

# Wednesday Hockey Masters Perth Est 1991

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## Masters Matters

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**Editorial:** Congratulations to the tournament committee for all the work which went into making our Perth event the success it was. Thanks must also go to the other numerous volunteers who did the many small things which are all necessary parts of the annual gathering. Every state taking part must have its own dedicated group of workers, as must every team. Honourable mentions should also go to the umpires and the technical bench staff, as well as the people at the Stadium and Hale who provided all the food and drinks. As this is a WHM newsletter a special mention goes to our own volunteers who manned and ran (*well done Gordon Thomas*) the sausage sizzles at Perth Stadium.

There were several silly errors in the October issue. A contributing cause was that the editor, typist and proof-reader were all unwell during most of its preparation - possibly the close proximity in which they work resulted in transmission of the virus. This may well result in a flood of letters to the editor pointing out that each issue should carry the disclaimer 'Silly Errors 'R Us' but it's unlikely we'll print them - why belabour the obvious?

I hope I was not the only one from the O/70s who got a personal buzz from playing against former Australian captains Brian Glencross and John McBryde. Of course some got to play in the same team - possibly even better given the final result. As John McBryde said when accepting the medal for the best player in the division, it's marvellous that at our age we are still involved.

**Latest 2015 Tournament News:** We have it on very good authority following post-match socialising with the Queensland O/70s that the Interstate Tournament venue will be Cairns. Also, as there are no internationals planned for the more senior players it is hoped to organise an event for this age group in Adelaide. The plan is to select two semi-national sides of both O/70s and O/75s and that all 4 teams play each other twice. Those of you who play at this level can expect to hear more.

**Dates For The Diary:**

November 4th, 5th, 8th and 9th: Australian Kookaburras versus India - PHS1. 7:00 pm.

**December 17th: WHM Christmas Party - PHS.**

May 2nd to May 10th 2015: Trans Tasman in Melbourne for ages 35 to 65 only. See Page 4.

August 2015: European Championships - London. Southern Cross will be there - 60s, 65s, & 70s.

September 26th to October 10th 2015: Interstate Masters Championships - Cairns.

October 2015: Asian Cup - Kuala Lumpur. Southern Cross 60s likely to attend.

2016: Next Grand Masters (O/60s and higher) World Cup - Newcastle (the Australian one).

2016: Next Masters (O/40s to O/55s) World Cup - Canberra.

**WHM Christmas Party:** Simon would welcome any offers of assistance, or bright ideas (other than a re-run of the George Winning Welter) for our annual event. It's definitely not to be missed.

**Department of Health:** Commiserations to all who suffered injury during the tournament. Doubtless there will be many more I do not know about as this is compiled from personal observation only.

John Jeffery's carnival was ended by a badly dislocated shoulder, and the ligaments will take some months to recover. All this just after two broken ribs - better luck for 2015.

Other injuries within this team (O/70 Gold) were Max Stewart (tournament-ending), Les Waldon, Ron Venables, Colin Sanders, Barry Rutter and Peter Gason. All are still unable to play - I think.

Mal Horrigan seems to have aggravated the really troublesome hamstring again. According what was being said on Wednesday 29th he may be out for about two months.

Dudley Burress was sighted at Hale on the 8th on crutches following a tournament heel injury. He was unable to play on the 15th and 22nd, but turned up to umpire - good stuff.

Both Roger Jewell and Harvey Davies had some problems with the heat on the 15th - our first warm day of the summer. Hopefully we'll all remember to stay properly hydrated through the hot season. Many thanks must go to Scott Blackwell, who had a very busy afternoon. In the aftermath Scott sent this piece of good advice to lots of WHM players, but it's well worth repeating here.

"Always drink enough fluid before a match, or matches so that the urine you pass is the colour of water. Anything darker than that means that you are not properly prepared.

Always drink enough during the games (in the breaks) to keep the colour of your urine as light as possible. Always top up with water or non-alcoholic fluid after the games before you start on the alcoholic beverages. Lecture over." (*Thanks Scott - this works quite well for me. Ed.*)

Roger Jewell features here again this month. He suffered yet another piece of bad luck on the 29th when a ball flew up off his stick, inflicting a bad cut on the lip. As I know from long-ago personal experience this can cause problems with eating and drinking for quite a while.

Those of us who were at Hale and witnessed the departure of WA Metro O/65 Don Sanders (brother of John) to hospital via ambulance will be pleased to hear that he has now been discharged after a serious concussion. As of October 24th he's still on medication and forbidden from driving.

*Best wishes for a speedy and complete recovery to all WHM sufferers, regardless of whether you are mentioned above, or whether you are not.*

**Letters To The Editor:** Thanks to the respondents to the last issue; Chris Morley and Phil Anderson. All other correspondence was strictly business, but we are not in receivership (yet).

**Rules 'R Us - without Manno :** (for once)

No response to last issue's PQ about an overhead landing in the circle where the goalkeeper is the only possible challenger to an unmarked forward. Online research indicates that dangerous play is the major consideration. So my own thinking is that if the goalkeeper is close enough to the forward to challenge while the ball is still in the air, then the overhead is dangerous. I'll keep looking. Ed.

**Shakespeare Said It:** "Presume not that I am the thing I was." Henry IV Part 2, Act V Scene V. *Some good advice for the Cairns selectors, particularly applicable to the older age groups.*

*Tournament spectator.* "Though this be madness yet there is method in't." Hamlet Act II Scene II.

**Quotable Quote No 1:** "Isn't it interesting that the same people who laugh at science fiction listen to weather forecasts and economists." Kelvin Throop III - a fictional character created by R.A.J Phillips in Analog science fiction magazine.

**Perth Tournament Results:** Here are as many results as I can obtain.

O/35(1): SF 1st v 4th VIC (2) WA (2) / SF 2nd v 3rd ACT (5) QLD (3) / GF VIC (5) ACT (4)  
O/40 (1): SF 1st v 4th WA (3) QLD (3) / SF 2nd v 3rd TAS (2) NSW (4) / GF WA (5) NSW (1)  
O/40 (2): SF 1st v 4th NSW (4) QLD (2) / SF 2nd v 3rd WA (3) WAC (0) / GF NSW (1) WA (3)  
O/45 (1): SF 1st v 4th NSW (1) WAC (0) / SF 2nd v 3rd TAS (0) WA (4) / GF NSW (1) WA (2)  
O/45 (2): GF WAC (1) NSW (2)  
O/50 (1): SF 1st v 4th WA (5) SA (1) / SF 2nd v 3rd NSW (1) WAC (0) / GF WA (2) NSW (0)  
O/50 (2): SF 1st v 4th WA (3) NT (0) / SF 2nd v 3rd NSW (0) QLD (1) / GF WA (4) QLD (5)  
O/55 (1): SF 1st v 4th WA (6) TAS (2) / SF 2nd v 3rd QLD (3) NSW (2) / GF WA (3) QLD (2)  
O/55 (2): SF 1st v 4th WA (4) QLD (0) / SF 2nd v 3rd NSW (1) ACT (0) / GF WA (3) NSW (0)  
O/60 (1): SF 1st v 4th WA (1) ACT (0) / SF 2nd v 3rd NSW (1) QLD (1) / GF WA (2) NSW (0)  
O/65 (1): SF 1st v 4th WA (1) QLD (2) / SF 2nd v 3rd NSW (2) ACT (2) / GF NSW (1) QLD (4)  
O/70 (1): SF 1st v 4th NSW (3) VIC (0) / SF 2nd v 3rd WA2 (1) WA (0) / GF NSW (0) WA2 (1)

*Note that in the event of a drawn semi final the team higher on the ladder progresses to the final. WA teams match reports are on the web-site [www.wavets.org](http://www.wavets.org). Click 2014, then the desired team.*

**The French Letter No 3:** A further bulletin from our foreign correspondent. Apparently French Vets hockey players have some difficulties not faced by Wednesday Hockey Masters here.

“Hi guys. It seemed the tournament went really well and I am sure you all enjoyed some great hockey. Alas, all I could do was follow the results online. And of course the O/70s was of real interest for me and congrats to the 2s side for such a great performance.

I thought I would give this article a real hockey flavour - so here goes...

Did you know that if you want to play hockey (and other team sports) in France you have to be licensed? Well, you do & I experienced it a few years ago when I played for a season with Rouen University. The process means that you have to go to your GP and undergo a fitness test. This involves the following procedure...

Stand with feet together and place both arms out in front of you horizontal to the floor. Then squat down as far as you go (back straight) till resting on your ankles and then straighten up again. Do this 20 times as quickly as you reasonably can. Your doctor takes your resting heart rate before you begin and then again one minute after you complete the exercise regime. The idea is that your heart rate should return to the resting rate in that 1 minute. Try it - it's not as easy as it sounds.

If all is well the doctor issues the licence which is then eventually given to your team captain. The team captains are required to have a file containing the licences of all team members with them at all matches. Opposing team captains may (and do) ask to see the licence of anyone on the team list before play commences. I guess it's all to do with liability and insurance issues, but a lot of overkill if you ask me.

To conclude this piece I just want to say that I had a dream the other night - I imagined the O70s teams on a Wednesday all lining up in the middle and doing the 20 squats exercise with Scotty and Ian racing down the line taking pulses and then everyone retiring to the bar to recover - but only after being properly hydrated of course.

Cheers.” Ian Purdie (*See also Limericks Part Two on Page 8. Ed.*)

**Grumpy Old Men Part One:** Neil Scaddan's family have bestowed upon him a cap with the words “Grumpy Old Man” emblazoned across the peak. As we have said before, if the cap fits, wear it.

**Trans Tasman:** Following the National Championships the Australian sides have been selected. We offer our congratulations to all those chosen, and have tried to list anyone with a WHM involvement. Please let 'Masters Matters' know of any omissions.

O/40s: Geoff Horsley (coach) - son of David.

O/50s: Cameron Fairbrother (coach), Geoff Horsley (*ruled out due to O/40s coaching appointment*).

O/55s: Lyle Kenny, Graham Miller, Steve Pestana, Rob Lawson (coach).

O/60s: John Chapman, Wayne Cutler.

O/65s: John Harper (v capt), Peter Fogels, Simon Thomson.

WAC stalwarts Dean Lomax (O/45s), Tony Jones (O/50s) & Murray Connop (co-manager O/50s) also have been named - well done all. (*If you receive 'Masters Matters' you deserve a mention here. Ed.*)

**Department Of Limericks Part 1:** The result in the O/70s division of the Perth tournament has been covered elsewhere by the winning team - very well (Page 7). Here is an opponent's view based on the proposition that 16 players who all can run, are well coached, given equal game time and believe in team work are likely to do well given that games are won by scoring more than the opposition.

It was gold for our seventies twos

There is no magic drug that they use

All could run, it would seem

And they played as a team

If your rivals don't score you can't lose.

**Department of Corrections:** I should have known better than to boast about an error-free issue. We apologise to Ian Purdie for "I'm disappointed at being able to be there for the National." We meant he was disappointed at not being able to be there for the Nationals. We also managed to lose the ball from the comment on Neil Mannolini's piece on Rule 9.11, which as printed read "every slight contact between and foot." I often don't see the ball on the turf, and sometimes lose it there too. Chris Morley has also pointed out that 'Grumpy Old Men Part Two' appeared before 'Part One.'

**Quotable Quote No 2:** "That which we persist in doing becomes easier, not that the task itself has become easier, but that our ability to perform it has improved." Ralph Waldo Emerson: 1803 - 1882. *American essayist, lecturer and poet. Doesn't seem to work for my hockey - Ed.*

**Well Dones:** Thank you to October 'A' umpires Adolphus Abrahams, Robin Bailey, Bob Bowyer, Vern Gooch, Roger Jewell, Neil Mannolini, Neil Scaddan, Brian Soares, Gordon Thomas and Jim Wright. And we heard that the 'B' umpires on the 29th included Vern, son Mike, John Lindsay and Dudley Burress. Dudley also blew the whistle for 'B' and 'C' while injured on the 15th and 22nd.

**Punology One:** Did you hear about the scarecrow who got promoted - he was outstanding in his field. *Perhaps he joined the Fremantle Dockers - to scare Eagles.*

**Strange But True:** If you listened to ABC Local Radio's Sports Talk program at 5:15 pm on Saturday 11th October you might have heard caller Jim. He'd won a gold medal in the O/70s division at the Perth National Masters hockey, and wanted to tell the world about it. Good thing that Jim Malcolm does not drink beer - some of his team-mates might have been less intelligible by then.

## Winners Are Grinners - WA O/70 Black

Photo Beth Wright



WA's victorious 2nd team. Back row (L to R) - John Sanders (asst manager), Brian Glencross, John Burt (GK), Jim Malcolm, George Bradbury, David Lester, Jim Wright (manager), Scott Blackwell, Roger Jewell, Alan Crawford. Front row - Henry Barrie, Ivan Wilson (coach), Ash Foster (captain), Ken Watt, Neil Patterson, Brian Soares, Bob Bowyer. *(Only 3 are not on the 'Masters Matters' mailing list)*

**Test Your Knowledge With John Sanders:** Herewith the answer to last issue's question which was: Who was the top goalscorer in the XX Olympic Games in Munich?

a ) Brian Glencross b) Ric Charlesworth c) Ron Riley d) Jim Mason.

No answer has been received yet.

This issue's question is: Which of these statements about Australian hockey is true? a) In 1983 Australia played Pakistan in Dubai. b) Australia lost all 3 Tests v Netherlands in 1984. c) Terry Walsh failed to score in the 6th Champions Trophy in Karachi. d) John Bestall has never scored a goal against New Zealand.

Answer next issue.

**Grumpy Old Men Part Two:** "It has been said that man is a rational animal. All my life I have been searching for evidence which could support this." Bertrand Russell (1872 -1970)

**Punology Two:** "Don't join dangerous cults. Practice safe sects."

**Vale:** Our deepest sympathies are extended to Stewart Calder, who lost his wife Lorraine recently. Also to Mike Hallam on the death of his father Peter.

BLACK MAGIC, FORMERLY KNOWN AS O70 WA BLACK , ORIGINALLY O70 WA- 2. *By Beth Wright*

Tournament time and names were submitted	A scrappy draw against the Vics
Who was in and who was omitted	Plenty of fumbling and clashing of sticks
And so began WA Black and Gold	Two games in a row ..... maybe too much
Players admitted into the fold	Then Henry goaled to keep them in touch 1-1
A manager was needed, Jim got the job	The semi final was held between second and third
A team to form from this unruly mob	Black and Gold supporters could all be heard
A Captain and Coach they had to choose	Alan scored a goal, got the team ahead
Ashley and Ivan will fill these shoes	At final siren, the Black team led 1 - 0

Last official was a man on the bench	The Grand Final began, goals couldn't be found
Controlling players at the fence	Then Scott had the ball, and ran down the ground
John stepped in, many jobs to do	Into the net, a goal was scored
Time changes, reports, to name a few	From the stand, the spectators roared
They need a uniform, but nobody knew	The opposition kept coming, they didn't stop
Where to start, or had a clue	Defenders kept them from getting on top
The shaky start was put behind	The countdown began, as time slipped away
Too much to do, new players to find	They are Gold medal winners, here today 1 - 0

It all fell nicely into place	Winners are grinners, it has been told
Now it's time to set the pace	Medals around their necks, and a shield to hold
Games to attend, as "70-2"	A fantastic game, a dream come true
Games against the Wednesday crew	For the West Australian 70s - 2
After 50 years, it's training again	Black Magic, you played super hockey today 🎵 🎵 🎵
Brian is leading the how, what and when	Black Magic, you showed the others the way 🎵 🎵 🎵
There is time to be social, to meet the WAGS	With runners and stoppers, and goalie behind 🎵 🎵 🎵
Everyone wearing their classy name tags	The 70's - 2 was a really good find 🎵 🎵 🎵

After much preparation, it's time to begin	The WAGs have been there, cheering and shouting
Gold versus Black, both want to win	Supporting the players, and never doubting
The game was tough, the result a draw	Knew they could do it, but it sometimes was tense
Neither team able to get a score 0-0	When umpires decisions made no sense
Next they played Queensland, neither would yield	The team played well, with moments so fine
Two Australian captains, both on the field	Runs on the wing, goals stopped on the line
Just minutes to go, and Queensland looks set	Sixteen great blokes, all eager and keen
Then Ken and Bob both found the net 2-1	Working together like a well - oiled machine

The game against Country was a hard fought win	The "seconds" can be proud of what they've achieved
Plenty of corners that just wouldn't go in	The players and supporters can all feel relieved
Ash and Brian finally saved the day	They've all had fun, and have a gold medal as well
Near the top they hope to stay 2-0	Imagine the stories they're going to tell
The New South Welshmen were next to meet	From Cinderella beginnings, they made their mark
Top of the ladder, and hard to beat	Found their place, in the park
Many shots at goal, but neither side	Let's drink a toast to 70s Black
Could find the net, so the game was tied 0-0	Watch out Cairns, the boys will be back.

*Thanks to Beth Wright for this complete description of the successful tournament for the second O/70s side. My apologies for reducing the font size - a necessary evil given space limitations. Congratulations go to all players, coaches, team management and supporters. Ed.*

**Tournament Results:** It is evident from the results on Page 4 that the home team advantage was a big factor in determining the outcome in many divisions. Congratulations to the many WA teams who won gold - I trust you celebrated both wisely and well. It's good for the other states to receive a reminder every few years of the travelling necessary for teams from here.

The lack of support from the state's only daily newspaper was again very disappointing. I would have thought that any interstate event involving 71 teams of 15/16 players plus support staff and families was of sufficient size to justify some coverage, even if not the daily results.

Anybody who wishes to attend the 2016 World Cup in Newcastle (the Australian one) as a player in one of our national sides should start planning now for the Cairns tournament. It is likely that these teams will be selected there. Getting into a Southern Cross side will be interesting, and may result in some difficult decisions for their selectors too.

On the Cairns tournament, what do readers think of splitting our annual get-together? The days are long gone when it had to be held during school holidays because most players had school age children. I believe that Cairns has only two turfs, which will necessitate early morning & evening matches - probably no hardship in the climate, but not so good in a colder place.

**News From The Saturday O/65s:** Play has resumed with only 2 teams present on the 25th. Perhaps like the Wednesday competition everybody needs a break after the tournament before getting back into the fray. Many thanks to Peter Brien for continuing to blow the whistle after what could only be described as impolite dissent. Could I remind all Saturday players that umpiring is a lot easier if all of us are trying to comply with the rules in a spirit of fair play. Things are also a lot better if every player is attempting to cooperate with the umpire rather than confronting him. (*This means me too - Ed.*)

**Department Of Limericks Part 2:** Ian Purdie's 'French Letter' started something that ended up with:

Perhaps it's because I'm just dense  
But it does not appear to make sense  
That if you should chance  
To play hockey in France  
You can't do it without a licence.

*What else could this be titled (by me anyhow) but "Poetic Licence"*

*I know the scansion is imperfect -please pronounce with French accent. I am grateful that licences are not granted on the basis of hockey ability - if that came in here my playing days would be over.*

**Dummy Spit Of The Day:** I've seen no contenders recently, but nearly became one myself when I attempted to go back on after half time against NSW and could not locate my hockey stick. I was looking for it as our opponents scored while we were one short. Having eventually got on with my spare stick I found mine in the hands of a teammate - no names.

**Where The Bloody Hell Are You?:** Numbers are really down in the 'A' division. In October we have managed 2, 3, and 2 teams only, when we should have 4. I hear the 'B' section is back to normal, while observation from the bar indicates that the 'C' are getting there. Too many injuries?

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