



A Blue

A Gold

A Red

A White

B Blue

B Gold

B Red

B White

C Black

C Blue

C Gold

C Green

C Red

C White

O/65 Blue

O/65 Green

O/65 White

Masters Matters

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WHM AGM: After a few scheduling problems the date has been set for this important milestone on our annual calendar. We hope that the meeting will begin at 6:00 pm after hockey on 28th July in the Eastman Room. Note this applies to Saturday members also, so please feel free to come along. An attendance of 54 is required to meet the requirements for a quorum, so be there if you can. C Division players in the 6:00 pm match are urged to submit a proxy.

WHM Expansion: Most readers have already heard that the original proposal to split the A Division into an O75s and an O70s was not endorsed at the meeting on May 12th. One of the main problems was that the early finish time of 2:00 pm for the older age group would rule out any socialisation in the bar, which was a concern to most of the players who expressed an opinion.

However, it was agreed that we need to accommodate the additional players who are seeking to join B and C Divisions. Effective immediately, several players will move (or have moved) from B to A Division which has led to the introduction of a fifth team as from Wednesday 9th June. The ideal format to give each team equal game time is a complete round robin with each side playing 4 matches. Many thanks to Peter Trend who produced a feasibility study on the five team fixtures with several scheduling options. The Coordinator and captains decided on a 12:30 start with 18 minute matches and a 3 minute break between games. We will need to be on our toes to handle the change-over between matches in this time frame but the fixtures will be done so as to minimise delays in getting the next teams, umpires and score board operator into position.

Welcome to the players moving from B Division who are: Peter Andrews, Dudley Burress, Bob Le Merle, Simon Thomson, Frank Williams and Simon Williams. Congratulations to Arch, who will captain the new Green side. Full team lists can be found on Page 10 of this edition and the photo and limerick on Page 3 may also be of interest.

Crowds at PHS: Matches between the State U/21 sides and the Perth Thundersticks have just been announced for Wednesday 9th and 16th June on Turf One. The first game starts at 6:00 pm and the second at 7:30 pm. I would hope that the impact on our earlier games will be minimal or zero, but it is definitely something to bear in mind. C Division will have a competing attraction to the late game, but the earlier players will have something to watch, as admission is free.

Dates For The Diary:

June 26th and 27th: International Pro-League matches at PHS.
July 28th: Western Hockey Masters AGM. Eastman Room PHS starting at 6:00 pm.
July 23rd to August 8th: Tokyo Olympics.
October 9th to 16th: Australian Masters Games - Perth (hockey is included).

Mega Interstate Tournament:

Women: Newcastle September 23rd to October 2nd.

Men O35s to O45s: Newcastle September 24th to October 9th.

Men O50s to O75s Division 1: Central Coast Hockey Park September 29th to October 9th.

Men O50s to O65s Division 2: Maitland Hockey Turf September 29th to October 9th.

Captains and Division Co-ordinators: We need you to be diligent and continually monitor your team list and the attending players who play each week. If there is a player who is not on your team list, that player is not registered, he cannot be issued with a team shirt, has not paid any club fees nor is he covered by player insurance.

As our playing group grows so do the costs associated with running the club so it is vitally important that all players are registered & recorded within our team structures. Also it is important that player details are correctly recorded, as the future will mean that only those registered and with correctly recorded information will be included in mailing lists and be provided with invitations to any events in the future the club may sanction or run.

If you have any amendments or issues please contact Colin Gee at gee.colin@gmail.com.

Thanks Colin. All players should take note of the message too. Ed.

Called To Higher Duties: B Division White have just lost long-serving captain Arch Andrews and our WHM President Simon Thomson - both moved to A Division. The photo depicts a team farewell function and was taken in the PHS bar on 19th May - well done to B White (*and Simon and Arch*).



B Div to A's not demotion
Think of it as a promotion
You'll not run so far
But still be a star
Gliding around in slow motion.

Department of Corrections: The almost total lack of reader feedback might mean that our May issue was completely error free. Though it could also mean that hardly anybody actually read it. In these circumstances the typist and proof-reader will be making their usual request for a pay rise, which, as usual will be denied, on the grounds that they already receive as much as the Editor. Peter Trend has suggested that they could be offered twice as much as the Editor for the same result.

Department of Health: Jim Banks has nearly come to the end of his cataract operations as the last one should have just been done. All the best for a return to the field. Jim Balding is back from similar operations, and seems to be travelling as well as ever. Richard Osborne will be back soon after his operation, and I believe is looking at a restart in A Division. In further goalkeeper news Graeme Sansom has now made a comeback following his knee injury and has lost nothing in ability during his enforced break. I understand that Barry Rutter has a back problem - not sure how long he might be out. Bob Hotinski is recovering from an Achilles tendon problem - duration of absence not known. Jim Wright has had an abdominal muscle strain and is still a week or two away from playing again. Ham D'Souza, Roy Grant and Peter Wallis have now all resumed in A Division White and each of them seem to be travelling well. And sciatica is battling John Mercer and winning. MM extends our best wishes for a speedy and complete recovery to all.

Julian G: Many thanks to Pam for an update. The Gardners are back in Esperance, with Julian having physio and hydrotherapy. He's also walking regularly, but is parting with his boat - Pam says that he'll have to find other ways to enjoy fishing. They are due in Perth during June for a family function and hopefully we'll see you both at hockey one Wednesday or Saturday.

What Do Readers Think? Ricky Watts has suggested that Masters Matters could start a new section. Each month this would involve publishing a list of players' birthdays. We would need to stress that there is absolutely no compunction to buy drinks for the bar on either Wednesdays or Saturdays. Before going ahead I would welcome readers' views on this, and maybe if there are several who object we should not proceed. Or possibly offer an opt-out facility. Please send any feedback to the editor at the email address johnmercer@iinet.net.au.

PS: This will definitely not include anybody's year of birth.

Congratulations: To Ron and Ruth Venables who recently celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary in Broome. At this time of year what a great place for such an event.

Something Missing? Neil and Evadne Scaddan arranged for a new kitchen to be installed last month. As happens often these days all the parts arrived - as parts. One fairly vital item was not included, as the delivery turned up with everything except the kitchen sink. In a sequel, when the missing sink did turn up it was the incorrect size.

Letters To The Editor: May's MM must have been uncontroversial as only two responses reached the editorial in-box. Thanks to Phil Anderson and Derek Jobe. As it's a while since we heard from Pando I have include his email below. Look forward to catching up at PHS one of these days.

"On reading the latest Masters Matters, it's interesting to note that since I played (as a ring in) in the O/75's State Team, in 2016 in Adelaide, only Ron Venables still remains as a player in the State Team for that age group. Quite a few of the O/70's from that time have progressed to the O/75's. Proof that a lot happens in 5 years or less as we all get older.

Incidentally, I've recovered fairly well from the right knee replacement operation early last year but there's been no jogging as yet just up to fast walking when needed. Hopefully, a comeback to hockey at some stage could happen. It's something I've really missed along with the camaraderie. To that end, I'll be endeavouring to come along as a Wednesday afternoon spectator for a catch up, sometime soon.

Best wishes to everyone.

Phil Anderson

Quotable Quote 1: "Patriotism is your conviction that this country is superior to all other countries because you were born in it." *George Bernard Shaw (1856 - 1950)*. *Of course, it has also been said (by Samuel Johnson) that "Patriotism is the last refuge of a scoundrel."*

'A' Division Blog: As the results show most teams had good and bad days.

May 5th: Blue were the team of the day with three wins while White's solitary goal, generated by another captain's move back into the forward line (well done Dave Horsley), earned their solitary point. Possibly Blue were the least depleted side as Gold were minus Jim Malcolm, Rod Spencer and Lance Woods; Red missed Mal Horrigan, Bob Hotinski, Keith Kessell, Bob Maley and Les Waldon; while the sight of Ham D'Souza in the stand epitomised what is wrong with White. Blue covered the absence of Jeff Kozak well and the reason they win more games is because they play as a team. Again there were only two goalkeepers - well played to both Barry and John. The judges had to confer for a long time over the goal of the day and eventually decided that they could not choose between Neil Patterson's deflection and Angelo Strano's scoop. The day's results were:

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

Goal Scorers: **Blue:** Peter Eastlake (2), Neil Miller (2), Neil Patterson, Neil Scaddan. **Gold:** Angelo Strano (2). **Red:** Steve McEntee, Ron Venables. **White:** Dave Horsley. Team numbers at maximum were: Blue (11), White (10), Red (10), Gold (10). 11 goals were scored.

May 12th: We began with three goalkeepers, but Barry was injured in Match 1 and the others went after Match Four. Goals suddenly became a lot easier to score with the last two games producing five. Save of the day must go to Colin Benporath for a diving stick save in a one on one against Blue, with an honourable mention to Tony Marshall. Of the four against the three keepers (Barry, Colin and Tony) Rod Spencer got two. Jim Balding (Gold) and Ham D'Souza made comebacks and both seemed to make it through without problems. The return of Ham and the continued presence of Len Blyth made White much more competitive. Blue and Gold were both undefeated while Red had a disastrous day losing three times. After consideration the judges gave the goal of the day award to Rod Spencer for quantity as well as quality. When White was reduced to nine players Peter Eastlake transferred from Blue for the remainder of the matches. The day's results were:

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

Scorers: **Blue:** John Ree, Ricky Watts. **Gold:** Nevelle Brown, Rod Spencer (3). **Red:** Bob Maley. **White:** Scott Blackwell, Brian Soares. At maximum the numbers (not including goalkeepers) were: Gold (12), Red (12), Blue (14), White (10). Only 9 goals were scored.

May 19th: The movement from B Division began today, with Simon Thomson playing for Red, Bob Le Merle with Blue and Peter Andrews with White. Gold expected 14 players, hence their omission. Results were very different, with Blue losing three times and Red and White being undefeated. White welcomed the return of Peter Wallis after his knee replacement and Ray Domingo also added pace to the forward line. John Harper joined John Burt and Tony Marshall, thus ensuring that we had goalkeepers for all matches, with John Burt making the save of the day for some remarkable denials in the Gold/White match. Goal of the day has to go to Phil Metcalf for his three in the match against Blue. All were fine strikes - two field goals and one penalty corner. Scott Blackwell's run and goal for White's winner against Blue is also worthy of an honourable mention. The results were:

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

Scorers: **Blue:** Bob Le Merle. **Gold:** Phil Metcalf (3), Rod Spencer. **Red:** Steve McEntee, Ron Venables (2). **White:** Scott Blackwell, Ray Domingo (2), Brian Soares. Team numbers including the B Division new arrivals were: White (13), Blue (10), Gold (11), Red (11). 12 goals were scored.

May 26th: It was a cast of thousands, with all sides having spares and we even had three keepers. White had little chance of developing team work as captain Dave Horsley was juggling 16 players. Gold and Red had good days, while Blue and White went winless. After much consideration goal of the day went to Ken Beer for a cracking shot from the right wing in the first game of the day. The day's results were:

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

Scorers: **Blue:** John Ree. **Gold:** Peter Andrews, Nev Brown (2), Phil Metcalf (2). **Red:** Ken Beer, Steve McEntee, Col Muray-Smith, Simon Thomson, Ron Venables. **White:** Peter Blockley, Hector D'Rozario. Player numbers without allowance for a couple of early departures were approximately: Red (13), Gold (11), White (16) Blue (11). 13 goals were scored.

From Saturday Masters:

There have been instances recently of the duty selector needing to rework all his teams due to a few players booking in late. This should not be necessary and means that we start (and finish) later which is not great in the winter season. Could we all please check in to play before 12:00 on Fridays.

Howie Herbert has not been able to play much lately due to all the work he and Pam have had to do in preparing their place for sale. During May not only did H & P Herbert become a house sold word, but they also found and bought a new place. Now all they have to do is to pack up the old residence and arrange all the move details before the June settlement date. After that a settle-in process is likely to be needed. In late news Jim and Beth Wright are moving too.

Well done to Jim Wright for another initiative regarding our cash for containers. He has gained approval from YMCA for us to collect our own empties this winter season. So please make sure that you do not dump your bottles anywhere else but our personal bin. MM's limericist comments:

There's value in stubbies of beer

Not just the contents which cheer

The bottles we stash

Exchange them for cash

One hundred plus dollars this year.

May 28th saw us cancel play. I understand that quite a few players expressed concern about the weather and we would have been unable to make two teams.

This looks like a very well attended Saturday Hockey Masters AGM. Of course there is usually an excellent dinner and drinks to follow.



Punology One: Another one from the Peter Brien / Ken Watt team.

The amount of Covid-19 jokes doing the rounds has reached worrying proportions. Scientists claim that we are in the middle of a pandemic.

No Balinese Bulletin: Peter has asked for a month off, as absolutely nothing has happened up there in the Isle of the Gods. He and Erin have not even received their first vaccination yet.



In lieu of Peter's report we include the photo above. Ed.

Shakespeare Said It: "In respect that it is solitary, I like it very well; but in respect that it is private it is a very vile life." As You Like It Act III, Scene II. *Not a bad description of life under lockdown for those living alone. It definitely has its good and bad points.*

"Be content; speak your griefs softly." Julius Caesar Act VI, Scene II. *Sound advice to Wednesday and Saturday players wishing to differ with an umpiring decision. But even better, just shut up.*

"Good wine is a good familiar creature if it be well used: exclaim no more against it." Othello, The Moor of Venice Act II, Scene III. *Peter Jones to a wavering ticket buyer in our Wednesday bar raffle.*

Wine Raffle: The result on 5th May generated some comment. Organiser Peter Jones is from the A Division Blue team, as was each one of the three winners. It was decided that a Royal Commission is not required, as Blue usually attend the bar in good numbers - and also on the ground that Peter J and his assistant John Mercer have not had a win between them, for the whole of 2021. The Blues have won eight out of the twenty prizes for the second quarter. MM's limericist comments:

It's said that it isn't so fine
A Div Blue wins most of the wine
We didn't ignore it
But ran a full audit
And found it is not by design.

If you buy a large percentage of the tickets you should win the same percentage of the prizes. This is what happens, as A Blue come to the bar in numbers. Ed.

Punology Two: Did you hear about the passenger who sued an airline after his luggage went missing. Sadly he lost his case.

'B' Division May 2021:

May was business as usual for B Division, good numbers, good hockey and good socialising after the games.

4 players were promoted to A Division and not just any 4 players!

Simon the President, Archie the White team captain, Simon Williams the speedster and the ageless Bob La Merle have all made the move and will strengthen the A Division considerably. In a seamless transition Jim Campbell has taken over organisation of the White team. Archie had been the white team Captain and organiser for the past umpteen years. All of us at B Division thank him for his passion and dedication over so many years!

This month's player profile is Steve (Feral) Farrar currently running as a high striker for the White team. Off field Steve also contributes by being our club treasurer. Steve originally from the UK again shows the rich diversity of backgrounds and experience we have at Western Hockey Masters.

Dudley Evans

Thanks again Dudley. Steve Farrar has provided such a comprehensive hockey biography that I was not able to include it here. So Colin Gee has loaded it to the Revo Sports site and the link below will take you directly there - to a most interesting read. Ed.

<https://cdn.revolutionise.com.au/news/ciuz4nolbsjko2gp.pdf>.

Getting Back To Normal: In Australia (particularly here in WA) we may think that we're returning to the world as it used to be. The deferment of our World Cup until 2022 and the dubious state of the Olympics should cause us to think again. This quote from the Director-General of the World Health Organization sums up the situation: "The pandemic is a long way from over, and it will not be over anywhere until it is over everywhere." I've had my first jab now, have you?

Well Dones for May: Wednesday's 'A' Division umpires were: Rob Ainsworth, Jim Balding, Bob Bowyer, George Bradbury, Bob Claxton, Ham D'Souza, Peter Eastlake, Peter Evans, Colin Gee, Ian Hill, Bob Hotinski, Gordon Jeffery, John Jeffreys, Steve McEntee, Col Murray-Smith, Neil Scaddan, Brian Soares, Greg Street, Peter Trend, Ron Venables, Ken Watt, Ricky Watts, Saturday's umpires were: Rob Ainsworth, Eric Alcock, Scott Blackwell, Colin Gee, Ian Hill, Jim Malcolm, John Mercer, Peter Murray, Steve Powles, Paul Robinson, Neil Scaddan, Don Smart, Greg Street, Ron Venables, Les Waldon, Ken Watt, Ivan Wilson and Jim Wright. We have not had a sausage sizzle in May due to Ivan Wilson's Kimberley holiday. Thanks are also due to those who set up our sausage sizzle on 2nd June; Jason de Wynd and Bob Bowyer I think. And I believe that Ricky Watts did almost all the cooking. Thank you and very well done to all.

Past Players, Non Players and Injured Players May: Noted at PHS were: Ham D'Souza, John Mercer, Richard Osborne, Graeme Sansom, Peter Stevens, Ken Walter, George Winning. And at Perry Lakes: Eric Alcock, Peter Blockley, Keith Kessell, John Mercer, Steve Powles, Graeme Sansom, Rod Spencer, Tony Marshall, Ken Walter.

Grumpy Score Board Operators: The Naughty Corner on PHS 1 is a very pleasant place to watch the hockey on a sunny winter's day. However, if players stand there it is in the direct line of sight of the unfortunate player who is trying to keep the scores up to date. It also often means that the scribe who reports the A Division matches for Masters Matters has to emerge from the dugout and ask the players: "Who scored that last goal." So could everybody please make sure that you remain seated on the benches during the matches.

Grumpy Old Men and Women One: "That we persist in doing becomes easier, not that the task itself has become easier, but that our ability to perform it has improved." *Ralph Waldo Emerson (1803 - 1882). Wish that worked for my hockey, but 62 years have not resulted in much improvement.*

Flying Doctor Appeal: Thanks to Peter Blockley for passing on the final result of the West Perth Rotary Club’s request for donations. The club raised \$27,000, which was doubled by the sponsoring companies. Peter says that the total amount raised by the appeal is more than \$700,000, and that late donations are still coming in. The Club also provided 12 volunteers who spent 6 hours in the city CBD collecting donations and selling merchandise during RFDS Awareness Day. Congratulations to West Perth Rotary on a job well done.

Test Your Hockey Knowledge With John Sanders:

May’s question was:

Nathan Eglinton

- 2002 to 2007
- HA # 341

Lisa Parmenter

- 2011
- HA # 460

Former Australian Hockey Players Nathan and Lisa may be related! They would be:

1. Brother and Sister?
2. Cousins?
3. Father and daughter?
4. Husband and wife?

Nobody attempted an answer. The correct response is 1.

June’s question is:

Which statement about these four Australian players, May Campbell HA #77, June Wynne HA#123, Morna Hyde HA# 145 and Carolyn Ash HA# 111, is FALSE?

- a. They are sisters!
- b. They grew up in the tiny Wheatbelt town of Moulyinning, Western Australia!
- c. They all played only for Western Australia!
- d. Three of them toured New Zealand together in 1948!

<div style="background-color: #f4a460; padding: 2px; font-weight: bold; font-size: 0.8em;">May Campbell (nee Pearce)</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1936 to 1948 • HA # 77 • Western Australia/NSW 	<div style="background-color: #f4a460; padding: 2px; font-weight: bold; font-size: 0.8em;">June Wynne (nee Pearce)</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1948 to 1953 • HA # 123 • Western Australia
<div style="background-color: #f4a460; padding: 2px; font-weight: bold; font-size: 0.8em;">Morna Hyde (nee Pearce)</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1953 to 1956 • HA # 145 • Western Australia 	<div style="background-color: #f4a460; padding: 2px; font-weight: bold; font-size: 0.8em;">Caroline Ash (nee Pearce)</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1948 • HA # 111 • Western Australia

Answer next issue.

Quotable Quote Two: “If man does find the solution to world peace it will be the most revolutionary reversal of his record we have ever known.” *George C. Marshall (1880 - 1959) who was a US general during WWII and later Secretary of State, originator of the post war Marshall Plan and received the Nobel Peace Prize in 1953.*

Orthopaedic Challenge Goes National? Bob Bowyer (Coordinator) has provided an update. He has plenty of nominations and is going full steam ahead with an interstate series to be played over two days in Perth. It will be WA Hips versus ES Hips and WA Knees versus ES Knees. Further details are to be announced as they are confirmed - at the moment Bob is working on flights, accommodation and uniforms (in conjunction with Uniforms Officer Robin Bailey). If you have not nominated and would like to then please make direct contact with Bob at rbow6666@bigpond.com.

New A Division Teams: To fit everything in I have had to abbreviate a few players' names. I hope we all know everybody's Christian names by now. There are some players not included in the listings received by Masters Matters and I believe that the teams may be subject to revision in the interest of providing better balance.

Blue	Gold	Green	Red	White
Stan Balding	R Ainsworth	Len Blyth	Kenneth Beer	Robin Bailey
G Challenor	James Balding	Mark Faithfull	Bob Bowyer	Scott Blackwell
Peter Eastlake	Nevelle Brown	Peter Jones	Bob Claxton	Peter Blockley
Ian Hill	H D'Rozario	Jim Malcolm	Mal Horrigan	G Bradbury
Jeff Kozak	David Evans	S McEntee	Bob Hotinski	Dudley Burress
Robert Maley	Mal Jackaman	Neil Miller	John Jeffreys	Ham D'Souza
Neil Patterson	Gordon Jeffery	S Thomson	Keith Kessell	Ray Domingo
John Ree	Philip Metcalf	Leigh Watt	Peter Murray	Peter Evans
Colin Sanders	Terry Murray	F Williams	C Murray-Smith	Terry Gaston
Peter Trend	S/dev Pandher	S Williams	Brian Soares	Roy Grant
Rick Watts	Rod Spencer	Lance Woods	Ronald Venables	Bob Le Merle
Ivan Wilson	Angelo Strano	P Andrews(c)	Les Waldon	John Mercer
N Scaddan (c)	Peter Willett		Jim Wright (c)	Gregory Street
	Colin Gee (c)			D Horsley (c)

Not included in the lists above are: Jim Banks, Peter Wallis and Ken Walter.

Penalty Corners Without Goalkeepers: Apparently no one felt that this topic was worth a comment. All I was hoping to avoid was being penalised again for hitting the ball at goal under a rule I had no idea was in effect at the time. In future, could we make it clear to all players what they may and may not do when one or both goalkeepers are missing - before the game starts.

Late News For Saturday Players: The Perry Lakes change-rooms and toilets that we normally use will not be available again this winter season as the demolition project has begun. The temporary toilets are all accessible and at least they offer hand washing facilities (but no drying).

Grumpy Old Men and Women Two: "If you pick up a starving dog and make him prosperous, he will not bite you. This is the principal difference between a dog and a man." *Mark Twain (1835 - 1910).*

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