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Masters Matters

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Interstate Tournament Cancelled: I trust that everybody who was booked to go has already heard the news. Many thanks to all the administrators who were so prompt in circulating the news. I heard from the WA Masters, WA Country Masters and WHM, sometimes more than once. For those who would like the official word, here is the link to the Hockey Australia website.

www.hockeyaustraliamasters.org.au/mens/2021-national-masters-championships-cancelled/

WHM AGM: It is an indication of some excellent preparation when a meeting forecast to last about 45 minutes takes 45 minutes. Well done to President Simon Thomson and Secretary Neil Patterson for their meticulous work prior to the event. The current executive have all continued on for another year in their positions and the minutes will be available once they are produced. Simon's President's Report is included in full in this edition of Masters Matters - see page 3.

WHM Committee 2021/2022: So that all members are aware of who does what we include the list of our Committee members.

President: Simon Thomson

Vice-President: Tony Jones

Secretary: Neil Patterson

Treasurer: Steve Farrar.

Assistant Secretary: Bob Bowyer

A Division Coordinator: George Bradbury

B Division Coordinator: Adrian Gabriel

C Division Coordinator: Colin Howell

Saturday Representative: Les Waldon

Financial Coordinator: Keith Platel

Membership Administrator: Colin Gee

C Division representative: Ken O'Driscoll

Newsletter Editor: John Mercer

Plus: Uniforms Officer Robin Bailey and Social Secretary: Peter Jones

The Fixtures Coordinator will be confirmed at a later date.

Vale Harvey Davies: It was with much regret that we heard that Harvey had died on the morning of Thursday the 23rd July. A full tribute appears on Page 11.

Dates For The Diary:**2021**

October 9th to 16th: Australian Masters Games - Perth (hockey is included).

October 23rd: Saturday hockey AGM and winter season windup. Perry Lakes clubrooms.

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September/October: Interstate championships (Men) - Gold Coast.

September/October (?): Interstate championships (Women) - Cairns.

President's Report - Simon Thomson:

Thirty years ago, two teams of fifty year old Vets took to the turf at PHS on a Wednesday afternoon. Their prime objective was to increase their playing skills on astroturf, prior to travelling interstate for the National Championships. Of course, a beer afterwards was obligatory.

I doubt whether any of those Vets would have envisaged the legacy that they started some thirty years ago. From two teams in 1991, we now have 15 teams in three divisions with 230 members. A fantastic number of like-minded hockey players who all enjoy a competitive but social Wednesday afternoon of hockey. A drink and bar snack while the raffle is being drawn is also an important part of the afternoon.

In 2013 Saturday hockey at Perry Lakes started primarily for over 65's. This started with two teams and now regularly has three teams in winter and four teams in the summer months.

WHM has had fantastic growth and must continue to do so by attracting those "young" 50 year olds to play Wednesday afternoons.

The annual hips and knees match was once again very well attended and was followed by the Christmas function with 130 attendees. Thanks to all those who contributed towards the raffle prizes. Once again a substantial amount was collected for charity. This year we donated \$2,000 to the Wooroloo Bush Fires, \$1,000 to Cyclone Seroja, and \$1,000 to Food Bank WA. Thanks all who bought raffle tickets at the Christmas Function and in the bar on a Wednesday afternoon.

The main change to our administration this year has been the introduction of Revolutionise Sport Platform for our fee collection and storage of records, including members' details and team lists. A very special thanks to Colin Gee for setting this Platform up and ironing out the small problems that arose.

WHM could not function without the help of its many volunteers. I should like to thank our Committee Members: Secretary Neil Patterson, Vice President Tony Jones, Treasurer Steve Farrar, Assistant Secretary Bob Bowyer, Division Coordinators Colin Howell, Adrian Gabriel, and George Bradbury, Editor Masters Matters John Mercer, Saturday Captain Les Waldon, Financial Administrator Keith Patel. I should also like to thank all those who help to run WHM, especially the Team Captains, Colin Gee our data base administrator, Robin Bailey our uniform officer, Peter Jones our Raffle and Events Coordinator, Ivan Wilson head barbeque chef, and all those volunteer Umpires. Thanks to Dan Hill who took over as Fixtures Secretary when Harvey Davies became ill. Sadly Harvey recently passed away and our thoughts are with his family.

I should also like to thank the Saturday Committee led by Les Waldon, with Jim Wright, Scott Blackwell, John Mercer, Howie Herbert and Bob Bowyer.

Thanks all of you for your continued support and desire to play hockey through every season of the year. Enjoy your hockey.

Simon Thomson - President WHM

Department of Health: Thanks to Lionel David, who let me know that Ralph Wood has had a quadruple bypass in the Mount Hospital around the middle of July; all went according to plan. If you don't remember Ralph he was very well known in his time at PHS, and before that was President of Aquinians. Lance Woods is yet to have his first game in the Blue team, as I'm informed that he did a hamstring at Perry Lakes on the 24th. On a slightly brighter note several players have returned to action on Wednesdays and Saturdays. I am certain that this list is very incomplete, but do not know whether to blame the editorial notebook or the editorial ears. Best wishes for a speedy and complete recovery to all, and my apologies to those I've failed to include.

Department of Corrections: The index in the July issue was wrong in quite a few places. I will not bore you with the details, but as the right items were definitely entered (and saved!) at some stage I'm going to blame a glitch in the computer.

Letters To The Editor: July's MM had no responses, except for a lost property matter (See Page 4).

A Division Review: The captains plus Coordinator George Bradbury and Fixtures Advisor Peter Trend duly held the review meeting. The general opinion was that only minor changes were needed for the competition to return to some equality between teams. As from 28th July player movements were: Len Blyth and Lance Woods went from Green to Blue.

Peter Blockley went from White to Green. (*White have excess players most weeks*)

All agreed that the current fixtures are the most equitable arrangement as any other format would result in an unequal number of games for one or more teams. One complaint has been the necessity for players to wait two games after their last match to fulfill their umpiring commitments and Peter Trend has produced a revised set of fixtures to address this concern.

George and the captains will monitor the effect of the new line-ups to see how they go.

MM's limericist has a comment, written before the event:

The A Div now needs a redraw

As Green keep on winning their four

The forward line's gun

As each one can run

Adjustments must now be in store

Player Birthdays: No further feedback has been received, so it appears that our members do not have strong opinions either way. So as foreshadowed in the July edition, here are the August birthdays with year attached also. Again, if there is anybody out there who does not want their birthday included please contact the editor at the email address johnmercer@iinet.net.au.

Please let me (and Colin Gee) know if there are any errors or misspellings. We stress again that there is no compunction to buy drinks for the bar on either a Wednesday or a Saturday.

Happy August birthdays to all the following:

A Division: **2nd** Peter Andrews (1946), Len Blyth (1944) **5th** Bob Bowyer (1939) **8th** Brian Soares (1944) **10th** Robin Bailey (1943) **13th** John Jeffreys (1944) **16th** Peter Murray (1943) **19th** Mal Horrigan (1946) **23rd** Simon Thomson (1946) **30th** Steve McEntee (1953).

B Division: **7th** Peter Selfe (1956) **13th** Jim Campbell (1951) **25th** Keith Platel (1949) **27th** Ian Brown (1950), Graham Harper (1956) **29th** Bob Woodrow (1949).

C Division: **4th** Gurmeet Singh (1964) **8th** Michael Hallam (1963) **9th** Peter Kontor (1956) **12th** Phil Wilson (1953) **15th** John McGuckin (1961).

Saturday Masters: **20th** Paul Robinson (1941).

Former Players: **10th** Marty Greay (1941) **11th** Peter Hammond *Bali correspondent* (1941).

Lost Property PHS: This is the one Letter to the Editor which has arrived. It is included in the hope that one of our members may have noticed the lost items and taken them for safe-keeping. I would also like to hear from other members who have lost items at PHS. I've personally been deprived of a \$57 knee brace and an umbrella.

"Hi John, in the last 4 weeks I have inadvertently left a Country jacket and a City jacket in the change rooms, neither of which has turned up in lost property.

If you have room in MM and if you feel it is appropriate, would you please mention this.

Regards - Ken Watt."

The crowd in the change rooms has made it difficult to ensure that all items have been packed into the hockey bag. But as nothing seems to be reaching lost property we all need to take extra care.

Face Masks? Some A Division corners are now being hit with considerable speed, and an inadvertent lifted ball or an unfortunate deflection could cause serious injury to the defenders on the goal line. There is a proposal coming up to buy some masks for those who would like them. If you have strong opinions on the subject you could have a chat to your captain.

'A' Division Blog: Green were undefeated last month. Some players have been moved as from 28th July and the August results will be interesting.

July 7th: The Green machine powered on at UWA, winning all their matches without conceding a goal. Red and Gold competed well, with Blue and White having bad days. As often happens at this venue the numbers were down, and the necessity for fill-ins resulted in a heavy workload for star players (with some honourable exceptions). Any player who arrived late was often asked what was it like at PHS. Goalkeepers (Graeme, John and Tony) played well all day and made scoring difficult. The judges had a tough task to select the goal of the day, but eventually managed to decide that Bob Hotinski's deflection got the award just ahead of Ken Beer's angled shot and Ron Venables' finish after the pass of the day from Mal Horrigan. The day's results were:

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

Goal Scorers: **Gold:** Hector D'Rozario (2). **Green:** Bob Hotinski (2), Neil Miller, Lance Woods (2). **Red:** Ken Beer, Ron Venables. **White:** Ray Domingo. Some arrived late and some left early but team numbers at maximum were: Blue (9), Gold (11), Green (9), Red (7), White (11). 10 goals went in.

July 14th: Despite the poor weather the rain held off for most of the day. Player transfers were done early with Mal Jackaman going from Gold to Blue and Hector D'Rozario from Gold to Red. Only 1 fill-in was needed after that and Red scrupulously abided by the convention not to over-work the same star player(s) all day. It was good to see Dick Osborne back in goal, and he played pretty well on his comeback. As did his fellow keepers Colin, Graeme and John who made sure that goals were at a premium and four of our teams only scored once. The exception was Green who for the second consecutive week won all their matches while keeping their opponents scoreless. Goal of the day was shared between Ken Watt who kept a cool head after finding himself alone in the circle with the goalkeeper and Ricky Watts for another fine penalty corner conversion. Save of the day went to Peter Evans for an overhead stick save. The day's results were:

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

Scorers: **Blue:** Ricky Watts. **Gold:** Angelo Strano. **Green:** Jim Banks, Ken Watt, Simon Williams (PS), Lance Woods (2). **Red:** Brian Soares. **White:** Scott Blackwell. At maximum the numbers (not including goalkeepers) were: Blue (9), Gold (12), Green (10), Red (8), White (11). 9 goals were scored.

July 21st: One disadvantage of our 5 team set up is that it is very difficult to organize player transfers when many do not arrive until later in the day. This led to Green and White juggling 12 players even after Neil Miller (Green to Gold) and George Bradbury (White to Red) were late changes. Such numbers mean that the aim of giving all players sufficient game time is almost impossible. It also makes it tough to develop a lot of team work with the constant line-up changes. This may have led to Green having a bad day (for them) with only one win, though they are still undefeated in July. The four goalkeepers (Dick, Graeme, John and Colin) made forwards earn their goals but found Steve McEntee corners and Red team deflections too good. Goal of the day was scored by John Ree after some terrific set-up work by Stan Balding, with an honourable mention to Nev Brown after another great pass from Hector D'Rozario. The day's results were:

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

Scorers: **Blue:** Peter Eastlake, John Ree (2). **Gold:** Nev Brown, Phil Metcalf. **Green:** Steve McEntee(2), Ken Walter, Simon Williams, Lance Woods. **Red:** Colin Murray-Smith, Brian Soares, Ron Venables. **White:** Ray Domingo, Ham D'Souza. Team numbers at the maximum level and based on original sides were Blue (10), Gold (11), Green (13), Red (9), White (13). 15 goals were scored. /6

Quotable Quote 1: "He who is of calm and happy nature will hardly feel the pressure of age, but to him who is of an opposite disposition youth and age are equally a burden." *Plato (427 - 347 BC). From "The Republic" Calm and happy nature? Not A Division hockey in recent weeks.*

From Saturday Masters:

Again we ask all playing members to make sure that they book in before 12:00 noon on Fridays if they intend to have a game the next day. I know that circumstances can change, but even if you're late it would be better to notify Jim Wright that you're coming. If you have booked in but find you cannot attend then please also notify Jim. At least that might give the duty selector some more time to reshuffle his teams instead of doing it 10 minutes before the first game.

At the moment there are quite a few people queuing up to buy birthday drinks. This is not really possible for a YMCA run bar as we really cannot ask them to run a tab for us, and unlike PHS they do not have a clever cash register that would allow drinks to be booked up until a pre-determined level is reached. So we must wait until we have the bar again, which will not occur until September 4th at the earliest. If YM host finals it may be later than that. The Committee decided that the usual rates for drinks are to be based on cost price, and they are: One person \$100. Two people \$60 each. Three people \$50 each. The addition of pizzas is to be by negotiation.

Peter Murray has now joined the ranks of those who have donated the nibbles on their rostered turn this winter season. Many thanks.

Jim and Beth are downsizing this month and the new dwelling lacks storage for empties. The same applies for the rest of the Committee and after consideration we have decided to stop the container collection. The time required does not produce an effective financial return. So unless there is one of our members who would like to take on the task we will be giving our empties to YM again for the rest of this winter season.

The season is going well, and we actually had four teams again on the 31st July. We've been a bit worried about a sudden influx of players from the Hockey WA Saturday competition. Those of you who read the AGM minutes will be aware that Peter Westlund answered a question from Les and stated that an O/65s competition is under investigation. That will save us from making immediate contingency plans for using two fields and recruiting the necessary goalkeepers and umpires.

In recent weeks several players have made re-appearances. Jim Balding has not had a lot of games this winter but made a comeback on the 31st. Judging by appearances Ian Hill has spent quite a lot of time in the Australian outback, but is also playing again. And we saw Ash Foster for one Saturday at Perry Lakes, but I was not able to get close enough to find out how he is going, and he very rarely stays on for a drink. Does anybody know?

'A' Division Blog (continued):

July 28th: This was the first day after the small re-shuffle of players, but at times it appeared that none of us had ever played together, or bothered to warm up. 4 of the first 6 games ended in 0-0 draws and only 2 goals were scored in the other matches. In addition quite a few good opportunities were missed but as Masters Matters prefers to accentuate the positive no names will be mentioned. The goals did flow better later on, but the floodgates never opened. Goalkeepers Graeme, Tony and John all were generally hard to pass, though Steve McEntee and Phil Metcalf were each successful twice, thus sharing goal of the day. Despite not many goals being scored the tally included a couple of slightly fortunate deflections. Red appeared to miss Colin Murray-Smith and failed to score. They were also the only team not to have the numbers but after Sukdev Pandher transferred from Gold no more fill-ins were needed. The day's results were:

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

Scorers: **Blue:** Stan Balding. **Gold:** Phil Metcalf (2). **Green:** Steve McEntee (2). **White:** Ray Domingo, Peter Wallis. Team numbers at the maximum level and based on original sides were Blue (12), Gold (13), Green (10), Red (9), White (13). Only 7 goals were scored.

Punology One: Did you hear about the Tibetan who wanted to become a monk. He did not succeed in his aim, as he never got the chants. *(Thanks to Ken Watt for this one)*

Balinese Bulletin No 64: Bali Covid update August 2021

I understand that the media in Australia is reporting on the Covid19 crisis that has escalated alarmingly in Indonesia. Here in Bali the numbers have increased to a level of alarm. Some 4-6 weeks back the numbers had gradually slid back to around 80-100 cases per day but have now (Post Ramadan) very quickly risen to some 1100 per day. We continue to remain in home isolation.

On the subject of vaccine we are planning to visit a local hospital in Denpasar on Monday to have our 1st jab. We are hoping there are not a million people also looking to do the same thing.

We have been in self imposed home isolation now for 18 months & I have to admit to a feeling of withdrawal that has led to a silence from here. There are people I need to "speak" to but I am finding it difficult. I am not unhappy I just need to shake myself out of this sense of withdrawal & pull myself together.

My mobility issues have not improved & it is now approaching 3 yrs since my fall in late December 2018. I guess I will not be making my way back to the hockey field any time soon.

Some of you down there will be aware that I will soon be celebrating my 80th Birthday (11/08), something I still find difficult to comprehend. Perhaps the Bali Life slows down the ageing process. (See Birthdays Page 4)

I could probably waffle on like this for at least another 5 min or so, but I will spare you this.

I am sure you would like something more interesting than this but I assure you nothing is really happening up here at the moment.

Peter Hammond

Thanks for the news Peter. It is good to hear that you are managing to stay out of the virus zone up there. Happy Birthday from all of us for the 11th. Ed.

Who Is Our Bali Correspondent: The thought has occurred (suggestion from Simon) that there are probably quite a few members who have joined WHM since Peter departed our shores for a warmer climate. He was one of the inaugural players mentioned by Simon in the President's Report (Page 3) and captained sides for most of our first 20 years. He was also Captain/Coach of the very first Over 50 side to represent WA in the interstate tournament; and obtained significant sponsorship from the financial sector which led to the smart playing strips in use when I joined in 2006 and have continued to the present day. WHM Life Member Peter is mentioned frequently in the WHM History, and appears in a photograph for the year 2013. The history can be accessed via this link: www.revolutionise.com.au/westernmasters/news/western-hockey-masters-history/ You will need to make one more click on **WHM History Project Yearly Info Combined**.

'B' Division July 2021:

The first 2 weeks of July saw B Division relocated to UWA turf. An always welcome change for all players especially those from the Northern suburbs with less travel time for them. Back to PHS for the last few weeks of the month and a seemingly never ending spate of wintery weather. This and the depressing Covid news from NSW (What were they thinking!!) has seen numbers down a bit by the end of the month. Hopefully slightly better weather and the ray of sunshine the Olympics gives us will see a resurgence in August.

This month's featured player is Shane Knapp who also doubles as an umpire. Despite jocular comments about these two personalities his umpiring has improved the general standard and thus the enjoyment of all.

Dudley Evans

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Thanks again Dudley. Plenty more player profiles to come? Ed.

Grumpy Old Men and Women One: "Chess is as elaborate a waste of human intelligence as you can find outside an advertising agency." *Raymond Chandler (1888 - 1959). US author.*

Shane Knapp: The Story So Far

My hockey story has a couple of components 1. Playing and 2. Umpiring.

As a player: My first recollection of hockey was when my father (George) took me to a hockey game in Dalwallinu (1959/60) on bare ground field with clumps of weed, double gees, wooden goals with no net and the lines were old truck oil. I was the ball boy, no fences so sometimes a big trek to get the ball. My first stick looked like an ice hockey stick. We had a bitumen tennis court that I used to have a hit on. Bit of wear and tear on the stick and we used a cricket ball. Dad also coached the local women's side at Ballidu/Wongan Hills.

1968 saw me commence 5 years as a boarder at Wesley College. What a culture shock that was after growing up on a wheat and sheep farm 25 miles east of Ballidu. Wesley provided me the opportunity to get really involved into hockey (as well as a lot of other sports). Ross Edwards coached me in my first year at Wesley, then it was Gordon 'Dinger' Bell the next year (Yr9 and I got 2 runs on the bench @ 1st Eleven) and then there was Bob Andrews the next 2 years (1st Eleven). The last year at Wesley saw me succumb to Frank 'Smokey' Woods overtures to play Aussie rules football where I played 1st Eighteen football for the school on Saturday morning and in the afternoon would play seniors hockey with Old Wesley Hockey Club (OWHC).

Whilst still at school, I started playing with OWHC in 1970. I remember guys like Stewart Calder, Rex Schorer and a number of other guys that would come and pick me up, take me to the game and eventually bring me back to the school (after re-hydrating!). I learnt of a lot from those guys about playing 'big boys' hockey and rehydrating!

I played, hockey with OWHC until I married in 1976, built a house in Kenwick. In those days getting around Perth was not so easy, it usually took a long time getting from A to B so I started playing with a local side ARKS (Armadale Roleystone Kelmscott). I played in a number of R & I Cup competitions and if you lost the first round in the R & I Cup competitions you were eligible to play in the R & I 'Plate competition'. We did win one year and received \$200 (which back in those days was a reasonable amount of \$\$). Arks merged with the then fledgling Gosnells hockey (now known as Southern River Hockey Club) and I played and coached at Gosnells until I moved to Leeming in 1986.

Following the move to Leeming, I changed clubs and joined Melville Hockey Club playing in their 1 & 2's until the age of 37 when my body and mind were not in sync and a recurring quad injury caused me to have a sabbatical from hockey. I played men's softball for 3 years and the year I turned 40 (1994) returned to Melville and commenced playing hockey again in the Masters competition against some well known players like Mal and Clive Poole, Terry Walsh, David Hatt, 'Doc' Haywood and even a bloke they called 'Huddy' and a Fremantle bloke they called Brownie.

I went away with the 40's State Masters in 1997 to Adelaide which started a regular journey in/to the National Masters competitions, travelling all around Australia. The stories I could tell about those experiences, but 'what happens on tour stays on tour'.

In 2004, I returned to my original club (now WASPS) to finish my hockey playing days with the guys that I started playing with (well those that were still playing anyway) and some others that included the Poole brothers, Doc Hayward, Huddy, Mal Skinner (Moses), and a couple of Kiwis (Dennis Baker and Dudley Evans).

In my late 50's I began to have an issue with my right hip which culminated in it being replaced and around 5 years later I had my left hip replaced. I have recently returned playing hockey in the Red side on Wednesday arvos in the 60's after a 8 year hiatus of playing the game.

As an Umpire: From an early age my father also cultivated an interest in umpiring. He umpired locally and at country week hockey (in between playing). During my playing days it was often that you were required to umpire your own grade (due an uneven number of teams in the grade). I was always keen to do so although getting abuse from time to time. Though nothing has changed over the years, except that I have a thicker skin nowadays. I started umpiring on a regular basis with WAHA under the tutelage of Ian Pitt. Ian was a font of knowledge and provided much 'sage' advice. I umpired first and second division for a number of years.

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I began regularly umpiring at the Men's National Masters Championships as a WA player/umpire with another player/umpire colleague by the name Ralph Understeiner and we did this for a number of Championships. This gave me the opportunity to be selected to umpire at an International level that included 3 Grand Masters World Cups (Cape Town, The Hague and Barcelona), an Asian Grand Masters Cup (Kuala Lumpur) and 2 European Masters Championships (London and Brasschaat).

In addition, I have umpired at:

- Men's Country Week Championships x 3
- National Men's Masters Championship x 7
- Sikh Games (Perth 2004)

Since becoming too old to umpire at the Men's National Masters Championships (apparently), I have qualified myself to be a Technical Officer at both State (Division 1 men and women), National (Men's National Masters Championships x 3) and have undertaken a Technical Officer role at the Grand Masters World Cup in Barcelona (as well as my umpiring role).

Hopefully, I will be seeing you all on the track for many years to come.

Thanks Shane. Many of we Perry Lakes Saturday players well remember the excellent umpiring session which you and the late George Mullins ran for us. Ed.

Shakespeare Said It: "How quickly the wrong side may be turned outward." Twelfth Night or What You Will Act III, Scene I. *As happened to the Hockeyroos.*

"It has been a turbulent and stormy night." "I have been in many, but such a night as this, till now, I ne'er endured." Pericles, Prince of Tyre Act III, Scene II. *A good description of our current Perth winter. Even old people like me are saying this.*

"Foolery, sir, does walk about the orb like the sun; it shines everywhere." Twelfth Night or What You Will Act III, Scene I. *True in Shakespeare's day and all too true in ours.*

Well Done for July: Wednesday's 'A' Division umpires were: Rob Ainsworth, Jim Balding, Jim Banks, Len Blyth, Bob Bowyer, George Bradbury, Bob Claxton, Ham D'Souza, Peter Eastlake, Peter Evans, Colin Gee, Mal Horrigan, David Horsley, Gordon Jeffery, Peter Jones, Bob Le Merle, Steve McEntee, Peter Murray, Colin Murray-Smith, Colin Sanders, Neil Scaddan, Brian Soares, Greg Street, Simon Thomson, Peter Trend, Heath Tyrrell, Ron Venables, Les Waldon, Ken Walter, Ken Watt, Ricky Watts, Frank Williams, Jim Wright. Saturday's umpires were: Rob Ainsworth, Eric Alcock, Dudley Burrell, Terry Gaston, Colin Gee, Ian Hill, Paul Huisman, Bob Hotinski, Peter Jones, Murray Matthews, Peter Murray, Steve Powles, Neil Scaddan, Rod Spencer, Greg Street, Simon Thomson, Ron Venables, Les Waldon, Ken Watt, Ivan Wilson and Jim Wright. The sausage sizzles at UWA saw Ivan Wilson work very hard and well on all the preparation, cooking and cleaning up. Other helpers included Chip Challenor, David Evans and Peter Jones. Thank you and very well done to all.

Past Players, Non Players and Injured Players June: Noted at PHS: Peter Andrews, Len Blyth, Ian Hill, David Horsley, John Mercer, John Sanders, George Winning. At Perry Lakes: Eric Alcock, David Lester, Tony Marshall, John Mercer, Neil Patterson, Rod Spencer, Peter Stevens, Len Walker, Ken Walter.

Interstate Tournament Cancellation: MM's limericist has a word on this too.

No interstate journey this year

To sample that NSW beer

No Cup in Japan

O/S travel ban

It's just City/Country I fear.

The last I heard the possibility has been raised of another series of matches between teams from WA Metro and WA Country. If this does happen it might be the weekend at the end of September. If you are interested keep an eye on your emails.

Test Your Hockey Knowledge With John Sanders:

July's question was:

Which of these great players played the most hockey internationals for Australia?

- a) Ray Evans b) Julian Pearce c) Pat Nilan d) Don Smart.

No answers were received. The actual figures given by John were:

- a) Ray Evans 64
b) Julian Pearce 59
c) Pat Nilan 73
d) Don Smart 92

Don was playing with the Saturday crew at Perry Lakes earlier this year.

August's question is: A memorial service for the late Former WA State Hockey Goal Keeper Peter Shepherd was held recently. Many former club and team mates attended a virtual service from Sydney at the Rosemount Hotel, North Perth last month. The WA end of the service was organised by Steve Smith and Peter Crowe.

Peter Shepherd was first selected for the State Seniors Hockey Team in 1972. Selected alongside Peter were:

- a) Ric Charlesworth and Don Sanders
b) Ric Charlesworth and Syd Wilson
c) Ric Charlesworth and Max Currell
d) All of the above.

Answer next issue.

Punology Two: Another one from the late and lamented Peter Brien.



This should come with a theme song from the Pythons, but the MM technology is not up to it. For those unfamiliar with the Pythons musical repertoire a brief summary of the lyrics is that they repeat the word spam - ad nauseum.

Obituary: Many thanks to Jim Malcolm for this tribute to our recently deceased member.

Harvey Davies was a valued and respected member of the Western Hockey Masters, playing each Wednesday and Saturday for over a decade. He helped organise the paying roster and was a determined half-back with a distinctive, crouching tackle that few got past.

Harvey first played hockey in Manjimup and hockey took him literally all over the world. He played with WA Country in the Australian Masters Championships and managed the team for several years. He played with Southern Cross at the Hague and represented Wales in the 2016 World Cup in Newcastle, NSW, winning Bronze.

His work took him to such places as Port Moresby (PNG), Hobart, Sydney, Melbourne and, of course, Perth and, in each place, he played hockey. While in Perth he played for UWA, MYF, Old Modernians, Subiaco and Suburban before joining the Western Hockey Masters as well as organising a mixed hockey team, the *Pink Galahs* for several years.

Harvey was a quiet, unobtrusive and reliable team member. He will be missed. Our thoughts are with his family.

The funeral on August 5th at Karrakatta was very well attended by WHM members. Harvey's family members have asked me to pass on their thanks to all of you. For those of you who do not receive the West Australian here are the various notices placed by the hockey fraternity.

DAVIES (Harvey):

As a long time valued member of the Saturday Hockey Masters Club, Harvey will be sadly missed. In his own quiet way, he was very active in the conduct of the club and loved playing hockey. Our condolences to his large family.

DAVIES (Harvey):

Harvey Davies was a valued and respected member of the Western Hockey Masters, playing each Wednesday and Saturday for over a decade. He played hockey with several clubs in Perth and the Eastern States. He was a quiet, unobtrusive and reliable team member. He will be missed. Our thoughts are with his family.

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DAVIES (Harvey):

Harvey was a great guy who enjoyed his time playing for WA Country Veterans hockey teams (WACMHA) over a long period.

He will be sadly missed by all his team mates. Sincere condolences to his family.

Rest in Peace Harvey.
David and Jan Horsley

A Last Word from The Editor: This edition of Masters Matters has been under preparation for a very long time. A six hour power cut on Sunday 1st August which took up all my planned working hours was the start, and since then everything has been happening at once. That's the main reason for the inclusion of the following, as it's totally applicable to the situation. The secondary reason is that the back page needs to be filled.



Thanks to both John Sanders and Ken Watt for supplying the picture.

Quotable Quote Two: "Most people would succeed in small things if they were not troubled with great ambitions." *Henry Wadsworth Longfellow (1807 - 1882). Why not make the obvious pass as an alternative to attempting the barely possible.*

Stop Press News: We (Robin Bailey and Peter Trend that is) are investigating the possible use of a whiteboard on Turf One to display the fixtures each week. It sounds like a much better option than attaching a printout to the inside of the Tech Bench front window. More to come.

Grumpy Old Men and Women Two: "Those who can make you believe absurdities can make you commit atrocities." *Voltaire (1694 - 1778). Evidenced by recent anti-lockdown and anti-vax protests.*

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