



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

D White

O/65 Blue

O/65 Green

O/65 Maroon

O/65 White

Masters Matters

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Change Of WHM Secretary: Unfortunately circumstances have forced Neil Patterson to tender his resignation, effective immediately. Current Fixtures Coordinator Dan Hill has agreed to step into the role and has just received the handover. Many thanks must go to Neil, who has done a great job since taking over from Bob Bowyer in 2018. Best wishes to you and wife Celia. Thanks also to Dan for taking on this significant role and workload with us at short notice.

Venues and Playing Times Adjustment: There have been minor changes to A and C Divisions.

A Division: PHS2 12:00 to 2:20 pm. 3 teams - each side has 4 games.

Six 20 minute matches with a 3 minute break between games. 7 minutes watering after Game 3.

B Division: PHS1 1:30 to 3:55 pm. 3 teams

Six 20 minute matches with a 5 minute break between games. Each side has 4 games.

C Division: PHS2 2:30 to 4:50 pm. 4 teams. Second match starts at 3:45 pm.

Two 60 minute matches with 30 minute halves and a 5 minute half time.

D Division: PHS2 5:00 to 7:00 pm. 5 teams. Second match starts at 6:00 pm.

Two 50 minute matches with 25 minute halves and 5 minute half time. 1 team has bye.

Team Captains: I trust that most of you know your captain by now. For the benefit of those from other teams and other Divisions here are the miracle men who give us all a game in our favourite positions, arrange for fill-ins as necessary and keep us all content.

A Division: Blue: Neil Scaddan Gold: Colin Gee White: David Horsley Coordinator: George Bradbury.

B Division: Blue: Dudley Evans Gold: Bill Campbell White: Jim Campbell Coordinator: John Chapman.

C Division (Co-captains): Blue: Tony Davey, John Rogers Gold: Ric Staynor, Rod Bickers Red: David Lockett, Mike Sputore White: Wayne Cutler, Geoff Robinson Coordinator: Adrian Gabriel.

D Division: Black: Stuart Amphlett Blue: Adrian Rutter Gold: Michael Starling Red: Kevin Burton White: Russell Wood Coordinators: Tony Jones, Ken O'Driscoll).

Best wishes from Masters Matters to all captains and coordinators, who are making our new teams and divisions work. All I've heard is that things are going well, and most players are happy.

Dates For The Diary:

2022 July: No games at PHS. More information will be forthcoming.

August 17th: tentative date for Western Hockey Masters AGM.

September 24th to October 8th: Interstate championships (Men) - Gold Coast.

September 21st to October 1st: Interstate championships (Women) - Cairns.

October 1st to 10th: WMH World Cup O/45 to O/55 men; O/45 to O/65 Women. Cape Town.

October 19th to 29th: World Cup O60 to O/80 Men plus Spirit of Masters. Tokyo.

October 22nd: Proposed Saturday hockey winter season windup and AGM. Perry Lakes.

2023 To be advised: Masters Interstate Championships for Men and Women. Home State WA.

2024 To be advised: Masters Interstate Championships for Men. Home State Tasmania.

Tokyo Tournament: May 31st was when nominating countries and organisations had to finalise their team entries and pay the entry fee. Numbers are not looking anywhere near as good as usual and it appears that Covid is partly responsible. In particular the older age groups are at very low levels. Perhaps the quarantine requirements which have been in force for Japan until recently have also been a factor; I heard that quite a few players have withdrawn their nominations for the teams from Alliance, The former Tournament Trophy (now Spirit of Masters) competitions do not appear to be viable except for the O/60s, and social players who do participate may find themselves up against national sides. Here is a table taken from the World Masters Hockey website of the Tokyo teams:

Tokyo World Cup 2022								
Country	World Cup				Spirit of Masters			
	O/60	O/65	O/70	O/75	O/60	O/65	O/70	O/75
Alliance							x	
Australia	x	x	x	x				
Belgium	x		x					
Canada	X							
England	x	x			x	x		
Ireland	x	x						
Italy	x							
Japan	x	x	x	x	x			x
Korea	x				x			
Malaysia	x	x	x					
Scotland	x	x						
Singapore	x							
Southern Cross					x	x	x	
South Africa	x	x	x					
USA	x	x						
Wales	x	x	x					
Total	14	9	6	2	4	2	2	1

This was taken from the World Masters Hockey website in the first week of June. The deadline for associations to pay their tournament fees was 31st May, and there are only 40 teams entered. Ed.

World Cup and Spirit of Masters 2022: MM's limericist has some more to say:

Instead of catching a Boeing
 Plenty of players aren't going
 Perhaps they won't fly
 While Covid count's high
 My problem is that I'm slowing.

Just possibly I might be aging as well. Anybody else?

Newsletter Archive Problem: There has been an issue with the archived 2022 newsletters on the website. The buttons for January, February, March and April all led to May's edition of MM. Thanks to web master Cam Robinson, who has now repaired the situation. So if you've searched in vain it is now all in place for you to have another go.

Quotable Quote One: "An intelligence test sometimes shows a man how smart he would have been not to have taken it." *Lawrence J. Peter (1919 - 1988). Author of 'The Peter Principle.'*

Australian O75s Men's Manager Needed: For personal reasons our manager of the Over 75 Men's team has had to withdraw and we seek expressions of interest for a suitably experienced manager to join this team for the World Cup in Tokyo, Japan 19-29 October 2022. Please lodge your EOI by Monday 6 June – <https://www.revolutionise.com.au/hamasters/events/143569/>
For ease of lodgement, please ensure you are registered with HA Masters revSPORT – <http://www.hockeyaustraliamasters.org.au/featured/hockey-australia-masters-revsport-registration/>

We look forward to hearing from you for this great opportunity to be involved at World Cup with this team.

This is taken verbatim from the Australian Masters Hockey website. Anyone interested?

Player Birthdays: If you do not want to have your birthday included in Masters Matters then please contact the editor at the email address johnmercer@inet.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 June birthdays to all the following:

A Division: 1st Jim Wright (1944) 8th Barry Rutter (1941) 10th Colin Gee (1941) 17th Rob Ainsworth (1949) 24th Jim Malcolm (1944) 28th Graeme Sansom (1941).

B Division: 15th Gordon Jeffery (1949) 23rd Peter Morgan (1950).

C Division: 4th Ian Pestana (1951) 11th Tom Long (1952) 18th Leo Welten (1953) 19th Stephen Needham (1955) 25th Rod Bickers (1958) 27th Minder Singh (1959).

D Division: 1st Andrew Johnston (1966) 14th Stuart Fogarty (1972).

Saturday: Several Saturday players are included above.

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

Department of Health: Peter Blockley has made a good recovery from his shoulder injury and is back on the turf with no apparent after effects. Jim Wright is missing games due to a foot problem, but hopes to be able to restart very soon. Jim Balding is due for a hip replacement on 14th June; hope all goes OK. John Mercer is having another bout of sciatica and his return date to the field is not known. These few snippets are all I've heard about, so best wishes to all for a rapid and complete recovery - which also applies to all those afflicted and unknown to me.

Department of Corrections: The A Division report for 20th April omitted the White team's score from the match against Gold. Those who are keenly interested will no doubts have compared the list of scorers against the match results and calculated the difference. The result was Gold 1, White 4. But apart from this error neither our eagle-eyed editor nor readers have detected any more.

Link to WHM Fixtures: I trust that all players know how to access our fixtures for Wednesday. At the moment they can be found on no less than two websites. Thanks to (former?) Fixtures Coordinator Dan Hill here are the links to both sites. I suggest that you add the pages to your Favourites bar.

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

<https://www.revolutionise.com.au/westernmasters/fixtures/>

As we will not be at PHS during July it might be a good idea for all of us to be able to look up the fixtures ourselves. When this edition closed off we still did not know where July's games will be.

Letters To The Editor: None received this month.

Punology One: Slightly different definitions continue. Groan factor high.

Allegro: One leg becoming longer than the other.

Submit: Cold water hand gear on an underwater ship.

Paralyse: Two untruths.

'A' Division Blog: This was the first month of the new A Division, and in the main has worked fairly well in producing relatively even games. I am not hearing too many complaints.

May 4th: This was our first day under the new arrangements and went quite well. All sides won at least once, and also lost at least once. Every team had at least one spare player which was not a great hardship over 80 minutes of hockey. Goalkeepers Speedie, John and Barry were hard to pass all day and goals were at a premium. I had expected the quality of our hockey to be poor as we all tried to become accustomed to a new playing surface and new team mates, but much of it (not all) was surprisingly good. Col Murray-Smith looked to be in good shape following his broken ribs. The goal of the day judges decided that a centimetre perfect shot from Peter Willett should take the honours. Thank you to Jim Balding, who though unable to play umpired 3 games. The results were:

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

Scorers: **Blue:** Phil Metcalf, Neil Scaddan. **Gold:** Nev Brown, John Ree, Peter Willett, Frank Williams.

White: Hector D'Rozario, Dave Horsley. Total goals (8).

Team numbers at maximum: Blue (11), Gold (12), White (12).

May 11th: The Blue side had very good numbers, which seemed to make it difficult to settle into a pattern of teamwork. This lack of cohesiveness was at its most apparent in the attacking circle. Brian Soares transferred from Blue to Gold for the day and Rob Butler (down for a while) also played with Gold. Goals were not easy to get as goalkeepers Graeme, Richard, Barry and Colin all appeared to be in good touch. The goal of the day went to Neil Patterson for a fine strike which produced White's winner against Gold. The day's results were:

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

Scorers: **Blue:** Ken Beer. **Gold:** Nev Brown, Rob Butler. **White:** Hector D'Rozario (2), Neil Patterson, Ken Watt. Total goals (7).

Team numbers at maximum were: Blue (13), Gold (9), White (10).

May 18th: The Gold side were the easy-beats, Blue ended up even and White won all their games. Numbers were just adequate, and it appears that the presence or absence of influential players will have a big bearing on future results, as it certainly did today. Our four goalkeepers in Graeme, Barry, John and Colin as usual refused to put a foot wrong and goals were far from easy to get; in fact impossible for Gold. The goal of the day contenders included a fine scoop finish from Bob Maley but Col Murray-Smith's hat trick included a solo run and a blistering penalty conversion which were quite sufficient to earn him the award. Many thanks again must go to the non-playing Jim Balding who again umpired a couple of matches for us. The day's results were:

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

Scorers: **Blue:** Bob Maley, Brian Soares. **White:** David Horsley, Colin Murray-Smith (3), Ron Venables.

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

May 25th: Gold had so many players this week that Peter Murray transferred to White for the day. Rob Butler also joined them which made up a full team until they had to borrow Neil Patterson from Blue for the last match. Goalkeepers Barry, John and Graeme made as few errors as usual and due to stout defence many attacks broke down in the teeth of goal. The play was much more even than the previous week, and all sides won and lost at least once. The goal of the day went to Nev Brown for a run which took him into a one-on-one with the keeper and finished with a fine flick over the top. We managed to adhere to the new match schedule, which allows only a three minute break between games and finished play at almost exactly 2:20 pm. The one drawback of this was that there was not enough time to reboot the scoreboard computer. The day's results were:

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

Scorers: **Blue:** Peter Blockley, Ian Hill, Bob Maley. **Gold:** Nev Brown, Terry Gaston, John Ree.

White: Jim Malcolm.

Team numbers at maximum on the day: Blue (11), Gold (13), White (8).

Grumpy Old Men and Women One: "The greatest enemy of knowledge is not ignorance, it is the illusion of knowledge." *Stephen Hawking (1942 - 2018).*

From Saturday Masters:

On Saturday 14th May the sidelines featured former players Don Smart and Howard Read. Howard said that he's no chance of ever picking up a stick again, but Don has now resumed regular play as well as strengthening our umpire ranks. Both gentlemen came back to the rooms afterwards on the 14th, which is one of the very best features of our Saturdays. (*The social aspect. Ed.*)

The 21st May was Nev Brown's turn to provide the food. He not only turned on a goodly spread but also seemed to have set up the tables and chairs single handed. Sorry about that Nev, as that is normally a good instance of many hands making light work.

At the time you receive this the paella night is imminent. The preparations indicate that it has all the makings of an excellent evening and the response has been quite amazing. There are more than 50 of us booked in to attend.

Members who like to shower after the games are reminded that the new change-rooms are now open and working well. And aren't the new toilets better to use than those portables.

Paella Night

Many thanks to all our players for being so prompt and cooperative in paying their winter playing fees. We have reached the point where there is nothing outstanding.

Players having trouble distinguishing between the blue and green shirts should not have too long to wait for the arrival of the new gold shirts. Most supply chains seem to be disrupted at present.

Our senior member is becoming a regular on the (non-existent allegedly) scorers list. Comment:

John Milner is on quite a roll
And often he's getting a goal
You'll score quite a lot
If in the right spot
John M just arrives at a stroll.

Make sure that you book in to play by responding to Jim Wright's email before 12:00 noon on Fridays. And if you've booked in and can't make it, then please let him know that too.

Quotable Quote Two: "I have always found that mercy bears richer fruits than strict justice." Abraham Lincoln (1809 - 1865). *Perhaps our umpires could bear this in mind when the ball, having almost been trapped dead, brushes an elderly foot. Ed.*

No Balinese Bulletin: Peter tells me that he had absolutely nothing to say this month. Obviously he has valiantly resisted the temptation to tell us how well his footy team is going. All the best PH and we hope that we'll hear from you next month. Ed.

Shakespeare Said It: "Dost thou think I care for a satire or an epigram?" Much Ado About Nothing Act V, Scene IV. *The Editor hopes that MM readers share this sentiment, as we don't include many.*

"Sir, you seem a sober ancient gentleman by your habit, but your words show you a madman." The Taming Of The Shrew Act V, Scene 1. *Another bad case of A Division white line fever?*

"For I am sure you have your hands full all ..." Romeo And Juliet Act IV, Scene III. *Uniforms officer Robin Bailey has literally had his hands full of new shirts and socks during the reorganisation but one person missed out, Robin himself. In keeping with the proverb: "The cobbler's children go barefoot."*

WHM and the Pandemic: I have now heard of several positive tests for Covid among our WHM members. All seem to have done the right thing and isolated so as not to spread it throughout our Divisions. In addition the duration of the absences has been brief in all cases, indicating that vaccinations limit the severity of the disease. I will not mention names, but thank the sufferers for doing the right thing. Let's hope that the flu vaccine is just as effective. (See also Page 9)

Well Dones for May: Wednesday's 'A' Division umpires were: Rob Ainsworth, Jim Balding, George Bradbury, Peter Evans, Colin Gee, Ian Hill, Mal Jackaman, KY Lee, John Mercer, Colin Sanders, Neil Scaddan, Peter Trend, Ken Walter, Ken Watt, Ricky Watts, Frank Williams and Ivan Wilson. Saturday's umpires were: Eric Alcock, Colin Gee, Ian Hill, Neil Scaddan, Don Smart, Rod Spencer, Greg Street, Ken Watt. Thank you all.

Past Players, Non Players and Injured Players May: Noted at PHS: Jim Balding, Ricky Watts. At Perry Lakes: Eric Alcock, Ash Challenor, Keith Kessell, David Lester, John Mercer, John Pierce, Howard Read, Neil Scaddan, Don Smart, Rod Spencer and Jim Wright.

"New" B Division May 2022:

The new B Division finally got underway in the first week of May. With 3 evenly matched teams the general consensus has been that John Chapman, the selector and coordinator for the grade, has done a mighty fine job.

With goalies Tony Freeman, John Harper and Andrew Robertson rotating through the sides and some very good strikers in the grade every game is guaranteed a polished exhibition of "goaliology" or as some goalies put it, "the close up study of a forwards weak spots"! One observer told me it is like the never ending battle between hyenas and jackals; he declined to say which was which as he did not want to offend either group!!

There had been some trepidation and anxiety amongst the group as to how the new format would affect the social side of things. Not much at all by all accounts as the bar has been well patronised and the humour and stories continue! I'm told some but not many of the stories are true!!

And so the kick off has come and gone, most of the potential and perceived problems have not materialised and everyone appears happy and contented (mostly!). All complaints have been handled professionally and efficiently by the B Division Coordinator and filed in the bottom of his hockey bag along with some old unwashed socks and dozens of beer bottle tops!

I have had enquiries from players in the other grades wanting to know what their future looks like. I tell them it is exactly the same as the old format but different. I am unable to explain it more fully even if I had the inclination to do so! Time goes by but we carry on, cruising down the hockey highway!

Dudley Evans

Thanks again for this piece Dudley. A great read. Ed.

Test Your Hockey Knowledge With John Sanders:

May's question was: These players were all in the 1952 WA Women's Hockey Team which won the Australia Championship in Melbourne.



What is unusual is that they were all from the same Western Australian town! Was it

a) Busselton b) Fremantle c) Manjimup d) Northam

The correct answer is Manjimup.

An even a higher compliment was paid the Manjimup representatives when three of them Kath Battilana, Flora Crombie and Margaret Hunter were selected in the team to go to England next year (1953) with Marj Crossen (Rigg).

Picture shows the smiling sextette (L to r.) Edith Crombie, Avis Oliver, Joy Gibellini, Kath Battilana, Margaret Hunter and Flora Crombie .From the Manjimup and Warren Times Wed 3 Sep 1952.

June's question is:

The Kookaburra's matches against New Zealand coming up shortly mark the centenary of the first international hockey match played by Australia, coincidentally, also against New Zealand. What part did these gentlemen play in our first International?



- Were they New Zealand Selectors
- Did they prepare the ground marking at Fitzherbert Park, Palmerston North
- Did they together umpire the Test
- Were they responsible for the Manawatu Hockey Association hosting the Test
- Did they take advantage of the public holiday and join the spectators

Answer next issue.

Covid Protocols: What do you do if you get the disease? From Hockey WA comes this advice: Hockey WA's COVID Plan is in line with the WA Government Level 2 Public Health and Social Measures and the WA Department of Health Guidance.

Following testing positive to COVID-19 or being a close contact as per the WA Health definitions; a person must isolate and follow all current WA Health protocols for Quarantine and isolation.

For further information visit the WA Health website **WA Health COVID-19 (coronavirus)**

In terms of hockey, the following guidelines apply;

Managing the infection and transmission risk

1. For Individuals:

a. If COVID-like symptoms are present, people must:

- i. Not attend training and/or any Hockey WA club or facility.
- ii. Go for a PCR test or take a Rapid Antigen Test (RAT).
- iii. Advise their club via their Team Manager or Coach of their test results.

b. If a positive test is returned (either RAT or PCR), it is a government requirement to:

- i. Register your result with the Department of Health.
- ii. **Isolate at home for a minimum of seven days** or;
- iii. until acute symptoms have resolved, e.g., fever, aches/pains, short of breath (if they have persisted beyond the seven days).

c. If players are around club environments, it is advisable that all medical guidelines are adhered to. Players can consider returning to outdoor training, still observing social distancing.

d. Due to the possibility that the infected person may still be shedding the virus between Day 8 and 10, Hockey WA prefer that players **do not return to indoor facilities or training** at any hockey facilities or venues, **until Day 10**. (provided they are asymptomatic at day 7).

On Day 10, if asymptomatic, athletes can return to all group, indoor and outdoor activities. There is no requirement to do a repeat RAT test before entry.

Managing the athlete's initial return to training post COVID-19

Once the isolation period is completed (as per WA health guidelines) the individual should contact their Team Manager or Coach to discuss the return to training and playing.

Returning to training and playing should be under the club's direction, in conjunction with the player and their doctor (if appropriate).

While each individual will experience differences in the severity and number of symptoms, a sensible graded return should be considered for all players. Return to training and playing, is based on the athlete's symptoms and exercise tolerance. It should be noted that some individuals may experience some persisting fatigue and cough for 1-2 weeks, affecting their ability to reach maximal exertion. There is NO evidence that maximal exercise in these first few weeks is dangerous, but instead, it may impact short term performance and possibly delay recovery.

I'd prefer not to get Covid at all. Ed.

Another Well Done: It was a truism in my Apex days that if you wanted a job well done you asked a busy man. Uniforms officer Robin Bailey has been really working during the reorganization and I asked him for some indication of how many new shirts had been needed. The original order was for 81, and since then a subsequent one has been placed for another 36. All these have to be delivered to their matching players, which has been happening for the last few Wednesdays. Well done to Robin, who has been doing this job well for about 14 years.

Punology Two: The daffy definitions continue. You have been warned
Program: In favour of the metric system.

Rampage: The article in the encyclopedia about male sheep.

Life Membership of Oceania Hockey Federation: This article from Hockey Australia announces the honour to WHM player Bob Claxton. Congratulations and well done from all of us Bob.



Devoted, astute and long serving hockey advocate and servant Bob Claxton has been awarded Life Membership of the Oceania Hockey federation (OHF). Life membership is the most prestigious award bestowed on an individual by the OHF.

As outlined in the OHF selection criteria for Life Membership, consideration for the honour is based on 'any person whose services to the organization of Oceania Hockey is agreed to have been sufficiently meritorious over a sustained period of time.'

Claxton's nomination was endorsed by the OHF Executive Board at today's Annual General Meeting. This latest recognition of Claxton, whose involvement in hockey spans over some 65 years, comes after he became a Life Member of Hockey Australia in 2020.

"This is wonderful acknowledgement of someone who has done so much for hockey in Australia and just as notably in our neighbouring Pacific countries," said Hockey Australia CEO David Pryles.

"On behalf of the Hockey Australia Board and everyone involved in the sport in Australia, I congratulate Bob and thank him for his dedication and passion to grow the game of hockey and the wide ranging benefits that come with it."

"Hockey across Oceania is blessed to have people like Bob and it is terrific that the OHF has this way of recognising and celebrating the achievements of these people."

Claxton has been Secretary General of OHF for 15 years and been instrumental and a proven innovator over this time. Part of the lead management team of the OHF for many years, Claxton has been a mentor to all island teams and played a key role the hockey development of the Oceania nations, including in the officiating area.

Claxton has been a recipient of the FIH Presidents award for services to the International Hockey Federation (FIH) and OHF. He is also the father of current Hockeyroo Jane Claxton.

Southern Cross Hockey Gear: Ric Staynor let me know that he had three responses to his offer of free S/X playing uniforms. It's now all gone.

Welcome To New Players: New players have joined C and D Divisions. Welcome to Ron Chesney, Don Fini and Martin Whitely (C Division) and Steve Karpusany (D Division). We hope you enjoy your time with WHM.

Grumpy Old Men and Women Two: "Man invented language to satisfy his deep need to complain." Lily Tomlin (1939 -). *Former star on Rowan and Martin's 'Laugh In.'*

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