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Have Hockey Stick Will Travel: *Here are the current and former WHM players in the WA Country sides for Cairns. It has been difficult to determine representation for other states - all I have found is a few in ACT teams. Please let me know if you are going to Cairns and have not yet been mentioned. This also applies to members of the umpiring panel.*

O/50s: Stuart Amphlett, Stuart Burnfield.

O/60s: Brian Thomas, Chris Morley, Glen Mihala, Phil Hewton, Roger Davey.

O/65s: Richard Osborne (GK), Gordon Jeffrey, Mike Robinson.

O/70s: Dave Horsley (coach) Bill Baldwin (GK), Brian Stewart, Harvey Davies, John Halley, John Ree, John Mercer, Julian Gardner, Neil Scaddan, Peter Blockley, Rob Butler, Bob Maley, Robin Bailey, Neil Patterson, George Bradbury (*includes casual WHM players*).

ACT O/70s: Ken Beer, Colin Benporath (GK), Peter Hearne.

Southern Cross: It was remiss of me not to wish all players in the London event a safe return trip and a good tournament. As I last published the names of our WHM representatives in the December issue it seems to be high time to do it again. *Stop Press - O/70s won gold.*

O/60s: Phil Chalmers, Brian Thomas, Roger Davey, Peter Fogels (c). Plus Neil Waywood (WAC) and John O'Donohue (Masters Matters Queensland mailing list).

O/65s: Dave Mellor, Mike Robinson, Gordon Jeffrey, Ash Challenor, Peter Andrews, John Burt (GK). Plus Alastair McNab and Alan Lynn (c) from WAC.

O/70s: Peter Hearne, Peter Murray, Neil Patterson, George Bradbury, Richard Osborne, Les Waldon (c). Also Shane Knapp is attending as an umpire (*any Cairns umps in our WHM roster?*).

Alliance: Also in London representing the Alliance were Colin Benporath (70s) & Terry Gaston (65s).

Dates For The Diary:

September 12th: Saturday hockey winter windup - Perry Lakes (bookings essential).

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

September 30th and October 7th (2:00 pm) October 14th (1:30 pm): Combined scratch games PHS.

October 26th to November 1st 2015: Asian Cup / Pac Rim TT - KL. Southern Cross 60s only.

March 29th to April 9th 2016: Masters (O/40s to O/55s) and Women's World Cups - Canberra.

May 3rd to 13th 2016: Grand Masters (O/60s and higher) World Cup - Newcastle, Australia.

Vale: It is with much regret that we report that Mat Knowles died on August 8th. At his request the funeral and wake were conducted at the Vic Park clubrooms on August 19th. From what I've heard there was a good attendance from members of WHM.

Bereavement: Our condolences to Paul Robinson, whose mother died in early August at the age of 97. It doesn't matter how old one's parents were - it's still a very sad time.

Department of Health: I trust that all the Cairns travellers are fit and well.

Bob Stidwell is on another course of chemo-therapy at the moment. He hopes to be able to resume hockey in November. Paul Robinson came to play on the 19th, but his Achilles protested during the warm-up (after two seconds, he said) so he umpired instead. Eric Alcock had a small set back recovering from his shoulder operation, and has been good enough to blow the whistle at Perry Lakes to keep in touch. Peter Gason received a scooped ball in the face from point blank range on Saturday 22nd; the wound needed 7 stitches, and kept him out of hockey on the 26th. John Halley has ongoing issues with a knee, and also missed the 26th. Ken Walter makes a brief appearance every second week with the State O/70s, and gets three goals. *That's all I know.*

Letters To The Editor: Thanks to the respondents (both of you) to the August issue: Len Blyth and John Milner. Len let me know that he is not a hyphenated Withaney-Blythe as there is no 'e'.

Quotable Quote No 1: "I don't know anything about music. In my line you don't have to." Elvis Presley (1935 - 1977). *My suspicions of the 1950s are now confirmed. Ed.*

Department Of Limericks Part 1: The revision of the 'A' division to include the State and WA Country O/70s prompted this after the first week. The State team & WAC are benefiting from the experience. The 'A' div has lost Gold and Red
We've Metro and Country instead
With All Stars on view
In the White and the Blue
The State team should end up ahead.
And they have up to now - Ed.

Grumpy Old Men One: "The way to write American music is simple. All you have to do is just be an American and then write any kind of music you wish." Virgil Thomson (1896 - 1989). *The debate was about a national sound, not how to avoid Senator McCarthy's Committee on Un-American Activities.*

Department Of Limericks Part 2: It can be frustrating printing so little about our younger players.
Does nothing take place on Turf Two?
The 'B's and the 'C's give no clue
I could use a Deep Throat
To drop me a note
And tell us just what they all do.
Though perhaps the lack of news means that everybody is happy with their matches. I trust that the social aspect of our competition is also satisfactory. Ed.

Punology One: Marathon runners with bad footwear will suffer the agony of defeat.

Advice For Editors: Many thanks to Phil Anderson for some good fun quotes, most of which are to be a part of Masters Matters, either now or in the future. An example: As an editor yourself
"Always proof read carefully to make sure you haven't any words out." All the staff of "Masters Matters" seem to operate on the principle: "That's a good idea - you do it."

Whistle While You Work - With Neil Mannolini : "A follow-up to a decision I made on August 19th:

Rule 13: Procedure for taking penalties: *(From the new rule book - Ed.)*

Rule 13.2.f: From a free hit awarded to the attack within the 23 metre area the ball must not be played into the circle until it has travelled at least 5 metres or has been touched by a player on either team other than the player taking the free hit. If the player taking the free hit continues to play the ball (i.e. no other player has yet played it)

- that player may play the ball any number of times, but
- the ball must travel at least 5 metres, before
- that player plays the ball into the circle by hitting or pushing the ball again.

Alternatively

- another player of either team who can legitimately play the ball must deflect, hit or can push the ball before it enters the circle or
- after this player has touched the ball it can be played into the circle by any other player including the player who took the free hit.

It is permitted to play the ball high above the attacking circle so that it lands outside the circle subject to rules relating to dangerous play and that the ball is not legitimately playable inside or above the circle by another player during its flight."

Neil goes on to say: "I have quoted the whole of the Rulebook section because it is evident that most of the 'A' division do not possess or have read the rules. On Wednesday 19th I blew up a ball that was hoisted from outside the circle into the circle, and I was queried. The obvious reason was because the danger was not in the act of hoisting or lifting the ball. It was because the rule is quite clear." *I'm sure you're right Neil - from reading the rule it's clear that the ball may not be lifted into the circle. That's probably safer at our age in any case. Ed.*

From The Saturday O/65s: As we approach the end of our winter season a few brief items:

- John Milner scored two rapid goals on the 8th. He then pleaded a sore hamstring, thereby creatively avoiding a third goal, and the perils of buying drinks for the mob.
- Notable recently has been the large quantity and high quality of the food available - due to some misunderstandings, unplanned extras, and diligent catering (Roger Jewell and all other providers). And most of this happened while Ken Beer was away.
- Thanks to George Bradbury for umpiring all games on the 15th August. He then flew out to London at 10:00 pm that night to join Southern Cross in the European Championships.
- A reminder that our winter season windup will take place on September 12th - for those who have booked. If you have not done so you may be too late.

Results From European Championships: For those who would like to know the London scores.

O/60s: Germany (2) Southern Cross (4)

England White (0) S/C (0)

S/C (3) Wales (2)

S/F: Eng Red (4) S/C (0)

3/4 playoff S/C (1) Neth (0) **3rd**

O/65s: Netherlands A (5) Southern Cross (3)

Alliance (0) S/C (3)

Neth B (0) S/C (3)

Eng White (2) S/C (1)

Eng Red (1) S/C (1) **4th**

O/70s: Netherlands (0) Southern Cross (4)

England (0) Southern Cross (1)

Final: Eng (0) S/C (1) **1st**

Alliance (0) Southern Cross (3)

S/F Neth(1) S/C (1). Won shootout 2-1.

(Well done Speed)

A' Division Blog: My view of August may be slightly jaundiced. Reader opinions are welcome.

August 5th: Having scored only 4 times since the end of June, the Gold side went out and hammered the Reds 4-0, then dealt with the Whites 6-0. They returned to their old ways in the last game, losing 2-1 to Blue. The masterstrokes were moving Stan Balding (4 goals) and Trevor Kerr (3 goals) to the forward line, and borrowing Jim Malcolm (2 goals) from Blue. Following our Phantom story last issue (Ken Walker / Ken Walter) we welcomed the real Ken Walker (over here with a Victorian schoolgirl granddaughter) as an (excellent) umpire. Player counts were White (8), Red (9), Blue (13) and Gold (9). Peter Evans and David Pandher transferred from Blue to White for the day, and as mentioned Jim Malcolm helped out the Gold team - as if they needed any! Total goals scored (17).

August 12th: As not all players seemed to have got it right a reminder of the original intention. The State and WA Country teams were to play in the 'A' division, with remaining players from Gold and Blue combining in Blue shirts. Remaining players from Red and White were to play in White shirts. The State team had big wins in their first two games, but lacked Ken Walter (3 quality goals) in the third (and got tired) and managed to lose to the White shirts. Some good hockey was played by the White team, while WA Country was uncompetitive at times. Player numbers were WA (13, including GKs), Blue (11), WA Country (13) and White (10). Total goals scored (18).

August 19th: Due to a shortage of goalkeepers, Bill Baldwin and Tony Marshall played every game up until the weather closed in. After one game in the rain they (and I) departed to the showers believing that the last match would not be played (apparently it was). WA Country put in a much improved performance, showing that the inclusion of the Cairns teams will bring benefits to both. Some stout defence kept forwards at bay, and Bill and Tony made many fine saves, perhaps assisted by not all the finishing being ideal. After a late arrival all sides had 11 players. Total goals (8).

August 26th: For the first time the WA team won their 3 matches, but needed to work quite hard in order to do so. Country managed to recruit Bob Claxton (here to visit family) and Mal Jackaman, and be competitive again. Mike Black came up for another run, and thanks to a misdirected pass had a long (and successful) chase down the right wing. John Ree's deflection goal in the last seconds of the game against Blue had to be seen to be disbelieved. Approximate player numbers were White (9), WAC (9), WA (11), and Blue (14). Total goals (10).

Well Dones: Thanks to August 'A' umpires Robin Bailey, Bob Bowyer, John Doepel, Peter Evans, Ash Foster, Peter Gason, Peter Hearne, Ian Hill, Neil Mannolini, Paul Robinson, Neil Scaddan and Ken Walker (Victorian visitor, not the Phantom). Thanks also to the 'B' and 'C' division volunteers - you know who you are even if I don't. Well done to the Saturday umps - Eric Alcock George Bradbury, Peter Brien, and Colin Sanders. And thanks to the Stadium staff for our Wednesday bar snacks.

Punology Two: "What do you call a snobbish criminal going down the stairs? A condescending con descending." *I don't know if they can get worse - but we'll try.*

New Member: Welcome to Ray Domingo, who has recently joined us (in the 'B' division?). Ray is a club-mate of our uniform officer Robin Bailey.

Southern Cross: Last issue was put up on the web by Peter Fogels from Latvia (new country for MM). Peter also let us know that there are two Southern Cross O/60 teams in the Asian Cup at the end of October - including 4 players from New Zealand as well as Dudley Evans (original Kiwi).

Kuningan ceremony

Peter Hammond



Better Late?: Thanks for the pictures Peter. I have not done them justice this winter, and am hoping to do better after Cairns. This one reminds me of the remote village cremation I attended.

Rules Query: Some time ago a question arose following a penalty corner taken during a match. Can a shot at goal be taken if the ball has not left the circle, but has been touched by the defence? The Rule book (13.3.i) is quite explicit: "The ball must leave the circle before a shot at goal is taken."

Department of Corrections: July's "Masters Matters" claimed that robots are 'replacing' journalists instead of 'replacing' journalists. I suppose that the sign that robots have replaced the Editor will be an error-free "Masters Matters."

Past Players: I have not been as diligent as I would like in noting the welcome bar visitors, and would like to apologise to anybody I've missed. I did see George Winning, Jeff Godfrey, Stuart Calder, John Sanders, Brian Lester, Peter Stevens and Dudley Younger. Perhaps a little less editorial talk and a lot more editorial work should be the bar order of the day - but we old people do like to talk.

Dummy Spit Of The Day: This must go to all 'A' division players who threw a stick during August. This unfortunately included me (the current viruses make one super grumpy is my excuse). Though being very grumpy is not a good reason for doing it - another is that we are all in breach of copyright.

Quotable Quote No 2: "90 percent of the politicians give the other 10 percent a bad reputation." Henry Kissinger (born 1923). *For some reason this one seemed relevant at the moment.*

The French Letter No 12:

Summer continues at its very mild and often wet pace. We are getting some results from the vegie garden - plenty of peas, beans and lettuce but the tomatoes are still green and the pumpkins and aubergines growing slowly.

August has been marked by a lot of farmer activity as they have been upset with the supermarkets about prices for pork and beef. It doesn't pay to upset the French farmers as the following events will illustrate

250-300 tractors were used to block the auto routes, except for one lane. Tractors towed huge trailers full of animal droppings and deposited them outside the front doors of major supermarkets. They also deposited old tractor tyres on the road and set them alight - the pollution was enormous. All this happened without police intervention, except as a watching presence. The farmers here are certainly a protected race. I dare say if I loaded up my garden trailer with cow manure and dumped it at the local supermarket I would be rapidly arrested. The upshot of all this frenzied activity has been the resumption of high level talks between government, supermarket conglomerates and farmer groups to talk about prices. One interesting development though has been that one big supermarket chain - LeClerc - has recently been fined 61 million Euros for improper commercial practices.

My second cataract operation went well and I now await a prescription for reading glasses.

Good hockey to you all.

Ian Purdie (*Thanks again Ian - best wishes for a sale before you reach number 20. Ed.*)

Test Your Knowledge With John Sanders: August's question was: Which player is the odd one out among these Hockeyroos: a) Player #387, Halliday, Emily, WA, Defender b) Player #412 Hollywood, Kate, NSW, Midfield c) Player #413 Johnson, Fiona, NSW, Midfield d) Player #414 McGurk, Kobie, WA, Defender. Rusty must have been busy as no answers were received. *Answer a) Emily Halliday - all the others made their debut during a tour of North America in 2005.*

September's question is: Jay Stacy and Craig Davies each played in a number of Champions Trophy Tournaments. Was it: a) 7. b) 9. c) 11. d) 13. *Answer next issue.*

Shakespeare Said It: "I profess not talking; only this, let each man do his best." Henry IV Part I, Act V Scene II. *Some more advice for Cairns coaches and players.*

"By my soul I swear, there is no power in the tongue of man to alter me." The Merchant of Venice Act IV Scene I. *Possible response to Cairns coaches who try to teach old dogs new tricks.*

Grumpy Old Men Part Two: "Don't go round saying the world owes you a living. The world owes you nothing. It was here first." Mark Twain (1835 - 1910).

WHM Trophies: My best efforts have not been very useful. The best I can produce runs as follows:

1991: Wednesday Masters begins with two teams (Blue and White).

1994: Merrill Lynch Mercury Cup is initiated for the winners of each quarter in O/50s. This continues from the December quarter of 1994 up to the June quarter of 2008, when the captains agreed to stop playing for points.

Date uncertain: George Winning Trophy is initiated. First mention in 2008 awarded to the top O/60s team. Has continued up to 2014, though the Committee is to decide on a change from 2015.

More detail on past winners next issue - Ed.

Balinese Bulletin 7: *The Hammond / Purdie partnership continues to build the score.*

Some busy people say that time seems to fly ...well let me tell you that when you have "sod all to do time flies by just as fast.

NOISE POLLUTION:

Not a lot has happened in recent months other than Indonesian Independence Day which occurred on the 17th August. Independence was gained 70years ago so naturally celebrations were lifted to a higher level than normal. Unfortunately there is a small open space some 150 meters down from where we live & it was there the local Banjar (Council) decided to launch a "Monstrous" Rock Concert to celebrate the occasion. The electronically amplified music (if one could really call it that) was deafening. Beginning late afternoon it carried on until midnight. Oh what a joy it waswhen the music finally stopped it was as if we had been given an injection of morphineeven our dog Eddy was in pain!!!

ONLY IN BALI:

A funny thing happened on the way to the Supermarket. We had just enjoyed a really nice lunch with an old friend of Erin's, her Husband & 4 year old child, at a favourite (tourist free) small warung right on the beach in Seminyak. We were stuck in traffic at a junction of 3 roads which often causes a traffic problem. Were we sat there was an alternate route off to our left which we usually took when this occurred. This time however there was a red barrier preventing this ...for some obscure reason. Our driver & good friend Bagus, stepped out of the car, quickly removed the barrier & we were on our way. I should point out, at this point, that the "Husband" in the rear seat was a Police Officer working with the Perth Metropolitan Police Force. He seemed quite amused.

GO FLY A KITE:

The Month of August each year in Bali there is the Bali Kite Festival. It is at this time it is not unusual to sight, wherever you might be, anywhere between 15 -30 kites in the sky. They can vary from "large" to "very large" ...some appear to be the size of a small plane, or something approaching that!! In that small open space I mentioned earlier down from our house, children of all ages engage in building these kites to launch them nearby into the sky. They can be seen carrying the newly built kite past where we live. It can take up to 7 - 8 of them to transport the kite by foot to the launching area. The art of kite flying has been lost to Western Society it would seem.

Thanks Peter - might we see you down here this year? Ed.

Grumpy Old Men Part Three: "I tend to live in the past because most of my life is there." Herb Caen (1916 - 1997) San Francisco journalist and columnist. This seemed like a good segue into an apology for my own grumpiness this winter. Convalescence always makes me bad tempered and I've not only been recovering from sciatica but also a procession of viruses. Reminds of the story about composer Johannes Brahms leaving a Viennese soiree and saying to his hostess: "If there is anyone here whom I have not insulted I beg his pardon."

Printer Cartridges: I have some unused printer cartridges left over after the printers they came from stopped working. If anybody could use some 73N or 133 ink refills please contact me.

Stop Press: Next "Masters Matters" must come out before September 26th - Cairns departure date.

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