

# Wednesday Hockey Masters Perth Est 1991

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## Masters Matters

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**December Deaths:** This has been a very traumatic week, in which we've said farewell to 2 long term members of WHM; both left us well before their time. Both funerals were eloquent and honest portrayals of our former mates, and it was obvious how much they were loved by their families, and will be missed. Our condolences go to all family members.

**Rule & Venue Changes:** Neil Mannolini's suggestion in the last 'Masters Matters' has been adopted by our executive - the own goal rule will be discontinued as from the start of 2014. The A teams (aka O/70s) are at Shenton on 15th and 22nd January, starting at 2:00 pm (aka 14:00). Thanks to Bob and Simon for ensuring that we have a turf with an open bar.

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**Christmas Party:** The rules regarding outside microphones meant that Simon's address had to be delivered inside, while all the charity presentations were done unamplified outside. This may have been a very good thing - as the length was kept to a minimum. Bob & Gordon kept the raffles going all night - two dozen bottles of wine and three large hampers, which all went to good homes in the WHM catchment area (*meaning that none of them came my way - Ed.*). One entire hamper was donated outright by IGA Canning Bridge, while both Coles and Woolworths at Booragoon were very helpful in keeping the costs to a minimum for the other two. Thanks to Simon, Bob, and Spider for organising the night, and thanks also to all other workers - I noted at least Gordon Thomas and Dave Evans. Thanks also to Jason and the staff at the stadium for the catering. By the way, they are not responsible for the amplification and lighting at our venue. My memory tells me we finished earlier than we did in days gone by, and the George Winning Welter was not run on Turf 1.

**Shakespeare Said It:** "Friends, Romans, countrymen, lend me your ears." This could be Simon, Bob, or Gordon trying to be heard at our microphone-free Christmas party. Julius Caesar Act III Scene II.

**A Word From.:** The White A team now sport new shirts with the logo 'Ash Foster's Kart World' - our congratulations to Ash for smartening up the appearance of his team.

**Dates For The Diary:**

November to January: Stadium turfs re-surfacing - **weekly email fixtures. As (aka 70s) at Shenton.**

January: Wednesday hockey subscriptions due. Amount to be confirmed.

March 16th: WHM touring side(s) to Bunbury.

May 31st to June 15th 2014: World Cup (Men and Women). Kyogera Stadium - The Hague.

June 5th to 13th 2014: World Cup (40s, 45s, 50s, and 55s) Rotterdam Hockey Club.

June 3rd to 13th 2014: World Cup (60s, 65s, 70s, 75s) Hockey Club Klein Switzerland - The Hague.

September 27th to October 11th 2014: Interstate Masters Championships in Perth.

**New Age(s) Hockey:** Comment from Peter Fogels on the new groups (*see also Limericks Part 1 - Ed.*)

"It is a noble idea to name the divisions A through C for 70s down to 50s but what happens when 75s comes along as I'm sure it will as us baby boomers live longer and keep playing hockey.

Does 75s become the new A and the others pop down, or should we name them the other way round, with 50s being A and 70s being C, with 75s to become D.

Or some other naming convention. Perhaps a variation on the Cougar's idea - YCs, RCs (retired), OCs, and then ROCs.

Just thinking aloud ... Cheers - Peter" (*Thanks for your thoughts Pete - 75s is in the World Cup. Ed.*)

**Letters To The Editor:** We were on the point of 'no correspondence will be entered into' because there were no correspondents, then we heard from John Rogers, Roger Partington, Bill Baldwin, Jack Halley, Pam Herbert, Phil Anderson, Peter Fogels, and Alan Bryce. Thank you all.

**Roger Partington:** "... Good to see the Electric Blue back in the A comp. I look forward to running / chasing around with you guys soon." (*Best wishes for a speedy RP back recovery - Ed.*)

**Phil Anderson:** "... All the info in 8 pages - amazing! .. It's good to be kept informed/keep in touch while on the long term injury list ... I hope to put in an appearance soon." (*B/w for comeback. Ed.*)

**Department Of Limericks:** For almost all of my time in senior citizens hockey there has always been at least one grade I'm too young for. These halcyon days appear to be coming to an end.

When you find you've become an old fox

And your Wednesdays are played with the ROCs

You might think 'Oh dear,

What follows from here?'

Is it time that we started a SOCs?

*Readers can supply their own 'S' word in the last line. Seriously? Senile? Senior? Superseded?*

**More World Cup:** The Southern Cross contingent intends to take advantage of their proximity to the 'other' World Cups, and thanks to Len Collier and some friendly and helpful local assistance have secured a block booking to support the Kookaburras and Hockeyroos for the last two days of finals and playoffs for the lower places. Both days will certainly feature the Australian teams, and we hope it will be in the contests for Gold. If you are stuck in front of your TV set on 14th and 15th June, look for a block of slightly older Australian supporters in the less expensive seats.

**They Said It:** When Ian Purdie went down on the 8th all available medicos rushed to his aid. Dave Horsley commented afterwards that for Purd's sake he hoped the urologist did not get there first.

**Rules 'R' Us:** Two very pertinent questions from John Sanders:

**One:** Is it permissible not to award a free hit if the ball hits a player's foot but there is no material effect on the game?

**Answer:** Yes. Please note Rule 12.1 which states that "a penalty is only awarded when a player or team has been disadvantaged by an opponent breaking the rules. There is no disadvantage in the situation described so not awarding the free hit would be the best decision.

**Two:** At a penalty corner, if the ball did not travel outside the D and the subsequent shot was stopped illegally on the goal line, what would be the decision?

**Decision** - a further penalty corner. Shooting before the ball has left the D after a PC has been injected is not an offence in itself, it just means that a goal cannot be scored (13.3j). If a defender stops the ball on the line s/he has, however, committed an offence so a further PC would be the correct decision under rule 12.3a.

*Thanks to John for filling in while Manno is on family leave. The scenario outlined in 2 happened at Hale during last December - and we did not actually get it right at the time. Ed.*

**WHM Bunbury Tour:** These days we are told that many young men are most reluctant to make any kind of commitment. This would seem to be true, as the only nominations received to date have been for an O/65 team (*do let me know if you thought you had nominated for O/55s - Ed*). To assist with the organisation, if you are thinking about a trip it might be time to make it known to me, so that Robin Bailey and Rob McNab can start definite planning. If you went last year you should be able to remember how enjoyable it is. Nominations to John Mercer [johnmercercer@iinet.net.au](mailto:johnmercercer@iinet.net.au) or direct questions to Robin Bailey (email [robin.b@bigpond.com](mailto:robin.b@bigpond.com) or phone 9332 3345).

**Quotable Quote No 1:** Our chairman's comparison of 'Masters Matters' to 'War And Peace' at the Christmas party (only its length!) reminded me of this quote from P. G. Wodehouse's 'The Clicking of Cuthbert.' His Russian character is a novelist, and declaims; "No novelists anywhere any good except me. P. G. Wodehouse and Tolstoi not bad. Not good but not bad. No novelists any good except me" Our hockey at times definitely has some resemblance to war and peace - the war being on the turf and the peace hopefully in the bar.

**Anti Aging Drugs?:** Did any readers have a success with turkey, ham, beer, or champagne during the festive season? What about copious quantities of red or white wine? It did not work for me either. Perhaps we might have to try again next year, just to make sure.

**Strange But True:** We understand that there are some nasty cases of dropsy currently affecting the touring English cricket team. Australians need not worry, as it's not catching.

**Punology One:** Practise safe eating. Always use condiments. *Thanks to Jack Halley.*

**Pertinent Question:** I think that John Sanders has posed 2 very good questions in the "Rules 'R Us" part of 'Masters Matters.' (*All credit to Neil Mannolini for that heading - Ed.*) We do not want to put too much stress on readers at this time of the year, so will hold any difficult topics over for a while.

**Department Of Aged Care:** Please refer to the previous paragraph.

**Department Of Limericks Part 2:** Due to a lack of hockey topics, a science fiction one from Anon:

On Saturn the sexes are three  
Which is fun, I think you'll agree  
For performing con brio \*  
One must have a trio  
And it even takes two for a pee.

(\* Con brio - musical term meaning 'with vigour')

**Test Your Knowledge With John Sanders:** Herewith the answer to last issue's question which was:

The brothers Tom and Doug Golder, Trevor and Barry Cibich, Lachlan and James Elmer, and Jason and Darren Duff all played senior hockey for Australia. Which pair is different from the others? An answer arrived - and not from Rusty Phillips: "Could it be that the Cibich brothers were South Australian, whilst the other brothers were all Victorians? Geoff 'Hud' Hudson, a reader from the Deep South." Correct - good to hear 'Masters Matters has now reached both Denmarks.

This issue's question is: Which of these statements about the 1952 Helsinki Olympic Hockey Tournament is true?

- A. There were 16 countries nominated for the Games.
- B. Four pools of four countries were formed.
- C. Games were conducted on a knock-out basis.
- D. There were no semi finals

Answer next issue.

**Grumpy Old Men (and Women) Department:** Is anybody else fed up with "sporting highlights" which show more yahooing from both players and spectators, and group gropes, than actual play.

**Picturesque Speech:** "Recovery in those days was more about ice around the beers than ice around the body." Bryce McGain - ABC expert cricket commentator. (*Not like us of course - Ed.*)

**Compliments To The Chefs:** As far as I know all the cooking in December was (very well) done by the staff at the Hockey Stadium.

**Punology Two:** A man needs a mistress just to break the monogamy." (*From Jack Halley again*)

**Tribute To John Dunstan:** We heard many details which were new to me at JD's funeral, including the best treatment for aphid on rose bushes. Eulogies were delivered by John's daughter Marnie, his brothers Geoff and Max, former workmate from Dalgety's John Malone, and friend Allan Mercer (?). Just a few items - mostly hockey ones:

John played A grade hockey in WA, SA, and Victoria when his employment took him interstate. His meticulous organisation of our Wednesday Masters data base was an extension of the way he operated at work, and in all other undertakings in life.

He was a stalwart of the Monday / Thursday competition on the L.R. Connell Supergrass.

He represented WA in Vets hockey with distinction.

Only those new to WHM will not remember him as our efficient Secretary.

Not new to me was that he was a top bloke.

John Mercer (*Is there a reader who can supply a full tribute for the next issue? Ed.*)

## O/65s Action

Photo John Sanders



**Peter Gason has plenty of company in another Blue attack at Perry Lakes**

**O/65s News:** The WHM party at the Stadium on the 18th was not the only senior hockey celebration in December - the Saturday crew were starting their function at Perry Lakes on the 21st when I had to head off for 'Messiah' at the Concert Hall. It seemed that a fine time was about to be enjoyed by all - nothing like the combination of good food, good drinks, and good company.

**More O/65s News:** Welcome to a couple of guests from the UK, who came for a run on January 4th. John Maylam knew Simon Thomson a long time ago (from UK club hockey) and more recently was an opponent in the Oxford World Cup. John Peirce is staying with Peter Stevens, & is a life member of the Woking Hockey Club, as well as chairman of the Ancient Britons (*I strongly suggest that you Google 'Ancient Britons Hockey' - Ed.*). I trust that you had a pleasant game with a proper aftermath, and that we Australians were our usual tactful selves - not mentioning cricket at all.

PS: Did either of you drop the 10 Euro cent piece picked up by the newsletter editor while leaving Perry Lakes? If not, I've now got 4.6 Euros to hit the Netherlands with.

**They Said It:** John Sanders had a question for me at John Charlesworth's funeral which was even harder than the ones he poses elsewhere in this newsletter. "Do you know the details of John Mercer's funeral?" The best answer I could find was: "Do you know something I don't?" However, I did actually know the details of John Dunstan's funeral, which JS was kind enough to mark as a correct answer. Where was Rusty Phillips when I needed him?

**Comebacks:** Good to see Roger Partington, Ian Hill, & Bob Maley make a return on January 8th. Bob Bowyer's knee is progressing, and Gordon Thomas now has bionic shin pads.

**Dummy Spit Of The Day:** This is not the appropriate moment to award such a dubious honour. MM considers that any spitting of dummies at this time of the year should be reserved for in-house family members only, and be restricted to consenting adults in private.

**Latest Turf News:** I have not seen the Stadium since December 18th. Those who play there on the 8th January might be able to give 'Masters Matters' an update.

**Department Of Health:** For those of you who have asked “Where is John Burt?” the answer is that his better half is currently undergoing 6 months of chemo-therapy and John will be out of action while this happens. Our best wishes go to Anne for a complete recovery. (*& also Terry Gaston*)

**Having A Rip-Roaring Time:** Readers following recent news cannot have failed to note that WHM member Les Hayter was conspicuous by his presence at Karratha (and on both radio & TV) during the passage of Cyclone Christine. MM would like to know whether Les went up for the cyclone, for other work, or for a relaxing break. Thanks for doing a great job keeping WA in touch.

**Quotable Quote #2:** “Growing old is no more than a bad habit, which a busy man has no time to form.” Andre Maurois (1885 - 1967 in ‘The Art of Living’). *I have yet another birthday coming up - must be a bad habit. Though bad habits can be enjoyable. Ed.*

**December Umpires:** Thank you to all who blew a whistle. Due to the split in venues I do not have all the names - you know who you are, and I’m sure you all did your usual fantastic work.

**Department of Corrections:** No need for corrections here - we’re politically correct all the time.

All news and other contributions to:

John Mercer - O/70s Gold team, wherever we are. Email: [johnmercerc@inet.net.au](mailto:johnmercerc@inet.net.au)

**Tribute to John Charlesworth:** Thanks to the WA Country executive for this tribute, which many of you will have already seen. For those of you who have not:

It is with regret that we advise that Lester John Charlesworth or “Charlie” as he was known to his friends passed away in his sleep on Christmas night. He was aged 70.

He was a tireless worker for his community and his sport, and his jovial nature and good humour will be missed by all who knew him. John first played for WAC in Adelaide 1988.

On the national scene he became involved in 2001 as assistant manager of the Australian Vintage Masters O/55s on tour to Malaysia, Europe, and England.

2002: Manager Australian Vintage Masters Trans Tasman Brisbane.

2003: Manager Australian Vintage Masters to South America.

From this point on Charlie became manager and selector for the Australian O/60s and later O/65s until 2010. This included the World Grand Masters tour of the South West in 2005, and the World Grand Masters tournaments in Hong Kong 2008 and South Africa 2010. Charlie would also have been the manager in Oxford 2012 but due to health problems he had to withdraw.

He was an extremely well liked and efficient manager and had many friends around the world. WA Country can be very proud of his involvement and achievements.

Our deepest sympathy is extended to Helen and all the Charlesworth family.

Committee and members of WACMHA.

*(On a personal note John’s grandfather Lester was a very good mate of my own grandfather Albert Williams. The families followed similar naming traditions, with three Lester Charlesworths in one and three Albert Edward Williams in the other. The third Albert Edward Williams played A Grade hockey for University - and now resides in the USA. Ed.)*

**When Insults Had Class:** In keeping with the season of peace and goodwill towards men we provide some demonstrations that it was once possible to be both nasty and witty at the same time. These examples of how it can be done are from an era before the English language got boiled down to 4-letter words. I wish the cricket teams were this sharp.

Lady Astor to Winston Churchill: "If you were my husband I'd poison your tea."  
Churchill's response: "If you were my wife, I'd drink it."

An MP to Disraeli: "Sir, you will either die on the gallows, or of some unspeakable disease."  
"That depends, Sir," said Disraeli, "whether I embrace your policies or your mistress."

"He had delusions of adequacy." Walter Kerr (*Broadway theatre critic*).

"He has all the virtues I dislike and none of the vices I admire." Winston Churchill.

"He has never been known to use a word that might send a reader to the dictionary." William Faulkner (about Ernest Hemingway).

"Thank you for sending me a copy of your book: I'll waste no time reading it." Moses Hadas (*American teacher, classical scholar, and translator*).

"He has no enemies, but is intensely disliked by his friends." Oscar Wilde.

"I am enclosing two tickets to the first night of my new play; bring a friend .... if you have one." Not Ross Lonnie - George Bernard Shaw to Winston Churchill.

"Cannot possibly attend first night, will attend second .... if there is one." Churchill in response.

"I feel so miserable without you; it's almost like having you here." Stephen Bishop (pop singer?).

"He is a self-made man, and worships his creator." John Bright (British statesman 1811 - 1889)

"He can compress the most words into the smallest idea of any man I know." Abraham Lincoln. (*And I had absolutely no idea that he read 'Masters Matters' - Ed.*)

"He is not only dull himself, but the cause of dullness in others." Samuel Johnson.

"There is nothing wrong with you that reincarnation wouldn't cure." American comedian Jack E Leonard (1910 - 1973) (*No resemblance to any of us - I trust. Ed.*)

"He is simply a shiver looking for a spine to run up." Paul Keating

"Some cause happiness wherever they go; others, whenever they go." Oscar Wilde. *So, goodbye from the first 'Masters Matters' of 2014 - and please take care.*