



A Blue

A Gold

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B Blue

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C Blue

C Gold

C Red

C White

O/65 Blue

O/65 Green

O/65 White

Masters Matters

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WHM AGM: Thanks to excellent planning, organisation and preparation our meeting went smoothly. By now you all should have received a copy of the minutes, which reveal no change to our office bearers. One significant announcement came from Tony Jones who is working on a strategic plan for the future of WHM. As well as the recently added 'B' Division Red team two more 'C' Division sides will join the competition shortly. Our hot weather policy was also discussed; for the benefit of newer members it reads (in brief): "We will not conduct formal fixtures on days on which the forecast temperature for Perth (as disseminated by the Bureau of Meteorology at (9:00 am) exceeds 37°. The turfs will be available for informal play but at players' own risk. This policy will be managed by the WHM Committee and communicated to players by email. Saturday Hockey Masters has a separate protocol to deal with the warm weather, due to its coastal venue"

C Division Expansion: Our team numbers have just reached a record 12 across the three Divisions and now are about to grow even further. Two more sides are due to be added to C Division as from the 14th October. Our resident limericist got a look at the order for shirts and socks:

Our teams are to number fourteen
The highest it ever has been
Colin and TJ
Went onto E-Bay
And now we've a Black and a Green.

New Email for Treasurer: Steve Farrar has a new contact address. In future please address all your communications to whm.treasurer@gmail.com.

Dates For The Diary:

2020: October 7th: A Division at Hale. 1:00 to 4:00 pm.
October 11th: Southern Cross AGM - conducted via Zoom.
October 14th: C Division to be expanded to 6 teams.
October 17th: Official start of Saturday O/65s summer season.
October 31st: Saturday Masters AGM and end of season dinner - Perry Lakes.
December 16th: Hips versus Knees - PHS. Followed by WHM's Christmas Party.

2021: July 23rd to August 8th. Tokyo Olympics.

Masters World Cups:

Australia, Southern Cross and Alliance.
O/35 and O/40 Men and Women - Nottingham, England. August 13th to 22nd.
O/45, O/50 and O/55 Men; O/45, O/50, O/55, O/60, O/65 Women; Spirit of Masters - Cape Town SA.
September 18th to 27th.
O/60, O/65, O/70 and O/75 Men; Spirit of Masters - Tokyo, Japan. November 7th to 17th.

Mega Interstate Tournament:

Women: Newcastle September 23rd to October 2nd.

Men: Newcastle September 24th to October 9th.

Department of Health: Peter Wallis is investigating a possible knee replacement and will be out of action for some time. Julian Gardner is now in rehab at Osborne Park Hospital, is still improving and welcomes visitors. He's in Block B, Level 1, Room 14. Harvey Davies has completed the cancer treatment which seems to have produced the desired result(s). However he now has some cardiac issues and is consulting experts at the moment. But the new Tesla has arrived and is being enjoyed. John Burt has had a suspected TIA stroke, but says he is making good progress and thinks it may have been a false alarm. Bob Bowyer is having (or has had) his first operation on 2nd October, and hopefully the second one will be two weeks after that. Keith Kessell made an attempted comeback at Perry Lakes, but appears to have ongoing problems and is consulting a spinal surgeon. In better news Peter Willett, Angelo Strano and Colin Sanders have all made what appeared to be successful returns to hockey. A speedy recovery to everybody, including anybody not mentioned.

WHM History: All the years from 1991 to 2019 have now been completed in draft form. Electronic copies have been given to the providers of documents and a printed version to George Winning. All that remains to be done is some proof-reading and the addition of a foreword or two. We then have to work out a method to make it more generally available and to store the document archive which has been generated by the project. It will be a real challenge to add the current year to the document when this eventful 2020 comes to a close.

Saturday Masters AGM and Dinner: We are sorry that the dates for this function became a movable feast due to events beyond our control. Our original date was October 10th. Now there are 8 O/60 teams playing at Perry Lakes on that afternoon, which would have had a severe impact on our access to the clubrooms and kitchen. We attempted to move the date to the 17th but after making all the arrangements with the caterer discovered that the YMCA club windup is on that night. October 3rd would be risky as it is hockey Grand Final day and club teams may come back to the clubrooms for a post match celebration. October 24th is the date of the AFL Grand Final. So we hope that nothing will go amiss with our eventual compromise date of October 31st.

WHM Sun Hats: The information in our last issue was incorrect. The orange, lime and black hats Robin showed me were just single samples. You can have any colour you like as long as it's yellow. But at least they really do come in more than one size and the price is \$15.

Department of Corrections: As can be seen from the previous paragraphs the September edition has a lot of incorrect information. Apologies for any confusion caused, especially to Robin Bailey, for all the players who asked for hats of another hue to the one available. It is a truth generally known that some blokes in hats have a better time than anybody else. According to our limericist:

Our heat gear is nicely on track
But maybe there still is one lack
 They keep off the sun
 But don't offer fun
That's just for the ones who wear black.

It was my considered opinion that the guys in the black hats had all the fun in the old Westerns. Ed.

Welcome to New Players: A warm welcome is extended to Crez D'Vaz (Mods) who will play in C Division and Lance Woods (ex YMCA now Whitfords) who will play in A Division. All the best to you both for your time with Western Hockey Masters. (*Lance already plays occasionally at Perry Lakes*)

Quotable Quote 1: "History is the version of past events that people have decided to agree upon." *Napoleon Bonaparte (1769 -1821). It is hoped that our WHM History will pass the test.*

Letters To The Editor: Since the last issue I've heard from Steve Farrar ('Whistle While you Work'), Chris Morley, Greg Allen, Russell Wood (change of email), Neil Patterson and Nev Brown. And I hope that Peter Selfe (mentioned last issue as a new player) got his hockey stick back.

Chris Morley has a suggestion:

Had a thought about a possible new segment, entitled 'Did You Know' or similar, covering interesting items of hockey trivia. Mine is an observation on the make-up of the Westside Wolves O55/O60s team that enjoyed great success between about 2005 and 2017. The item of interest is that there were, for some time during that period, no less than four pairs of brothers on our team list:

- Dick and Alan Osborne
- Graeme and Ken Walter
- Bill and Jamie Price
- Peter and Tony Morgan

It's not known (at least by me) whether all eight of these guys took the field simultaneously but there's no reason to suppose not. If so, they would have left very little room for anyone else. Is this a record? - at any level, anywhere?

These days, only Dick and the Morgans are still playing regularly for Wolves, with Alan and Ken only very occasionally available.

Maybe your readers could be invited to contribute similar types of stories?

Thank you Chris - this story reminds me of the days when hockey clubs were very much family affairs. It was not unknown for multiple generations to be in the playing ranks. Now it's up to our readers; please send in any stories you have along these lines. Ed.

Stiffness A Problem After A Game Of Hockey? Thanks to Greg Allen for the following advice.

"I thought I'd pass on a bit of interesting information that your readers, in particular those who've had prostate surgery, may be interested in.

Some time ago the generic drug form of Viagra was released causing a very large drop in the price - it's now about the same price per tablet as a good cup of cafe coffee.

Recently the price of Cialis, the main competitor to Viagra, also dropped dramatically from over \$200 to about \$30, if you get a prescription for the drug Tadalafil in the generic form. Ask Greg at Greg's Midland if you require more info."

Many thanks Greg. Does it have any effect on Covid-19? Of course you would have to be a bit stiff to contract that in Western Australia at the moment. Ed.

Parking at Curtin: Thank you to Dan Hill for the following update on the paid parking at PHS.

The latest from Curtin Uni regarding parking by-laws, infringements and warnings as at 21/08/2020.

"The Curtin University By-laws have been updated with some changes to infringements. You now have 21 days to appeal a fine online. A 10% discount will apply if the fine is paid within 7 days from date of issue. The discount will not apply to a fine that has been appealed. Fines can be paid or appealed here <https://finepayments.com.au/curtin> As well as the changes to the By-laws being implemented, warnings will now be issued to every vehicle if you forget to start a parking session within a 3 month period. Please note that failing to start a parking session more than once within that timeframe will result in an infringement being issued." *Dan writes from personal experience. Ed.*

More Parking at Curtin: We were told recently that some of us have been parking in the named bays which are reserved for Hockey WA and the AIS. The information came with a warning that in future anybody who does that will be fined. Using CelloPark would be a lot cheaper.

Grumpy Old Men One: "He has been called a mediocre man but this is unwanted flattery. He was a politician of monumental littleness." *Richard M Nixon (1913 - 1994). Not sure who he was writing about - readers could indulge themselves in another 'insert name here.'*

'A' Division Blog: Playing at PHS at this time of the year is an unusual sensation. No tournament.

September 2nd: Gold and Red continue to have trouble filling their sides and to some extent the day's results depended on the quality of the substitutes. Blue and White were generous in allocating their late arrivals with Neil Miller, Peter Trend and Robin Bailey donning Gold shirts while Scott Blackwell went to Red for the day. Bob Hotinski played his first games (Red) for a long time and managed to complete the three matches. Hope all OK next day. Gold had by far the best day and Blue the worst, while Red and White had good games and bad games. Ray Domingo put three past the Red defence, while Rod Spencer scored another double against White (this is becoming a habit Rod). Goal of the day was not awarded as the judges did not see every goal scored. The results were: **Blue 1 White 1; Red 1 Gold 1; Red 0 White 3; Gold 2 Blue 0; Red 1 Blue 0; Gold 2 White 0.**

Scorers: **Blue:** Nev Brown. **Gold:** John Ree, Rod Spencer (3), Ken Walter. **Red:** John Jeffreys, Bob Maley. **White:** Ray Domingo (4). Team numbers, including later arrivals and the early departures: Blue (12), White (12) Red (7), Gold (7). A total of 12 goals were scored.

September 9th: Even after the return of Angelo Strano and Gordon Jeffery (welcome back) Gold could only muster 7 players. Red included Bob Hotinski again but still were short while White had so many players that it was difficult to establish combinations. The hockey standard was not great most of the time, but at least the matches were even with five 1-0 results and one 1-1 draw. Goals were not plentiful with Angelo Strano's winner against Blue following a great pass from Hector D'Rozario the goal of the day. The day's results were:

Gold 1 Red 1; Blue 0 White 1; Blue 1 Red 0; White 1 Gold 0; Blue 0 Gold 1; White 0 Red 1.

Scorers: **Blue:** Nevelle Brown. **Gold:** Ham D'Souza, Angelo Strano. **Red:** Ken Beer, Sukdev Pandher. **White:** Ray Domingo, Brian Soares. Numbers: Gold (7), Red (8), Blue (11) and White (14). 7 goals.

September 16th: Goalkeepers Ross Easton and Barry Rutter did not put a foot wrong all day and goals were at a premium. All sides managed at least one win though Red had only 5 of their own players and needed one fill in even after receiving Jim Malcolm and Ken Watt from Blue, and Robin Bailey and Brian Soares from White. The isolated patches of good play served to emphasise the many periods of poor play and frequent turnovers. Goal of the day is shared between a fine corner strike by Ham D'Souza and a successful solo run by Ray Domingo. The results were:

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

Scorers: **Blue:** Ian Hill. **Gold:** Ken Walter. **Red:** Steve McEntee. **White:** Ray Domingo, Ham D'Souza, John Mercer. Team numbers were: White (14), Blue (12), Gold (11), Red (5). 6 goals were scored.

September 23rd: The weather was terrific but not so our tempers. It was a day of recriminations between players and umpires, umpires and players, and players and players. Some good hockey was played (not by White) and some excellent goals went in. The list of nominees for goal of the day is a long one and includes Peter Eastlake, Ron Venables (who did not appear to look before shooting), Steve McEntee, Ken Walter and Angelo Strano. Angelo got the nod from the judges for a terrific trap of a hard-hit bouncing ball while alone in the circle then calmly scooping it over the oncoming goalkeeper. All this for Gold's winner in the last 20 seconds of the last game. Thank you to Jim Malcolm and Ken Watt who transferred from Blue to Red for the day. The results were:

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

Scorers: **Blue:** Nevelle Brown, Peter Eastlake, John Ree, Ricky Watts. **Gold:** Phil Metcalf (3), Angelo Strano, Ken Walter (2). **Red:** Bob Hotinski, Bob Maley (2), Ron Venables (2). **White:** Steve McEntee. Player numbers at maximum: Red (7), Gold (9), White (11), Blue (12). 17 goals went in.

September 30th: Goals were at a premium until the last 2 games produced no less than 6. Wins were also scarce and Red's 2 were the total. Ken Beer suffered an injury in the first game and took no further part while other players came late and went early. Penalty strokes are rare in A Division but of the 3 awarded today only 1 went in. The results were:

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

Scorers: **Blue:** Peter Eastlake. **Gold:** Phil Metcalf, Angelo Strano. **Red:** Terry Gaston, Bob Hotinski, Lance Woods. **White:** Steve McEntee, John Mercer, Brian Soares. Team numbers (approximately): Blue (10), White (9 + Lance Woods), Red (9 + Terry Gaston), Gold (11). Goals scored 9.

From Saturday Masters: October should be a very interesting month.

The AGM and end of season dinner will now be held on October 31st. As this is the function we originally were due to hold at the end of last summer's season all players and social members who were financial during either the 2019/2020 summer season or the 2020 winter season are eligible to attend. Numbers will be called for a little closer to the event. The paperwork for the AGM, including agenda, financial report and committee nomination form will also be sent out at about that time.

On other days this month October 3rd will feature the Hockey WA grand finals in all grades except the elites. October 10th we share Perry Lakes with eight O/60 teams and YMCA will be running the bar. October 17th YM have their windup in the rooms and our post match drinks may be outside. October 24th is the day of the AFL Grand Final and it's been suggested our games start at 1:00 pm. The match actually begins at 4:30 pm WA time, so that might still be a bit tight.

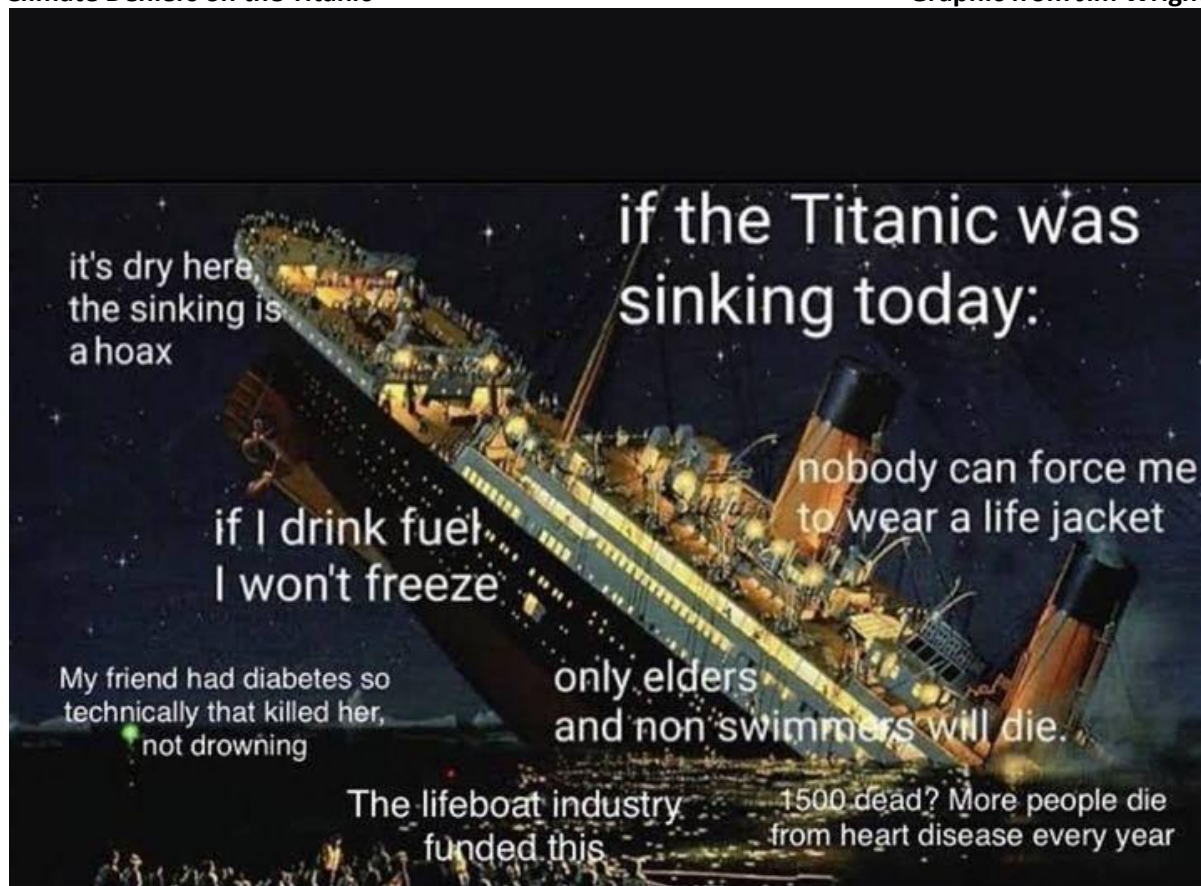
Jim Wright is very good at saving us money with astute purchases for the bar and our catering. He's also not bad at saving goals on the defensive goal line, and his effort on the 26th had to be seen to be disbelieved.

Numbers on September 26th were so high that we were asked to bring the maroon shirts too and 4 teams were fielded. We are working on contingency plans for the summer should this become a regular event. At least one player passed the ball to a maroon shirt in error, but as editorial selfies are banned by MM management no names will be mentioned.

We have had a chronic shortage of goalkeepers in this competition. YMCC have a keeper who has purchased some new gear this year and had not completed the running in process. So on the 26th we welcomed to our ranks Glynis Finigan, who played very well indeed.

Climate Deniers on the Titanic

Graphic from Jim Wright



Punology 1: Did you hear about the man who had a crazy dream that he was swimming in an ocean of orange soda. It turned out to be just a Fanta sea.

Balinese Bulletin No 55: From WHM's regular Indonesian correspondent.

It will come as no surprise to hear that we are living something of a surreal experience here in our Bali home & garden. We know that there is another Bali just beyond our front gate & garden walls. We hear muted voices, the occasional sounds of motor bikes/scooters in addition there are even local people who will often pay us a visit from the "other side". So clearly there is another Bali out there. We are looking forward to visiting that "other Bali" once again.

In fact, we were given such an opportunity on Wednesday to see for ourselves what lay beyond our garden walls. On this day we needed to visit Immigration as part of the process in renewing our Retirement Visa. We did not feel all that comfortable in leaving our "cellblock" but in some ways it was nice to be assured that there is life beyond our little Bali world. Fortunately, because there was not a swarming number of people at Immigration due to the number of short term stay foreigners remaining here, we were in & out in no time at all.

The interesting thing on the way to & return from Immigration was that the traffic on the roads, while reduced in numbers, was relatively busy. Balinese people, as always, finding the need to be going somewhere from somewhere else. There was in evidence a large number of establishments closed & those that did remain open did not show a lot of activity on the ground.

We remain in good health & are doing our best to stay away from this BVT (Bastard Virus Thing). Please stay safe down there & "wash your hands"

Best wishes from us up 'ere.

Peter Hammond

Thanks again PH. It's good to hear that the BVT is keeping its distance up there as it is down here. Goes to show there's a lot of 'doing the right thing' by the general populace. Ed.

Shakespeare Said It: "Do not infest your mind with beating on the strangeness of this business." The Tempest Act V, Scene I. *The immortal bard has some advice on staying sane during the pandemic.*

"By my soul I swear, there is no power in the tongue of man to alter me." The Merchant Of Venice Act IV, Scene I. *A Division player responds to managerial instructions to change his game.*

"Their manners are more gentle, kind, than of our generation you shall find." The Tempest Act III, Scene III. *C Division are said to treat their umpires with more respect than A Division.*

Well Dones for September: Wednesday's 'A' Division umpires: Rob Ainsworth, Jim Balding, George Bradbury, Bob Claxton, Ham D'Souza, Peter Eastlake, Peter Evans, Colin Gee, Ian Hill, Bob Hotinski, Gordon Jeffery, John Jeffreys, Bob Maley, Steve McEntee, Col Murray-Smith, Neil Scaddan, Brian Soares, Greg Street, Peter Trend, Ron Venables, Ken Walter, Ken Watt, Ricky Watts, Ivan Wilson and Jim Wright. Saturday's umpires were: Rob Ainsworth, Eric Alcock, George Bradbury, Peter Brien, Mal Jackaman, Roger Partington, neil Scaddan, Don Smart, Greg Street, Les Waldon, Ken Walter, Ken Watt and Ivan Wilson. As far as I could tell the hamburger cooking prior to the AGM was done by Peter Jones and Ivan Wilson. Thank you and well done to all.

Past Players, Non Players and Injured Players September: Wednesdays have been fairly quiet except for a good turnout on the afternoon of the AGM. The notebook recorded Rob Ainsworth, Keith Kessell, John Sanders, Neil Scaddan, Les Waldon, Peter Willett and George Winning. Saturdays were the opposite and we saw: Terry Armitage, Trevor Gallagher, Keith Kessell, David Lester, John Mercer, John Milner, Roger Partington, John Pierce, Stan Salazaar, Peter Stevens, Neil Scaddan, Rod Spencer and Les Waldon.

Who's A Covidiot: Thanks to Neil Scaddan for this explanation of the words behind the term COVID: It stands for: 'Citizens of Victoria Ignoring Directions.'

Planning For Hips V Knees 2020: Thanks to Bob Bowyer for this background to an annual highlight.

Firstly, a potted history of the origins of the match. 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 and 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 have now played our 4th annual HIPS v KNEES match sponsored by the AOA and also some other sponsorships. The play history is now HIPS 2016, KNEES 2017, KNEES 2018, HIPS 2019.

We had terrific media coverage as usual last year, newspapers, ABC, TV Channels 9 & 10, etc. Great exposure for sponsors! For this year Orthopaedic Surgeon Geoff Cooper has been engaged to help me with optimising promotion and sponsorship of future matches including this year. For example, we plan to produce a pamphlet and have numbers on the uniforms to assist with the spectator spectacle and understanding.

For the future we have appointed a coordinator in the ES to arrange an Orthopaedic Challenge match with at least one ES team. The biggest stumbling block, apart for forced delay due to COVID19 is the cost to the ES players to come to Perth for the match. We will need to find sponsors to largely cover this cost - mainly air fares. A rough estimate: Air fares and uniforms per team, approx \$11,000.

Planning for this year's HIPS v KNEES is progressing well. 35 nominations for the 2 teams have been received 14 HIPS and 21 KNEES As a result the 2 teams have been formalised at 14 players each subject to required changes, due to injuries, etc.

We are now able to proceed with uniforms and promotions to attract publicity, etc.

Bob Bowyer

Hips V Knees Coordinator 2020

Nominations for Hips/Knees: Bob seems to have plenty of players on his lists, but if you are one of those qualified to nominate here is how to do it. Nominations should be sent to Bob's email address rbow6666@bigpond.com and should include:

- 1) Knee or hip
- 2) Date of birth
- 3) Preferred playing position(s)
- 4) Shirt and sock sizes
- 5) Coach or manager

Whistle While You Work: In the August edition this section included a question on the breaking rule at a penalty corner. Many thanks to Steve Farrar for the following:

Ken Walter has raised the question of multiple defenders crossing the backline too early at a penalty corner and asks can more than one player be sent beyond the centre line. After a good read of the relevant rule (13.6) it seems to be allowable - is there an umpiring guru who can enlighten us?

In reality only the 1st offender is to be sent beyond the centre line. However, if the offence is repeated at the subsequent PC another defender can be sent to the Centre line.

Cheers, Steve F

Space is tight this issue. Next time we might cover some more aspects of this rule, including penalties for an attacker prematurely entering the circle. There are also penalties for a baulk or feint by the attacker who is inserting the ball. Ed.

'B' Division August 2020:

September saw some players return from injury and other players join the injured list, like a forced rotation, however the underlying trend was for an increase in numbers turning up for a weekly run. This trend is expected to continue as the winter grass season concludes and players strive to get their beach bodies ready for summer.

This month's featured players are Billy Rochester and Graham Newson both currently playing fullback for the Blue side. Bill who comes from down Albany way and Graham originally from the UK, show the great diversity of backgrounds and vast hockey experience eventually migrating into the Wednesday Masters group.

Dudley Evans

A Short Bio of the Hockey Life of Bill Rochester.

Little did I realize that as I was being driven to Many Peaks Primary School in early 1957 on a tractor to commence my education that it would be the start of my Hockey life. The very next year at the tender age of 7 I was handed a hockey stick - nearly as tall as me - and told that since the school didn't have enough boys for a footy team, we were to be called upon to represent the school in the Albany Junior competition. We were fortunate to have as our mentor a chap by the name of Leo McGuire who happened to be a former Australian Olympic hockey player.

This commenced a dynasty for the Many Peaks school teams and subsequently the Many Peaks Hockey Club. This dynasty still exists right up to the present time. I played for the school teams until 1963 and then for Albany Senior High School from 1964 until 1967. It was in 1967 that I was selected in the Country Week Hockey team. Not expecting to see much game time I suddenly found myself replacing an injured fullback. We were quickly down 1-0 against Bunbury so the coach in his wisdom switched me to centre half. This was a bit daunting but we turned the game around and ended up winning which setup a successful carnival for the team.

In 1968 I started to play in the Many Peaks senior team. The guy who was running the show decided to give up the job and kindly appointed me to the organizer role which I did until the end of the 1978 season. I played with the club until 1998 when we made the move to Perth. In those years Many Peaks won it's first B grade Grand Final in 1979 first A grade GF in 1983 and has continued to win their fair share of GFs up to present times. The Club also had great success at the annual Great Southern Carnival. At one stage winning a 3peat in B grade then upon being told that we had to play in the A grade we promptly accepted the challenge and proceeded to win a 3peat in A grade as well. It was also a great feeling to be able to play alongside my two eldest sons during some of these successful carnivals and in the Albany competition.

Upon moving to the City I commenced playing at Vic Park where two of my Sons were playing as a spin off from the Como School Hockey programme. In the years since the move I have managed to play in a couple of Grand Finals at Vic Park, been selected in several WA Country teams to play at the National Vets Tournaments, a highlight of those occasions was scoring 2 goals against Metro in 2006. As well as all of the above I have had the privilege of coaching some quite good Junior teams over the years.

This leads me to the point whereby Jeff Kozak persuaded me to come down and see how I would fit into the WHM competition. I think I have succeeded in doing so. It has been an honour for a boy from the bush to be able to play with and against some of the best Vets players in this great State of ours.

That is a short history of my Hockey Life. Cheers, Bill

Thank you Bill. Graham Newson's story begins on the next page. Ed.

Team Photographs: It appears that the B Division Blue and Gold sides might just be camera shy as "Masters Matters" still is awaiting their team photographs. If you sight an Editor approaching Turf Two waving a phone at you it might be time to group together and say "Cheese."

Graham Newson: The (hockey) road to Perth – more clubs than Gary Player! Or is it “Have stick will travel”?North

Where do I start? We were taught hockey at school aged 11, initially by Max Holmes, a former soccer player with Grimsby Town FC. Subsequently, we were taught by a German teacher, a Geography teacher, before being allowed to play our own games in the sports hall on a lunchtime or out on the field. Eventually, our two main PE teachers, who both played for British Rail HC, formed a school team to play against their club, and subsequently against Grimsby HC, who a number of us eventually joined. [Tours – Skegness at Easter – snow on ground!]

My club hockey started as goalkeeper, but the club eventually had too many keepers (!) and I went back to playing out – wing on a Saturday and full back on a Sunday. At university, I played out in the field mainly, and also joined British Rail Sheffield and Sheffield Nomads. Distances travelled were large, at 150km for an away game at Scarborough, and some of the guys reminisced that they did this by train in the past! [Tours – Isle of Man Easter]

South

Following university, I went to do research in Plymouth and turning up at a West Premier League club, discovered they needed a First XI keeper, so I played Premier League for 3 years, mainly on shale pitches. Here, the match distances were huge, with the nearest away fixture (Exeter) being 70km, and the furthest (Cheltenham) being 250km. Cheltenham was particularly memorable, as in the game there, the Cheltenham left wing, Bill Deayton, became one of the first two players to receive a mandatory 30 day ban for a red card offence. By the way, I played hockey with one of his brothers, Alan at East Grinstead. His other brother, Angus, was quite famous (and infamous) on TV and media. [Tours – Penzance, Torbay, Worthing]

Midlands

My first job was in Nottingham, so I played full back for Beeston 2s, then 1s in the Midland League, where everyone played man to man marking except us – so much freedom moving forward for a full back – like the parting of the Red Sea! Some great games too, at clubs like Doncaster, where the post-game pub stop on the way home involved beer and mushy peas! [Tours – Great Yarmouth]

North

Next job was in Leeds, where I played for Adel (wing half), then Wakefield (twin centre half), the latter experiencing the knowledge and play of ex-international Norman Hughes. I also umpired indoor hockey in the Sheffield League and Northern Premier League in my time in Yorkshire. Then I got promoted to London.

South

Guildford HC was the next stop, with less serious club hockey, but still the distances were large, but at least everyone played at the same time then, with great atmosphere in the club houses after matches. With a house move, I started playing for East Grinstead, like Beeston one of the best clubs in the UK. Simon Cole, who lives in Mosman, also played there; although I played more matches with his brother, Felix. I played for the Veterans (Masters) 1st XI in the Wessex Master League and this also involved long distances, but also some late games on turf. The limit came when playing in Southampton at 4.30 p.m., which meant that the earliest we got back home was 7.30 without a beer! After this I decided it would be better to captain the Veterans 2s (Saints) in the Sussex League. At EG, I was match secretary and then Secretary whilst Olympian Richard Leman was Chairman. The Lemans were a dynasty at EG with at least 3 generations of players. I left EG for a few years and went to play for Mid-Sussex Vets, returning at a time when the Sussex Masters League folded. I also played for a team called Handbags, set up by John Ingram-Marriott, who was one of the successful England goalkeepers in the Over 70s comp in Newcastle. Great bunch of guys who can produce teams of various age groups now. [Tours – Prinsenbeek, Zwolle, Bordeaux, Lyon]

And then I lost my job and found one in Perth.

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Oz 2011

I did a bit of research before we arrived to see how much hockey there was and where it was in Perth. Impressive. We arrived in October, after the normal season, but there was summer hockey at Hale. So I got on the phone and the one who eventually answered was Rob Ainsworth at Raiders. So Thursday nights at Hale and then I heard about WHM. Was put in contact with another Raider, Graham Harler and the rest is history!

Thank you Graham. The piece from Harvey Davies in the June edition was headed "I've Been Everywhere" and Neil Patterson's bio back in May was entitled "A Travelling Hockey Life." Until Gordon Jeffery initiated this series I had not realised what a well-travelled crew we are. Ed.

Test Your Hockey Knowledge With John Sanders:

September's question was: Which player is the odd one out among these Hockeyroos?

- Player #387 Halliday, Emily, WA defender
- Player #412 Hollywood, Kate, NSW, midfield
- Player #413 Johnson, Fiona, NSW, midfield
- Player #414 McGurk, Kobie, WA, defender

The correct answer is a) Emily Halliday as all the others made their debuts during a tour of North America in 2005. Nobody ventured an answer – are the odds of being correct too high?

October's question is: In how many Olympic Games Hockey Tournaments did Ron Riley of NSW participate?

- 0
- 1
- 2
3. Answer next issue.

C Division Teams: Thanks to Colin Howell for supplying these lists. They are fluid as the coordinators are still after a few more players, and may require adjustments for better balance between sides.

<u>Blue - 14</u>	<u>Gold - 14</u>	<u>Green - 14</u>	<u>White - 14</u>	<u>Black - 14</u>
Christenson Glen	Bunn Shaun	Bewick Peter	Behets Bob	Amphlett Stuart
Gurdeep	Hickey Martin	Brown Anton	Burgess Craig	Graham David
Gurmeet	Kennedy Chris	Cartwright Paul	Cutler Wayne	Hall Graeme
Harper Keith	Lockett David	Elliott Dave	D'Vaz Crez	Henderson Mike
Hyde Nick	McGuckin John	Frayne Marcus	Hallam Mike	Jensen Michael
Jones Tony	Morrison Norm	Howell Colin	Minder	Kelly Brian
Kalwant	Reynolds Tim	Mason Paul	Reick Russell	McDonald Stuart
Needham Steve	Robertson Andrew	Moncrieff Jim	Robinson Brian	Pereira Sean
O'Driscoll Ken	Sorci Carlo	Pereira Nick	Rose Andrew	Pestana John
Rutter Adrian	Sputore Mike	Ross Greg	Simes Ian	Rahim Andy
Steicke Steve	Starling Michael	Sawyer Ron	West Murray	Rayney Nigel
Tai Gerald	Walsh Jeremy	Scicluna Paul	Wilson Phil	Ryan-Gadsen Greg
Watkins Tony	Westlund Peter	Tincey Rob	Wood Russell	Vince Tom

Red - 14: Berryman David, Bingley Mark, Burton Kevin, Ferrari Martin, Kenny Lyle, Knapp Kevin, Kontor Peter, Naylor George, Nettleton John, Pestana Steve, Saxby Brian, Scanlon Russell, Taylor Bruce.

I understand that the new fixtures will run right through to 7:00 pm and that the Red team will always be in the last match of the day. Well done to the Divisional Coordinators for all the work involved in adding two more teams simultaneously. Ed.

Punology Two: What is the difference between beer nuts and deer nuts? Beer nuts are \$1.75 but deer nuts are under a buck.

Hockey WA Events: There are high quality games coming up at the Stadium. From the website:

Sunday 11 October 2020 - Hockey WA All-Star Challenge

The very best players representing our north of the river clubs will battle it out against their south of the river counterparts in a mouth watering contest.

The players will be selected by a HWA and Hockey Australia led Selection Panel including current Perth Thundersticks coaches Stephen Davies and Kate Starre and will include current Kookaburra and Hockeyroos squad members.

The day's proceedings will begin with a return of the Hotspurs' Men's and Women's teams as they go head to head with Masters' All Stars teams featuring some of the State's best master's players.

Sunday 25 October - Sunday 01 November 2020 - The Ric Charlesworth Classic

In its inaugural year, the Ric Charlesworth Classic is a post season competition attracting the best players, coaches and officials in the state. Hockey WA's Premier League Competition boasts a plethora of high quality talented players whose base is embedded into our member club structure. Whilst the Classic is being developed to provide much needed and deserved content for our aspiring and established players as a result of the interruptions caused by COVID, the ambition is for this event to become cemented in our portfolio for many years to come and continue to provide a wonderful platform for athlete selection into HWA's state and high performance teams, including the Perth Thundersticks.

What are the numbers?

§ 4 Club/Entities will be developed

§ Each Club/Entity will comprise of **1 men's** and **1 women's** team (**8** teams in total)

§ Each team will play **3 rounds**, before a finals round meaning a total of **16 matches**

§ Each team will comprise **18 players**

How will we Draft our players?

Premier League players will nominate for consideration in the Ric Charlesworth Classic Player Draft to be held on the evening of the All-Star Challenge matches on Sunday 11 October.

Each Classic Team coach will select in turn from the draft players nominated, until such time as the team reaches their allocation of 18. Each team within a Club will consist of 2 goalkeepers and 16 field players.

Fee Structure for 2021: At the AGM an unchanged set of fees was adopted. President Simon pointed out that this was the 11th consecutive year that players could budget to pay the same amount. Well done to the WHM administrators who have achieved this result.

Grumpy Old Men 2: "He wrapped himself in quotations - as a beggar would enfold himself in the purple of Emperors." *Rudyard Kipling (1865 - 1936). English journalist, writer and poet.*

Quotable Quote 2: "When a thing has been said and said well, have no scruples. Take it and copy it" *Anatole France (1844 -1924). French poet, journalist and novelist. As practiced by Masters Matters.*

Complaints Corner: In recent weeks Social Secretary Peter Jones has found Singapore dollars in the raffle money. Even if you also pay the correct amount in \$A this is still not on as it is of no use to WHM either. And if you pay only in foreign currency you are depriving our charity account of much needed income. Please keep the unwanted change to yourself in future.

Change of Details: In the event of any change to your email address and other details you should notify Colin Gee. Colin is our data base administrator and his email address is gee.colin@gmail.com.

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