



A Blue

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B 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

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Access Cardiology Gala Day: The organisation became considerably more complex with the addition of two new sides and the switch to once off teams. Congratulations are due to all those who worked on the arrangements. I understand that initial planning is already under way for next year, when it is hoped to stage a similar gala day on our last playing date before Christmas and to add an interstate Orthopaedic Challenge shortly after the interstate championships. In addition a few glitches will be sorted out. Well done to all - I hope I have included everybody:

Marquee Matches:

Bob Bowyer, Dan Hill and Tony Jones: Overall coordination and sponsorship.
Robin Bailey: Acquisition, distribution and after-match collection of playing shirts. Plus socks.
Tony Jones: In addition to sponsorship organizing production of the programme and 'show bags.'
Andrew Bowyer: Programme production (top notch), publicity materials for sponsors, host sponsors.
Jason de Wind: Stadium set-up, watering and microphones.
Russell Wood: Designed and produced the superb Cancer/Hearts trophy.
Captains: Les Waldon (Cancer), Heath Tyrrell (Hearts), Dudley Evans (Hips), David Lockett (Knees).

Sponsors:

Give Away Bags and Match Day Program: Medical Forum (Tony Jones).
Media: Naming rights Access Cardiology (hence Access Cardiology Gala Day).
Cancer Team: GenesisCare.
Heart Team: Perth Radiological Clinic.
Heart & Cancer Cup: Perth Urology Clinic.
Hips Team: Australian Orthopaedic Association.
Knees Team: Australian Orthopaedic Association.
Hip & Knee Bionic Cup: Australian Orthopaedic Association.

Christmas Party:

PHS: Jason de Wind and the staff. Really well done.
WHM: Simon Thomson, Neil Patterson, Steve Farrar and Bob and Janise Bowyer (raffles).

All Star Games:

Divisional coordinators, Peter Blockley (A Division) and team captains.

Dates For The Diary:

2022 January 5th: Play resumes at PHS.
January 8th: Play resumes at Perry Lakes.
April 6th: Changeover to four Divisions takes effect.
April 23rd to 30th: Australian Masters Games - Perth. Postponed from October 2021.
June 25th to July 3rd: Wim van Noortwijk memorial tournament Barcelona. (Southern Cross will not be sending any teams in these times of Covid).
September 24th to October 8th: Interstate championships (Men) - Gold Coast.
September 21st to October 1st: Interstate championships (Women) - Cairns.
2023 To be advised: Masters Interstate Championships for Men and Women. Home State WA.

Christmas 2021: Thanks to President Simon Thomson for this copy of his party address.

Welcome members, guests, and partners to our annual Christmas wind up. A special welcome to Bob and Maxine Robinson, Graham Harler.

This is our 30th Anniversary. Thirty years ago two teams of 50 year old veterans took to the turf at PHS on a Wednesday afternoon. Their prime objective was to increase their playing skills on astro turf, prior to travelling interstate for the National Championships. Of course a beer afterwards was compulsory.

I doubt whether any of those vets would have envisaged the legacy that they started thirty years ago. From two teams in 1991 we now have fifteen teams in three divisions with 240 members. A fantastic number of like-minded hockey players who all enjoy a competitive but social afternoon of hockey. A drink and a bar snack while the raffle is being drawn is also an important part of the day.

In 2013 Saturday hockey at Perry Lakes was started primarily for over 65 year olds. This has grown and consistently has three teams in winter and four teams in summer.

This growth does not happen without a lot of very hard working volunteers. I will call their names out, and ask them to stand up and we will applaud them all at the end.

Firstly our Committee Members

Tony Jones	Vice President	Neil Patterson	Secretary
Steve Farrar	Treasurer	Bob Bowyer	Assistant Secretary
John Mercer	Editor of Masters Matters	George Bradbury	A Division coordinator
Adrian Gabriel	B Division coordinator	Colin Howell	C Division coordinator
Les Waldon	Saturday Hockey Club Captain	Dan Hill	Fixtures Secretary
<i>(regrettably Dan's predecessor Harvey Davies passed away this year)</i>			
Colin Gee	Member Register Manager	Ken O'Driscoll	C Division activity coordinator

Also:

Robin Bailey - Uniforms Officer; Peter Jones - Raffle Manager; Ivan Wilson - Head Barbeque Chef. Finally Saturday Committee led by Les Waldon, with Jim Wright, Scott Blackwell, John Mercer, Howie Herbert and Bob Bowyer.

I'd also like personally to thank all the team captains, umpires and many helpers who make this Club work.

Our weekly raffle enabled us to donate to Salvation Army, Wooroloo Bushfires, Cyclone Sevoja, Food Bank WA, and Next Step. Thanks to all of you who bought raffle tickets at last year's Christmas function and in the bar on a Wednesday afternoon. Thank you Peter Jones and John Mercer for running the weekly raffle. Many thanks to C Division for donating funds that enabled Janise and Bob Bowyer to fill these wonderful hampers that will be raffled shortly. A special thanks to Janise for arranging these lovely hampers.

It gives me great pleasure to present this year's winner of the George Winning Award. This Award is presented annually to a member of Western Hockey Masters for his outstanding service. This year's winner is Colin Gee.

Colin joined WHM in 2004 and soon became a team captain as well as the B Division Committee representative. On moving to A Division he continued as a team captain and was also the A Division Committee representative. Colin recently helped establish Revolutionise Sport Platform for our fee collection and storage of records including members' details and team lists. Colin has been our records keeper for the last three years.

I should like to thank Jason and his team for once again providing an excellent meal and for looking after us during the year.

I wish you a Merry Christmas and Happy and covid-free New Year.

George Winning Trophy: As Simon mentioned above, congratulations are due to Colin Gee who has won the 2021 award. A little research for this year's WHM history revealed that he has been captain of a Gold side every year since one was added to the then O/60s in 2005.

Department of Health: Very little information has reached me since the previous edition of MM. Jim Wright has had a stent inserted and was recovering well as at the Saturday Christmas event. George Bradbury is also coming back well from his hip replacement. Ken Walter duly had his cataract surgery early in December and claimed that it qualified him to umpire the Cancer / Hearts match on 15th December. No doubt there will be some readers who did not get through the festive season unscathed but we hope that it was not due to catching Covid-19. Any excess of food and/or drink can be worked off once our hockey resumes - weather permitting.

Letters To The Editor: December's MM elicited no less than three responses from Steve Farrar. He has not only provided clarification on the questions posed in the "Rules 'R Us" segment but also answered John's "Test Your Hockey Knowledge" question. Thanks also to Keith Kessell for some very kind and encouraging words about MM. We also heard from Ken Watt on umpiring but the intended resulting article on penalty strokes has had to be held over to next month.

Four Divisions: As reported last issue we are to expand again as from Wednesday 6th April. The A, B, C and D Divisions are due to contain 3, 3, 4 and 6 teams respectively. Our original two teams have grown quite a bit and MM's limericist wanted to comment:

Perhaps it was not in our schemes
One day we would have sixteen teams
But this year we will
And fit them in still

Way out at the Curtin extremes

'Curtin extremes' refers to times, as with only two turfs it is difficult to cater for our wide age range. It is not yet certain exactly when the new divisions will play their matches. If you are unable to make it to PHS for a possible 11:30 start you may be able to play in another division. Ed.

Department of Corrections: There was an omission from the C Division team captains on Page 12. Wayne Cutler (White captain) moved to B Division effective September and Russell Wood is the new captain. Apologies go to Wayne, Russell and Colin Howell who did tell me about the change.

Player Birthdays: 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.

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 January birthdays to all the following:

A Division: 2nd Stan Balding (1945), Peter Trend (1951) 3rd Ray Domingo (1950) 13th David Evans (1948) 15th John Mercer (1945) 18th Hector D'Rozario (1948) 26th Lance Woods (1951).

B Division: 4th Michael Gottschalk (1954) 6th Bill Rochester (1951) 9th Graeme Nicholls (1954) 12th John Harper (1945) 16th Greg Allen (1952) 22nd George Burcher (1952) 29th Ian Bromell (1954).

C Division: 2nd Shaun Bunn (1961) 22nd Greg Ryan-Gadsden (1963) 25th Mike Sputore (1959), Ken Moncrieff (1970).

Saturday: 7th Don Smart (1942).

I trust you are all named in the correct WHM Division.

Blasts From The Past: The Christmas party this year was attended by quite a few past members. It was great to see Vern Gooch, Trevor Kerr, Graham Harler, Jeff Wood and Bob and Maxine Robinson. I hope you all had a good time.

Quotable Quote One: "No computer has ever been designed that is ever aware of what it's doing; but most of the time, we aren't either." *Marvin Minsky (1927 - 2016) US computer scientist who was involved with artificial intelligence. Don't think he ever saw A Division in action on a bad day. Ed.*

'A' Division Blog: Hopefully the competition will be a little more even in the first quarter of 2022.

December 1st: A common opinion seemed to be that the goalkeepers were by far the best players of the day. Well done to Dick, Graeme and John, who between them did not put a foot wrong. As a result there were no less than five scoreless draws, four 1-0 results and a real blowout of 1-1 in the first match of the day. A severely depleted Blue side went winless and goalless, while Gold and White's defences did not concede anything (with some help from opposing forwards). Perhaps the generally low standard of our hockey generated a lot of frustration, but it does not help at all to take it out on the umpires. The goal of the day judges' original long list was a very small one, and despite a good Red team build-up and finish by Ron Venables and a fine solo run from Ray Domingo there could only be one winner. Peter Blockley's deflection for Green was the unanimous choice. Results: **Red 1 Green 1; Gold 0 Red 0; White 0 Green 0; Blue 0 Gold 1; Red 0 White 1; Green 0 Gold 0; Blue 0 Red 0; Gold 0 White 0; Green 1 Blue 0; White 1 Blue 0.**

Scorers: **Blue:** None. **Gold:** Nev Brown. **Green:** Peter Blockley, Steve McEntee. **Red:** Ron Venables. **White:** Ray Domingo, John Mercer. The team numbers before player transfers (all done the right way) were: Blue (7), Gold (12), Green (11), Red (9), White (12). Only 6 goals went in.

December 8th: The forecast maximum of 40° meant that the heat policy applied. We did not have enough players for 7 a side, so a couple joined the two teams from B Division. The rest went home.

December 15th: *Many thanks to Peter Blockley for this report of the A Division games.*

A very successful afternoon of hockey was held on the 15th of December, by Hale and Hearty A Grade players with no particular ailments. Three teams contributed to the All-Stars Spectacular Tournament, with players allocated to a Red, Green or Blue team according to their prowess.

The teams played each other twice with Blue emerging as winners, with a slight edge.

Goals were hard to get, and scorers were: Frank Williams, Hector D'Rozario, Mal Jackaman, John Ree and Greg Street, with one goal each.

Many thanks to our Umpires of the afternoon: Greg Street, Mal Jackaman, Frank Williams, Gordon Jeffrey, Dudley Burrell, Neil Scaddan, Peter Galbraith, Colin Sanders. Brian Soares and Jeff Kozak.

Thanks also to the Goalies: Colin Benporath, John Burt and Richard Osborne

A successful afternoon of play that contributed to the Gala Day occasion.

A Division Comment: That heading line about the unevenness of the competition requires a little more explanation. Since the five team A Division began on 9th June the Green side has played 100 games with 40 draws. It won 51 matches and only lost 9. Green scored 101 goals while conceding only 31. Red lost 41 games and won 20 with 39 goals for and 74 against, while Gold lost 39 games and won 17 with 39 goals for and 87 against. Blue and White were both in the more desirable even range for both games won and lost as well as goals for and against. MM's limericist thought a little about it and decided that he wanted to offer an explanation:

The reason will hardly astound

And was rather easily found

To play with one more

Does help you to score

And Simon does cover much ground.

The explanation of this alleged explanation is that it's often claimed that President Simon Thomson is so mobile that it is as good as having an extra player. Having played in the same Electric Blue O/60 side as Simon during their halcyon days I would agree. Though in my opinion the main reason for the imbalance has been extended absences of the prime movers from a couple of our teams. Ed.

Quotable Quote Two: "If we were to wake up some morning and find that everyone was the same race, creed and colour, we would find some other causes for prejudice by noon." *George Aiken (1892 - 1984). American politician (Republican Governor of Vermont). Reminds me of the war from Jonathon Swift's 'Gulliver's Travels' between those who opened their boiled eggs at the big end and those who opened them from the little end. Ed.*

From Saturday Masters:

Well done to Jim Wright, who was recovering from the insertion of a stent when he arranged all the terrific food for our club day on 18th December. Members were quite thirsty and consumed no less than 56 beers including 18 zero alcohol. The Christmas cheer was all on the club

Many thanks go to Rob Ainsworth, who donated all the food on 11th December. Thanks for that day also go to Scott Blackwell who shouted us all some birthday drinks.

Further to the mention last issue that we were looking at fastening our goals together Les Waldon had discussions with the President of YMCA and we were given the OK. So since our last games on the 18th our goals have been locked together. It will be interesting to discover if this is still the case when play resumes on 8th January.

In recent weeks the drinks have not been always as cold as we would prefer them to be. The cause was narrowed to a malfunctioning roof fan over the fridge in the back store room. We all owe a vote of thanks to Nev Brown who not only purchased the correct replacement equipment but also used his electrician's skills to install it.

Goals: Talking of goals, John Milner is not only back playing, he's also starting to score again. A few more passes from team mates would probably lead to more goals. And if you pass to John in the middle of the field, you're very likely to get the ball back in a better position.

Make sure that you book in to play by responding to Jim Wright's email before 12:00 noon on Fridays. And if you've booked in and can't make it, then please let him know that too.

Shakespeare Said It: "... his words are a very fantastical banquet, just so many strange dishes." Much Ado About Nothing Act II, Scene III. *Masters Matters editor reviews his own night's work on the morning after. Decides that he got it wrong.*

"In such a business give me leave to use the help of mine own eyes" All's Well That Ends Well Act II, Scene III. *Used far too often by players dissenting from umpires' decisions.*

"I will do such things, - what they are yet I know not." King Lear Act II, Scene IV. *A Division winger hopes that he might get a hit in the next game.*

Raffle Winners for 2021: In addition to the usual array of wines the available prizes have expanded to include gourmet honey and chocolates. Those who enjoyed most success this year were:

7 wins: Ricky Watts.

6 wins: Nev Brown, John Jeffreys.

5 wins: Dudley Evans.

4 wins: Jim Campbell, Peter Eastlake, Greg Street, Neil Patterson, Bill Campbell, Lance Woods.

3 wins: Col Sanders, Neil Miller, Ian Brown, Peter Trend, Ivan Wilson, Dave Horsley, Chip Challenor and Glenn Mihala.

13 people won twice and 23 people won only once.

33 winners came from A Division, 20 from B Division and one non player (George Winning).

Well Dones for December: Wednesday's 'A' Division umpires were: Jim Balding, Jim Banks, Dudley Burress, Bob Claxton, Peter Eastlake, Peter Evans, Peter Galbraith, Terry Gaston, Colin Gee, Bob Le Merle, Steve McEntee, Peter Muray, Colin Sanders, Neil Scaddan, Brian Soares, Rod Spencer, Les Waldon, Ken Watt, Ricky Watts, Frank Williams. Saturday's umpires were: Rob Ainsworth, Eric Alcock, Dudley Burress, Michael Gottschalk, Ian Hill, Neil Scaddan, Greg Street, Len Walker, Ken Watt. Well done all.

Past Players, Non Players and Injured Players June: Noted at PHS: Barry Rutter. PHS also featured quite a lot of past players on the 15th December Gala Day, but MM's notebook was not sufficiently agile and responsive to record them all. At Perry Lakes: Eric Alcock, George Bradbury, Dudley Burress, David Lester, Roger Partington, Neil Scaddan, Greg Street, Len Walker.

Balinese Bulletin No 66: As you can see, Peter is back. It's good to have him again.

Bali New Year's Day 2022

Hopefully this will be the first of many more thru 2022.

An old friend of mine, Pooh Bear, once said to his friend Piglet "You know, Piglet, sometimes I sits & thinks ...and sometimes I just sits"

That pretty much sums up life in Bali thru 2021. But then we have managed to see out another Covid year & have survived this BVT (bastard virus thing). What lies ahead is anyone's guess!

Last week marked the 3rd anniversary of my fall which saw me fracture my upper femur which resulted in my long term friendship with my "willy Walker". I am resigned to needing an operation at some time in the future to enable me to walk relatively freely. There are many more people in this world in a much worse situation than I, so I will just "get on with it".

Spending the past 2 years in self imposed home isolation has seen me withdraw into another place where communication became very difficult & I have not really "spoken" to anyone down there in any meaningful way for the past 12 months for which I do apologise. This year ahead will be different.

On the subject of this BVT I can advise that both Erin & I have both received our 2nd AZ jab & will probably look to have our Booster jab early into the year. From there onwards & upwards.

The past year ended on a very sad note with us having to send our lovely Bali dog Eddy to a much happier place. A week ago we were forced with a decision which neither of us wanted to make. Eddy had developed a nasty open tumour wound on his shoulder which was increasing in size daily. In addition there were a further 2 lumps that appeared just under the surface of the skin. Fortunately he slipped away quietly & now rests in our garden with his very own Buddha for comfort. We enjoyed 9 years with Eddy & he gave us much love & took care of us.

We now have a new Bali dog named Goldyaround 3 years of age ...female ...the colour of a Golden Retriever, hence the name. She has a lovely sweet nature & is very loving. Our cat, Meggs, is slowly coming around to acceptancenearly there.

The Covid numbers here in Bali are really quite low , with new daily cases averaging under 10 per day. However, I think the "Old Bali" will become a thing of the past & will likely not return. There will be a "New Bali" ...just different, but not for some time!

Once again, I am sorry that some people down there had concerns for me. I can assure all that Erin & I are well & looking to a better year ahead.

Wishing everyone a Very Happy New Year & better times for all.

Thanks Peter. This morning's Sunday Times travel section included an article on the "New Bali." They totally agreed with you that things will never be quite the same again.

A Division Goals 2021: It has become customary for us to record the scorers of 10 or more goals:

Blue: Stan Balding, Chip Challenor, Peter Eastlake, John Ree, Ricky Watts.

Gold: Phil Metcalf, Rod Spencer, Angelo Strano.

Green: Peter Andrews, Steve McEntee, Neil Miller.

Red: Ken Beer, Bob Bowyer, Bob Hotinski, Col Murray-Smith, Brian Soares, Ron Venables, Lance Woods.

White: Scott Blackwell, Ray Domingo, John Mercer, Peter Wallis.

Steve McEntee (44) and Ray Domingo (41) led the way.

Those who scored at least 20 times were: Peter Andrews (23), Nev Brown (20), Peter Eastlake (27), Phil Metcalf (21), John Ree (27) and Rod Spencer (20).

I have rarely recorded goals at Perry Lakes except on really special occasions. Like the day we only had two teams and were playing four quarters. John Milner scored four goals in the first quarter.

Punology One: Quite a few people will have made a New Year's resolution to go on a diet because they are thick and tired of it all.

'B' Division December 2021:

The shortened December competition with the aptly named Gala Day (I'm not sure what the official title is but Gala Day sounds good!) ending our season on the 15th was most notable for the 40 degree conditions encountered on the 8th. Those that turned up were loosely formed into 2 groups and play continued until everyone agreed they had had enough and we were able to retire for a refreshing shower and a cool beer which was also a cool shower and a refreshing beer!

The Gala Day itself was a great success and seems destined to be part of our calendar for many years. Those not "lucky??" enough to be in the Hearts, Knees, Cancer or Hips teams were mixed with some C Division players and played out games during the course of the day. This all inclusive approach along with high quality C Division games to watch after the Gala Games was very well received by all. The organisers are hereby roundly congratulated!!

This month Don "Gough" Sanders is our featured player. Don currently plays in the forwards for the gold side and with a wealth of experience at the highest level brings more than a touch of class to the competition.

Dudley Evans - *Thank you Dudley for another year's great coverage of our B Division.*

Don Sanders

I began playing hockey at Northam High School in second or third year, after trying and not enjoying football. Teachers there Eric Alcock and Allan Scott were my first coaches. We played in the town competition at Muresk Agricultural College. It was a dirt ground but they used to drag a wagon wheel rim around on it to level it which made a surprisingly good surface. At school countryweek I first came across players such as Richard Aggiss, Butch Worth and Alan Osborne. Through Allan Scott who was a great stalwart of Mods hockey I started there in Brent Bellon's R4 team.

Mods at that time trained near Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital YMCA were just nearby. I made it into the top side there in 1969 and it was a great thrill to be playing with the likes of Terry O'Reilly, Bryan Rourke, Graham Leeks, Ian Biddle, Richard Aggiss, Bill Colquhoun, Max Currell and George Mullings, with legendary coach Merv Adams. Training was pretty intense, I still remember Merv's encouragements, such as: "Come on you young pricks!" or: "that shoe lace wasn't untied!" to anyone looking for a rest.

The A1 competition was fiercely fought on the WACA ground in the late 60's and early 70's. Every side had top players, Julian and Gordon Pearce, Ray Evans, Don Smart, Brian Glencross, Laurie Bedford, Bob Andrew, goalies Tony Waters, Dick Osborne and many others. Malcolm Poole, Richard Charlesworth and Cec Walter were emerging also at that time.

With Mods I played in five consecutive A1 grand finals, including winning the grand slams of 69 (against Cricketers) and 70 (against South Perth). We lost 71, 72 & 73 unfortunately as Cricketers and YMCA gained ascendancy.

I played in the Colts, then the state senior side in 1971 to 1975, going to Brisbane (by train, an interesting derailment story), Sydney, Hobart, Adelaide and Canberra. We won three of those championships, Ric Charlesworth of course was influential in those wins.

We also played a very strong Netherlands touring side in 1973.

The 1974 championship played on Adelaide Oval was notable for the emergence of David Bell, Terry Walsh and Craig Boyce who were outstanding from the very first game.

So hockey is a game of associations, you remember the players of those times more than the actual games in most cases and many are still going around, which is great to see. WHM, either on Wednesday or Saturday, in the way it traverses club boundaries and establishes new cameraderies is a tremendous institution, and long may it continue!

Many thanks Don for another great read. My memories include Graham Leeks at Scarborough before Mods, George Mullings at Perth Mod, & Bill Colquhoun as Scarborough Coach during the 1980s. Ed.

Grumpy Old Men and Women One: "Poverty is the parent of revolution and crime." Aristotle (384 BC - 322 BC). *True in ancient Greece, true in Charles Dickens' day, and still true today. Ed.*

Test Your Hockey Knowledge With John Sanders:

December's question was: In August 1999 the Hockeyroos played in a Women's World Invitational Tournament at Milton Keynes, UK. The competing teams were Australia, Great Britain, Spain and the Netherlands and. Australia eventually lost the final 0-1 in extra time after Bianca Langham 2 and Alyson Annan scored in the initial 3-3 full time outcome.

Who were their opponents?

- a) Spain b) Netherlands c) Great Britain

The response from Steve Farrar: "Given Alyson Annan Is currently the Coach for the Netherlands Women's Team I'm guessing the answer is **b) Netherlands.**" John's answer:

562	4-Aug-99	Netherlands	Women's World Invitational	National Training Centre	Milton Keynes	3	3	J Towers, K Powell, R Hawkes	
563	5-Aug-99	Spain	Women's World Invitational	National Training Centre	Milton Keynes	7	1	A Annan 3, K Powell 2, C Mitchell-Taverner, L Dobson	
564	7-Aug-99	England	Women's World Invitational	National Training Centre	Milton Keynes	0	2		
565	8-Aug-99	Netherlands	Women's World Invitational	National Training Centre	Milton Keynes	3	3	B Langham 2, A Annan	0-1 extra time

Steve is correct. Many thanks for the response.

January's question is: Sixty years ago this month an Australian hockey team (Kookaburras) competed in an Invitational tournament held at Ahmedabad, India.

Which of these statements about the competition is false?

- Games were held at the Ahmedabad Police Stadium
- Australia did not play Indonesia
- Both Gordon and Julian Pearce scored a total of 4 goals
- Des Piper scored a team high total of 7 goals.

Answer next issue.

This question came from a different source to John Sanders. All will be revealed next month.

Rules 'R Us: Many thanks to Steve Farrar for the following expert & definitive advice on the umpiring questions posed in the December Masters Matters.

Dangerous Play: "The question on this one is whether a raised ball which imperils the striker's team mates should be penalised. The actual wording of the relevant rules is:

Rule 9.8: 'Players must not play the ball dangerously or in a way which leads to dangerous play.' 'A ball is also considered dangerous when it causes legitimate evasive action by opponents. The penalty is taken where the action causing the danger took place.'

I had the opportunity to discuss this subject with the other HA umpires at the 2019 Australian Masters in Bunbury/Busselton. I'd like to advise the WHM community that the rule 9.8 is applied such that it is considered NOT dangerous to one's own team players but is considered dangerous to the opponents (see red text above). If however, the ball were to hit the body of a player, in your team, it would then be a free hit against - playing the ball with the body.

Hopefully this helps the collective WHM understanding of this rule." *A Division please note. Ed.*

Goalkeepers storing stuff in the goals: "The FIH Rule 1.10 applies. **Goals are positioned outside the field of play at the centre of and touching each back-line. No equipment or items, such as helmets, face masks, hand protectors, towels, water bottles etc. may be placed inside the goals.**

As is observed at International games, all these items are stored behind the goals.

Thanks very much for these clarifications Steve. This time I was able to locate Rule 1.10 and noted that storing equipment inside the goals was only forbidden from the 2017 rule changes. Ed.

Punology Two: What does a gossip columnist do for a living? Writes other peoples' wrongs. *Masters Matters policy is that we prefer to write about other peoples' rights.*

Access Cardiology Gala Day - Match Reports



Simon Thomson, Bob Bowyer, Fabian Ross, Tony Jones, Heath Tyrrell, David Lockett, Dudley Evans

Hips vs Knees 2021: *Many thanks to Dudley Evans who was also a big part of this game as a player. Wow! What a day and what a game!! Played as part of the hugely successful Gala Day the Knees prevailed 2-1 in a close fought contest.*

After the now normal pre game media commitments, photographs and introductions to sponsors the whistle was blown and the teams got down to business. The Knees were soon on the attack and dominated the first quarter with Tommy Long and Normie Same dangerous up front. Peter Self, Shane Williams and Dave Lockett were strong in defence for the Knees and had set a platform which continued throughout the match.

The Hips defence led by Rob Tincey, Simon Thompson and Troj Sanders were repeatedly called on to thwart Knees attacks.

It wasn't until the 2nd quarter though that the wall was busted and the Knees went one up following a Hips defensive error and scramble in the goalmouth. This prompted the Hips into action with Ash Knapp, Jimmy Campbell and Simon Walsh prominent down the right hand side. When one of these raids resulted in a short corner Rob Tincey stepped up and drilled the ball home aided by a defensive deflection. 1-1 at half time and all to play for!

The third quarter was very even with play going from end to end with neither team able to finish off some very promising moves. Rudy Keswick was proving a handful for the Knees but close checking from Peter Self was nullifying his influence.

It wasn't until midway through the fourth quarter that the dominance of the Knees side started to tell on the tiring Hips defenders who almost managed to hold out until the end. However with just 3 minutes on the clock an innocuous push at goal put the Hips goalie in 2 minds. Playing for spin like an English batter at the MCG the ball somehow eluded him and rolled into the goal. Final score 2-1 to the Knees for a well deserved victory.

In an in depth interview after the game the Knees Captain Dave Lockett was spot on the money when he said, "I think we had a bit more dominance over them this year and we were a little bit more controlled around the back and the midfield."

Best players for the Knees were Dave Lockett, Peter Self, Tommy Long and Normie Same whilst for the Hips Simon Walsh, Ash Knapp, Rudy Keswick and Jim Campbell featured.

A photograph of the victorious Knees appears on Page 13. Ed.

SURVIVOR CUP - PRC Heart Team v. GenesisCare Cancer Team: *Many thanks must go to Simon Williams (aka Lunger) for this match report. As I know from personal experience they are much easier to do without being involved in the game.*

Six years ago the first BIONIC CUP match graced Perth Hockey stadium with Knees v. Hips, out on the park to showcase the hockey world that anything is possible after joint replacement. Such has been the success of this event over the succeeding five years that today marks the Inaugural SURVIVOR CUP, the new hockey event starring the team of Heart Survivors versus the team of Cancer survivors, which marks the start of W.A. Hockey Masters Gala Day.

The crowds are gathering on the terraces of Perth Hockey stadium, there's a buzz in the air, Steve McEntee checks with fellow umpire Ken Walter, who blows the whistle and we're off and running. Our Cancer team opponents look dazzling in their resplendent red colours and are making the early play. Team Hearts (with red hearts emblazoned on their white shirts) tries to make inroads into opposition territory but Team Cancer of course have had much practice in combatting erosive disease and develop resistance to our attacks.

Our back four of Steve Powles, Ricky Watts, Peter Wallis, team captain Heath Tyrell, with Ian Hill rotating off the bench, are being subjected to an Exercise Stress Test by the youthful attacking midfield of the Cancer team. But our experience in the cardiac lab sees us through, and with Ian being very experienced in providing improved flow rates, we go to the first break all tied up.

As the second quarter gets under way, the Cancer team with their "youthful" defence, link with key midfielders Stu Amphlett and Tony Jones to set up their strikers and put us opposition under the hammer. It is soon apparent that there is a significant arrhythmia in Team Hearts with many of us in the over seventies trying to keep pace with our much younger attacking midfielders, 'C' division stars Russell "Rover" Wood, Fabian "Fabs" Ross, John "Buck" Rogers, and central striker Craig "Burgo" Burgess. We are definitely failing to sync so Team Captain, Heath Tyrrell, makes an adjustment to the team's Pacemaker to correct the rhythm disturbance, but accepting that ectopics in the form of Pete Fogels, Nev Brown and Simon "Lunger" Williams might just pop up randomly out of left field well, right field too for that matter, as evidenced by Lunger overlapping deep in the right circle to pick up a through ball. The diagonal pass back to the top of the circle finds the fast closing "Burgo" who fires the shot but goalie Ken has it covered.

Team Cancer come out pressing hard at the start of the 3rd quarter and win a lucky penalty corner. Goalkeeper John "Harps" Harper marshals the defence, the injection is made, ball is trapped, striker sends the ball goalwards, Harps is there to block the shot, ball rebounds into the path of the striker, a second shot, this time a glancing blow onto Harper's left shoulder and the ball is in the back of the net before even Tyrrell can come out with an Irish expletive.

Hearts are a goal in arrears, with Team Cancer in complete remission – they have visions of us in Cardiac Failure. Coach Jimmy Banks exhibits an unusual persona of calmness on the bench, with no need to raise an eyebrow (apparently the ophthalmic surgeon has already been there and done that!!!). Banksy, with his finger on the pulse, introduces his master card in the form of Len Collier, the complete all-rounder who has played every position on the field including Goalie. The injection of Len into the midfield, coupled with the pacy Fogels probing down the right wing, produces a sustained increase in Cardiac output. The team midfielders are everywhere, doing the hard Graft, now switching on to Cardiac By-Pass as they circulate past Team Cancer (experience has to count here, when one of the team has had as many as 5 coronary artery bypass grafts CABG's). Rick Watts and Pete Wallis bring the ball out of defence via Rover, then wide out left to striker Nev who makes a darting run into the attacking twenty-three. He hits the perfect cross to the top of the circle to find the fast-closing "Buck" Rogers whose deadly strike finds the back of the net and we're all tied up at one goal apiece. We all know that Cancer has a habit of coming back at any time, and here they come again stretching our defence. The whistle blows for an infringement against us, whereupon Powles hits the ball away incurring the wrath of the Umpire and is shown the Green card.

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It's three-quarter time as Coach Banksy calls for a cardioversion. Heart valves are in sync, Stents are all clear, Heart rate is up and back in regular rhythm with all to play for as we start the final quarter. We take on the battle of the midfield with "Fabs" and the Fab four gaining complete control. It is time to go for the jugular. Perth Radiological Hearts Team is on a high, we set up some Heart attacks and pressure the Cancer defence, with "Fabs" and "Burgo" creating chances for Hearts to score. The clearance by Team Cancer swings the play to the other end, but Tyrrell intercepts. The ball goes left to "Lunger" with a penetrating run down the left wing, carrying the ball on the backstick, taking two defenders to stop him after turning in on the goalline. We block the clearance and then win a penalty corner. The goal strike hits a defender's foot and we set up for a repeat short corner play. The ball falls right to "Buck" Rogers whose CT-guided shot rattles the backboard and the crowd are up on their feet & cheering in the grandstand as we go a goal ahead. In the dying minutes we apply a Heart Block to suppress relentless Cancer attacks, and hang on for a famous victory !!!

Final Score: Perth Radiological Clinic **Heart Team** 2 (John Rogers 2)
GenesisCare **Cancer Team** 1 (Ray Embry 1)

History is written by the victors which is very appropriate in this case. All the members of the Cancer team expressed their appreciation and thanks to the team leadership after the match and I am sure that something similar would have occurred in the Hearts. Ed.

The Hearts Team - Winners of the Survivors' Cup



With Geraldine Ormonde from Perth Radiological Clinic and team coach Jim Banks

Letter To The Editor: Bill Baldwin has disposed of most of his goalkeeping gear. Geoff Robinson was the first and only one to respond to the offer to donate complete Goalkeeper kits, hopefully for a junior(s) or a worthy young individual who felt that filling in the defence of the last resort was his/her calling. Out of the 3 sets available we put together 2 respectable complete sets plus an extra set of pads. Thanks to you all who enabled this - it would have saddened me gratefully to simply send them to the tip
Cheers and Happy New Year.....Bill Baldwin
I still have a spare goalie bag (not fitted with wheels, but light).

Winners are Grinners - the victorious 2021 Knees



Geoff Cooper from the AOA presents the trophy to the team and coach Cam Fairbrother

A Last Word: One of the Shakespeare quotes which were included in the previous month's edition of Masters Matters seemed to me to encapsulate the day perfectly. So here it is again:

"What is infirm from your sound parts shall fly; Health shall live free and sickness freely die" All's Well That Ends Well Act II, Scene I. *Many thanks must go to our sponsors from all of us who have regained mobility from joint replacement or survived cardiac and cancer issues.*

Raffle Winners at the Christmas Party: I don't recall ever having seen so many prizes lined up for this terrific fund raiser. There were so many that I took one home myself, for once. Bob Bowyer: "Please pass on my thanks to the attendees for their support at our Christmas Party for our charity raffles. This year we raised a record amount of \$1,203 and thanks to our C Division the \$258 cost of hamper contents was fully covered.

I also want to put on record my gratitude to my lovely wife Janise for the enormous amount of work she puts in to putting together the hampers, she starts chasing specials, etc, months in advance."

Well done to Bob, Janise and C Division. This year I was able to hear most of the winners, who were:

Wine: Shaun Bunn, Peter Kontor, Michael Gottschalk, Peter Stevens, David Horsley, Greg Wood, Martin Hickey, Mark Oosterhoof, Les Waldon, Elinor Sanders, Mike Robinson, Nick Pereira, Peter Selfe, Mark Faithfull, Annette Williams, Colin Gee, Martin Hickey (yes, twice), Dan Hill, Bob Claxton, Russell Wood, Dianne Wallis, Greg Street, Brian Lester, Ric ??, Lance Woods, Steve McEntee, Nola Eastlake, John Mercer, Michelle Evans, Ivan Wilson, Robin Bailey and Simon Williams.

Hampers: Shaun Bunn, Neil Miller, Jim Campbell, Leo Welten.

It's noteworthy that Shaun Bunn's tickets came out first in both raffles.

Grumpy Old Men and Women Two: "I am free of all prejudice. I hate everyone equally." *W. C. Fields (1880 - 1946). American actor. This seems to be an increasingly common attitude on our roads. Ed.*

Vale Rusty Phillips: It is with much regret that we advise members of WHM that former player Russell Phillips died on the evening of 30th December. He was a victim of motor neurone disease which was first diagnosed only a few years ago. Both at the time of the diagnosis, and ongoing, he specifically asked me not to mention it in Masters Matters.

Rusty's hockey playing career began at his local club Subiaco, and he was also an enthusiastic participant while a student at Perth Mod, where I met him for the first time. A change of address led to him moving to Bassendean where he enjoyed top team hockey and good company. Another house move saw him change clubs for the final time to Harlequin/Dianella. Wherever he went, he was able to form lasting friendships. His last house move sited him and Christine just around the corner from me, and we both looked forward to a closer relationship. Sadly, this was to be cut short.

The Veterans were a new feature in WA hockey when Rusty reached the qualifying age and he very rapidly became a regular member of the WA teams who represented the State in the tournaments. As a player he became one of the elite goalscorers, with the knack of being in the right place at the right time. I envied his ability to accept the slings and arrows of umpiring decisions and just get on with the game, which he always played in the right spirit. This enabled him to fit in extremely well with both Wednesday and Saturday hockey.

It was devastating for him to receive the diagnosis of motor neurone disease. The courage he showed from that time onwards was exceptional. Throughout he continued to be the same quick witted and entertaining conversationalist that he always was and despite his bedridden and weakened condition I really looked forward to my visits to see him.

He will be greatly missed by a very large number of friends. Our deepest sympathies go to wife Christine, daughters Nicole and Leanne, and several grandchildren.

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Rusty is third from right in the front row

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