

**Wednesday
Hockey Masters
Perth
Est 1991**

Blue 60s

Electric Blue 60s

Gold 60s

Green 60s

Red 60s

White 60s

Masters Matters

Blue 50s

Gold 50s

Red 50s

White 50s

Australian Teams: Thanks to Peter Gason for providing me with the WA players who have been selected in the Australian O/70s for Japan and Korea in May 2013:

P Gason (capt), I Hill, G Harler, R Venables, W Baldwin (WAC), R Osborne (WAC)

Shadow players: J Burt, J Gardner (WAC)

From the Australian Masters Hockey website here are the WA players in the Australian O/65s:

L Blyth, J Harper, S Thomson, K Walter, S Williams. Medical – Deb Oliver (WAC).

Shadow players: J Burt, P Hearne (same tour as the 70s)

All the younger players are off to the Trans-Tasman contest (it really is in New Zealand this time)

O/60s: J Chapman Shadow players: K Gilbride, I Pestana, M Viner

O/55s: W Cutler, G Miller, S Pestana. Coach - R Lawson.

O/50s: Coach - C Fairbrother.

Department Of Good Ideas: Here's one from Robin Bailey - in his own words too (*Thanks RB. Ed.*)

The Wednesday Hockey Masters competition has been both enjoyable and has lifted the hockey skills of the players who have participated. The time has come to examine other activities in which this competition can continue to build hockey skills and also to spread the companionship we enjoy.

A suggestion has been put forward that, as we are attracting people from outside the metro area, particularly Mandurah and Bunbury, that we try and organise a pre-season trip next year to play games with composite teams in possibly Bunbury or Busselton (or Narrogin or Mandurah). It could be done as a day trip (1 game in 1 town) or 2 day (1 game each day in 2 towns). The teams would comprise WHM players and suitably qualified players from the country, and the proposed trip would enable the local veterans to play in teams comprising people of similar ages. It is suggested that if a weekend was appropriate, an overnight stay in a country town with possible extras (winery visits, sightseeing, etc.) could be arranged to accommodate players and partners. It may sound like another hockey trip (we all know what our partners think of such trips), but it was thought appropriate to float the idea to see if there was any interest. Obviously all accommodation and living costs will be the responsibility of the players.

Please forward any comments, for and against, (even a simple yes or no) to John Mercer who will collate them (*thanks again RB. Ed*) and pass them on for further consideration. Any other comments on possible future activities would also be valued. All comments should be submitted in time for such a trip to be organised prior to the 2013 Saturday season.

Robin Bailey

A few thoughts occurred to me on this one (*no doubt to you too – refer to last paragraph*). Mine are:

- 1) Bloody good idea.
- 2) Organisers required – hopefully not those who are already doing most of the work.
- 3) Do we tour only one team? Or more?
- 4) What age groups do we tour? Just 60s? Or 50s too? Or others?
- 5) With flexibility in team numbers hopefully player selection will not be necessary.
- 6) What do we use for team colours – Robin's uniform stocks may be useful here.

John Mercer's contact email is at the end of the newsletter – but for those who do not manage to read that far it's johnmercer@iinet.net.au.

Reader Feedback: Many thanks to all those readers who took the trouble to send me a response to our Hobart edition (No 11). Some made it into print, and some were not intended for publication.

Quotable Quote: "Sport is imposing order on what was chaos." Anthony Starr. I wonder – would he have said that if he'd seen some of the multi-coloured O/60s teams since Hobart? On which note, how are the O/50s going? Is there any news from Turf 2 after 3:30 pm – even verbal?

Strange But True: Wednesday Masters is 21 this year and I'm told that the only one of the original 1991 payers (all 22 of them) still playing is Peter Gason. Congratulations are in order, not only to Gase, but also to all those who have kept the competition going through the years and expansions.

Best Wishes For A Speedy Recovery: Must go to all those still nursing injuries after Hobart. I hear that both Nigel Thomas and Neil Scaddan are consulting orthopaedic surgeons for knees. Hope all is repairable and you both make it back to the turf as soon as possible. Is it something to do with Charles Riley? Same also to John Burt, who I heard has managed to injure a shoulder. At the time of going to press Jim Banks' hip replacement surgery is scheduled for 19th Nov – hope all goes well.

Punology Part 1: Racism is just a pigment of the imagination. (*Thanks to a new punster – Eric Alcock*)

Comebacks: Players I observed to have resumed on November 14th included Mike O'Connell (*after a long holiday?*), Barry Rutter, and Peter Willet. I hope that you all pulled up a lot better than I did. I no longer seem to be able to handle 4.2 games – for some reason totally unconnected with age.

Whistle While You Work – with Neil Mannolini:

In my last short piece on throwing the ball (Rule 9.11 you'll remember?) I added that if it occurred inside the circle it would be a penalty corner. Almost everyone missed the point. **Only** a breach by a defender will trigger a penalty corner, so if an attacker throws the ball ANYWHERE in the field, it's a free hit to the defending team.

If a defender throws the ball? If he is inside the circle it would be a penalty stroke because it is a deliberate act. If he is outside the circle, but inside the 23 metre line, then it is a penalty corner.

Rule 9.11 also deals with the issue of a ball hitting a foot. It spells out ...

It is not always an offence if the ball hits the foot, hand or body of a field player. The players only commit an offence if they voluntarily use their hand, foot or body to play the ball or if they position themselves with the intention of stopping the ball in this way.

I always use Rule 12.1 when a ball strikes the foot of a player. It states:

Advantage: a penalty is awarded only when a player or team has been disadvantaged by an opponent breaking the rules. If awarding a penalty is not an advantage to the team which did not break the rules, play must continue.

I hope clarification is appropriate.

Neil Mannolini (*and thanks again Neil – Ed.*)

Thank You: To all Wednesday Masters umpires who have blown a whistle at any stage this year. We will try to print a full list in December's issue – and hope not to miss anybody.

Department Of Limericks: Robin Bailey's idea has produced this limerick – although in actuality we might have some trouble finding 11 players who meet the exacting criterion.

Robin Bailey has thrown (*) out the lure

Of a Masters side going on tour

But it's hard to get picked

For the rules are quite strict

All the players will have to be pure

(*) Refer to "Whistle While You Work" – as Robin is normally a defender the penalty depends on the exact location of "Masters Matters" Page 2.

Punology Part Two: The fattest knight at King Arthur's round table was Sir Cumference. He acquired his size from too much pi. (*Sir Harry Secombe when awarded a knighthood suggested that he should take the title of Sir Cumference. Many thanks go to Roger Partington for another pun collection. Ed.*)

Quotable Quote #2: "Corporations have been enthroned and an era of corruption in high places will follow, and the money power will endeavour to prolong its reign by working on the prejudices of the people until all wealth is aggregated in a few hands and the Republic is destroyed." Was it said during the recent US election? No, by Abraham Lincoln on 21st November 1864.

Points For 3rd Quarter: I have no recollection of making these public (*forgot again?*), so decided to do so here. White topped the table on 27, followed by Green 24, Blue 19, Electric Blue 18, Gold 16, and Red 13. And hot off the press is the progressive wine ladder for the 4th quarter. For some reason this table is headed by Electric Blue 4, followed by White and Blue both on 3, Gold and Green 1.

Editorial Corner: At the end of this edition of "Masters Matters" (*page 8*) can be found the minutes of the Committee meeting held on the 14th November. A major change is the decision (*unanimous*) to discontinue the option for a two-part payment of the annual fee – but please read the item - particularly the sentence beginning "Normal deductions." The charities who are the recipients of our largesse for 2012 are listed – please buy more wine raffle tickets for 2013, as I can assure you I don't win them all. I would also like to add my own thanks to sponsor Greg Allen and our President, Secretary, Treasurer, and team captains as mentioned in the minutes. Also many thanks from Simon and all of us go to Robin Bailey for his efficient and indefatigable work with the playing uniforms.

Coaching Corner: For those who came in late this heading originally appeared in "Masters Matters" as a guide to winning bottles of fine wine in the weekly raffle, and has been carried on (*lazy editor?*) for the 2012 year. It was started by claims that the newsletter editor is the winner of a raffle wine bottle every week, and was an attempt (not always successful) to rebut such claims. I have been keeping score for the 4th quarter, and can report that the raffle has been run for 3 weeks – and two players have won twice – and neither of them is me.

Impertinent Question: What do you call a dinosaur with piles? A giganticsaurus.

Punology Part Three: If you jumped off the bridge in Paris, you'd be in Seine. (*This is another one from Roger Partington, who has now retreated to a safe distance. Ed.*)

Letter To The Editor:

Hi John,

While in Hobart I was introduced to a new set of driving signals. One member of our team, who drives a luxurious European car (BMW) which has indicators on the left and wipers on the right, hired a car with normal configuration (indicators on the right and wipers on the left).

Left hand turns were signalled by a single sweep of the wipers, right hand turns were signalled by continuous wiper action.

When other drivers, who did not understand what he was doing, beeped him he responded by trying to flash his lights at them. This resulted in the windscreen being washed!

Fortunately the result was no prangs, Taswegians must be tolerant.

Cheers (*And our correspondent, like the driver, shall remain anonymous. Ed.*)

I agree that Taswegians are a tolerant lot – the WA Country O/65s featured hire cars driven by Harvey Davies, Neil Patterson, and John Mercer. As far as I know none of us hit anything.

Letter To The Editor Again

John:

You may recall a few months back a very rare happening occurred on a Wednesday afternoon.

This was a case where EVERY player on the field agreed with the umpire's decision.

A rare moment indeed.

However your astonishment may be tempered when it is explained that a very heavy downpour of rain descended on the game and the umpire called the game off. All players scurried off as fast as they can and indeed, some didn't wait for the decision, so willing were they to abide by the anticipated decision.

Regards - Eric

(*Thanks Eric – there really is a first time for everything. Ed.*)

Department of Corrections: A humble apology to all members of the WA O/50s – last issue I stated that their grand final score was a 5-0 loss to Tasmania and Russell Scanlon promptly let me know that I was wrong. This is not the first time that a web-site from which I have extracted data has changed before I got around to sending it on – about time I changed my ways. The actual score was 1-0 – unfortunately that was not one of the matches I was able to witness first-hand.

We also reported last issue that Ron Venables faced a lengthy period of recovery. Our "Masters Matters" correspondent was obviously not in possession of first-hand information as Ron arrived at the Stadium on the 31st October kitted out and ready to play. I did notice that he was not on the field during the Greens last match – but none the less it does appear that another serving of humble pie is required for "Masters Matters." Though perhaps we did actually get it right – and a couple of weeks is a lengthy recovery period for Ron.

Hockey Memorabilia: Some of you may know that Stan Salazar is an avid collector of hockey things. Should by chance you have some badges, programs, or other hockey items which you would like to go to a good home then please contact Stan in the Gold O/60s.

Department Of Culture & The Arts: Readers with good memories may remember we mentioned David Lester appearing in the social pages of the West Australian – at the opening night of the opera. It runs in the family – I heard from David that the Matthew Lester who just finished singing the role of Goro (and very well) in Madame Butterfly is David's son, whose work is a principal advisor in Environmental Health in Aboriginal communities. The program stated: "Office colleagues support his intent and participation in opera but practice of the art form is challenged in an open-office plan. Outback travel, however, allows for uninterrupted expression to an appreciative landscape and occasional stunned passer-by."

They Said It: According to Peter (aka Peter Dennis) Andrews "The two most common injuries in Masters' hockey are knees and prostates." Unlike love and marriage in the old popular song I hope it is possible to have one without the other – because I've already had the knee.

"If there were no bad people there'd be no good lawyers." Originally from Charles Dickens – my source (Oasis Club President) suggested it should be "no rich lawyers."

Picturesque Speech: In the light of the recent revelations from within the top echelons of the US military this one seemed appropriate: "Behind every successful man is his woman. Behind the fall of a successful man is usually another woman" (*or two*).

Dummy Spit Of The Day: A few hockey sticks went flying on 14th November in the second last match of the day on Turf 1. The comment was made that we had contenders for this not-so-coveted award, but the response from a player who'd just come up from Turf 2 was that you've seen nothing yet. As no report arrived in the "Masters Matters" in box we can only speculate.

Grumpy Old Men (and Women) Department: "No wise man ever wished to be younger." This was said by Jonathon Swift 1667 – 1745.

Test Your Knowledge With John Sanders & John Mercer: Here is the answer to last issue's question which was: Who won the 1960 1A Challenge Cup? For one bonus point what was the score, and for another bonus point, who scored a hat trick?

The answer is that Perth defeated Cricketers 3-1, and the scorer of three goals was Ray Evans.

Nobody answered. It was the first A1 match I ever went to watch and it left me in some awe at the skill of the players and the excellent quality of the playing surface at the WACA.

This issue's question: A unique happening followed the Men's 1A Challenge Cup 1987. What was it? Answer next issue.

Stop Press: The O/50s have decided that they will not be playing on Monday December 17th, as many of them have Monday night hockey commitments.

The Wednesday Masters Christmas party on 12th December will be held outside (providing the weather is suitable). It is suggested that it would be a good idea to bring a sweater or a jacket. Wednesday Masters hockey starts for 2013 on January 2nd.

Melville: Both 60s (start 12:30 pm) and 50s (start 3:30 pm) are at Melville on 21st November.



What Was The Coffee Like ? : Thanks to Chris Morley for this side light from the Hobart tournament. I trust that the proprietor was enlightened by reading the Hobart Mercury edition which featured in "Masters Matters # 11 and starred Colin Sanders.

All news and other contributions to:

John Mercer – O/60s Electric Blue team. Stadium bar. Email: johnmerc@iinet.net.au

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF WEDNESDAY HOCKEY MASTERS COMMITTEE HELD
AT PERTH HOCKEY STADIUM ON WEDNESDAY 9th May 2012 COMMENCING AT
5:19pm for O/60's and 5:51pm FULL MEETING**

CHAIRMAN: Simon Thomson

SECRETARY: Bob Bowyer

TREASURER: Brian Lester

PRESENT: Ivan Wilson (Bob Robinson part), Ian Pestana, Mal Jackaman & later Eric Alcock, Colin Gee, Graham Harler (Gordon Thomas), David Evans, George Naylor, John Mercer (part).

APOLOGIES: David Mellor, David Horsley, Greg Allen, Robin Bailey, Roger Partington.

PREVIOUS MINUTES

Minutes of the previous meeting held on the 9th May 2012 were confirmed as a true and correct record.

FINANCE REPORT

Treasurer advised total accounts balance total of \$31,500.

Expects about \$11,000 additional expenditure.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

- a) Recruitment – procedures that must be followed:
Dave Evans and Ian Pestana confirmed they will copy all communications to Secretary and President.
- b) Secretary confirmed receipt of refunds for printer cartridges expenditures.

GENERAL BUSINESS

- a) Quarterly Results – John Mercer report acknowledged.
- b) Uniforms status – Robin Bailey report acknowledged.
- c) 50's members changes – Dave Evan's & Ian Pestana reported review of teams under way and report of teams changes including movements to "injuries & non playing" will be provided to secretary.
- d) Charities to support & funding allocations. \$1,000 to Salvation Army, \$500 to Friends of the Needy, \$500 to Birds of the Air, \$500 to Joseph's Coat, \$1,000 to Juvenile Diabetes, \$500 to McCusker Alzheimers Research, \$1,000 to Palmerston Assn, \$500 to Motor Neurone Disease, \$625 to Brightwater Redcliffe. All have involvement of members of our WHM.
- e) Set annual fees for 2013. Executive were keen to eliminate the 2 part fee structure because of the added work load and the lower certainty to finances. This was unanimously supported by the Committee. Normal deductions for injuries, late membership, financial difficulties, etc, would continue to apply.
- f) Thank you to our sponsor Greg Allen for his \$500 plus other donations.
- g) Christmas Function: December 12th. A subsidy of \$10 per head was approved. Cost will be only \$15 per player and per partner.
- h) Simon expressed thanks to Captains and the Committee thanked the President, Treasurer and Secretary.

OTHER BUSINESS

- a) The Committee decided to invite the new HWA CEO, Peter Churack, to our Christmas Function. Action President.
- b) Ian Pestana asked President and Secretary to attempt to change bookings to a later start in summer at least. Decided Executive will also investigate wider applicability. Action President & Secretary.
- c) Secretary requested to redraft fixtures for next week at Melville due to reduced numbers available. Requested 4 teams only: E Blue, Blue, White & Gold starting at 12 noon. BBQ light at about 2:30pm. Secretary to contact Melville re later start.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 6.30 pm.