of the day is a joint award between John Ree's deflection and Phil Metcalf's solo effort. The results were:

Blue 0 White 1; Red 1 Gold 1; Red 1 White 1; Gold 0 Blue 1; Red 0 Blue 2; Gold 3 White 1.

Scorers: **Blue:** John Ree (3). **Gold:** Bob Maley (2), Phil Metcalf (2). **Red:** Ray Domingo, Colin Murray-Smith. **White:** John Mercer (2, *with goalkeeper assistance*), Brian Soares. Team numbers, including all players: White (12) Blue (11), Red (12), Gold (12). A total of 12 goals were scored.

August 12th: Although we are much better off than several other states the continuing restrictions seem to be causing stress. Some games featured acrimonious exchanges between players or tirades directed at the umpires - which were contrary to the manner in which our Wednesday matches should be played. Only a few of us warm up at all, which has an adverse effect on the standard of the games. Several passages of "play" - especially the lead up to Ian Purdie's winner for Gold against White could only be described as "The Comedy of Errors." This had been so chaotic that one half expected Ian to miss the close-range open goal. The return of Ian Hill seemed to be welcomed by the Blue side, who won their three games; including a come-from-behind 2 goal win over Red. Each of the other three teams lost twice and won once. Col Murray-Smith relished his return to the Red forward line and menaced the opposing defences all day. Honourable mentions for goal of the day go to Ricky Watts for another booming penalty conversion and Peter Eastlake for a fine flick. However the award must go to John Ree for his diving deflected winner for Blue against White. Ken Beer transferred to Gold for the day and fill-ins were not necessary. The results were:

Gold 0 Red 1; Blue 1 White 0; Blue 3 Red 1; White 0 Gold 1; Blue 1 Gold 0; White 1 Red 0.

Scorers: **Blue:** Nevelle Brown, Peter Eastlake, John Ree (2), Ricky Watts. **Gold:** Ian Purdie. **Red:** Col Murray-Smith (2). **White:** Hector D'Rozario. The very approximate team numbers were: Gold (9), Red (12), Blue (10) and White (11). Only 9 goals were scored, with Blue getting the lion's share.

August 19th: Not a great day's play with too many uneven games and bad tempers. Red secured a win over Gold in their first match, then lost all cohesion and conceded 8 goals in their next two. Gold went scoreless and conceded five goals in their three games. The only bright spot was holding an uncoordinated White side to a draw. Blue had a good day and ended up with 10 goals, many being excellent finishes. White began well but lost their passing by the end of the day. Peter Eastlake had a day out with 5 goals (a stroke included) and Ray Domingo secured 3 for his new team White. There were many contenders (including a fine effort from an angle by Neil Patterson) but the judges awarded goal of the day to Peter Eastlake for his scoop over Colin. The results were:

White 2 Blue 2; Gold 0 Red 2; Gold 0 Blue 3; Red 0 White 3; Gold 0 White 0; Red 0 Blue 5.

Scorers: **Blue:** Peter Eastlake (5), Neil Miller (2), Neil Patterson, John Ree (2). **Red:** Ron Venables (2). **White:** Ray Domingo (3), Han D'Souza, Roy Grant. Nev Brown (Blue) went to Red and Jim Malcolm (Blue) to Gold. Team numbers were: White (12), Blue (12), Gold (9), Red (9). 17 goals were scored.

August 26th: Red and Gold are both short as shown by the first match. Although dominant, Gold failed to score and the goal of the day to fill-in Steve McEntee (back from holiday) decided the result. Ray Domingo had a birthday for White despite missing after rounding the keeper successfully while Rod Spencer's two fine goals enabled Gold to prevail over White. Pass of the day must go to Steve McEntee even though John Mercer totally messed up the resultant opportunity. The results were:

Red 1 Gold 0; White 1 Blue 0; White 1 Gold 2; Blue 1 Red 1; White 3 Red 0; Blue 0 Gold 1.

Scorers: **Blue:** John Ree. **Gold:** Phil Metcalf, Rod Spencer (2). **Red:** Steve McEntee, Ron Venables. **White:** Ham D'Souza, Ray Domingo (4). Numbers: Red (8), Gold (6), White (12), Blue (10). 11 goals.

From Saturday Masters: We have had some problems with numbers for the first time in a long while. On the 15th we actually had to cancel play as it seemed that everybody had read the dire weather forecast and decided to stay home. We only barely managed two teams on the 29th.

The 29th provided some post-game excitement with a trapped magpie inside the clubrooms which repeatedly attempted to fly out through several of the closed windows. Thanks you and well done to Les Waldon and Roger Veary for managing to expel the intruder through the back door.

Saturday 12th September promises to be a super busy day for the YMCA bar staff. All their seven grass teams are playing at home, four early and three late. We might have to travel a little distance to find a vacant ground, but at least Alderbury Reserve has space for us all.

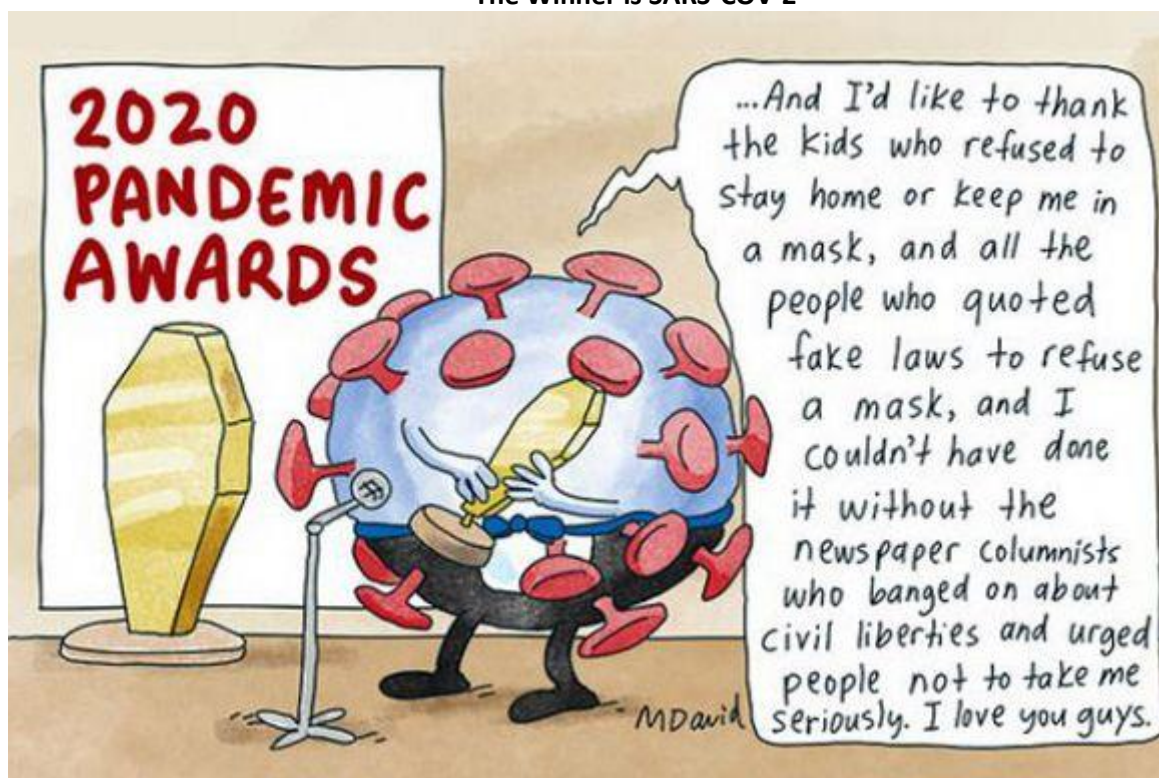
The week after that on the 19th YM have no home fixtures and we will be running our own bar.

The two teams on the 29th August gave us almost as much bar sales as the three the week before. It appears that an earlier finish allows more players to stay a little longer. Perhaps we should try to get all our games started on time during normal fixtures as we are supposed to finish at 4:00 pm.

A reminder that our AGM and end of season dinner has been confirmed for Saturday 10th October at the YMCA rooms.

There is a proposal on the table to organise a round robin tournament at Perry Lakes post season for some of the Hockey WA O/60 teams. This would be in lieu of the Grand Final on October 3rd. We believe that we should be able to share the rooms with the younger blokes and if it goes ahead the YMCA bar will be open, thus sparing Howie and me a lot of work. We will keep you informed.

The Winner is SARS-COV-2



Cartoon by Mark David - taken from the Independent Australia website

WHM History: We had hoped that the drafts for all the first 29 years would have been completed by now. There are a few too many queries bobbing up so there are still 3 ½ years to go. The project is likely to become ongoing from there as quite a lot of proof reading and fact checking will be needed after that. Maybe a sample year can be included in the next 'Masters Matters.'

If there is any more information out there then please contact either John Mercer or Colin Gee at the emails on Page 12. Any copies of former newsletters would be really helpful. (Not MM)

Balinese Bulletin No 54: A Certain Sameness

In the knowledge that Erin & I have not stepped outside our front gate for some 7 months it should come as no surprise that life here in Bali, for us, has morphed into something of a "certain sameness". That's not to say that we are necessarily unhappy with our lot, far from it in fact. We are fortunate to live in a very comfortable Bali house, surrounded by a large tropical Bali garden that is very relaxing to look out on. We have a number of lovely local people who take very good care of us, particularly our gorgeous Putu who has been doing so for 6 years. Really wouldn't want to be in "lockdown" anywhere else.

It used to be that the Footy season enabled us to recognise what day it was cause there was Footy on. Now, we have no bloody idea as we have Footy on almost every day of the weekobviously the Footy Bosses gave no consideration to Old Blokes like me living up here in Bali. Fortunately we continue to get 6 games each round live.

Because we watch, on TV, a lot of channel CNN we naturally are heavily into the US Elections. Please tell me that we are not alone in thinking that Donald Trump is a complete & utter BOOFHEAD & that his defeat in the November poll should be a no brainer. How he is even sitting in the White House is beyond me, but then, as he is want to say, ..."it is what it is"!

I will end at this point because I must "steel" myself leading into the game between Carlton & Collingwood soon to begin up here. I have to say my Beloved Blue Baggers are developing into a really competitive side this season ...long may that continue!

Take care of yourselves down there you Lot & stay well.

Peter Hammond

Thanks again PH. In response to the many queries asking if Peter & Erin would have to return to WA I asked him and the answer is 'No'. They are in Bali on "Retirement Visas" and it's all good . Ed.

Shakespeare Said It: "What impossible matter will he make easy next?" The Tempest Act II, Scene I. *There are times where Don Smart generates this reaction on a Saturday at Perry Lakes.*

"But, being over-full of self affairs my mind did lose it." A Midsummer Night's Dream Act I, Scene I. *Here is the explanation why items that are supposed to appear in 'Masters Matters' miss out far more often than its editor would like.*

"I will prove those verses to be very unlearned, neither savouring of poetry, wit nor invention." Love's Labours Lost Act IV, Scene II. *The limericks in 'Masters Matters' come under attack. All that may be quite true, but their creator claims that they are at least relevant.*

Grumpy Old Men 2: "The secret of success is sincerity. Once you can fake that you've got it made." *Jean Giraudoux (1882 - 1944). French novelist, essayist and playwright.*

Nominations for Hips/Knees: Bob Bowyer is the coordinator of this year's event which is due to be played on 16th December; also the date of our Christmas Party. Bob is calling for nominations to be sent to his email address rbow6666@bigpond.com. Nominations should include:

- 1) Knee or hip
- 2) Date of birth
- 3) Preferred playing position(s)
- 4) Shirt and sock sizes
- 5) Coach or manager

This is the fifth occasion that this event has been staged. The previous results are:

- 2016: Hips (3) Knees (1)
- 2017: Hips (3) Knees (4)
- 2018: Hips (1) Knees (2)
- 2019: Hips (3) Knees (0)

'B' Division August 2020:

In our last column it was forecast that August would be a good month as new players became embedded in their respective teams and others returned from injury. In an amazing run of coincidences this turned out to be exactly what happened! Numbers were up and the competition was very even and hard fought.

Other interesting things to occur during August were Brownie had a birthday and "shouted". This happened at the monthly barbeque on a beautiful sunny Wednesday afternoon and I couldn't help but think how lucky we were and not only because of Brownie's "shout"!

Some won a bottle of wine, most of us tossed our tickets in the bin, but we all should have gone home happy and mindful that, "it doesn't get any better than this!!".

This month's featured player is Geoff Riley who currently runs (and runs!) up and down at left wing or left half for the Gold side. Geoff is probably the most improved player in B Division and I ask the rhetorical question "Is this because Billy Campbell is his Captain?"

Dudley Evans

My Hockey Journey – Geoff Riley

Mum planted the seeds for my hockey journey when she provided a few old sticks and balls for me to try with friends in our Attadale front yard in late primary school days, plus lots of encouragement to give it a go. Mum had been a keen right winger (probably pretty good too, from the stories she still tells) and "Hockey Queen" with Fremantle in the late 40s, but gave it all up in the early 50s when she got married and started having kids (with me the first, in 1952). Like most early 60s Perth boys, I was much more interested in footy, and keen to make it into my school's top footy team. I had little success with this, but enjoyed two good years as a 12 and 13 year old Palmyra second rower, after a few friends persuaded me to give rugby a go. The year I turned 14 (1966) was my first true hockey year. I'm not sure why I switched from rugby (the seeds planted by Mum and/or a good first experience in 2nd year high school P.E.), but am very glad I did. And can't imagine how I would have survived much longer as a rugby forward, with my skinny physique.

My first hockey year ended on a high, when our North Fremantle team won a U15 grand final. As one of the new players, I'd been on and off the bench through the season, but was lucky enough to make our grand final team, and had my best game of the year, with several first half goals coming from crosses I'd made from my position as right wing (my favourite for some time after). We'd had excellent after school coaching from Rod Rate, our Melville High School P.E. teacher, who played top grade hockey for North Fremantle, but changed schools the year after, unfortunately. The rest of my teenage hockey career was nothing special, through two more years with North Fremantle, followed by three with UWA, where I enjoyed the social side but fell down the grades.

This set the scene for my 1973 move to Applecross YM (which later became Melville), at the suggestion of Graeme Meacock, a friend from school and tennis. And began an association which has lasted ever since, apart from long gaps overseas (1975-77 & 1979), interstate (1980, 1984-87) and raising 3 kids with my wife Mary (1988-1990 & 1992-2000).

Applecross YM was on the way up when I first joined, with a good coach (Colin West), who's training sessions I enjoyed. Though never more than a third team player (on the right wing), 1973 & 74 were good years for me hockey-wise. Also socially, with post-game sessions at the old Majestic Hotel (our de facto club house) a highlight. All of which I was sad to miss during my 4 years overseas in England, studying and lecturing maths at the University of Warwick, whose hockey club's mid-week games clashed with other commitments. I enjoyed my first go at playing left half, for my single year back with Applecross YM/Melville in 1978 (with a one year job at UWA). And, after spending 1979 in England again, had a second backline year in 1980, with the Woden Valley H.C. in Canberra (supported by a one year ANU job).

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Punology 1: Thanks to Bob Bowyer for this one: Did you hear about the man who told his suitcases that there would be no holiday this year. Now he's dealing with some emotional baggage.

After returning to Perth for a career change (into statistical consulting), 1981-84 were more settled years, work and hockey-wise, with wife Mary and new son David as keen match day spectators. A highlight of this period was a “double hat trick” playing right wing with Melville’s 1982 & 1983 6A team (with challenge cup, Guth Ardagh and grand final wins, two years in a row).



1985-87 were spent playing with the Nightcliff hockey club, after my boss asked us to move to Darwin to open a consulting business office. This was an enjoyable period for our young family, which grew to 3 kids, with lots of new things and places to explore. I also enjoyed the hockey, which included my longest turn at playing indoor (hard work) and a few mixed social games after work (my first ever games on turf). Another work move saw us return to Perth in mid-1987, after which hockey took a back seat to home, family, work and study activities for all but one of the next 13 years (1988-2000), which included 2 years coaching U9 soccer and 5 years as a scout leader.

At the beginning of 2001, with our 15, 17 & 19 year old kids growing more independent and a work (Alcoa)-sponsored extractive metallurgy Grad Dip just finished, I decided it was time to reclaim some more “me time” by getting back into hockey. This began my longest & most enjoyable continuous run of hockey: 20 years & counting playing forward, half back or goalie with Melville Masters teams, including 5 years (2011-15) as O60s team manager, and another 5 years (2016-now) as Melville Masters Coordinator (a committee position, which I’ve also enjoyed). New challenges are always good, and my time as Melville O60s goalie (roughly 4 years in battling teams) certainly provided these. As often happens, I only agreed to this initially as a fill in. But ended up liking the challenge and excitement (something of a love/hate relationship), and still fill in there occasionally, when needed.



The “cherry” on my hockey journey’s “cake” began when I was able to join the WHM B Division at Keith Platel’s suggestion, after retiring 4 years ago. Playing weekly turf friendlies with and against quality players is a great privilege. Particularly the friendly support and encouragement, the chances to improve by trying (with no sheep stations involved), and the great camaraderie before and afterwards. Thanks to all for this. Long may it continue.

Cheers, Geoff.

Thank you Dudley, and thank you Geoff. Ed.

Well Dones August: Wednesday’s ‘A’ Division umpires: Rob Ainsworth, Jim Balding, George Bradbury, Bob Claxton, Peter Eastlake, Peter Evans, Colin Gee, Ian Hill, Gordon Jeffery, John Jeffreys, Bob Maley, Steve McEntee, Col Murray-Smith, Neil Scaddan, Brian Soares, Greg Street, Peter Trend, Ron Venables, Ken Walter, Ken Watt, Ricky Watts, Jim Wright. Saturday’s umps included Eric Alcock, George Bradbury, Peter Brien, Ian Hill, Bob Hotinski, John Mercer, Neil Scaddan, Greg Street, Les Waldon, Ken Walter, Ken Watt and Ivan Wilson. The Red A Division team seem to have cooked the sausages again but the only cook I managed to note was John Jeffreys, with Ivan Wilson not only bringing all the supplies but then also staying to do the cleaning up.

Past Players, Non Players and Injured Players July: The Wednesday list this month includes Robin Bailey, Bob Bowyer (good to see you at PHS again), John Sanders, Peter Willett, Bill Williamson (good to see you too) and George Winning. Saturday social visitors included: Harvey Davies, Ian Hill, Bob Hotinski (welcome back after some medical misadventures), David Lester, John Mercer, John Pierce, Paul Robinson, Neil Scaddan, Peter Stevens, Ron Venables and Les Waldon.

Whistle While You Work: I have had a request to include the obstruction rule again as it is apparent that not all of us attempt to abide by it.

Rule 9.12: Players must not obstruct an opponent who is attempting to play the ball.

Players obstruct if they:

- Back into an opponent.
- Physically interfere with the stick or body of an opponent. *(That's quite clear, isn't it? Ed.)*
- Shield the ball from a legitimate tackle with their stick or any part of their body.

A stationary player receiving the ball is permitted to face in any direction.

A player with the ball is permitted to move off with it in any direction except bodily into an opponent or into a position between the ball and an opponent who is within playing distance of the ball and attempting to play it.

A player who runs in front of or blocks an opponent to stop them legitimately playing or attempting to play the ball is obstructing (this is third party or shadow obstruction). This also applies if an attacker runs across or blocks defenders (including the goalkeeper or player with goalkeeping privileges) when a penalty corner is being taken.

The next rule is also very relevant.

Rule 9.13: Players must not tackle unless in a position to play the ball without body contact.

Reckless play, such as sliding tackles and other overly physical challenges by field players, which take an opponent to ground and which have the potential to cause injury should attract appropriate match and personal penalties.

Breaches of these rules are sometimes more difficult to spot than a straightforward off the foot but the proper enforcement of them is a key component of our great game. Otherwise it easily can degenerate into a version of rugby with hockey sticks. Ed.

Test Your Hockey Knowledge With John Sanders:

August's question was: In 1988 Jacqui Pereira scored in each game of which of these tournaments:

- a) Bicentennial Tournament, Commonwealth Hockey Stadium, Perth
- b) Four Nation Tournament, Hockey Centre, Essen
- c) XXIV Olympic Games, Song Nam Olympic Stadium, Seoul
- d) Champions' Trophy II, Hockey Centre, Frankfurt

The correct answer is d) where Jacqui scored 7 goals in the 5 matches and the team was undefeated.

September's question is: Which player is the odd one out among these Hockeyroos?

- a) Player #387 Halliday, Emily, WA defender
- b) Player #412 Hollywood, Kate, NSW, midfield
- c) Player #413 Johnson, Fiona, NSW, midfield
- d) Player #414 McGurk, Kobie, WA, defender

Answer next issue.

Response to July's Question: Thanks to John Sanders for sending us this response to July's question.

July's question was (in part): In an International tournament 18 of the 20 goals were scored for Australia by the WA born players, Davies, Walsh, Haselhurst and Charlesworth.

The goal tally for the WA players was Davies (6), Walsh (6), Haselhurst (4) & Charlesworth (2). The remaining goals were put in by Colin Batch and Jim Irvine.

"Here is Jim Irvine's response to the fact that no one got last month's WHM question right or even attempted it." 'Shocking effort. Good question, though.' Masters Matters must travel around a bit.

More Haste, Less Speed: Under the guidance of Australian O/70 coach Bob Claxton an elite squad has been doing training drills at Whitfords Hockey centre on Monday afternoons. But I heard that a goalkeeper was unable to participate one day, having forgotten to bring all of his gear.

Team Photographs: This issue was intended to feature the B Division sides, but as we close off only the Red and White team photos have arrived in the 'Masters Matters' inbox. Perhaps Blue and Gold players would prefer not to appear here. I am sure that there is no truth in the rumour that all the cameras trained on them refused to work. So here are those we have and I'm sure that our Uniforms Officer Robin Bailey will have a look at the non standard shirts and take corrective action.

'B' Division Red



Back (L to R): Simon Walsh, Kevin Taylor, Peter Aylmore, Steve Powles, Mike Robinson (c), Sean Bartlett, Ian Bromell.

Front (L to R): Rudy Keswick, Adrian Gabriel, Richard Osborne (GK), Shane Williams, Dudley Burress, Ron Mitchell.

Absent: Len Collier, Bob Payne.

As explained above only two of the B Division photos have reached 'Masters Matters.' There is no information on the cause of the absences and our resident creator of limericks has been called into service to fill the vacant space. Clearly he's operating under some pressure:

The editor's not got a clue
 What happened to sides Gold and Blue
 An internet glitch
 A technical hitch
 So here are some verses in lieu.

Quotable Quote 2: "My success has depended wholly on putting things over people, so I'm not sure that I'm that great a role model. However, I am an expert on pretending to be an expert on pretending to be an expert." *Meryl Streep (1949 -).*

'B' Division White

L to R: Roger Davey, Brian Thomas, Peter Andrews, Warren Jackson, Simon Thomson, Greg Allen, Ric Staynor, Jim Campbell, Michael Gottschalk, Peter Morgan, Heath Tyrrell.

Absent: George Burcher, Dave Mellor.

Hockey Lunch In Northbridge: Thanks to John Sanders for the following paragraph about a very long standing WHM connected lunch. The venue is the Old Shanghai Food Hall at 123 James St.

Friday Lunch Approaches 30: Around 1991 you would be forgiven for thinking that you had to play for Perth HC, or barrack for Carlton in order to join the lunch in Northbridge each Friday. Certainly the early diners like Peter Hammond, Geoff Harveson, Brian Young, Peter Gason and Brian Lester met this criteria. However, then as now all you need is an interest in the main topic of conversation - field hockey. From 12:30 every Friday there is always a Reserved table for us; just turn up, no need to book ahead. For more information contact Simon Thomson on 0417 951 365.

Though if 20 additional diners turned up the resources might be overwhelmed. Ed.

Punology Two: Did you hear about the unfortunate man who had a phobia about over-engineered buildings? He described his condition as a 'complex complex complex.'

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