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Dates For The Diary:

August 17th: 'A' division at UWA. 'B' and 'C' divisions unchanged - PHS.
 August 24th to September 21st: 'A' division includes Adelaide teams. 'B' division includes WA O/65s.
 September 24th to October 8th 2016: Interstate Masters Championships - Adelaide.
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The Heat Is On: Only those of you who do not read their emails will be unaware that the Western Masters Committee has decided (meeting 20th July) to support this program. It is run by the HWA High Performance Section and its aim is to provide young, talented players with a holistic athletic development (strength and conditioning, rehabilitation, game sense, technical and tactical). The acronym HEAT stands for Holistic Elite Athlete Training. My personal opinion is that it's good to see us putting something back into our sport.

State And WA Country Teams: I attempted to list the WHM members of these teams last issue. The State O/75s should have included Bill Williamson, while I'm told that Bill Baldwin has been forced to pull out of the tournament altogether. Any further corrections and updates are welcome.

2016 Tournament: As from 24th August the 'A' division will be revised to accommodate the sides going to Adelaide. The four teams will be: State O/70s, State O/75s plus a couple of extra players, combined Country O/70s and O/75, and the rest. Imbalances are a possible cause for concern, and I am not sure how these would be best addressed. Forwards against backs from the same team surely defeats the purpose of the whole exercise. And while there may be times where a coach would like to be able to practice team work under less pressure than usual this is not the best preparation for a match against high-quality opposition. The 'B' division will feature the State O/65s, and their coach Jim Banks has been kind enough to send me his training program - see Page 12.

Pat Platel: "Thank you to all of you who have expressed your condolences following the recent passing of Pat. We have been overwhelmed by the support from our friends and colleagues. Pat had a wonderful send off with about 500 people turning up at the mass. My sincere thanks."

Keith

And thank you Keith for taking the trouble to send us this in your time of sorrow. Ed.

Department of Health: Scott Blackwell is having problems with a knee, but at least the repaired ACL is OK - just a cartilage repair due to be done on 28th July. Peter Fogels has been back on his ride-on mower after the knee operation. He says it's a case of small steps every day, but getting better. Paul Robinson has suffered a recurrence of the sciatica which afflicted him in Hobart (2012) and has been walking with difficulty. Graham Harler has had a bad attack of glandular fever but is now on the road back to match fitness. Les Waldon has a shoulder operation coming up after Adelaide but a cortisone injection has done a lot of good. I trust that those going to Adelaide will take care of themselves, and get there safely - there's a first time for everything. Let's all try to get well and stay well.

Letters To The Editor: Feedback is welcome, either positive or negative. Thanks to Colin Sanders, Graham Wood, John Milner, Stan Salazaar, Ken Watt, Phil Anderson & Derek Jobe. Some highlights: Graham Wood: Emailed us from: "Sawi, a small town near Chumpon on the southern peninsula of Thailand. I am teaching English at a government high school with over 3000 kids, quite an experience as the school have a policy 'that nobody fails' English, so there are many 5/10 test results." *Great to hear from you Woody, and from a new country for 'Masters Matters' too. Ed.*

Phil Anderson: Would have preferred the report of the White team's first loss for some time to have given a little more credit to the good play of the Blues rather than dwell on the shortcomings of the Whites, and pointed out that both sides had missed good scoring opportunities. My thanks go to Phil for some feedback on this section - the first. The comment is fair enough - I'm definitely biased. Ed.

Department of Corrections: I have yet to find a mistake, and there were no reader complaints. This state of affairs is too good to be true - let's enjoy it while we can.

Well Dones: Many people had a go at umpiring the 'A' division at the start of July. They included: George Bradbury, Julian Gardner, Vern Gooch, Ian Hill, Dave Horsley, Mal Jackaman, Neil Mannolini, John Mercer, Paul Robinson Neil Scaddan, Brian Soares, Ron Venables and Ken Watt. By the end of July Neil and Vern were doing all the games again - if you ever feel like a rest let the captains know. 'B' and 'C' division umpires were again not known to me, but thanks to you all. The Saturday umpires I noted (apologies if I missed you) were George Bradbury, Peter Brien, Ken Edwards, Brian Glencross, Peter Leonhardt, John Mercer, Steve Powles, Neil Scaddan, Ron Venables, Ken Walter. Thanks umps. The cooks' honour roll for July features Brian Lester & Robin Bailey (UWA 06/07), Neil Scaddan & Harvey Davies (UWA 13/07) and all the rostered Saturday caterers. Thank you to the workers.

Editorial: Last issue I sounded off about the end of our tournament roster. I trust that the relevant Masters Hockey committees will monitor the result very carefully, as there is every chance that the more senior players will vote with their feet, and stop attending the tournament. Air fares from WA are comparatively expensive, and my own inclination is to think seriously about making Adelaide my last one. It would be a great shame if this were to jeopardise the work-in-progress O/75s.

On a related topic it really must be time that we give serious consideration to splitting the tournament. I have heard (unofficially) that there are 84 teams due in Adelaide, which would strain any hockey centre in Australia, even the superb Hobart facility. This is twice the number of teams in the very successful Grand Masters World Cup in Newcastle. Advantages of the split include that for the older age groups the tournament need not be held in school holidays, resulting in lower air fares and accommodation costs. In addition the smaller numbers would expand the number of locations & venues which would be capable of hosting the event. Reader opinions welcome.

Rules Are Us - With Neil Mannolini:

"May I suggest the following for the 'Masters' going to Adelaide.

Stick Checking: Generally, umpires at State Championships tend to be strict on the rules and one that should be enforced is 9.3 ... 'Players must not touch, handle or interfere with other players or their sticks or clothing.' Old age is no excuse for players who cannot get to the ball to play at it and check their opponent's stick so DO NOT DO IT."

Neil Mannolini - volunteer umpire.

Thanks Neil - I note from Gordon Jeffrey's 'B' Division report on Page 9 that they are giving cards for bad tackles in the lead-up to Adelaide. Reader opinions ('A', 'B' and 'C' divisions) are welcome. Ed.

Turkish Tale: In the light of July's news from Ankara I asked Neil for a few words on his and Pat's just completed visit. I am very pleased that he's obliged.

"Iran and Turkey visit: Pat and I went despite warning from our government and were amazed at the beauty and history - particularly the historic ruins / the gardens / the friendly people. Everywhere they greeted us ... 'Welcome to our country' and if we stopped to look at something in a window they would ask us 'Can we help you?' and with a smile on their faces"

On a free afternoon we stopped at a drink or coffee shop to enjoy an ice cream, and while admiring cake slices on display Pat said 'That's a nice slice' (in English of course). A young guy and his girl friend were seated at a near table and after a while he got up, went past us to the cashier, then came back presenting us with a slice on a plate with (in English) 'Welcome to our country.'

Wouldn't get that in Perth."

Space permitting in future Masters Matters I can share further trip bits with your readers. Neil.

Speaking personally I'd very much like to read some more. Readers of a similar opinion may let Neil know on Wednesdays - or contact Masters Matters if not in range of PHS.

Department of Limericks Part One: As I seem to be obsessed with preparations for Adelaide, here is one more about pre-tournament tasks. Not as bad as the 6:00 am Sunday sessions of bygone years.

We have to do tournament training

And listen to coaches explaining

Perform all the drills

Plus work on our skills

It really is no good complaining.

For the benefit of younger readers 6:00 am was the only available time for the State team to have a run on a Perth turf. Country players then (as now) had to clock up the miles going bush. Ed.

Grand Masters World Cup 2016: I just had another look at my thank you list for this event and found that I had completely omitted to thank the Southern Cross organisation. Those I can name who merit our gratitude: Ric Roberts (chairman), Peter Hayes (secretary), Peter Fogels (uniforms and web site), Tony Cohen (chef de mission) & Wayne Harris (accommodation). All the work was much appreciated by those of us who pulled on the blue and green in Newcastle.

Perry Lakes Bar Prices: It has occurred to me that the reason we sometimes have cash variances when we are doing the bar ourselves is that nobody knows the prices. I'll repeat this before our summer season starts, but all beers cost \$3 and all soft drinks are \$2. Wines are by arrangement.

A' Division Blog: At the start of the month Blue were doing badly. By the end they were unbeatable.

July 6th: Back to UWA, and all was OK once we managed to get the turfs watered. I heard of at least two of our number who were absent minding grandchildren. Red achieved the best result on the day and Blue the worst (no goals for, two against, two losses). Goalkeepers Barry, Graeme & Tony were hard to pass, and not all the shooting was on target, possibly due to chilled fingers. Goal of the day contenders included fine finishes by Mal Horrigan and David Pandher but on reflection Ian Lyon got the nod for winding the clock back a few years and from the left wing drilling one into the far corner. Player behaviour seemed to be acceptable in the main. Thanks to the sausage cooks Brian Lester and Robin Bailey, & also to regular onion supplier Ivan Wilson. Player numbers were Red (7), White (11), Gold (6), and Blue (10). We welcomed Julian Gardner up from Esperance. Goals scored 9.

July 13th: The day did not begin well, with temporary Red captain Jim Wright saying that he had four players. Five actually rolled up, and with the addition of extra players Terry Gaston, Roy Hansen (up from Bunbury) and Peter Hearne plus other fill-ins we managed to play the fixtures after a fashion. Possibly due to the awful weather of the past week the standard of the hockey was not great, with the 3 goalkeepers Barry, John and Tony being rarely called upon. Casual water caused almost as many problems as forwards. The highlights reel is a brief one, but a great goal line save from David Lester (after limping off in the previous game) and a fine shot from the top of the circle by Ian Lyon (goal of the day again) must be included. Player behaviour was not great, and maybe the midwinter weather does not help. The tag "Grumpy old men" probably applied even more after we discovered that the UWA bar had not opened, but the sausages were cooked (Neil Scaddan and Harvey Davies) and some improvisation took place for drinks after the wine raffle and the discovery of some plastic cups. Player numbers were Blue (10), Gold (7), Red (8) and White (10). Total goals scored 5.

July 20th: It was definitely not a day for scoring, with five 1-0 wins and a 0-0 draw. Blue's three wins were enough to give them 60% of the goals, leaving one goal each for Gold and White and none for Red. The midfield play was quite good for most of the day, but the finishing reflected the absence of constructive set-ups. Goalkeepers Barry, Graeme, John and Tony managed to save many of the shots on target. Goal of the day is split between all those who did manage to get one in the net, and player behaviour was not too bad. A few of us fell over; not always due to interaction with an opponent. Ian Hill's slow topple had a few of us on the sideline worried, as he travels a long distance when falling. We again welcomed Country players Rob Butler and Roy Hansen, while it was good to see JJ (John Jefferies) in action again. The same goes for Roger Partington, now returned from his cruising holiday. Numbers were greatly improved; the actual figures were White (10), Red (9), Blue (12) and Gold (9). Goals scored 5. *PS: Blue captain Neil Scaddan played for Gold - to help his side he said.*

July 27th: No draws again, as well as three wins to Blue again. The standard of the hockey was not great and the number of mistakes must have made life very difficult for the umpires. A few players we have not seen for a while returned to the field - welcome back to Len Blyth, Ken Walter, Graham Harler and (for the third time) Gordon Thomas. Ken Walter actually introduced himself to a few fellow WHM members. It's good to have four goalkeepers, so that they did not have to play in every game - perhaps we could do the same for umpires, and give them an occasional rest too. Goal of the day contenders include Adolphus Abrahams, John Jeffrey and Colin Sanders. Terry Gaston (Blue) and Jim Banks (Red) helped make to fill the teams, while Robin Bailey transferred to Red (from White) for the day. Player numbers were Blue (10), Gold (10), White (11) and Red (9). Total goals scored (9). *PS: Neil Scaddan was away and his side won three games again. I'm sure there is no connection.*

Peter and Erin's New Home

Photo from Peter Hammond



These pictures should have been in the previous issue, apologies to PH. The others are on Page 11.

From The Saturday O/65s: We have managed to avoid being washed away in a July which featured a lot of wet Saturdays. The 23rd was so bad that Ken Watt went home, while Peter Gason and Marty Gray did not get off the verandah. John Mercer and Peter Stevens sat out for two games until the downpour stopped. We were amazed that the 23 players (counted during a brief break in the rain) on the field stayed there despite the weather.

Former players sighted on the 30th were Jim Boyce and Bob Stidwell, even though it was not a good day to be on the sidelines. Every Saturday seems to us like a good day to be in the bar and we often get all players staying on for a while. There are some social events coming up - a pizza night is planned for August 20th and we will be having the usual Christmas party.

The July rain prompted this limerick:

I think that it might be in vain
To wish for no Saturday rain
It makes players frown
As it starts pouring down
Why can't it all land in the drain?

Grumpy Old Men Part 1: "Rock journalism is people who can't write interviewing people who can't talk for people who can't read." Frank Zappa (1940 - 1993).

Punology 1: This year's flu is going viral.

The French Letter No 22:

France seems to continue on to one terrorist disaster after another – it has been a horrendous last eighteen months. The recent one in Nice was incredible – hired a large truck and simply drove it through the large crowds celebrating Bastille Day. Mind you, some pointed questions are being asked about security levels – a busy major road, closed off to traffic, cameras everywhere and a large security station manning all the cameras and no one did anything about the truck until it was too late. Apart from the fact that the celebrations were on it was a road that was forbidden to all heavy traffic. So how did the truck get as far as it did? A major enquiry is under way but that does nothing for the many grieving families from France and other countries. I can't help but think that France continues to pay the price for its involvement in the war against DAESH and other groups in Syria and Iraq. France has a big commitment of resources, particularly in air bombardments.

To top it all off, today literally as I was writing this piece, there was the attack at a Church in the suburb of Rouen where the priest had his throat cut and a parishioner was critically injured. The terrorists were shot by police and you probably all heard about it on your news bulletins. This attack was only about 30 kms from where we live. It's impossible to have security for everyone and everything but it is certainly a crazy, harsh world we are living in at the moment. Given all the lessons of history it's amazing that we humans have learned so little about living peaceably together, I guess the reasons for all the current unrest are complex. It would be too simple to blame religion, although one could certainly mount a good case that outlines man's inhumanity to man in the name of religion. However, there are also other social and political factors that impinge on the bigger picture as well.

On to less depressing things... the vegie garden is coming along pretty well, the tomato bushes in particular. This year, after many problems last year, I experimented by growing them under a metal frame covered on top by plastic and with the plastic also extending about half way down each side. This gave a semi-hothouse effect and the plants seem to have responded well. We could do with a bit more sunshine though to ripen the fruit.

That's all from me and best wishes to you all and good hockey! Ian Purdie.

Test Your Knowledge With John Sanders: July's question was: 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. *Rusty answered c), and John tells me that it's b) - Hager 181, Stacey 172 and Davies 151 goals.* August's question is: On 08/09/2002 we won the 24th Champions Trophy at the Hockey-Club Stadion Rott-Weiss in Cologne 3-0. Goals were scored by Scott Webster, Jamie Dwyer and Michael McCann. Did we defeat? a) Germany b) Korea c) Pakistan d) The Netherlands. *Answer next issue.*

Dummy Spit Of The Month: This month all on-field shenanigans were outclassed by the collective reaction to the lack of an open bar at UWA on the 13th. See Limerick Three on Page 10.

Shakespeare Said It: "This fellow pecks up wit as pigeons peas, and utters it again when God doth please." Love's Labour's Lost Act V Scene II. *A comment on this section of the newsletter?* "When all aloud the wind doth blow, and coughing drowns the parson's saw..." Love's Labour's Lost Act V Scene II. *The Bard's description of winter now applies to the ca-cough-any that can occur in the Perth Concert Hall - usually during the hushed moments of a classical concert.*

Quotable Quote No One: "Now I know what a statesman is; he's a dead politician. We need more statesmen." *Bob Edwards. US radio broadcaster (1947 -).*

Balinese Bulletin No 16:

A FUNNY THING HAPPENED ON THE WAY TO THE FORUM

I think I may have finally gained acceptance here in Bali ...at least in the area in which we live.

Recently taking a 10-15 min walk down to our favourite French Bakery ..Monsieur Spoon ..I was taking in the Bali culture, which all around you. Facing the oncoming traffic, which I will cover further down, I noticed a truck making its way toward me ...slowing down a little as it neared me I heard a shout from the driver as it passed"Halo Pak Peter" ..(Hello Mr. Peter) ..turned out to be the local Sampah truck that collects the rubbish from our house twice weekly. I can now walk down the street knowing I'm not just a "face in the crowd".

WHEN MARIMBA RHYTHM STARTS TO PLAY

For those of you who know the holiday Bali, you may not be aware that the occasional "footpaths" you find in the tourist area do not really exist everywhere ..in fact they very rarely exist in other locations. It is for this reason that I choose to mainly walk on the edge of the road ...apart from the fact that shoulders of the roads can become a bit of a "minefield" with broken rocks, potholes etc. I should also add that I generally walk facing the oncoming traffic ..for very good reason. Facing the traffic also provides me with the opportunity of taking evasive action should it be necessary ..which is often. But having walked these local roads for a few years now I find that I have perfected the BALI SWAY. Rather than jumping to my right I simply "Sway" to the right to avoid almost certain contact with the wing mirrors of cars, motorbikes, trucks etc. So far so good

A PERSON OF LITTLE INTEREST ...

I have found a nice little "watering hole" within a 10 min walk from our new house called Warung Dua. It is here I find myself several times a week enjoying a cold bintang while I "watch people". The patrons of Warung Dua are varied, Western Expats like us & local Balinese. Having visited Warung Dua now on quite a number of occasions I have yet to find anyone that finds me even remotely interesting enough to engage in conversationmaybe I should wear a "younger Man's face"!! Having said that I do share a pleasantry or two with the young Balinese parking guy outside ..can't be all bad!!

I regret to point out that Erin has been forced to eliminate Bintang from her daily agenda due to discovering that it was almost certainly the cause of a recent outbreak of hives. The discovery came about through a wide ranging series of trial & elimination.

Thanks to Peter for the latest from the Equatorial Zone. I trust that the reaction to Bintang is not at all infectious. I also hope that the infection never reaches WHM. Ed.

Last Month's Photograph: This went in very much at the last minute and the explanatory notes went missing due to the rush. Readers who gave it a careful once-over will have noticed that there were a lot of players. I'm told that there were 2 teams shown. One was as per the caption, and was the first West Australian State Veterans side. The other was to play in the first Pacrim tournament.

I have played against a few of those pictured in bygone years, but Colin Sanders is the only one still playing. We do see George Winning at PHS on Wednesdays, and a few of a number catch up with Phil Thunder at lunch. I actually sat next to Des Cain at a WASO concert in the last 12 months & am happy to report that he's in good shape (knees excepted). Any more updates?

Age does Not Weary Him? While we enjoy our bar snacks and drinks following Wednesday hockey Bob Bowyer starts work on the wine raffle. This is instrumental in raising our charity donations and now our junior hockey support. So let's give him a helping hand if he needs one.

'B' Division Report: Gordon Jeffery is back with a vengeance. It must have been a busy month.

Injuries: Good to see Terry Gaston back playing hockey with the 'A' teams, still a bit to go but he's running. Brian Thomas continues to be a grumpy old man (*the only one? Ed.*) as he struggles with repairs to his knee. Gabes is running around like a spring chicken after suffering back pain for several months, puts it down to acupuncture and GoFlow magnets. Alan Ledger is suffering a broken collar bone as a result of his bulldozing hockey style. Peter Morgan was scuffed by a hockey ball resulting in a 50 mm vertical cut to his forehead, should be back soon. Gorby continues to be missing, suffering with back pain. Peter Fogels is recuperating after a half knee replacement 6 weeks ago, not expected to run in the near future whilst Dave Mellor is struggling with his knee.

Visitors / New Players: Shane Williams has returned. After a brief appearance earlier in the season Shane is once again showing us his exquisite skills.

Life's Linger Moments:

+ A distraught hockey player phoned his doctor. "Doctor, is it true the medication you recently prescribed is to be taken for the rest of my life?" "Yes!" replied the doctor. "How serious is my condition?" exclaimed the hockey player, "the medication is marked 'no repeats'."

+ I recently renamed our toilet Jim. I feel much better telling people how often I go to the Jim.

+ After recent police announcements that they no longer consider it necessary to attend the scene of domestic burglaries I have disconnected my home alarm system, removed all security stickers & quit the neighbourhood watch. I purchased two Pakistani flags on ebay and raise them on my front garden daily with a black flag in between. Now the local Police, the AFP, ASIO and other agencies are all watching the house 24/7. We have never felt safer and we are saving \$24.95 per month.

This Month's Hockey: And so the winter of our content is upon us. July seems such a long month, cold and wet. Spring, the finals and the Adelaide Nationals are still some distance away, injuries abound as the less used muscles are put to the test. I enjoyed my two weeks in warm and muggy Vietnam as have many of us taken advantage of the warmer weather, school holidays and cheap air flights for the overseas pastures. And so it took a toll on our numbers.

Week 1 at UWA we had enough numbers for two teams, White had only 6 players present, so White and Gold combined to play Blue. Gold won the first game and Blue dominated the last three, following the bizarre decision to send Gold's most mobile forward Peter Komy to bolster Blue's numbers and their forward pack (as if they needed it). They enjoyed it adding 8 goals in 3 games (to nil). The highlight of the afternoon was the sending off of two players for enlightened tackles as umpires indicated that preparation for the nationals should start now. Whilst still short of players in Week 2 at UWA enough players were present to field 3 teams, with support from the non playing team. Goals were hard to come by, with a total of 6 being scored in the afternoon's play. Gold won 2 of their games in this round, the highlight being a Phil Metcalf goal, dribbling past 3 White defenders in the circle before calmly slotting the ball past the goalie as the defenders looked on with wry amusement, well done Phil. A White team goal including Greg, Peter and Simon was a pleasure to watch as the ball was moved from defence to attack without an opposition stick getting a touch, resulting in a tap in goal.

The numbers continued to improve as we returned to Curtin for weeks 3 and 4 and goals were more abundant. Blue was the strongest team with 3 wins and a draw in their 4 games, though the games were strongly competitive and the winning margin was generally one goal. Gabes added to his highlight reel with a missed penalty stroke. Again umpiring has highlighted the unruly tackles likely to cause offence at the Nationals. If you have been pinged then please understand they are not picking on you, but are suggesting a variation in your tackling skills (me included). /10

The first game of Week 4 White versus Blue was a great example of how teamwork can beat the individualists. White scored early on through a great solo effort by Ted as he ran down the left side from the centre line into the circle, passed one defender and tapped in past the goalkeeper. Blue responded with three quick goals, the result of their forwards moving the ball down the right into the circle and then with a series of passes to the unmarked player on the left post to tap it in. It was great team work by Graham Harper, Gold blow-in Adrian Gabriel and Dudley Evans and a bit of a lesson for White defenders. With 13 goals scored for the week the game was on show and included a successful penalty stroke by Roger Davey (he has been known to miss these). Blue beat White in both games, White beat Gold in both games, but Blue couldn't beat Gold with 2 draws. The last game Blue v Gold was another cracker, Gold got out to a 2 goal lead but Blue settled down with Rod Bickers, Graeme Nicholls and Chip Challenor working hard in defence they were able to force the issue often enough to score 2 late goals. Final score 2-2.

Players of the month include Graeme Nicholls, Dudley Evans, Greg Allen, Peter Komysan, Phil Hewton and Dick Osborne.

Gordon Jeffrey (*Thanks again Gordon. Pity our budget forbids payment by the word. Ed.*)

Punology Two: Did you hear about the bloke whose wife is a member of Mensa and a seamstress? He calls her a clever sew and sew.

Department Of Limericks Part 3: If you've read from the beginning you'll remember that the UWA bar did not open after our matches on 13th July. Which prompted:

It's seldom you see grown men cry
At times there's a good reason why
The bar drinks were off
So no post-game quaff
Though none of us said "Dry July."

The 'A' division is due to play at this venue again. Ivan Wilson has said that he will do his best to make sure that such a catastrophe does not recur. Very bad for the UWA bar revenue too. Ed.

Quotable Quote No 2: "If God had wanted us to vote he would have given us candidates." *Jay Leno. US comedian and television host (1950 -).*

Past & Temporarily Retired Players: The chilblains on my fingers seem to have inhibited note taking during July. I did see Jeff Godfrey, Brian Lester, Peter Murray, John Sanders and George Winning out at PHS. And Perry Lakes has included Paul Robinson during his sciatica non-playing, as well as former WHM and YMCA players Jim Boyce and Bob Stidwell.

Grumpy Old Men 2: "I have never made but one prayer to God, a very short one; 'O Lord make my enemies ridiculous.' And God granted it." Voltaire (1694 - 1778). *French philosopher and writer.*

My Card Sir: Or madam, as the case may be. I heard that Ken Walter had a difference of opinion with a female umpire during a Saturday fixture. Things escalated to the point where I was not quite sure which one of them was the first to award KW a green card - he claims only the second one ever.

Peter and Erin's New Home - Take Two



Hope you don't get a visitor influx after they see these Peter.

Peter and Erin's New Home - Take Three



Happy Birthday: To Peter Willett and John Halley, who bought some birthday beers at PHS on July 27th. It may not have been the actual day, but close enough. Whippet now joins John as eligible for the O/75s - JH has been there for a year or two already. Hope you celebrated well and wisely.

O/65s Training Schedule: Many thanks to coach Jim Banks for this. I think it's well worth publishing, to show what is required to represent the state. Elsewhere I mentioned the 6:00 am starts in former years, but as these times show, there has not been a colossal change.

JULY			
DATE	DAY	TIME	VENUE
31 st	Sunday	9.00 am – 10.15 am	Richardson Park

AUGUST			
Date	DAY	TIME	VENUE
3 rd	Wednesday	11.45am - 12.45pm	P.H.S.
7 TH	Sunday	9.00am - 10.15am	Richardson Park
10 TH	Wednesday	11.45am – 12.45pm	P.H.S.
14 TH	Sunday	9.00am – 10.15am	Richardson Park
17 th	Wednesday	11.45am – 12.45pm	P.H.S.
21 ST	Sunday	7.00am – 8.15 am	Aquinas Turf vs O/70s WA
24 TH	Wednesday	12.45pm – 3.30pm	P.H.S. O/60s Comp
28 TH	Sunday	7.00am – 8.15am	Aquinas Turf vs O/60S WA
31 ST	Wednesday	12.45pm – 3.30pm	P.H.S O/60s Comp

SEPTEMBER			
Date	DAY	TIME	VENUE
4 th	Sunday	7.00am - 8.15am	Aquinas Turf vs O/55 Div.2. WA
5 th	Monday	7.30pm - 8.30pm	Aquinas Half Turf
7 th	Wednesday	12.45pm - 3.30pm	P.H.S. O/60s Comp.
11 th	Sunday	7.45am- 9.00am	Aquinas Turf vs O/60s WA
12 th	Monday	7.30pm- 8-30pm	Aquinas Half Turf
14 th	Wednesday	12.45pm-3.30pm	P.H.S. O/60s Comp.
17 TH	Saturday		HOCKEY WA Grand Final Weekend
25 th	Sunday	8.30 am – 9.00 am	Port Adelaide

Please **don't** play any hockey after Saturday 17th September Grand Final, so you arrive fresh and injury free in Adelaide.

Aquinas will try and improve our start times, it depends on Hockey W.A. finals bookings.

There are sixteen training sessions scheduled three grass and thirteen turf. You are required to attend training on Sundays and Mondays – no excuses.

We may be able to field the O/65s as a team in the Wednesday Masters O/60s, for a short period, depending on numbers available.

Which Turf: The new fixtures recently added to the website show one important change. Until 10th August 'A' division is on Turf 2 and 'B' and 'C' divisions on Turf 1. 'A' division goes to UWA on 17th August, then returns to Turf 1 from 24th August - 'B' and 'C' divisions revert to Turf 2. This lasts up to the Adelaide tournament. I suggest you all check the fixtures online regularly.

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