



A Blue

A Gold

A White

B Blue

B Gold

B White

C Blue

C Gold

C Red

C White

D Black

D Blue

D Gold

D Red

D White

O/65 Blue

O/65 Gold

O/65 Green

O/65 White

Masters Matters

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Life Membership: A highlight of the Christmas Party was the presentation of Life Membership of WHM to Bob Bowyer. The complete list of all the tasks Bob has undertaken during his time in WHM is a little too large for inclusion on the front page, and a more complete tribute appears on Page 6.

George Winning Trophy: This was awarded to Saturday Masters Club Captain Les Waldon, who has been in the role ever since its inception for the winter season of 2013. He has done a marvelous job ever since and established a vibe which would be the envy of most metropolitan clubs. Les pointed out in his acceptance speech that this is the 4th time that the George Winning has gone to a Saturday Committee member, so we must be doing something right. Congratulations from all of us.

Vale Brian Glencross: It is with much regret that we report the passing of Brian on 29th December. Thank you to John Sanders and The West Australian for these details.

Hailed from Narrogin originally.

Played club hockey with YMCA.

Represented WA in interstate championships from 1961 to 1977.

Represented Australia from 1964 to 1974, playing 93 games.

Represented Australia in three Olympic Games winning medals in Tokyo 1964 (bronze) and Mexico 1968 (silver - team captain). Also captained the side in Munich 1972.

Set up A.I.S. hockey program with Richard Aggiss 1983.

Coached Australian Womens' national team from 1980 to 1992, including a gold medal at Barcelona.

His vast hockey recognition included induction into the Sport Australia Hall of Fame, the WA Hall of Champions and the Hockey Australia Hall of Fame, a Medal of the Order of Australia, the Australian Sports Medal, the Centenary Medal.

Named the WA Sports Federation Sportsman of the Year in 1968.

Many of us remember his guidance of the WA Black side to the national O/70 championship in 2014.

We were delighted to have him join us in the Saturday competition at Perry Lakes for several years where we enjoyed his company, both on and off the field. He retired after the Parkinson's diagnosis.

Our deepest sympathy to his family.

Thank you to Dan Hill and Bruce Mercer for circulating Colin Howell's wonderful tribute.

Dates For The Diary:

2023 January 7th: Play resumes at Perry Lakes.

January 11th: Play resumes at PHS.

Masters Interstate Championships for Men and Women. Home State WA.

September 21st to 30th: Women.]

September 23rd to October 1st: Men O/34, O/40, O/45.]

Venues to be confirmed

September 28th to October 7th: Men O/50 plus.]

PHS is primary location

These dates may all move one day forward.]

2024 To be advised: Masters Interstate Championships for Men. Home State Tasmania.

Sign Up And Pay For 2023: It's that time of the year already. Over to our Data Base Administrator: "2023 Registrations are Now open, for ALL players and Social Members. Please go to our website and complete the registration process. By using your HA registration number you will find the process will be seamless. Fees this year are unaltered from last year for another year of great friendship and Hockey. As this platform has become our only contact with Members we need both playing and non playing Members to register to have you all included in our activities. We look forward to seeing you in 2023. Kind regards - Colin Gee gee.colin@gmail.com Here is the link: <https://www.revolutionise.com.au/westernmasters/registration/>

Christmas Party: The attendance was a bit down on our usual high levels. All the problems from the previous year appeared to have been addressed and corrected. Compliments must go to the WHM organizers as well as new PHS Bar Manager Nathan Bell and the staff on an excellent meal.

President's Address: It has become customary to include the text of Simon's annual party address as it provides an excellent and succinct summary of the year. For those who were not there:

"Welcome members and partners, it's great to see Bill and Kaye Baldwin and Brian Soares here this evening. First I would like to introduce your executive committee members. Please stand when I mention your name:

Vice President	-	Tony Jones
Secretary	-	Dan Hill
Treasurer	-	Steve Farrar

Many thanks to TJ and Dan for all their work for the Gala Day.

Please also thank your committee members when I have finished reading their names:

Financial Controller	-	Keith Platel
Revosport Administrator	-	Colin Gee
Saturday Hockey Captain	-	Les Waldon
Masters Matters Editor	-	John Mercer
A Division Coordinator	-	George Bradbury
B Division Coordinator	-	John Chapman
C Division Coordinator	-	Adrian Gabriel
D Division Coordinator	-	Ken O'Driscoll
Fixtures Coordinator	-	Peter Trend
Uniform Officer	-	Peter Wallis
Social Coordinator	-	Peter Jones

Special thanks to Colin Howell for his current work on restructuring the Divisions. We are currently working on improved fixturing for C and D Divisions. The current structure of four divisions has unfortunately disrupted our weekly wine raffle, which since its' inception in 2004 has raised thousands of dollars for many charities. I would like to see this reinstated in 2003.

Thank you, Rob Tincey, for your generous donation of wine for our raffle tonight.

In 2004 we had sixty members to our Christmas wind-up, of which only Bob Bowyer, Shane Knapp and myself are here tonight. 2004 was also the year I took over the Presidency from George Winning. Most of you probably thought you are under some sort of sovereign rule, but TJ has had nearly five years apprenticeship under his belt and unlike King Charles will not have to wait for a State Funeral to take over.

Now with three turfs planned for PHS, the future of WHM is looking very exciting.

I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy, and Hockey New Year."

Simon Thomson (*Many thanks for this Simon. Much appreciated. Ed.*)

Grumpy Old Men and Women One: "Most conversations are simply monologues delivered in the presence of witnesses." *Margaret Millar. Canadian / American mystery and suspense writer.*

Department of Health: I have not heard a lot this month. Hopefully Brian Soares, Ian Hill, Jim Balding and Terry Gaston are convalescent now and on track to resume some time in 2023. John Ree has paid us a couple of visits but I was not able to get details on how he is going. Hope it's a little better than he sounded. At the Gala Day I heard that Andrew Robertson has just had a hip replacement, which helps to explain the recent shortage of goalkeepers. Ken Beer was having tests on the prostate last I heard and is apparently considering a robot prostatectomy. John Mercer and Peter Willett are evidence that it works. And Jim Wright has found some medication to clear up his vision problems and may be able to mount a comeback. Best wishes from Masters Matters to all, both sufferers and non-sufferers for a healthy hockey 2023.

WHM Players in Tokyo: The previous edition failed to include Ric Staynor in the Australian O/70 side. I have also heard that Nev Brown was there with Alliance. My apologies to both of you.

Changes in 2023: Many thanks to President Simon Thomson and Dan Hill for this update. For January there will be no changes to starting times, venue, and teams. The changes will begin on February 1st. At the start of 2023 we will have four Divisions.

- A. 3 teams
- B. 3 teams
- C. 4 teams
- D. 5 teams

There will be movement of players between divisions for the revised 2023 structure and all age groups will be affected. Colin Howell has done a lot of work on the changes.

The playing times and turfs for January remain unaltered:

- A Division: Turf Two 12:00 to 14:20.
- B Division: Turf One 13:30 to 15:55.
- C Division: Turf Two 14:30 to 16:50.
- D Division: Turf Two 17:00 to 19:00.

I have not heard whether the upgraded PHS will include an air conditioned turf.

Letters To The Editor: The December issue almost sank without trace. Thank you to Phil Anderson for an answer to the John Sanders quiz question and to Ric Staynor who told me I had left him out of the Australian side in Tokyo. Pando added that he might make a Peter Stevens style comeback. *I'd really like to see that. Ed.*

Department of Corrections: Our Roll of Honour in the December edition left out two very important people. Many thanks also to Cam Robinson and Dan Hill for their great work with our websites. And our Tokyo attendees omitted Ric Staynor (Australian O/70s) and Nev Brown (Alliance).

Player Birthdays: If you do not want to have your birthday included in Masters Matters then please contact the editor at the email address johnmercercer@iinet.net.au.

Please let me (and Colin Gee) know if there are any errors or misspellings. We stress again that there is no compunction to buy drinks for the bar on either a Wednesday or a Saturday.

Happy December birthdays to all the following:

A Division: **2nd** Peter Trend (1951) **15th** John Mercer (1945) **18th** Hector D'Rozario (1948).

B Division: **3rd** Ray Domingo (1950) **4th** Michael Gottschalk (1954) **6th** Bill Rochester (1951) **12th** John Harper (1945) **22nd** George Burcher (1952) **26th** Lance Woods (1951) **29th** Ian Bromell (1954).

C Division: **25th** Mike Sputore (1959).

D Division: **2nd** Shaun Bunn (1961) **22nd** Greg Ryan-Gadsen (1963) **25th** Ken Moncrieff (1970).

Saturday: **7th** Don Smart (1942).

Past Players: **3rd** Stan Balding (1945) **13th** David Evans (1948) **16th** Greg Allen (1952).

I hope that you're named in the correct WHM Division. And there are no non-preferred names. Ed.

'A' Division Blog: Our start time (12:00) gets us into action over what is frequently the hottest part of a Perth summer day. All players need to make sure that they stay hydrated. The temperature may be at elevated levels but at times the hockey is not.

December 7th: A warm day was forecast but White's hot start was not. After two games they had six goals and Col Murray-Smith had four of them. They had to work harder against Gold and Blue in the second games but still ended up with a large goal tally. Even Gold and Blue scored a few too. Keepers Graeme and Tony were busy all day and despite the record goal tally it could have been a lot more but for their efforts. Thank you to both custodians who were on the field all day in the 32°. Thanks also to Robin Bailey and Ken Watt, who transferred from White to Gold for the day and both had a significant impact. The goals of the day judges met very briefly and were unanimous that six goals by one player had to earn the award. The results and scorers were:

Gold 0 White 3; Blue 1 White 3; Blue 2 Gold 1; White 1 Gold 2; White 3 Blue 2; Gold 1 Blue 0.

Scorers: Blue: Peter Blockley, Bob Maley, Phil Metcalf (3). **Gold:** Robin Bailey (2), John Mercer, Peter Willett. **White:** Hector D'Rozario (2), Colin Murray-Smith (6), Neil Patterson (2). Total goals 19.

Team numbers were: Blue (10), Gold (8), White (13).

December 14th: A Division players appeared to have found it difficult to have a game and attend the Christmas party on the same day as very few managed to do both. Playing numbers were not good and only four games were played with Graeme as the sole goalkeeper. As the games had little or no connection with our usual teams I have not bothered to include the results. Nev Brown and Hector D'Rozario took full advantage of their opportunities and ended up with four goals each, thus sharing the goal of the day award. Some of the details:

Scorers: Nev Brown (4), Hector D'Rozario (4), Jim Malcolm, Bob Maley. Total goals 10.

Team numbers based on original sides: Blue (8), Gold (6), White (11).

From Saturday Masters:

Thank you to Peter Livingstone for the birthday drinks on Saturday 6th. Hope you celebrated both well and wisely.

During the last couple of months we have been notified that all players must be registered with Hockey Australia. One of the main reasons for this is that everybody must be insured and the cost of this is included in the registration fee. Those of us who also play on Wednesdays will already be covered. We also have been directed towards going back onto the Revosports system to provide a fully integrated communications platform which will mean that our social members will also need to register. Non-players will not be charged. At the time of closing this issue the finer details still need to be worked through but we will be contacting all our members during the first few months of 2023 to request registration. We will not be moving our playing fees onto the system until a way to handle the Revo automatic rollover on 1st January can be found.

There was not a lot of Perry Lakes hockey during December due to the Gala Day at PHS claiming a lot of our players on 10th December. Hopefully the January weather will be kind to us and continue to provide a Saturday sea breeze.

Ken Watt's stubby holders will be available in the bar area in future. Please help yourself from the green Woolworths bag in the bar area and return them to the bag when you leave.

We need to remind all players that our bar still runs on a cash basis only. Two or three years ago I did check on the cost of a card facility but it was too expensive for our turnover.

Make sure that you book in to play by responding to the "are you playing" email well before 12:00 noon on Fridays. And if you've booked in and can't make it, then please notify us about that too.

Quotable Quote 1: "Few men are willing to brave the disapproval of their fellows, the censure of their colleagues, the wrath of their society. Moral courage is a rarer commodity than bravery in battle or great intelligence. Yet it is the one essential, vital commodity of those who seek to change a world which yields most painfully to change." *Ernest Hemingway 1899 -1961 A Farewell to Arms.*

Gala Day: The spectators on December 10th had some good hockey to enjoy in the earlier games. By the time the O/80 match began some of the onlookers had gone, or maybe adjourned to the bar. The remainder seemed to have followed quickly. MM's limericist thought that the standard of play was not that bad; in some cases. His comment:

Our Gala Day had quite a crowd
Who managed at times to be loud
In hope that we could
Just do something good

But sadly that was not allowed. *(By the aging bodies of many of us)*

Those of you who have had a look at the video of the match will know exactly what this is about.

Balinese Bulletin No 76: Peter has not sent a detailed bulletin this time though he has said that he and Erin are both ok. He also reminded me that the fall which caused the fracture was 4 years ago, which came as a surprise as it still feels like a recent event. He closed with:

"The weather here is pretty much what to expect at this time in the middle of the "Wet".

We would like to wish everyone down there a Happy New Year. We are looking forward to a less stressful 2023 than the one we have just been through."

Peter Hammond

Happy New Year to you both from all of us down here. Ed.

Shakespeare Said It: "Cease to lament for that thou canst not help." Two Gentlemen of Verona Act III, Scene I. *Have you ever seen an umpire reverse a decision due to being abused by the player the hit was against? Just go and get the ball again (not so easy once you've reached A Division).*

"And what's a fever but a fit of madness?" The Comedy Of Errors Act V, Scene I. *It has been said that we must be mad to play at our age. I'd claim it's not madness, just a touch of white line fever.*

"O, that this too too solid flesh would melt." Hamlet Act I, Scene II. *How are you all going after the Christmas puddings? Better than me, I hope. Ed.*

Tribute to Bob Bowyer: here is a summary of the many tasks performed by Bob during his service to WHM. He performed admirably in each and every one. Congratulations on a well-merited award.

WHM:

Secretary: From 2010 to 2018.

Assistant Secretary: 2018 to 2021.

Data Base Administrator: 2010 to 2013.

Treasurer: Performed the role as a fill-in for Brian Lester 2015 - 2017.

Saturday Hockey:

Prime mover in its establishment 2013.

Secretary/Treasurer: 2013 to 2020.

Assistant Treasurer: 2020 to 2021.

Elected as first Life Member Christmas party 2020.

Other Activities

Charity raffle. Was involved from the very early days in 2006 up to 2022.

Orthopaedic Challenge Match: Prime mover in instigation (2016) and ran the first few years.

Initiated and ran sausage sizzles for a considerable length of time.

Also initiated and ran (with Janise) the wonderful hamper raffle at our Christmas parties.

Won George Winning Trophy in 2018.

Grumpy Old Men And Women Two: The law in its majestic equality forbids the rich as well as the poor to sleep under bridges, to beg in the streets, and to steal bread." *Anatole France - French novelist (1844 - 1924). From 'The Red Lily' 1894 Chapter 7.*

B Division December 2022:

December was a quiet month for B Division with most teams down a few players as the lure of travel, Christmas preparations, Covid and a few injuries hit the group. Those that turned up were always willing to put in the hard yards and give maximum effort, soldier through and make the games competitive and enjoyable! A salute to all who participated!

With a new format set to kick off some time in the New Year teams will undergo their customary reappraisal and replenishment as up to 6 players will be asked to move up a grade and 6 new young recruits will be thrown into the mix. In order to physically keep up, some players have been overheard muttering that they may have to start training!! More seasoned campaigners will of course maintain a watch and see approach to see if it is really necessary?

The now annual Gala Day was held on a Saturday for the first time with many spectators and all cracking games. Along with the traditional Hearts vs Cancer and Hips vs Knees matches, a ladies game and an over 80's men's game were also included for the first time. All games were played with great spirit, showcased some great skill and were very entertaining. Many congratulations and kudos must go to Dan Hill and all the other organisers, volunteers and umpires!

The Hips vs Knees match was deservedly won by the Knees 6-3. With more composure, structure and run they eventually overran their opposition. All in all it was a great game with some outstanding goals and plenty of good hockey from both sides.

Many thanks again Dudley. It has been great to include regular coverage from a Division which is not A, which also means something in MM which I do not have to write. It also pleased me to see that your views of the Gala Day hockey are similar to mine, though at a guess you did not see a lot of the OBE Challenge. Hopefully we will receive more from you next year.

Well Dones for December: Wednesday's A Division umpires: Rob Ainsworth, Bob Claxton, Peter Evans, Peter Galbraith, Terry Gaston, Colin Gee, Mal Jackaman, Jim Malcolm, Neil Scaddan, Peter Trend, Les Waldon, Ken Walter, Ken Watt, Ricky Watts, Frank Williams and Ivan Wilson. Saturday's umpires were: Eric Alcock, George Bradbury, Dudley Burress, Adrian Gabriel, Terry Gaston, Michael Gottschalk, Steve Powles, Neil Scaddan, Greg Street, Len Walker, Ken Watt. Our thanks to you all.

Past Players, Non Players and Injured Players November: Noted at PHS: Jim Balding, Ham D'Souza Terry Gaston, John Mercer and Barry Rutter. At Perry Lakes: Eric Alcock, Terry Gaston, Michael Gottschalk, Ian Hill, Steve Powles, Barry Rutter, Neil Scaddan.

How to Obtain Uniforms: We repeat the guidelines from the December issue by our new Uniforms Officer, Peter Wallis. The procedure for uniforms supplies now is:

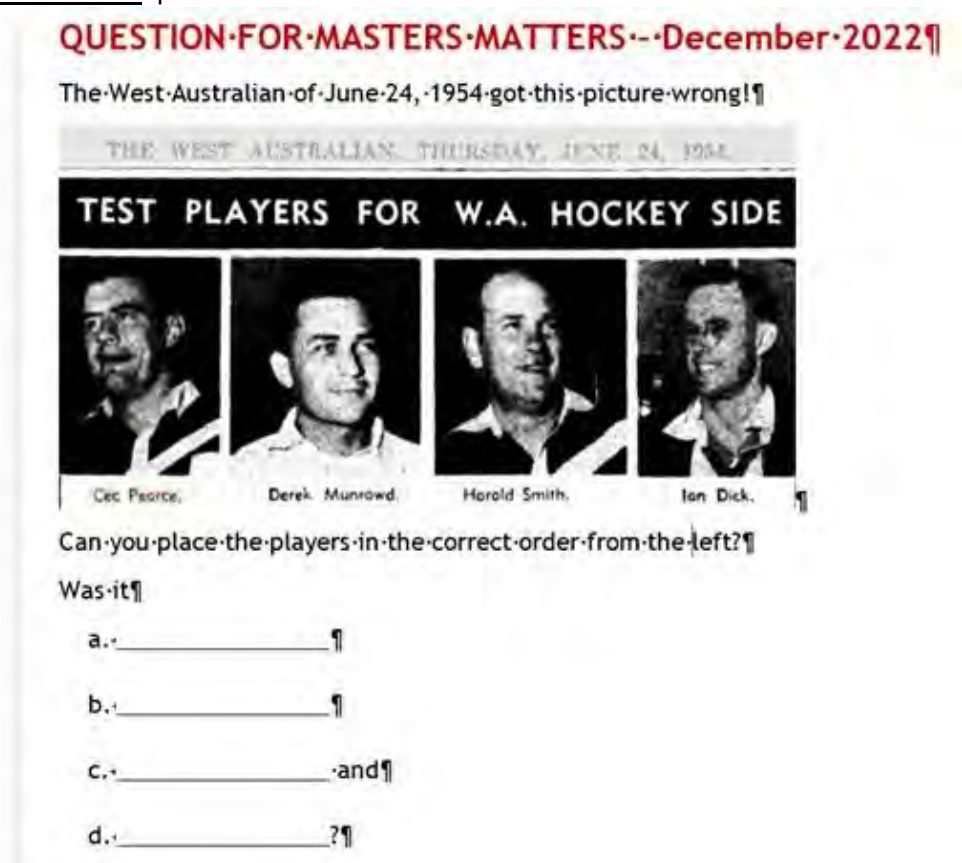
1. Issues will take place on Wednesday afternoons at PHS between 12:30 and 1:00 pm and again between 4:00 and 4:30 pm at the seating area by the Barbecue.
2. Members are requested to contact Peter by text 0412 402 782 by the previous Tuesday stating requirements ie shirt colour / size (S, M, L, XL, XXL); socks L [7-11] or XL [12-14]; caps and hats.
3. Items not being issued free as part of the initial joining or as a WHM transfer will require payment of socks \$10, caps/hats \$20, shirts \$40. Please bring correct cash.
4. Apart from a few caps/hats extra stock will NOT be taken to the stadium on a weekly basis. You MUST order the day before.

Late News on Neil Mannolini: Many thanks to Neil's wife Pat who has let us know that Neil has gone into care. He now can be found at Opal Gardens Nursing Home in Murdoch. I am not sure whether visitors are encouraged and suggest that we need to check before calling in.

Quotable Quote Two: "Honest criticism is hard to take, particularly from a relative, a friend, an acquaintance or a stranger." *Franklin P. Jones - US journalist. That leaves out hockey coaches. Ed.*

Test Your Hockey Knowledge With John Sanders:

December's question was:



John gives the answer as a) Harold Smith b)Cec Pearce c) Derek Munrowd d) Ian Dick.
 Many thanks and congratulations to Phil Anderson (aka Pando) who sent in a correct answer.

January's question is:

I have been compiling a pictorial record of the incomparable Pearce family of boys.
 A keen hockey follower should be able to match the correct given names for the Pearce boys with their more commonly known name:

Cec		Robert
Mel		Brian
Eric		George Arthur
Gordon		No Middle Name
Julian		Charles

Answer next issue.

ChestRad Gala Day: For the first time this was not held on our final playing Wednesday and Christmas Party date, moved instead to a standalone Saturday. Well done to the organizers Dan Hill, Tony Jones, Simon Thomson and all other volunteers who did the myriad tasks essential to make the day the success it was. Thank you also to all the sponsors: ChestRad, Australian Orthopaedic Association, Perth Urology Clinic, Genesis Care, Perth Radiological Clinic, Pancho's Mexican Villa Restaurant, Heart Foundation, Medical Forum and Hockey WA. Match reports start on Page 9:

Punology One: Justice is a dish best served cold because if it is served warm it would be justwater.

ChestRad Challenge Cup:

Womens' match sponsored by Australian Orthopaedic Association. New this year.

Nice N Knee-sy (4) Breast Friends (2).

Scorers: Nice N Knee-sy: Anna Taylor, Suzanne Stoate (2), Claire Wright.

Breast Friends: Eleanor Donellan (2).

Umpires: Lizzie Hansen, John Carney.

The Match: The sides for this game were a team of joint replacements (Knee-sy) and a team with a record of encounters with cancer (Breast Friends). The game was an excellent spectacle with many fine passages of play and good chances at both ends. Strangely most of the goals were scored in the second quarter. However the action went right down to the last minute with the Knee-sys twice dragging the ball off the goal line in the last 60 seconds.

Breast Friends



Nice N Knee-sy



Perth Urology Clinic Survivors' Cup:

Mens' match between former cancer and cardiac patients. Second time played.

Genesis Care Cancer (1) Perth Radiological Clinic Hearts (2).

Scorers: Cancer: Mike Sputore.

Hearts: Russell Wood, Craig Burgess.

Umpires: Matt Claxton, Steve McEntee.

The Match: This was just as keenly contested and well played as the previous year's game and produced the identical result. Despite the comparatively low scores the ball moved from end to end with great fluency (and occasionally rapidity) so the goalkeepers (Ken O'Driscoll and Martin Ferrari) had to be on their toes at all times. Cancer captain Tony Jones appeared on a news bulletin last year as a sufferer from long Covid but managed to cover an amazing amount of ground. Despite this the slighter greater spread of pace in the Cardiacs led to their second win.

The Victorious Hearts



Cancer Team



Punology Two: Do you know what you should call an average potato? A commentator.

Australian Orthopaedic Society Bionic Cup:

Mens' match between teams of knee replacements and hip replacements. Seventh time played.
AOA Hips (3) AOA Knees (6).

Scorers: Hips: Don Sanders, Neil Miller, Ashley Knapp.

Knees: Graham Harper (2), Peter Fogels, Cam Fairbrother, Norm Same, Tom Long.

Umpires: Matt Claxton, John Nettleton.

The Match: Despite the final scoreline being equal to the largest margin ever for this match the play was not as uneven as the goals indicate. The lineups suggested that the Knees had a little more depth than their opponents and this was evident as the Hips were over-run in the fourth quarter. Like the earlier games, this one featured some excellent hockey and some cracking goals. The Knees have now gone ahead in the overall count by a margin of 4 to 3.

The Successful Knees**The Runners Up Hips**

ChestRad OBE Challenge Cup:

Mens' match between two teams of Over 80s.

Golden Masters (1) White Knights (4).

Scorers: Golden Masters: Ron Venables.

White Knights: Scott Blackwell, John Mercer, Rob Butler (2).

Umpires: John Nettleton, Steve Farrar.

The Match: As with the Bionic Cup the play was much closer than the scores indicate. Ron Venables, the captain of the Golden Masters ran all day to generate opportunities for his side while Len Blyth and Scott Blackwell were creative for the White Knights and Rob Butler was dangerous in the circle.

The White Knights**The Golden Masters**

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