



A Blue

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C Black

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C Red

C White

O/65 Blue

O/65 Green

O/65 Maroon

O/65 White

# Masters Matters

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**Perry Lakes O/65s No Play:** Due to the unavailability of Alderbury Reserve there will be no Saturday hockey on either 25th September or 2nd October. The reason according to the Town of Cambridge email is: "The Alderbury Reserve is blocked out during that period by our Parks Department for turf assessment and turf maintenance and it won't be able to be booked during that period. Alderbury Reserve has been identified as a priority reserve to receive maintenance and turf management."

**WHM Expansion:** Given the numbers of present and potential players in A, B, and C Divisions an expansion of the competitions is in order and will be discussed by the Committee. The possibilities include starting earlier on Wednesdays, moving one Division to a different venue, or one Division moving to a different day of the week. The change of day option could almost certainly be ruled out, as when A Division played on Tuesdays during a turf replacement at PHS there were quite a few players who could not make it. Unfortunately there is no chance that the proposal for a third turf at Curtin (from a few years ago) will go ahead. It is also unfortunate that whatever the final decision it is likely to lead to further fragmentation of our Wednesday hockey divisions. However, given the large number of current players it appears to be inevitable. There may be some comparable Masters' competitions elsewhere in the world, but there is certainly nothing like WHM in the rest of Australia. We are also one of the few hockey competitions anywhere to have played for most of the pandemic. MM's limericist comments on the growth of our WHM since it began in 1991:

A few years ago, so it seems (30)  
 Our founders had visionary dreams  
     What would it be worth  
     For games on the turf  
 Each week we now have 15 teams.

*And as outlined above we are looking at expansion. For any who are interested in how we grew over the years hereunder is the link to the history:*

[www.revolutionise.com.au/westernmasters/news/western-hockey-masters-history/](http://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.

**Dates For The Diary:****2021****September 25th / October 2nd: No Saturday hockey at Perry Lakes.**

October 2nd: Tentative date for City/Country matches at PHS.  
 October 9th to 16th: Australian Masters Games - Perth (hockey is included).  
 October 13th: WHM Committee meeting - PHS at 5:15 pm.  
 October 23rd: Saturday hockey AGM and winter season windup. Perry Lakes clubrooms.  
 December 15th: Hips versus Knees followed by WHM Christmas Party. PHS.  
 December 18th: Saturday hockey - Christmas pizzas at rooms.

**2022**

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

**Hockey WA O/65s:** The WA Masters Committee is investigating adding an O/65 grade for the 2022 season and has requested feedback from clubs. This may impact on our Saturday competition as players continue with their clubs rather than join our social matches. Hopefully the results of the survey will be known at some time in September.

**Wine Winners:** There has been a little comment about the under-representation of the B Division in those who take home a prize. This is exemplified by the figures in the third quarter (from July); which show that A Division players have had 19 wins to B's 5. Even though it has been a strange year, with usual high scorers Bill Campbell and John Mercer both conspicuously unsuccessful, this discrepancy is out of proportion. It could be caused by a failure of B Division players to come to the bar, or by their refusal to buy tickets. One theory circulating is that they do not carry any cash, and prefer to use the card for everything. That can be solved, as per the suggestion from MM's limericist:

Some can't buy a ticket for wine  
They carry no cash by design  
The Editor thinks  
That when buying drinks  
Requesting cash-out would be fine.  
*All that is needed is to ask for \$5.*

For those who do not drink wine the prize list has expanded in recent weeks. It is now possible to take home jars of gourmet hockey or a box of chocolates. Well done to organisers Bob Bowyer and Peter Jones for these initiatives. Also a big thank you to the donor of the honey who is John Rogers (aka Buck the Beeman). JR's expert comments are interesting:

"The Honey being offered at the moment is from the Chittering Valley and is predominantly a white gum species 'Powderbark' (Eucalypts Accedens) with a healthy dose of Corumbia Calophylla, better known to our indigenous friends as 'Marri' or Redgum.

The area has vast stands of Jarrah as well but that was not flowering at the time my hives were in situ. Perhaps it will flower later in the year, after Avocado Pollination down south."

**Where Does The Raffle Money Go?** Those of you who have had a glance through the history will be aware that our club has been donating money to charity since the first decade of this century. The condition for these was that the organisation had to be proposed by one of our members, preferably one involved in its conduct. There have also been occasional donations to junior hockey, at the State level for preference. We may examine the workings of the raffle to see if it is possible to involve the C Division, as well as to obtain more participation from the As and Bs.

**Playing For Points?** In recent weeks it sometimes seems that a win-at-all-cost attitude has prevailed in Wednesday's A Division, and to a lesser extent in our Saturday competition also. Surely it is known that we do not maintain premiership tables in either and we are supposed to be having social games only. It is not uncommon to see several players excluded from the pass-to list in a Wednesday game. Going back to the early years, here are some of the guidelines:

**Rules For Competition:** These were to be implemented by the team captains.

- a) Equal time - All regulars are to be given equal time on the field.
- b) Captains to emphasise equal involvement of all players during the game - try to cut out selective passing and the formation of cliques.
- c) Extra players - are to be made available to teams which are short of numbers.

Nobody is suggesting that we should play to lose, but we do need to remember that we are supposed to be playing for enjoyment. On which note it was very good to see (on Wednesday 28th) several players give up the play after committing a breach which the umpire had not picked up. We already have a goal of the day "award" in the A Division blog and will think about adding a new one to be known as the Fair Play award.

**Department of Health:** To begin with some good news, Lance Woods is back with a vengeance after his hamstring injury and is running as well as ever on Wednesdays. He and Ron Venables are forming an excellent partnership in the A Red team. A Div Blue captain Neil Scaddan has had another cranial biopsy (on a Wednesday) and may miss further games depending on the result. Jim Balding had to stop playing on 1st September due to a back injury - hope all OK. Also on 1st September both Chip Challenor and Col Murray-Smith hit the turf very hard; more than once in Colin's case. Each of them managed to rise and continue playing, trust all was well on Thursday morning. At our advanced ages most of us are coping with one or more problems and our best wishes go to all for a speedy and complete recovery. Sorry if you've had a non-playing problem and been left out.

**Letters To The Editor:** August's MM also did not spark too many responses, like its predecessor. Many thanks go to Neil Patterson for some kind words, which have been the only comment received so far. MM's limericist has been working overtime and his comment can be found on Page 10.

**Department of Corrections:** Lance Woods did not make it to Blue as we claimed due to the Red team needing him more. And until the white board can be implemented for A Division Peter Trend has done extremely well in fastening a set of fixtures to the window of the Tech Bench dugout. Looking on the bright side at least no complaints or lawsuits were generated by August's issue even if there was so little reaction it appeared that hardly anybody read it.

**Getting Fit Again Can Be Trying:** After a loss of condition, caused by ill health, an operation, or some combination of the two exacerbated by the pandemic it can be difficult making any kind of a comeback. Even Bob Bowyer, who over the last few years has made more comebacks than Dame Nellie Melba has had some troubles lately - though he is starting to feature in the goal scorers again. MM's limericist has a comment, written from personal experience:

It's tough when you try to get fit  
But go through a game with no hit  
    You're far from your ease  
    As breathing's a wheeze  
And now think it's time that you quit.  
*Which nearly happened after the 28th.*

**Player Birthdays:** The usual exhortations follow. If you do not want to have your birthday included in Masters Matters then please contact the editor at the email address [johnmercercer@iinet.net.au](mailto:johnmercercer@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 September birthdays to all the following:

**A Division:** 15th Ken Walter (1946) 19th Ian Hill (1942) 24th Ken Beer (1947) 25th Mark Faithfull (1945).

**B Division:** 6th Heath Tyrrell (1948) 14th Damian Cooper (1958) 15th Ric Staynor (1952) 30th Len Collier (1951).

**C Division:** 9th Nick Pereira (195) 10th Stuart McDonald (1970) 11th Nigel Rayney (1958) 12th Tim Reynolds (1953) 14th Tony Watkins (1957) 21st Russell Scanlon (1957) 28th Peter Bewick (1968) Eddy Biggs (1962)

**Saturday Masters:** 15th Murray Matthews (1955).

**Suburban Hockey Club Turns 100:** Celebrations are being planned for this significant anniversary. Those who would like to go on the mailing list should contact Ken Watt at [lk watt@bigpond.com](mailto:lk watt@bigpond.com). Congratulations to the club from MM. Our WHM membership includes many former players.

**'A' Division Blog:** Green, White and Blue did quite well in August; Red and Gold not so well.

**August 4th:** The results were very unbalanced with Green being undefeated (three 0-0 draws and a 1-0 win), Blue with three big wins and a 0-1 loss to Green, while Red failed to score and conceded 5. Only 4 of the day's goals were not scored by Blue. There were several possibilities for goal of the day, including a nice shot by Peter Eastlake, a booming corner from Ricky Watts, a set up by Colin Sanders resulting in a goal to Stan Balding, but after a lot of debate the judges decided on a finish by John Ree after a terrific approach by Stan Balding. The four goalkeepers all were in the play more often than the scores would indicate, and were essential in the four 0-0 draws. Green were the only team who were short and Hector D'Rozario transferred from Gold. White had to juggle 14 players all day resulting in some player dissatisfaction and loss of teamwork. The day's results were:

**Gold 0 Green 0; Red 0 Gold 1; White 0 Green 0; Blue 2 Red 0; Gold 0 White 0; Green 0 Red 0; Blue 4 Gold 0; Red 0 White 2; Green 1 Blue 0; White 0 Blue 2.**

**Goal Scorers:** **Blue:** Stan Balding (2), Peter Eastlake, John Ree (3), Ricky Watts (2). **Gold:** Rod Spencer. **Green:** Peter Andrews. **Red:** No scorers. **White:** Ray Domingo, Greg Street. The team numbers at maximum were: Blue (11), Gold (11), Green (8), Red (12), White (14). 12 goals were scored.

**August 11th:** Results were again unbalanced with Red and Gold both having 2 draws and 2 losses. Green had a couple of thumping wins, but managed to drop a game to White who, like Blue only lost once and drew once. Gold's failure to score was not due to lack of possession, territory and circle entries as they more than held their own but could not buy a goal. Red seemed to be a little undermanned and I understand that when he returns after a hamstring strain Lance Woods will join them. After Hector D'Rozario moved from Gold to Red for the day all teams had the numbers. Our four keepers Colin, Dick, Graeme and John played well again with several outstanding denials in one on ones from Colin and Graeme. Goal of the day caused much judicial debate and resulted in a three way tie between Steve McEntee and Neil Patterson's deflections and an outstanding solo run from the ageless (apparently) Ron Venables. The day's results were:

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

**Scorers:** **Blue:** Stan Balding, Chip Challenor, Neil Patterson. **Gold:** No scorers. **Green:** Peter Andrews, Steve McEntee (4), Ken Walter. **Red:** Ron Venables. **White:** Ray Domingo (2). At maximum the player numbers were: Blue (12), Gold (12), Green (11), Red (9), White (12). 12 goals were scored.

**August 18th:** Red & Gold had bad days again; with no wins and only 1 goal each. Both were missing some of their prime movers, though after Stan Balding transferred from Blue to Gold all sides had the numbers. Blue and Green were both undefeated, though Green won 3 times to Blue's once. White's corner battery worked well and helped them to a lot of goals, even exceeding Green's tally. It's good to have four keepers again (Dick, Graeme, John and Colin) and some better forward play in all teams made them work quite hard. The day's total goal tally was the highest for some time. Our expert judges awarded a joint save of the day to Graeme Sansom and David Evans for consecutive denials in the play of the same penalty corner. There were many fine goals, but the goal of the day was shared between Ken Walter (after an excellent cross from Peter Blockley) and Bob Le Merle (for a centimetre perfect corner conversion). The day's results were:

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

**Scorers:** **Blue:** Peter Eastlake, John Ree (2). **Gold:** Angelo Strano. **Green:** Peter Andrews (2), Steve McEntee, Ken Walter, Simon Williams (2). **Red:** Ken Beer. **White:** Dudley Burress, Ray Domingo, Bob Le Merle (3) Peter Wallis. Team numbers based on players' original sides were: Blue (13), Gold (9), Green (12), Red (10), White (13). 18 goals were scored. /6

**Quotable Quote One:** We are almost uniquely fortunate in WA to have enjoyed live music though most of the pandemic. This issue includes two quotes from a very long time ago, which indicate that music has been a solace to the human race for many centuries: "Music gives a soul to the universe, wings to the mind, flight to the imagination and life to everything." *Plato (427 - 347 BC).*

**From Saturday Masters:**

# The AGM and winter season windup will be held at the Des and Pam Kelly Pavilion, Perry Lakes, on Saturday 23rd October after our hockey. The meeting will start at about 5:15 pm and be followed by the WA Spit Roast dinner. A meeting notice, agenda and nomination form will be distributed in September and we will be asking members to book in.

# At the moment we are getting ready for the summer season. The great challenge will be that we are implementing the Revo Sports system to register our members and we will all have to use it. This includes mailing list members who just want to continue to receive communications from the Saturday Committee. My belief is that anybody who has already registered on the system for any competition (including the social membership of YMCA which we all were supposed to have done) will only need to "Renew" rather than "Register". We will consult with Colin Gee, who has done a sterling job in implementing the system and make sure that you all receive correct advice on how to sign on for the forthcoming season.

# As soon as we have managed to set the recommended fees for the season we will be asking you all to sign on. Unfortunately, the Town of Cambridge has decided to install a brand new system to make reserve bookings and we are faced with an approximate 250% increase in our ground usage charges. At present we are awaiting a decision on a discount from the Town of Cambridge.

# Unfortunately, we still need to remind all playing members to make sure that they book in each weekend by responding to Jim Wright's email before 12:00 noon on Fridays if they intend to have a game the next day. Even if you make a late decision please notify Jim that you're coming. If you have booked in but find you cannot attend then please also notify Jim. The duty selector is still having to reshuffle his teams on the day just before play, which can sometimes lead to unbalanced sides.

# Last issue we thanked Peter Murray for a nibbles donation, but overlooked that Peter Livingstone had done the same thing Thanks again to you both.

# The goals have not been flowing during August. Life in the forward line can be difficult when due to there being four teams a depleted line of attackers takes on a full defence. So it is pleasing to report that on the 14th John Milner scored 25% of the goals. Peter Wallis got two, which meant that his share of the day's total was a cool 50%.

**'A' Division Blog (continued):**

**August 25th:** The Gold side only found their team cohesiveness in one match, in which they held the Greens (without Simon Thomson) to a 1-1 draw. In the other three they conceded 10 goals without reply. All other games were closely contested, but the White defence conceded no goals, which allied to Ray Domingo's scoring ability made them the team of the day. Goalkeepers Colin, John, Dick and Tony had a fairly torrid time all day, especially when playing for Gold. One cause of the high goal tally was the number of times that the ball was passed in the circle, instead of the player in possession having a shot from anywhere. In this the Red team was conspicuous in the first game of the day (but not thereafter) while Scott Blackwell and Ray Domingo each enabled the other to score by excellent approaches and lay-offs. Goal of the day has to go to Ray Domingo and could be awarded for a solo run under great pressure after a steal or a great volley. The day's results were:

**Red 3 Gold 0; Blue 0 Red 0; Green 1 Gold 1; White 0 Blue 0; Red 0 Green 1; Gold 0 Blue 4;**

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

**Scorers:** **Blue:** Stan Balding, Chip Challenor (2), Peter Eastlake, Bob Maley. **Gold:** Phil Metcalf. **Green:** Archie Andrews (2), Simon Williams. **Red:** Ken Beer, Bob Bowyer, Ron Venables. **White:** Scott Blackwell, Ray Domingo (4). Team numbers in original sides were Blue (12), Gold (11), Green (10), Red (10), White (13). (*Greg Street transferred to Green after Jim Banks left*). 17 goals were scored.

**Punology One:** Back in the days of female servitude a lucky man married a very good cook. Sad to say he proceeded to eat so much that he repeatedly split his trousers and was always asking his wife to fix them. She commented: "Life is just one long repair job, sew it's seams."

**Balinese Bulletin No 65:**

Yet another fine day here in Bali .....24 - 29/30 degrees ....partial cloud & a gentle breeze. Both Erin & I have had our 1st Astra Zenica vaccine & will return for our 2nd jab late October. It appears the numbers of Covid cases here are beginning to fall but still remain a concern. Maybe this is the new normal for some time to come.

A week back we were paid a visit in the form of a large bright green snake. Our cat, Meggs, sighted it in the garden & pursued it around to the side of house. It was probably around 1.5m long & I wasn't going to go anywhere near it. We called a guy from the local Banjar (council) to come & remove it but on arrival it was nowhere to be seen. About 1 hour later the bastard thing had returned. Called the Banjar guy back ..... on arrival for the second time it had disappeared again. Fortunately it has not returned.

I really wish there was more to add but there is not a lot say of any interest. Maybe in the future I should just make things up to create some interest. In closing I can report that we are in good health & hope that all down there are in good health also.

Peter Hammond

*Thanks again for the bulletin Peter. Our main stream media don't tell us a lot about the rest of the world other than the UK and the US; not necessarily in that order.*

**Shakespeare Said It:** "He does smile his face into more lines than are in the new map." Twelfth Night or What You Will Act III, Scene II. *Somebody just scored a goal at Perry Lakes.*

"I am so full of businesses I cannot answer thee acutely." All's Well That Ends Well Act I, Scene I. *A good description of my own last few days trying to complete this edition of Masters Matters at the same time as finding out that the Town Of Cambridge have increased our ground hire charge by about 250%. Responses to simple questions have become difficult.*

"... such a piece of slaughter the sun and moon ne'er looked upon." Pericles, Prince of Tyre Act IV, Scene III. *Shakespeare anticipates A Gold's disastrous day on August 25th. Though White had a worse one prior to the arrival of the reinforcements from B Division.*

**Well Dones for August:** Wednesday's 'A' Division umpires were: Rob Ainsworth, Jim Balding, Bob Bower, George Bradbury, Dudley Burrell, Bob Claxton, Ham D'Souza, Peter Eastlake, Terry Gaston, Colin Gee, Ian Hill, 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, Ron Venables, Les Waldon, Ken Walter, Ken Watt, Ricky Watts, Frank Williams, Ivan Wilson and Jim Wright. Saturday's umpires were: Rob Ainsworth, Eric Alcock, George Bradbury, Dudley Burrell, Colin Gee, Ian Hill, Murray Matthews, Neil Scaddan, Don Smart, Brian Soares, Rod Spencer, Greg Street, Ron Venables, Les Waldon, Len Walker, Ken Watt. Ivan Wilson did another great job on the sausage sizzle (25th August) and well done also to cooks Ken Beer and David Evans. WHM includes several other people who are deserving of a mention here. They include Dan Hill and Peter Trend who create and publish our fixtures between them. A special mention goes to Colin Gee, who has introduced and implemented the Revo Sports system for our Wednesday play and will shortly be guiding us as the Saturday players go onto it also. Thank you to all - many hands make light work.

**Past Players, Non Players and Injured Players June:** Noted at PHS: Barry and Lesley Rutter. And Neil Scaddan. At Perry Lakes: Eric Alcock, John Mercer, Marty Greay, Roger Partington, Howard Read, Neil Scaddan, Don Smart, Rod Spencer (accompanied by the lurgy).

**Grumpy Old Men and Women One:** This quote is taken from an article in the London Review of Books by John Lanchester on cheating in sport. Of course it has no applicability to WHM. "I prefer soccer to rugby. I feel rugby shows men as they like to see themselves - noble warriors, primitive god monsters - whereas soccer shows men as women see them, competitive, full of greedy ego, and with that mummy-watch-me-jump need to impress." *Nigella Lawson - UK culinary luminary.*

**'B' Division August 2021:**

No lockdowns, no worries, B Division continued as usual and ended up as usual with a sausage sizzle. Numbers fluctuated during the month with Blue and Gold OK but White and Red needing some fresh recruits. As usual players pitched in to fill any gaps, which is always a good thing as it gives a different perspective to the competition. No need to panic, numbers are expected to increase as the warmer weather arrives, the winter grass hockey competitions are completed and players get over their winter injuries. There is also generally an upsurge in numbers at this time of year as the over 60 man readies his body for the summer surf!!

With a lull in contributors I thought now would be a good time to look back at players we have featured over the past 2-3 years. We have requested players write about their backgrounds and how and why they ended up at Western Hockey Masters. Having reread some of these earlier articles there are some interesting common threads.

Most of the players have had some sort of family connection to the sport of hockey, ie their parents, brothers, sisters or kids have had some sort of involvement. Hockey is a great community sport bringing families together.

Most of the players over the years have had some sort of off field involvement in administration, management or coaching thus giving back to their sport. Some continue to do it freely giving their time and effort every week to keep clubs going and teams on the park.

Most of the players have been involved in State, Southern Cross, Alliance, Australian or other Country teams and up until Covid restrictions, travelled all over Australia to the State champs and overseas to various tournaments. In the past 5-6 years there have been tours to Kuala Lumpur, Oxford, The Hague, London, Glasgow, Barcelona, Braaschaat in Belgium plus others including Trans-Tasman events. These tours are some of the richest experiences you will have as a Masters hockey player and I thoroughly recommend them to you. All hockey abilities are catered for so you do not need to be a superstar. In all probability it is not the hockey you will remember most but the friends you make on the way and experiences you have off the pitch! Hopefully when Covid vaccination levels permit and the world reopens we will once again be able to travel and play.

The only other common thread I could find is that most of the players partake in a social drink or two. What this means I'm not sure but it does highlight the importance of the social side of our club. If there are any theories or suggestions as to why this would be please advise the Editor!!

Dudley Evans

*Thank you Dudley. My own theory is that hockey can only be played on an ongoing basis by people who are naturally sociable and have no burning desire to be nasty to their fellow human beings. After all, the game consists of arming 22 people with a lethal weapon (24 if you count the umpires' whistles), putting them in a confined space, and only using the armaments on the ball and not one another. Exceptions tend to be found out and quit the game. Ed.*

**Interstate Tournament Substitute Again?** Last year a series of matches between WA Metropolitan and WA Country were organised as a replacement. These took place on Saturday and Sunday of the weekend of 7th/8th November and included age groups from O/60s to O/75. It is hoped that this year something similar can be arranged. The tentative date I have heard is the 2nd October and it seems that initial ideas of playing the games in the country have fallen through due to the very high demands on accommodation during the school holidays. In addition to this the pandemic has put an end to interstate or overseas travel.

Final details will be announced soon and the recruitment rush will begin. Saturday players should note that there is no play at Perry lakes that day due to the closure of Alderbury Reserve for the Parks department to do some essential maintenance.

**Quotable Quote Two:** "Music produces a kind of pleasure which human nature cannot do without." Confucius (551 - 479 BC). *Especially during the pandemic.*



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

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:

- Ric Charlesworth and Don Sanders
- Ric Charlesworth and Syd Wilson
- Ric Charlesworth and Max Currell
- All of the above.
- No answers were received. The actual solution according to John was:



**New to State Seniors 1972**

**September's** question is:

At the 1994 Women's World Cup in Dublin which of these statements are true:

- The games were played on the University College, Belfield fields,
- Australia won the Gold Medal,
- Australia lost the first game to Russia 1-2,
- During the tournament Australia played its 400th international.
- All of the above.

Answer next issue.

**Hips Knees for 2021:** Preparations are well under way for this eagerly anticipated annual match. The date will be the 15th December but final arrangements are still being made to set times and finalise the day's programme. There are now so many players who are qualified to participate that there is a strong possibility that more than one match can be played. A few years a little canvassing was done on the number of survivors of cardiac events, cancer, etc. I'm now qualified for the Prostates but would have much preferred not to have been.

**WHM Christmas Party:** As has become customary in recent years our 2021 windup will be held after the Orthopaedic Challenge match at PHS. New members are assured that this not an event which should be missed. Details and bookings will be advised a little closer to the date.

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



**Grumpy Old Men and Women Two:** “The government consists of a gang of men exactly like you and me. They have, taking one with another, no special talent for the business of government; they have only a talent for getting and holding office.” *H. L. Mencken (1880 - 1956). MM’s readers can think of whichever government they would like here. It should not be difficult. Ed.*

**Another Final Word From The Editor:** We have at last reached the end of another issue of Masters Matters. They seem to be becoming more difficult to produce and the Editor says that he is worried that WHM members are becoming less idiosyncratic during the pandemic. He says that he would like you all to get out there and start creating some more news. MM’s limericist has the final say:

I trust readers are not too bored  
This newsletter feels like a fraud  
    There’s so little news  
    No opposite views  
No tournaments home or abroad.  
*Given all the items in progress next month may be different.*

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