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Have Hockey Stick Will Travel: *But not quite so far for the 2016 World Cups.*

As mentioned once or twice in "Masters Matters", the next World Cups will be held in Australia. If we have any readers who have not yet attended one, they are strongly recommended. As far as I know the event for the younger blokes (O/40 to O/55) in Canberra only includes national teams, so to get there you will have to play for, coach or manage one of the Australian sides. The Newcastle tournament for we slightly older players (O/60 to O/75) includes a Tournament Trophy division which is essentially a second level for more social organisations - those which readily come to mind are England LX, Netherlands Sixtyplussers ("de Zestigplussers"), and Australia's own Southern Cross. There may be a fair amount of competition to get a game with Southern Cross, and the selection method they decide on will be awaited with much interest. There is also the Alliance International Hockey Club, which draws its players from all over the world, and **may** be looking for Australians to make up team numbers in some age groups.

Now is the time to start planning. The Australian sides are due to be selected during the Cairns tournament, and require pre-nomination. "Masters Matters" will try to let you more in the July issue about both Southern Cross and Alliance.

Dates For The Diary:

June 3rd: State O/70s trials - PHS 11:45 am. Bring coloured and white shirt.

June 3rd: Sausage Sizzle (first one no charge). *(It could be quite a long day for trial participants)*

July 8th / 15th: 'A' and 'B' divisions at UWA - 'C' division at Hale.

August 21st to 28th 2015: European Championships - Southgate Hockey Centre North London.

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

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

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

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

Trans Tasman: Thanks to Simon we know that Australia won convincingly. Results have been quite hard to locate online - here are the three match scores for the age groups relevant to WHM:

O/50: Australia (0) NZ (1), Australia (1) NZ (0), Australia (1) NZ (0)

WHM representatives: Cameron Fairbrother (coach).

O/55: Australia (2) NZ (0), Australia (3) NZ (1), Australia (6) NZ (0)

WHM representatives: Rob Lawson (coach), Graham Miller, Noel Morrison, Steve Pestana.

O/60: Australia (6) NZ (3), Australia (8) NZ (1), Australia (6) NZ (0)

WHM representatives: John Chapman, Wayne Cutler.

O/65: Australia (4) NZ (1), Australia (3) NZ (3), Australia (4) NZ (2)

WHM representatives: Peter Fogels, John Harper, Simon Thomson.

Well done all. Full results and team lists can be found via the Hockey Australia web-site (eventually)

Department of Health: This one seems to be shorter than usual. Keep up the good work.

Mal Skinner has now had the hip replacement (about mid-April) and started on the long path to recovery - hopefully hockey again also. Charles Hulbert is not currently well enough to be playing. Our thoughts are with you. Marty Greay has now had a couple of runs on Saturday and seems to be almost up to a regular game again though we don't know how he felt the next day. Ken Beer has had a carcinoma removed from his ear - his Perry Lakes canine companion Pippa has had an operation on a different part of the anatomy. David Lester followed the vertigo with a virus and is now almost at the end of the alphabet. Paul Robinson is out for a few more weeks mending the Achilles. Finally, it is most pleasing to be able to report that Roger Partington, David Lester, Bob Byers, Ken Walter, John Jeffrey, Len Blythe, Mal Horrigan, Neil Patterson, Bill Williamson and John Mercer are attending and playing semi-regularly or regularly again.

Our best wishes to all ailing players, and to fellow travellers on the long road to full recovery.

Grumpy Old Men Part One: "Television has done much for psychiatry by spreading information about it, as well as contributing to the need for it." Alfred Hitchcock (1899 - 1980) *Especially when your set decides to stop working - apparently at random* .Ed.

Department Of Limericks Part 1: Our change of name and the reasons for it prompted this.

Though Wednesdays will stay just the same

From now we're to have a new name

With Saturday crew

And women in too

Mixed hockey will not be the game.

Despite the limerick's claim our Wednesdays will change in the lead-up to Cairns. There is a very good chance that the 'A' division will be modified to include a representative side or two. - Ed.

Letters To The Editor: Thanks to the respondents to the May issue: Bill Baldwin, Alan Bryce, Terry Murphy and John Milner. It's always good to know that there was somebody at the other end.

This section of the May MM mentioned that David Lester had also suffered from vertigo. David's comment on this: "... usually I go round in circles anyway."

Welcome to WHM: Masters Matters has not been diligent in acknowledging new entrants for some time now - and we offer our apologies to any we may have missed. The following players have joined Western Hockey Masters in 2015. Robert Crofts, Allan Atwell, Paul Huggett, Peter Westlund, Peter Selve, Stuart Amphlett, and Sean Bartlett. I suspect that this influx has helped the 'C' division to add their fourth team. Best wishes to you all for your time with the Wednesday group.

From The Sideline: One of the things which impressed me when I first joined WHM was that all the players were correctly kitted out. While watching (still!) from the sideline on the 20th Robin Bailey pointed out the number of players who were wearing non-standard socks - with a few non-standard shirts on view too. If you don't have the correct uniform for your allocated team then please contact Robin ('A' division Red) or your team captain as soon as possible to obtain them. If you do have the right gear then why would you not be using it? And on a related topic, playing headgear should not include a hard peaked cap - soft only. Accidental collisions do happen, despite best intentions.

Whistle While You Work - Expurgated Version : Space was short so just a brief comment this issue. In April I enquired what the correct signal was for a 23 metre hit (the old long corner replacement), and concluded the old signal still applied - to point to the corner flag. I observed that while Australia was playing Australia on Turf 1 following our matches on May 27 that the umpires initially did this, then pointed towards the 23 metre line.

The usual WWYW will be back next issue - Ed.

Department Of Limericks Part 2: The Country Week bye on the 30th raised high hopes:

Last Saturday, beautiful day

We thought lots of people might play

Paid up forty seven

Divide by eleven

Our fourth team just all stayed away.

See "From The Saturday O/65s" on Page 6 for more information on a fourth team for Saturdays.

Despite the tone of this limerick, 36 players did front at Perry Lakes for a most enjoyable afternoon.

Quotable Quote No 1: "I have learnt silence from the talkative, toleration from the intolerant and kindness from the unkind; yet strange, I am ungrateful to these teachers." Kahlil Gibran 1883 - 1931. *Lebanese-American artist, poet, and writer.*

Stadium Parking: By now everybody should know that a car sticker is required when parking at PHS. If you do not have one yet they are being distributed through your team captains. Goalkeepers and occasional spectators should contact Bob Bowyer.

For Sale: Following on from last issue's advert for his farm machinery I asked Heath Tyrell how the sale was going. Apparently things are moving out in a satisfactory manner.

Signs Of The Times: Outside Doubleview Cleanskins: "A meal without wine is ... breakfast."
"Age gets better with wine."

More Signs Of The Times: As we add a mid-week women's group I note that Alliance International will be represented by a team in the Women's O60s at the European Championships due to be held in August this year in London. It seems that we are not alone in what I think is a good move.

De-Fib Training: Contrary to appearances this is not a course to which the "Masters Matter" editor has been sentenced to improve the accuracy of this publication. The Committee has determined to make as many of us as possible conversant with these devices - and as of last Saturday there still two places available on Wednesday morning 3rd June. Contact Ken Beer if you would like to attend - if you don't have Ken's details ask the newsletter editor.

Further to that, does every member of Western Hockey Masters know where the two at PHS (purchased by the Vets Committee & Hockey WA) can be found? Answers are: Turf 1 - southern end of the Umpires / Tech Bench dugout. Turf 2 - northern store room, always open while we are there.

Another Sign Of The Times: Indi Hotel: "Free beer, topless bartenders, false advertising."

'A' Division Blog: I have wondered about discontinuing this, then thought again. There are quite a few recipients of "Masters Matters" who do not see the games, and this section provides a means of keeping them in touch with some of our on turf activities.

May 6th: The day featured several Red team comebacks - Roger Partington, Bob Byers and (at last!) David Lester. Blue were without Ivan Wilson, Ian Hill, Jim Malcolm and Brian Soares, which made life difficult for them. Player counts were Gold (9), White (8), Red (10), and Blue (8). We began with two goalkeepers, but lacked any by the last game. The stands were packed, spectators included Linc Grostate, Neil Mannolini (just back), John Mercer, Rusty Phillips (forgot hockey gear) and Derek Jobe. The Committee on 13th May decided to end the points system and this was the last day of scoring. Points went to Gold (7), White (6), Red (3), and Blue (1). Total goals scored (7).

May 13th: The day demonstrated that it can be a disadvantage to have a full complement of players. White were short for the first game and recruited Len Blythe (comeback), Ian Hill (Blue), John Jeffrey (comeback) and Roger Jewell (Gold). Their games against Red (with that line-up) and Blue (with a similar list of fill-ins) were more uneven than is desirable in WHM. Not counting goalkeepers or late arrivals for Blue and White player numbers were White (6), Red (9), Blue(10) and Gold (12). Total goals scored (12). The day's highlights included a hat trick from Trevor Kerr in the last game, while at the other end late arrival Rusty Phillips in his first game for the day put in a couple.

May 20th: For most of the day all teams had their full complement, for the first time in quite a while. It was pleasing to see Mal Horrigan return, joining Len Blythe, John Jeffrey and Ken Walter as recent comebacks. The overall standard of play is improved with the injection of such quality, though today only parts of it were very good. The goalkeepers were conspicuous by their numbers (four of them!) and how well they all played, making scoring very difficult. Well done to Bill, John, Tony and Barry. Player numbers were Blue (10), Red (11), Gold (10) and White (10). Total goals (9).

May 27th: Perhaps it was due to the approach of the Cairns tournament - numbers were possibly the best for the year. Returning after long absences were Blue team members Neil Patterson and Bill Williamson. Player numbers were Blue (14), Gold (10,) White (11) and Red (8). These numbers meant that Blue lent Red Jim Malcolm and David Pandher for the day, while John Jeffrey and Ken Walter went off to the 'B' division. White dominated the day again. The four goalkeepers (usual suspects!) seemed to have attached themselves to a team, and Barry Bill, John and Tony all played well again. This was despite Bill nearly going on wearing only one pad - senior's moment? Total goals scored (8).

Well Dones: Thanks to April 'A' umpires Adolphus Abrahams, Eric Alcock, Bala Chandran, Peter Gason, Ian Hill, Dave Horsley, Mal Jackaman, Roger Jewell, Neil Mannolini, Roger Partington, Bob Robinson, Col Sanders, Neil Scaddan, Gordon Thomas, Ken Watt and Ivan Wilson. Thank you to 'B' division regulars Vern Gooch and John Lindsay as well as all unknown 'C' umpires. Well done also to the Saturday officials: Eric Alcock, Ken Beer, Peter Brien, Brian Glencross, Marty Greay, Ian Hill, Bob Hotinski, Roger Jewell, Colin Sanders, Neil Scaddan and Ken Watt. Thanks to those who cooked for the May 6th sausage sizzle – Howie and Robbo started everything off and Gordon and Bob became involved later (I think). Our Wednesday bar snacks maintain their quality - thanks to Gordon Thomas.

Punology One: What became of the originator of the "knock, knock" jokes? He got the Nobel Prize.

Punology Two: All the natural disasters took a vote to see which one was the worst. Avalanche had a landslide victory.

SHIPWRECKED!

Photo supplied by Peter Hammond



The Bali many do not see

From The Saturday O/65s: Vice Captain Jim Wright's absence on the 9th was queried. The dialogue ran along the lines of: "Where's Jim?" Answer: "Cairns." Said Peter Gason: "Bit early."

As we arrived on Saturday 23rd a sombre touch was the flowers to mark the passing of Des Kelly on the sign "Des and Pam Kelly Pavilion." The quantity, quality, and variety of the notices in the West shows what a significant contribution he made in many different fields. Commiserations from all of us at WHM go to the family members, and to the YMCA / CC Hockey Club.

As of 30th May we have 47 paid up players, but only 36 turned up to play on the day with several spectators wishing they were out there too. We have acquired another set of coloured bibs for a fourth team, if necessary. *A reminder that the start time is now 2:00 pm.*

Department of Corrections: Following on from last issue's statement about a commission of inquiry regarding Jeff Godfrey's omission from the bar past players - it was held. The verdict in full was that the "Masters Matters" notebook needs to be read, as well as written in.

Past Players: Spotted in May were George Winning, Jeff Godfrey, Stuart Calder, Linc Grostate, Derek Jobe, Dudley Younger, John Sanders, Brian Lester and (temporarily we hope) Jim Banks.

Dummy Spit Of The Day: Everybody seems to have been good lately - at least where I can see them.

The French Letter No 9:

Well, spring started off in sensational fashion but May has been a real let down with very little sunshine and a fair bit of rain. My vegie garden is looking somewhat aggrieved as the various plants struggle to grow. Hopefully, things will pick up again and we get some good crops.

More on the vegie garden, I have climbing peas, climbing beans, courgettes, beetroot, melon, lettuce, carrots, leeks, tomatoes, basil, coriander, parsley, butternut pumpkins, radish, spinach, parsnips and artichokes. Some are still in a polytunnel until the weather picks up.

On to things hockey - I have followed the development of WHM with great interest and been most impressed with the new logo and the new arrangements. Very professional outcome, and congratulations to Simon and his committee and all those who contributed. There is no doubt that WHM is unique in world veterans hockey and an organisation and concept of which we can be very proud. I also read with great interest the advent of a ladies competition and even the possibility of some mixed hockey (not according to Limerick One - Ed.). If that eventuates I can only suggest that some more of you enrol in the defibrillator training!

As usual, cheers and best wishes to you all.

Ian Purdie (*Thanks again Ian - please keep them coming until you manage to rejoin us. Ed.*)

Test Your Knowledge With John Sanders: May's question was: In which Olympics did Australia finish 4th after a 5-10 loss on penalty strokes with USA. Was it: a) Moscow 1980 b) Los Angeles 1984 c) Seoul 1988 d) Barcelona 1992. I could answer this myself (for a change) as I can still remember watching our girls lose their match to The Netherlands (if they'd won it was Gold) and immediately go into the shootout with the home team, who'd been practicing their strokes meantime. A correct answer was received from Rusty, who knew that Australia had boycotted Moscow, won gold in Seoul and finished out of the medal round in Barcelona.

June's question is: In 1988 Jackie Pereira scored in each game of which of the following tournaments: a) Bicentennial Tournament, Commonwealth Hockey Stadium, Perth b) Four Nation Tournament, Hockey centre, Essen c) XXIV Olympic Games, Song Nam Olympic Stadium, Seoul d) Champion's Trophy II, Hockey Centre, Frankfurt. *Answer next issue.*

Shakespeare Said It: "Take pains, be perfect." A Midsummer Night's Dream, Act I Scene II. *The Bard has some good advice for Cairns players and coaches. Umpires are already perfect.*

"More matter with less art." Hamlet Act II Scene II. *Masters Matters reader - again.*

Quotable Quote No 2: "We find no real satisfaction or happiness in life without obstacles to conquer and goals to achieve." Maxwell Maltz - Communication Bulletin for Managers and Supervisors June 2004. *It's tough being a non-playing hockey player.*

Grumpy Old Men Part Two: "Television has raised writing to a new low." Samuel Goldwyn - US movie producer (1882 - 1974). *How did he know the last "Masters Matters" mentioned television.*

Vale Tony Wade: It was with much regret that I heard of the death of Tony Wade recently. He was well known to many of us through Southern Cross and the ACT sides at interstate championships. Tony was on the committee of Southern Cross since its inception in 2011, Tournament Director of the very successful Canberra nationals in 2011 and captain of the ACT 65s at Bunbury, Canberra, Hobart, and Sydney as well as a player in Perth. (*Tony was one of the very good blokes of hockey*)

Balinese Bulletin 4: *Thank you Peter Hammond. I'm sure you are warmer than we are right now.*

WHO YA GUNNA CALL?? Those of you who know me would recognize that I am not one of the world's greatest "Handymen" ...although, that said, I have been known to drive a nail or two, when required. It is fortunate that living where we are, every one of our near neighbours knows somebody who can & will "do things". As we all know, there are always things that need fixing. A leaky tap, a light fitting that doesn't work, a garden that needs a make-up, a water pump that requires maintenance, interior walls that need re-painting, computer problems that need to be resolved ...I could go on ...but I wont.

We are lucky enough to have had the services of local people to take care of all of the above from time to time. However, the best part is that the generally accepted daily labour cost, be it 1 hour or 4 hours, or more, is around Rp50,000 – Rp100,000 ...ie AU\$5 – AU\$10you will agree somewhat less than back in Perth.

Some of you will say that I am not the "sharpest knife in the drawer" ...sad, but true. Well after all this time here it has only just occurred to me that I seem to be the only foreign expat walking the local streets. The only time I see another expat, he or she is riding a motorbike wearing a helmet, or not. I cannot recall ever seeing another "old man" walking around nearby, especially not one that looks as though he just walked of the set of "Shipwrecked"T'shirt, shorts, sandals & longish grey hair & an equally greyish beard. As I have said before, the local people do not regard me as an Alien but now almost acknowledge me as another, if somewhat strange, local.

SEASONS. Well the rain here, it would seem, has dried up again. The Wet generally runs between October/November & March/April. The rest of the year the rain is very limited which means, believe it or not, I have to 'hand water" the garden to keep it alive. Last year I was a little lax in this area & a great deal of the garden looked as though it had died. The onset of the rains, however, soon put that notion to rest & everything just took a new surge of life & everything is even more lush than before. It would appear that the plants don't die, they just go to sleep.



Stop Press: I had in mind a history of the George Winning Trophy. Presumably donated by George back when there were only two teams, is there any record of who has won it since that historic first time? I can provide winners for recent years, but the records I have only go back to April 2006.

All news and other contributions to:

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