



A Blue

A Gold

A White

B Blue

B Gold

B White

C Blue

C Gold

C Red

C White

D Black

D Blue

D Gold

D Red

O/65 Blue

O/65 Gold

O/65 Green

O/65 White

# Masters Matters

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**Saturday Hockey Life Member:** It is pleasing to report that at the AGM on 14th October retiring Club Captain Les Waldon was awarded Life Membership. A full tribute and a report of the AGM can be found in the "Saturday Hockey Masters" section on Pages 6 and 7.

**WHM Annual Gala Day (From Dan Hill):**

The WHM Gala Day 2023 will be held on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December. Games will include:

- Men Hips v Knees
- Men Cancers v Hearts
- Men Over 80's Challenge
- Women's Challenge(s) (To be determined)
- Men - Other Exhibition Game (To be confirmed)

Nominations are now open for the following categories. If eligible you may nominate for more than one category.

- Hips - must have had a hip replacement.
- Knees - must have had a full or partial knee replacement.
- Cancers - must be a cancer survivor.
- Hearts - must have had some form of heart surgery.
- Over 80's - must have been born in 1945 or earlier
- Other - if not eligible for any of the above. If sufficient interest an exhibition game will be scheduled

Note: Nomination for the Women's challenge game is managed separately and should be directed to Dale Keiley [dalekeiley53@gmail.com](mailto:dalekeiley53@gmail.com)

Nominations close on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November and may be made on-line [here](#).

If you require assistance with the nominating process or have any questions please contact Dan Hill, [danhill@iinet.net.au](mailto:danhill@iinet.net.au) or 0401 550 030.

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**Dates For The Diary:****2023**

November 20th to 26th: Asian Continental Cup. Hong Kong.

December 2nd: Annual Gala Day at PHS. 12:00 to 18:00.

December 2nd: No Saturday hockey at Perry Lakes.

December 23rd: No Saturday hockey at Perry Lakes.

December 20th and 27th, January 3rd: No Wednesday hockey at PHS.

December ???: WHM Christmas Party.

**2024**

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

October 12th to 21st: World Cup M O/65 to O/80. Capetown. Plus Spirit Of Masters.

November 7th to 16th: World Cup M O/50, O/55 and O/60. Auckland. Plus Spirit Of Masters.

**Australian Teams for 2024:** Following the tournament the national teams to compete in the various World Cups were announced. I have included just the sides in our WHM age group demographic and have featured only WA based players; classed as WHM, WA or WA Country. Congratulations from MM to all those selected to represent their country.

**O/50:** Alan Colthart (WA), Stewart McDonald (WA), Brian Siva (c) WA, Jason Thompson (GK) (WA).

***Shadows:*** Scott Frazer (WA), Cam Robinson (GK) (WA) - our WA Masters webmaster.

***Coach:*** Troy Williamson (WAC).

**O/55:** Rober Behets (WHM), Alan Dick (c) (WA), Craig Emslie (WA), Chris Kennedy (WHM), Matthew Needham (WA), Michael Rae (WAC).

***Shadows:*** Adrian Gould (GK) (WAC).

**O/60:** Shaun Bunn (WHM), Craig Burgess (WHM), Tony Jones (c) (WHM), Alan Kidd (WAC), Paul Scicluna (WA).

***Shadows:*** Kevin Knapp (WA), Russell Rieck (WHM).

**These teams (O/50, O/55 and O/60) will be playing in Auckland during November.**

**O/65:** Peter Crowe (WHM), Martin Ferrari (GK) (WHM), Colin Howell (WHM) , Lyle Kenny (WHM), David Lockett (vc) (WHM), Paul Murray (WAC), Stephen Pestana (WHM), Brian Robinson (WHM), Geoff Robinson (WHM).

***Shadows:*** Noel Morrison (WHM), Simon Walsh (WHM), Russell Wood (WHM)

***Coach:*** Rob Lawson (WA).

**O/70:** Tony Freeman (GK)(WHM), Maurie Giles (vc) (WHM), Rudy Keswick (WHM), Tom Long (WHM), Peter Morgan (WHM), John Ostaszewskyj (WA), Richard Staynor (WHM), Neil Waywood (GK) (WAC).

***Shadows:*** Peter Fogels (WHM).

**O/75:** Len Blyth (WHM), Peter Eastlake (WHM and WAC), Don Sanders (WHM), Rod Sims (WAC), Simon Williams (WHM).

***Shadows:*** Scott Blackwell (WHM), Ash Challenor (WHM), Richard Osborne (GK) (WHM and WAC).

**These teams (O/65, O/70 and O/75) will be playing in Capetown during October.**

**O/80:** Len Blyth (c) (WHM), Scott Blackwell (WHM), Ian Hill (WHM), John Jeffreys (WHM), Barry Rutter (GK) (WHM), Colin Sanders (WHM), Graeme Sansom (GK) (WHM), Ron Venables (WHM), Les Waldon (WHM), Peter Willett (WHM).

This "Honourary" team was selected by Ric Roberts (Chairman) and Mark McElligott at the request of Hockey Australia Masters who also insisted that it not be announced. The selectors were able to include anybody who played in the O/70s, O/75s, O/80s and who will be 80 by 31/12/2024. As HAM do not plan to enter the team in the 2024 World Cup Ric has circulated the side to those who were part of the O/80s in Perth and the MM Editor has decided to publish it.

**Department of Corrections:** Somehow the birthdays included Peter "Vogels" instead of the correct "Fogels." As I do know what it should be it is possible that auto correction intervened. Humble apologies go to Peter for the error which should have been picked up by MM's proof readers. Apart from this all that the editor could find was a missing word or two. That was sufficient for him to berate the staff and order them to do much better in the future. *See also Peter Hammond on Page 8.*

**Letters To The Editor:** Other than Peter Fogels pointing out the mistake highlighted above under "Corrections" no other correspondence was received.

**Grumpy Old Men And Women One:** "Democracy is the theory that the common people know what they want and deserve to get it good and hard." *H. L. Mencken (1880 - 1956). In my experience they usually do - get it good and hard, that is. Ed*

**Department of Health:** Neil Scaddan is due for a shoulder operation soon and will not be driving for the next six weeks after that. Talking of shoulders I hear that Hector D'Rozario has a problem which he is having a fair bit of trouble getting over. I understand that Phil Metcalf will be having a full knee replacement on 5th November. Ricky Watts strained a hamstring just before the tournament and only managed a couple of brief appearances. His comeback began on 1st November. While on hamstrings, Ken Eliot strained one during the last quarter of his last match in the tournament and will be out for some weeks. Peter Wallis has a specialist appointment early in November about a problematic knee. Rob Ainsworth is not playing due to a persistent case of plantar fasciitis. In better news it is pleasing to report that John Halley has registered as a social member for Saturday hockey - hopefully because he's recovered from that cardiac event. Best wishes from MM to all, including those we do not know of, for a rapid and complete recovery.

**Revised Playing Times For A Division:** Thanks to George Bradbury for the following:

It was always likely that we would have to review our playing time and the watering pattern as the summer approached. Last Wednesday was very warm and encouraged active discussion about the above. There was strong support for the following, starting from Wednesday 1st October.

The playing schedule to remain in place but the game duration to change.

The first three (3) games to be 20 minutes duration.

The final three (3) games to be 15 minutes duration.

The extra change over time to allow player rest and hydration and the PHS 2 ground to be given the water it needs for safe play.

Also, whilst it is gratifying that players are willingly filling in where necessary please ask your players to bring white, gold and blue shirts and use the appropriate colour when filling in.

There is a need for some management changes for the balance of the 23 year.

Whilst Colin Gee plans to be available to run gold he is capably assisted by Mal Jackaman should he not be. David Horsley will be away overseas for November and KY Lee will be running the white team. Neil Scaddan is due for a shoulder surgery and has asked Les Waldon to run the blue team during this time.

George Bradbury

Coordinator A Division

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

**A Division:** 16th Ash Challenor (1948) 19th Graham Challenor (1946).

**B Division:** 2nd Angelo Strano (1948) 12th Peter Eastlake (1946).

**C Division:** 1st Geoff Scott (1961) 5th Carlo Sorci (1970) 9th Ian Kealley (1949) 10th Ian Simes (1954) 17th Geoff Robinson (1955) 22nd George Naylor (1955).

**D Division:** 13th Michael Jensen (1960) 14th Anton Brown (1970), Warren Noddings (1963) 15th Thomas Vince (1959) 25th Michael Starling (1966) 30th Nick Hyde (1966).

**Non Playing:** 2nd Peter Aylmore (1952) 4th Roger Partington (1947) 5th Ron Chesny (1958) 10th Bill Baldwin (1942).

**Saturday:** 21st Howie Herbert (1942), John Peirce (1946)

*I hope that you're named in the correct WHM Division. To try and make sure everybody has been included I have used the online membership register, mostly including those names too. Ed.*

**Quotable Quote Number One:** "When it is not necessary to make a decision, it is necessary not to make a decision." *Lord Falkland (1610 - 1643). For example, the advantage rule.*

**'A' Division Blog:** The longer breaks between games and shorter matches will be great this summer.

**October 11th:** Following the tournament, numbers were diabolical. We mustered (eventually) eighteen field players and one goalkeeper - thank you Tony Marshall. Three 20 minute games were played and as the Blue team had only two players (one as at the first game) it was Gold versus White. Having the keeper proved to be a decisive advantage and the majority of the goals were scored at the other end. Terry Gaston seemed to have enhanced his running by playing in the tournament and has to be awarded goal of the day for three fine finishes. It was good to see Mark Faithfull back for more after he returned for WA Country during the tournament. The results are not included and the scorers besides Terry G's three included Sukhdev.

Team numbers at max: Blue (2), Gold (8), White (8). Total goals 7.

**October 18th:** Numbers were slightly improved and although there was only one goalkeeper again (thank you Graeme Sansom) we managed to play four games. The sides were based around the Blue and Gold teams with the White players assigned to top up the numbers. After a blow-out in the first game Graeme stayed with the Gold side for the remainder of the day and limited the scoring in his usual fine style. Ron Venables scored a hat trick and has to be awarded goal of the day while after that the scoring petered out with singles to Peters Blockley and Wallis. The team numbers include the yet to be allocated Mark Faithfull and Sukhdedv Pandher.

Team numbers at max: Blue (9), Gold (8), White (6). Total goals 5.

**October 25th:** Our numbers finally improved to the point where we were one player short of three teams (at maximum) with three goalkeepers. Unfortunately we were out of practice at scoring past a keeper and only two goals went in for the entire day. The low scoring was not due to a lack of chances as there were plenty all day. Especially to the Blue side in their first game against White. It was good to see Colin Murray-Smith make a comeback and despite leaving early he played very well and seemed to suffer no ill effects (hope that was still the case next day). Ken Walter also departed early - reason unknown. Nev Brown not only won the goal of the day award for a fine deflection but also the runner-up prize for a composed finish. A special thank you goes to Rob Ainsworth who despite being unable to play umpired five matches. The results and scorers were:

**Blue 0 Gold 0; White 0 Gold 1; White 0 Blue 0; Gold 1 Blue 0; Gold 0 White 0; Blue 0 White 0.**

**Scorers: Gold:** Nev Brown (2). Total goals 2.

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

**November 1st:** Despite some teams not having full numbers we managed to play the scheduled fixtures after John Mercer transferred from Gold to Blue. Thank you to all players who filled in for other sides on the warmish day. Goalkeepers Colin, Tony and Graeme were very hard to pass and several very fine saves were made by each one of them. For some reason our passing was deplorable at times with mis-hits and fluffed pushes common. A lot of credit must go the Blue side's deep defence who despite being under severe pressure for much of the time in most of the games did not concede a goal. However, several goals did go in and the judging panel decided to award Ken Walter with the goal of the day. The results and scorers were:

**Gold 1 White 0; Blue 1 White 0; Blue 1 Gold 0; White 1 Gold 1; White 0 Blue 0; Gold 0 Blue 0.**

**Scorers: Blue:** Ian Hill, John Jeffreys. **Gold:** Nev Brown, Ken Walter. **White:** Neil Patterson.

Team numbers at maximum: Blue (8), Gold (11), White (10). Total goals 5.

**World Cups 2024 - Spirit of Masters:** Southern Cross have announced their teams for these events which will be run as part of the tournaments in Capetown and Auckland. The WHM players included:

**O/55 (Auckland):** Jonathon Burgess, Murray West.

**O/60 (Auckland):** Kevin Taylor.

**O/65 (Capetown):** Steve Farrar, George Naylor (captain).

**O/70 (Capetown):** Peter Fogels, Ian Simes, Phil Wilson.

**O/75 (Capetown):** Scott Blackwell, John Burt, David Horsley (player/coach), Peter Livingstone, Dave Mellor, Keith Platel, Mike Robinson (captain).

*Congratulations to all. Please let me know if I have left you out. Ed.*

From Saturday Masters:

Herdsmen's Tavern AGM



# The AGM was a well-attended (41) night at the Herdsmen's Tavern. Other than a significant delay with the arrival of the food all went smoothly. Well done to Jim Wright who concluded his term on the Committee with another fine organisational effort.

# Les Waldon and Jim Wright finished their Committee service on the night. Jim was made a Life Member following his first attempt to stand down at the 2022 AGM and fittingly made the Life Member presentation to Les during the meeting. *A tribute to Les appears after this.*

# Our new members are Simon Thomson and Len Walker. Thank you both for volunteering to keep our competition going. The Committee now is:

Club Captain: Simon Thomson, Committee: Scott Blackwell, Committee: Len Walker,  
Bar Manager: Howie Herbert, Secretary/Treasurer: John Mercer.

# Play on 2nd December has been cancelled due to the Gala Day at Perth Stadium. And we have added a booking for the 30th December to try and keep our players in shape during the break at Perth Hockey Stadium.

# The summer season got off to a rocky start due to our ground marker contracting an infected foot. This meant that he was unable to set out and mark our usual summer field alongside the entry drive and we found it necessary to cancel our scheduled opening day on 14th October. I am pleased to let you all know that Tim is recovering gradually and was able to give us a field for the 21st. Numbers so far have been very good, as has the clubroom attendance post-match.

# Comebacks have so far been made by Steve Powles, Neil Patterson and Stan Balding. It's been quite a while since we saw Stan - welcome back.

# Thank you Tony Marshall and Peter Murray for drinks on the 28th. Peter provided the food as well.

# Fees are coming in rather slowly compared to our usual response. The email requesting payment was sent to all those registered as Saturday players or social members via the RevoSports system. All others should have received a normal email. Please let me know if you did not receive a request to pay your summer season fees - at [johnmercercer@iinet.net.au](mailto:johnmercercer@iinet.net.au).

# Make sure that you book in to play by responding to the "are you playing" email before the time requested by the Committee member who sent the email. And if you've booked in and can't make it, then please notify us about that too.



**Tribute To Les Waldon:** In 2011 a Suburban team won the Hockey WA O/60 grand final at Stevens Reserve. The next year they finished last as the club had no O/50s to come up and it seemed that quite a few players would be lost to the game. This led to the formation of what is now known as the Saturday Hockey Masters, a group of O/65s who played social games at Perry Lakes. Les was the inaugural Club Captain and has held this role until the recent AGM on 14th October.

It is no exaggeration to say that he has been the heart and soul of the club ever since that first winter season in 2013. From our inception Les seems to have had a very clear vision of the kind of club we should aim to be and it is largely due to him that the spirit of sportsmanship and fair play has become our guiding principle. This makes our Saturday afternoons very enjoyable and it is no coincidence that our retired players frequently visit us to enjoy a sideline chat and take part in the post hockey discussions in the clubrooms.

Les has always been in touch with everything happening around the club and has been able to anticipate any problems before they occur. In addition to that for the last 10 years he has done every task imaginable, particularly in the preparation and serving of our customary post-hockey snacks. He has also been a great help to the other Committee members and was always happy to lend a hand when the tasks began to become onerous.

Les and Jim have been a great team as their strengths are complementary. Between them they have made our Saturday club the success that it is. This is shown by the fact that both of them have been recipients of the George Winning award.

Thank you Les from all of us.



**Jim Wright presents Les with his LifeMember's shirt**

**Punology One:** What do you call a boat full of polite hockey players? A good sportsman ship.

**B Division Report October 2023:**

October numbers have been low with many players having over extended themselves or copped a blow during the National Tournament and are now suffering the consequences. With 3 or 4 out of each team those that have fronted up have been rearranged into 2 sides and played games until they had had enough. This was generally after 1 to 2 hours depending on the temperature and a whole range of other factors including thirst! Despite the low numbers the standard of play has been maintained with plenty of created opportunities and lots of goals.

You would think that because of the low numbers the post-game get together would be a low key event but in fact the opposite seems to be true with good numbers and plenty of banter and discussions on future Masters tournaments. Maybe a PHD student somewhere will do a study on why this is the case but rest assured he or she will not be able to get much help from me! Keith Platel is doing a mighty job with the raffles with some good quality wine as prizes and the new improved food selection continues to evolve with even some fruit added this week. Maybe this is why the post-game get together is gaining in popularity?

So another enjoyable month of hockey for all those B Division players who were able to participate. Thanks to you all and extra special thanks to our goalies who seem to turn up regardless of injury or weather conditions.

Dudley Evans

*Thanks Dudley for this coverage of the non-A Division hockey. I know that the format of the C and D Divisions does not lend itself to match reports for MM but it would be great if we could include and occasional story. Is there anybody out there who'll take up the challenge? Ed.*

**Balinese Bulletin No 85:** Peter asked for a respite from giving us his usual bulletin. According to the editor, what he has sent conveys the situation better than editorial ramblings:

*"Can I be allowed to spend some time on the sidelines as I currently have very little to offer from up here. My medical issue, whilst moving forward, seem to be taking ages for anything meaningful to happen. I am sure my monthly comments from here have just been drifting off into some distant world & of interest to almost no-one."*

*A good serving of humble pie needs to be dished up to the entire staff of Masters Matters. The last edition referred to Peter's problem as a knee, when of course it is a hip, as known to each and every MM staffer. Apologies to our Bali correspondent - and we all hope that next month's news from Bali will include a report on some successful surgery. Ed.*

**Shakespeare Said It:** "There is no obstruction in this ..." Twelfth Night Act II, Scene V. *But umpire, he deliberately shielded the ball from my tackle.*

*"... with good old folks, and let them tell thee tales of woeful ages long ago ..." King Richard II Act V, Scene I. Most WHM players are old enough to recall the time before PHS came into being. But those of us who are really ancient remember the time when the WA Institute of Technology, which was the forerunner to Curtin University also did not exist. Neither did the Narrows Bridge.*

*"What wouldst thou write of me if thou shouldst praise me?" Othello Act II, Scene I. The Masters Matters philosophy has been that praise is preferable to complaints. Our very first issue included the words "... it is definitely editorial policy to grease the wheels rather than throw sand in them."*

**Grumpy Old Men Two:** "Democracy is a process by which the people are free to choose the man who will get the blame." Lawrence J. Peter (1919 - 1988). Author of "The Peter Principle." *Though nowadays it should be man or woman as women have been blamed for a lot of things since Eve. Ed.*

**Bonus Quote:** "The researches of many commentators have already thrown much darkness on this subject, and if they continue it is probable that we shall know nothing at all about it." Attributed to Mark Twain (1835 - 1910). *Have things changed much since? We seem to be very good nowadays at finding out everything about nothing. Ed.*



**Test Your Hockey Knowledge With John Sanders:**

**October's** question was:

Which Pearce brother is shown here beating J. Mann, the Canterbury Captain, at Lancaster Park, during a tour of New Zealand?

Perhaps Cec, Mel, Eric, or Gordon? Too early for Julian?

Can you name the Year?

If it helps, this game ended in a 1-1 draw.



**Answer:** It is older brother Cecil. Born in India, Cec and the family immigrated to Perth in the late 1940s. Cec Pearce was the first to represent Australia in hockey from 1950 to 1954. The match was part of the 1952 tour by AHA of New Zealand. Australia won the only test in Dunedin 1-0.

*No reader answers were received.*

**November's** question is:

What do these four former Hockeyroos have in common?

- Madonna Blyth
  - Nikki Hudson
  - Rechelle Hawkes
  - Karen Smith
- a) They all came from the same state.
  - b) They are the topmost capped Hockeyroos.
  - c) They each scored over 80 goals.
  - d) They all made their debut against the Netherlands.

Answer next issue.

**Quotable Quote Two:** "Discovery consists in seeing what everybody has seen and thinking what nobody has thought." *Albert Szent-Gyorgyi (1893 - 1986). At some stage the question was asked: "Why do we still have the offside rule?" Personally I thought the reduction from three players to two was just as significant as its abolition. Both were great for we old people. Ed.*

**Punology Two:** If you put your left shoe on the wrong foot - it's on the right foot.

**WHM Participants by State/Age Group:**

Grade	WA	WAC	ACT	NSW	NT	Qld	SA	Tas	Vic
O50 (1)	1								
O50 (2)	10 *								
O55 (1)	8								
O55 (2)	7								
O60 (1)	11	2					1		
O60 (2)	5				2				
O65 (1)	15	3	1						
O65 (2)	13						4		
O70	17	11	2				2		1
O75	17	11		3			1		
O80	17	13							1
<b>Total</b>	<b>121</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>

**\*Two Teams**

And that all adds up to 179 participants from our Western Hockey Masters. This may be stretching a point as the counts include "Affiliated Country Players" and anybody else from the WHM Revo list. It does not include our visitors from Scotland. However I may have missed a few of our players who made up numbers - please let me know if you played for another State and are not mentioned.

**ACT: O/65 (1)** Rod Bickers. **O/70s** Terry Gaston, Graham Wood.

**NSW: O/75** Dave Mellor, John Peirce, John Smith.

**NT: O/60 (2)** Kevin Burton (coach), Andrew Spittle.

**SA: O/60 (1)** Murray West. **O/65 (2)** Adrian Gabriel, Nick Pereira, James Pinto, Minder Singh.

**O/70** Ken Eliot, Stefan Olejko. **O/75** John Burt.

**Vic: O70** Ray Domingo. **O/80** Graeme Sansom.

**Well Dones for October:** Wednesday's A Division umpires: Rob Ainsworth, George Bradbury, Peter Evans, Peter Galbraith, Ian Hill, Mal Horrigan, Mal Jackaman, KY Lee, Neil Scaddan, Ken Watt, Ricky Watts, Frank Williams. Saturday's umpires were: Rob Ainsworth, Eric Alcock, Michael Gottschalk, Ian Hill, Greg Street, Steve Powles, Neil Scaddan, Len Walker and Ken Watt. Our thanks to all.

**Past Players, Non Players and Injured Players October:** Noted at PHS: Rob Ainsworth, George Bradbury, Hector D'Rozario and Neil Scaddan. At Perry Lakes: Rob Ainsworth, Eric Alcock, Peter Murray, Don Sanders, Neil Scaddan and Rod Spencer.

**Gala Day:** As usual MM limericist has a comment.

Again we will run Gala Day  
When medical miracles play  
Those over their ills  
Will showcase their skills  
To see who this year will hold sway.

**Change of Details:** In the event of any change to your email address and other details you should notify Colin Gee, our membership administrator, whose email address is [gee.colin@gmail.com](mailto:gee.colin@gmail.com).

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**Stop Press:** We have just heard (03/11) that PHS is going cashless as from 2024. More next issue.