



A Blue

A Gold

A Red

A White

B Gold

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B Blue

C Blue

C Gold

C Red

C White

O/65 Blue

O/65 Green

O/65 White

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Dates For The Diary:

2019: November 20th: WHM Committee meeting - PHS after hockey.

Early December to Late February 2020. Turf One replacement.

December: Charity Day - 'Invictus Tournament.' Knees / Hips and many more.

December 18th: WHM Christmas Party.

2020: World Cup (s) - See below. } Australia & Southern Cross

O/35 and O/40; Men and Women: Nottingham, England - August 8th to 17th.

O/45, O/50 and O/55 Men; O/45, O/50, O/55, O/60, O/65 Women; Spirit of Masters: Cape Town, South Africa - September 19th to 29th.

O/60, O/65, O/70, O/75 Men; Tournament Trophy: Tokyo, Japan November 5th to 15th.

Bunbury/Busselton Tournament: The consensus verdict appears to be that this was the most successful event for several years. I still have many good memories of the 2010 contest and am quite sure that this one more than matched it. Everything was not perfect (when is that ever the case?) but in an undertaking of this magnitude the good (and the excellent) far outweighed all else. High praise is due to the local tournament committee and to the director and all the sub-committees. As has now become customary, several "Tournament Impressions" appear later in this edition.

Interstate Tournament(s) 2020: These venues were originally to be announced on October 18th. I have held this edition hoping to include this vital information, but it has not been forthcoming. As there has been a lot of speculation I will not include here all the rumours which have reached me. Suffice it that the timing of the 2020 World Cups necessitates changes to our events.

Turf One Replacement: As outlined in the Dates for the Diary, the work on Turf One is due to start at the beginning of December this year and will continue until the end of February in 2020. This means that 'A' Division will have to move and the available options seem to be that we start at 10:00 am on Turf Two, or move to another venue and start play at the same time we do now. This will also have an impact on the Hips/Knees day and our WHM Christmas party. We will keep you posted.

WHM Committee Meeting: As stated in the Dates for the Diary this will occur after hockey on 20th November. The agenda looks like being comprehensive and will include the setting of the fees for our next year. In case some of you need a reminder, the Committee comprises:

Simon Thomson *President*, Tony Jones *Vice President / General member*, Neil Patterson *Secretary*, Steve Farrar *Treasurer*, Bob Bowyer, *Assistant Secretary*, George Bradbury *A Division*, Adrian Gabriel *B Division*, Colin Howell *C Division*, Les Waldon *Saturday*, Keith Platel *Financial Controller* and John Mercer *Master's Matters editor*.

The Late Edition: Sorry about the delayed completion of this issue. As well as some diagnostic checks into prostate cancer I have also had a late onset tournament virus which has needed antibiotics. So even when I've had time for preparation I've not been healthy enough to do any.

Interstate Tournament Results: Most of you who were there will already know who won your own age group. Those who are statistically minded might even have checked on the leading scorers. But for everybody else, here is a summary of the medal winners and the individual awards (if known).

O35s: Gold NSW (2), WA (2). WA won shootout 2-0. Bronze WAC (2), Vic (8).

O40s: WA (3), Vic (3). Vic won shootout 3-2. Bronze Qld (3), NSW (4). It was noteworthy that the top scorer was Murray McIntyre of WA with 15 goals and Trid Woodhouse was third with 9.

O45s(1): Gold WA (3), Tas (1). Bronze NSW (1), ACT (0). Leading scorer Richard Gardiner of WA (9).

O45s(2): Gold Vic (1), WAC (1). Vic won shootout 3-1. Bronze NSW (1), SA (0).

O50s(1): Gold WA (1), SA (1). WA won shootout 2-1. Bronze Vic (5), NSW (2).

O50s(2): Gold WA (0), Qld (0). Qld won shootout 3-1. Bronze WAC (4), Vic (3).

O55s(1): Gold NSW (1), Qld (0). Bronze WAC (2), WA (3). The leading scorers each tallied 4 goals and included team manager Craig Burgess from WHM.

O55s(2): Gold NSW (0), Tas (4). Bronze NT (0), WA (1). (*WHM's Mike Sputore among the scorers*)

O60s(1): Gold WA (1), NSW (0). Bronze WAC (3), Vic (2). Peter Crowe (WA) was top scorer with 9.

O60s(2): Gold NSW (4), Qld (1). Bronze WAC (4), ACT (1).

O65s: Gold Qld (1), NSW (1). NSW won shootout 3-1. Bronze Vic (2), WA (2). Vic won shootout 2-1.

O70s: Gold SA (0), WA (2). Bronze Qld (1), Vic (2).

O75s: Gold NSW (1), WA (0). Bronze Vic (1), WAC (1). Vic won shootout 2-1.

Interstate Tournament Best Players: The fairest and best in each age group were:

O35s: Troy Sutherland (NSW)

O40s: Murray McIntyre (WA)

O45s: Brett Whittington (Tas)

O50s: Chris Clarke (NSW)

O55s: Chris Fenton (Qld)

O60s: Peter Crowe (WA)

O65s: John Campbell (NSW)

O70s: Winton Inkster (SA)

O75s: Noel Johnston (NSW)

Australian World Cup Teams: The national sides for 2020 were selected during the tournament and our congratulations go to the following WHM players:

O50s: *Peter Bewick (shadow).*

O55s: Tony Jones (co-captain), Rob Behets, Michael Hallam, Cam Fairbrother (coach).

Shaun Bunn is a shadow in this side.

O60s: David Lockett (capt), Craig Burgess, Martin Ferrari Lyle Kenny, Graham Miller, Noel Morrison, Stephen Pestana, Brian Robinson. *Jeremy Walsh is named as a shadow.*

O65s: Wayne Cutler, Colin Howell, Rudy Keswick, Geoff Robinson. *Shadows include current and former WHM players Tom Long, John Ostaszewskij, Ian Simes and Richard Staynor.*

O70s: Peter Fogels, Don Sanders (Saturday), Simon Thomson. *Shadows Bill Campbell, Ash Challenor, Mike Robinson and Angelo Strano.*

O75s: Jim Banks (coach), Len Blyth (captain), Scott Blackwell, Richard Osborne, Graeme Sansom, Ron Venables. *Shadows John Burt, Harvey Davies, Julian Gardner.*

Please let me know of any errors, exclusions and late inclusions. Ed.

Knees / Hips: The Turf One closure is causing problems and the Cardiacs lack numbers. Hence:

The Knees and the Hips will be there

But Cardiacs seem to be rare

Prostates and Cancer

Don't give an answer

As neither has players to spare.

Department of Health: Bob Bowyer is carrying on despite all adversities. Being able to drive again comes next, hopefully. Paul Robinson's problems continue (the spinal injection was unsuccessful) and he brought a walker to Perry Lakes on the 26th (but did not umpire a game with Peter Brien). We hope things start to improve soon. Ivan Wilson has missed some hockey while he has three stitches in a finger wound sustained on the 19th. Back soon hopefully. Ham D'Souza has ongoing and severe back problems and his future return to hockey is more a matter of if than when. Howie Herbert is on radiotherapy for a recurrence of prostate problems. This occurs every day of the week, which is why he's able to play Saturdays but not Wednesdays. And surgery has occurred or is pending for several of us. Those I know about include Nevelle Brown (spinal operation), Peter Eastlake (knee replacement), Phil Anderson (knee replacement), Peter Stevens (ankle replacement) and John Mercer (prostate removal 6th December). Best wishes from Masters Matters to all for a speedy recovery and a successful return to hockey.

Letters To The Editor: Thanks you to all who responded to the September MM. Included were Stuart Burnfield (see 'Whistle While You Work'), Phil Anderson, Jim Wright, and John Milner.

Department of Corrections: Other than leaving out Terry Gaston from the umpires' roll of honour I am unaware of errata and exclusions from the September issue. (*At least nobody complained*).

Poor Bar Attendance: Bob Robinson made the interesting suggestion that the 'A' Division could allot one team each Wednesday to be the hosts for the day. It would be up to them to attend the bar themselves and invite their day's opponents to join them. In my view anything which increases our social interaction and hence reduces the on-turf friction is a good thing.

Tournament Timings and Costs: I had hoped that the players heading West this year would discover for themselves how high the travel and accommodation charges are during the school holidays and hence lend their support to splitting our tournament and changing its timing. However, it started a week later than usual, and probably benefited our visitors from the East who travelled the opposite direction to all the AFL Grand Final traffic. Our limericist commented:

A West Aussie tournament, yay!
Where many of us drive to play
For E/S no cares
For sky high air fares
They'll fly in the opposite way.

Vale Trevor Mullings and Brian Young: Recent weeks have brought the sad news that two former WA Masters players had died. Trevor was a Mods man (brother of Lindsay - aka George), played Wednesdays up until at least 2011, and his demise was totally unexpected. Brian (originally from Geraldton and later Perth / Raiders) suffered from Parkinson's Disease for many years. Our condolences go to all family members and the very many hockey friends both had made.

Representative Sides in 'A' & 'B' Divisions: One of the discussion topics at the November meeting is whether we should continue to follow this practice before the interstate tournament. If you have strong views on this then please make sure that you make them known. This can be done via your Divisional Coordinator, or through one of the Committee members as shown on Page 2.

Quotable Quote One: "As you get older you become moreCrabbit? This is one of those Scots words that captured certain qualities in a way that ordinary English words could not. *Crabbit* meant cantankerous and difficult." *This comes from 'The Quiet Side of Passion' by Alexander McCall Smith and does not apply to our 'A' Division - most of the time.*

'A' Division Blog: This section is even larger than usual. I hope some readers will appreciate it.

September 4th: Last week's report stated that all four sides were getting to know their new teammates. This appeared to have been accomplished, as the hockey for the first few matches was of a much improved quality and was still reasonable at the end of the day. Some of the goalkeepers had only one match, such were the numbers. Bill Baldwin has returned to the turf after a lengthy absence due to injury and others included Barry Rutter, Tony Marshall, John Burt, Graeme Sansom and Colin Benporath. This week Gold/Blue were missing more players than anyone as the results indicate. In summary: Red/White (W2, L0, D1, F4, A1), WA Metro O75s (W1, L0, D2, F5, A3), WA Country O75s (W1, L1, D1, F4, A4), Gold/Blue (W0, L3, D0, F1, A6). Scorers: **Red/White** Ray Domingo (2), Colin Murray-Smith (2) **Gold/Blue** Terry Gaston **WA Metro** Scott Blackwell, Brian Soares, Ron Venables (2), Peter Willett **WA Country** Neville Brown, Ham D'Souza (3). Some terrific goals went in and the goal of the day judges faced a difficult task. They finally produced a short list of three goals which include Ham D'Souza (great deflection from a Neil Scaddan hard hit), Terry Gaston (another great deflection from the spot) and Ham D'Souza (reverse stick rocket into the top corner). This resulted in another shared award (it's a good thing there's no trophy) and the judges offered their commiserations to the scorers of many other fine goals. The team numbers varied through the day, but at peak were: Red/White (9), WA Metro (13), Gold/Blue (10) and WA Country (15). Goals (14).

September 11th: I was not able to get to PHS so Many thanks to Colin Gee for recording the match scores and goalscorers. In summary these were: WA Metro O75s (W2, L0, D1, F3, A1), Gold/Blue (W0, L0, D3, F2, A2), Red/White (W0, L1, D2, F2, A3), WA Country O75s (W0, L1, D2, F1, A2). Those who managed to score were **WA Metro** Scott Blackwell, Brian Soares, Ron Venables **Gold/Blue** Peter Dennis, Col Gee **Red/White** Sukdev Pandher **WA Country** Rod Spencer. Colin did not suggest which of these should have been goal of the day, and I was not game enough to ask. Total goals (7).

September 18th: The 12:30 starting time seems to be too difficult for many of us. 10 minutes before play was supposed to begin there were not enough for even two teams and warm-ups were almost non-existent. As so frequently occurs the non-representative sides were not evenly balanced. WA Country were also very depleted and this meant the Red and WAC defences were under pressure for most of the day. Red's conceded 8 goals but the WAC defence stood up admirably, including a penalty stroke saved by Graeme Sansom, and were only scored against twice. As WA Metro and a strong Gold / Blue side played some decent hockey we only used half the turf for most of the day. I trust that all players think they are getting a reasonable run; please let somebody know if you feel you are not. The day's results in summary were WA Metro O75s (W2, L0, D1, F4, A0), Gold/Blue (W2, L1, D0, F5, A2), WA Country O75s (W0, L1, D2, F, A2), Red/White (W0, L2, D1, F2, A8). Red gave the WA side a good run in the last match of the day, and were unfortunate in giving up two goals in the last minute of play to lose 3-0. The day's scorers were **WA Metro** Scott Blackwell, John Jeffreys, Neil Patterson, Peter Willett **Gold/Blue** Jim Balding (PS), Terry Gaston, Phil Metcalf (2), Neil Miller **Red/White** Hector D'Rozario, Colin Murray-Smith **WA Country** Neville Brown. Good team build-ups were eventually finished by Hector D'Rozario (first WHM goal) and Peter Willett, who share goal of the day for this week. Player numbers were very difficult to ascertain due to late arrivals and early departures, but approximated: Gold/Blue (12), WA Country (10), Red/White (10), WA Metro (11). This does not include any goalkeepers. Nor does it include early car and caravan arrivals for the South/West tournament Keith Chay and John O'Donohue from Queensland, who played one game on Turf One and then joined 'B' Division. Goals scored (12).

September 25th: Being the last Wednesday before the tournament the intensity was lower. Many thanks to the WA Country players who seemed to be filling in for Red all day; I think Nev Brown, Jim Malcolm and John Ree did most. Pass of the day went to Terry Gaston for a great hit to the far post for Ian Purdie. Visitors Alan Bryce and Bob Claxton enjoyed a run too. The day's results in summary: WA Metro (W2, L0, D1, F3, A1); Red/White (W1, L1, D1, F3, A4); Gold/Blue (W1, L2, D0, F4, A3); WA Country (W1, L2, D0, F2, A4). Scorers: **WA Metro** Scott Blackwell, Don Smart (2) **Red/White** Bob Claxton (GOD), Col Murray-Smith, John Ree **Gold/Blue** Bob Claxton, Phil Metcalf, Ian Purdie (2) **WA Country** Nev Brown, John Ree. Total goals scored (12). /6

From Saturday Hockey Masters: The summer season has now kicked off. After good numbers on the 19th October they fell away to barely 2 teams on the 26th. Perhaps everybody was at Perth Hockey Stadium watching the Australian girls and the Thundersticks.

John Milner paid us a visit and managed to leave his hat behind. It was returned the next Saturday with a sprinkler head inside on the grounds that hats require heads.

My thanks to Tony Marshall, who had to play every match on the 19th October due to there not being any spare GKs and was kind enough to offer me his comfortable folding chair for the day.

We need to remind all unfinancial players that it's well and truly time for your fees. The Saturday Committee have set them at \$100 again, which includes quite a lot of hockey and other benefits. The BSB is 036-069 and the account number is 548917. Or pay cash to George Bradbury on Saturday.

The winter season windup was held after hockey on 19th October, and by all accounts was another great success. Many thanks to Jim Wright, Howie Herbert & all those who contributed. Here is Jim's online review: "Thank you for the excellent catering on Saturday for our winter hockey windup. Once again we were most impressed with the service and quality of the food. Millie arrived right on time and worked tirelessly to get everything prepared and served on time. We will be back in touch for our next function. Once again thanks to the team at WA Spit Roast for outstanding service."

There have been changes to the field preparation for this summer. Apparently the cricketers have also not been happy about the length of the grass, and the Town of Cambridge has acquired a new and superior mower where changing the height of the blades is a simple one-man operation rather than a major workshop job. Also our marker Tim Scurry is using a growth inhibitor when doing the lines. Certainly it all looked good on the 26th October even though I could not handle it. The reasons include a long lay-off (5 weeks), no pre-game warm-up, the remains of the tournament virus, a poor attitude and a lack of skill. All addressable except the last.

'A' Division Blog Continued:

October 16th: This was the first day of normality after the interstate tournament and produced no less than 5 draws - three of these being 0-0. The only win was Gold's 1-0 result over Red. The Blue side ran to a 2-0 lead over White (Game 3) and Red (Game 6), but in both matches the trailing side fought back to a 2-2 draw. Numbers were not good, and the only two goalkeepers (thank you Tony and Colin) both arrived after play had started, but at least stayed throughout. We welcomed visitors Alan Bryce (Scotland), Henry Barrie (hope spelling is correct) David Brown (new player) and Hector D'Rozario (new player). These players and the stamina of those who filled in enabled us to complete the fixtures. Results: **Gold** (W1, L0, D2, F1, A0); **Blue** (W0, L0, D3, F4, A4); **White** (W0, L0, D3, F2, A2); **Red** (W0, L1, D2, F2, A3). Goalscorers were: **Blue** Neil Miller (3), Neil Scaddan; **Gold** Rod Spencer; **Red** Ray Domingo, Col Murray Smith; **White** Robin Bailey, Sukdev Pandher. Goal of the day has to go to Neil Miller who was rewarded for good pursuits of loose balls in the circle. Approximate team numbers: Gold (7), White (8), Red (7) and Blue (10). Goals scored (9).

October 23rd: Three goalkeepers, slightly higher numbers and some better hockey from most sides made for a good day for Blue and Red. Not so for White, who missed the midfield drive of Scott Blackwell, and Gold who lost Peter Willett for the last game in which some players appeared to be injured and were overrun 4-0 by a hard running and slick passing Blue team, with Peter Dennis and John Ree both very conspicuous. New players Hector D'Rozario and Dave Brown do not appear to be permanently allocated as yet, so Hector generally played for White and Dave for Red. Bob Claxton was a welcome guest again. The umpire/player interaction was not great at times and all of us need to be much less uptight and remember it's only a game. Would a session such as the one Shane Knapp and George Mullins ran at Perry Lakes be of assistance? Results: **Red** (W2, L0, D1, F3, A1). **Blue** (W2, L1, D0, F7, A3); **Gold** (W0, L1, D2, F1, A5); **White** (W0, L2, D1, F2, A4); Goalscorers were: **Blue** Roy Grant, Roy Grant, John Ree (5); **Gold** Steve McEntee; **Red** Bob Claxton, Ray Domingo (2). Goal of the day must include John Ree's five, and also Bob Claxton's fine tomahawk. Approximate team numbers were: White (8), Red (9), Blue (10) and Gold (10). Goals scored (13).

Balinese Bulletin No 45: Another installment from the tropics.

What can I say ... I am now heading towards 10 months post fall. Still unable to put any significant weight on the injured left leg & continue to rely on my mobility assist device to move around. Speaking of my mobility assist device I can advise that I now have at my convenience a new "Walker". I was recently presented with a more mobile device complete with 4 wheels, brakes & seat to sit on should I feel the need to rest. In addition, set under said seat there is a compartment to put stuff in ...what more could I really need!

The local Balinese that we have come to know are so compassionate, friendly & caring that life here is so much better than in might be in many other circumstances.

I hope that my many friends down there in the hockey community are well & looking forward to the onset of Summer.

Peter Hammond

Thanks Peter - we hope that you can keep them coming into next year. Ed.

Welcome to New Players: Recent enrolments have been received from:

Adrian Rutter (C Division, club Vic Park). Another second generation member of WHM.

David Brown (A Division)

Welcome, and best wishes for your time with Western Hockey Masters.

Well Done: 'A' division umpires for September/October were: Jim Balding, George Bradbury, Alan Bryce, Peter Evans, Colin Gee, Ian Hill, David Horsley, Mal Jackaman, John Lindsay, John Mercer, Paul Robinson, Colin Sanders, Neil Scaddan, Brian Soares, Greg Street, Ron Venables, Ken Watt, and Ric Watts Thanks to all, and to Vern Gooch for his 'B' Division games. Perry Lakes umpires were: Eric Alcock, Peter Brien, Dudley Burress, Colin Gee, John Mercer, Neil Scaddan, Brian Soares, Rod Spencer, Simon Thomson, Les Waldon, Len Walker, Ken Walter, Ken Watt and Ivan Wilson - thanks gents. And thank you to the sausage cooks on the 25th - Peter Jones and Ricky Watts.

Past Players, Non-Players and Injured Players: At PHS we saw Robin Bailey, Bob Bowyer and George Winning. Also sighted in the stands was Darryl Williams, who will be remembered by his former Suburban team mates. Also his L.R. Connell Blue team mates from the 1980s/1990s, me, for one. Perry Lakes was a great attraction again; those noted were Eric Alcock, Rob Andrew (briefly), Peter Brien, John Mercer, John Milner, Howard Read, Paul Robinson, Neil Scaddan, Rod Spencer, Peter Stevens, Len Walker, Ken Walter, Ken Watt, Ivan Wilson and Jim Wright.

WA Country AGM: As quite a few of us played for Country in the recent tournament the highlights of this meeting are included. This was held at Bunbury Hockey Stadium on Sunday September 8th. The meeting was the last for retiring President Murray Connop, who has done a great job during his term in office. Mike Jenkins is the new President, but the change-over was not due to happen until after the tournament. The incoming Secretary is Peter Bashford, which is really keeping it in the family.

- Murray said that it is probable the 2020 tournaments will be split and the O60s to O70s will be held in the north of Australia during June/July - to cater for the World Cup in November.
- The Masters Committee comprising the participating States is no more. There has not been a delegates meeting since the Hockey Australia takeover of Masters Hockey and the control now rests with a Hockey Australia appointed sub-committee.
- Murray also thought that the ongoing participation of WA Country could be under threat. In my own opinion this would be entirely in keeping with the pressure for Masters events to be run like the Olympics; contrary to their original purpose where it was considered even more important to participate than to win.

All those involved with the tournament can take a bow as it was considered to be one of the more successful for some years. And as WAC is an organisation which can run a combined dinner with an attendance of 310 it must be doing quite a lot right.

'B' Division September 2019: *From Dudley Evans*

During September those in the State 65's, 70's, other States 65's, 70's plus anybody else drafted into various teams, continued their preparation for the upcoming State Champs by joining in on Wednesday afternoons. This year being just down the road in Bunbury/Busselton this seemed to include everybody! Great to see so many participating and enjoying their hockey. Obviously with so many away at the State Champs October has been low on numbers but proving that everybody gets a game Wednesday afternoons continued in its usual sociable and enjoyable fashion. Long may it continue!

This month's featured player is Jeff Kozak currently running in a variety of positions for the Blue side. Jeff's story comes from a slightly different angle but is truly remarkable! This is his story as to how he ended up at Wednesday Masters.

Jeff Kozak Born 24 July 1950

Eldest of 6 siblings. Parents of Polish origin. Parents incarcerated during the war in Germany, liberated and emigrated to Australia and landed in Fremantle in Dec 1949. Parents housed in Army camp Northam. Parents purchased a block of land in Rivervale in 1950, cost 39 pounds. As with most immigrants father built his house whilst maintaining employment as a boot maker and anything else he could find.

Education: *Primary school education Holy Name Catholic Convent opposite Fletcher Park Carlisle. High School: Attended La Salle college Midland. Played football until about 16 years of age and gave the game away after 2 dislocated shoulders in the same season.*

Continued upper education at Belmont High. Played cricket for the college as a wicket keeper and part time leggy.

Hockey *One day the school PA requested interested students to take up hockey. Joined the squad and college team and thus began my hockey life. At high school I was coached by Norm McNess who played for Perth hockey club and also Brian Rourke who represented Australia.*

I joined Vic Park Panthers in 1968, am a life member, and coached Vic Park juniors for over 30 yrs. Played classic league for the Park in late 70's. In 1990 played my first vets tournament in Townsville and continued to tour for a number of years.

Have played masters for Vic Park almost continuously since then.

Employment history *In 1967 joined The State Public Service. Filled a variety of positions in welfare services industry (ie) Homeswest, Juvenile Justice, Community Welfare. and finally Prison and prison services. Retired in Sept 2015 after 48 years service.*

Family *I have 2 children and 2 step children. I have 4 grand children ranging from 8 to 2 years.*

Pleased to acknowledge that the 2 oldest boys are playing minkey hockey at Melville

Share my life with adorable partner of 8 years Shirley. We both enjoy travelling and dancing.

We love Rock n Roll and Ballroom dancing, kayaking, tennis and fishing.

My father died in Feb 82. He did not discuss his internment history during the war and my mother did not disclose much either. Searched the polish records and eventually located my father's concentration camp in an isolated region of North Eastern Poland. Historical information revealed that this was one of the most brutal camps for political prisoners. I visited the camp in 2017. How he survived is beyond belief.

I asked my mother who is 90 why the family chose to migrate to Australia? "Well," she said, "I have never seen a Kangaroo".

And this is my story.

Thank you to Jeff for these revelations and to Dudley for providing them. Ed.

Grumpy Old Men and Women 1: *"I might repeat to myself, slowly and soothingly a list of quotations beautiful from minds profound - if I can remember any of the damn things." Dorothy Parker (1893 - 1967). US author, humorist, poet and wit.*

Test Your Hockey Knowledge With John Sanders: September's question was:
Who is this player?



Clue: He played for Queensland. The answer was Greg Browning.

October's question is: Thinking about the Australian Hockey Team at the 1960 Olympic Games, and these players in particular, **Kevin Carton, Eric Pearce, Gordon Pearce and Ray Evans**, which of these statements is NOT true? a) They all represented WA. b) They all played every game. c) They all played in the final game against NZ on 11/09/60. d) They all played in the 1st game v Pakistan on 26/08/60.



Answer next issue.

Thailand Tales: We have not heard from Woody this month and trust that he'll be back again in our next issue. Hopefully he has not succumbed to a tournament virus. PS: He's been in Korea.

Whistle While You Work

Many thanks to Stuart Burnfield for raising an interesting point in response to our inclusion of Rule 9.10 (receiving a raised ball) in the last issue.

"Hello John. Thanks as always for the newsletter and for the "Receiving a Raised Ball" discussion.

Rule 9.10: Players must not approach within 5 metres of an opponent receiving a falling raised ball until it has been received, controlled and is on the ground.

Some umpires take this to mean that it's an offence simply to be within 5 metres of the receiver, and blow the whistle almost automatically. The wording seems pretty clear though that the offence is to move towards the receiver to try to intercept the pass or regain the advantage. So whether your teammate or mine put the ball up, if you are in the better position to receive it I can keep you company but must do nothing till you've brought the ball to ground.

That's my opinion but it would be good to hear from someone who actually knows what they're talking about."

Do we have any umpires out there with an expert answer to Stuart's query? My own opinion would be that the player who raised the ball may have put it into a dangerous situation as there are at least two players in its landing vicinity. Ed.

Tournament Entries by State:

Grade	ACT	NSW	NT	Qld	SA	Tas	Vic	WA	WAC
O35	1	1		1			1	1	1
O40		2		2	1		1	1	1
O45 (1)	1	1		1		1	1	1	1
O45 (2)		1		1	1		1		1
O50 (1)		1		1	1		1		1
O50 (2)		1		2			1	1	1
O55 (1)		1		1	1		1	1	1
O55 (2)	1	1	1	1		1	1	1	
O60 (1)	1	1		1			1	1	1
O60 (2)	1	1		1			1		1
O65	1	1		2	1		1	1	1
O70	1	1		1	1		1	1	1
O75		1		1			1	1	1
Total	7	14	1	16	6	2	13	10	12

That makes a total of 81 teams - quite a boost for the hosting venues. Please note these figures were taken from a pre-tournament copy of the fixtures and I meant to correct them from the tournament program. As this did not include South Australia it has not been helpful; reader updates welcome.

WHM Participants by State/Age Group:

Grade	WA	WAC	ACT	NSW	NT	Qld	SA	Vic
O50 (1)	4							
O50 (2)	2							
O55 (1)	6	2						
O55 (2)	4				1			
O60 (1)	14	1	1					
O60 (2)		6						
O65	10	7	3			1	1	
O70	14	6	1					1
O75	15	15		1		1		3
Total	69	40	5	1	1	2	1	4

And that all adds up to 123 participants from our Western Hockey Masters. But as the programme did not include South Australia, and several other participants from WHM here are the ones I know of. Please let me know if you played for another State and are not mentioned.

ACT: O60s Rod Bickers. O65s Graham Wood (coach), David Kerslake, Leo Welten. O70s Terry Gaston.

NSW: O75s Ken Beer.

NT: O55s (2) Kevin Burton.

Qld: O65s Dudley Burress. O75s Bob Robinson.

SA: O65s Neil Miller.

Vic: O70s Ashley Challenor O75s John Burt, Sukdev Pandher, Ken Watt.

According to the newsletters at the time the figures from previous tournaments were:

2018: Lismore/Ballina 85

2017: Hobart 99

2016: Adelaide 118

2015: Cairns 105

2014: Perth 107

2013: Sydney 83

Punology One: An extract from an article in 'Pearls and Irritations': "Yet if Americans suspect that Joan of Arc was Noah's wife, or wonder if the epistles were female apostles"

WA's Victorious O70s

Photo via John Sanders



Tournament Impressions: Long time readers may remember that this heading first appeared in this newsletter following the Oxford World Cup in 2012, and has been a regular feature since.

Bureaucracy: My team had problems with the manager on the bench. We also had some trouble with injured players on the bench but at least the attitude of the officials was one of cooperation and not strict enforcement of the FIH rules. Reader experiences welcome.

Umpiring: It seems churlish to begin this part of the newsletter with two complaints, but neither was really serious, and they are the only criticisms I have. I did find that some (not all) of the whistlers were not as good as in previous years. But at least none were over-officious.

Perth Visitors: It was very noticeable that many of the WHM crew from Perth came down for a look at the play. Those I spotted included: Bill and Kaye Baldwin, Bill Williamson, Ric Watts, Derek Jobe, Jim Wright, Roger Partington, Stan and Margaret Salazaar, Max and Brian Stewart, Col and Ruth Gee, and John Crute (who also featured in a big story in the Busselton-Dunsborough Mail). Of course both Brian and John count as locals.

Stadium Dining: The WAC O75s booked a post hockey dinner at Busselton Hockey Stadium early in the tournament. The roasts (beef and pork) and the vegetables were so good we did it again.

WAC Combined Dinner: This function has been unmissable ever since I attended my first in Hobart in 2012. This one exceeded them all with no less than 310 attendees at the Lighthouse Inn Bunbury and an appropriate mixture of formalities, entertainment and conversation time. The food and wine were pretty good too. Entertainment was provided by the 'singing' group VAM, which we were told by the evening's MC Murray Kidd stood for Very Attractive Men. Even though beauty is in the eye of the beholder and the ear of the listener they provided crowd-pleasing ditties, with original lyrics, vey original in some instances. Murray also conducted on-stage interviews with Ben Howlett (originally from Donnybrook, who played with Essendon) and Sean Pollard (Bunbury), now a Paralympian snow boarder, who lost both arms to a shark attack. Murray did a superb job of interviewing both. And in a fitting climax to the night WHM members Bill Baldwin and Dave Horsley were presented with well-merited Outstanding Service Awards.

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WA/WAC Combined: After our game on 6th October both teams had drinks and dinner together at The Deck in Port Geographe. This is surely what our tournament is all about.

Winery Lunch: WA Country O75s visited the Woody Nook Winery for a tasting and a lunch. Both of them were excellent. Thanks to Neil Scaddan who did the leg-work. *PS: I ordered some Shiraz, too.*

Busselton Foreshore: I heard many favourable comments about the developments, especially the playground with the galleon. However, to avoid being arrested, no one had taken any photographs.

Tournament Virus: This year the only case I had heard of was Ken Watt, who was so unwell he had to return home early. Then I picked it up myself on the last day.

Busselton Repertory Club Weld Theatre: A party of 14 from WA Country O75s went to "The Ferndale Avenue Murder Mystery" and enjoyed the production very much. The standard of the venue and the performance was much higher than I would have expected and a credit to all involved.

NSW O75s: This team achieved a rare feat, going through undefeated and not conceding a goal. One 0-0 draw with Queensland was the only game they failed to win.

WA O70s: In the last two years South Australia have only lost two matches in this age group. Both came at this tournament, and WA confirmed that their 2-0 win in the round robin was no fluke by achieving the same score in the Gold Medal match. Congratulations to coach Jim Banks and team.

Good Eating: No doubt all had your favourite venues. Some of my side's included:

The Esplanade Hotel, Busselton.

Coco's Thai Busselton.

Busselton Hockey Stadium.

Woody Nook Winery. Wilyabrup

Albie's Bar and Bistro Busselton

Lighthouse Inn Bunbury.

rise&co craft bakery & kitchen Busselton.

In Conclusion: As my viewpoint was from within an O75 side staying in Busselton reader impressions (especially from other locations) are welcome - keep them short please. Our limericist says:

No longer are we in our prime

We all had a rather good time

A social team meal

Had lots of appeal

The Woody Nook wines were sublime.

I hope you all enjoyed yourselves as much as we did.

Southern Cross AGM: This was held during the S/W tournament, and some of the highlights were:

From the nominations received SX will be able to nominate two teams for the Tokyo World Cup in O60s, O65s, O70s and one team in O75s. Negotiations are currently in progress to ascertain whether a second side will be allowable. *(SX Reds may still be alive and well)*

Southern Cross is only an affiliate member of WMH and has no vote. Some pressure is coming to discontinue the Tournament Trophy competition. *(This is in keeping with our Australian situation)*

No Committee elections were necessary, as there were exactly the right number of nominations.

There are competing pressures when it comes to overseas tournaments. Some of us consider that four matches is not enough after the often lengthy travel from Australia. Others find that all the lead up matches while playing for Australia drive up the tour costs unduly. But others are very happy just to play the scheduled tournament. I'm sure the SX Committee will provide the right balance.

It is pleasing to be able to report that the meeting awarded (with acclamation) life membership of Southern Cross to Ric Roberts, who said that he has now fully recovered.

Grumpy Old Men and Women 2: "It's not true that life is one damn thing after another; it is one damn thing over and over." *Edna St Vincent Millay (1892 - 1950). US poet.*

Punology Two: Floods are of very little concern in Paris, as the water is always l'eau.



Kalamunda Districts Hockey Club Inc. would again like to take the opportunity to thank Western Hockey Masters Perth for their generous donation towards junior development at our club. We have had yet another incredibly busy but wonderfully successful year, and below are some of the areas that your funding has directly impacted.

KDHC School Program

We continue to provide introduction to hockey programs within our local schools. Working mainly with students in grades 3 and 4 we provide accredited coaches to run clinics during school sporting lessons. This program is very successful and incredibly well received by the schools and the participants. Funding such as yours allows us to provide coaching accreditation courses for all of our coaches and to ensure we have adequate and suitable equipment to safely run these sessions. On Wednesday the 25th September we will again be hosting a Year 5 interschool hockey carnival with 6 local schools participating. This year we have a number of the schools asking to bring additional teams which is exciting. Many of the participants have their first taste of hockey either on the day or at one of our previous school clinics. We provide equipment to the schools that need it, as well as providing the coaching and umpiring support for the day. We would love to see representatives from WHM come and enjoy the day, watch some fun hockey and see firsthand what we are up to!

Junior Academy 2019

Junior players were again given the opportunity to attend specialist coaching sessions on turf in order to continue to develop and grow their hockey skills. KDHC provides the juniors with Academy shirts and access to the turf free of charge and funding donations are integral in us being able to offer opportunities such as these. We ran a 4 week program at Guildford Grammar Turf.

Junior Respect Round 31/8/2019

Last weekend saw our club host its first ever Respect Round. The aim of our Respect Round was to remind everyone about our club values of respecting the game and the people that make it possible for us to play. It was an opportunity for us to thank our players, officials, coaches, spectators and visitors for the wonderful support we are given every week. Our Kalaminka kids hosted Super Saturday for visiting clubs and our juniors played their usual fixtured games. Each KDHC participant was given a blue wristband to wear during the game that had Kalahockey Respect printed on it. We felt it important to include our visiting clubs and share the message so all of the kids representing the other club were given one as well. We shared our message in the pregame shaking of hands and the initiative was incredibly well received by all involved. Our umpires also receiving lanyards for whistles. It was an incredible day and we were delighted to be able to direct some of your donation towards it. This will be an annual event and will include our senior teams also. These are some of the Minkey Teams celebrating Respect Round.

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Bunbury Junior Carnival

For the first time in many, many years we were able to send 2 junior teams to participate in the Bunbury Junior Carnival. Teams played in the 5/6 and the 9/10 competition and benefited greatly from the exposure to competitive carnival hockey. We hope to expand this next year to 3 possibly 4 teams participating.

2020 Exciting Times Ahead

All of our current programs will continue in 2020 and beyond, and we will continue to offer our kids and our community the opportunity to play hockey in a safe, family friendly, club environment. No resting on our laurels though, we also intend to expand our junior development programs next year and amongst some new initiatives for us will be a Junior Greenshirt Umpiring Program as well as First Aid Program. Again, these programs are able to be offered to our juniors through the generosity of funding such as yours.

Our sincerest thanks for your generosity in giving back to the ongoing development of junior hockey. We truly appreciate your contributions.

Jodi

Readers hopefully will remember our donations from last year's charity fund to the junior hockey program at YMCA and Kalamunda, and is clear from the club reports that the WHM contributions were put to good use. In late news the Junior Development Officer at Kalamunda (Richard Guthrie) has been awarded the HWA 2019 Volunteer of the Year Award.

Shakespeare Said It: "... will not give me leave to ponder on things would hurt me more." King Lear Act III Scene IV. *This one's personal - a prostatectomy or radiotherapy?*

"I will be deaf to pleading and excuses." Romeo And Juliet Act III Scene I. *Shakespeare has a code of conduct for umpires centuries before our game was devised.*

"But be thou armed for some unhappy words." The Taming Of The Shrew Act II Scene I. *And he even has excellent (and true) advice for any prospective umpires in 'A' Division.*

A Complaint: Tie-breakers are now one on one shootouts rather than extra time or strokes. Olympic players are given 8 seconds to get the ball into the goal from the 23 metre line - and so are Over 75s. Surely a 2 second extension would be equitable. Reader opinions are welcome.

Quotable Quote Two: "Fiction is obliged to stick to possibilities. Truth isn't." *From that most prolific source Mark Twain (1835 - 1910).*

Change of Details: Could all members of WHM, past and present, remember that in the event of any change to your email address you should notify Colin Gee. Colin is our data base administrator and his email address is gee.colin@gmail.com.

"Masters Matters" Schedule: I am hoping for one more issue of the newsletter before Christmas. This will have to be before the 6th December, as I'm due to have a prostate removal in Hollywood Hospital on that date. After that I do not know when I'll be back on deck, and may well miss the Christmas Party and the Hips versus Knees. MM's limericist comments:

I've found that it's not really great
To worry about your prostate
To say "Out damned spot"
Does not help a lot
One must be resigned to one's fate.

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