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## **Masters Matters**

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September 24th to October 8th 2016: Interstate Masters Championships - Adelaide.	
2017 (August): European Cup - Glasgow.	} Southern Cross
2017: Interstate Masters Championships - Hobart.	
2018: Masters World Cup - Madrid.	} Australia
June 20th/30th. Grand Masters World Cup - Barcelona.	} Australia and Southern Cross
2020: World Cup - possibly Japan.	} Australia and Southern Cross

**Electric Car Raffle:** Thanks to Graham Wood, who donated the prize. Thanks also go to all those who collected and stored it until it could be raffled. And well done to Bob for delaying the draw until our 'C' division had the chance to buy tickets. The winner was Mike 'Spike' Sputore and several hundred dollars has gone to swell our charity fund. In late news I met Spike at Perry Lakes on June 25th, and he told me that there is now one very happy little boy behind the wheel.

<u>State Teams</u>: These have now been selected, and are available for perusal in the Masters section of the Hockey WA web-site. Congratulations to all players selected, and especially to those who have taken on the role of team coach or manager. There are many Wednesday players going.

<u>WA Country Teams</u>: These too have now been finalised and can be viewed via the WAC web-site. If you do not know how to access this try <u>www.wacmha.org.au</u>. Again there are plenty of Wednesday players making the trip. I have tried to include a full list of all Adelaide travellers on page 4.

**<u>2017 Tournament</u>**: I first heard that the rotation of our interstate championships around the states was to end, and be replaced with a tender system, on the way to the Cairns tournament. The 2017 venue has now been announced as Hobart - refer to hockeytasmania.com.au. Reaction to this was unfavourable so far, as many of us like to have a holiday too and have just been there. See page 4.

<u>Volunteers For Cancer Study</u>: I am pleased to report that I have heard a few of us have volunteered for this study as outlined in the last "Masters Matters." If anybody did not hear about it and would like to know more please contact the newsletter editor.

**Bereavement:** Our deepest sympathies to Keith Platel from the Blue 'B' division, who lost his wife Pat on 23rd June. The number and sentiments of the notices indicate that she was much loved.

**Department of Health:** Bill Baldwin has not has a good year, having already been through a broken fibula and a World Cup ending back injury. He's now added a car accident; see Letters to the Editor. Peter Fogels was scheduled for a half knee replacement on 14th June. Hope all is going well. We saw Bob Stidwell at Perry Lakes on the 25th. He hopes to resume there in a month or two, and possibly at the Stadium before Christmas. I hope that my lack of information means that everybody out there is in rude health, but I have my doubts. Get well soon wishes go to all who need them.

<u>Letters To The Editor</u>: Thanks to those who completed the marathon of reading the June issue and took the trouble to respond: Peter Fogels, Roger Partington, Bill Baldwin, Keith Kessell (all the way from New York) Alan Chapman and John Milner. Some extracts follow:

<u>Bill Baldwin:</u> "Probably another 4 weeks until the slipped disc settles down - probably not helped by a recent car accident when I was 'T' boned at an intersection in Albany Highway - a Corolla shot a red light and smacked the Landcruiser amidships. Cruiser out for about 6 weeks & \$15K and me shaken but not stirred." *We need you back Bill as the WAC website has you in two teams for Adelaide. Ed.* <u>Keith Kessell:</u> ".. Very good to read of the carnival doings and to know that John Milner has made 88! What a role model he is for us young blokes." *I fully agree Keith - not sure John does though, Ed.* <u>John Milner:</u> ".. have to say I think I am suffering from 'over exposure'; very embarrassing. Thank you for your very kind words. This 88 thing is a bit of a burden let me tell you. … One thing I would like to say is, how much I appreciate and enjoy getting a run with you guys, particularly given my aged and depleted skills. I wouldn't miss it." *We appreciate and enjoy you having a run with us John. Ed.* 

**Department of Limericks Part One:** As all the details of travel, accommodation, uniforms and game plans are being worked out, my take on the state of play for Adelaide would be:

- Selectors have chosen their teams
- The coaches are hatching their schemes
- "Answer my email!"
- The managers wail
- And players have goal-scoring dreams.

As a forward I've wondered what defenders dream about. Smashing in a penalty corner? Making several brilliant goal-line saves? Or just hitting the ball into forwards? Ed.

**Department of Corrections**: Errors identified in the last were: 'Allan' Chapman should have been 'Alan' Chapman. And 'bat' tent of course should have been 'bar' tent. All the bats appear to have been in the editorial belfry.

**Well Dones:** Even if our umpires are mistreated on the turfs at least we can thank them here. This month thanks go to: 'A' division George Bradbury, Ash Foster, Vern Gooch, Ian Hill, Neil Mannolini, Neil Scaddan, Ken Watt and Ivan Wilson. 'B' and 'C' division umpires I've sighted have included John Lindsay, Steve Farrar, Nick Peirera and Ian Pestana; so thanks to these gentlemen and all those June umpires not known to me. Saturday umpires: Ken Beer, Peter Brien, Dudley Burress, Ken Edwards, Brian Glencross, Bob Hotinski, and Ron Venables. Thanks to all.

**Well Done:** To Scott Blackwell, who was on ABC local radio on June 9th discussing palliative care and other planning for the end of life - from both the professional and personal point of view. Thank you Scott for a most interesting and enlightening broadcast.

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#### **Rules Are Us - With Neil Mannolini:**

"To check or not to check" ... with stick or body, that is the question. Actually the Rule Book (9.12 on Page 26) spells it out in detail, but I'll keep it short. Players must not obstruct an opponent who is attempting to play the ball. How?

- Backing into an opponent.
- Interfering with the stick or BODY of an opponent.

- Shielding the ball from a legitimate tackle with their stick or ANY part of their body. Of late there have been far too many 'stick checks' or chops and backing their bums into a player trying to get at the ball.

Neil Mannolini - volunteer umpire.

Thanks Neil - I have an opinion piece on these lines too, which can be found on Page 9. Ed.

<u>Rules Are Us Part Two:</u> Ron Venables went to watch his grandson play for Raiders, and noticed that the umpires were blowing raised balls to give the defender priority at all times regardless of whether the forward was there first. Rule 9.10 seems to me to be clear and explicit. It states:

"Players must not approach within 5 metres of an opponent controlling a falling, raised ball until it has been received, controlled and is on the ground."

*"The initial receiver has a right to the ball. If it is not clear which player is the initial receiver, the player of the team which raised the ball must allow the opponent to receive it."* 

<u>Editorial - They Also Serve ...:</u> This is not prompted by any personal adversities, but by observation as the 'A' division seasons have progressed. In the last issue I quoted the Rules For Competition as printed in the 'Vintage Voice' from 1998. The second one stated that 'Captains to emphasise equal involvement of all players on the field.' I am not convinced that we are living up to this objective at the moment. It seems to be common to look towards the wing nowadays, but much less common to actually pass the ball in that direction, even when the player is wide open. When the pass eventually does arrive it will usually be missed, because its recipient has gone stone cold. So why not pass the ball wide? You never know, if you keep running into space you may even get the ball back.

<u>Players Wanted For Adelaide</u>: South Australia (the home State) are having trouble getting enough players to fill their Over 60 side. If you are in the age range and interested please contact Ric Roberts (yes, the Southern Cross one) at <u>ric.roberts@iinet.net.au</u> or mobile 0414 282 621.

Interstate Tournament 2017: As revealed on Page 2 the regular visits to all states have now gone and been replaced by a tendering system. Is this the end of our hockey holidays? Now there's to be no rotation No more will we criss-cross the nation The interstate bash Was sold off for cash And ended our hockey vacation.

<u>Grumpy Old Men 1:</u> "Skill without imagination is craftsmanship and gives us many useful objects such as wickerwork picnic baskets. Imagination without skill gives us modern art." Sir Tom Stoppard. (1937 - ). *English playwright and screen writer.* 

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<u>A' Division Blog:</u> A very long piece this month due to there being much to report.

**June 1st:** Parking is still a problem, and looks like a continuing one. We managed to all get there and get started on a day where it appeared that 2 teams played well and dominated, and 2 teams didn't. This in fact was not the case - Blue could not convert territory and possession into goals and appear to be missing Peter Dennis badly. Red led Gold 2-0, and managed to lose. So Gold and White won twice and drew with one another, while Blue and Red lost twice, and drew with one another. Goal of the day could go to either Trevor Kerr for another crunch into the far corner, or temporary Red team mate Jim Malcolm for a fine reflex goal, or to Ken Walter for crafty use of the backline after rounding the keeper. Steal of the day probably goes to John Mercer for depriving his team mates of a goal or two. Player numbers were Blue (11), Gold (9), White (9), and Red (7) and there were 11 goals scored for the day, including 4 to Kenny Walter.

June 8th: This was a day where all teams played well on 75% of the turf, but only White kept passing the ball inside the 23 metre line and the attacking circle. As a consequence they scored most of the day's goals. Scoring was made difficult by the good play of the 3 goalkeepers Barry, Colin and John as well as several superb saves by defenders on the goal line. Ron Venables was back after an injuryenforced rest, but did not seem to have lost pace or fitness or skills, while it is probably a good thing that Ham D'Souza's cardiologist was not in the stands to see how much ground his patient covers on a Wednesday afternoon. John Mercer was the main beneficiary of some great passes from this duo, ending up with 4 goals. Goal of the day contenders were put in by Ash Foster, Neil Patterson & Ron Venables (a hit!). Player numbers were Red (10), White (10), Gold (8) and Blue (11). Total goals 8. June 15th: Perhaps due to the forthcoming Adelaide tournament, numbers were sky high. This led to some players ending up short of the match time they would have liked and the re-allocation of extra players was a bit dodgy. Overall, the hockey ended up fairly even though two games were not. The White side have not lost for 15 games now but conceded 3 goals, having only given up 2 in the last 12 games. After a bad start Blue got their passing game back and put three goals past Red, who were the only side not to win one match. They did draw twice but were hampered by an inability to score. Quite a lot of goals went in despite the best efforts of Barry, Colin and Tony. Doubles went to Neil Patterson & John Ree (both Blue) but Ham D'Souza managed four (not all for White) including goal of the day for an angled effort playing for Gold against Blue. John Ree managed to leave his hockey bag at home (which did not include his goal-scoring stick) and kitted himself up from lost property. This produced a rather odd sartorial effect, prompting Bob Robinson to comment that John looked ready to ride the favourite in the next at Ascot. Player numbers were Blue (10), Gold (9), Red (13) and White (13). Goals scored 13. PS: Paul Robinson scored with a hit! If Ron V can do it, he can too. June 22nd: This was a day without a draw, and the Red side lost their three matches and failed to score a goal. They got the ball to the goal line on quite a few occasions but could not add the extra few inches - just one of those bad days. In contrast, White took better advantage of their chances, with a hat trick of goals to Ham D'Souza and a hat trick of wins. Gold were down on numbers but with the addition of Rob Butler (up from Bruce Rock), Jim Banks, Peter Stevens and Robin Bailey managed to eke out wins over Red (who missed several sitters) and Blue, who had the advantage of possession and territory. Thanks to Graeme Samson who came from Turf 1 to join Tony Marshall and give us two keepers. Both saved well and often. Goal of the day contenders included good corners to Ham D'Souza (after the final whistle for a White 1-0 win over Red) and Peter Gason, but Col Sanders got the palm for a fine shot from the right inner position. Player numbers were White (11), Red (12), Blue (11) and Gold (6). Total goals scored (13). Continued on Page 6 /



Photo from Pat Kirwan



NATIONAL VETERANS CARNIVAL 1980

<u>Rear:</u> J. Metcalf, G. Sims, A. Blunt, T. O'Connell, G. Winning, W. Daly, H Rayney, R Ranford. <u>Centre:</u> D King, D Gasmier, W Harris, R Tridgett, T Mullings, K Hawkins, D Cain, G Ruthven, P Thunder. <u>Front:</u> R Ten Seldam, P Bensley, N Bardsley (asst manager), J Evans (c), G Stainton (vc), F Bestall, H Duncan (manager).

Ground: N Bullock, C Sanders, P Kirwan.

**From The Saturday O/65s:** There has not been a lot to report for June, which I would hope is a sign that our afternoons are going well. We continue to get enough to run 3 teams, Jim Wright rosters and guides the snack providers, and George Bradbury rosters the team selectors and ensures that fees and casual player payments are received. Bar staff Howie and John take it easy until July 9th. Les and Bob make sure that things keep running smoothly.

Our regular umpires continue to volunteer their services. Each week nearly all players stay on for the social aspect of the day and our relationship with YM remains excellent.

Most importantly, the games are still played and umpired very much in the right spirit.

<u>A' Division Blog (Continued)</u>: It seems to be time that this section of the newsletter went on a diet. <u>June 29th</u>: The Red team finally managed to score a couple of goals, but still were not able to win a game, suffering two one goal losses and a draw. They have long term losses in Peter Murray & Stan Salazaar, and captain Roger Partington is holidaying (again - I'm envious). The rest of the day was very even, with great scoring from Ham D'Souza (White - 4 goals) and Ian Lyon (Gold - 3 goals). Ken Walter (Gold) correctly claimed a pair of assists for the day. White lost their first match for some time due to an appalling miss from John Mercer, and a defence which was not as stable as usual. We still have only two goalkeepers - thanks again to Tony Marshall and Graeme Samson. Goal of the day went to Mal Horrigan of Red for a fine team goal with Ash Foster prominent in the lead up work. The player numbers were Blue (10), Gold (8), White (11), and Red (7). Total goals scored were 11.

**Punology 1:** Did you hear about the man who tried to eat a clock? He found it too time-consuming.

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#### The French Letter No 21:

Well spring has come and gone with very little spring in it. Record rain and record lack of sunlight. On average, throughout France there was 50% less sun than usual for the month of May - incredible! On top of that there was some pretty disastrous flooding in many areas of France. Summer has officially started but the weather is pretty ordinary - we can only wait and see. I'm hoping that my vegie garden will produce some decent products but I'm not holding my breath. At the moment it's pretty waterlogged.

And of course, last week, to top off the weather miseries there was a terrorist assassination of a police commander and his policewoman wife. Horrendous. Stabbed as he got out of his car coming home from work and then the guy got inside the house and slit the throat of the wife in front of their young child. The gendarmes killed him in the end, but a terrible tragedy.

On the brighter side of things we currently have Euro 2016; the football (soccer) competition between European countries. Currently down to the last 16 and the beginning of the knockout games. Yesterday (Sunday) France played the Republic of Ireland, and were down 0-1 after two minutes courtesy of a penalty goal. However they rallied in the second half and won 2-1. The Irish have won the crowd singing at every game they have played but their footy has been pretty good as well. France will now play either England or Iceland in the quarter finals. Yes, I did say Iceland - only 300,000 people but they have a damn good football team at their first time in the competition.

And to top it all off we now have the Brexit dilemma. It will be fascinating to see how the British Parliament deals with the petition to have another referendum. Apparently there is something in the law that says you need a 60% deciding vote in any referendum. I don't quite understand that because if that is the case why announce the result as having been a victory for the "leavers"? I guess the lawyers are all burning the midnight oil.

Well that's all from me and best wishes to all.

Ian Purdie. Thanks Ian - from our bleak midwinter. Good prediction about Iceland.

**Test Your Knowledge With John Sanders:** June's question was: 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. *No answers this month - another win for John. Terry Walsh ended up with 70 goals.* July's question is: Only one of these statements is true about that successful trio of Australian forwards - Mark Hager, Jay Stacy and Steven Davies. Was it: a) They all represented Victoria b) They all scored over 150 goals for Australia c) They never scored against New Zealand d) They made their debut in the same year. *Answer next issue.* 

**Shakespeare Said It:** "I bring a trumpet to awake his ear; to set his sense on the attentive bent, and then to speak." Troilus And Cressida Act I Scene III. *Would it work on a deaf team mate?* "Therefore each one betake him to his rest; tomorrow all for speeding do their best." Pericles, Prince of Tyre Act II Scene III. *Tuesday and Friday evenings for those who still can speed on field.* 

<u>Grumpy Old Men & Women Part 2:</u> "No one really listens to anyone else and if you try it for a while you'll see why." Mignon McLaughlin (1913 - 1983), US journalist, author of a trilogy: 'The Neurotic's Notebook,' The Second Neurotic's Notebook,' and 'The Complete Neurotic's Note Book.'

<u>Quotable Quote No 1:</u> "Golf and sex are about the only things you can enjoy without being good at." Jimmy Demaret. Former US professional golfer (1910 - 1983). <u>Balinese Bulletin No 15:</u> Good to hear from Peter Hammond again, who I'm sure is warmer than us. HOUSE MOVE ...Bali Style.

Some people say that moving house is one of the most traumatic events you can face. Well I can contest to that being true back in Perth, however up here in Bali it was something of a "breeze" ...in relative terms. We recently decided to look for something a little less expensive ..not that what we had was overly expensive, but any savings that were to be had would be very welcome to a couple of "Old People" like ourselves.

We were offered the opportunity to look at a house owned by members of our lovely Balinese helper & friend who comes by every morning. This house was to become vacant at the same time the annual rental contract was due on the house we occupied. To cut what could become a very long story short we fell in love with it & subsequently agreed to take it over. In the space of 24 hours we had moved, "lock stock & barrel", including a houseful of all our own furniture into our new abode. Fortunately the move, in terms of distance, was only some 5 min away from where we were. Having a number of friendly & willing "helpers" to assist with the move was terrific & everything went to plan without a hitch. By the end of the day we were relatively settled & were both amazed & very thankful that we were looking at a total cost of a little less than Au\$100. I have offered a couple of pics of our new Bali house.

Apology for non-inclusion - Pages 11/12 were deleted very late. They will be in the next one. Ed. CREMATION CAN WAIT ....

Putu, our BFF (Best Bali Friend), lost her Grandmother in-law late last week, at the "tender" age of just 100 yrs. She had been very sick for some time & her time had come. Unfortunately her Cremation cannot take place until late in July due to a number of Balinese Spiritual Ceremonies that are held at this time. In the meantime they will hold her body in the "freezer" section of a local hospital. Amongst the various ceremonies are ....

Tumpek Landep:

Sariswati:

Pagerwesi:

For those of you who wish to be more "culturally aware" can I suggest you "Google" these ceremonies rather than be asked to read about them here. I know some of you may have, what you feel are more important issues to task your mind with ...like the upcoming Federal Election ...which will be over & done with by the time this is published.

MOTORBIKE TRAVEL:

I have had the occasion recently to join a Balinese friend on the back of his motorbike to travel short distances. Naturally a helmet was provided ...I'm not that silly!!! Whilst it was refreshing to travel the Bali roads a little quicker than those cars we encountered I think I still prefer the comfort of the six seater Japanese/Korean vehicles we generally use.

Peter also writes "Please pass on my best wishes to all." Ed.

<u>'B' Division Report:</u> Gordon Jeffery is holidaying in Vietnam, and due to weight requirements was not able to take his laptop. So the 'B' report will have to miss this issue. Gordon and the report will hopefully be back for the August "Masters Matters."

**Dummy Spit Of The Month:** A self-administered yellow card was good enough to win this for Ivan Wilson. There have been a few contenders this month - perhaps a few too many.

<u>WHM At Adelaide</u>: As best as I can determine from the Wednesday team lists here are the members of WHM who will be off to the tournament. As always, corrections and updates are welcome.

## <u>W.A.:</u>

<u>O/50</u> - Robert Behets, Peter Chisholm, Michael Hallam, Tim Reynolds.

<u>O/55</u> - Brian Robinson, David Elliot, Fred Flanagan, Noel Morrison, Steve Pestana (coach), John Pestana, Craig Burgess.

<u>O/60</u> - Greg Allen, Wayne Cutler (manager), Steve Farrar, Keith Gilbride, Graham Harper, Colin Howell (coach), David Kerslake, Peter Komyshan, George Naylor, Ian Simes, Peter Westlund <u>O/65</u> - Ian Brown, Bill Campbell, Jim Campbell, Len Collier, Roger Davey, Dudley Evans, Ian Kealley, Alan Ledger, Ron Mitchell, Peter Morgan, Ian Pestana, Heath Tyrell. Jim Banks will coach this side and Dennis Reid will be the manager.

<u>O/70</u> - Peter Andrews, Stan Balding, Scott Blackwell, Len Blyth, John Burt, Graham Challenor, Howie Herbert, Mal Horrigan, John Jeffreys, Peter Murray, Brian Soares, Simon Thomson, Les Waldon, Ken Walter, Ham D'Souza. Don Smart coach and Bill Williamson manager.

<u>O/75</u> - Ash Foster, Peter Gason, Graham Harler, David Lester, Ian Lyon, Paul Robinson, Barry Rutter, Colin Sanders (coach), Ron Venables, Peter Willet. Manager Lesley Rutter.

### W.A. Country:

O/50 - Peter Bampton.

O/55 - Stuart Amphlett, Stuart Burnfield.

O/60 - Dave Evans, Adrian Gabriel, Steve McEntee, Glen Mihala, Chris Morley, Brian Thomas.

O/65 - Gordon Jeffrey, Bob Le Merle, Richard Osborne, Mike Robinson, Graham Wood.

O/70 - George Bradbury, Ken Beer, Rob Butler, Harvey Davies, Julian Gardner, David Horsley, John Mercer, Roger Partington, Neil Patterson.

O/75 - Bill Baldwin, Peter Blockley, Bob Bowyer, John Halley (captain), Roy Hansen, Bob Maley, John Ree, Brian Stewart, Ken Watt (coach).

<u>Are You Enjoying 'A' Division?</u> In my opinion our Wednesday games are no longer providing a good preparation for playing in a tournament. We do not award cards on either Wednesdays or Saturdays and I am coming to the conclusion that we may need to unless we clean up our act.

It seems to be necessary to remind players that both our regular umpires are comparatively advanced in age and are no longer as mobile as they were. Consequently they can no longer get into position to see all breaches of the rules. This is being taken advantage of by a few of us, who commit offences which would merit a card in a tournament. I thought that as we were no longer playing for points that the need to win at all costs might lessen - instead I believe that things are now worse.

So how do I suggest that we put an end to the crunching tackles, sly and not so sly pushes, and all the other elements of over-rough play? I think we have two approaches. One is to pay for top level umpires to preside over a couple of Wednesday afternoons & ask them to use cards whenever it is appropriate. The other is for us all to start playing within the rules as much as possible, and give up the play when we know we have offended - as sometimes does happen now. We could also try not to dispute decisions, and above all, try to lighten up a little.

My answer to the headline question would be "Not as much as I used to." I would very much like to hear from readers and umpires on this question, as I feel we are in danger of losing players.

Punology Two: "So what if I don't know what apocalypse means? It's not the end of the world."

Department Of Limericks Part 2: On the previous page I wrote at length about the rule breaches which have become a regular feature of the 'A' division these days. The shorter version: For many enough is enough Our games are becoming too rough As some think it's sweet To go out and cheat It's time that our umpires got tough.

**Quotable Quote No 2:** "It is always the best policy to speak the truth - unless, of course, you are an exceptionally good liar." *Jerome K. Jerome (1859 - 1927), English writer and humorist and the author of "Three Men in a Boat." No connection between this quote and the election, of course.* 

Past & Temporarily Retired Players: During June we saw Jeff Godfrey, Brian Lester, Peter Murray, John Sanders, Nigel Thomas (and truffles), George Winning and Dudley Younger. At Perry Lakes on 28th May were non-players Eric Alcock, Marty Greay and Ron Venables.

It was very good to welcome back Dudley Younger, who is hoping to be back with us more often. Nigel Thomas was back from Florida, and as usual donated truffle prizes to the raffle - thanks. Peter Murray was selected to draw the first raffle ticket, and executed a perfect self-pass.

<u>Well Done</u>: This does not mean over-cooked. Thanks to the sausage cooks for June. At the Stadium on 1st June these were Neil Miller, Chip Challoner and Bob Robinson. At Perry Lakes on 4th June the honours were done by Ron Venables and Neil Scaddan.

<u>Which Turf</u>: A reminder to all that 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 PHS with 'A' division on Turf 1 and 'B' and 'C' divisions on Turf 2. Check the fixtures online regularly.

<u>Update Your Details</u>: Email is an essential tool of communication from our Secretary to members of WHM - something which I'm sure you know already. If you change your email address can you make sure that you notify our data base administrator Colin Gee at <u>gee.colin@gmail.com</u>. Or you could contact our Secretary at <u>rbow6666@bigpond.com</u>. Or as a last extremity the newsletter editor has his email address included on this page.

<u>Adelaide Players</u>: If you are not going to the interstate tournament and are having second thoughts there are still some opportunities to play, particularly in the older age groups Please ask around.

**Doom And Gloom:** I regret the negative tone which has crept into this issue. I wrote in the very first one that the editorial policy would be to grease the wheels rather than throw sand in them, but the mid winter blues seem to have kicked in. Just possibly the interminable election campaign had some effect too. Once the light starts to come back in the second half of July I'm sure it will be a great help in the August "Masters Matters" returning to its normal cheerfulness.

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