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O/65 Blue

O/65 Gold

O/65 Green

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Masters Matters

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Gala Day: The WHM Gala Day sponsored by ChestRad is on Saturday 10th December between 12:00 pm and 6:00 pm at Perth Hockey Stadium. A carnival atmosphere is being planned with sausage sizzle, bar, and café available throughout the afternoon. Please attend if you are not playing.

The schedule of games on Turf One is:

12:00 - 12:10 Introduction and warm up Ladies Masters Challenge.

12:10 - 13:20 Ladies Masters Challenge game.

13:20 - 13:35 Ladies Masters Challenge presentation.

Warm up for Cancer versus Hearts.

13:35 - 14:45 Cancer versus Hearts game.

14:45 - 15:00 Survivors Cup Presentation.

Warm up for Hips versus Knees.

15:00 -16:10 Hips versus Knees game.

16:10 - 16:25 Bionic Cup Presentation.

Warm up for OBEs.

16:25 - 17:35 OBE game. Golden Masters versus White Knights.

17:35 - 17:55 OBE Challenge Cup Presentation.

Wrap up the day.

Nominations are now closed.

Perth Bid Successful: As this issue was being closed off it was announced that the High Performance Centre of Excellence will remain here in Perth. The \$135M bid was supported by Hockey WA, Curtin University and the State Government. The new facility will include three top class hockey turfs as well as a goalkeeper training centre and an indoor hockey centre. The construction phase will no doubt pose some challenges for us (and all WA hockey) but the end result will be terrific.

Dates For The Diary:**2022**

December 10th: Gala day. 12:00 to 6:00 pm at PHS.

December 10th: No Saturday hockey at Perry Lakes.

December 14th: WHM Christmas party. 6:00 pm onwards at PHS. D Division to play earlier.

December 21st, 28th and January 4th: No play at PHS.

December 24th and 31st: No Saturday hockey at Perry Lakes.

2023

Masters Interstate Championships for Men and Women. Home State WA.

September 21st to 30th: Women.]

September 23rd to October 1st: Men O/34, O/40, O/45.]

September 28th to October 7th: Men O/50 plus.]

These dates may all move one day forward.]

Venues to be confirmed

PHS is primary location

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To be advised: Masters Interstate Championships for Men. Home State Tasmania.

WHM Australian Players at the World Cup: As I have not had access to the WHM player registry I could no longer work out which Australian (and State) players are our members. Many thanks to Tony Jones, who has provided me with the following information about the recent Tokyo event:

O/60s Gold medalists: Coach Cam Fairbrother (Div C), Craig Burgess (Div D), Brian Robinson (Div D), Martin Ferrari (Div D), Lyle Kenny (Div D), Captain Tony Jones (Div D).

O/65s Gold medalists: Geoff Robinson (Div C).

O/70s Bronze medalists: John Chapman (Div B), Rudy Keswick (Div C), Don Sanders (Div B).

Congratulations to all our national team players.

WHM Players at the Spirit of Masters: In addition to the Australian reps above several regular WHM players went to Tokyo with the Southern Cross sides. Thanks to John Rogers for this information:

SX O/60s: John Rogers (Div C).

SX O/65s: George Naylor (Div C).

SX O/70s: Tom Long (Div C), Scott Blackwell (Div B). This team also included former player John Ostaszewskyj and WAC President Mike Jenkins.

I have been unable to establish whether any of our players went with Alliance or another country.

From our Uniforms Officer: The new Uniforms Officer, Peter Wallis, has started in the role. Here is the procedure for uniforms supplies from now.

1. Issues will take place on Wednesday afternoons at PHS between 12:30 and 1:00 pm and again between 4:00 and 4:30 pm at the seating area by the Barbecue.
2. Members are requested to contact Peter by text 0412 402 782 by the previous Tuesday stating requirements ie shirt colour / size (S, M, L, XL, XXL); socks L [7-11] or XL [12-14]; caps and hats.
3. Items not being issued free as part of the initial joining or as a WHM transfer will require payment of socks \$10, caps/hats \$15, shirts \$35. Please bring correct cash.
Prices are going up from 1st January 2023. Caps/hats to \$20 and shirts to \$40.
4. Apart from a few caps/hats extra stock will NOT be taken to the stadium on a weekly basis. You MUST order the day before.

If some of you do not know Peter any B or A Division player will be able to help. Or you might approach the bloke in the barbecue area with a lot of WHM gear.

Changes in 2023: Our new (since 4th May) structure of four Divisions has been under review since it began and it appears that some changes are needed. I hear that the C and D Divisions will undergo some modifications aimed at getting more players to their preferred age groups. The other goal of the changes will be to use Turf One more - at the moment it is idle for much of the time we are at PHS and it could well be a case of use it or lose it. It is possible that A and C Divisions will move to Turf One and B Division will move to Turf Two to achieve this desired state of affairs.

I suggest to all our members that they monitor their in-boxes regularly to find out when and where (which turf) they will be playing in the New Year.

Letters To The Editor: The November issue generated a little comment. Thank you to Tony Jones and Peter Eastlake (see Department of Corrections)

Department of Corrections: We owe an apology to Peter Eastlake for getting his year of birth wrong in the November edition birthdays. It's actually 1946 rather than the 1950 which we claimed. The error was made in the 'Masters Matters' newsroom and will probably be used by the Editor as an extra reason to deny the hard working staff a pay rise. *(It will! Ed.)*

Quotable Quote 1: "The history of man is a graveyard of great cultures that came to catastrophic ends because of their incapacity for planned, rational, voluntary reaction to challenge." *Erich Fromm 1900 - 1980 (German borne US psychologist). The current world situation is quite challenging? Ed.*

Department of Health: I heard that Brian Soares duly had his operation as scheduled and all went as it was supposed to. He is now in the process of convalescence. John Ree has had an incident and ended up with severe Aphasia. He was due for an operation earlier last month but I have not heard how he is travelling since. In better news Hector D'Rozario has managed to return to play and as the scorers list for 30th November shows is well and truly back. Ian Hill is having some troubles after his cardiac operation and will have to endure a repeat on Wednesday 7th He's just qualified for the Gala Day O/80 match and now will miss it. We'll have to make it such a success that it will be on again in December 2023. Dick Osborne has done damage to an Achilles tendon and will be out of the game for some time. I have not heard of any other injury or ailment in our goalkeeping ranks and hope they are not on strike. It is obvious that there are many problems which I have not heard about, so best wishes from Masters Matters to all the sufferers for a speedy and complete recovery.

Christmas Party: This event requires pre-registration and payment (players \$25, partners \$25) to attend and it is hoped that all members of WHM have been sent the invitation. Registrations are required as soon as possible - don't miss out. You can use this link:
<https://www.revolutionise.com.au/westernmasters/events/165348/>

Christmas Party: The news that our December annual event would return to its traditional format was well received by MM's limericist. His comment:

It seems that we'll run true to form
Our Christmas is back to the norm
We'll all be outdoor
As in days of yore
And hope there is no summer storm.

Christmas Party Correspondence: Our invitations travelled far. Here's a response from the Mull of Kintyre: "A privilege to be invited. My spirit will be with you all but unfortunately my body remains here on the Atlantic Coast. Machrihanish greets you and wishes you a happy festive period!"
Alan Bryce. For those who have not been there I suggest you search for Machrihanish. Ed.

Player Birthdays: If you do not want to have your birthday included in Masters Matters then please contact the editor at the email address johnmercer@iinet.net.au.

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

Happy December birthdays to all the following:

A Division: 8th Scott Blackwell (1944) 22nd Keith Kessell (1945) 31st Phil Metcalf (1946), Mal Jackaman (1947).

B Division: 1st Tony Freeman (1950) 2nd Shane Knapp (1954) 3rd Bill Campbell (1949) 22nd Alan Ledger (1949) Jeff Kozak (1950).

C Division: 12th Keith Gilbride (1953) 18th Andrew Robertson (1952) 26th Greg Wood (1954) 29th Shane Williams (1956) 30th Brian Robinson (1958).

D Division: 3rd Stuart Amphlett (1961) 6th Mark Oosterling (1970) 15th Kevin Knapp (1962).

Saturday: 6th Peter Livingstone (1940).

Past Players:

I hope that you're named in the correct WHM Division. And there are no non-preferred names. Ed.

Commiserations: Peter Eastlake's special son Nathan died on 8th November. Our deepest sympathy to Peter, Nola and the family.

Grumpy Old Men and Women One: "You can't say that civilisation doesn't advance, however, for in every war they kill you in a new way." *Will Rogers (1879 - 1935). From the New York Times 1929.*

'A' Division Blog: Numbers are still down , but we're managing to keep playing most of the games.

November 2nd: The three goalkeepers may have had an impact as scoring was very difficult for most of the day. In addition to fresh custodians another factor in the poor scoring was the lack of good hockey at times. No score was registered until the third game of the day in which White ran all over a hapless Gold side. The tables were turned in Match 6 with star fill-in Peter Dennis not having the same influence in his 6th game of the day. Numbers were improved sufficiently for all the games to be played and keepers Tony, Graeme and John must have relished the opportunity to have a rest for a couple of games. The goal of the day judges awarded the honour to Nev Brown who fooled the White defence into thinking that he was going to pass and just kept running until he was able to push the ball past Graeme. The results and scorers were:

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

Scorers: **Blue:** Phil Metcalf. **Gold:** Nev Brown (2). **White:** Peter Dennis. Ken Eliot, Neil Patterson, Ron Venables. Total goals scored 7.

Team numbers were: Blue (10), Gold (10), White (9).

November 9th: From the scores it appears that Gold dominated the day. This was true at times but the midfield play was fairly even most of the time in most games and Gold's strong deep defence and better goal shooting stood them in good stead. Thank you to goalkeepers Tony and Graeme who made forwards work hard and combine as they did not concede any easy goals. Thanks also to Peter Galbraith (aka Gallows) who instead of umpiring filled in for a couple of games before departing to Turf One. The goal of the day judges had a lengthy meeting in the bar afterwards and decided that the rockets by Ken Walter and Mal Horrigan were joint winners. An honourable mention went to Brian Soares for managing to score on his last day before a significant operation. The day's details:

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

Scorers: **Blue:** Ken Beer, Phil Metcalf. **Gold:** Ken Beer, Colin Gee (2), Mal Horrigan, Ken Walter (2).

White: Brian Soares. Total goals 9.

Team numbers at maximum were: Blue (12), Gold (9), White (9).

November 16th: At the start of the day numbers looked good with Blue and Gold having 10 players while the addition of Robin Bailey took White up to 9. Then we started to lose players due to funeral attendance, Turf One scoreboard training, etc. etc and so forth. So much so that the Blue team refused to top up the numbers for the last game, which as a result was not played. It was good to see Barry Rutter back and in top form too; where and when did he manage to put in the practice? Barry and colleague Graeme Sansom were hard to pass in the games I observed, and apparently when I was elsewhere too. It was also good to see that Robin Bailey had managed to make the trip from the south. The goal of the day judges seemed to have missed quite a lot of the day's play but eventually decided that Peter Dennis, having scored 60% of the tally should be the winner. An honourable mention went to Neil Patterson for a neat finish. The day's details:

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

Scorers: **Blue:** Peter Dennis, Phil Metcalf. **Gold:** Peter Dennis. **White:** Peter Dennis, Neil Patterson.

Team numbers (at absolute maximum): Blue (10), Gold (10), White (9). Total goals 5.

November 23rd: Numbers were still low but we thought that we had two goalkeepers until Barry Rutter left for Turf One and B Division after Game 3. Where have all the keepers gone? Many thanks to Graeme Sansom and fill in custodians Ken Walter, Keith Kessell and Rob Ainsworth. Some notable comebacks were made, especially the return of Peter Stevens after 3 years. Also back after shorter absences were Colin Sanders and Colin Murray-Smith and we were joined by Bob Claxton. Absences included most of the Blue team's regular forward line which made the matches more one-sided than is desirable. Goal of the day was shared between Kens Eliot and Walter. Results and scorers were:

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

Scorers: **Gold:** Nev Brown, Jim Malcolm, John Mercer (2) Ken Walter. **White:** Ken Eliot, Colin Murray-Smith (2), Neil Patterson (2). 10 goals scored.

Team numbers (original player only): Blue (9), Gold (8), White (9).

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From Saturday Masters:

All members are reminded that there is no play at Perry Lakes on December 10th due to the Gala Day at Perth Hockey Stadium. We only cancelled play after a show of hands revealed that there would be insufficient numbers for a 7-a-side game.

Many thanks and a belated Happy Birthday go to the drink buyers on the 19th November. Howie Herbert and John Pierce are now another year older.

It seems that showers are now generally possible after our games. As part of the bar staff I'm unable to confirm this from personal experience - I suggest you check with Simon Thomson and Dudley Burress who appear to be our cleanest players.

Thanks to Ken Watt who has donated a bag of stubby holders to the club. This will be available in the bar area as from Saturday 3rd December - a green Woolworths bag will be in the bar area for you to help yourselves. Please return stubby holders to the bag when you depart.

We need to remind all players that our bar still runs on a cash basis only. Two or three years ago I did check on the cost of a card facility but it was prohibitive at the time. If time permits I'll have another look, but to implement this we would need to change the way the entire bar operates.

It was good to see Peter Stevens and Colin Murray-Smith make a return to the playing field. Colin obviously pulled up OK as he's now banging in goals from everywhere but Peter did not make it back for the next week after his return.

Make sure that you book in to play by responding to the "are you playing" email well before 12:00 noon on Fridays. And if you've booked in and can't make it, then please notify us about that too.

'A' Division Blog (continued):

November 30th: Numbers for field players were the best they've been for a while but Tony Marshall was the only keeper. From the bar later I noticed B Division playing with no GKs at all. Is the union of keepers in solidarity with the Nurses' Union? Our standard of play left a lot to be desired, to the extent that the only reason a Miss of the Day is not awarded is that editorial selfies are banned. Gold's defence soaked up a lot of pressure in their first three games but was torn apart by White in the fourth. Thank you to the fill in guardians of the goals in Col Murray-Smith, Keith Kessell and Ivan Wilson. Some teams played with another full back, leaving the goal untenanted. Goal of the day is another shared award between White players Hector D'Rozario (great run against Blue) and Colin Murray-Smith (hat trick versus Gold). Results and scorers were:

Blue 0 Gold 1; White 0 Gold 1; White 1 Blue 0; Gold 1 Blue 0; Gold 1 White 4; Blue 1 White 0.

Scorers: **Blue:** Col Sanders. **Gold:** John Mercer Ken Walter (2), Ricky Watts. **White:** Hector D'Rozario, Col Murray-Smith (3). 10 goals scored in total.

Team numbers (original player only): Blue (11), Gold (10), White (13).



Balinese Bulletin No 75: Pondok Cintya

We moved in to our current accomodation on 2nd November & can report that we are quite comfortable in what could be described as our own personal & self styled Aged Care Facility. The average age of the rest of the tenants here is probably around 30 yrs of age whilst the average age in our unit is closer to 80.

We have "Meals on Wheels" available 7 days a week from two nearby asian eateries. The cost of an evening meal for the two of us is around AU\$2.50 & we are never left hungry. I should add that the food is also delicious. Naturally, said food is also delivered to our door by lovely Balinese people.

We have a Mr Fixit/Handyman who lives on premises by the name of Jimmy. A very friendly 24 yr old from Timor Leste having moved here around 4 yrs ago. Jimmy is more than happy to fetch our large water bottle each week & anything else we may need from nearby. Anything from further afield we have our lovely Putu.

Erin, with help of several pieces from the former house, has converted our unit into a 5 Star lodging. The rest of our items of furniture/appliances are either with Putu or in a small storage facility near her home.

Not a lot more to add other than to say we are both in good health & more than comfortable in our new surroundings.

Erin & I would like to wish all & sundry a Very Merry Xmas & a Happy & Healthy New Year.

Peter Hammond

When I ran a search on the above ("Pondok Cintya") what came back was a three star hotel. I'm guessing that now it's a converted former 3 star hotel. Very pleased to hear you are more than comfortable. Best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year from all of us. Ed.

Shakespeare Said It: "Then let me go, and hinder not my course." Two Gentlemen of Verona Act II, Scene VII. *Each Division can nominate their applicable forwards. For A Div I'd suggest Peter Dennis, Ron Venables and Ken Walter, to name one from each team.*

"He has his health, and ampler strength indeed than most his age." The Winter's Tale Act IV, Scene III. *Succinct description of a Western Hockey Masters player?*

"If it were done when 'tis done, then 'twere well it were done quickly." Macbeth Act I, Scene VII. *The Bard as coach advises players to pass the ball early.*

Well Dones for November: Wednesday's A Division umpires: Rob Ainsworth, George Bradbury, Bob Claxton, Ken Eliot, Peter Evans, Peter Galbraith, Colin Gee, Ian Hill, Mal Horrigan, KY Lee, John Mercer, Colin Sanders, Neil Scaddan, Brian Soares, Peter Trend, Les Waldon, Ken Walter, Ken Watt, Ricky Watts, and Frank Williams. Saturday's umpires were: Rob Ainsworth, Eric Alcock, Dudley Burress, Michael Gottschalk, Ian Hill, Steve Powles, Neil Scaddan, Greg Street, Les Waldon, Len Walker, Ken Walter, Ken Watt and Ivan Wilson. Our thanks to you all.

Past Players, Non Players and Injured Players November: Noted at PHS: Jim Balding, Jim Banks, Hector D'Rozario, Ham D'Souza, Ian Hill and Terry Gaston. At Perry Lakes: Eric Alcock, Terry Gaston, Michael Gottschalk, Ian Hill, Max Viner, John Pierce and Neil Scaddan.

What Do You Think? The Soccerroos have received a lot of adulation, publicity and coverage for making the last 16 in the current World Cup. When our Kookaburras or Hockeyroos win a World Cup we are thankful for any media coverage at all. I know that hockey is not nearly as widespread as the "football" is, but some of the reporting has gone right over the top IMHO.

Punology One: Did you hear about the unfortunate bloke who paid an absolute shirtload of money for an impressionist painting of some flowers. When he got it home his cat scratched it. So now he's trying to sell it as a Clawed Monet.

B Division November 2022:

With teams pretty much back to full strength November was a good month for those of us in B Division. With goalies again featuring prominently in the outcome of each game it has proven quite difficult to score goals. How hard can it be hitting a small white round thing into such a large area!?? This must have been just a practice thing as towards the end of the month a few more goals have been scored. Once again full marks to our regular goalies John Harper and Tony Freeman and to Barry Rutter for filling in when required.

The return of those playing at the Masters tournament in Tokyo has provided the required injection of manpower, skill and in some instances pace! Not to mention the never ending new stories to be passed along over a beer or two, if only somebody could remember them, although this is only a minor handicap as the stories appear to have a wide range of poetic license and are embellished with each recital! One has to be careful nowadays as “sensational efforts”, “once in a lifetime” or “unbelievable goals scored off the wrong foot while being hounded by 3 defenders” can now be easily verified with the never ending supply of replays and live streaming available!

With only a few players having to miss games with Covid it appeared as though it would just become a minor inconvenience for us to endure every now and then. Towards the end of November however there was enough evidence to suggest that with the new variants it could be a bit more wide ranging so we urge all players to be vigilant and as safe as possible. As anyone who has had Covid will tell you even if it has just been a minor dose it is not much fun.

As we head into Xmas all players are reminded of the Gala Day on the 10th December and even if not playing spectators are most welcome for what should be a great day. Another important date is of course the annual wind up dinner on the 14th December. Get your tickets early and come and celebrate the year that was!

Dudley Evans

Thanks Dudley. On occasions I've played in the same club (and even team) as Messrs Harper and Freeman and it was great to see competent opposing forwards having trouble against them. But I think that Barry Rutter is well ahead of me on Wednesdays. Ed.

Grumpy Old Men And Women Two: “One of the indictments of civilisations is that happiness and intelligence are so rarely found in the same person.” *William Feather - US publisher and author (1889 - 1981). A consoling thought for unhappy people.*

Hips/Knees 2019

Photo Warren Jackson



Test Your Hockey Knowledge With John Sanders:

November's question was:

These players have played in a number of FIH Champion Trophy matches for the Kookaburras,



Who do you think has played in the most? Was it

- a. David Wansbrough
- b. Daniel Sproule
- c. Paul Gaudoin , or
- d. Lachlan Dreher?

The figures are Wansbrough (9), Sproule (4), Gaudion (4) and Dreher (12). No answers came in.

December's question is:

QUESTION FOR MASTERS MATTERS -- December 2022

The West Australian of June 24, 1954 got this picture wrong!

THE WEST AUSTRALIAN, THURSDAY, JUNE 24, 1954.

TEST PLAYERS FOR W.A. HOCKEY SIDE

Cec Pearce. Derek Munrowd. Harold Smith. Ian Dick.

Can you place the players in the correct order from the left?

Was it

- a. _____
- b. _____
- c. _____ and _____
- d. _____?

Answer next issue.

Punology Two: There was an outbreak of bovine novovirus in Austria recently. The hills really were alive with the sound of moo sick.

Roll of Honour 2022: Last year MM claimed that the year would pose some challenges, especially as we handled the move to four Divisions. That is still an ongoing issue but as usual a lot of people have done a lot of work to keep our competition functioning and here is where they are thanked.

Executive: The year saw Neil Patterson retire as Secretary and be replaced by Dan Hill. Many thanks Neil for a fine job during your term and thanks to Dan for taking the job on. President Simon Thomson, Neil and Dan, Vice President Tony Jones and Treasurer Steve Farrar have done well in keeping us on track through another tough year.

Divisional Coordinators and Team Captains: The year began with George Bradbury (A Div), Adrian Gabriel (B Div) Tony Jones / Colin Howell (C Div) but after the reshuffle effective from 4th May we had George Bradbury (A Div), John Chapman (B Div), Adrian Gabriel (C Div) and Tony Jones / Ken O'Driscoll (D Div). Thanks all for the work on the nuts and bolts of our competition with captains:

A (Old): Neil Scaddan (B), Colin Gee (Go), Peter Andrews (Gr) Jim Wright(R), Dave Horsley (W).

A (New): Neil Scaddan (B), Colin Gee (Go) Dave Horsley (W).

B (Old): Dudley Evans(B), Bill Campbell (Go), Mike Robinson (R), Jim Campbell (W).

B (New): Dudley Evans(B), Bill Campbell (Go), Jim Campbell (W).

C(Old): Stuart Amphlett (Blk), Tony Jones (B), Mike Sputore (Go), Paul Cartwright (Gr), Kevin Burton (R) and Wayne Cutler (W).

C (New): Tony Davey/John Rogers(B), Rod Bickers/Ric Staynor (Go), David Lockett/Mike Sputore (R).

D (New): Stuart Amphlett (Blk), Adrian Rutter (B), None (Go), Kevin Burton (R), Russell Wood (W).

Thank you all for keeping us all in the positions we are happiest in.

Off-Field Roles: Thank you to all who kept us functioning for another year. As the season began Dan Hill was doing the fixtures with Peter Trend helping with the 5 team A Division. Dan's ascension to Secretary resulted in Peter T taking over all fixtures. Similarly Uniforms Officer Robin Bailey has just been replaced by Peter Wallis. Peter Jones was unable to run wine raffles after 4th May when the split into 4 Divisions occurred but the monthly sausage sizzles have continued with strong support from Ivan Wilson. Colin Gee continues to be our go-to man for all things Revosport which is now our primary means of communication as well as our player data base.

Goalkeepers: Thanks to Coordinators Tony Marshall and John Harper. Let's have a cooler summer.

Saturday O/65s: This competition continues to flourish in its own unique style. Almost all our players still attend the rooms afterwards. Thanks to Committee members Les Waldon, Scott Blackwell, Howie Herbert, the recently retired Jim Wright, and replacement Bruce Mercer. Thanks also to the members who have been rostered to provide post game food or select the teams. The spirit of the club is epitomized by the number of players who lend a hand to clean up the rooms afterwards.

Stadium Staff: Thank you to all the staff who have assisted us through the 2022 year. This includes the provision of post-game snacks, turf watering and assistance with the scoreboards.

MM Contributors: Thanks to regulars Peter Hammond, John Sanders and Dudley Evans who keeps us posted on the B Division. Many thanks also to those readers who featured in Letters to the Editor.

Next Year: That reader feedback is what prompts me to tackle another year.

Quotable Quote Two: "Idealism is what precedes experience, cynicism is what follows." *David T. Wolf (1943 -). US advertising copywriter turned author.*

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All news, other contributions, and Unsubscribe requests to:

John Mercer: A Division Gold team. Email: johnmerc@inet.net.au.

It only remains for me to wish all our readers, both players and non players a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Do you know that there is a cartoon version of Charles Dickens "A Christmas Carol" which stars Daffy Duck as Scrooge in 'Bah, Humduck!' *True - you can Google it. Ed.*