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Masters Matters

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Dates For The Diary:

September 28th and October 5th: No Wednesday play during Adelaide - insufficient numbers.

September 24th, October 1st, 8th and 15th: No Saturday play during Adelaide.

September 24th to October 8th 2016: Interstate Masters Championships - Adelaide.

August 19th to 27th 2017: European Cup - Glasgow. } Southern Cross

2017: Interstate Masters Championships - Hobart.

2018: Masters World Cup - Madrid. } Australia

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The Olympics Are Over - At Last: It may have been the drugs issues, or it may have been the totally over the top nature of much of the television coverage, or it may have been the worse than forecast performances of our hockey teams. Despite the wonderful scenery I found myself less interested in these Games than every other one I can remember. Those of us who went to the Netherlands for all the World Cups in 2014 and were in the stadium for the two finals featuring Australian sides have spent some time wondering what happened to our teams. I'm none the wiser. Post match discussion on Wednesdays & Saturdays has not produced too many theories about the problem other than that the other teams all seemed to play with higher intensity and greater confidence than ours did.

Best Wishes: To Irene Simpson, who has performed sterling service for WA Country teams for quite a while now. Irene suffered a heart attack early in August. Fortunately her other half John Ree is a St John's paramedic, and after time in hospital emergency departments and the use of a defibrillator she's doing well now. The latest I heard is that two stents are due after the Adelaide trip. Is it too stressful being a manager? Best wishes from us all for a speedy and complete recovery.

State And WA Country Teams: Since the last issue the State O/75s have included Jim Malcolm and Bob Robinson, but lost David Lester while the Country O/70s have not only added Peter Dennis but also persuaded Richard Osborne to move up one age group and give the side a goalkeeper. As the web-sites do not appear to be up-to-date I would welcome advice of any further amendments.

Bereavement: Our commiserations to Graham Harler from the 'A' division and WA O/75s, who lost his mother during August at the age of 100.

Irregular Regular: Peter Hammond has asked for a rest this month. He has sent several Bali pictures only one of which I have managed to include, and explains further in Letters to The Editor.

Department of Health: Peter Murray made a comeback to hockey on the 24th following his knee operation and got through the first day in good shape. Bill Baldwin has needed delicate surgery for a BCC on the eye which required no subsequent physical activity for 4-6 weeks. This was in addition to his other 2016 problems - L2/L3 disc displacement and nerve damage as well as the consequences of being T-boned. Hopefully 2017 will be better. Mal Horrigan according to rumour has made sure that he avoids any pre-tournament injury by going on a European cruise in the lead-up. Les Waldon has been advised by his surgeon a shoulder operation will not be required unless further degeneration occurs. Cortisone injections will continue as required. Peter Fogels was told by his specialist that he needs to wait another six weeks before getting back on the exercise bike. The hockey comeback will have to wait until early 2017. I hope that none of you have painful chilblains as I do, and that those of you who are not well manage to recover in the warmer spring weather - if it ever arrives.

PS: Talking of chilblains, I sighted Brian Stewart's on August 31st. They are a lot worse than mine.

Letters To The Editor: Thanks for the feedback to Peter Fogels, David Lester, Bill Baldwin and John Milner. It's always good to know that somebody actually reads this.

Dave Lester: Was kind enough to agree with me about splitting the tournament and suggested that an analysis of the costs to conduct it would be most interesting. David also agreed that tendering for the interstate masters tournament was not a good idea, as venues could become restricted. *On a personal note Dave's foot injury has caused him to withdraw from Adelaide. He now has a Qantas ticket to Adelaide to on sell to his replacement - volunteers please. Ed.*

Peter Hammond: "I'm afraid Bali has, for me anyway right now, become pretty much a non-event. Sometimes up here nothing much happens (which can be a good thing). As a result I must request a "holiday" until .. something happens. Next month I will ensure something happens.. if not I will make something happen!!" Thanks Peter - I'm afraid that the 'Masters Matters' budget does not extend to a holiday leave loading. One Bali picture is included, and we look forward to more news next month.

Well Dones: The 'A' division umpires list for August is a very short one Thanks to Peter Evans, Vern Gooch, Mal Jackaman, Neil Mannolini, and Don Smart. Perhaps we should try to give Neil and Vern an occasional rest - though I had the chance on the 31st, but was just too tired. The 'B' & 'C' division umpires were again not known to me, but thanks to you all. There were more Saturday umpires to list: Eric Alcock, Bob Bowyer, George Bradbury, Peter Brien, Ken Edwards, Brian Glencross, Marty Greay, Ian Hill, Mal Jackaman, John Mercer, Col Sanders, Neil Scaddan, Les Waldon, and Ken Watt. Thanks umps. And the cooks included Howie Herbert and Roger Jewell (PHS 03/08), Robin Bailey (UWA 17/08) and Bob Bowyer and Jim Wright (PHS 31/08). It's worth noting that Howie and Roger won a wine each at PHS on 3rd August - virtue is sometimes rewarded. Thanks to all workers.

2016 Tournament: As this issue is finalised the teams going to Adelaide will be busy preparing for our first tournament there since the 1990s. I'm sure that the Barossa Valley wineries will not need to go out of their way to make preparations for a large influx of geriatric hockey players, as they are in readiness to be invaded at all times. I hope that Mt Lofty and Victor Harbour are still available for a visit, as I have not been to either since 1961. Kangaroo Island may have to wait until after the hockey has finished. Good fortune to all players, coaches and managers who have to get themselves over to South Australia organised and ready to play. Above all let's do our best to avoid any late withdrawals as there has to be a first time for everything. *Bill Baldwin and David Lester are early withdrawals.*

Rules Are Us - With Neil Mannolini:

While wishing the guys an enjoyable Adelaide carnival, may I comment from an umpire's view.

- 1) The stick is to play the ball not to hack an opponent's stick.
- 2) Don't expect the umpires to make a mistake and expect that free. You have to earn it.
- 3) On today's performance (31/08) many green cards will be issued. Even a yellow one or two.

So for the required improvement Vern and I will introduce the appropriate cards from next week. Green card = 2 minutes and a Yellow = 5 minutes minimum.

I might add that the vast majority have obviously not kept up with the modern developments i.e. use of the edge of the stick, the overhead flick of the ball (NOT into the circle), which everywhere on the field immediately wrong foots the opponents.

And as an overall recommendation DON'T query the umpires' decisions at the Adelaide Carnival. Enjoy yourselves and WIN.

Neil (volunteer umpire)

Thanks Neil. I think we all need to lift our game, and start playing in the right spirit. Ed.

Department of Limericks Part One: Have you had an early look at air fares to Glasgow? Frightening.

We might not sail off in our yachts

To Glasgow, to play with the Scots

But whether we try

To cruise or to fly

The journey is sure to cost lots.

Definite dates have now been published for the Glasgow tournament. As soon as I hear that Southern Cross have opened nominations I'll let you know. Ed.

World Cups 2018: We do not have definite dates yet for the Masters (Madrid). We do know that the Grand Masters (Barcelona) is scheduled for June 20th/30th. I have been noting the Spanish weather in the West Australian this Perth winter, and it looks pretty good if you like a little warmth - Madrid temperatures in June average minimums of 21° and maximums of 29° with occasional hotter days. Barcelona averages are minimums of 18° and maximums of 26°, though it does appear that humidity levels are quite high compared to Perth's.

Department of Corrections: A couple of incorrect / extra words appeared last issue - as well as Bob Stidwell appearing as a former player (sorry Bob). Bob expects to be back on the grass this year.

Happy Birthday: Thanks to Robin Bailey and Peter Murray, for the birthday beers on the 10th (RB) and 17th (PM). I believe that neither of you is eligible for our new State side yet (75s).

Retirement: Peter Ford has decided that the injury woes are too much for him to be able to play on and has retired from all forms of the game. He was kind enough to donate his near new hockey bag to any player who wanted it - and I ended up with it. Thank you Peter, and best wishes from us all.

Grumpy Old Men Part 1: "Everyone is entitled to be stupid, but some abuse the privilege." *Unknown*

Punology 1: A novice skier often jumps to contusions.

A' Division Blog: Were the depleted WA O/70s dominant? Not totally. See August 24th.

August 3rd: Chilled fingers and players who had not warmed up did not create an environment for good hockey and much of the play was average - or worse. Blue were without Phil Anderson, Jim Malcolm and John Ree and lost their first game since 6th July. They scored twice in the last game of the day, becoming only the second team to record a win. All four sides had spells of total dominance but only White converted a few opportunities up to that last game. Goalkeepers Barry, John & Tony all played well on the rare occasions the ball reached the attacking circle. Goal of the day contenders include Ron Venables for a fine breakaway & Ham D'Souza for a Dennis Cometti (centimetre perfect) corner conversion. Terry Gaston gets a mention here for an off-the-hand goal - if the hand is holding the stick it's part of the stick. Player behaviour was not great at times, and I am starting to think we should follow the lead of the 'B' division and start awarding cards when appropriate. Roy Hansen (Bunbury) and Robin Bailey (White) played for Red, Terry Gaston for Blue and Bob Bowyer for Gold. Player numbers were Red (7), White (11), Gold (6), and Blue (10). Goals scored 9.

August 10th: The teams with good numbers had good days and the teams with depleted numbers had bad days. Terry Gaston (not yet allocated) and Ron Venables (White) played for Gold, while Roy Hansen (Bunbury) and Robin Bailey (White) played for Red. The goal-scoring in the first three games resembled the Olympics, but thanks to a couple of deflections by defenders goals were scored. This turned around in the fourth match, with 5 goals being scored in just over 5 minutes - the first two to Ken Walter of Gold and the rest all going to the White team. Blue's passing game made a comeback which makes them difficult to play against. There were many contenders for goal of the day. These included Ken Walter and Ham D'Souza (2 each), Brian Soares and Paul Robinson (neat reverse stick finishes), Peter Dennis (cracking shot from an angle), and an Ian Hill / Neil Patterson combination during a corner when Ian's shot (a.k.a. pass) was deftly deflected in by Neil. Player numbers were Blue (10), Gold (8), White (12) and Red (7). Total goals scored 11.

August 17th: Despite the strong to gale force winds and heavy rain 24 players and 2 goalkeepers got to UWA. It was essentially White against the rest, with Mal Jackaman the sole umpire all day. Thanks Mal, goalkeepers Barry and Graeme, and all players who turned out. Peter Murray did not play but came and bought us a birthday beer from the open UWA bar, and Robin Bailey did not play but came and cooked the sausages. Ken Walter did not play, but came for a drink and a chat. Player numbers were White (9), Red (3), Blue (6), Gold (3) and GKs (2). Goals scored 3.

August 24th: The standard of play at the beginning left a little to be desired as everybody began the process of getting to know new team mates. WA O70s had some notable absentees but still played fairly well, with the exception of the game against the Blues, who won 1-0. The O/70s included Peter Murray (welcome back) and coach Don Smart (also welcome back). The Blue non-touring players fell away after beating the WA 70s and lost heavily to Country in the last game of the day. The WA O/75s seemed to have their full complement present, and were very competitive all day, but could do with one or two or more players. Four goalkeepers attended - Barry Rutter (WA 75s), John Burt (WA 70s), Richard Osborne (WAC 70s) and Ken Watt (WAC 75s). Between them they made sure that the Blue team had a keeper, and I understand that Tony Marshall made sure that all the 'B' division did also. Ken Watt did pretty well in a return to goalkeeping after a very long break, apart from once failing to remember it's not easy to sprint while kitted up - and making a hard landing on the turf. Maybe the goal of the day should be suspended during this tournament lead-up, but mentions should go to Ian Hill and Rob Butler (2). Player numbers were WA O/70s (10), WA O/75s (12), Blue aka The Rest (12) and WA Country O/70s and O/75s combined (15) including GKs. Total goals scored (11).

Bali The Beautiful

Photo from Peter Hammond



From The Saturday O/65s: Coaches say keep your passes short. I'll keep these pieces short too.
Peter Gason was on the sideline about to umpire still wearing his Blue shirt. So Brian Glencross sent a perfect pass his way, prompting Marty Gray to comment: "Should have gone to Specsavers."
Thanks to Jim Wright (and sponsor Ash Foster) for arranging a pizza afternoon on 20th August.
Bob Stidwell disagreed with my description of him last issue under the heading "former players." My apologies Bob - we hope to see you back on the paddock before Christmas.
YM will be running the bar up to the last Saturday of our winter season - September 17th. We resume play again on October 22nd as part of the summer season.

Last issue I complained about the July rain. Here's a follow-up limerick:
Cheesed off with the cold winter rain?
Then go to the World Cup in Spain (2018)
If you don't like the flight
It's still quite all right
Col Barnett has promised a train.
This one may be considered a bit political. I needed rhymes, and somebody else seems to have used "The rain in Spain falls mainly on the plain." Ed.

The French Letter No 23:

Hi guys, trust you are all well and sparking on all cylinders. Summer here has been a very mixed bag with a mix of hot days and rainy, cool days. I point out that, in France, once the temperature gets to 35 there is widespread TV coverage with pictures of people thronging to the beach. When I tell people that 40 degrees is not uncommon in Australia their eyes glaze over and they shake their heads.

The vegie garden has done well on the whole - loads of tomatoes and beans and also good yields of cornichons, cucumbers, courgettes, peas and pumpkins.

Received recent news from Alliance that our English friends are attempting to organise a 3 day tournament for over 70 and over 75 in April next year. I am giving it consideration although I'm not sure my legs are up to it as I haven't played for two years now. Maybe some "training" is called for!

The Olympic hockey was fascinating – where on earth did Argentine come from? I knew Belgium were on the rise over the past few years but Argentine had slipped under the radar. Unfortunately, with France not being represented the only hockey I was able to watch was about half the final – no doubt a concession to the fact that near neighbour Belgium was in it. As for Australia one can only wonder how such a talented team could perform so poorly. I guess there will be a lot of soul searching back at home.

Well, that's all from me and best wishes to you all. Ian Purdie.

I hope you looked carefully Ian - that tournament is hoping to feature an O/80 match too. Is there any chance that you could get a dispensation? Or age a year or two quickly? Ed.

Test Your Knowledge With John Sanders: August's question as published was: On 08/09/2002 we won the 24th Champions Trophy at the Hockey-Club Stadion Rott-Weiss in Cologne 3-0. Goals were scored by Scott Webster, Jamie Dwyer and Michael McCann. Did we defeat? a) Germany b) Korea c) Pakistan d) The Netherlands. *Rusty Phillips entered a protest: "In 2002 we were rebuilding under new coach Barry Dancer. We lost all 5 qualifying games. The only game we won was against Korea for 5th / 6th place ... 3-0."* John checked and found that Rusty's quite right. Our apologies. MM's budget is to include atonement at the 2016 Christmas Party. September's question is: Who made their debut for the Hockeyroos first? a) Georgia Nanscawen b) Casey Eastham c) Rachael Lynch d) Jodie Kenny. *Answer next issue.*

Shakespeare Said It: "But wherefore do you hold me here so long? What is it that you would impart to me?" Julius Caesar Act I Scene II. *Team meetings in the lead-up to tournaments can go on a bit.* "I will do such things, - what they are yet I know not..." King Lear Act II Scene IV. *This seems to apply to all Adelaide attendees, maybe with an exception for those us who are just making up the numbers.*

Quotable Quote No 1: There had to be one sporting quote during the Games, though this one is for a non Olympic American sport. "Nobody in the game of football should be called a genius. A genius is somebody like Norman Einstein." *Joe Theismann. Former quarterback (1949 -).*

Flashback: Page 8 is a set of A1 fixtures at the WACA in 1959 from the Bulletin of the day. Featured too is an advertisement for the Country Carnival Cabaret at Dalkeith Hall. To quote: "Admission 10/6 including tax. Dancing 8:00 till midnight. Bring your own liquid refreshments. Four piece orchestra."

A Look Back to 1959: As explained earlier, there is no Bali Bulletin this month. Thanks to Peter Gason we are able to include this page from the "Hockey Bulletin" of April 18, 1959. Anybody you know?

A1 Teams Playing At The WACA

2:00 pm North Ground		2:00 pm South Ground	
Y.M.C.A.	Cricketers	Old Aquinians	C.B.C.
J Crute	J Doscas	A Galvin	G Boylan
D Kelly	B Shepherd	J Hustan	P Brendish
B Glencross	T Brindal	W Syme	K Carton
R Glencross	R Kirk	A Leembruggen	B Collins
D Whitbread	C Pearce	W Melvin	R Davern
L Redgrave	G McKenzie	J Evans	K De Courtenay
S Wilkins	N Hall	J Turner	N Doyle
T Gallagher	R Andrew	D Martin	M Giles
D Basset	M Pearce	R Martin	H McDonald
D Smart	I Dick	W McKenzie	L Mead
D Glencross	C Kirk	F Downs	J Osborne
G Ruthven	B Malatsky	A McGuckin	G Pearce
<u>Manager & Coach</u>	R Wilson	G Halvorsen	J Pearce
Ivan Meade	<u>Manager</u> J Hobbs	T Hughan	P Tanham
		I Steele	D Tobin
		P Martin	M Travers
		<u>Manager</u> E Kennedy	P Jarrat
			<u>Coach</u> C. O. Carton

3:30 pm North Ground		3:30 pm South Ground	
Perth	Fremantle	Old Wesleyans	Old Modernians
D Kemp	F Ellis	G Bell	R Bellon
R Blazey	C A Johnson	C Calder	I Bell
R Clift	I D Sills	J Douglas	C Campbell
R Evans	T W Conway	J Finch	D Gabriel
R Lester	D Lee	J Gadson	M Havercroft
K Lovatt	R Faulds	B Goodheart	R Hazelhurst
P Pritchard	R B Smith	K Hawkins	I Hewitt
D Rogers	E Kirk	M Hawkins	D Hollingsworth
D Scales	N Abercromby	R Hawkins	J O'Connor
T Waters	J Trew	G Milner	R Robinson
D Wilton	G Woods	B Stewart	A Scott
N Fitzpatrick	C Hunter	M Stewart	H Bell
L Nolan	D Scanlon	A Wood	W Byfield
G Harvorsen	H Marks	R Vaughan	T Hickmott
A Blunt	T Higgs		G Oakley
J Brady			T Mullings
<u>Manager</u> A Kemp			<u>Coach</u> Merv Adams
<u>Coach</u> C Milne			<u>Manager</u> P Whitlock

Bye - Suburban: A Barblett, P Bensley, B Bolton, D Braddock, B Cooksley, N Downing, P Gason, V Gooch, B Jenkins, T Kerr, R King, L Mavor, J Oldham, A Pead, J Tonkinson, Ian Viner.

Thanks to Gase for this one. He's still playing, as is Brian Glencross on Saturdays. And Brian Stewart was there on the 31st. Trevor Kerr was playing earlier this year. Perhaps Bob Robinson could let us know if he is the R Robinson on the Mods list. There are several former members of WHM too. Ed.

'B' Division Report From Gordon Jeffrey - August: *Thanks Gordon. Please keep them coming. Ed.)*

Injuries: Alan Ledger has recently returned from a broken collarbone, still a bit tentative but hasn't changed his style. Roger Davey has spent the last month recuperating from an injured shoulder, seen playing for a short period last Saturday. A number of players are suffering strains and bruises resulting from a combination of the long winter hockey season and increased training required for the nationals in September.

Visitors / New Players: Good to see Alan Chapman, Captain of the ACT O/65s (2015 Cairns winners) parading his skills. He is in Perth for the birth of his latest grandchild (daughter saw her future here) and will spend a few weeks spying before the nationals. As heard from a grandmother with a few grandchildren "If I'd known that having grandchildren was this much fun, I'd have had them first."

Life's Lingering Moments:

- + I want to grow my own food, but I can't find bacon seeds anywhere.
- + People who like eating natural foods cannot be aware that most people die of natural causes.
- + Life is pleasant. Death is peaceful. It is the transition that is troublesome.

This Month's Hockey: August has been a mixed bag for the Wednesday 'B' division warriors. We started the month with three full teams going hell for leather at each other and ended the month with two hybrid teams and the WA O/65s (having sent some of our members to the zimmer grade for O/70s training) having a bash. Whilst in the middle of the month we had a heavy rain day and struggled to field two teams. The games numbers have been affected by the requirement for the National teams to attend training prior to the games, a significant number of niggling injuries, work commitments & holidays in warmer climes as we head to the end of a long cold winter (at long last).

Blue put in another strong performance on day one of the month, winning all their four games and scoring 9 goals in the process compared to 2 each for the other teams. The best of the goals saw strong run by Ray Domingo into the circle, back passed the ball to Graeme Harper past the strong White defence and Harps neatly added to the tally.

Gold was the dominant team of the second week winning 2 and drawing 2 of their 4 games. Blue had 1 strong win whilst White, bereft of a raft of players slumped to 3 losses and a draw. The games had been assisted by the extra 65s players training prior to the games and then staying on to play 'B' division, and included Peter Morgan, Ian Pestana and Ian Kealley.

Week Three saw the forecast for strong winds and rain. Unfortunately this and a number of convenient(!) temporary injuries kept the numbers to a record low. Those who had done Nationals training stayed for the games and they played whoever else was available. Two teams were formed and played 3 games, all ended in a draw and we went home happy.

Week Four saw the WA 65s take on a white team and a blue team. This will continue until the carnival in late September. It was obvious that with nearly a full team of 65s and the nationals approaching the intensity has been increased. It was a good workout for the WA team and it was noticeable that the teamwork was developing as the day progressed. Dudley Evans continues to show good control and deft passing skills enabling a constant supply to the WAQ forwards, Bill Campbell and Ian Kealley provided good run out of defence whilst Ian Pestana moved the ball well through the forward line. Nice to see Greg Allen learning from some of his elders. With some good solid and competitive games it was good to see that the intensity had lifted but some still get a little gung ho resulting in at least one send-off for inappropriate behaviour. Overall the games are being played in the normal customary healthy manner. On the day the WA team had the best results with 3 wins and a draw but the number of goals scored for the day was low.

Department Of Limericks Part 3: It seems that I'm fixated on travel. As several WHM members are intending to drive to Adelaide and I have checked most ways to get there except on the ocean ...

To cross the bare Nullarbor Plain

We fly, or we drive, or entrain

But rail costs a heap

Plus flying's not cheap

And driving sciatic's a pain.

The sciatica is not really that bad. It could have been worse - Eyre had to walk. Ed.

Quotable Quote Number Two: "It is a great ability to be able to conceal one's ability." *Francois de la Rochefoucauld (1613 -1680). So all of us in 'A' division have ability - of some kind or another. Ed.*

Punology Two: You can raze a tree with a lumber jack.

Past & Temporarily Retired Players: By the time my fingers have managed to find the note book I've usually forgotten what I wanted to write. So my August notes are just as unhelpful as the July ones. I remember seeing Eric Alcock, Jeff Godfrey, Brian Lester, Rusty Phillips, John Sanders and George Winning at PHS or Perry Lakes or UWA. I promise to do better, once my fingers warm up.

Grumpy Old Men 2: "Life is one long process of getting tired." Samuel Butler (1835 - 1902). *English author - most famous work 'Erewhon.' With a switched 'w' and 'h' it's 'Nowhere' backwards.*

Dummy Spit Of The Month: Despite keeping a good lookout I have not spotted a spate of dummies hitting the turf. So we'll hold this 'award' over to our next issue.

Welcome Back: 'A' division Gold team captain Colin Gee returned to the turf on August 31st after a Perth winter he missed by spending most of it with family in the UK. The stay included a visit to the Legoland in Copenhagen too.

Which Turf: As this issue is finalised the fixtures show that when we all return from Adelaide the 'A' division is back on Turf 2 with the 'B' and 'C' divisions on Turf 1. Check the fixtures online regularly.

Saturday O/65s: The Committee has had discussions on the summer season. The outcome was that the fees have been set at \$100, and casual players are to pay \$10 per Saturday. It is hoped to have a pizza night or a sausage sizzle on the first Saturday of each month.

Masters Matters Schedule: I had hoped to get this issue out before the end of August, but as you may have noticed have failed to achieve the target. Here is not the place for explanations - suffice it to say that I am now uncertain when the next one will appear. I am departing for Adelaide on Friday 23rd September, and will try to get a smaller edition ready before then (contributors please note). If we are unsuccessful it remains only to wish all those going to Adelaide a terrific tournament.

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