



A Blue

A Gold

A Red

A White

B Gold

B White

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: Early December to late February 2020. Turf One replacement.

2020: Interstate tournament O45s to O75s. Gold Coast June 27th to July 12th.

Interstate tournament O35s to O40s. Gold Coast October 1st to October 10th.

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.

George Winning Trophy: I am delighted to inform those of you who have not yet heard, that the winner for 2019 is Simon Thomson. He has been our Chairman from 2004, and President from 2018 when our incorporation came into effect and done an outstanding job in every year. As is shown by the lines from historic editions of "Masters Matters" on Page 10.

Fixtures For 2020: These were posted on Christmas Eve, and contained some surprises. They result in total separation of our divisions, as for January and February 'A' will continue at the normal time (1:00 pm) on Tuesdays using PHS2. 'B' still play on Wednesdays using PHS2, and start at 1:00 pm on all days except February 19th, which begins at 4:00 pm. 'C' only have fixtures for January and they are at Hale on Wednesdays starting at 4:00 pm. I'd suggest to us all that we not only carefully read the captains' emails each week, but also check the fixtures for ourselves. Here is a link to do so:

<https://www.wamastershockey.com/index.php/wednesday-hockey-masters-fixtures>.

The Parking Saga: The last couple of months have revealed that Curtin Uni is looking to maximise its parking revenue at all times of the year. Even after the students were no longer there several of our WHM 'A' Division players were issued with parking tickets for having parked outside the Hockey WA row. As most of us know, the dashboard permit card is not sufficient for this, you have to pay. So if you have not already done so, we ('A' Division - 'B' and 'C' Division should all be registered already) should all register with CelloPark. And at almost all times, if we need to park outside the one row reserved for Hockey WA we need to pay. We will try to keep you posted about the very rare times when the Curtin parking inspectors are on holiday, though the web-sites are very uninformative. Our limericist expressed it in these terms:

When parking your car for a game
 Not all of the bays should you claim
 There's thousands to spare
 No students are there
 But money's required just the same.

And neither the WHM Committee nor Jason can fix a parking ticket for you in 2020.

2020 Fees: These are now due. Full instructions on how to pay and how much are on Page 3.

Department of Corrections: My apologies go to Bob Bowyer, for calling him Bon rather than his real name. Bon is French for 'good' which is quite correct, but refers to his hockey work, not his health. I should also have included voting procedures for the George Winning award.
Other than those mentioned I was unable to detect any further errors. As no complaints were received it appears that the typist and proof reader are on a mission to get a pay rise.

WHM Christmas Party (Wednesday): For the first time in a long while I missed attending this event. So I'll quote from Bob Bowyer's email.
"The Christmas party last night was a wonderful event as usual with standard of food excellent. Our George Winning award in recognition of the outstanding contribution to our club went to Simon Thomson a most deserving winner. The only reason he hasn't been awarded this before is he has been too involved in the managing of the award!
We decided it is time to create a perpetual trophy for the award and Simon organised this and produced an excellent trophy.
I need a photo of it if anyone has one. *(So do I. Ed)*
We raised a total of \$649 from our 2 raffles & I want to thank everyone for their generous support."

WHM Christmas Party (Saturday): This one was held after hockey on Saturday the 21st. The spread was organized & prepared by Jim Wright, assisted by Beth. Or should that be the other way round. Jim described the preparation morning as a combination of Gordon Ramsay and Jamie Oliver in the Wright household. The cold meats (turkey, ham and beef), salads, fruits and desert snacks made a great meal. Many thanks to both Jim and Beth for a terrific effort. More on the party on Page 6.

Welcome and Farewell: A warm welcome to Len Collier, who has now been able to join us (as a field player). Hope your time with us is long and enjoyable. Andy Reynolds and Anthony Brittain have retired from hockey, and want no more 'Masters Matters.' All the best to you both.

Some Notes From The 'A' Division: Thanks to George Bradbury for the following:
"Hi all and yes, the heat is with us. The 1 pm start is popular as is the game time of 25 minutes.
+ We have trialed a 2 minute break in the middle of the games with success. Please advise your players that the plan is to continue this until the playing temperature is regularly under 30 Degrees. Apart from helping the play level and player safety (individual responsibility), that break is an ideal time to rotate players when our numbers are high.
+ Please remember that it is the responsibility of the team scheduled to umpire first to fill the ice buckets. The location of the ice machine is in the rooms beside our normal change rooms and an entry code is required. Jason is the backup if George or your captain cannot get you in to the room.
+ Re umpiring.... Thanks to you there has been regular and willing player involvement and even more significant, a lowering of the back chat level. Working on the basis that this is a two way street consideration has been given to ways to improve the umpiring. We have in our group a well qualified and experienced umpire coach. Steve McEntee is that person. He has generously offered to conduct some tutoring sessions for interested people. These will be arranged during January for up to three volunteers from each 'A' Division side.
+ The fixtures for January will remain on Tuesdays."

2020 Fees Due: The amounts due are:

- a) All players pay \$300 - no allowance for sabbaticals, travel, etc.
- b) New players pay \$350 which includes a shirt and socks.
- c) Players who are over 80 on 1st January 2020 will pay only 50% of the fee.
- d) All goalkeepers pay \$200. Unless they are over 80.

Please pay by bank transfer to BSB 036-004 and account number 111511. Include your name and team in the reference field - for example 'Mercer A White.'

Letters To The Editor: December's MM respondents included: Alan Bryce, Ken Dyer (who suggested a smaller newsletter), David Lester, Bill Baldwin, Bob Bowyer, Eric Alcock, John Burt, Phil Anderson (who suggested a caption for the World Peas pun of: 'Greenpeace - Worldwide') and John Milner.

Selection of the winner of the George Winning award: Here's the new process from Bob Bowyer.

In 2015 the George Winning Perpetual Trophy was converted to a George Winning Award open to all WHM members, past and current, judged to have provided exceptional service to the Club.

Persons can be nominated by any WHM member playing or non-playing (Wednesday & Saturday) with a brief outline of why the person is being nominated. Written or via E mail.

Confidential written nominations should be submitted to the Chairman of the Selection Panel who will be appointed each year by the President from past winners of the Award.

The Selection Panel will normally include the Chairman, the Saturday Masters Representative & the three Division Coordinators.

If a member of the Selection Committee is included in the nominations received the Chairman shall request the President to appoint a replacement/s.

The Selection Committee will review and select the yearly winner/s of the Award.

Selected yearly winner/s will be presented with their Award at the annual Christmas Party.

Past winners are ineligible for future nominations.

Past Winners: 2015 Brian Lester
2016 Robin Bailey
2017 John Mercer
2018 Bob Bowyer

Department of Health: As I've generally not been around there is not much known to include here. Paul Robinson underwent the spinal surgery and is now on a fairly long road to recovery. Ken Walter did not have his knee replacement due to other issues. John Mercer duly lost his prostate but now lacks any semblance of normal urinary function - duration unknown.

Player Conduct: As this is the time for New Year resolutions it would seem to be a good moment to recap our Players' Code of Conduct. Maybe during this year we can return the 'A' Division to the sportsmanship which characterised the Wednesday competition when I joined (a long time ago).

- 1) Accept responsibility for all your actions and reactions.
- 2) Always behave in a sporting manner to all players, officials, spectators and Hockey WA staff.
- 3) Always play by the rules and ensure that the game of hockey is not brought into disrepute by your actions.
- 4) Do not show obvious dissension, displeasure or disapproval (by action or verbal abuse) towards an umpire or match official because of his or her decision.
- 5) Do not engage in inappropriate or physical contact with players or officials.
- 6) Refrain from using obscene, offensive or insulting language or making obscene gestures.
- 7) If absent, or unable to play, please notify your captain at least 24 hours beforehand.

Quotable Quote One: My Christmas brought me a book of "Best Australian Political Cartoons 2019" which provided these words to go with a circus-themed illustration.

"Don't blame us - it's genuinely not our fault just because we happen to host the circus tent. It's the rest of Australia that keeps sending us its clowns." *Attributed to a resident of Canberra.*

Jenny McAllister: "Given that Mr. Morrison has refused to save Jane Prentice, Ann Sudmalis and Senators Molan and Gichuhi, but has intervened to save Craig Kelly, how does Mr. Morrison decide when to intervene? Why is there a quota for clowns, but not for women?"

Corey Bernadi: "Point of order. You can't refer to Members of Parliament as clowns."

Jacinta Collins: "The Prime Minister called you all 'Muppets'."

Derryn Hinch: "Isn't truth a defence?"

'A' Division Blog: I wrote last issue that this piece is getting too hard to write. It's impossible to write if you are not at the Stadium, as I have been otherwise engaged this month. So many thanks to Colin Gee who has provided this summary of play during the month of December. The previous edition of Masters Matters mentioned December 3rd (42° and I was not there), so there are only two days.

10th December 2019

1.00 p.m. Gold 2 Scorer Purdie 2 v White 0, umpires Scaddan, Maley
1.30 p.m. Red 1 scorer Murray-Smith v Gold 2 scorer Blackwell 2 umpires Scaddan, Soares
2.00 p.m. Blue 1 scorer Ree v White 0 umpires Jackaman Balding
2.30 p.m. Red 1 scorer Domingo v White 0 umpires Scaddan Soares
3.00 p.m. Blue 2 scorer Ree 2 v Gold 0 umpires Evans McEntee
3.30 p.m. Red 1 scorer Domingo 1 v Blue 0 umpires Gee Soares

17th December 2019

Gold and Blue teams amalgamated due to available players

1.00 p.m. White 1 scorer Ainsworth v Red 1 scorer Murray umpires Walter Lindsay
2.30 p.m. Blue/Gold 0 v White 1 scorer Blackwell umpires Scaddan Lindsay
2.00 p.m. Gold/Blue 0 Red 2 scorer Murray-Smith, Pandher umpires Evans Lindsay
2.30 p.m. Red 1 scorer Willett White 0 umpires Soares Lindsay
3.00 p.m. Gold/Blue 0 v White 2 scorer McEntee umpires Scaddan Horrigan

It's been some time since I recall Peter Murray getting on the scorers list. A very rapid check of the archives revealed that it was the first quarter of 2015. Colin tells me that it was a very good goal too.

From Saturday Hockey Masters: I have missed almost the whole of the December on and off field action. So thanks very much to all those who assisted Howie Herbert with the bar. Special mention goes to Marty Greay who I believe provided the bulk of the help.

John Milner is back on the scoring list again. At least I know it happened on 28th December and I very much hope I have not missed any other Milner goals before that. Perhaps Peter Brien may be in a position to tell me all about them.

I made it to the Christmas Party on 21st December and was again most impressed with the general vibe we have managed to establish in our Saturday competition. This is evidenced in the way we play our matches in the right spirit, the willingness of all members to volunteer when something needs to be done (even including umpiring) and the very high percentage who socialise after hockey and attend the functions. Decisions to rotate the catering and selection among all members have helped everybody get involved. The committees over the years have also worked extremely well. The challenge for 2020 may be to accommodate 4 teams.

Regarding the Christmas party, the catering fully lived up to the very high standard which has been set over the years our competition has been going. Les Waldon, George Bradbury and particularly Jim Wright have all made significant contributions for several years now. Jim is involved every week now, whether it's a player day, a club day, a pizza day or a WA Spit Roast dinner. He has done such an outstanding job that I think next year's George Winning award should be a possibility.

The Saturday Hockey Masters AGM will be conducted on Saturday 4th April in the YMCA clubrooms following the day's hockey. Everybody will have plenty of time to shower.

Following the AGM the end of summer season dinner will take place. Jim intends to book WA Spit Roasts again, and all of us who have enjoyed their food in the past will look forward to another fine meal. Please note that this is the week before Easter.

Grumpy Old Men and Women One: "Man is so made that he can only find relaxation from one kind of labour by taking up another." *Anatole France (1844 - 1924). French poet, journalist, and novelist.*

Balinese Bulletin No 47: This one arrived early, even though headed as "In the nick of time."

Climate Change Is Alive & Well In Bali.

The Bali Wet has returned albeit somewhat late this year. The rumbling of approaching thunder, overcast conditions & the eventual rain generally greets Bali around Late October, early to mid November & carries through until around late March, early April. This year however the Wet has only been with us for 2 weeks. I can say that you only have to look at the gardens to know that the rain has at last returned.

Xmas/New Years Tips For Bali Tourists.

For all those intending a planned visit to Bali at this time of the year here is a tip. If here & planning to celebrate Xmas & or New Year do so at your Hotel or within walking distance of your accommodation. Many of the roads are closed to traffic & finding a taxi late at night is a major problem. Should you be lucky enough even find a taxi, the journey home to your Hotel can take an eternity due to traffic congestion.

I just want to touch lightly on myself & get that out of the way. 12 months have now passed since my fall & whilst still unable to move around unassisted I am measurably more comfortable & sleeping really well & not experiencing any significant pain unless I am careless in my movement. I am able to take 2-3 "lurching" steps before grabbing for my walker to re-balance myself. I will walk again, eventually, unlike those many out there who are in a far worse situation than I.

To all those many friends we have in the Hockey Community down there Erin & I would like to wish each & every one of you a VERY HAPPY & HEALTHY NEW YEAR & would very much like to share a Bintang with you whenever you might be in our part of the world.

Peter Hammond

Thanks again Peter, who did add that he would have liked this to be more newsworthy. I think he's done pretty well at making it so. Happy New Year to you and Erin. Ed.

'B' Division December 2019: From Dudley Evans

Although numbers were down during December spirits were high with Xmas and the New Year looming. This is that special time of year which is exceptionally busy and it is difficult to fit all you have to do in a day into 24 hours! Those that did participate enjoyed 3 weeks of rearrangement into 2 teams resulting in enjoyable matches which were always evenly contested. With temperatures still quite high players battled on and would have been rewarded with their toned and svelte like bodies gaining admiration at WA's beaches and backyard pools over the Xmas period! That is until too much inertia, food and drink gained the upper hand!

At the wind up function on the 18th December it was pleasing to see so many of the B Division players with an even spread from all 3 teams. A great night was had by all and it was great to see Simon Thompson get the George Winning award and the recognition that he so richly deserves! It was also great to see me win a raffle prize and take home a bottle of whiskey. Probably one that I didn't deserve!

After another successful year in which many people do hours of work behind the scenes specifically for B Division we need to thank Gabes the Selector and Allocator of talent, our team Captains for work done during the year and to anybody and everybody that umpired. We also need to thank the person who I believe to be the second most important on a Wednesday afternoon and that is Ivan for running the BBQ!! Lastly and most importantly we thank you for turning up on a Wednesday afternoon, putting in the effort and competing as best you can.

I have been asked many times what does the New Year bring for B Division? My answer is always, "More of the same only better"! Rumour has it that a big contingent of players have been seen at the gym, running up and down sand dunes, running through Kings Park and altitude training in the Kalamunda Hills! I can report that luckily none of those seen are from B Division so relax, enjoy your break and we look forward to seeing as many of you as possible on the 8th January for the start of the 2020 year.

Thanks very much Dudley for a great year (February onwards) of 'B' Division insights. Ed.

Annual Orthopaedic Challenge: This year has provided some proper coverage and my thanks go to all those who contributed. For some years now I have been seeking a knowledgeable match reporter and this year I finally managed to find a way to get out of writing it myself. Though I am beginning to think that a radical prostatectomy via robotic keyhole surgery may have been a little extreme.

History Of The Bionic Challenge: Here's the inside story on the initiation of the Hips/Knees.

"I had a total knee replacement at the end of 2013. Subsequently I found I could once again run as I had been able to before my knee injury. I publicised this with club members to encourage them to consider this surgery.

In 2015 a player contacted me about his experience at a local orthopaedic surgeon who advised him that if he had the surgery, he would not even be able to kneel again let alone run. When challenged, the surgeon said this was the official advice of the Australian Orthopaedic Association.

I immediately contacted the AOA and began lengthy discussions with them that were not very satisfactory. The problem was not directly with the AOA who were always helpful, but with the company that manages their promotional material. As a result, I challenged the AOA to help me arrange an artificial hips versus artificial knees match by covering the costs.

The rest is history, we are now about to play our 4th annual HIPS v KNEES match sponsored by the AOA and also some other sponsorships. The play history is now HIPS 2016 (*won 3-1*), KNEES 2017 (*won 4-3*), KNEES 2018 (*won 2-1*).

For the future we have appointed a coordinator in the ES to try to arrange an Orthopaedic Challenge match with at least one ES team some time in the new year. The biggest stumbling block is the cost to the ES players to come to Perth for the match.

We are currently seeking sponsors to largely cover this cost - mainly air fares."

Bob Bowyer

Knees (blue) and Hips (red) 2019

Photo Keith Platel



HIPS V's KNEES TEAMS 2019			
18th DEC 2019 2.45 - 4PM			
HIPS 2019	AGE	KNEES 2019	AGE
Steve Steicke	55	Adrian Gabriel	62
Rob Tincey	57	Graham Harper	63
Chris Buchan	58	Shane Williams (Capt coach)	63
Stephen Adams (GK)	61	Nick Pereira	64
Richard (Troj) Sanders	63	Norman Same	64
Shane Knapp	65	Michael Gottschalk	65
Dudley Evans (Capt/Coach ?)	68	Greg Allen	67
Jim Campbell	68	Brian Thomas	67
Don Sanders	70	Thomas Long	67
Neil Miller	71	Peter Jones	68
Simon Thomson (Mgr ?)	73	Roger Davey	68
Rod Spencer	76	Ross Easton (GK)	69
Ivan Wilson	77	Rick Watts	70
		Peter Murray	76
		Robin Bailey	79

Umpires: Steve Farrar, Brian Soares, Greg Street (reserve). **First Aid:** John Ree

Hips: Red shirt, black shorts, red socks.

Knees: Blue shirt, black shorts, blue socks.

Action frozen by the camera

Photo Keith Platel



Match Report Hips vs Knees: *Thanks to Dudley Evans for this comprehensive account.*

It's the annual Hips vs Knees game where those with either artificial apparatus are allowed to participate in the contest for the much sought after Bionic Cup. Keenly contested without fear or favour word has it that next year scrap metal merchants will be on hand to pick up any odd pieces of various metals left on the turf! With new sponsored shirts the players looked the part. This was just as well because Geoff Cooper representing major sponsor The Orthopaedic Association plus a number of Perth's media were in attendance to report on the virtues of replacement joints. In the past one would be encouraged to take up bowls, go for a walk or watch a movie. Nowadays the more determined just take up where they left off and continue playing!

Before the match Simon Thompson, representing the Hips, and Shane Williams, Captain of the Knees were interviewed for WA's TV audience. Exuding confidence and panache they both handled the media like reality TV celebrities but don't ask me what show they came from??

As soon as the whistle went for the start of the match the Hips went on the attack. Up 1 nil at the first quarter break after a nicely worked penalty corner was deflected into the goal by Neil Miller, the Hips team were reminded of the potency of the Knees forward line. The second quarter was very evenly contested with Ashley Knapp prominent for the Hips. Against the run of play the Hips scored again when "Sticky" their left wing finished off a length-of-the-field string of passes and a lovely cross into the circle by right half Simon Thompson.

The third quarter was dominated by the Knees with their forwards, Greg Allen, Tommy Long, Graeme Harper and Normie Same, clicking into gear and relentlessly attacking. They were continually fed into space by centre half Shane "Willow" Williams who was having a cracking game. The Hips defence was under pressure but rose to the occasion. Goalie Stephen Adams, fullbacks Bucks and Robbie and left half Troj Sanders were patient, miserly and composed. They shared the load and were rewarded with a two minute break at three quarter time!

With the end in sight and fatigue becoming a factor, the Hips decided that control of the ball and the elusive third goal was a priority for the fourth quarter. After only a few minutes Bucks stepped up for a short corner and achieved this end by hammering the ball into the goal. The rest of the quarter was evenly contested with only a few chances for either side. The Hips with their 3-0 buffer were able to wind down the clock and run out deserved winners.

Best for the Knees were Shane Williams, Normie Same, Greg Allen, Peter Jones and Nick Pereira. Best for the Hips in a very even side were Ash Knapp, Bucks, Troj Sanders, Donny Sanders and Rod Spencer.

After the match many photographs were taken with Geoff Cooper to further publicise the underlying message that joint replacement does not mean you have to give up physical activity. At the post match debrief all agreed the game was of a high quality and vigorously contested. With refreshments in hand many participants also noted, "they wouldn't have it any other way"!!

Already the Knees were planning for next year with rumours circulating that several more players would be flown in from over East! With the event gaining in status there is also some talk a team comprising of all Eastern States players could be brought in? Another rumour is that other medical "survivors" of such things as pacemakers, heart and prostate problems may also be introduced. One observer even suggested they get a team of lobotomy "survivors" from Canberra?!

Off-Field Roles State Teams: From the WA Masters website: "Expressions of Interest for Off Field Team personnel (Coaches, Managers, Medical and Selectors) are sought from Mid December through to January 31st." If interested have a look at the website.

Whistle While You Work: As I have not been playing, I am unaware of any hockey rule which has been contentious recently. Please request analysis of any rule you would like to be clarified.

Quotable Quote Two: "Reality is that which, when you stop believing in it, doesn't go away." *Phillip K. Dick (1928 - 1982) From 'How to build a universe that doesn't fall apart two days later.'*

Test Your Hockey Knowledge With John Sanders: January's question is:

What did these hockey players, who all made their debut for Australia during the 1960 Olympic Games, have in common? Malcolm Barry, Pritchard Phillip, Spackman Des, Wood Graham.



- They played for the same State
- They all played one game
- They all played the same position
- They all played in the last match against New Zealand

Answer next issue.

'A' Division Goals 2019: One custom from basketball that I sometimes wish hockey had adopted is to credit players who provide scoring assists. We do not give enough credit to the creators of goals, and like soccer all the kudos goes to the player who got the last touch. However, it is often true that players who score goals set them up too. So here are the scorers of at least 10 goals in 'A' Division for the year. This includes goals while filling in for other sides:

Blue: Peter Dennis, John Ree.

Gold: Steve McEntee (including a few for White), Phil Metcalf.

Red: Ray Domingo, Col Murray-Smith, Ron Venables.

White: Ken Beer, Scott Blackwell (most goals were for the State 75s or other teams), Roy Grant, John Mercer, Brian Soares, Peter Wallis.

Those with more than 20 goals were: Steve McEntee (23), Ron Venables (29) and Peter Wallis (23).

30 or more goals were scored by Ham D'Souza (30), Col Murray-Smith (36) and John Ree (34).

The above figures highlight several exceptional performances. For instance, Ham D'Souza has hardly played at all since the second quarter, Colin and John keep on popping them in, and on a weight for age basis Ron Venables has had a marvelous year.

Simon Thompson - George Winning Winner: Simon has been in the WHM top job since 2004. Every year he has rendered outstanding service. The Christmas editions of Masters Matters said:

2013: "Simon provides direction and purpose while dealing with a lot of grumpy old men,"

2014: "Simon has again worked hard and well to get through a challenging year" (*Turf 1 resurfaced*)

2015: "Simon is still giving us hands-on leadership and is very closely in touch with everything."

2016: "Chairman Simon has now been providing good leadership for 12 years."

2017: "Wednesdays Simon copes with queries, makes the right decision & still plays good hockey."

2018: ".leadership, keeping in touch, good problem solving, adaptability, flexibility as things change."

2019: "Many things about the job have changed but Simon's dedication to the role has not."

The award this year has gone to its most deserving recipient yet. Congratulations from us all.

Punology One: Yet another visual pun from John Sanders.



Shakespeare Said It: "... I know not what the success will be, but the attempt I vow." All's Well That Ends Well Act III Scene VI. *It doesn't matter where I am in the circle, I'm going to have a shot. Being on the backline makes some of us both deaf and blind to team-mates in better positions. "I love not many words."* All's Well That Ends Well Act III Scene VI. *I hope that our readers don't find themselves repeatedly making this comment.*

Well Done: Thank you to Colin Gee for the A' division umpire information for December. Thanks to whistlers Jim Balding, Peter Evans, Colin Gee, Mal Horrigan, Mal Jackaman, John Lindsay, Bob Maley, Steve McEntee, Neil Scaddan, Brian Soares, Ken Walter. At Perry Lakes injured players Neil Scaddan and Len Walker are joining Peter Brien and controlling the games - our thanks.

Past Players, Non-Players, Injured Players: Paul Robinson and John Mercer have both been to Perry Lakes to socialise. And as mentioned in the previous paragraph Neil Scaddan and Len Walker have been there to umpire, and then socialise.

Grumpy Old Men and Women Two: "Insanity in individuals is something rare; but in groups, parties, nations and epochs it is the rule." *Friedrich Nietzsche (1844 - 1900) German philosopher, cultural critic, compser, poet, philologist and Latin and Greek scholar.*

Wine Winners for 2019: Here is another breach of the MM policy on editorial selfies. Last year's January MM included the following advice on how to win.

Be in the bar each Wednesday (*or Tuesday*) WHM hockey is played.

Buy at least three raffle tickets (*or more if you have sufficient wealth*).

Have good fortune.

This method seems to have worked for me. Also, has Bill Campbell stayed away to give the rest of us a chance? So here are the successful members of WHM for 2019:

7 wins: Peter Blockley, John Mercer.

5 wins: Ricky Watts.

4 wins: Simon Thomson, Dudley Evans.

3 wins: Peter Eastlake, Rod Bickers, Bob Bowyer, Warren Jackson, John Jeffreys, Robin Bailey, Geoff Riley, Peter Murray, Dudley Burress, Frank Williams, Greg Street, Peter Jones, David Evans, Neil Patterson, Ham D'Souza.

2 wins: Ian Brown, Jim Campbell, Brian Soares, Scott Blackwell, Mike Robinson, Ian Purdie, Nevelle Brown, Bill Campbell, George Winning, Paul Robinson, Ivan Wilson, Graham Harler, Harvey Davies, George Bradbury.

1 win: Thirty two people won only once.

There were 66 winners in total; 36 from 'A' Division, 28 from 'B' Division and only two non-players this year. So we have achieved a reasonable spread and this money is the driver of our charitable donations every year. If you didn't win, at least the money went to a good cause.

Many thanks to Peter Jones and Bob Bowyer for doing the hard work on these raffles.

Punology Two: This one comes from Limelight magazine. How does a soprano sing a scale? "Do, Re, Mi, Mi, Me, Me, Me, Me, ME!" It was contributed by soprano Siobhan Stagg.

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.

All news, other contributions, and Unsubscribe requests to:
John Mercer. Email: johnmercer@iinet.net.au.

Late News - Bushfire Appeal: WHM made a donation of \$2,000 from the Wednesday hockey charity fund to the bushfire appeal through the Salvation Army. And the Saturday Committee made a separate donation of \$1,000, also through the Salvation Army. Any personal donations can be made through the Salvation Army or the Red Cross - both websites are easy to use.

More Late News - Hockey Australia Levy / Insurance: Hockey Australia's levy and insurance renewal will not be payable until later this year. Neil Patterson is liaising with Hockey WA to confirm that we are all still covered from our 2019 payments, until such time as we have to pay up. In the meantime, Neil has advised us all to pay our Wednesday playing fees at the applicable sum and not to worry about the \$43 which will eventually be due to Hockey Australia. It's been suggested that the payment will be made much easier this year - I certainly hope so.

A Last Word: Many thanks to all of you who enquired about my recovery after the operation. I still have quite a long way to go, but other than the continence problem everything is normal.

While seeking a rhyme for the rag

I glanced at my catheter bag

But try as I might

No words came to light

Excepting this piss-poor verse gag.