



A Blue

A Gold

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B Blue

B Gold

B Red

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C Black

C Blue

C Gold

C Green

C Red

C White

O/65 Blue

O/65 Green

O/65 White

Masters Matters

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Venue Changes April: Due to additional activities at PHS during the school holidays we will all be playing at UWA on the 7th April at our usual game times. It is hoped that a sausage sizzle can be arranged. A and C Divisions will play on Turf One and B Division will use Turf Two. The watering times are automatic and we may need to look out for water at these hours:

Turf 1: 12:30, 14:00, 16:00, and 18:00. Manual over-rides possible.

Turf 2: 12:30, 14:00. Manual over-rides not possible.

A Division will also be there on Wednesday 14th April.

Interstate Tournament: Update: Some of us were curious about the logistics involved in a combined event for both men and women on the three turfs at Newcastle. The latest news we hear is that other venues will be in use and the older male age groups will play elsewhere. The details are:

O/50 to O75 Division One at Central Coast Hockey Stadium 29th September to 9th October.

O/50 to O65 Division Two at Maitland Hockey Turf at the same dates.

The Central Coast Stadium has two turfs and is situated at Wyong. This is almost half way between Sydney and Newcastle and it is still uncertain where the best accommodation will be. The driving time from both Sydney and Newcastle is at least 1 hour. (*1 hour 20 minutes from Sydney*)

Maitland is inland from Newcastle and a lot closer; according to Google only 34 kms away. There appears to be only one turf.

Those of us who went to the 2016 World Cup in Newcastle certainly used a real variety of methods to get there. I collected a hire car at Sydney Airport (with Howie Herbert), found the northbound M1 freeway and headed off over the bridge. Apart from discovering that the M1 was not continuous all the way to Newcastle (it changed into the M2 and headed to Windsor) everything worked very well. That even included a 5:00 am departure back to Sydney for an early flight home.

We all need to keep doing the right thing to make sure that this tournament happens.

Selection Trials for WA Metro: Thanks to Arch Andrews for the information that nominations for the State teams will open early in the week after Easter. And selection trials for O/65s, O/70s and O/75s will be held at PHS from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm on Wednesday 21st April.

Dates For The Diary:

April 7th: A, B and C Divisions all at UWA. Usual times.

April 14th: A Division at UWA. B and C Divisions at PHS. Usual times.

April 21st: State team trials O/65, O/70 and O/75. PHS 11:30 am to 1:00 pm.

July 23rd to August 8th: Tokyo Olympics.

October 9th to 16th: Australian Masters Games - Perth (hockey is included).

Mega Interstate Tournament:

Women: Newcastle September 23rd to October 2nd.

Men O35s to O45s: Newcastle September 24th to October 9th.

Men O50s to O75s Division 1: Central Coast Hockey Park September 29th to October 9th.

Men O50s to O65s Division 2: Maitland Hockey Turf September 29th to October 9th.

RevoSPORTS Update: We have informed the Saturday players at Perry Lakes that we intended to go onto this platform for the winter season. There have been some hitches in the implementation of the system, and the Committee has decided that we will defer the change until the summer season. We will keep you informed on how and what to pay. *(See email from Jim Wright 03/04 and Page 6)*

PHS Upgrades: It appears that we all need to be extra careful during the construction phase. I heard that on the 24th Graeme Sansom tripped on a loose piece of carpet in the PHS1 change-rooms and aggravated a sore knee to the point where he was not able to play. *(In late news it's broken)*

Open The Borders: Many jests have been made over the years about the alleged border post on the Narrows Bridge. However on the 7th April WHM would like everybody to make sure that they are up to date with their passports and cross the Swan for a game on the UWA turfs. As long as the BVT (to use Peter Hammond's superb pithy expression) remains under control all should be well. MM's limericist expressed it in this fashion:

In April we're playing away
We'll all be at UWA
So please venture forth
And come to the north
The border will open that day. *(At least we hope so)*

And if the A Division behave themselves we'll all be allowed back on the following Wednesday too.

State Team Appointments: Thanks again to Arch Andrews for this information which was originally announced on March 4th. Our March edition of MM included a link, but here is the full list.

O/50: Coach Alan Colthart, Manager Stuart McDonald.

O/55 (1): Coach Michael Starling, Manager Paula Dick.

O/55 (2): Coach Michael Jenson, Manager Naomi Noble.

O/60: Coach Rob Lawson, Manager

O/65: Coach Wayne Cutler, Manager

O/70: Coach Graeme Worth, Manager William Campbell.

O/75: Coach Len Blyth, Manager Heath Tyrrell.

The web-site states that nominations are still open for the unfilled positions, but I'd suggest that you confirm that they are still vacant before volunteering. And as can be seen the names have been taken directly from the WA Masters website - I don't think that William Campbell has appeared in Masters Matters before now. Not even for dominating the wine raffle.

Reader Feedback Sought: Long term I think that there is some doubt that Masters Matters has a future. Those of you who have been to the RevoSPORTS site will be well aware that it offers a facility for news stories. Once WHM players become accustomed to a regular check of the web page there will be no need for a separate newsletter. I know that many of you do not read the A Division match reports, but they also could go onto the website if enough people indicate that they would like them to continue. I know nothing about the technical aspects of the RevoSPORTS and possibly there is a charge for online storage. But if not we could also continue the foreign correspondents and the player biographies, both of which I have really enjoyed reading over the years. As our Saturday Hockey committee has decided to defer our transfer to the RevoSPORTS system until the summer season I'm happy to keep the newsletter going in its current form until then. So if you have an opinion on this, please let me have your thoughts.

Quotable Quote 1: "Get your facts first and then you can distort them as much as you please." *Mark Twain (1835 - 1910). The Covid conspiracy theorists do not even require this much.*

Department of Health: Jim Balding and Jim Banks are both in the process of cataract operations, which I understand are better done one eye at a time. Jim Balding is managing to umpire a few games during his recovery period and says he's not biased. Ken Walter's ankle operation is due for the 7th April - hope all goes well again. Apparently it might not happen if his broken wrist takes a higher priority. Peter Trend has made a successful comeback, this time, and is returning to good form. Bob Bowyer is back again after a very long absence from the turf. He now faces the gradual return to match fitness which he has successfully managed several times already -all the best for this one. Jim Wright is also playing again pending a final resolution. Roger Partington is about to have a full knee replacement - hope all goes as it is supposed to. Ash Challenor went for a cycle on the 14th and had an accident at Elizabeth Quay. That caused damage to a spinal disc and a trip to hospital. Now he has kidney stones too. John Mercer is convalescent, and seems to be getting better, as his grumpiness levels are rising on a daily basis and he claims it always happens while he improves. Best recovery wishes to all, including all I have not heard about.

Special Non-Player: The PHS1 stand on 31st March had a familiar visitor. Many of us took the opportunity to welcome Bob Robinson back and to ask after his current state of health. I understand everything is in remission - all the best Bob for a return to life outside oncology treatment.

Letters To The Editor: Many thanks to Neil Patterson who sent some kind words about the March issue and was the only respondent.

Department of Corrections: The A Division blog for 24th February made a complete mess of the goal scorers for the Blue team. "Chip Challenor, Neil Banks" should read "Chip Challenor (2), Neil Miller." The Blue team already has a sufficient number of Neils and does not need MM to add a fictional one.

Roy Crichton was described as one of the Scots who play for WA Country occasionally. Peter Eastlake has suggested that a better word would have been regularly - he's right of course. Roy, Alan Bryce and Kieran McLernan have all probably played in more tournaments for Country than I have.

WHM History: It has been a little disappointing to receive absolutely no feedback on the WHM history. At the very least I had anticipated some correspondence along the lines of: "What you wrote about me is completely wrong, you will hear from my defamation lawyer." I'll include the link to the page on the RevoSPORTS site one more time:

www.revolutionise.com.au/westernmasters/news/western-hockey-masters-history/

'A' Division Blog: The March numbers have been good. The same could not be said for our tempers, or the hockey, though occasional flashes of decent hockey and good sportsmanship still occur.

March 3rd: Despite the forecast rain the whole day was played in the dry. Also drying up were goals as it took 5 games for two to be scored. Goalkeepers Barry, Colin and Graeme all played very well, making several miraculous saves each, and most forwards were well off the mark all day. Due to big player numbers in B Division Simon Thomson and Len Walker came up from Turf Two to see how the other half live. Both joined the depleted Gold side, who then dominated possession and territory for the rest of the day but could not hit the scoreboard until the last match. In this they were not aided by some bad luck, such as a scoop from Len Walker hitting the cross bar and Angelo Strano hitting the post from the rebound. Perhaps the bad hockey produced bad moods, as it was obvious that many of us were unhappy and bad-tempered. White had surplus players, so after Brian Soares joined Red, Robin Bailey joined Len and Simon in Gold and Chip Challenor played with Blue all sides had the numbers. Goal of the day has to go to Peter Willett for an excellent shot from the edge of the circle with honourable mention to Nev Brown for some good ball hunting in attack. Results were: **Red 0 Gold 0; White 0 Blue 0; White 1 Gold 0; Blue 0 Red 0; White 1 Red 0; Blue 0 Gold 3.**

Scorers: **Gold:** Nev Brown (2), Peter Willett. **White:** Ray Domingo, John Mercer. The team numbers based on original sides were: Red (9), Gold (7), White (13), Blue (9). 5 goals only went in. /5

'A' Division Blog: (continued)

March 10th: Gold and Red were the only sides to win a match with Blue the somewhat unlucky losers on both occasions. The bad temper from the previous week persisted, possibly not aided by the rather humid weather. In Match 3 White conceded a penalty corner in the last second of play, enabling Red to snatch a draw with a successful conversion by Steve McEntee. The goal of the day looked like going to the Gold team for a Ken Beer conversion after great lead-up work by Lance Woods and Nev Brown, but that changed after Game 5. Captain Jim Wright has been bemoaning his Red's lack of goal scoring in recent weeks and moved himself into the forward line. Inevitably he scored. And scarcity value (the second in 5 years) is enough to secure him the award. The results:

Blue 0 White 0; Red 1 Gold 1; Red 1 White 1; Gold 1 Blue 0; Red 2 Blue 1; Gold 2 White 2.

Scorers: **Blue:** Neil Miller. **Gold:** Ken Beer, Nev Brown, Phil Metcalf, Lance Woods. **Red:** Steve McEntee (2), Col Murray-Smith, Jim Wright. **White:** George Bradbury, Ray Domingo, Brian Soares. Player numbers at their maximum: Blue (11), White (12), Red (12), Gold (9). 12 goals were scored.

March 17th: Thanks to Colin Gee, who recorded the scores, scorers and umpires for me. I cannot recall a team having as bad a day as my White side in all the years I've been a part of WHM - such scores are not good for our competition. I believe that John Burt was back and paying well. Results:

Gold 0 Red 0; Blue 3 White 0; Blue 2 Red 3; White 0 Gold 4; Blue 2 Gold 0; White 0 Red 3.

Scorers: **Blue:** Peter Eastlake (2), Ian Hill, Jeff Kozak, John Ree, Neil Scaddan, Ricky Watts. **Gold:** Nev Brown, Angelo Strand (2), Lance Woods. **Red:** Steve McEntee (3), Colin Murray-Smith, Ron Venables (2). The team numbers were: Gold (11), Red (10), Blue (12), White (11). 17 goals were scored.

March 24th: Gold now have very fast forward and half lines and will be difficult to beat while everybody is playing. Blue have developed a corner battery which scores on a regular basis from variations as well as direct shots. Red have managed to cover the loss of Bob Claxton by the return of Mal Horrigan to continue the ball supply to their potent forward line. White are badly affected by the long term absences of Peter Wallis and Ham D'Souza and would love to have Len Blyth full time. Bob Bowyer and John Burt have both recently returned to the turf. John appears to be playing as well as ever and Bob has to get goal of the day for his deflection. By the way that's his first since the 13th March in 2019. And in bad news Graeme Sansom tripped on some loose carpet in the change-room and aggravated a sore knee to the point that he had to withdraw from playing. At least John and Tony were back to Join Barry in the goalkeeping ranks. The day's results:

White 0 Blue 1; Gold 1 Red 0; Gold 2 Blue 0; Red 1 White 0; Gold 1 White 1; Red 0 Blue 2.

Scorers: **Blue:** Peter Eastlake, Ricky Watts (2). **Gold:** Nev Brown (2), Jim Malcolm, Rod Spencer. **Red:** Bob Bowyer. **White:** Ray Domingo. Player numbers including all late-comers were at maximum: White (11), Blue (13), Gold (12), Red (11). 9 goals were scored.

March 31st: At least there were no score blowouts despite some of the play being rather one-sided. White actually registered their first win since March 3rd (when they had two 1-0 results against the run of play) but then managed to lose both the next two. Red were the team of the day with three wins and Blue only could manage one draw to go with their two narrow losses. Gold had the better of possession and territory in all their games but failed to convert enough of their many chances and finished up breaking even. The results demonstrated yet again that it's goals which win matches and three excellent finishes for Red were enough to secure goal of the day for Bob Hotinski. Honourable mentions go to Scott Blackwell, Sukdev Pandher and Greg Street. Also demonstrated was that A Division players who arrive late could be in danger of missing a game or two while our numbers are so good. And we all need to accept the umpires' decisions, whether right or wrong. Results were:

Red 1 Gold 0; White 2 Blue 1; White 0 Gold 1; Blue 0 Red 1; White 1 Red 2; Blue 0 Gold 0.

Scorers: **Blue:** John Ree. **Gold:** Rod Spencer. **Red:** Bob Hotinski (3), Sukdev Pandher. **White:** Scott Blackwell, Ray Domingo, Greg Street. The team numbers based on the maximum numbers present were: Red (12), Gold (11), White (12), Blue (11). 9 goals were scored.

Stop Press: A reorganization of the Wednesday divisions has been under consideration for some time now. I understand that a decision has now been made and we can expect an announcement at some time in April. I hope Robin Bailey likes being busy.

From Saturday Masters:

In very sad news our regular umpire Peter Brien died on the night of March 29th. No funeral details were available when this edition closed. I understand from John Milner that in accordance with Peter's wishes there may well be a farewell party. Our deepest sympathy is extended to his wife Hazel and family. If you missed our notice in the West Australia (thanks to Les Waldon) here it is.

BRIEN (Peter):
Shocked and sadly missed by his long-time friends in Saturday Hockey Masters. Despite his disability, Peter was determined to umpire us every week of the year. We enjoyed his great humour and his ability to absorb the frequent jibes about Collingwood. He helped to make our club the success that it is.

The Town of Cambridge is about to start on a project to demolish and replace the current change-rooms and storage building at Alderbury Reserve. The schedule we have been given states (in part): "Construction is scheduled to start in May/June 2021 (subject to approvals) so anything you have stored at the facility will need to be removed from the premises by 15 April 2021.

The construction of the new facilities could take place anytime between May 2021 and June 2022.

There will be temporary toilet arrangements at the reserve during this period.

All current storage and change-room space will be unavailable."

There is a strong possibility that temporary change-rooms will also be installed. We'll keep you all up-to-date as more information is received.

The summer season windup was a much more eventful day than we had anticipated. In addition to some confusion (*quite a lot*) about our booking for the rooms Ron Venables had a turn during our dinner. The requested ambulance took over an hour to arrive. Between the paramedics and Scott Blackwell (*thanks Scott*) they eventually decided after blood pressure readings (which were low) and an ECG that Ron was OK to be driven home by his wife and brother. He still needed to take it very quietly on the Sunday morning. As Les said in his general email there is a tendency for our better players to be called upon to fill in all the time, and the workload must be better spread. Above all we need to make sure that we stay properly hydrated.

But despite all the excitements Jim Wright's organisation was excellent and WA Spit Roasts did their usual fine job. Many thanks to all members who assisted with the cleaning up afterwards.

The winter fees have been set at \$120 and all players should have received an email from Jim Wright sent on the evening of Saturday 3rd April confirming this. A few players were very quick off the mark and three payments reached the bank account on the next day - Easter Sunday. The details on how to pay are:

BSB: 036-069 Account Number: 548917

Players: \$120

Goalkeepers: \$50

Casual players and Social members: \$50

Punology One: Many thanks to John Halley for this one, which regular readers will realise combines MM's interest in Shakespeare with the current pandemic:

What is the difference between Romeo and Juliet, and Covid-19?

One is a Verona crisis, the other a Corona Virus.

Balinese Bulletin No 61: BALI MUSINGS April 2021.

I have looked back at my last offering to the Newsletter & sit here on the 31st March & am struggling to find anything remotely interesting to say, other than Tuesday last week I had a haircut. That may not sound all that significant, other than for the fact that my previous haircut was some 1yr & 3mths ago.

Our Friend (Nyoman), who runs a small family store & delivers "stuff" as we need it, sent a family member to see to my hair. He seemed to know what he was doing with a pair of scissors & a small comb so I just sat & let him go to it. Some 20-25 min later, there I sat some 15yrs younger.

One thing that has added some colour & interest to our life here Bali is the onset of the 2021 Footy Season. With 6 of the 9 games each round shown live here we are somewhat more energised than in the off season. I remain a loyal Blues man & look forward to better things to come.

Other than my haircut & the Footy, nothing else of significance has happened here in Bali on our sedentary lifestyle. That can also be said of my "mobility" issuepretty much the same!

I hope everyone down there are keeping well & avoiding the BVT (Bastard Virus Thing).

Well, there it is Johnnot much but something. Sorry I can't do better, but you know ...that's life!

Peter Hammond. *This week we are being reminded in Perth what rain is like as the tail end of a tropical storm is sending it our way. Not as persistent as the Bali wet though. Thanks Peter. Ed.*

Shakespeare Said It: "You'll leave your noise anon, ye rascals ..." King Henry VIII Act III, Scene II. *A Division umpire eventually reacts to continued player dissent.*

"But to the sport abroad - are you bound thither?" Troilus And Cressida Act I, Scene I. *International tournaments are a long way off still, but recruiting has begun for the next interstate event on the NSW Central Coast. Maybe it will go ahead if the vaccination program works.*

"For he will never follow anything that other men begin." Julius Caesar Act II, Scene I. *There must be times when tournament coaches think this obviously was the main criterion for selection.*

'B' Division March 2021:

March was another good month for Wednesday hockey with no local Covid surprises or obstacles thrown our way! All teams continued to have good numbers as players suddenly realise the winter grass season is nearly here and that they need to concentrate on their preparation. If previous years are any guide the last minute preparation is never enough and injury numbers are up as soon as the winter season starts!

Red the newest side in our competition managed and captained by Mike Robinson have put together a very good team and are now competing strongly each week. With Rudi Keswick back with a new hip, Kalamunda Kev with pace, Willetton Woodrow steady at the back, Rampant Roy in the middle and Livewire Leo on the wing they are proving to be a handful for all the other sides.

The player profile for this month is Alan Oldfield currently running as a forward for the Blue team. Alan is another Kiwi who reckons that Prime Minister Muldoon was thinking of him when he said that by moving to Australia he would raise the average IQ of both countries.

Dudley Evans

Thanks again Dudley. Is this why some Kiwis make the move across the Ditch? Ed.

Grumpy Old Men and Women One: "There is no nonsense so arrant that it cannot be made the creed of the vast majority by adequate governmental action." *Bertrand Russell (1872 - 1970)*

'B' Division March 2021: ALAN OLDFIELD *(Thanks Alan. Best I could do with the photo. Ed)*

Growing up in regional New Zealand the odds were that I would take up the sport that is a national religion, rugby, but one school sports day when I was five or six set me on a 50+ year journey that continues to this day. The format of that day was to rotate through all the major sports to give us kids a chance to see what we liked.

I took my place on the rugby field as an aspiring right wing. Unfortunately, all the other kids in my team didn't have the fine appreciation of the game that I did. Waiting out wide for the ball so I could score the try that would launch my All-Black career I got.....nothing, never saw the ball all game. I remember thinking what a stupid sport, and that was it, career over.

But I was fortunate to be at a school where hockey was played, every lunchtime a group of young hockey nerds gathered to chase the little white ball around. My folks bought me a stick and boots with sprigs, remember them, and my love of the game of hockey began.

I picked up the basics of the game on frosty Saturday mornings at junior hockey but would have to say that even after all these years I'm still learning how to play. After juniors I played for my high school team, one year playing as reserve goalkeeper which, I found strangely appealing. Fortunately, that flirtation passed and I managed to get back on the field.

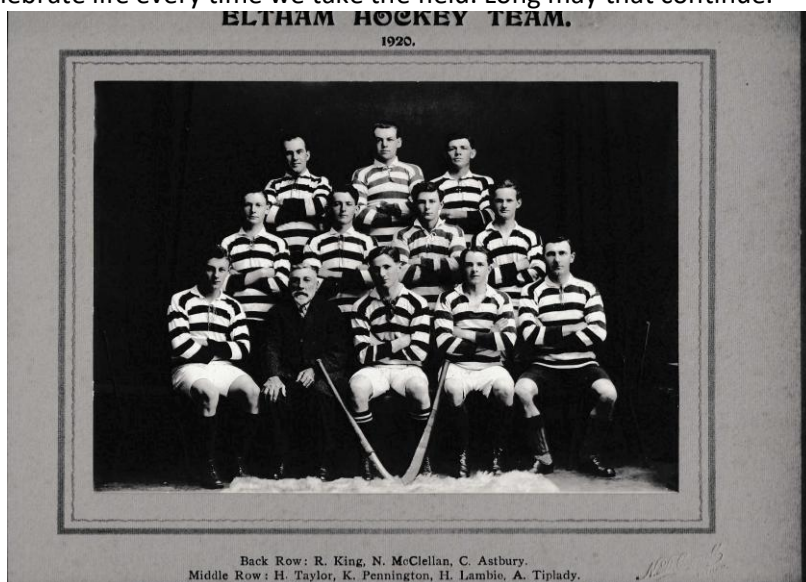
After high school I graduated to the local club, Hawera Old Boys. There I enjoyed some great years, making enduring friendships and being in a team that won its share of provincial championships. Hockey became a central part of life with my growing family being dragged around the country for club and provincial fixtures which were invariably woven into our family holidays.

At some point I took to coaching juniors, my two sons however chose soccer as their sport but along the way, without coercion or threats, they made the switch and continue playing hockey to this day. In later life I found there was also a family connection to hockey. Some years ago, I was given a team photo of my maternal grandfather sternly posing with the Eltham Hockey Club in the 1920's, a club that has long since disappeared. This treasured possession is even more special as he passed before I had a chance to know him.

Coming to Perth in 1997 I naturally sought out a team ending up playing for the North Coast Raiders side at the Hale O40 Monday competition. It took about 10-years for me to migrate back to Saturday club hockey where I remain.

The Wednesday Masters is the latest and perhaps last chapter of my hockey career and is arguably the best. Playing with and against team-mates and traditional opponents is a great format. The weird but totally appropriate dynamic that results matter but they don't matter is a rare thing that makes it all the more enjoyable.

I believe we all play for the same reasons, we love the perfection of the game, we enjoy a laugh and we celebrate life every time we take the field. Long may that continue.



My Hockey career - Eric Alcock:

My hockey career finished in March when I retired because of injury.

I first played when I was 10 years old at New Norcia and continued when I was at CBC Terrace for 5 years. Over the next 17 years, I played with CBC with a 3-year break in 1966-8 when we lived in Narrogin. At that time, Narrogin was the strongest country competition in the State winning many championships including the State title on several occasions.

On our return to Perth, I recommenced playing with my club. When I look back on the earlier years there, I remember my excitement at being selected for the first time in the top side. At the time it contained Kevin Carton (later the Australian captain and fellow Olympians Gordon, Eric and Julian Pearce and with such a star-studded cast which also included 4 Colts players, the team was extremely successful. The year 1959 was a successful one for me when the team won the Grand Final and I was selected in the State Colts team to play in Adelaide. The following year I was again selected, this time to play in Melbourne. Before my top career finished in 1974, I had the privilege of captaining the side (now called Trinity) which crowned my achievement of 13 years in the competition.

Hockey administration was always strong led by Dick Faulds and later Eric Eastman, and this was a significant factor in the strength of WA hockey under their leadership. An influx from India supplied players who were prominent in the top grade and also coaches and other quality players in lower grades. This was a significant factor that helped make WA such a strong State so as to be feared at National Championships for some time. A major improvement to standards was the shift of top-grade games to the WACA ground with its excellent playing surface and facilities. This was a major step up to a more professional approach to our game surpassed only by the opening of the Perth Hockey Studio in later years.

Times were different then with much social interaction between clubs. Different carnivals such as 6-a-side, 8-a-side or a full side were features in the season as was participation in country carnivals (Bunbury, Great Southern, Geraldton, Merredin and others) whilst a twilight competition took place in Hollywood. It also helped that Clubs shared the same grounds such as YMCA, Subs and Mods at Hollywood or at various suburban grounds. Interesting to note that it was very unusual for a player to change clubs, a move that was not considered to be acceptable and to be viewed with some raising of the eyebrows.

Unfortunately, the socializing aspect between players and clubs has diminished somewhat since those times.

Having retired for some time from Senior hockey I have spent recent years in Vets recognizing my aging years by playing Vets from 0/40s and then 0/50s,0/60s and 0/70s. Once I thought 0/50s were too slow and now I marvel at their pace!

Having spoken about the decline in socialization I have to remark how much I have enjoyed this feature of Vets hockey, not only at the State level, but also in the winter competitions and the WHM on Wednesdays and Saturdays. I will continue my hockey but only as a social member so as to maintain the many friendships I have made.

Thank you Eric for a most timely contribution. I was once a ball-boy at the WACA for a 1A match between Perth and CBC. Perth included Ray Evans and Phil Pritchard while CBC had Kevin Carton, no less than three Pearce brothers (Eric, Gordon and Julian) as well as a youthful Eric Alcock. I still recall marveling at the skill levels on display in a very entertaining 2-2 draw. Ed.

Quotable Quote Two: “Don’t be too discouraged by a failure. It can be a positive experience. Failure is, in a sense, the highway to success inasmuch as every discovery of what is false leads us to seek earnestly after what is true and every fresh experience points out some form of error which afterward we shall carefully avoid .” *John Keats (1795 - 1821). Except for my A Division team.*

Test Your Hockey Knowledge With John Sanders:

March's question was:

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| Robert Haigh |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 1966 to 1976• HA # 192 |

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| Pat Murphy |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 1953• HA # 143 |

Former Australian Hockey Players Robert (Herbie) Haigh and Pat Murphy may be related! They would be:

1. Cousins?
2. Brother and Sister?
3. Father and daughter?
4. Not related?

Nobody attempted an answer. The correct response is 2.

April's question is:

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| Lorraine Hillas |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 1981 to 1988• HA # 294 |

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| Kerry Wharton |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 1980 to 1983• HA # 291 |

Former Australian Hockey Players Lorraine Hillas and Kerry Wharton, both originally from Queensland, may be related! They would be:

1. Sisters?
2. Cousins?
3. Mother and daughter?
4. Not related?

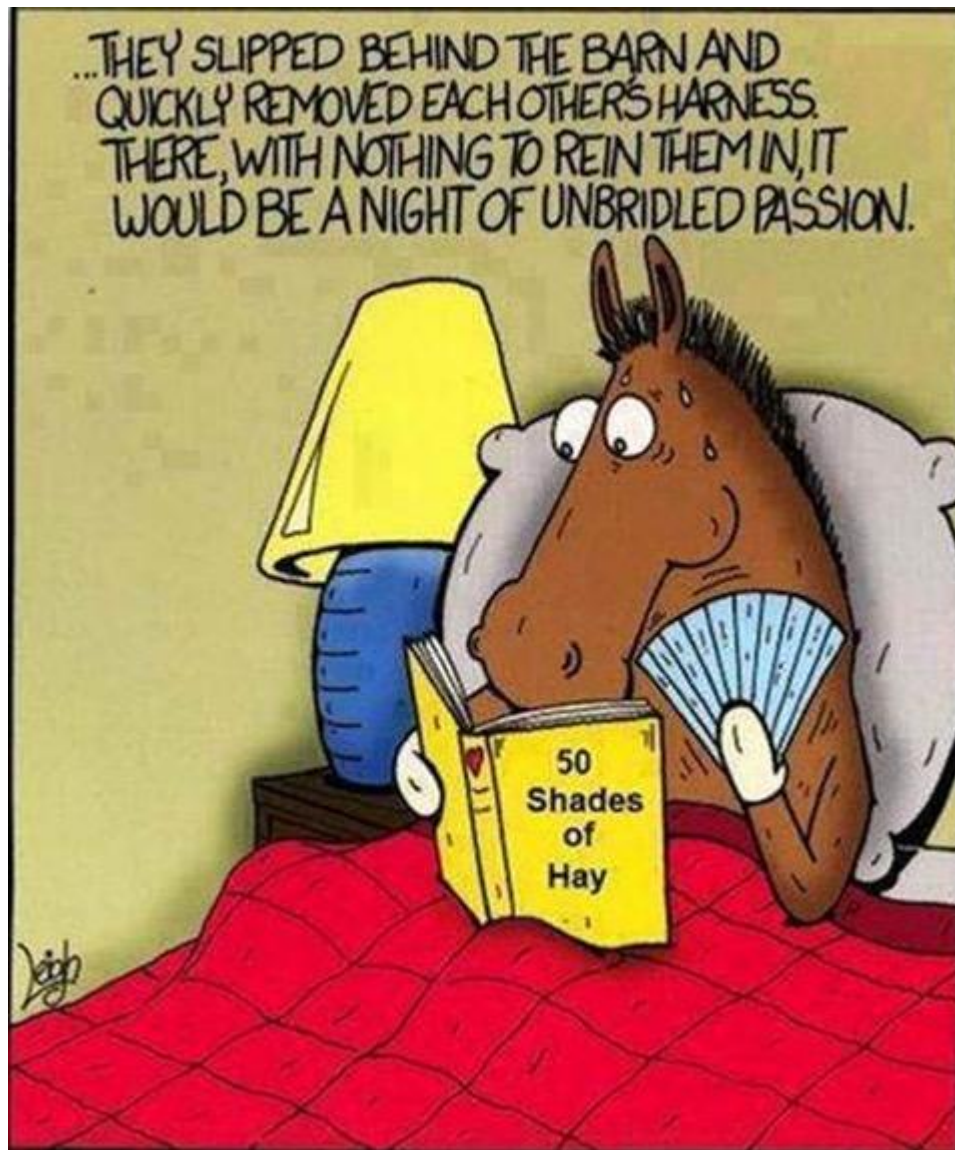
Answer next issue.

Well Dones for March: Wednesday's 'A' Division umpires were: Rob Ainsworth, Jim Balding, Bob Bowyer, George Bradbury, Peter Eastlake, Peter Evans, Colin Gee, Ian Hill, Bob Hotinski, Mal Horrigan, Gordon Jeffery, Jeff Kozak, Steve McEntee, Bob Maley, Peter Murray, Colin Murray-Smith, Neil Scaddan, Brian Soares, Greg Street, Peter Trend, Ron Venables and Ricky Watts. Saturday's umpires were: Rob Ainsworth, Eric Alcock, George Bradbury, Dudley Burress, Michael Gottschalk, Bob Hotinski, Neil Scaddan, Don Smart, John Smith, Greg Street, Ron Venables, Len Walker and Ken Watt. We did not have a sausage sizzle this month and hope to make up for this on our combined day at the UWA turfs. Unlike a lot of other organisations Western Hockey Masters thanks all its whistle-blowers - thank you and well done to all.

Grumpy Old Men and Women Two: "A family is a unit composed not only of children but of men, women, an occasional animal, and the common cold." *Ogden Nash (1902 - 1971). The cold season is just getting under way again - will social distancing be of assistance?*

Past Players, Non Players and Injured Players February: Those in this category who were spotted at PHS included: Jim Banks, John Mercer, Barry Rutter, Ron Venables, Ken Walter and George Winning. Though of course we also saw Bob Robinson on the 31st, as mentioned earlier. And at Perry Lakes we had our usual good crowd of spectators and MM's new notebook recorded: Eric Alcock, Ash Foster (who did not stop for a chat), John Pierce, Steve Powles, Neil Scaddan, Chris Vincent (ex Dale), Peter Wallis, Ken Walter and Ken Watt.

Punology Two: This one originated from Peter Brien and came to me via Ken Watt. This is a little more scatological than our usual offerings, but I am fairly certain that not too many grandchildren read Masters Matters. The puns have far too high a groan factor to leave this out.



Another Well Done: This has to go to Bob Bowyer, who has just made it back onto the Wednesday turf and the Saturday grass after a series of mishaps which would have ended the hockey career of anybody with less grit and determination. Bob has a history of recovering from every health obstacle which has been put in his way and has done it again. Congratulations from us all.

Vale Peter Brien: Thought this photograph had to be included. He will be greatly missed.



Les Waldon making a thank you presentation to Peter in happier days

Demolition and Construction at Perry Lakes: MM's limericist seems to be incorrigible. This time he comments on the building replacement at Perry Lakes.

The toilets and change-rooms go down
And cause our Committee to frown
Do we use clothes pegs?
Or just cross our legs
To wait on the build from the Town.
We have been assured that there will be temporary toilets.

Wine Raffles: In the first quarter A Division were much luckier than the Bs. Multiple winners were:

3 wins: Hector D'Rozario, Ricky Watts.

2 wins: Jim Campbell, John Jeffreys, Colin Sanders

1 win: 18 players won once.

A Division won 22 times, B Division only 8. I assure B Division readers that the results are not fixed, as shown by the fact that raffle organiser Peter Jones and helper John Mercer have not won at all.

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