



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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WHM Christmas Party: Registrations for attendance at this unmissable event have recently opened. All members, guests, friends and partners are invited to attend the WHM Annual Dinner - Christmas Function.

WHEN: Wednesday 13th December 2023

TIME: 6:00 to 10:00 pm

WHERE: Perth Hockey Stadium

COST: All tickets are \$30.00

A delicious two course Christmas buffet. The bar will be open for drinks purchase.

Registration to attend must be made before the function and if possible, by Wednesday 6th December.

Registrations will close on the 8th December.

Please Register NOW at <https://www.revolutionise.com.au/westernmasters/events/216705/>

Hoping you can join us in celebrating another year of Wednesday hockey!

Dan Hill Tony Jones
 Secretary President

PHS To Go Cashless: As advised in our previous issue's Late News Perth Hockey Stadium will be cashless when our games resume on 10th January. MM's limericist has some advice for those of us who have been hoarding their money for the post-hockey bar.

Our PHS bar won't take cash
 Some players will surely say "Dash!
 If notes are to end
 It's time for a spend
 To knock off that top secret stash."

However, the wine raffle will certainly take cash and offers another way to run down your reserve.

ChestRad WHM Annual Gala Day: Congratulations to the organising committee for a very well run event. Well done to all who participated. Full reports appear on Pages 3, 11, 12, 13 and 14.

Dates For The Diary:**2023**

December 13th: WHM Christmas Party.
 December 16th: Saturday Hockey Christmas Party.
 December 23rd: No Saturday hockey at Perry Lakes.
 December 20th and 27th, January 3rd: No Wednesday hockey at PHS.

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July: 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.

ChestRad WHM Annual Gala Day: Thanks to those who did all the work to make sure that this event ran smoothly. The level of detail went as far as ensuring that the change room doors were signed to indicate which of the competing teams should be using them. Those involved that I am aware of included WHM President Tony Jones and Secretary Dan Hill and I am guessing that the team captains were very busy trying to keep their sides intact as replacement players became required as the inevitable losses occurred in the lead-up. There seemed to have been several variances between the printed programme and the shirt numbers actually out on the turf, indicating that ins and outs did happen. I guess that the late changes to team personnel made the selection of uneven sides very difficult and a couple of the games were a little unbalanced as a consequence. And to collect all the sponsors must have been quite an exercise too - see below.

The umpires had to be found and kitted out also and the trophies located, checked to see how up-to-date they were and made available for presentation post-match. In addition to this there was a photographer present who was busy all day and a video recorder in the upper stand. Here is the link to all the goals scored on the day: <https://youtu.be/-xJMBQ5IjGY>

Many thanks to Dan Hill for the complete results and photographs which start on Page 11:
A table of all the results since 2016 appears on Page 9.

Gala Day Sponsors: We owe a real debt of gratitude to all the companies who supported our once a year hockey showcase. From the terrific match day programme they were:

Major Sponsor: ChestRad (chest imaging specialists)

Sponsors: Australian Orthopaedic Association
Perth Urology Clinic
Pancho's Mexican Villa Restaurant
Thinking Hats
Medical Forum
Hockey WA

Supporters: Genesis Care
Perth Radiological Clinic
Heart Foundation
Cancer Council

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

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

Happy December birthdays to all the following:

A Division: 8th Scott Blackwell (1944) 22nd Keith Kessell (1945) 25th Graham Harler (1940) 31st Phil Metcalf (1946).

B Division: 1st Tony Freeman (1950) 2nd Shane Knapp (1954) 3rd Bill Campbell (1949) 18th Andrew Robertson (1952).

C Division: 3rd Stuart Amphlett (1961) 12th Keith Gilbride (1953) 16th Jon Dreja (1957) 26th Greg Wood (1954) 30th Brian Robinson (1958).

D Division: 6th Mark Oosterling (1970) 20th Stephen Pestana (1957) 24th Kevin Burton (1960).

Non Playing:

Saturday:

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 the names from there too. Ed.

Grumpy Old Men And Women One: "The greatest of faults I should say is to be conscious of none." *Thomas Carlyle (Scottish author, essayist and historian 1795 - 1881). The trap in playing Masters hockey lies in believing your memory when it tells you that you can make that difficult pass. Ed.*

Department of Health: Both Neil Scaddan (shoulder) and Peter Jones (knee) are or were due for operations early in December. Hopefully by the time you read this they will both be successfully completed. Peter Wallis is still having more tests and scans on his knee as well as an injection. Ken Eliot was back on November 29th apparently well recovered from his hamstring injury. Ken Beer says that he should be able to resume playing again early in the New Year. Jim Malcolm has really been up against it - first off falling victim to Covid. No sooner was he cleared to re-enter the community than he caught the 'flu. And Neil Patterson will not be playing for an indefinite period after a fall in which he hit his head. Neil tells me that he has occlusions in his left carotid artery and is under further evaluation. He can still function normally and feels OK. Best wishes from MM to all, including those we do not know of, for a rapid and complete recovery.

Department of Corrections: The elaborate table of WHM players in the tournament did not include any O/45s as the staff member responsible for comparing team lists against our WHM data base did not check them. Apologies must go to Sean Pereira from our D Division who played for WAC in the O/45s Division Two. This means that a total of 180 WHM players were part of the tournament.

In addition to this error all the birthdays in the last issue were labeled as "October" instead of "November" as they should have been. Apologies also go to all November birthday celebrants.

These egregious silly errors resulted in another of the dreaded (by the staff) meetings of the whole MM crew. The Editor (yet again!) berated his workers and insisted that they lift their game. He claimed that there had been a Christmas bonus in the pipeline for them all, which had now been cancelled. "Fat chance" muttered the proof reader to the typist as they returned to the treadmill.

Letters To The Editor: None. *Stop Press: A very late one from Rob Ainsworth. See Page 9.*

Stadium Redevelopment: We have yet to hear when the work on this major project is due to kick off. At a guess it could cause some major disruption to our competition. We remind readers that WHM has a sub-committee (Colin Howell, George Bradbury, Michael Gottschalk and Russell Wood) who will be guiding us through. As reported earlier this year (in the June, July and August MMs) they have already met Hockey WA and been advised that work is unlikely to start until well after the Paris Olympics in 2024. MM's limericist decided that he wanted to comment:

So what is in store for next year

We trust there'll be after match beer

One thing for certain

Big change at Curtin

Which we'll have to bear with good cheer.

Balinese Bulletin No 86: *Peter has some definite news this issue.*

Not a lot to report from up 'ere.....other than to say I check into BaliMed hospital next Fri Dec 1 & I assume the operation to replace my fractured hip will take place the next day...Sat. Dec 2.

So by the time your readers see this I will be a new Man with 2 titanium knees & a new titanium left hip. At the tender age of 82 I can only hope that this will see the end to further surgery.

Cheers from 'ere. Peter Hammond

Hopefully the long-delayed surgery should have occurred and we all hope that all went as it was supposed to have done. The Orthopaedic Challenge match on the 2nd December was an excellent demonstration of the effectiveness of replacements. We look forward to a progress report next month and hope the recovery process is rapid and painless. Ed.

Quotable Quote Number One: "For every person who wants to teach there are approximately thirty people who don't want to learn - much." W.C. Sellar and R. J. Yeatman in "And Now All This." This was a sequel to "1066 And All That."

'A' Division Blog: Well done to Coordinator George Bradbury and the captains for the modified schedule for summer. The five minute breaks between games allow much more watering time so that the ground can be kept damp for longer. We also appear to be able to change over between the games within the allotted time instead of running late and delaying C Division's warm-ups.

November 8th: Despite the presence of three goalkeepers we could only muster 23 field players and were thus reduced to two teams. Basically Gold (plus Ivan Wilson) played a White/Blue combination. To say the hockey was not very good would be an understatement. The purpose (i.e. goal) common to all keepers is to prevent any goals being scored and in this they were completely successful. So the goal of the day is a joint award to Barry (welcome back), Tony and Graeme. A miss of the day award will not be nominated owing to there being a very large list of contenders. After four games we called it a day. There is no point in including the results as our astute readers have no doubt already worked out that it was (0-0) four times.

Team numbers based on original sides: Blue (5), Gold (10), White (8).

November 15th: Numbers were adequate at the start of the day with early B Division arrival Simon Thomson looking for a run too and as he was wearing a White shirt they snapped him up. With comebacks from Peter Wallis, Bob Claxton, Peter Murray and John Burt only one player needed to change and Gold captain Colin Gee moved to Blue for the day. This was a good move as his Gold side failed to score. It appeared that they needed a mistake from goalkeepers Barry, Graeme and John, which did not happen all day. After the scoreless Wednesday on the 15th it was almost a relief to see a goal go in, even though it was against my own side. The bulk of the scoring was done by the White side and the bulk of their scoring was done by Sukhdev Pandher who was in the right spot at the right time all the time. He also got the goal of the day for a reflex tap-in of a missing lofted shot by a team-mate. The results and scorers were:

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

Scorers: **Blue:** Peter Dennis, Peter Wallis. **White:** Sukhdev Pandher (4), Simon Thomson.

Team numbers at maximum: Blue (9), Gold (11), White (10). Total goals 7.

November 22nd: Due to the forecast 39° official play was called off for the day. The A Division had already cancelled official fixtures before Hockey WA suspended all play at PHS. Dudley Evans has some thoughts on the heat in his 'B' Division report on Page 6 - and as always reader opinions are very welcome. They do not necessarily have to be for publication..

November 29th: At the start of the day numbers were plentiful. Many of the star players were back and as a result the hockey standard was generally quite high. Players were back who we had not seen for a while, including Steve McEntee (some kilos lighter!), Ken Eliot (recovered from hamstring) and Ken Walter. The quality of some of the goals was a contrast with some very poor finishing at other times. Well done to goalkeepers Graeme and Tony who perforce had to play every game and were just as hard to pass in the last match as they were in the first. Gold's numbers were depleted when Ken Walter departed early and appeared to be further reduced when Colin Gee was struck by the ball on a finger. After some first aid and the application of some sterry strips he managed to return later. Every goal scored needed to be considered by the goal of the day judges who eventually came up with a Highly Commended list. This included Peter Willett's well hit, well placed, after the hooter corner conversion, two fine strikes to Ron Venables from corner variations and Bob Claxton's excellent deflection to open the day's scoring. However the winner eventually was Nev Brown's first of a double in Gold's come-from-behind win against White. The results and scorers were:

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

Scorers: **Blue:** Peter Dennis, Ron Venables. **Gold:** Nev Brown (2), Peter Willett. **White:** Bob Claxton, Ron Venables (2). Total goals 7.

Team numbers at maximum: Blue (10), Gold (12), White (12).

Quotable Quote Two: "Any reviewer who expresses rage and loathing for a novel is preposterous. He or she is like a person who has put on full armour and attacked a hot fudge sundae." *Kurt Vonnegut Junior (1922 - 2007). Author of "Catch-22" and "Slaughterhouse Five."*

From Saturday Masters:

We are very heavily dependent on our host club YMCA and I attended their AGM on Sunday 19th November to see how they are travelling. It was surprising that they barely achieved a quorum which is only 15 attendees. Past President Enzo Evangelista has been extremely helpful to us during his term in office but he has finally found a successor. YM's new President is Jane Scott, the former club Treasurer, who presented an excellent financial report on the day. The club's finances are clearly in good shape, despite a small loss for the 2023 season due to equipment purchases. At the meeting they were unable to appoint a new Treasurer and junior coordinator, but have done so since. Hopefully our excellent relations with YM will continue into 2024.

Our summer season is doing fairly well after that bad start. Numbers are not great yet, possibly due to the tournament hangover effect which often applies to Wednesdays also. Even though we are frequently down to only two teams we still enjoy playing and socialising at one of the very best possible locations in the whole of Perth. If there is a sea breeze we'll get it.

We remind members that in December we are playing on the 9th and 16th with the Christmas barbecue after play on the 16th. At the moment we have booked the ground for the 30th December and will canvas members to see if they are interested in having a game to reduce any post-Christmas pud. Normal Saturdays resume as from 7th January.

If you have not booked in to attend the Christmas barbecue (and are a financial member or social member) then please do so immediately. The catering supplies will be ordered very soon, following which we will not be able to add more numbers. Email johnmercer@iinet.net.au please.

Thank you to all members who have bought birthday drinks so far. As some of you have requested no publicity I will not provide names. A retrospective Happy Birthday to you all.

Comebacks. It's been good to see Ash Foster and Colin Murray-Smith back this summer.

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

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.

B Division Report November 2023:

Playing numbers for November started off with just enough for two teams then came the cancellation on the 23rd due to excessive heat followed by good numbers back for the 30th. Why was this? Was it the jolt of not being able to play on the 23rd, was it because a group of players had returned home after playing for various teams at a tournament in Hong Kong or just the natural progression of players getting over minor injuries, fulfilling family commitments or maybe the change of seasons? Notwithstanding the low numbers, bar and raffle participation was still healthy and one still had to endure the banter and stories of those that had scored miracle goals, made unbelievable tackles or imagined they had!?

With regard to the "heat policy" it would appear more discussion is required by our committee members to come up with a more flexible, up to date and workable model. There is a number of players within the club who are or have been in the medical profession. Perhaps some of them should be included in any discussions? I would suggest that if any members have further thoughts on the heat policy they should make their views known. My only suggestion is wear a hat and drink plenty of water!

So a rollercoaster month of hockey for all those B Division players who were able and available to participate. All very enjoyable when we did hit the track!

Dudley Evans

Many thanks Dudley for the fine month-by-month coverage of the Bs. In addition to this November report he has also provided a story on the whole year, which can be found on Page 8.

Punology One: With great power comes a great electricity bill. Watt a powerful message.

Shakespeare Said It: "I will not give my part of this sport for a pension of thousands ..." Twelfth Night Act II, Scene V. *Western Hockey Masters is as good as that, according to this player.*

"You will be there, I know." King Richard II Act V, Scene II. *WHM Christmas party organiser. If you are not going to the Wednesday function on the 13th, why not? This is the unmissable function for all WHM players. Much the same applies to Saturday's barbecue on the 16th.*

"I will do this, if I can bring it to any opportunity." Othello Act II, Scene I. *That's what most forwards think at the beginning of a game when they are still hoping to score a goal. By the end of the match they are bemoaning the lack of any decent passes from their selfish team mates, or if in A Division, bemoaning the arthritis in the hands, knees or back which caused them to miss, repeatedly.*

Well Dones for November: Wednesday's A Division umpires: Rob Ainsworth, Bob Claxton, Peter Evans, Peter Galbraith, Colin Gee, Martin Gullivan, Mal Horrigan, Ian Hill, KY Lee, Steve McEntee, Neil Scaddan, Les Waldon, Ken Watt, Ricky Watts and Frank Williams. Saturday's umpires were: Rob Ainsworth, Eric Alcock, Ken Beer, George Bradbury, Michael Gottschalk, Neil Scaddan, Simon Thomson, Les Waldon, Len Walker, Ken Watt. Our thanks to all.

Past Players, Non Players and Injured Players November: Noted at PHS: Rob Ainsworth, Hector D'Rozario and Neil Scaddan. At Perry Lakes: Rob Ainsworth, Eric Alcock, Peter Andrews, Ken Beer, John Burt, Marty Greay, Peter Murray, John Peirce, Neil Scaddan, Simon Thomson (*it really did happen*), Len Walker and Ken Watt.

Thailand News: Our Bangkok correspondent has sent us a Christmas bulletin. Good to hear that you're still going all right up there Woody - and all the best for the festive season and next year to you. It's good to hear that hockey is alive and well in S/E Asia.

The 42nd Annual RBSC Festival of Hockey (Kings Cup) took place on the 2-3rd of December at the Royal Bangkok Sports Polo Club in Lumpini.

This year over 40 teams came from all over the world to participate in this non stop hockey festival. No Masters comp this year, but they have assured me that next year is a definite. Overseas teams included Germany, Australia (2), Sri Lanka, Bali, Malaysia (2), Hong Kong(3) Singapore, Laos, India and Cambodia. Thailand had about 20 teams all up. There were 3 sections Open Men , Open Women's and a School competition. I decided not to play as I don't enjoy running around after 20-30 year olds but I was our teams nominated umpire. In all, I umpired 17 games over 2 days, and believe me I was completely knackered afterwards. The festival concluded with a massive party, with heaps of Singha beer, food and music.

The winners were: Open Mens: Royal Thai Air Force both Open and Plate , Open Womens: Austhai, Plate: Bangkok Inter (my club) and School Comp: Nakhon Nayok. Western Australia were represented by the Perth Blundlesticks, a team from Old Mods (0'50s), Their first day was not good they failed to score, but after a hard night of alcohol infusion, came out on Sunday firing and started to bang the backboards, Great to see the boys and catch up with the local WA gossip. The other Australian team was from a club in Melbourne.

The standard of play was extremely high, and the high school talent here in Thailand was amazing, with proper coaching the future of Hockey in Thailand looks very promising. I will send some photos for next month's edition as I know there is limited space this month.

In closing, I wish all my hockey friends in Perth a Merry Xmas and festive New Year.

Cheers Woody

Many thanks for the piece. Woody will send us some photographs for the next edition. Ed.

Grumpy Old Men Two: "How much easier it is to be critical than to be correct." *Benjamin Disraeli (English Prime Minister 1804 - 1881).*

Test Your Hockey Knowledge With John Sanders:

November's question was:

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.

No reader answers were received and a lucky guess by the Editor does not count.

We have no question for December and hope that our question meister is OK.

B Division 2023 The Year That Was: *Many thanks to Dudley Evans for this annual digest of the B Division year. We A Div players reach the bar while B Div are still working up a thirst and it's great to have some faster hockey to watch.*

The rearranged format at the start of the year along with an extra 6 players brought in from C Division saw three sides battle it out each week for the invisible trophy. The great work done by John Chapman (B Division Coordinator) in allocating, directing, rearranging and organizing the playing group and the team captains ensured no team dominated and all had their days in the sun!

Numbers were strong each week until after the Masters National Champs were held in Perth in late September. With well over 90% of all B Division players taking part in the Championships, in some capacity, it was little wonder that after 10 to 12 days of intense competition most needed a break, had been injured or had gone "walkabout". After 6 weeks numbers are now returning to pre-championship levels.

Throughout 2023 we have been extremely lucky to have a very consistent top quality group of goalies led and organized by John Harper. John, Max Viner, Tony Freeman and Andrew Robertson show up each week and give us all lessons in the dark art of goalkeeping. I would like to shed more enlightenment on this dark art but am unable to put the little I do know into words?

At various times during the year when PHS has not been available we have played at other venues, mainly Warwick and Lakelands turfs. These sojourns to other places were always well received by the playing group, well attended and the hospitality thoroughly enjoyed. Variety is the spice of life!

During 2023 Keith Platel very successfully took over the running of the wine raffle. His knowledge and nose for a good wine has landed some top quality wine to be won. This factor along with the improvement in catering from the PHS bar has led to increased participation in the post-match refreshments and general socializing! It is now an excellent place to go after our games with a happy "vibe"!

And so 2023 is coming to a close. B Division has had another successful year full of exercise and enjoyment. The participation of around 50 older blokes out there doing their best and getting some fresh air is to be applauded. This fact alone along with the social benefits helps keep them off the streets and away from medical centres. We look forward to 2024 and more of the same!!

Thanks again DE. I am in full agreement with your words of praise about the wine raffle and the bar food. Unfortunately I hardly ever get the opportunity to sample the wines and am hoping that my tickets have better fortune next year. Ed.

Punology Two: Did you hear about the unlucky man who managed to get locked into an Apple store by accident. He couldn't get out because there were no Windows.

Western Hockey Masters Gala Day Results				
Australian Orthopaedic Society Bionic Cup				
Year	Team 1	Score	Team 2	Score
2016	Hips	3	Knees	1
2017	Hips	3	Knees	4
2018	Hips	1	Knees	2
2019	Hips	3	Knees	0
2020	Hips	2	Knees	1
2021	Hips	1	Knees	2
2022	Hips	3	Knees	6
2023	Hips	2	Knees	0
Perth Urology Clinic Survivors' Cup				
Year	Team 1	Score	Team 2	Score
2021	Cancer	1	Hearts	2
2022	Cancer	1	Hearts	2
2023	Cancer	5	Hearts	1
ChestRad Challenge Cup				
Year	Team 1	Score	Team 2	Score
2022	Nice N Knee-sy	4	Breast Friends	2
2023	Nice N Knee-sy	4	Breast Friends	1
ChestRad OBE Challenge Cup				
Year	Team 1	Score	Team 2	Score
2022	Golden Masters	1	White Knights	4
2023	Golden Masters	2	White Knights	0

Letter To The Editor: This came in from Rob Ainsworth on 4th December - thanks Rob.

Re David Horsley:

David was awarded WA VETS CRICKET'S highest honour in recognition of his (and Jan's) work in starting vets cricket in WA, that honour of a special WA shirt emblazoned with the NUMBER 1 on its back. David has done the same work for cricket as he has done for hockey.

He would be a worthy recipient of WA SPORTS IDENTITY of the decade.

Hearty congratulations from us all Dave. Hope cricket are more sympathetic to O/80s than hockey.

Over 80s Hockey: Following the OBE Challenge match on 2nd December a short meeting was held to gauge interest in potential WA 80s teams for Hobart next year. Dave Horsley (see above) said that he had 5 potential starters for a possible WA Country side and there were only 3 more who indicated that they would consider going. Lesley Rutter gave us a run-down on the state of accommodation. In late news I hear that WA Country have secured good accommodation at a reasonable price. We must keep working on making sure we get at least one side for Hobart to keep O/80s going.

Roll of Honour 2023: Last year brought more change than we've had for a while with the move to four Divisions and the revisions to the Committee structure. This year the major change was to the personnel with Simon Thomson retiring from the top job after many years of fine service. Our Management Committee now has members from all the younger age groups to guide us through what shapes as challenging times with the upgrade to Perth Hockey Stadium. This Christmas edition of Masters Matters tries to thank all those who have done the work to keep us on the turf in 2023.

Executive: Presidents Simon Thomson and Tony Jones, Secretary Dan Hill, Treasurer Steve Farrar, Vice Presidents TJ and Adrian Rutter with Committee members Colin Howell and Michael Starling have got us through another tough year. The Stadium redevelopment will not start until well after the Paris Olympics and we hope will allow us to play on throughout.

Divisional Coordinators, GK Coordinators and Team Captains: Thank you to those who do the hands-on work to keep the various competitions running. The latest position (as I understand it) is:

A Division Coordinator: George Bradbury.

Captains: Neil Scaddan (Blue), Colin Gee (Gold) David Horsley (White).

(Unofficial) Vice Captains: Les Waldon (Blue), Mal Jackaman (Gold), KY Lee (White).

B Division Coordinator: John Chapman.

Captains: Dudley Evans (Blue), Bill Campbell (Gold), Jim Campbell (White).

C Division Coordinator: Russell Wood.

Captains: Michael Sputore (Blue), Wayne Cutler (Gold), Rob Tincey (Red), Paul Cartwright (White).

D Division Coordinator: Adrian Rutter.

Captains: Geoff Colgan (Black), Adrian Rutter (Blue), Michael Starling (Gold), Stephen Pestana (Red).

There must be times when these gentlemen feel that herding cats might have been easier.

GK Coordinators: Tony Marshall (A / Saturday), John Harper (B), Phil Wilson (C), Ken O'Driscoll (D).

Off-Field Roles: Thank you to all who kept us functioning for another year. Peter Trend has done a great job with our fixtures and ground bookings, including our ventures away from PHS. Uniforms Officer Peter Wallis has battled through a problem knee to keep the supply chain going and has also done a fine job. Keith Platell has revived the wine raffle with the help of Peter Jones for A Division and has done a terrific job. The feedback I've had from those who win is that the wine quality is at a high level. The winners appear to be well spread among A and B Divisions. Colin Gee has looked after our data base since 2012 and is doing a great job in negotiating the pitfalls in the Revosport system. A special thanks to Ivan Wilson, who has rallied round every time a barbecue comes up (on both Wednesdays and Saturdays) and does all the tasks involved with preparation, cooking and serving and cleaning up afterwards. He is also helping Howie with the Saturday drinks. Well done to all.

Saturday O/65s: This year saw the most radical change on the Committee since we began in 2013. Many thanks to Simon Thomson, who agreed to take on the Club Captain's role after the retirement of inaugural Captain Les Waldon and also to Len Walker who has joined the Committee too. Both have joined with existing Committee members Scott Blackwell and Howie Herbert in keeping our games and post match socialisation flourishing. Howie has been doing a marvelous job on the bar ever since the winter season of 2015. Thanks also to retired Committee members Les Waldon and Jim Wright for continuing to provide advice, guidance and practical help where needed. Finally, thanks go to the members rostered to provide post game food or select the teams.

Stadium Staff: Special thanks to those who prepare our Wednesday food which has been special this year. Thank you also for the turf watering and scoreboard assistance.

MM Contributors: Thanks to regulars Peter Hammond, John Sanders and Dudley Evans. Thanks to Mal Horrigan for (correct) quiz answers and to all readers who featured in Letters to the Editor.

Next Year: My retirement from hockey may have to happen soon. When it does Masters Matters will need a new editor. I'm not quitting tomorrow but another year or two looks like being it. Until then we will do our best to keep the fresh editions coming during 2024.

Season's Greetings: It remains for me to extend my best wishes for a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all readers. May 2024 bring you all that you desire.

ChestRad OBE Challenge Cup:

Over 80s mens' match. Second time played.

Golden Masters (2) White Knights (0).

Scorers: Golden Masters: Bob Claxton, Ham D'Souza

White Knights: Did not trouble the scorers.

Umpires: John Nettleton, Steve Farrar.

The Match: The Golden Masters were able to create much better combinations all over the field than their opponents and enjoyed the majority of territory, possession and scoring opportunities. Two good finishes in the first half put the result beyond doubt.

The Golden Masters



The White Knights



Ladies ChestRad Challenge Cup:

Womens' match - the team names are explanatory. Second time played.

Nice N Kneesy (4) Breast Friends (1).

Scorers: Nice N Kneesy: Jenny Rogers 3, Fiona Ryan 1.

Breast Friends: Karen Allen 1.

Umpires: Lizzie Hansen, Alison Hoy.

The Match: I did not see as much of this match as I would have wished and by the time I arrived the Nice N Kneesys had established a good lead. In the parts I did see both sides built good attacks and the pace was decidedly quicker than the preceding Over 80s. Good goals were scored at both ends.

Nice N Knee-sy



Breast Friends



Perth Urology Clinic Survivors Cup:

Mens' match between cardiac and cancer former patients. Third time played.

Cancer Team (5) Hearts Team (1).

Scorers: Cancer Team: Peter Crowe 2, Russell Rieck 1, Stuart Amphlett 1, Steve Farrar 1.

Hearts Team: Alan Oldfield 1.

Umpires: Martin Gallivan, Steve McEntee.

The Match: When the game began the standout feature of the early play was the great teamwork of the Cancer team in the attacking circle which brought them early goals. This continued all match and the Cardiacs defence faced almost constant pressure. A fine deflection goal by Alan Oldfield at the other end got them on the board. The respective captains Russell Wood and Tony Jones played superbly throughout but the Hearts were missing a couple of vital players, as the score indicates.

Cancer Team



Hearts Team



Australian Orthopaedic Association Bionic Cup:

Mens' match between knee replacements and hip replacements. Eighth time played.

Hips Team (2) Knees Team (0).

Scorers: Hips Team: Don Sanders 1, Rob Tincey 1.

Knees Team.

Umpires: Martin Gallivan, Steve McEntee.

The Match: The Hips have now leveled the scores with the Knees in a high standard game. The ball control and stickwork from Rudy Keswick was a sight to behold and he provided the opportunity for Don Sanders to open the scoring. After Rob Tincey's excellent corner conversion there was no more scoring with the deep defences of both sides managing to hold despite quite a lot of pressure.

Hips Team



Knees Team



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