

Wednesday Hockey Masters Perth Est 1991

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Masters Matters

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Have Hockey Stick, Will Travel: As many of us will be departing for the World Cup during the month of May, this issue has one or two (or maybe more) references to travel. To all those departing these shores we offer best wishes for a safe journey, an enjoyable and successful hockey tournament, a great post-hockey holiday, and a speedy return when you head for home again.

Department of Health Part One: Congratulations to the WHM committee on the decision to acquire a defibrillator, which is due to arrive shortly. This is to complement those already at the Stadium, and be used at other venues when we play elsewhere. John Ree conducted an instructional and demonstration session after hockey at Perry Lakes on May 3rd, and the machine is very helpful with verbal guidance. It seems clear that learning CPR would be a very good idea for all of us. There are plenty of class type options, or St John's Ambulance has an on-line course in first aid which is called 'ClickToSave' and can be accessed from the St John Ambulance WA web-site. Many thanks to John for squeezing this in before he and Irene depart for Europe this week.

Department of Health Part Two: I will try not to repeat the same names every issue. Is it possible to keep me in touch as things develop. Verbally at the stadium will do.

Derek Jobe: If you were there at the Stadium on April 30th you know that Derek managed to pay us a visit. If you were not there Page 6 has a report and photograph.

Peter Livingstone: Has had a couple of post-op complications and lost 14 kilograms.

Ric Watts: Has now put his back out attempting to start the lawn mower. Some good luck is overdue. *Best recovery wishes to all sufferers and their families from WHM. Ed.*

Dates For The Diary:

May 7th: Close of nominations for WA State teams.

May 11th: State team trials - Rockingham Turf.

May 18th: State team trials - Rockingham Turf.

May 25th: State team trials - Rockingham Turf.

(Note - this does not include O/70s, who will be trialling on Wednesdays)

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.

Quotable Quote No 1: "The whole object of travel is not to set foot on foreign land; it is at last to set foot on one's own country as a foreign land." G.K. Chesterton. (1874 - 1936)

Letters To The Editor: Thanks to the 3 respondents to the last issue; John Milner, John O'Donohue (*we Johns stick together*), and Pam. I also heard from Neil Mannolini who says:

"I am flying out to Europe on Wednesday next (*that was April 23rd - Ed.*) and won't be back in 'Paradise' till the end of May. A welcome break for me, and especially a 'good riddance' for all you guys. It is but a temporary relief for you all, and I promise to return to enjoy the greatest game there is sadly I'm no longer a player but I am a stayer and looking forward to more Whistling in the future. Cheers - Neil." Manno also hoped that we had not enjoyed too many Easter eggs as "they do slow you up." *At my stage everything slows me up. Thanks for the whistling, have a great trip. Ed.*

Department Of Limericks: The travelling is about to start for all those going to the World Cup, but we hope that this kind of dialogue has not occurred anywhere within WHM.

A Master upset his wife much

While talking world travel and such

"Now let's not be vague

If we go to The Hague

Our air fares will have to be Dutch."

(I trust everybody knows the meaning of a 'Dutch treat' - Ed.)

Rules 'R' Us: The obstruction rule still applies, and now states:

Rule 9.12: Players must not obstruct an opponent who is attempting to play the ball. Players obstruct if they: Back into an opponent.

Physically interfere with the stick or body of an opponent.

Shield the ball from a legitimate tackle with their stick or any part of their body.

A stationary player receiving the ball is permitted to face in any direction.

A player with the ball is permitted to move off in any direction except bodily into an opponent or into a position between the ball and an opponent who is within playing distance of the ball and attempting to play it.

A player who runs in front of or blocks an opponent to stop them legitimately playing or attempting to play the ball is obstructing (this is third party or shadow obstruction). This also applies if an attacker runs across or blocks defenders (including the goalkeeper or player with goalkeeping privileges) when a corner is being taken.

Rule 9.13: Players must not tackle unless in a position to play the ball without body contact.

That should be quite clear. Also relevant here are these rules:

Rule 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)

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

Rule 9.4: Players must not intimidate or impede another player.

Rule 9.5: Players must not play the ball with the back of the stick.

In my opinion, the above makes it clear that our game is not a version of Aussie Rules with hockey sticks, but a non-contact sport. While these rules are more honoured in the breach rather than in the observance we will continue to make life more difficult for the umpires - and ourselves. Ed.

Quotable Quote #2: "The saying 'Getting there is half the fun' became obsolete with the advent of commercial airlines." Attributed to Henry J Tillman - man of mystery, as it is not known who he was.

Department Of Limericks Part 2: A more complete version of WHM history can be found on Page 7.

In October of year '91

Some old blokes began to have fun

From sides White and Blue

Our Wednesday comp grew

Now ten teams are having a run.

They thought they were old then. Some are still playing now.

Editorial: Now that his return to playing is imminent, I consider that a tribute to our Secretary is in order. Bob usually handles a workload which would comfortably fit into a full time job description - when the wine raffles are taken into account. Just maintaining our data base is a task in itself - which entails both the various Wednesday groupings and the Saturday playing list.

The wine raffles are being run on two days of the week, and as seen at the Christmas party enable us to do some good deeds for other people - the hockey being good for us. Due to his knee replacement Bob has not been able to take part in a game for months, but has attended regularly and without fail on both days. The hard work is greatly appreciated by us all - even if we sometimes don't remember to say 'thank you' when we take home a bottle.

Stop Press - comeback made at Perry Lakes 3rd May. All seemed well - Ed.)

Punology One: When two egotists meet it's an I for an I. (*source uncredited - by request*)

Comebacks: Stan Salazaar, Barry Rutter, and Bill Baldwin continue to play - hopefully injury-free. David Lester was going OK, but has now departed on a European holiday, and John Burt is saving them again. I encountered Butch Worth at the stadium - and yes, he is playing again. Well done to Terry Gaston who I believe has now finished his chemo-therapy course - and played throughout. It is very pleasing to be able to report that Ham D'Souza returned to action in the 'A' division on the 30th April (good recruiting Dave Horsley) and seems to have lost none of his skills.

They Said It: In the 'A' division the standard of play sometimes falls away a bit during the last couple of games due to fatigue. On 9th April this generated the following exchange:

Gold player Mal Jackaman: "Next goal wins."

Umpire Neil Scaddan: "No thanks, we don't want to be here all night."

Buddy Franklin after severely damaging 4 parked cars: "It was just an accident." He should know that most accidents are caused by people - and the corollary, that most people are caused by accidents.

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

Despite a busy touring schedule Rusty has managed to send in an answer of 750. There is a first time for everything - John gives the correct answer as c) 650.

This issue's question is: In the 1988 Olympic Games in Seoul an Australian player scored 8 goals over the seven matches contested. Was it Colin Batch. Mark Hager, Neil Hawgood, or Jay Stacy?

Answer next issue.

O/65s Bad News: For those who still believe that the human race is an intelligent species the scenes of devastation inflicted on the Perry Lakes surface by hoons on the weekend of April 27th after we had played there the day before must give cause for reconsideration. We can still use the venue.

O/65s Better News: The points table is seldom published, but readers who play in this competition can be assured that every change will be reflected here. The latest table is: Blue (0), Green (0), and White (0). Members of the Blue team on April 12th will be expecting that their 6-0 demolition job on the Whites will be mentioned here - but as the Ed made up the numbers (played is the wrong word) for the White team, and we have all completely forgotten about the game, it will not be. In a severe case of deja vu the Blues defeated the Whites again on 3rd May with a scoreline of 10-1, but as the same amnesia has recurred that one will not be mentioned either.

So far the winter season has been a little light on for numbers as the O/60s keep calling on our players to fill their numbers. Not all of us are as versatile as Ron Venables who managed on one occasion to be part of two games at once (and scored a goal in both - not simultaneously!). Thanks to Ash Foster and the committee we now have some classy new Blue and White playing shirts, with enough of the former Green shirts to outfit a third team when required.

I should mention that there are no permanent teams. Les and Jim allocate players as they arrive (using a variety of formulas?), and thus for most of us the Saturday games feature a variety of opponents and team-mates. Many thanks to our umpiring regulars Peter Brien and Peter Ford, assisted at times by Bob Bowyer.

It is not yet certain how the numbers will be while many people are away in The Hague and other parts of Europe afterwards. More information will hopefully be available in our next issue.

Quotable Quote #3: "Like all great travellers I have seen more than I remember and remember more than I have seen." Benjamin Disraeli (1804 - 1881).

Towards More Picturesque Speech: On the ABC's Science Show a learned guest was being a little critical of the main stream media time allocation during scientific debates. "If somebody on this program were to claim that 2 + 2 equalled 4, there would immediately be strong pressure from the Duodecimal Liberation Front for time to put the proposition that 2 + 2 equalled 5."

April Well Dones: Thanks all. Umpires ('A') - Eric Alcock, Bala, Peter Ford, Ian Hill, Roger Jewell, Bob Maley, Neil Mannolini, Col Sanders, Neil Scaddan, Gordon Thomas, Les Waldon, and Ivan Wilson. Umpires ('B') and ('C'): Not known to me - well done whoever you were. Cooks: Multiple times - Bob Bowyer. April 2nd - Jim Wright, Gordon Thomas, and Dave Evans.

Shakespeare Said It: "I wish you well and so I take my leave, I pray you know me when we meet again." The Merchant of Venice Act IV Scene I. *This seemed appropriate for all the travels - Ed.*

Strange But True: After the last World Cup I visited Blenheim Palace and Shakespeare's birth house within one week. Both impressed me - equally.

Quotable Quote #4: "If you actually look like your passport photo you aren't well enough to travel." Sir Vivian Fuchs (1908 - 1999).

Derek and rescuers on parade



Left to right: Ash Challoner, Derek Jobe, Alistair Park, Shayley McGurk-Davey, Sascha and Tammy Cowan, Hope Munro. A couple of goalkeepers managed to get into the picture too.

Comebacks: When one of our number returns from a long-term injury there is usually a very strong feel good effect. When Derek made it back on April 30th with plenty of family and all the terrific people who helped after the heart attack also in attendance this feeling was intense. Even the St John's Ambulance officers who attended on the day managed to get to the Stadium (again).

After doing the rounds (apparently a lot of us remarked on how well Derek looked) there were commitments for television down on Turf 2 and in the barbecue area. St John's are using this in their current campaign for more first-aid training (See Page 2 for WHM involvement), but I am not sure when Channel 7 are to show the footage. This was followed by a presentation ceremony in the Stadium bar, during which we were addressed by WHM Chairman Simon Thomson, Blue team captain Ash Challoner, Derek himself, St John's manager first responder community program Sally Simmonds, and Derek's son Kristan. Of course it was emotional at times, but everybody in the bar was quiet right through the ceremony - something which is impossible to achieve at other times.

Certificates from both WHM and St John's were presented to all Derek's rescuers. It was noted that between them they had managed to free Derek from his car, start CPR, call triple 000 for an ambulance, obtain the stadium defibrillator and apply it. They received the thanks of Derek, his family, and all of us at WHM in an event which struck the right note in every respect.

We hope to see Derek at the Stadium on a regular basis. How about it mate?

The Origin Of WHM: *In this case 'PG' does not denote 'Parental Guidance'. It does represent the initials of the initiators of the very first game in 1991, according to our source. A discussion between Peter Gason and Peter Gardner is said to have led to the formation of two sides, and the start of what we have today. Bob Bowyer created this document in 2012 and it's well worth reprinting.*

"The following article written by Stadium Manager at the time Grattan Wilson, appeared in the Saturday 29th May 1993 edition of the Hockey Bulletin.

"There is a dedicated band of 25 vintage hockey players enjoying a friendly Wednesday afternoon hockey match at the stadium. They have been enjoying the pleasure of each other's company on a Wednesday afternoon since October 1991. Almost without exception the games are played on the main turf and are followed by much discussion about the recently completed game and hockey in general in the stadium bar. The games start at 2:30 pm and if you are interested in joining this merry band of fit men give me a call."

Bob's update August 2004: "Not a lot has changed in regard to enjoyment in the intervening 12 years since that article was written. We now have more than twice as many players turn up regularly and we now have O/60s games from 2:00 pm to 3:30 pm when the O/50s start now."

Also of historical interest is the history of sponsorship which has been very important to the quality and validity of our club. Originally uniforms were subsidised by firms in the finance industry organised by Peter Hammond. At one stage the different coloured uniforms were sponsored by County Natwest, Potter Warburg, Barclays Bank and Macquarie Bank. These were followed for about 3 years by Jardine Fleming when the Champions Cup was introduced. The cup was awarded at the end of each 3 month season. It is now awarded on an annual basis to the O/60s team with the most points for the year (*and from 2014 to the 'A' Division top scorer - Ed.*). Merrill Lynch took over the sponsorship role in October 1996. Currently we have sponsorship of \$500 pa plus first aid kits from Greg Allen and caps, socks and balls from Barry Rutter.

A management committee took over administration of the club on April 29th, 1998, with the initial management committee consisting of George Winning (Chairman), Brian Lester (Treasurer), Peter Gason, and Dudley Younger. The unofficial secretary was Dudley's secretary Sandra Dale.

The new committee resolved the club name to be Wednesday Vintage Hockey. This was subsequently changed to Mid Week Vintage Hockey, and lately at the committee meeting on the 24th November 2010 to the current name of Wednesday Hockey Masters."

The inaugural team information we have is:

White Team : Peter Gardner (c), David Menzies (GK), Brian Stewart, Ray Cherrington, Harry Duncan, John Franks, Brian Young, Cecil Bogg, Fred Strother, John Gadsdon, Barry Angus, Kim Hawkins.

Blue Team Peter Gason (c), Bill Pickering (GK), George Winning, Ray King, Bill MacKintosh, Bill Williamson, Dudley Younger, George Orchard, Alan Blunt, Paul Robinson, T ? Blake, Tony Barley.

Also relevant are the "Notes on the Competition" by Colin Sanders. Herewith an extract:

"The initial 'Wednesday Veterans' competition commenced with two teams in the early 1990s and the 'result sheets' were not retained. However the overall results generally can be found on the relevant trophy. The competition increased over new players and progressed from 2 to 4 teams, thence to two divisions, each of 4 teams - an Over 60s and an Over 50s - commencing in April 2006 at the beginning of Round 2 of that year. Later for the 60s division 5 teams were introduced in July 2006 (*the Greens*), thence 6 teams in July 2007 (*the Electric Blues*)."

Peter Gason has added a couple more names to Bob's initial teams. We would still like to hear of anything which would add further to the historical record. It is noteworthy that Peter Gason, Paul Robinson, and Bill Williamson are still playing today. Ed.

John Mercer and Bob Bowyer have produced some documentation of the very latest events - which include the introduction of three divisions labelled 'A', 'B', and 'C', the start of a Saturday O/65 competition, and the end of the line for some of the shirt colours.

Thanks to Peter Gason and Bob Bowyer for providing this information. Ed.

Dummy Spit Of The Day: I had hoped to include a photo of Ivan in front of the new sign on the umpires' dugout on Turf 1 - "The Naughty Corner", but was not successful in obtaining one. Due to lack of expertise I was unable to obtain a selfie of the 'Masters Matters' editor in the same location. However, "The Naughty Corner " is certain to appear in a future edition.

Grumpy People Department: "So much of what we call management consists in making it difficult for people to work." Peter Drucker (1909 - 2005. Austrian born American management consultant)

Punology Two: He had a photographic memory that was never developed. (*source still Anon*)

Department of Corrections: Our apologies to Les Waldon for the O/65s report last issue. The correct wording should have been "Club Captain Les Waldon and Deputy Jim Wright" Our proof-reader seems to be tiring under the many errors passed on to him by the typist. Or too many Bunbury trips.

Vale: We regret to report that Geoff Corlett, long-time goalkeeper in the WA and interstate hockey vets competitions died on 1st May after a long illness. The funeral will be held on Friday May 9th at the Bowra and O'Dea chapel, 312 South St Hilton at 1:30 pm. Our sympathies are extended to his family, friends, and former team-mates in all states.

Stop Press: Many thanks to John Sanders for this last second 'Umpire's Soliloquy':

To blow or not to blow, that is the question
Whether 'tis nobler in the mind to suffer
The quirks and comments of outspoken men
And still to operate the law of 'vantage
Or sound the blast that brings the move to naught
And with unfettered hit the fault amends
The thought that when the match is o'er
The embattled hordes foregather in the George
And live again the tourney, move by move
Must give no pause: and having paused
To think perchance to dream, aye there is the rub.

Extract from Canadian Field Hockey News 1975 - author unknown.

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