

Wednesday Hockey Masters Perth Est 1991

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Masters Matters

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Club With No Food? Not Us!: Well done to all those involved with the post-match snacks now being provided at the Stadium. If you are yet to sample the varied menu it's time you planned to stay back and try it. Even our first of the month barbecue included some steaks yesterday, and the food theme has spilled over into this issue too, which has a fairly heavy gastronomic thread.

Department of Health: Thanks all for keeping us in touch - please keep it going.

Derek Jobe: Still recovering at home (and various medical and physio appointments). We hope to see him at hockey one day in April, but the fixtures will be split again on the 16th and 23rd.

Terry Gaston: Nearly at the end of chemo-therapy. Has played through it!

John Burt's other half Anne: Chemo-therapy.

Steve McEntee's partner Lynda: Chemo-therapy.

Ash Foster's other half Gwen: Leukaemia.

Brian Stewart: Recovering from back operation.

Ham D'Souza: Recovering from back operation. Has already won a bottle of wine - or 2?

Bob Bowyer: Still in recovery mode after knee replacement. Not far off a restart.

Peter Livingstone: Has now had two (!) knee replacements - hopefully recovering.

Clyde Evans: Recovery still a work in progress.

Peter Evans: Recovery still a work in progress.

Terry Armitage: Achilles - hopefully recovering.

David Lester: On verge of a comeback.

Ric Watts: After knee problem, has ended up with Golden Staph in said knee. Treatment continues and he will attempt to pay us a visit soon. Sends his regards & best wishes to all WHM members.

Best wishes for a complete and rapid recovery to sufferers and their families from us all. Ed.

Dates For The Diary:

April 16th: 'A' Division at UWA, 'B' & 'C' Divisions at Melville.

April 23rd: 'A' Division at UWA, 'B' & 'C' Divisions at Aquinas.

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

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

June 5th to 13th 2014: World Cup Women (40s, 50s, and 60s) Rotterdam Hockey Club.

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

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

Stadium Criminal Activity: Readers should be aware that a WHM car parked in the area north of the scoreboard was broken into (by smashing a window) on 19th March, and some contents were stolen. Please make sure you do not leave any valuables in your car.

Letters To The Editor: Thanks to the three respondents to the last issue. Ric Denny caught up with our Australian O/70 representatives at the Newcastle tournament, and at this stage looks being in Perth for the September/October tournament. I also heard from John Rogers and Jim Wright.

Department Of Limericks: Now that the 'A' Division have finished their travels (for a while) and Wednesday Masters is united at the Stadium the social aspect deserves a mention:

We're all now back at the same site
And the bar greeted us with delight
"These young blokes won't drink
Caused the takings to shrink
Though you seniors have far too much light."

Quotable Quote No 1: "Let food be thy medicine and medicine be thy food." Hippocrates.

Rules 'R' Us:

Why do we have umpires?

Competitive hockey got under way in England around the 1870s and initially 2 teams of 12 or more played, and the respective captains were responsible for on-field action(s). They soon realised that a "neutral" person was needed to sort out / decide on any disciplinary action.

Next, for consistent fairness, an umpire for each side of the pitch was found to be necessary.

So guys, the noble art of umpiring is here to stay!!

Why do we umpire?

Sometimes I wonder! Seriously though, we volunteer guys really do enjoy the challenge, and it's much easier than running around the pitch! Plus we make less mistakes than most players. The pay is lousy but our Wednesday masters are a great bunch of guys.

Neil Mannolini

The Business of Hockey: Reading the business section in the West on March 22nd I was surprised to come across a photograph of national player Fergus Cavanough. The story was all about the launch of a new brand of hockey sticks - and included a detailed description of the market.

Pertinent Question: Thanks to John Sanders for advice on a proposed rule change to the duration of a hockey match. The new times proposed are four 15 minute quarters with time outs. Opinions?

Department Of Limericks Part 2: Could not resist an 'honourable' mention - WHM is dame-less:

Some Masters think it's a great shame

While others want someone to blame

Though a Wed hockey Knight

Would be thought quite all right

There is nothing that's quite like a Dame.

(Please blame Tony Abbott, rather than Barry Humphries or Rogers and Hammerstein.)

Quotable Quote #2: "Ask not what you can do for your country. Ask what's for lunch." Orson Welles (1915 - 1985).

Editorial: It has taken some time, but all divisions were back at the Stadium on March 12th. The two turfs were available as per the editorial in the last issue - now for that cooler weather. The food was a credit to all involved too - and Jason has succeeded in making a couple of changes many of us have wished for. We now have a warmer bar and colder beer.

On the Bunbury trip it was a little disappointing to be the receiver of nominations and to get none for a prospective O/55s. I believe that there were some late attempts to assemble a team, but these were not successful. All the information has been in this publication, with the first mention in November 2013 and the first call for nominations in December 2013. If one of the younger blokes could explain the lack of interest it should help us to avoid the same mistakes next year.

The trip itself, and the match and barbecue were again very successful. Some of us were concerned that the game was a bit of a mis-match, but the earlier practice served to tire out the WAC and Southern Cross players sufficiently for the scores to be very even, although the play was not. Robin Bailey's complete (and un-edited) report is on Page 5.

Good luck to all WHM members for the Saturday season, and we hope that none of you ever play at that "Club With No Beer." Some of us are about to begin our first year without club hockey, and are very thankful for the Saturday run at Perry Lakes. Personally I will really miss the mates I used to see each week - but will not miss the 3:30 games at far-flung locations.

Punology One: If Bomber Thompson decided to give his team a real spray, and swore at them, this would mean that the Essendon coach was obscene and not Hird.

Comebacks: Stan Salazaar made it onto the turf again on April 2nd. This time he stopped after banging one in against my team. Barry Rutter's pads were donned, but not used I believe. Bill Baldwin is back - and back to Oxford form. Is Butch Worth playing again?

They Said It: Whitfords team-mate to Terry Gaston - Perry Lakes: "Stronger over the ball Terry!"

Terry's reply: "I would be if it weren't for the chemo ...".

A spot of umpire abuse from Vern Gooch's son Mike Gottschalk: "He's made one good decision in his life - and here I am." (*A bit below the belt? Ed.*)

Test Your Knowledge With John Sanders: Herewith the answer to last issue's question which was: Australia competed in all of the first four Championship Trophy Tournaments - which is the odd one out? Was it a) CT I in 1978 b) CT II in 1980 c) CT III in 1981 d) CT IV in 1982?

A response came immediately from reliable source Rusty: "The competition was established by Pakistan where the first three were held. The fourth in 1982 was held in the Netherlands." Needless to say - he's right again (and wins a trip to Ipoh, which he will have to pay for himself).

This issue's question is: The opening game of the 19th Champions Trophy in Adelaide v Spain on 11th October 1997 was which game number for the Kookaburras?

Was it a) 450 b) 550 c) 650 d) 750.

Answer next issue.

Department of Corrections: Our apologies to Robin Bailey for messing up a compliment last issue. We meant to say that "he's been making sure we all have the right gear for the team changes." I trust readers who are used to deciphering opaque language managed to work out what we meant.

Bunbury Report: On Sunday March 16, 11 intrepid Wednesday hockey players travelled to Bunbury. Three games were played, the first against a mixed Southern Cross / South West team, and two games against a mixed South West team. The Southern Cross and South West teams had been practicing before our arrival and were well and truly warmed up. Our game against the Southern Cross team resulted in a 2-1 loss - which included an own goal from our star centre half (who shall remain nameless!). It was a well fought game, and although our team had not played together before, and we weren't warmed up, it was a creditable result. Our esteemed Editor had exhausted himself after Saturday WHM and retired after this game and provided an independent commentary on our performance for the next two games. We drew the first nil all, and won the second 2-0. This was partly due to us playing better together, and partly due to tiredness from our opposition. Another creditable performance. All participants enjoyed the games, and retired for showers and a BBQ lunch. My thanks to all the players, Rob McNabb, and the Southern Cross and South West people who organised and participated, including Scotty who filled in for the editor and scored our second goal in the last game.

A few players stayed overnight in Bunbury and enjoyed a meal together in the White Elephant Thai Restaurant. A very convivial time was had with both good food and good company. Our editor also distinguished himself by having to be reminded that it is best to take the top off a wine bottle before starting to pour wine into a glass.

All have agreed that we should repeat the exercise next year, and we will look at trying to get an over 55 side as well as the over 65 side.

Robin Bailey

Many thanks must go to organisers Robin Bailey and Rob McNabb for a job well done. Thanks also to the South West for their hospitality - involving food, drinks, and the turf. There is no truth in the rumour that Robin and Rob are switching to herding cats as practice for next year. Readers will note that the report has not been edited at all, and no doubt will draw their own conclusions whether tiredness was responsible for the wine bottle incident. Ed.

Towards More Picturesque Speech: At a dinner party one should eat wisely but not too well, and talk well but not too wisely." W. Somerset Maugham (1874 - 1965)

March Well Dones: Thanks all. Umpires ('A') - Eric Alcock, Bala, Bob Bowyer, Peter Ford, Colin Gee, Vern Gooch, Ian Hill, Neil Mannolini, Neil Scaddan, Gordon Thomas, and Ivan Wilson. Umpires ('B') - Lionel David, Vern Gooch, John Lindsay. Hot weather GKs; Tony Marshall, Barry Rutter, Len Collier, Graeme Samson, Bob Stidwell, Phil Woodhouse, & Bill Baldwin. *(Sorry if I missed you - Ed.)*

Shakespeare Said It: "I prithee, go and get me some repast; I care not what so it be wholesome food." The Taming of The Shrew Act IV Scene III. *We do a lot better than that now - Ed.*

Strange But True: If I heard correctly, Joe Hockey just told us that the age of entitlement is over. Then why are the Knights and Dames coming back?

Situations Vacant: I am informed by Col Benporath that Alliance could use a few more O/70s and O/75s for The Hague. Contact Secretary Daan Holsboer at secretary@alliancehockey.net.

Is it easy being green

Photo from JimWright



These Are Good Old Days! As can be seen, the green shirts have now entered service in the O/65s at Perry Lakes. The summer season has just finished and been rated a great success.

O/65s News: Thanks to the summer season contributors. Club Captain and Deputy Jim Wright have done very well in selecting evenly matched teams, though their task would be easier if we all arrived at least 15 minutes early. Secretary / Treasurer Bob Bowyer has arranged a well marked and mowed field each week, handled diplomatic liaison with the Town of Cambridge & kept track of our finances. Ken Watt has done a top job as Drinks Director, assisted by Howard Read as Deputy. Social Director Ian Purdie has collected casual player payments, organised supper providers, and social functions such as the terrific end-of season dinner we enjoyed on March 29th after the AGM. Our Facilities Manager Ken Beer makes sure that our use of the YMCA clubrooms leaves no damage or debris. After the AGM Ken will also be Deputy Drinks Director for next summer, and George Bradbury will replace Ian Purdie when Ian returns to Europe in July.

Many thanks to our umpiring regulars Bob Le Merle and Peter Brien, assisted at times by Bob Bowyer and recently Peter Ford (who I believe is available for the winter season).

O/65s Casual Players: Before inviting a mate make sure that he realises it will cost him \$10 - payable to Ian Purdie prior to play. Wednesday regulars, who are not paid Saturday players, pay \$10 too.

O/65s Lowligh: Every cent from the bar is returned to us, and it runs on the honour system. Money received has included a) 50 Centavos Argentine coin b) 1000 Rupiah Indonesian coin c) .50 Euro coin d) An Indonesian 2000 Rupiah note. Ken says we need to stand up and be counted - I could not agree more. Perhaps next summer we will all honour the honour system.

The Origin Of The Species: The description in the last issue of the beginnings of Veterans hockey in WA has prompted Neil Mannolini to go even further back, and explore the beginnings of our game. "When did hockey start?"

The first time a "London Balle Play" was mentioned in England was by Fitzstephen who wrote in AD 1175 the London schoolboys went into the fields after dinner with a ball and a stick (referred to as a 'Bastion', meaning a sort of staff), and their game was a kind of bandy or hockey .

E. A. Thompson (former editor of the 'Hockey World') did much research, and he found that the earliest monks who arrived in England came from France, settling first at Canterbury; Fitzstephen was a monk there. The name for Hockey in France was 'Hocquet' which word means a shepherd's crook made of wrought iron, while the actual pastoral staff is composed of wood, as all the ancient hockey clubs were.

There is in the Copenhagen Museum a small silver-gilt jug measuring some 22 inches in height and executed in AD 1333. According to tradition this was brought home by King Frederick II as war booty after the conquest of Ditmarsk in 1559. One of the 2 pictures portrays 2 boys in motion, each with a stick bent at the ends and held by 2 hands, and it shows a bully is being played.

There is also a stained glass window in Gloucester Cathedral that depicts a hockey player. The window is AD 1350, and it is a memorial of the battle of Crecy.

E. Thomson also found in his extensive research that the ancient Greek youth played a form of Hockey in the B.C. days

So our 'old' masters on Wednesday as are continuing a great tradition.

Neil Mannolini

Dummy Spit Of The Day: March 26th was not a good day in the 'A' division of WHM. The hockey was not good and (at times) neither was the attitude of the players, thereby making things very difficult for the umpires too. We need to realise that perfection in all things is unlikely to be achieved by an octogenarian umpiring panel in charge of (mainly) septuagenarians. We (*me too Ed.*) also need to remind ourselves that we are not playing for sheep stations - and all lighten up a bit. No explicit award of the dreaded DS of the day will be made this month. (*Stop Press - Much better 2nd April*)

Grumpy Old Men (and Women) Department: Televised sport these days must be played exclusively by gay people. All I ever see is same-sex hugging and kissing. (*Grumpy old Ed.*)

Punology Two: Dijon vu - the same mustard as before. (*source still Anon*)

National Tournament - Perth 27th September to 11th October 2014: No doubt there is plenty of pre-tournament activity taking place, with much lobbying of prospective players and coaches for the WA home teams. In addition the organising committee will be busy sorting out all the myriad details of venues, umpires, programs, fixtures, scores, etc. etc. and so forth. If it becomes necessary to ask for volunteers 'Masters Matters' would like be happy to assist by the inclusion of a 'Situations Vacant'. I would hope for more respondents than to my appeal for a WHM scorer.

Masters Matter's Publishing Schedule: The next issue is due out early in May. I will attempt another (*smaller*) one before leaving for The Hague on May 29th, and the one after that will be dependent on my post Europe health and well-being. A trip on a Malaysian Airlines Boeing 777 will be (at the very least) a most interesting experience - and I trust will not be terminal.

Gardie Marshal Day: Many thanks to Mike Gottschalk for this follow up to our last.

"I was delighted to read Peter Kennedy's article in the March newsletter, referring to a Vets carnival that Suburban hockey club initiated back in the 1970s called the Gardie Marshal Day.

I was particularly pleased to note Peter's acknowledgement that the Gardie Marshal Day was a bit of a forerunner to what has since developed into Vets hockey here in Perth, and possibly Nationally and even Internationally. The reason I was pretty "chuffed" to read Peter's comments was because I, together with my then girl-friend, actually arranged and ran the first three Gardie Marshal Days, the first of which was held in 1973 (the year I started at Curtin University - then WAIT).

To be honest with you, the reason for initiating the Gardie Marshal Day was more financially driven rather than altruistically motivated. Back in 1973 I was a young engineering student playing A1s for Subs, and I remember my girlfriend at the time being 'amazed' at how much beer the 'older' Subs players consumed on Saturday evenings back at Tregonning! Obviously the more beer drunk the more money the club's bar made, so my idea of starting the Gardie Marshal Day was actually focussed on trying to get more 'beer-drinking older hockey players' to Tregonning!

I clearly remember putting the idea to Subs president Charles Harper whose comment was "great idea - now you run it." For those who remember Charles Harper he was not a man to argue with so I (1) organised the carnival & (2) resolved never to open my mouth again with a good idea!

As Peter Kennedy noted the teams that participated in the first ever Gardie Marshal Day in 1973 were Subs, Fremantle and Trinity, although I'm pretty sure there was a fourth team because there were games on both grounds. I can't remember if the fourth team was from another club, or was maybe a Subs #2 team.

I'll never forget that very first carnival in 1973 which was meant to start at 9:00 am sharp. It was a beautiful spring Sunday morning in September, all was in readiness, including some play equipment which we'd hired for the Veterans' kids to play on (so-called Veterans back then had children who were primary school age - or younger!!). But with only 15 minutes before the first 'bully' there was nobody there. My father Vern was blaming the Catholics for getting their priorities wrong and going to Church instead of hockey. I was cursing and swearing because I had uni exams coming up and should have been 'swatting', the bar was stocked up in anticipation, with potentially no customers and then with literally minutes to go all four teams arrived.

The camaraderie that day was something special as it was the first ever 'Vets only' hockey event ever held, and the only significant problem encountered on the day was that we actually managed to run out of beer!! Fortunately someone at Subs knew the owner of the Shenton Park Hotel ('The Shents') back then, and after a few frantic moments of panic (remember this was the days of no Sunday trading) a few emergency kegs were secured.

I continued to run the Gardie Marshal Day for the next few years until I headed off overseas. Until I read Peter Kennedy's recent article I didn't realise that the first ever 'Vets' grade started in 1977, so it's probably fair to say that the Gardie Marshal Day was a real precursor to the Vets Hockey scene that we enjoy so much today.

Mike Gottschalk"

Thanks very much Mike for another interesting piece of our Vets history. Beer in the change-rooms at Subs (plus more later in the bar) was a memorable part of my first year in Vets with Scarborough. Ed.

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