

# Wednesday Hockey Masters Perth Est 1991

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## Masters Matters

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**Editorial:** Since the tournament it has been very noticeable that numbers are well down in all three divisions. Not all of this can be attributed to injury, as the number of long-term injuries mentioned by the division coordinators does not equate to the number of absentees. The possible problem if we continue to remain under-strength is that the quality of the competition will not be as high as usual, thus leading to more people deciding to give another Wednesday afternoon a miss.

In an editorial from the January 2013 issue I commented on the lack of movement between the then current divisions - O/50s and O/60s. "This would indicate that new recruits are not entering our competition at the lower end of the age scale." Not a lot has changed as per the 'C' div report to the last meeting: "As an O/50s comp we seem to need to get younger players. Our average age is probably in the late 50s. Not saying older ones need to leave but we need to bring in some younger ones to keep the comp viable for the future and to keep the quality of the comp high."

I concur fully with this suggestion. It is much better if we all can play in our own age group, and it is also preferable that our O/50s does not gradually become O/60s. Wholesale recruitment at all levels is not advocated, but it would be useful for all of us from the 'C' League with club links still in place to consider possible new players for Wednesday afternoons. Perhaps discuss this with your captain first. The rest of us ('A' and 'B' leagues) who know an uninjured WHM member who is not currently taking to the turf could find out why this is so. (*Also Limerick Page 4*)

Readers' thoughts are very welcome. Let's keep our competition as by far the best regular geriatric hockey in Australia; and possibly the world.

*Note - Casual players are required to pay a fee - \$10 at the moment.*

### **Dates For The Diary:**

**December 3rd: Post-hockey barbecue - PHS.**

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

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

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

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

**WHM Christmas Party:** Pre-booking is a must as there will be no door sales - nobody is to miss out on a meal this year. One person from each team will co-ordinate and collect the money - the cost is a subsidised \$10 per head. The starting time is 6:00 pm for 6:30 pm.

**From The Committee Meeting:** All members of WHM should know where to find the defibrillators at PHS. On Turf One it is in the central dugout and on Turf Two it is in the northern store room.

**Department of Health:** This may not be the most popular section of 'Masters Matters' - it's certainly become the biggest, with WHM members more likely to be mentioned here than anywhere else.

Bob Stidwell is on chemo-therapy and is out for a while. WHM has several survivors of this and we hope you will be re-joining us soon Bob. David Lester had a rush trip to hospital with a very serious problem of a bowel obstruction, and is now back at home on the way to recovery.

The WA O/70s Gold saga continues. Barry Rutter and Peter Murray are out until after Christmas. Colin Sanders is now able to play, but has an operation pending while Peter Gason is still resting as much as possible. Les Waldon's ligament tear now appears to be a fact of life, while Ron Venables managed to resume on Wednesday 19th just taking it quietly - at left inner. Howie Herbert has been through a troublesome back, which allowed him to lay bricks but not to play hockey. All may envy Paul Robinson who breezed through the entire tournament uninjured and continues to play well.

Mal Horrigan is to have another operation on the troublesome hamstring. The good news is that Mal says it's not a repetition - just a correction of a small wound which has not healed.

From the Division reports at the Committee meeting, also on the long term injury list are Greg Allen, Len Blyth, John Nettleton, Tony Watkins, Dave Lockett, Norm Morrison and Ray Norton. *And I have managed to do a calf muscle. Perhaps Ron Venables injury was infectious - Ed.*

Dudley Burress seems to have made a successful comeback - good stuff. Also returning to the turf recently were Peter Willett, Dave Horsley's cricket team and I'm certain I sighted Ian Brown in the bar at the stadium on the 19th. A comeback of a different kind has been made by John Halley, who must have seen the snow coming and returned to Perth from New York.

*As always, our best wishes for a speedy and complete recovery to all WHM sufferers. Roger Jewell must be pleased to escape mention here, for a change.*

**Welcome Visitor:** In recent weeks the 'B' division has been strengthened by the inclusion of Keith Chay, who also has played for the Queensland and Australian O/65s this year. Keith is over here to catch up with family, and we wish him a pleasant stay in the West. 'Masters Matters' would like to know which captain made the recruitment coup of the year. *(Or did the Chairman pull rank? Ed.)*

**Letters To The Editor:** Thanks to the respondents to the last issue; Bill Baldwin, David Lester, Neil Mannolini, John Milner and John Halley.

Bill says (in part): "... congratulations to Beth Wright on a wonderful, pertinent, clever, well-timed piece of verse ... so often a star team will overcome a team of stars."

**Whistle While You Work - with Neil Mannolini :** (who is away in Sydney)

A simple "fault" noticed in recent weeks. When a ball goes out of the field over the sideline the opposition player cannot take the push or hit in from outside the field. He must contact/make the hit or push FROM ON THE LINE.

Why? The hockey rules only apply within the boundaries of the field. Neil.

**Latest 2015 Tournament News:** The Southern Cross web-site ([southerncrosshockey.org](http://southerncrosshockey.org)) reveals that teams for the London tournament have been selected for O/60s, O/65s and O/70s. Congratulations to all members of WHM who are going - see Page 4. Wish I was going with you.

**Strange But True:** Chippers Funerals are now WHM sponsors - one large container of sunscreen.

**Ask And You Shall Receive?:** It's not unknown for regular Saturday O/65s umpire Peter Brien to be the recipient of helpful suggestions from the players, with a recurrent theme being that he needs to have his eyes worked on. As at the 8th November he would like to make it known to all O/65s that this has now been done, and involved four stitches. Will this mean that the suggesters will now get more hits? Or do they need to read "How To Win Friends And Influence Umpires?"

**Department Of Limericks Part 1:** The poor numbers since the tournament have generated this.

Quite a few are too injured to play  
And there's some where it's just "Not today."  
One would never have thought  
That we could be so short  
So we need to recruit right away.

*Before you go out to sign up a whole new team please read the Editorial on Page 2.*

**Editorial No 2:** A few general comments on 2014 - the after-hockey food on Wednesdays was a real highlight. Gordon Thomas has been the usual cook and is due many thanks from all consumers. I suggest you stay back and try some, especially as our barbecues resume next Wednesday 1st .

Replacing our previous 6 team O/60s competition with two divisions of 4 ('A') and 3 ('B') teams has meant that there is less variety of opposition at times.

At times there has been a wide variety of non-WHM shirts and socks within teams. Could I suggest that all players who don't have a WHM shirt and socks talk to their captain or Robin Bailey.

**News From The Saturday O/65s:** Although more than three teams of players have signed up for the summer season we are just making two teams most weeks. We will play up to and including the 20th December before taking a break over the Christmas period. It's still as enjoyable as ever. In a surprise result the newsletter editor played in a winning team on the 15th - but claims this was only caused by Mr Phillips exposing his goal-scoring skills to seawater, and getting them Rusty.

**Grumpy Old Men Part One:** "Ignorance is the night of the mind, but a night without moon or stars." Confucius (551 BC - 479 BC). Chinese teacher, editor, politician and philosopher.

**Shakespeare Said It:** "Confusion now hath made his masterpiece." Macbeth, Act II Scene I.

*Wednesday 'A' division in October and November - it really was a rainbow competition.*

*"Thou shouldst not have been old until thou hadst been wise." King Lear Act I Scene V. This doesn't apply to any Wednesday Master of course; the wisdom is indicated by the fact that we still play - Ed.*

**Quotable Quote No 1:** "One swallow does not make a summer." Aristotle (384 BC - 322 BC). From "Nicomachian Ethics." *This could be advice on water consumption during the warm weather fixtures - but is more likely to apply to the bar activities post-match.*

**Wanted To Swap:** Following the Perth tournament Gordon Thomas would like to exchange a size 'S' tournament shirt for an 'M' or 'L'. As he's at the Champions Trophy in India contact MM's editor.

**Dummy Spit Of The Day:** In keeping with the spirit of the season this has been held over until 2015.

**Southern Cross - London Tournament:** Taken from the web-site (southerncrosshockey.org) these are the WHM members who are off to London in August next year. Congratulations to you all. Please let 'Masters Matters' know of any omissions.

O/60s: Roger Davey, Brian Thomas.

O/65s: John Burt, Ash Challenor, Peter Fogels, Gordon Jeffrey, Dave Mellor, Mike Robinson.

O/70s: Peter Andrews, George Bradbury, Peter Hearne, Peter Murray, Richard Osborne, Neil Patterson, Brian Soares, Les Waldon (captain).

WAC: Neil Waywood (O/60s), Allan Lynn (O/65s captain).

Queensland mailing list: John O'Donohue (O/60s).

*(If you receive 'Masters Matters' you deserve a mention here. Ed.)*

**Alliance - London Tournament:** Not all WHM London trippers are going with Southern Cross. The list of Alliance nominations includes Colin Benporath and Terry Gaston. It's believed that other WHM nominations are anticipated from Ken Beer, Peter Stevens and Gordon Thomas.

**Department of Corrections:** The last issue featured another error in 'Test Your Hockey Knowledge.' We claimed "Here is the answer", and forgot to include it. For the first time this issue includes two questions and answers - our apologies go to bemused readers and question master John Sanders. Also, the 'Masters Matters' distribution department managed to despatch a second copy to thirty recipients and omitted thirty others. I trust that in this case "better late than never" applied, and offer thanks to Rusty Phillips for the enquiry which revealed the error.

**Department Of Limericks Part 2:** This one is based on a nightmare: hopefully not a shared one.

Another MM's on its way

It comes out too often some say

But if ever this journal

Should publish diurnal

You would get one to read every day.

*Sorry about that, now it is a shared nightmare. Fear not, it will not happen under the current Masters Matters editorial regime.*

**Well Dones:** Thank you to November 'A' umpires Eric Alcock, Robin Bailey, Bala Chandran, Vern Gooch, Dave Horsley, Ian Hill, Roger Jewell, John Lindsay Neil Mannolini, Colin Sanders, Neil Scaddan and Ron Venables. I believe that the 'B' division has established a regular umpiring panel of Lionel David, Vern Gooch and John Lindsay. I worked from the bar on the 19th (*more please - Ed.*), and was able to note Nick Pereira, Dudley Burress and Peter Komyshan controlling the 'C' division matches. Well done all and especially to Nick who is currently between two knee replacements. The Saturday umpires are given their due on Page 8.

**Quotable Quote No 2:** "The Supreme Court has ruled that they cannot have a nativity scene in Washington, D.C. This wasn't for any religious reasons. They couldn't find three wise men and a virgin." Jay Leno. *We had to have at least one Christmas quote - Ed.*

**Punology One:** Never trust atoms, they make up everything.

## WHM Sausage Sizzle - Perth Tournament

Photo John Mercer



WHM teamwork - Gordon Thomas, Roger Partington (slaving at the barbecue) and Peter Livingstone combine to serve a WA Country customer who looks very like Dave Horsley.

**Test Your Knowledge With John Sanders:** The October issue's question 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.

The answer which we failed to give you in the November issue is c) - Ron Riley.

November's question was: 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.

Nobody attempted an answer - the correct one is a) - In 1983 Australia played Pakistan in Dubai.

December's question is: In which of these tournaments did Australia play two matches on the same day? a) Champions trophy II 1980 Karachi b) Azlan Shah Cup Kuala Lumpur 1980 c) European tour 1980 d) German Test series in Australia 1980. Answer next issue (*I promise - Ed.*)

**Grumpy Old Men Part Two:** The local government amalgamations have prompted this thought, just possibly original: "Democracy is far too important to be left up to the will of the people."

**Punology Two:** "Singing in the shower is all fun and games until you get shampoo in your mouth, then it just becomes a soap opera."

**Poets' Corner:** My own thoughts on aging - a parody of a parody. Readers of Lewis Carroll may know his take-off of "You Are Old, Father William" - a very pious original by Isaac Watts who is reputed to be a distant ancestor of mine, but the sanctity seems to have disappeared over the years.

### **You Are Old Father William**

"You are old Father William," stated the youth  
"And your muscles are all very tight  
But still you play hockey, though long in the tooth  
At your age do you think it is right?"  
Said the sage, "When young I was fit, fast and pure  
I could play every game in top gear  
And so that these things a long time would endure  
I kept them well greased using beer."

"You are very old" yet again said the boy  
"And should try to preserve what you've got  
To tourney abroad seems to bring you great joy  
Is it true that you travel a lot?"  
"When in Team Australia" said the Grand Master  
"It behoves one to spend time away.  
Missing a trip is a total disaster  
While one is still able to play."

"Well perhaps that is so" acknowledged the son  
But I know that you've never been picked  
To play for your country, you've not had a run  
And told the selectors; get nicked."  
"Even if that is true, I just don't give a toss  
As my country still gives me a game  
For the group that we call our own Southern Cross  
At least is Australian in name."

"You spend a small fortune" the young man went on  
"In this country you've played everywhere.  
And sooner or later the cash will be gone  
But it does not appear that you care."  
"We play more than hockey" the veteran said  
"For skiing is something we do,  
And swimming in lots of good quality red,  
So we'll not leave the money to you."  
*SKI = Spending Kids' Inheritance (Hope this has no parallel in real life - Ed.)*

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**Thank You For 2014:** It's been a year where we try to settle down in the new divisions and teams, and also contend with the disruptions caused by a home tournament. 'Masters Matters' thanks for the year follow - as always please accept our apologies for any omissions.

**Executive:** Simon, Bob and Spider have again worked hard and well to get us through a challenging year, which began with the re-surfacing of the main Stadium turf. The new 'A' division spent a lot of time at Lemnos and UWA (much closer to home for some of us) and the PHS bar takings plummeted. Thanks to Simon and Bob for all that went into keeping the year on track, as well as dealing with all the problems as they arose. For the first time I can remember Spider has reported a small operating loss, but we have a good Futures Fund. Joe Hockey would love to be in the same financial state. Many thanks also to Roger Partington for continued fixtures during all upheavals and to Peter Fogels for keeping the website going throughout, including recovery from a system crash. Robin Bailey does his best to keep us all in the proper gear - a difficult task when multiple venues are in use and even more difficult in the post tournament lack of numbers. Thank you RB. Colin Gee has done very well in maintaining our membership data base, with linkage from Dave Evans for the 'B's and 'C's.

**Team Captains:** Thanks to all of you who are tasked with keeping us all happy with our playing roles, or would herding cats have been easier? This applies both to permanent captains and any deputies. This year 'A' captains were Neil Scaddan, Colin Gee, Roger Partington and Dave Horsley with backup from Ivan Wilson, Mal Jackaman, Les Waldon, Ron Venables, Jim Wright, Gordon Thomas and Paul Robinson. In the 'B' division Ash Challenor, Bob Le Merle and Peter Andrews were the regulars with support from Graham Challenor. In the 'C' division regular captains Ian Pestana, Graeme Nichols and Nick Pereira seem to have needed no backup. Thanks to all skippers, both full and part time.

**Sponsors:** Thanks to Greg Allen for continued support in this area hence the Greg's Discount Chemist on our shirts. Ash Foster also deserves gratitude for significant contributions to Saturday O/65s and the WA O/70 Blacks. Chippers Funerals have supplied sunscreen (*and we did not say "Chipped in"*).

**Umpires:** Wednesday non-playing umpires were; Bob Bowyer (during recovery), John Lindsay, Neil Mannolini, Vern Gooch, Lionel David and Nick Pereira (during recovery). Saturday whistlers during 2014 were Peter Brien (throughout), Bob Bowyer, Bob Le Merle, Peter Ford and Gordon Thomas. We owe you all a debt of gratitude, our game is almost impossible without umpires. Thanks also must go to all player umpires - I have named everybody I could identify through the year - space forbids here.

**Saturday O/65s:** Continues to thrive - congratulations to captain Les Waldon and deputy Jim Wright who produce evenly matched teams each week. We sometimes produce uneven scores. Thanks also to all the workers who make for a great afternoon; Secretary/Treasurer Bob Bowyer, Social Directors Ian Purdie/George Bradbury, Drinks Director Ken Watt and Facilities Manager Ken Beer.

**WHM Cooks:** Thanks to all we noted through the year - Gordon Thomas, Barry Rutter, Bob Bowyer, Jim Wright and Dave Evans. Special mention to Gordon, and to Ivan Wilson for onion supply.

**Stadium Staff:** Thanks for the service in all things. The colder drinks and warmer bar are appreciated.

**Lemnos and UWA:** We spent a lot of time touring this year, and our thanks go to the Lemnos and UWA turfs for our usage of their facilities.

**Wine Raffle Workers:** Well done to Bob, Gordon, Spider and all other workers. It's great that we put something back into the community.

**Regular Contributors:** Special thanks to Neil Mannolini, John Sanders & Ian Purdie . Same next year?

**Masters Matters Readers:** Thanks to you all for the positive feedback. We hope to be back in 2015.

John Mercer