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D Blue

D Gold

D Red

D White

O/65 Blue

O/65 Gold

O/65 Green

O/65 White

Masters Matters

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Life Membership Award to Don Smart: The Hockey Australia board has approved a life membership for Don Smart. This is awarded for “outstanding and sustained service to hockey in Australia at national and/or international levels, or conspicuous achievement in significant areas of endeavour which enhanced hockey at a national and/or international level.” The presentation will take place at an event in WA at a later date. Don’s citation reads:

“A three-time Olympian, Hockey Australia Hall of Fame inductee, member of the WA Hockey Hall of Champions and WA Sports Hall of Fame inductee, Don’s lifelong love of the sport has seen him reach amazing heights both on and off the pitch.

Don has made a huge contribution to men’s and women’s hockey across every level of the game for 65 years. Representing his state and going on to play 96 matches for the Kookaburras, Don then made a successful transition into coaching. This included coaching Australian Under 21 Men’s and Women’s teams at various Junior World Cups. He was also involved in the creation of the AHA Coaching Manual, conducting in coaching courses all the while continuing to coach at all levels of hockey including playing and coaching Masters Hockey.”

Don still joins our Saturday hockey at Perry Lakes when he is in the metropolitan area and off the golf course. Hearty congratulations from all of us at WHM on this very well-merited award.

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
 WEDNESDAY 17TH AUGUST
 EASTMAN ROOM, PERTH HOCKEY STADIUM
 6.00pm**

Agenda and proxy forms will be emailed to Members on 3rd August.

A quorum is 58 so please make every effort to attend.

Food platters and/or sausage sizzle will be available before the meeting.

Dates For The Diary:**2022**

August 17th: 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: 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.

Tournaments and WHM: It has now been three years since we played an interstate tournament and many of us still have happy memories of our time in the South-West. It's also been four years since the very enjoyable World Cup in Barcelona. As both events are still on track to take place in 2022 we will need to evaluate how they affect our regular hockey Wednesdays and Saturdays. It seems clear that the interstate tournament will involve a lot of our regular players, particularly in the older age groups, as a look at the selected teams reveals. I cannot include a complete list of WHM members in the State teams as I no longer have access to the WHM team lists; but here is a link to the State side announcements on the WA Masters website. The Women's teams are listed first, but if you scroll down you will reach the Men's teams for the Gold Coast.

<https://wamastershockey.com/index.php/news>

It seems certain that our regular Divisional fixtures cannot be played on (at least) the Wednesdays of 28th September and 5th of October. Divisional Coordinators & Team Captains are canvassing players about availability on those Wednesdays. We might have to combine age groups.

The lead-up period may also cause some disruption to the schedule as State teams arrange training periods, and may participate in the matches too. MM's limericist says:

How many are going away?

Will we have the numbers to play?

There might be a lack

Of turfs in school vac

So would combined teams be OK?

I suggest that our Saturdays will probably be able to continue. It appears that we will lose up to 14 players for the tournament period, but we still should be able to field two teams. As our bar staff and most of the Committee are remaining in Perth all should be OK.

During the Tokyo event we will not lose as many members as are going to the Gold Coast. But the numbers are significant and we will lose up to 17 players, which will impact Wednesday 19th and 26th October at least. *In late news the Australian O/75 side has been withdrawn from Tokyo.*

Paul Robinson Retires: It was with considerable regret that Robbo decided to stop playing recently. The editor offers an apology for failing to include the news in the July edition, and hopes that late is better than never. Paul had given up Wednesday play a few years ago, but was still a regular at Perry Lakes on Saturdays. He was the last of our original line-ups from the two 1991 inaugural teams to be in action and his departure marks the end of an era. At the time this issue was prepared Robbo and his better half have travelled to Canada to visit a son. All the best to you Paul, and we hope that you will be able to join us socially on occasions still.

Department of Corrections: The July edition cover page was not updated for the O/65 colours. The Maroon shirts are obsolete and replaced by the new Gold ones. I also overlooked including Dan Hill's notice regarding our AGM on August 17th. Apologies to Dan.

Letters To The Editor: The July edition elicited a response from Mal Horrigan, who sent an answer to the John Sanders question (see Page 9). We also got a response on the A Division cards (Page 7).

Cards In A Division: We said in the last issue "Surely our readers (if any) will have some opinions on this subject." It appeared that nobody had an opinion, but a late arrival just before publication restored my faith in MM's readers. See Page 7. A Division umpires are again reminded that there will always be two sets of cards in the Technical dugout for them, if they wish to have them.

Quotable Quote One: "Insanity in individuals is something rare - but in groups, parties, nations and epochs, it is the rule." *Friedrich Nietzsche (1844 - 1900). German philosopher. A very long time ago it was suggested that Veterans hockey was insanity, as people over the age of 40 should not play, but coach and support instead. Now we are seriously considering O/80s. Ed.*

Department of Health: Jim Balding has had his hip replacement and says that he's going well in the recovery period. Ken Walter made a blistering start to the third quarter (5 goals in two weeks) but his Achilles tendon has been injured and he now faces more than a month out of hockey. Keith Kessel is not playing at present - reason not known. Len Walker finally made a comeback on Saturday 30th. Colin Gee has been having a really rough time; initially he had a BCC removed from his chest with quite a lot of stitches resulting. Then both he and Neil Scaddan caught Covid. It cannot have been at a meeting of the A Division captains, as Dave Horsley and George Bradbury have not missed games. President Simon Thomson also caught Covid while in Melbourne, but has just resumed hockey. It was good to see Mal Horrigan take to the Hale Turf on 20th July - hope all was good on Thursday. Rumours keep reaching MM that Chip Challenor's return is imminent. Best wishes to all those above and those I don't know about for a speedy and complete recovery.

Fixtures and Newsletters: For convenience the up-to-date fixtures can only be found on RevoSPORT. Here is the link again.

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

Once you are on this site you will also be able to view the most recent newsletters. If you want to browse the full archives Dan Hill has included the link from here to the Western Hockey Masters page on the WA Masters Hockey site. We include it for one final time.

<https://wamastershockey.com/index.php/whm-newsletters>

Many thanks to Dan for making the newsletters so accessible.

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@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 August birthdays to all the following:

A Division: **8th** Brian Soares (1944) **10th** Robin Bailey (1943) **13th** John Jeffreys (1944) **16th** Peter Murray (1943) **17th** KY Lee (1949) **25th** Mal Horrigan (1946).

B Division: **2nd** Len Blyth (1944) Peter Andrews (1946) **13th** Jim Campbell (1951) **23rd** Simon Thomson (1946) **25th** Keith Platel (1949) **27th** Ian Brown (1950) **29th** Bob Woodrow (1949) **30th** Steve McEntee (1953).

C Division: **7th** Peter Selfe (1956) **8th** Stefan Oleijko (1953) **9th** Peter Kontor (1956) **10th** Phil Wilson (1953) **27th** Graham Harper (1956) Graham Newson (1957) **28th** John Rogers (1956).

D Division: **4th** Gurmeet Singh (1964) **6th** Steven Metcalfe (1968) **12th** Stuart Campbell (1966) **15th** John McGuckin (1961) **26th** Royden D'Vaz (1961) David Mountain (1963).

Saturday:

Past Players: **5th** Bob Bowyer (1939) **10th** Marty Greay (1941) **20th** Paul Robinson (1941).

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

We've Been Everywhere? WHM has played at quite a variety of turfs during July. I hope that the other Divisions had more access to a post-match bar than the As, who missed out completely on three of the four Wednesdays in July. MM's limericist says:

This month we've been rather widespread

That's one thing that some of us dread

And did get the worst

No bar for our thirst

So went home and drank tea instead. *(Well, some of us did)*

Grumpy Old Men and Women One: "There are in fact two things, science and opinion; the former begets knowledge, the latter ignorance." *Hippocrates (460 BC - 377 BC). Ancient Greek physician, and known as the father of medicine. Ed.*

'A' Division Blog: So ends our bar-free time at Hale. Maybe that's why the numbers went down.

July 6th: A first for the new A Division was achieved at the Hale Turf with the Blue team getting 100% player turnout of their 15 strong list. After Bob Maley (who had to leave very early), Robin Bailey and Brian Soares transferred to White (not all at the same time) Neil Scaddan still had to side-line players. Dudley Burress arrived from the B Division and played with Gold, who had some trouble establishing their team work, as indicated by the results. Another surprise arrival was Barry Rutter, as he was not expected to be there according to GK colleagues Graeme and John. So each team had a goalkeeper. Everybody scored three goals, but White only conceded one, while Gold leaked five. Despite fine doubles to Phil Metcalf and Ken Walter the goal of the day judges decided on the deflected corner hit by Ricky Watts, which took a similar trajectory to one of Don Smart's scoops on Saturday to drop in just under the crossbar. The day's results were:

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

Scorers: **Blue:** Peter Blockley, Phil Metcalf (2). **Gold:** Ken Walter (2), Ricky Watts. **White:** Robin Bailey, Neil Patterson, Ron Venables. Total goals 9.

Team numbers at maximum on the day: Blue (15), Gold (9), White (8).

July 13th: Numbers were down on last week, but still adequate, except in the goalkeeping ranks where Graeme was on his own. Despite this the day produced 4 draws, with Gold the only side able to win a game, largely due to Ken Walter being in form and on target. Dudley Burress was back again and Ash Challenor also joined our ranks. The day's lowlight was the lack of a post-match bar, which apparently was due to Covid sweeping the ranks of Hales's bar staff. The goal of the day judges conferred for some time, and awarded honourable mentions to Ash Challenor and Ricky Watts (last week's winner) for superbly placed penalty corner conversions. The winner was Kenny Walter, as each one of his 3 goals needed lead-up work (from him) before a good finish. The day's results were:

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

Scorers: **Blue:** Ken Beer, Phil Metcalf. **Gold:** Nev Brown, Ken Walter (3), Ricky Watts. **White:** Ash Challenor, Ron Venables. The total for the day was 9.

Team numbers at maximum were: Blue (11), Gold (10), White (11). (including Dudley and Ash)

July 20th: Numbers were good in the goalkeeping ranks, but not so good in the Gold and Blue teams. After three games of scheduled fixtures the situation was so dire that a hasty combined Blue/Gold side was set up for one last match, and we then called it a day. I hope our keepers Barry, Graeme and Tony got enough action while we were in action. Goal of the day did not have a lot of contenders, but the award went to Peter Dennis for a well-placed, firm shot. It was great to see Mal Horrigan back in action after a long absence. The day's results were:

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

Scorers: **Blue/Gold:** Frank Williams. **White:** Peter Dennis, Hector D'Rozario, Neil Patterson.

Player numbers at absolute maximum: Blue (7), Gold (7), White (11). Total goals 4.

July 27th: The weather was great, but the player numbers were not. Blue were the only team with a full complement and probably paid a price for it, being unable to recruit star fill-ins. All three teams were missing key players from their forward lines, but when Gold added Peter Dennis and KY Lee to the forward line playing in front of halves Dudley Burress, Mal Horrigan and Frank Williams it was inevitable that the ball would spend plenty of time in their attacking circle. In all other matches the forwards struggled to score. Goalkeepers Barry, Graeme and John were hard to pass, and so several forwards tried to sneak in behind them, with varying degrees of success. The goal of the day had to go to Colin Gee, for the only one scored from in front of the keeper. The day's results were:

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

Scorers: **Gold:** Colin Gee, John Mercer (3). **White:** Dave Horsley. Total goals 5.

Team numbers at maximum on the day: Blue (10), Gold (8), White (9).

Comment: It appears that the sides are somewhat out of balance as at the end of July. As mentioned above everybody missed forwards on the 27th (Blue Ian Hill, JJ; Gold Mal Jackaman, Ken Walter; White Hector, Col M-S). Gold have gained a lot with Mal Horrigan's comeback, while White's list also includes Jim Balding and Chip Challenor for the future. Blue certainly need to be strengthened.

From Saturday Masters:

The new gold shirts are really making a difference to on-field player identification. IMHO they also provide a lift in our overall smartness. The maroon shirts are now officially retired, and the green colours have been relegated to the fourth team when required. Thank you to Jim Wright for their procurement, and to Jim and Scott Blackwell for the distribution. Eagle-eyed readers will no doubt have already spotted the update to the 'Masters Matters' cover page.

Saturday 9th July really looked like being quite an event. We had planned a gala day with pizzas and drinks all shouted by a multitude of birthday celebrants. Then the weather forecast was dire with heavy rain due at some stage during the afternoon. We decided to go ahead and three even teams were selected by Ian Hill. Club Captain Les Waldon has been storing our drinks while Howie gets settled and after deciding to skip the pizzas, which cannot be delivered before 4:30 pm, ended up with the twin tasks of bringing all the drinks in their Eskies (with ice) and catering for the food. After three games the rain really set in, and we adjourned to the clubrooms, sometimes with a stop at the hot showers on the way. With the early finish the drinks consumption was a little higher than usual. Also contributing to this effect was that the social atmosphere was at a very high level. Many thanks must go to Les for all the work involved on the day, which was definitely one of our best.

Thanks also to all our members who assist with the clearing and cleaning up post socialising. As we claimed last issue, many hands really do make light work.

The 23rd looked like being a very wet afternoon, but we still had two teams playing several games in the dry. Thanks to Les and Enzo (YM President) we used the ground closest to the east verandah.

The 30th followed a similar pattern. In the rooms afterwards we said farewell to Di Crocker, whose husband has just retired, and will be experiencing a fabulous overland trip in the northern areas of Australia, including Kakadu.

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.

Looks like a pre-game warm-up**Photo Jim Wright**

Punology One: What should you call the wife of a hippie? Mississippi.

Balinese Bulletin No 72:

Sitting here, as I am right now, looking out at our Bali garden, which is open to our living area on two sides, I am feeling generally at peace with the world. That sense of peace is often brought to an end by what we witness on both ABC & CNN news. It could be perhaps that Bali is on a different planet.

Speaking of our Bali garden, I may have some time back mentioned that Erin & myself together with our new Bali kintamani dog Goldy & our ginger cat Meggs share it with a number of other living creatures. There are numerous birds, both large & small, that fly around the garden trees & shrubbery. Then we have quite a large number of small lizards (geckos) that move around our walls & ceilings looking for a snack. There are also a number of much larger lizard types (tokais) that live both inside & out. These tokais can be as large as 6-7 inches in length & more bulky. They will often call out after dark with a call that sounds like ...f*** you. Maybe they are talking to us! Bats, at night will often fly around looking for berries that they drop at times on our roof. We also share our home with squirrels, frogs, a number of small creepy crawly insect & flying things. Last but not least we will very occasionally sight a nasty slithery thing which is not really welcome.

Last week we ventured beyond our little slice of Bali for the first time in almost 6 months to visit the Australian Consulate. The office of Centrelink obviously cares about me because I had to complete a Proof of Life document & have it verified by the Consulate. We did so that means my Pension Payments will continue. It seems because I have reached the age of 80 years I will need to do this every 2 years.

The journey to the Consulate certainly showed signs of the Pre-Covid Bali returning. The Old Bali traffic has returned but when traffic slows down there is always something to see. Seriously though the tourist numbers are climbing which is obviously positive for the local Balinese.

Cheers from 'ere. Peter Hammond

As usual, it's great to hear from the tropics. Especially when Perth is experiencing a once in a winter series of cold fronts, with all the associated rain and gales. Ed.

Cards in A Division / Duty of Care:

"As 'senior' hockey players we deserve and expect a high level of protection from physical injury that may be accidentally inflicted by our fellow players. This may result from 'agricultural tackles', body contact or general incompetence, etc. If this manner of play cannot be controlled by the player/s then those that are officiating are obliged to enforce any breach of the rules that involve a 'duty of care', particularly in the 'A' grade where the average age is approx 78 years. As we age our ability declines and (in some cases) our frustration increases. This may lead to physical confrontation and/or dissent, both of which must be severely penalized. Those that umpire do the players a service and generally do a good job, free of petty bureaucracy but, (generally) without thanks. In reality, winning is not everything, participating....is."

One Who Umpires

Many thanks to MM's correspondent. His last sentence is a succinct summation of our Wednesdays and what they are supposed to be about. The 'Rules for Competition' from the year 1998 are very illuminating and enlightening.

- a) Equal time - All regulars are to be given equal time on the field.
 - b) Captains to emphasise equal involvement of all players during the game - try to cut out selective passing and the formation of cliques.
 - c) Extra players - are to be made available to teams which are short of numbers.
 - d) Any member inviting new players to introduce them to Team captains.
 - e) New players are not guaranteed a run unless the inviter offers his place. Regulars have priority.
- The last two are no longer relevant, but the first three stress that participation is the main goal. Ed.*

Grumpy Old Men And Women Two: "In America sex is an obsession, in other parts of the world it is a fact." *Marlene Dietrich (1991 - 1992). And for some of us it's just a memory.*

B Division July 2022:

July was notable that for all 4 weeks B Division was played at Lakelands Turf in Cockburn, the home of the Fremantle Hockey Club. We thank them for their hospitality over this time and for keeping the rain away and even supplying some beautiful sunshine on most days! Sometimes with all available players on the field, "Burgo" the ground manager appeared and umpired, a gesture much appreciated by the playing group.

Some players even commented while sipping on a pint of Magpie Lager in the superb bar facilities, that the quality of the hospitality was on a par, if not better, than we get at PHS! Others commented that they would have to have a few more lagers and chips before making any rash judgements!

All games during the month were played with the usual good spirit and gusto with goals hard to get and goalies often the difference between success and a good lesson. As one spectator was heard to say after a good sliding tackle by a nameless goalie, "knowledge doesn't come cheap"! The newly enlightened forward on this occasion, collected his thoughts and some of his own body parts before limping off!

Again numbers were slightly down continuing the trend of a few injuries and a few travelling, some taking the time to head to Europe, sunshine and wine. One such traveller told me life was a fine balance between having a good time and having a great time and he had to try all things so he could distinguish between the two!

A notable happening in late July was the survey which was sent out to all players requesting feedback on the B Division format, competition, umpiring and social aspects of our club. Hopefully some strong views and good ideas are presented allowing Western Hockey Masters to continue to develop and evolve.

So it's back to PHS for August and beyond, back to normality and dearer refreshments, a fact not lost on most players. With around 80% of our playing group involved in the State Champs on the Gold Coast in late September it is expected numbers will gradually increase during August as players prepare their bodies for the rigours of a two week tournament!

Dudley Evans

Thanks Dudley. Good to hear you paid less for drinks. Zero alcohol beer was costly at Hale. Ed.

Shakespeare Said It: "I like thy counsel; well hast thou advised." Two Gentlemen of Verona Act I, Scene III. *Wednesday player receives coaching and scores goal as a consequence. Nice idea, but are any of us (particularly A Division) able to change the habits of a lifetime?*

"Believe me, I speak as my understanding instructs me, and as mine honesty puts it to utterance." The Winter's Tale Act , Scene I. *Masters Matters editorial policy in a nutshell.*

"Seal up the mouth of outrage" Romeo And Juliet Act V, Scene III. *Umpire to dissenting player. It is a fact that the principal dissenters seldom or never take the whistle themselves. Our umpires will make some errors, but not as many as the players. Let's all just get on with it. Ed.*

Well Dones for July: Wednesday's 'A' Division umpires were: Rob Ainsworth, George Bradbury, Dudley Burress, Peter Evans, Colin Gee, Ian Hill, Mal Horrigan, Mal Jackaman, John Jeffreys, KY Lee, John Mercer, Neil Scaddan, Peter Trend, Les Waldon, Ken Walter, Ken Watt. Ricky Watts, Frank Williams and Ivan Wilson. Saturday's umpires were: George Bradbury, Ian Hill, John Mercer, Steve Powles, Neil Scaddan, Don Smart, Greg Street, Les Waldon, Len Walker and Ken Watt. Our thanks to you all, and we trust that the players were respectful.

Past Players, Non Players and Injured Players July: Noted at Hale: Jim Balding, George Bradbury and Neil Scaddan. At Perry Lakes: Eric Alcock, Jim Balding, Colin Benporath, George Bradbury, Paul Huisman, Peter Jones, Keith Kessell, David Lester, John Pierce, Neil Scaddan, Greg Street, Len Walker, Ken Walter and Ken Watt.

Test Your Hockey Knowledge With John Sanders:

July's question was:

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 25th 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

Mal Horrigan says: "John, in regard to John Sanders question in Monthly Matters, I believe the women wore black & white. Could be wrong!"

Completely correct Mal.

August's question is: The first edition of Women's Hockey at the Commonwealth Games took place at the Bukit Jalil Stadium, during the 1998 Commonwealth Games in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

The first match for the Hockeyroos in 1998 was against:

- a) Scotland
- b) Malaysia
- c) Jamaica
- d) India
- e) Trinidad, or
- f) New Zealand

This match was the 524th international contested by Australia at the senior level. The team played two Tests against China in Singapore by way of preparation, winning both 2-0 and 2-1.

Answer next issue.

Quotable Quote Two: "Be silent as to services you have rendered, but speak of favours you have received." *Seneca (5 BC - 65 AD). Roman dramatist, philosopher and politician. How did he know about the players who at every post-mortem are self-congratulatory about their terrific distribution of the ball, but forget to mention anything which came the other way. For some reason such players seldom seem to receive invitations to join Western Hockey Masters. Ed.*

Rules 'R Us: In recent weeks there has been some sideline comment when a player has an air swing at the ball. Our A Division umpires are penalising such windy woofs on occasions, and this has led to a verbal request to Masters Matters for a segment on Intimidation. The relevant rules are:

9 Conduct of play: players. *Players are expected to act responsibly at all times.*

9.2 Players on the field must hold their stick and not use it in a dangerous way. *Players must not lift their stick over the heads of other players.*

9.3 Players must not touch, handle or interfere with other players or their sticks or clothing.

9.4 Players must not intimidate or impede another player.

9.8 Players must not play the ball dangerously or in a way which leads to dangerous play. A ball is also considered dangerous when it causes legitimate evasive action by opponents. The penalty is awarded where the action causing the danger took place.

Any erudite umpires are welcome to add some more rules to those above, as well as adding to my personal thoughts. Intimidation is not defined in the current rules, but all of us probably have a fairly good idea of what it involves. Raising the stick as though to hit the ball with the intention of frightening off an opponent should definitely be counted as intimidation, but pulling out from a hit because you notice that there is a player in the firing line is not.

Intimidation can also be verbal, as I'm sure many of us will be able to recall from our earlier days. Comments such as; "The next one will be head high," while not common, were not so rare as to be unheard on some playing fields.

As our umpiring correspondent suggested on Page 7, the umpires are crucial in controlling any intimidation of players. It is necessary to take immediate action at the first sign of it, and make sure that all players on the field are aware that it will not be tolerated.

I would hope that it is not common in WHM.

Intimidation - A Personal Story: A very long time ago the sticks rule was relaxed, and raising the stick above the shoulder needed to be penalised only if was dangerous, intimidating, or hampering. So I went into a one-on-one with an opposing goalkeeper and thought that I was about to score, as the ball was past him and I was about to run to one side of him. The next thing that happened was that a hockey stick hit me in the mouth, and as I crumpled to the ground I heard the umpire call "Play on!" Some post-match reflection followed, and the conclusions which resulted were:

- 1) A penalty stroke should not have been awarded for dangerous play as it did not kill me.
- 2) A penalty stroke should not have been awarded for intimidation, as I did not see it coming.
- 3) I did think it might have been considered to be hampering, but the umpire disagreed.

No names should be mentioned, even though that keeper has not played for a long time.

Welcome To New Players: WHM welcomes new player Darryl Andrews, who will join the B Division.

Punology Two: Did you hear about the two aging musicians who caught up with one another after a long interval. A few words revealed that they had both had several operations in the last few years. So they ended up giving an organ recital.

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.

All news, other contributions, and Unsubscribe requests to:

John Mercer: A Division Gold team. Email: johnmercer@inet.net.au.

A Last Word: Please make every effort to attend our WHM AGM, which will be held in the Eastman Room at PHS on 17th August starting at 6:00 pm.