



A Blue

A Gold

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B Blue

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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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**Venues and Playing Times For July:** PHS is unavailable for much of July. Our venues and times:

**A Division:** Hale Turf on all four Wednesdays, but please note different times.

6th and 13th July: 1:30 pm to 3:49 pm. 20 minute games with a 3 minute break. Bar available.

20th and 27th July: 1:00 pm to 3:19 pm. 20 minute games with a 3 minute break. Bar not available.

**B Division:** Lakelands on all four Wednesdays, but please note different times.

6th and 13th July: 12:30 pm to 3:00 pm. A bar will be available.

20th and 27th July: 1:30 pm to 4:00 pm. A bar will be available.

**C Division:** Please note different venues and times. A bar will be available at both.

6th and 13th July: Lakelands 3:00 pm to 5:30 pm.

20th and 27th July: Melville Turf 2:30 pm to 5:00 pm.

**D Division:** Please note different venues and times. A bar will be available at both.

6th and 13th July: PHS2 5:00 to 7:00 pm.

20th and 27th July: Lakelands 4:30 pm to 6:30 pm.

The Lakelands Turf is Fremantle's new pride and joy, and is accessible from the Kwinana Freeway via the Berrigan Drive exits. I trust that the A Division has not forgotten how to find the Hale Turf.

**New Fixtures Coordinator:** Dan Hill's new role as WHM Secretary has left a vacancy in the Fixtures Coordinator position. Thank you to Peter Trend, who has agreed to take on the job. The previous paragraph gives some indication of how busy things can become, and we all owe a big thank you to Dan for the work involved in setting up our alternative arrangements. This has averted the worst possibility as envisaged by MM's incorrigible limericist who claimed (at the time):

We're playing away in July  
 But nothing I heard told me why  
     No Turf One or Two  
     So what will we do?  
 Let's hope that it's not general bye.

**Dates For The Diary:**

**2022** July: Very few games at PHS. See above for detailed information.

July 9th: Perry Lakes hockey pizza night and 80th birthday celebrations after our games.

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:** Here is the latest update from World Masters Hockey's Ishbel Dickens.

"I am very pleased to inform you that despite some team withdrawals, the WMH World Cup in Tokyo, Oct 19-29 will go ahead as planned. We have 28 teams from 11 different countries, plus Alliance and Southern Cross committed to playing at what will be an amazing experience at the OI Hockey Stadium in Tokyo. Given the number of teams in each age category the competition format will be: O60 - all 11 teams (9 national and 2 Spirit of Masters) will compete in one competition; O65 - all 7 teams (6 national and 1 Spirit of Masters) will compete in one competition; and All O70 & O75 teams, whether national or Spirit of Masters, will compete in one competition, with classification matches separated by age/category. Every team is guaranteed a minimum of five (5) matches, with most getting six (6), and some seven (7) depending on the number of teams/competition. Also, please be sure to let your players know that the three month visa they will be eligible for can start before the tournament dates and extend beyond the closing ceremony. Everyone attending the WMH World Cup on this special visa will be free to travel throughout Japan under the same conditions as Japanese citizens - wearing masks on public transport and in crowded places. Be assured that WMH and the HNOC in Japan are doing everything possible to ensure a very enjoyable and successful event for all. Do not hesitate to contact me if you have questions or concerns.

Best, Ishbel "

*Thank you to Southern Cross who provided this email, which I have included in its entirety except for one sentence regarding the documentation required to enter Japan. It is very sad to see the decline in the numbers of teams compared to the previous event in Barcelona. According to the newsletters at the time that featured 77 teams in total, including 9 Women's sides.*

**From The Membership Administrator:**

Captains the committee would like you to regularly check your team list on the club RevoSPORT site. It is important that all playing members are registered and on your team list. If they are not on the list they are not registered and should not be playing. Please ensure our club records are accurate and up to date as members not registered will not receive any club information and invitations.

Colin Gee

**Use of RevoSPORT Site:** At the time of closing off this edition our up-to-date fixtures can only be found via RevoSPORT. If you have not already done so, I suggest that you add the page to your Favourites bar. Here is the link to the fixtures again.

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

This link will also allow you to access all items on the site. We have not yet decided where to house the newsletter archive on a permanent basis, but at present the site includes the last three editions of Masters Matters - thanks to Dan Hill. The WHM history is also uploaded, but is a little difficult to reach. You need to use the "About" button from the Home screen and click on to the History button when it appears. In addition to "The First 30 Years" the segment also contains all the photographs of the 2020 teams, and the record of the 2021 season.

**Department of Health:** Ian Hill is supposed to be taking it quietly for a couple of months before he has an operation. Return to full back? Ken Watt is suffering from a fairly severe problem in an eye and at the time I heard about it the future is uncertain. Richard Osborne has missed a few weeks with an Achilles problem, but hopes to be back in action some time this month. Jim Banks has been having a few cardiac misadventures (understatement) but is now on the way back after the insertion of three stents. And that's all which has reached the MM notebook this month. Doubtless there are many more in all Divisions. Best recovery wishes to everybody.

**Quotable Quote One:** "Politics is not the art of the possible. It consists in choosing between the disastrous and the unpalatable." *John Kenneth Galbraith (1908 - 2006). Canadian born economist. As is being demonstrated in many parts of the world at the moment. Ed.*

**Cards In A Division:** I have heard a little discussion in recent weeks about the possible of cards in our A Division matches and would be most interested in our readers thoughts. For what it is worth here are some of my own ideas on the matter which may provide a few talking points.

**For:** 1) It may reduce the number of very bad tackles being perpetrated. Each week there will be at least 2 or 3 tackles which would certainly attract a green or yellow card in a tournament.

2) It may silence some of the vociferous dissent we hear every week.

3) I have checked with the B Division and discovered that they are in use there.

4) Cards are part and parcel of hockey. At our age and stage they should not be needed at all in the A Division, but if an offence occurs which warrants one it should be used.

**Against:** 1) We are playing social hockey. Surely nobody is trying to win at all costs.

2) Are our umpiring standards sufficiently high to give them discretion to award cards?

3) It was made known months ago that A Division Coordinator George Bradbury had ensured that a set of cards was to be made available via the Technical Dugout each Wednesday. No umpire has ever taken these out onto the turf. (That is still the case - there are always two sets of cards in there).

*Surely our readers (if any) will have some opinions on this subject. Ed.*

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

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

Happy July birthdays to all the following:

**A Division:** **11th** Neil Patterson (1943) **20th** John Ree (1949) **24th** Peter Blockley (1936) **25th** Peter Willett (1941) Peter Evans (1950) **27th** Richard Osborne (1942) **28th** Colin Benporath (1944) **29th** Jim Balding (1946).

**B Division:** **18th** Don Sanders (1949) **19th** Ron Mitchell (1949) **21st** Neil Miller (1949) **24th** Jeff Kozak (1950) **29th** Bob Claxton (1945) **31st** Bob Le Merle (1946) Phil Hewton (1952).

**C Division:** **3rd** Glen Mihala (1952) **19th** Warren Jackson (1959) **22nd** Max Viner (1952) **31st** Dan Hill (1957).

**D Division:** **5th** Brian Kelly (1964) Adrian Rutter (1970) **8th** Leon Wende (1965) **17th** Glenn Christiansen (1966) **21st** Kalwant Singh (1963) **23rd** Russell Rieck (1963) **29th** Andrew Rose (1964) **31st** Steven Critchison (1970).

**Saturday:** **23rd** John Halley (1939).

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

**Department of Corrections:** The June edition appears to have been one of those real rarities where no errors have been detected, either by the editor (post publication) or our readers. To reward the dedicated staff the editor opened a bottle of wine and shared it with the proof-reader and the typist. PS: The editor got most of it.

**Letters To The Editor:** Many thanks to Keith Kessell, who was kind enough to drop us a line. Nobody else wrote. A Division readers were given some food for thought (hopefully) in the paragraph about the possible use of cards above. We hear regularly from B Division thanks to Dudley Evans, but since this incarnation of a WHM newsletter began at the start of 2012 it has featured many lamentations about the lack of coverage of the younger age groups. The format of the C and D Division fixtures does not make it easy for detailed match reports, but if anybody out there could provide a story or two for Masters Matters it would provide a better balanced coverage.

**Punology One:** This issue will see the last of our different definitions? Probably.

Dogma: A bitch with a litter of puppies.

Eclipse: What a gardener does to the hedge.

Intense: Where campers sleep.

**'A' Division Blog:** The competition continues, and perhaps is becoming a little unbalanced with the Blue side dropping off, White top dogs, and Gold fairly competitive. It depends on who's away.

**June 1st:** The Blue team had a really bad day with one draw the best result they could achieve and their losses included two blowouts. That's still better than Gold's effort of four losses on 18th May. Gold and White's two matches resulted in each side having one win. Despite the refusal of keepers Barry, Graeme and John to make errors more goals were scored than any other Wednesday in the new A Division with several players bagging doubles. It was great to see several passages of really good play and some of the passing and hitting was top notch also. Jim Wright attempted a comeback but the problem foot was too sore for any more than one game. Despite their terrible day Blue's Ken Beer was awarded the goal of the day by the judges. Honourable mentions went to Peter Dennis for two good goals after a comeback and Gold captain Colin Gee who also celebrated his return to the forward line with two goals. The day's results were:

**Gold 3 Blue 0; White 1 Blue 0; White 0 Gold 1; Blue 0 Gold 1; Blue 0 White 3; Gold 0 White 1.**

**Scorers:** **Blue:** Ken Beer. **Gold:** Terry Gaston, Colin Gee (2), John Ree, Ken Walter. **White:** Peter Dennis and Hector D'Rozario (2 each), Colin Murray-Smith. Total goals 11.

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

**June 8th:** After the goal feast of last week the entire 2 hours of hockey produced only 4. White were the best side on the day again, but managed to lose to Gold despite having the majority of territory and possession. Goalkeepers Graeme and Barry both had fine days, with some of the last gasp saves bordering on the miraculous. In addition to the great hockey by the keepers the other factors in the low scoring were the generally very poor standard of the midfield play and the finishing in the circle. Robin Bailey transferred from Blue to White for the day, which was enough to give them 10 players after the participants in the State trials arrived from Turf One. The goal of the day went to Colin Murray-Smith for an excellent strike against Gold 35 seconds after the game began, which produced White's winner. The day's results were:

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

**Scorers:** **Blue:** Brian Soares. **Gold:** Nev Brown. **White:** Hector D'Rozario, Col Murray-Smith. Total 4.

Team numbers at maximum were: Blue (12), Gold (10), White (9).

**June 15th:** The Gold side had a bad day (understatement), while Blue and White were undefeated. Numbers were good and after Rob Butler joined the White side to add more to their already elite forward line all teams had surplus players. Despite the six goalkeepers on the playing roster only Barry and Graeme took to the field, though Dick Osborne was there on the sidelines unable to play. As usual both proved to be hard to pass all day, despite being under severe pressure much of the time, particularly when playing for Gold. Perhaps it was due to the number of players, but the Gold side did not settle into good team work after the first few minutes. Despite Rob Butler's hat trick for White the judges decided that the finish by teammate Ron Venables after an excellent build-up was goal of the day. The day's results were:

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

**Scorers:** **Blue:** Ken Beer, Phil Metcalf. **Gold:** Ken Walter. **White:** Rob Butler (3), Ron Venables.

Player numbers at maximum: Blue (12), Gold (12), White (11). Total goals 7.

**June 22nd:** Today showed that the absence of key players can make a real difference as White's depleted forward line brought them back to the fold. Robin Bailey transferred from Blue to Gold for the day, thus giving all sides full teams. Goalkeepers Tony and Graeme were solid all day, and goals had to be earned. Gold showed some improved team work and were also strengthened by the reunification of their full back combination of Peter Jones and Ricky Watts. The goal of the day contenders included rare strikes by Robin Bailey and Keith Kessell but the judges decided that Phil Metcalf's centimeter perfect corner conversion should get the nod. The day's results were:

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

**Scorers:** **Blue:** Keith Kessell, Phil Metcalf. **Gold:** Robin Bailey, Nev Brown, John Ree, Ricky Watts.

**White:** Neil Patterson, Ron Venables. Total goals 8.

Team numbers at maximum on the day: Blue (12), Gold (9), White (10).

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**June 29th:** The defences led a charmed life for most of the day, except for one game. I cannot recall seeing so many golden opportunities not taken, and concluded that the cold weather had chilled ancient fingers. This possibly affected White the most, as they dominated their games without getting scores on the board. Howie Herbert was back again and after a warm-up run in White played with Gold for the remainder. Goalkeepers Tony and Graeme were joined by John Burt making a comeback, and thus had the luxury of an occasional game off. Other than the one game when the Gold forward line teamed up to get the ball to the teeth of goal where their seagulls did the rest (Graeme was the unfortunate GK) goals were very hard to come by. Graeme also made two superb saves in the second Blue/White game when what appeared to be certain goals were stopped by a cross-goal dive. The goal of the day judges decided after a long debate that John Ree's hat trick should get the award. The day's results were:

**White 0 Blue 1; Gold 4 Blue 0; Gold 0 White 0; Blue 0 White 1; Blue 0 Gold 1; White 1 Gold 0.**

**Scorers:** **Blue:** Peter Blockley. **Gold:** Nev Brown, Mal Jackaman, John Ree (3). **White:** Peter Dennis, Neil Patterson. Total goals 8.

Team numbers at maximum on the day: Blue (13), Gold (9), White (10).

**Alcohol-Free A Division:** The bar at Hale Turf is due to open at 4:00 pm on our first two Wednesdays in July, which coincide with the school holidays and as our starting time is 1:30 pm the hours dovetail nicely. Unfortunately the two later ones feature an earlier start time for us (1:00 pm) and a later opening time for the bar due to the school being back in action. So those of us who are long distance travelers may have to go home thirsty. MM's limericist says:

There's some of us travel quite far  
 Who could be displeased there's no bar  
 It really is tough  
 You could say it's rough  
 For there to be no post-game jar.

### **Balinese Bulletin No 71:**

Sitting here in Bali following a night of heavy rain ....which is unusual because the "Wet" is meant to have ended. Our lovely tropical garden which surrounds our house on 3 sides is very damp & still with almost no movement in the green foliage. It is times like this that you just wouldn't want to be anywhere else. Because where we live is a very quiet area the absence of street sounds is very calming.

The "Old Bali" is slowly beginning to emerge with the tourist numbers beginning to rise. Any recovery, whilst not rapid, is great to see because these beautiful people have been hurting for far too long.

Both Erin & I are generally in pretty good health & are fortunate that our "Family" of local Balinese people are taking very good care of us in all ways.

For all those that know me will know how happy I am to see my beloved Blue Baggers doing so well after far too long in the bottom half of the competition.

I wish I had more of interest to offer but life here at the moment is very pedestrian ....but that's ok for an Old Bloke like me.

*Thanks again Peter. Your name came up in the bar conversation recently when the subject of our past playing gear came up. One of our number still has a Jardine Fleming shirt (secured by Peter Hammond). I am certain that quite a few of we older players would have no objection to a slightly more pedestrian life. Especially when getting to and from Perth Hockey Stadium on Wednesdays. Some of us will really appreciate the much shorter commute to Hale during July. Ed.*

**Grumpy Old Men and Women One:** "I have never made but one prayer to God, a very short one. 'Oh Lord, make my enemies ridiculous.' And God granted it." *Voltaire (1694 - 1745). French author, humanist, rationalist and satirist. How he would have enjoyed today's USA. Ed.*

**From Saturday Masters:**

# The Paella Night on 4th June went extremely well, due to Jim Wright's faultless organisation and preparation. At one stage there were over 50 members booked in, but a few dropped out as we got closer to the date. It's great to have such a high percentage of our total membership present and as we said last issue one of the very best features of our Saturdays is the social aspect.

# Many thanks also must go to Peter and Diane Wallis, who donated the deserts for the night. I'm told it was to celebrate Peter's birthday on 31st May.

# Thanks also to all our members who assisted with the clearing and cleaning up after the function. As we claimed last issue, many hands really do make light work.

# Those of us who signed up as social members of YMCA should be receiving the YM Coastal News on a very regular basis. This features a column by Club President Enzo Evangelista, who signed off his "Enzo's Edicts" in issue No 13 with the words "El Presidente de por vida." Those of you who did not use your search engines may be interested to know that it means "President for life." Sometimes hockey jobs can seem like that, as I'm sure some long-serving members of WHM would agree.

# The new gold shirts arrived during June (thanks again to Jim Wright) and have already entered service. Our players seem to be able to differentiate them from our other blue and white colours, for most of the time.

# 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.

**All ready for the Paella Night****Photo Jim Wright**

**Grumpy Old Men Two:** "Poverty is the parent of revolution and crime." *Aristotle (384 BC - 322 BC). Ancient Greek critic, philosopher, physicist and zoologist.*

**“New” B Division June 2022:**

Slightly down on numbers but high in enthusiasm June has come and gone in a flash, just like some of my opposing players!

With the weather ranging from average to brilliant June has been most noticeable for the continued good hockey and the crackdown on dissension of umpiring decisions! This has led to a much quieter game but no umpiring improvement. I have suggested that Shane Knapp be asked to write a half page interpretation of each of the most common rules applicable to our grade. Watch this space!

Showing that injuries are not confined to the Eagles and Dockers some players have obviously over trained and been struck down mostly with calf and hamstring complaints. Paradoxically I have been informed by some experts that one has to get over a certain speed for this to happen. I wouldn't know much about this sports injury science!

Others have decided that now is a good time to travel, some have had Covid and some are keeping a very low profile due to the end of the financial year and not wanting any reason for contact with the Australian Tax Office. Actually this could be why so many players are travelling overseas particularly to places like Bali, the Cayman Islands and other offshore tax havens. After-all one has to keep ones payable tax to a minimum!

Even with the slightly lower numbers, socialising and patronage of the bar has increased. Another paradox but not one that's thought about too much as players with drinks in hand jostle for a few chips and squid rings.

Looking forward to Wednesday Hockey in July, we are off to Lakelands for the Month. A change of scene, a new challenge. We will all be richer for the experience and for some of us it will be cheaper on fuel!

Dudley Evans

*Thank you Dudley. All the best to B Division for the travel to new places. Ed.*

**Shakespeare Said It:** “But wherefore waste I time to counsel thee.” Two Gentlemen of Verona Act I, Scene I. *Tournament coach despairs of ever changing his team's bad habits.*

“Pray you, sit down; for now we sit to chat, as well as eat.” The Taming Of The Shrew Act V, Scene II. *An excellent description of our post hockey each Saturday at Perry Lakes.*

“... pardon, I beseech you! Henceforward I am ever ruled by you” Romeo And Juliet Act IV, Scene II. *Player apologises to umpire for dissenting from a decision? Is there any one of our Divisions where this event is a possible occurrence? Please contact the Editor as that should feature here. Ed.*

**Well Dones for June:** Wednesday's 'A' Division umpires were: Rob Ainsworth, George Bradbury, Peter Evans, Colin Gee, Ian Hill, Mal Jackaman, John Jeffries, Peter Jones, KY Lee, Bob Maley, Peter Murray, Colin Murray-Smith, Colin Sanders, Neil Scaddan, Brian Soares, Peter Trend, Les Waldon, Ken Walter, Ken Watt. Ricky Watts, Frank Williams, Ivan Wilson. Saturday's umpires were: Rob Ainsworth, Eric Alcock, Ken Beer, George Bradbury, Dudley Burrell, Terry Gaston, Colin Gee, Ian Hill, Peter Murray, Neil Scaddan, Brian Soares, Rod Spencer, Greg Street, Len Walker and Ken Watt. Our thanks to you all.

**Past Players, Non Players and Injured Players June:** Noted at PHS: Jim Balding, Ham D'Souza, John Mercer, Richard Osborne, Neil Scaddan, Jim Wright. At Perry Lakes: Eric Alcock, Jim Balding, Bob Byers, Howie Herbert, Ian Hill, Paul Huisman, Keith Kessell, John Mercer, Neil Scaddan, Rod Spencer, Peter Stevens, Heath Tyrrell, Len Walker and Jim Wright.

**Quotable Quote Two:** “I pay no attention whatever to anybody's praise or blame. I simply follow my own feelings.” *Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756 - 1791). Posterity seems to have decided that he was a pretty good judge of his own music. Ed.*



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

**June's** question was:

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?



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

No answers came in. These gentlemen umpired the match.

**July's** question is: The first ever international hockey match played in Australia was between the visiting All England Women's Hockey Association team and an Australian team at Rushcutters Bay Sydney on 25<sup>th</sup> July 1914.

The English girls joined in the AAWHA National tournament and played every state in July 1914

This picture shows the match between AEWHC and NSW a few days prior to the Test. With some imagination you can picture the NSW team in light blue and the visitors in their traditional cardinal skirts and white blouse.

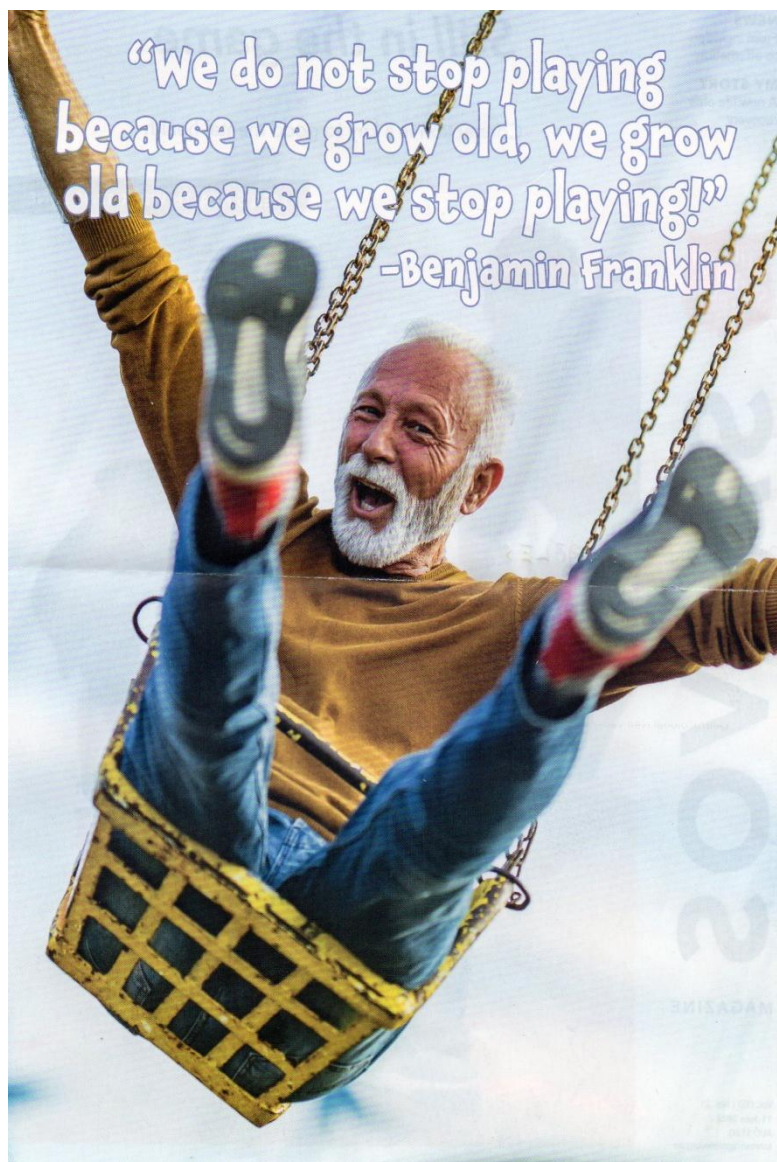


For the Test Match did Australia wear?

- a) Green and gold
- b) Borrowed NSW clothing
- c) Black and white gear
- d) Their own State colours

Answer next issue.

**Ten Years Ago:** During the Hobart interstate tournament of 2012 I was give the following quote by WA Country team mate and room mate Alan Bryce. As we're all now considerably older and the vast majority of us are still playing it would seem to be the right time for a repeat. Thanks to Ron Venables for the illustration.



**Punology Two:** And yet more definitions. Where does he get them?

Legend: The edge of a cliff.

Midget: The central engine of a Boeing 727.

Warehouse: What you say when you're lost.

**Welcome To New Players:** It's been great to have Peter Dennis return to Saturday hockey at Perry Lakes. Unfortunately for full backs, he does not appear to have slowed down.

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

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