

Wednesday Hockey Masters Perth Est 1991

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Masters Matters

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Editorial: Many of us who played for Southern Cross travelled to and from Europe on Malaysian Airlines, but we all seem to have made it back safely. I know of several beside me who used Flight MH17 between Amsterdam and Kuala Lumpur. They missed me by 17 days. It is true that going for a drive is statistically much more dangerous, but my subconscious refuses to believe that. Not least because of the delusion that while driving one is totally in control of one's own fate.

Department of Health: Best wishes for a speedy recovery to all those we know about - and to all those we don't know about. Is it possible for the 'B' and 'C' divisions to keep me updated on their various sufferers - the 'A' division does not have a monopoly on injury and illness.

Ken Walter: I have no details on what is preventing play, but has been busy umpiring our 'B' division. According to our informant (who should know) Kenny did 5 games on the 23rd and 3 on the 16th.

Peter Gason: Received a severe whack on the knee Saturday 19th. Couldn't play on the 23rd or 26th, but medical advice is that all will be OK again soon. Stop press - played 2 games on July 30th.

Paul Robinson: Commented on the 19th that the new rule seemed to be that he receives a whack on the hand twice a week. This as he displayed a couple of time and date stamped wounds. It happened again on the 23rd - is the 'A' division getting a bit over-vigorous? Robbo could not play on the 26th, as one of the wounds became infected. Stop press - playing well again on July 30th.

Howie Herbert: Had to miss a Saturday due to a suspected fractured thumb received on the previous Wednesday. Played again the next week - injury was not hit again - just.

Phil Anderson: After almost recovering from various injuries to the same leg, has now undergone an operation for hernia. Will be out for several more months.

Dates For The Diary:

September 29th to October 11th 2014: Interstate Masters Championships in Perth.

Second week of May 2015: Trans Tasman in Melbourne. Ages 40 to 65 - 70s tba.

2015: European Championships - London. Southern Cross may be there.

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.

Department of Corrections: There was a serious omission from our results as published in the July issue. The tournament web-site showed the best goalkeeper in the TT O/70s as Richard Osthoren, so I did not include this non-Australian player. This should have read 'Richard Osborne' from the Southern Cross side. Our apologies to 'Speed' - my memory of him going out to collect the trophy must have been erased by all the post hockey tours. Of course old age had nothing to do with it.

Strange But True: Almost all Austrians I encountered have heard that Australia is Austria with kangaroos. In spite of this they still managed to smile politely.

Letters To The Editor: Thanks to the respondents to the last issue; Bill Baldwin, Alan Chapman, Neil Mannolini, John Milner, Chris Morley, and David Lester.

John says (in response to my suggestion about playing in Newcastle 2016): “.... The selectors would have to be desperate.” *Not sure about that John - you’re getting a lot more goals than me lately. Ed. The previous editorial comment went into the newsletter on July 14th. On July 19th at Perry Lakes John scored 4 goals - in the first quarter. I rest my case. Ed.*

Chris offered another one for our Department of Corrections“... the dribble/drivel correction was nearly correct, so to speak, but in your transcription you changed mucus, a noun, to mucous, which is an adjective. We need the noun here. Just for the record - don’t mind if you use it - maybe getting just a little *too* picky - or should that be snotty.” *It seems that our typist has mucked (*) it up again - and the proof-reader has again failed to pick up a transcription error. If they keep up this standard they may be left behind if the editor manages to get to London or Adelaide next year. Ed.*

(*) *Pun intentional - sorry. Possibly not as sorry as you are.*

Whistle While You Work with Manno. Incorporating Rules ‘R’ Us:

“Umpiring on Wednesday (*the 23rd*) I was aghast that one player called out “let it go” when an opponent was about to stop a ball. For me that is a “send-off-able offence.” Plus it is appalling sportsmanship, and I propose that we need to send the guilty player off for the remaining part of the match. (*Should we allow a substitution, or penalise the guilty player’s team-mates also? Ed.*)

I know it’s not in the rule book, but we must eliminate from our Wednesday Masters.”

Neil Mannolini

Thanks very much for this Neil - my ears did not deceive me then. This is definitely contrary to all that Masters hockey in general and Wednesday Masters in particular are supposed to be about. I would welcome reader opinions on this one - Ed.

Quotable Quote No 1: “Insanity in individuals is something rare, but in groups, parties, nations and epochs, it is the rule.” Friedrich Nietzsche 1844 - 1900. *Certainly applies to recent events - Ed.*

State Teams 2014: Congratulations to all Wednesday Masters who have been selected in one of the WA teams competing later this year. Also, many of us will be participating with WA Country - and in addition there are several who are helping the WA tourism economy by making up the numbers with other states. At this stage I am not prepared to attempt an accurate count - having been wrong about the WHM numbers in the Netherlands. After the tournament booklet appears seems like a better time. To all those playing, some advice from William Shakespeare:

Shakespeare Said It: “Be not afraid of greatness. Some are born great, some achieve greatness, and others have greatness thrust upon them.” Twelfth Night Act II Scene V. *And there are some in my position, whose main reason for being there is to succumb to greatness. I can still recall some advice from the late Roger MacLiver - “As long as you keep playing there are 21 other blokes who can all have a game too”. I’m still doing it today. Ed.*

Grumpy Old Men Part One: “A bore is a man who deprives you of solitude without providing you with company.” Gian Vincenzo Gravina 1664 - 1718 Italian jurist and man of letters.

Department Of Limericks Part 1: As it has been a very short interval between the July and August issues I have found it necessary to include some of the post-hockey items, like this one from Austria.

From Australia the ticket I bought
Let me dine at the old Salzburg fort
Then live Mozart and Strauss
Which brought down the house
Great dinner, great evening, in short.

Test Your Knowledge With John Sanders: Herewith the answer to last issue's question which was:
In which Olympic Games was the Kookaburras W-D-L record:

W-D-L-W-L-W-W-W-L. The last two matches were against India and Pakistan.

Was it a) 1964 Tokyo b) 1968 Mexico City c) 1972 Munich d) 1976 Montreal

Amazing what a little pressure will do - an email arrived from Rusty on the same day the last issue went out saying: "1968 Mexico." Right again! I did ask (but not seriously) whether we need harder questions mainly because this one was one of the very few I could answer myself.

This issue's question is: Which of these competitions was held first: a) Champions Trophy 1 Lahore b) ESANDA Tournament, Perth c) World Cup Barcelona d) 1st Azlan Shah Tournament Kuala Lumpur.
Answer next issue.

Congratulations to our historian for gaining superb publicity for hockey in a prominent part of the West (Inside Cover on two consecutive days). Also many thanks for the ongoing supply of questions.

News From The Saturday O/65s: A small serve of inclement weather on the 26th resulted in a very low attendance. Those of us who were there had all checked the weather forecast and the radar before leaving home - and our totally rainless 6 a side game with one goalkeeper who alternated between the teams was very enjoyable. It even featured some moments of reasonable hockey between some moments of not so good hockey. We decided that the Green team had forfeited all their games on the day and adjourned to the YMCA rooms to discuss the matter further.

Seriously (*as serious as this publication can be*), if you are on the player roster, and not attending, please drop a line to 'Masters Matters' and tell us why not. The weather did not prevent two injured players (*Full marks to Gase & Robbo*) turning out to see some of the game and join the bar conversation. It also did not prevent Howie Herbert and George Bradbury from overcoming the tyranny of distance (both of them travel from the hills) and participating.

Department Of Limericks Part 2: Another post-hockey item - this one from the West Coast of Scotland. I'm told that finding a hill in the Netherlands is very difficult, if not impossible. Perhaps going directly to the mountains of Austria and Scotland afterwards was an over- correction.

Many roads here on Skye are one lane
And drivers must have half a brain
Tourists look at a map
Next their minds take a nap
Then their driving becomes quite insane.

(Very few found the happy medium between gross over-caution and gross recklessness)

Punology One: Local Area Network in Australia - the LAN down under.

Situation Vacant Scribe / Photographer: Preparations for the Perth tournament are now well advanced. I hear that the committee are seeking the services of a newsletter editor / photographer to move around the grounds and document the human interest stories. As I'm making up the numbers on the playing front, and feel that the long hours of attendance are beyond me at my advanced age I have declined the opportunity to compete directly with 'Masters Matters.' Contact Peter Westlund to express your interest at peter.westlund@wamastershockey.com.

Situation Vacant Technical: The Tournament Committee is looking for volunteers to assist with running the Technical bench. No experience within the Technical field is required, as the Committee will provide pre-tournament training for all those that offer some assistance. Contact Bill Campbell to express your interest, and also provide your personal details, contact details, and availability at wmc.wamhc@iinet.net.au. Or send the info to 'Masters Matters' and I will pass it on.

Quotable Quote No 2: "I am a conservative to preserve all that is good in our constitution, a Radical to remove all that is bad. I seek to preserve property and to respect order, and I equally decry the appeal to the passions of the many or the prejudices of the few." Benjamin Disraeli 1804 - 1881. This was from a campaign speech dated 1832. *Unfortunately good and bad are judged completely differently by different people - Ed.*

Quotable Quote No 3: Legendary cellist Pablo Casals was asked why he continued to practice at the age of 93. His answer: "because I think I'm making progress." This is the man who married a 20 year old girl when he was almost 80. When asked "Aren't you worried about dying?" his response was: "If she dies, she dies." Would extra training help our hockey? Or would it be too much for us?

They (Almost) Said It: We Wednesday Masters are a very cultured crew (at least some of us are) and I counted that at least five of us went to the King's College Choir. Comparing notes afterwards was very interesting, as all of us were critical of our fellow audience members who insisted on coughing and clapping whenever they felt like it - generally in the wrong places. David Lester had a couple of ladies behind him who chatted throughout as well. When one of them started screaming for an encore after the last item (the complete Faure Requiem) David wanted badly to say: "What do you want after a Requiem - a Resurrection?"

Ghost of Adelaide Terrace?: At the King's College Choir I noticed a group of identically clad people in the choir stalls (the only ones there - the KC choir were on the stage). Neil Patterson was able to inform me that they were the Spirit of the Streets Choir, that their number included Wednesday Master Bob Maley, and that they were due to perform during the interval. I later found out that Bob is their chairman. For those who remember the TV series, this is the Perth version of Melbourne's Choir of Hard Knocks. Well done to Bob for taking on such a role. More information is online.

Grumpy Old Men Part Two: I heard a lot of bi-lingual announcements on my various journeys, and found them very frustrating. Not because of the parts I could not comprehend, but the many people chatting loudly within my earshot in their own language. They persistently stopped for their section, and resumed chatting to drown out mine.

PHS prepares for the Masters Tournament



It was a relief to discover that the tournament was back at PHS, and all the preparations would not go to waste. If we are to be truthful (and this is not a Murdoch publication) the thought did cross my mind to seek technical support to photo-shop Ivan Wilson into the picture. I then decided that Ivan would have to get there through his own endeavours - and quite possibly does not need any help from "Masters Matters." By the way, there is no truth in the rumour that the WA State O/70s No 2 team (coached by Ivan) will be known as "The Flying Sticks."

Department Of Limericks Part 3: There is again a strong element of truth in this one - living up to the high standards we have attempted to set in 'Masters Matters.' Expanding on the photograph ...

What's it like when you sit on the chair

I don't know as I've never been there

If the ball is too quick

Do not give it a kick

For the umpire will give you a glare.

(And a card which entitles you to a two minute rest - or longer for repeat offences)

Punology Two: Shotgun wedding - a matter of wife or death.

Dummy Spit Of The Day: I have not observed any outstanding contenders, not even me. I often spit a personal dummy when bombarded with pre-flight music on some airlines, and it was a great relief to sit on an Austrian Airlines plane listening to Mozart and Johann Strauss.

Humour From the Air Force: Some of you may think that now is not the time for any humour of any kind involving flying. Personally (*as a traveller on an MH17 flight*) I've had more than enough of politicians of all shades crawling all over the MH17 story - as well as the saturation media coverage.

Never fly in the cockpit with someone braver than you.

There are old pilots, and bold pilots, but there very few old, bold pilots.

Don't draw fire. It irritates the people around you.

If your attack is going well, you have walked into an ambush.

If the enemy is in range, so are you.

Tracers work both ways.

Try to look unimportant. They may be low on ammo.

Bravery is being the only one who knows you're afraid.

A good landing is when you can walk away from the plane. A great landing is when you can re-use the plane.

There is no reason to jump out of a perfectly good airplane.

If something hasn't broken on your helicopter, it is about to.

The only time you have too much fuel is when you're on fire.

Flashlights: Tubular metal containers kept in a flight bag for the purpose of storing dead batteries.

When a flight is proceeding incredibly well, something is forgotten.

Five second grenade fuses last about three seconds.

Basic flying rules: Try to stay in middle of the air; do not go near edges of it. Edges of air can be recognised by ground, buildings, sea, and trees. It is much more difficult to fly there.

If you're faced with a forced landing, fly the thing as far into the crash as possible.

Friendly fire isn't.

Radios will fail as soon as you desperately need fire support.

Aim towards the enemy.

If it is stupid, but it works, it isn't stupid.

Things that must be together to work usually can't be shipped together.

No combat-ready unit has ever passed this inspection. No inspection-ready unit has ever done well in combat.

Any ship can be a minesweeper once; the easy way is always mined.

Anything you can get you shot ... including doing nothing.

Team work is essential: it gives them someone else to shoot at.

Cluster bombing is very accurate: the bombs always hit the ground.

Whoever said, "The pen is mightier than the sword" never encountered automatic weapons.

If you hear me yell, "Eject! Eject! Eject!" the last two will be echoes. Any questions and you will be talking to yourself because by then you are the pilot. It is generally inadvisable to eject over the area you just bombed.

Helicopters are built to thrash themselves apart.

You don't want to hear your pilot say: "Did you hear that?" "What's that noise?" "Oh shit!!"

When the pin is pulled Mr Grenade is not our friend.

If you find yourself in a fair fight you did not plan your mission properly.

If you are short of everything but the enemy, you're in combat.

Never trade luck for skill.

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You've never been lost until lost at Mach 3.

There is no reason to fly through a thunderstorm in peacetime.

We are not retreating. We are advancing in another direction.

You don't win a war by dying for your country: you win by making the enemy die for his.

Make it tough enough for your enemy to get in and you won't be able to get out.

When one engine fails on a twin engine, you always have enough power to get you to the scene of the crash.

When in doubt, empty the magazine.

Flexibility is key to tactical success. Indecision is the key to flexibility.

If your airplane is still in one piece, don't cheat on it: ride the bastard down.

Your landing gear is up and locked if you use full power to taxi to the terminal.

Not Trip Advisor: We do not intend to make this a travelogue, but as there is a small amount of spare space I am going to mention a few restaurants. All provided a very satisfying repast in a variety of different styles - some of them on multiple occasions.

- Brasserie Oranje Boven - Delft.
- Restaurant Fuhrich - Vienna.
- Stiegelbrau Restaurant - Salzburg.
- The Waterfront Fishhouse Restaurant - Oban.
- Castle Moil restaurant - Kyleakin (on Skye). The restaurant, not the bar.
- Wannemakers Restaurant - Amsterdam.
- Concertgebouw pre-concert dining - Amsterdam.
- National Maritime Museum (Amsterdam) - chocolate mousse at the cafe was great.

More information on all these establishments can be found on-line.

Well Done: Thank you to all the July umpires. In 'A' Division they included Eric Alcock, Bala Chandran, Peter Ford, Colin Gee, Neil Mannolini, and Neil Scaddan. The 'B' division definitely included Ken Walter and John Lindsay (see also Page 2) - thanks to Kenny, John, and all others who officiated in the 'B' and 'C' Divisions. Thanks also to Bob Bowyer for the cooking and Ivan Wilson for the onions at UWA - I'm sure the sausages were delicious, even if Ken Beer got to them before me.

Player Movements: Welcome to new members of WHM: Jim Moncrieff (Melville), Mike Hallam (YMCC), Richard Staynor (Kalamunda), and Simon Walsh (CTP). And I hear Dave Hatt is playing occasionally, but he's not on the distribution list for 'Masters Matters' yet.

Happy Birthday To ...: We missed mention of several significant anniversaries due to the World Cup. All these gentlemen celebrate a milestone (*the big 70*) this year, and many of them are this month. Best wishes for a great day (even if you've already marked the occasion) to Jim Banks 11/05, Jim Wright 01/06, Jim Malcolm 24/06, Len Blythe 02/08, Brian Soares and Gordon Thomas 08/08, John Jeffreys 13/08, Harvey Davies 16/08, Rusty Phillips 13/10, Peter Hearne 05/11, Scott Blackwell 08/12. Stan Balding might be pleased that the January birthdays have been held over for later.

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