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Masters Matters

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Department of Health: There is no such thing as a good time to have an injury. However, some are worse than others, and some are much worse. Gordon Jeffery featured here in our last issue having been a late withdrawal from the Southern Cross O/65s in Newcastle. Les Waldon managed to suffer an injury even closer to the event and had to withdraw from the Australian O/70s two days before he was due to travel. Bill Baldwin also managed to injure his back (lifting a GK bag) and missed all of the tournament. Anne Lester is still recovering from her injured arm, and is in some pain. And I hear that Eric Alcock has had an awful time lately - he's already due for a hip replacement this June, but has now also endured shingles, and 'dry socket' too - look it up. Jeff Godfrey has just had his second knee replacement - the first was 2 years ago. He said yesterday (1st June) that a fortnight after the operation things were progressing well. I even had a small misadventure too - see Limericks. Best recovery wishes to all sufferers.

Letters To The Editor: There was limited feedback from the May issue. Thank you to those who took the trouble to respond: Eric Alcock, John Milner & Jim Malcolm. Jim converted my work in progress "An Umpires Lot Is Not A Happy One" into a definitive performing edition. The final version might be published later this year, but will probably not be performed at the Christmas Party.

Department of Limericks Part One: It's better to be an onlooker at WHM's 'A' Division than to get a really close sight of the ball, as I did on 27th April.

The ball on my forehead went crack
And both of my eyes went quite black
I had it stitched up
And got to the Cup
My good looks will never come back.

Many readers will be aware that the last line features considerable poetic licence. In this department I'm not even a has-been, just a never-was. Ed.

Department of Corrections: Apologies to John Chapman who I included in the Newcastle player list for a second time in error. It should again have been Allan Chapman from the ACT.

Well Done: I have hardly any information about May whistle blowing. Thanks go to those umpires I saw - in 'A' division they were Peter Evans, Vern Gooch, Ian Hill, Neil Mannolini, Bob Robinson and Ken Walter. Thanks also to all those unknown umpires who officiated at PHS in all divisions during the month of May. The Saturday umpires list includes just Peter Brien and Ken Edwards, but I am sure there will have been more - thanks to all.

Which Turf: A reminder to all that from June 8th to June 29th it's 'A' division on Turf 2 and 'B' / 'C' divisions on Turf 1. Usual start times apply ('B' - 1:00, 'A' - 1:30, 'C' - 3:30). We play elsewhere on the 6th and 13th July ('A' / 'B' at UWA and 'C' at Hale), then from July 20th it's back to 'A' division on PHS Turf 1 and 'B' and 'C' divisions on Turf 2. Check the fixtures online regularly.

Commiserations: To Dudley Younger, who lost his wife Gene on 4th May - while many of us were in Newcastle. He asked for this to be published: "I would like to thank everyone who attended my wife Gene's mass and service at the church and Pinnaroo. Also thanks to all of you for your kind words and support received through phone calls, emails and cards."

Rules Are Us - Without Neil Mannolini:

Neil and I almost took another look at Rule 13.2 (free hit within 5 metres of the circle), then decided to skip it as I am certain the rule will receive further amendment. This is because as it stands at the moment it is very difficult for both umpires and players. So as sticks were checked in Newcastle here are the official definitions of legal weapons:

Rule 4.7: The stick has a traditional shape with a handle & a curved head which is flat on its left side.

- a) The stick must be smooth and must not have any rough or sharp parts.*
- b) Inclusive of any additional coverings used, the stick must be able to pass through a ring with an internal diameter of 51 mm.*
- c) Any curvature along the length of the stick (the rake or bow) must have a continuous smooth profile along the whole length, must occur on the face side or the back of the stick but not both and is limited to a depth of 25 mm.*
- d) The stick must conform with the specification laid down by the FIH Rules Committee.*

Detailed information on all this is in the Rules under "Field And Equipment Specifications." Page 50. The stick is Section 2 from Page 58 on. Maximum length is 105 cms and maximum weight 737 grams.

Rules Are Us - With Neil Mannolini:

A late update from Neil, prompted by play post-tournament on the 25th.

"To CHECK or not to CHECK

Though this was mentioned before, there were a large number of stick checks in yesterday's games (O70 division). And luckily, though most were immediately followed by advantage to the 'hacked' player (and were so awarded) all should be aware that a stick check is a BREACH per se.

So guys, if you cannot tackle correctly, DO NOT STICK CHECK the player with the ball. Over my 60 years of senior hockey I've seen some nasty stick checks - including damages - and I'd hate to see this happen in our Wednesday sessions.

Neil Mannolini - volunteer umpire.

Volunteers For Cancer Study: On Wednesday 25th the small crowd in the Stadium bar heard from Mal Jackaman's medical researcher daughter Dr Connie Jackaman. She is seeking volunteers to help in a new cancer research project. The questions to be addressed are:

Does aging impact anti-cancer immune responses?

Investigating the impact of aging and the immune system on weight loss during cancer treatment.

Accelerating muscle repair in the elderly by harnessing the immune system.

Volunteers will be requested to provide feedback from an impartial community perspective on a variety of aspects of the study by completing a questionnaire. In addition, at the end of 2016 / start of 2017 they will be asked to provide a single blood sample which will produce immune cells for testing in the laboratory. Connie has provided us with an Introduction and Background document as well as a Participant Information sheet, both of which can be obtained on request.

To register your interest, contact Dr Jackaman at connie.jackaman@curtin.edu.au.

New Players: Welcome to new arrivals George Burcher and Mitch Law, who are joining the younger brigade (for me that means 'B' or 'C'). Best wishes for your time with Western Hockey Masters.

Punology One: What do you call a veterinarian with laryngitis? A hoarse doctor.

A' Division Blog: A very short item this month due to my absence.

April 27th: Due to a shortage of numbers (particularly at the start) the fixtures were not played and knockabout games happened instead. This duly resulted in John Milner and John Mercer being well and truly knocked about - he got a full-blooded hit on the knee and I got a deflected ball just above the eyes. Many thanks to John Ree and Mark Faithfull for the first aid, which slowed the blood flow enough to get me to my usual local doctor's, where 10 stitches were inserted. The two not so lovely black eyes were not permanent, despite some observers claiming that they were an improvement on the usual. John Milner told me that he has managed to recover too. The player numbers Red (11), White (9), Gold (4), and Blue (6).

May 4th / 11th: Gordon Jeffrey has covered some of this in his 'B' division report.

May 18th: I was out of action due to a virus acquired in the plane on the way home from Newcastle. Thank you to the 'A' division captains and players who were able to give me the scores and scorers.

May 25th: I finally got back to PHS to find that the parking had not improved during my absence. It is unlikely that it will change much before the Rio Olympics. The White defence was impregnable on the turf, assisting their team to three 1-0 wins. Despite what seemed like a lot of missed chances (*not all by me, I hope*) fine goals were scored by Trevor Kerr, Ash Foster, and Bob Maley, but goal of the day belongs to Ham D'Souza for a first time rocket from the top of the circle into the corner. Thanks to the two goalkeepers (Barry and John) who perforce played every match. Numbers were White (9), Red (10), Blue (9) and Gold (8). Total goals scored (8).

New Look WHM: It looks as though the new shirts roll out has progressed during my absences, but there still seems to be some more to go. The 'A' division generally have spare shirts available for fill-in players, which at least makes it easier for the umpires. The 'C' division appear to have reached a point where most players have the same coloured shirt, even though the socks are still variable. The 'B' division have always been playing at the same time as me and I haven't seen them.

The walk-out shirts are available for ordering from uniform officer Robin Bailey. If you don't know Robin, he plays in the 'A' division White team, when he isn't travelling around the PHS turfs with arm-loads of plastic bags filled with WHM hockey gear.

WACA Test Match: Our daily paper announced that the WACA had secured the first match in next summer's series against South Africa and proclaimed it to be good news. This opinion is not shared by all cricket devotees, especially Dave Horsley, who is currently organising the interstate Veterans championships in Perth later this year. After consultation with the WACA they decided that the first week in November would be the best time for this event, and Dave booked all the big social events at the WACA function rooms.

Then the test was set for the same dates and all bookings were rendered null and void. The last I heard Gloucester Park were possibly coming to the rescue.

Grumpy Old Men 1: "Generally the theories we believe we call facts, and the facts we disbelieve we call theories." Felix Cohen (1907 - 1953). *US lawyer and scholar.*

Vintage Voice May 1998: "The Management Committee resolved to ask Captains to remind players that talking to / disputing umpire's decisions to be avoided at all costs." *Have we improved?*

Western Hockey Masters at Newcastle

Photo from Simon Thomson



World Cup: Many thanks to Howie Herbert, Peter Andrews and Simon Thomson, who arranged for a lot of Wednesday players to congregate for a group photograph at the combined tournament dinner in Newcastle. Represented here are Australia, Wales, Southern Cross and Alliance.

From The Saturday O/65s: For the first time I can remember play was cancelled on 21st May. In my view quite correctly. I hope our absence did not create a black hole in YM's bar budget.

Returning to playing on the 28th did seem as though I'd never been away. Except that it felt like the bar needed to be set up, and cleaned up after play. Which it was, of course, but not by us.

Many thanks and congratulations to Bob Hotinski, who was celebrating both a personal birthday and the arrival of a grandchild on 28th May. We all enjoyed the drinks.

Thanks also to Ash Foster, who has sponsored the barbecue food for the event we have coming up on Saturday 4th June. Hope you can stay for this one.

May featured a very important anniversary:

The 14th of May was the date

John Milner has reached 88

He says it's just 'tin'

Keeps knocking it in

Long may you do so, old mate. *(There is more on this and John's goal scoring on Page 13 - Ed.)*

(I hope John will forgive my use of the 'old' word in the last line. I've known him for some time now, as I first played against him at Subs on his 80th. No hockey player can be considered to be aged.)

The French Letter No 20:

I guess all those who went to Newcastle are back and resting the tired muscles and bones. I gather it was a good tournament and certainly both Australia and Southern Cross did well.

Life here in France continues to meander along. It's been a pretty horrendous 12 months with terrorist activity impacting not just on France but on other European countries as well. At the moment France is in the grip of serious industrial unrest due to proposed changes in the laws affecting workers. Can you believe this? The Code of Work Rules for employers is over 4,000 pages. It is very restrictive and the government is proposing a severe revision to give employers more flexibility. This has caused riots in the streets with damage to businesses and buildings as well as injuries to the police.

The latest drama has been over the past five days when the unions organised a blockade of all the major refineries in France thus cutting off the supplies of fuel. This caused chaos as people rushed to service stations who had to enforce rationing and many simply ran out of fuel. I simply don't understand why the government simply did not arrest them all from day one. The right to strike is fine but it is completely irresponsible to interfere with people going about their daily lives.

I think France, as a country, needs to come to terms with the fact that they need to make some radical changes to the working conditions to free up their economy. However, the resistance to change is so highly entrenched that one wonders if the necessary changes will ever happen.

Well, I'll put an end to the political manifesto and wish you all well.

I was recently heartened by the news that France has become the biggest whisky drinking country in the world, so I think I'll celebrate with a wee dram.

Ian Purdie *Thanks Ian- as usual it's great to hear from "La Belle France."*

Test Your Knowledge With John Sanders: May's question: In 1986 Australia won the World Cup in London, coached by Richard Aggiss. He tells me that the top goal scorer in that tournament was: a) Grant Mitton. b) Richard Charlesworth. c) John Bestall. d) Colin Batch. *A late answer was received from Rusty of b) and he's right again, RC scored 7 goals there.* June's question is: Terry Walsh, WA and Australian forward played between 1975 and 1986 and scored a total of how many goals? Was it a) 40 b) 50 c) 60 d) 70. *Answer next issue.*

Shakespeare Said It: "Get this done as I command you." Pericles, Prince of Tyre Act IV Scene II. *Team coach in Newcastle. Shakespeare's next line: "Performance shall follow." Not always in my team.* "Mend your speech a little, lest you may mar your fortunes." King Lear Act I Scene I. *The Bard seems to suggest that we should be nice to the Adelaide selectors.*

Grumpy Old Men Part 2: "I think that I shall never see, a billboard lovely as a tree. Perhaps unless the billboards fall, I'll never see a tree at all." Ogden Nash (1902 - 1971)

Dummy Spit Of The Month: Due to my state of ill health I haven't seen many contenders. So I must apologise for the language I used while filling in on May 25th in the last game of the day. Tired and sore to begin with I stopped a ball flush on the knee. Then it started to rain. Sainthood awaits not.

Quotable Quote No 1: "Between two evils I always pick the one I never tried before." *Mae West in the film "Klondike Annie."*

Balinese Bulletin No 14: Welcome back to Peter Hammond.

BALI CALM:

Spend some time on the island of Bali, among the incredibly peaceful & serene Balinese people & you soon find yourself in the "Bali Calm". That said, I mean the things that interrupt your lifestyle in Australia just seem to wash away "like water off a duck's back"

Trafficjust sit, relax & look around you ...you will always find something of interest to look at.

TVthere are frequent programme changes that come with no explanation. Then there is "pixalling" that affects the screen image from time to time. Oh, then there is a fast growing tree along side the wall upon which sits the TV reception dish that will ...in wind ...dip across the face of the dish & bring the TV reception to a temporary halt ...

Power Cuts ...cuts to the electricity supply are an ongoing fact of life here ...sometimes 1 hour ..sometimes much longerbut then "who you going to call ??"

Internetlike power cuts the internet will disappear only to re-appear& then there is the "buffering" before moving to Bali I didn't even know the meaning of the word "buffering". Forget about "Broadband" ...this is still 2016.

Don't get me wrong ...life here is still greatit's just that we learn to "Chill" as the saying goes!!

DAYS OF THE WEEK ...BALI STYLE:

In one of my earlier 'musings' I described a week here as having 6 Saturdays & a Sunday. Well to redefine that somewhat the days of the week are defined as Footy days ...ie Fri, Sat & Sun. then there is Q & A..Tues, Insight ..Wed. Four Corners ..Thurs. That just leaves Mon.& that currently brings us a TV series Bosch, based on a Detective character from Michael Connolly's novels. At the end of the Footy season we often simply "don't know what day it is" ...can't be all that bad though!!!!

WOULD THIS HAPPEN IN PERTH ...Well, maybe sometimes ...

Erin is a devotee of Facebook ...me I'm just a voyeur ...I just look. Some Expats living here, other than us, very often will denigrate the "locals" for being dishonest, devious etcthat simply is NOT true. Sure there is an element of crime here but then in Australia crime is becoming a way of life, to a certain degree.

Well after more than 3 years living here we have not experienced any negative incident to "our person", so to speak. The other day I, for the first time only, left my wallet on the ledge of the local ATM I use which is located right alongside the front door of our local "IGA"some 3 min walk from our front gate. You're thinking ..."What a dill" ...& you're right!! Obviously the wallet was handed in to the people inside who do know me. A quick inspection of wallet revealed the Visa details, including photo & address. This led the lovely Komang to our door to return the wallet. After vehemently refusing any payment from me, simply returned to her place of work.

As I may have said on a number of earlier occasions ...the Balinese people are really "special".
Thanks for the photographs too Peter. I have attempted to insert them on Pages 12 and 14. Ed.

Punology Two: What do you call a rabbit with fleas? Bugs Bunny.

'B' Division Report: *Thanks again to Gordon Jeffery for this report on May's events.*

INJURIES: Peter Fogels has recommenced playing grass hockey with a sore knee, contemplating a replacement. Don Sanders has retired from Wed hockey with ongoing hip problems. Will continue to play grass hockey. Gorby continues to suffer from a torn calf muscle. Jim Balding is spending time at home looking after the family as they manage their health issues. We wish them well. Brian Thomas's knee continues to cause problems, looking at further rehab.

VISITORS: Erik Kjekstad from Canada continues playing as he catches up with family living in Perth.

EXCUSES: Recent excuses used to explain their absence from hockey:

1. I was walking down the 14th fairway when I suffered a calf strain.
2. Hurt my back doing the vacuuming at home.
3. I was concerned that the weather may turn sour and cause damage at home.
4. Twisted my ankle on the kerbing in the car park.

THIS MONTHS HOCKEY:

The World Cup has been and gone and the combatants return with stories of glory and failures, some recite the truth as truth can be more interesting than fiction whilst others embellish their stories with a touch of glamour and exaggeration. All appeared to have had an enjoyable time. Congratulations to the victors and condolences to the not so successful.

Prior to the World Cup commencing in the last week of April (missed from April due to editorial direction) and with several stars missing Gold suffered a hammering losing all 4 games they played and having 12 goals scored against them, in fact only one other goal was scored on the day. Blue and White continued with 2 terrific games with blues coming out on top winning one game and drawing the other. Bob le Merle battled hard for Gold with strong assistance from Bill Campbell and Dudley Burress.

The next two weeks saw a combined 60's and 70's competition commencing at 2.00pm. Week one saw all the older personnel arrive early to ensure that they grabbed the free parking as well as those who hadn't fully digested the information in the various emails and arrived for a 1.00 start. Not certain as to the numbers the games commenced as soon as enough players for two teams had arrived. In both weeks this was well and truly before the 2.00pm designated start time. Enough players turned up to have 4 full teams in week one and nearly 4 teams in week two. Games were played in good spirits and people were reallocated to ensure all teams were roughly even in playing strength.

With the return of the World Cup players, practice and selection trials commenced for the WA 60's and 65's Teams prior to the commencement of the Wednesday games. This resulted in some tired players (from the World Cup and training) pulling out of the Wednesday game relatively early but also saw Ian Kealley, Ian Pestana and Peter Komyschan join the B division to add a bit of sparkle. Numbers for the 3 teams were low so a fair bit of mixing and matching occurred. Gold were far more competitive and scored some strong goals. White continued with a strong performance, having no goals scored against them and was unbeaten for the day with 2 good wins. Blue played well but had to lower their colours for the day. Strong performances were provided by Peter Komyschan, Greg Allen (3 goals on a low scoring day), Ray Domingo (ran well all day) and Graeme Nicholls. Team selection for the 60's and 65's for the National Championships in Adelaide later this year for both the WA teams and the WAC teams are due to be completed shortly, if not already. Then the training begins.

Gordon Jeffery

Newcastle Impressions: As done for the previous two World Cups here are my personal opinions. I can only hope that everybody had as good a time as I did.

Departure: The Virgin terminal at Perth Airport was so full of hockey players I met Dave Horsley and John Burt while getting out of the car. In the terminal were Howie Herbert, Julian Gardner and Pam, Mike Robinson and Louise, Neil Miller, Ash Challoner and Wendy. John Crute was also on the flight on his way to Fiji for some photography.

Sydney - Newcastle: If you are unaware that the M1 is not continuous from the Harbour Bridge all the way to Newcastle you find yourself on the M2 heading for Windsor. We did a lot better on the return trip - except for using the tunnel instead of the intended bridge.

Accommodation: The Executive Inn at Wests New Lambton provided an excellent place to stay. It is a lot easier sharing a room when it contains two double beds. We could join the adjacent Leagues Club for \$5 which entitled us to discounted food (and drinks). Both were of very acceptable quality as well as price. Another benefit was that the grounds were in fairly easy walking distance. And another was the friendliness of the local people and small businesses.

Newcastle Hockey Centre: I was surprised to discover that this complex of three quality water based turfs was funded entirely through the local hockey association. Apparently promises had been made about a large grandstand and clubroom building which had never materialised. The addition of a big bat tent (more on this later) and some good quality portable showers and toilets expanded facilities considerably and the excellent work of the local volunteers made for a most successful tournament.

Stick Checks: This does not refer to a breach of Rule 9.3/9.12 - all sticks were supposed to have been checked for Rules 4.7 (b) and (c). This did not appear to have been done very systematically as there seemed to be no recording of names to make sure that all players from all teams were reviewed - or that each player submitted all his sticks for testing. Some sticks were confiscated for the duration of the tournament, leaving their owners very confused that illegal sticks are being made and sold.

Point to Ponder: During the opening ceremony, President of WGMHA Wim van Noortwijk came out with this gem: "If you think that drinking is bad for you, give up thinking."

Culture Vultures: The Southern Cross O/70 Reds may not have been the most successful team on the turf, but won the gold medal for culture easily. The Australian Chamber Orchestra's Beethoven and Mozart concert in Newcastle City Hall was attended by team members George Bradbury (and Mary), Alan Leary (and Barbara), Ric Roberts, Bob Citroen and John Mercer. David Sonenberg from the O/65 Reds provided the only competition. Concert and venue both impressed.

Newcastle Scenery: The NSW Central Coast is just as scenic as I remember from the 1970s. Nobby's Head, Fort Scratchley, Anzac Walk and the beaches all impressed. So did the trip out to Nelson Bay and Port Stephens to the north and Bateau Bay to the south.

Forgot Something: Normally what goes on tour stays on tour. There are exceptions, such as the time Rob Butler must have been a little over-excited following his (and my) team's only win. He was back at our hotel with the car, while wife Gwen was still at the ground.

Tournament Dinner: The organisers took on the challenge of a combined function for all attendees and succeeded. Serving a hot meal to the table for more than 1,000 people must have required lots of good management. Bob Robinson won second prize in the monster raffle on the night, which was a cricket bat signed by all members of the B&H series Australian team - it's quite valuable.

Tournament Spirit: To illustrate the way the Tournament Trophy was played, in the match between the Southern Cross 70s Blue and Alliance, Colin Benporath (GK) and Peter Terleski received a green card. During the next two minutes Southern Cross just passed the ball around their defence. /11

Tournament Spirit (again): Patrick Martin from the LX O/70s marked very tightly as a few of my team discovered. David (Jethro) Tull from the Southern Cross Reds went on for the second half clasping his opponent's hand - to keep the closeness going. Patrick was at his first World Cup, and enjoyed it so much he intends going to Barcelona, whether selected or not.

Temporary Bar: The tournament organisers were offered a large marquee for \$100,000. They finally were able to purchase it for much less, and with the addition of temporary flooring and tables and chairs it provided an excellent venue. After the purchase the committee received an offer of about \$10,000 more than they'd paid, and accepted this effective at the finish of the matches.

Criticism: It goes to show how well the event ran when my biggest complaint was about the weather for the closing ceremony and medal presentation. By the time we began this part of the tournament the temperature was down and the wind was up.

NSW Drivers: Showed me all that is wrong with our WA motorists by merging correctly (and well), being courteous to other road users, and not displaying any of the lunatic aggression so common on our Perth roads. Wish we could import these attitudes, instead of crystal meth.

Statistics: A team mate suggested that of the 8 goals scored by our team (Southern Cross 70s Red) 5 were scored by players called John. And also 5 of the 8 were scored by West Australians. As he and I got into both categories we decided that this was a statistic worth repeating.

Thank You: To all those involved with the running of the tournament. Thus includes the committee, the technical benches, the umpires, the food and drink servers, the medical staff, the team coaches and managers, and above all the players who travelled such a long way. England LX brought no less than 4 Tournament Trophy teams. I regard the event as an outstanding success.

Verdict: The words used in the previous "Masters Matters" were: "Newcastle will be quite different, but I am sure will be just as good in its own unique way." I got one right, for a change.

Department Of Limericks Part 2: The TT O/70s gold medal was decided by a shootout. The president of WGMHA took the 5th attempt for LX, with them 1 behind. What happened next?:

John Burt set his teeth and looked grim

Then brought down our President Wim

The penalty stroke

John thought a bad joke

So now he's a Netherlands crim.

Wim van Noortwijk did happen to mention in his address at the Southern Cross dinner that Mr John Burt would be hearing from his lawyers. Poetic licence applies again - Ed.

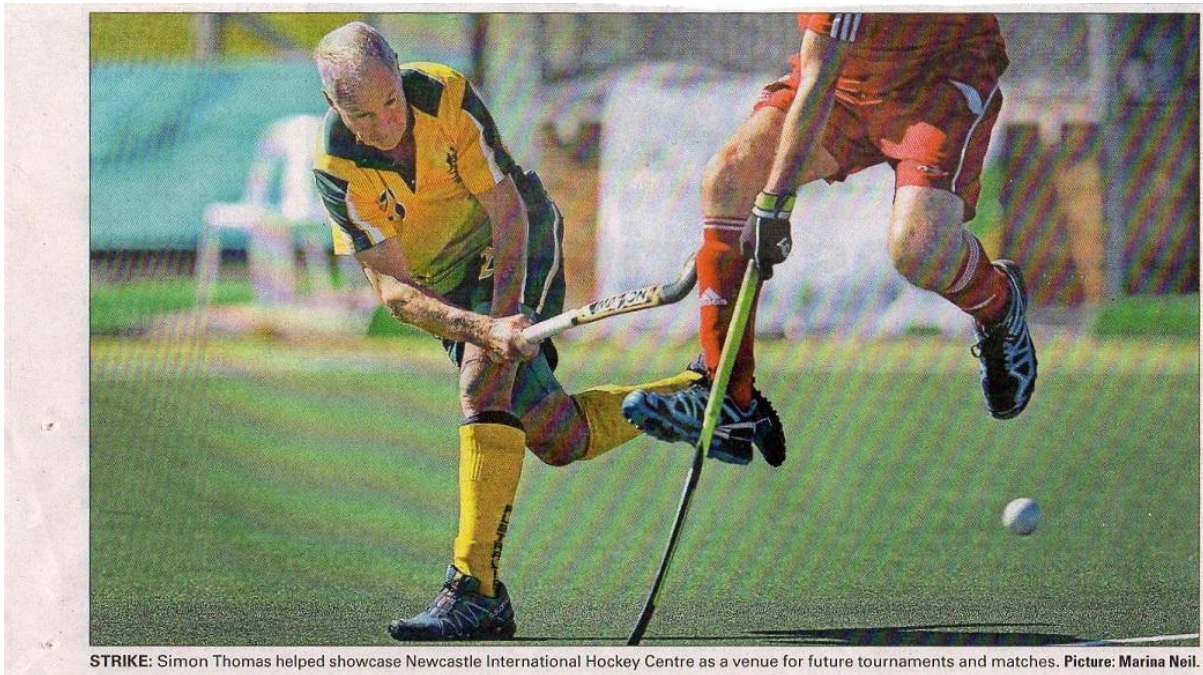
Quotable Quote No 2: "If we are going to teach creation science as an alternative to evolution, then we should also teach the stork theory as an alternative to biological reproduction." *Judith Hayes, the author of "The Happy Heretic."*

Past & Temporarily Retired Players: In my very limited May time in the PHS bar I saw Jeff Godfrey, Brian Lester, John Sanders and George Winning. At Perry Lakes on 28th May were non-players Eric Alcock, Marty Greay and Ron Venables.

All news and other contributions to:

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Tournament Coverage in the Newcastle Herald of Friday 13th May



STRIKE: Simon Thomas helped showcase Newcastle International Hockey Centre as a venue for future tournaments and matches. Picture: Marina Neil.

Not very like Gordon or Brian Thomas - it must be Simon Thomson. The paper included a full report on the gold medal matches in the 60s, 65s and 70s as well as a picture of Barry Paice, who scored the decider in the World Cup 70s gold medal shootout. The article also quoted Hockey Australia's CEO Cam Vale who thought that Newcastle had a future as a venue for international matches.

Peter Hammond's Bali Scenes For June



One small step

A Word From The Editor: This edition of “Masters Matters” had reached a large economy size and was ready to despatch when the following piece arrived in the MM in-box. A decision was taken at the highest levels of management that it had to be included while the subject is still topical. I believe that some Saturday players have heard this already, but I’m sure they would have no objections to the words being printed here. Well done to Howard Read, and to both John and Peter for providing Howard with the inspiration.

I’ve Scored Everywhere, Man: This is not a rewrite of the catalogue aria from Mozart’s Don Giovanni but a tribute to John Milner written by Howard Read (with apologies to Lucky Starr)

I was humping my sticks to the car on the dusty Peppy road
 When along came Pete on this four wheeler walker mode
 If you’re going to Perry Lakes mate with me you can ride
 So he comes into the cabin and settles down to hide
 He asked me if I’d hit any goals from the left hand side
 I said listen mate. I’ve hit ‘em at every oval in this great state
 Because I’ve got goals everywhere man.
 Across the metro area man
 I’ve goals in mountain air man
 I’ve hit them everywhere
 I’ve played them everywhere man on every oval there man
 I’ve hit them everywhere
 I’ve been doing it eighty eight years man
 I’ve played against them there man
 I’ve been everywhere
 Willeton, Newman, Cresswell, Freo
 Whitfords, Shenton, South Perth, I met Leo
 I’ve scored everywhere
 Nedlands, Corpus Christie, Veryard it’s not hard
 Hollywood, Bollywood, Raiders, Melvista (I got pissedda)
 I’ve played everywhere
 I’ve played Colin, Bob, Les and Mike
 Derek and Dudley on your bike
 Nigel, Ray, John and Jim
 Neil Terry, Graeme he’s a goalie don’t like him
 Alan, Cec, Mungy and Wiso
 John, Ric, Terry, Lindsay and Brian
 If he said he wasn’t scared he’d be lying
 I’ve scored them everywhere
 I’ve played them everywhere man across the state there man I played them everywhere.
John does not seek publicity - publicity seeks him. Ed.

For non-opera people, Don Giovanni is also known as Don Juan, and the catalogue aria features his servant Leporello enumerating his master’s conquests (“in Spain already a thousand and three”) Ed.

Peter Hammond's Bali Scenes For June

**Bath time**

Vintage Voice: I was unaware until recently that “Masters Matters” is not the first newsletter for our Wednesday competition. Thanks to Robin Bailey for some back copies of “Vintage Voice” from 1998. It seems to have been a monthly, but its editor has not included his name in the copies I have. Some extracts follow, and I will hope to include more in future editions.

Rules For Competition: At a recent captains meeting it was decided to adopt the following rules:

- a) Equal time: All regular players should be given equal time on the field.
- b) Captains to emphasise equal involvement of all players during the game.
- c) Any member inviting new member to introduce them to the Captain.
- d) New players are not guaranteed a run (unless host offers his place). Regulars have priority.

Wednesday Vintage Management Team: George Winning (Major Domo), Peter Hammond (Blue), Ross Lonnie (Red), Jim Boyce (White), Brian Young (Gold) and John Sanders (Secretary/Treasurer).