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C Gold

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O/65 Blue

O/65 Green

O/65 White

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Dates For The Diary:

2020: March 4th: Sausage sizzle after hockey at PHS. All Divisions will be together again.

March 28th: Saturday hockey AGM and end of season dinner. After play at Perry Lakes.

June 27th to July 11th. Interstate tournament O45s to O75s. Gold Coast

October 1st to October 10th. Interstate tournament O35s to O40s. Gold Coast

World Cup (s) - See below.

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August 8th to 17th: O/35 and O/40 Men and Women - Nottingham, England.

September 19th to 29th: O/45, O/50 and O/55 Men; O/45, O/50, O/55, O/60, O/65 Women; Spirit of Masters - Cape Town, South Africa.

November 5th to 15th: O/60, O/65, O/70, O/75 Men; Tournament Trophy - Tokyo, Japan.

WHM Expands Again: 'B' Division have added several new players this year, and this has resulted in the formation of another team - if you looked at the cover page you'll know they will be Red. The 'B' Reds make their WHM debut on 4th March, and will be captained by Mike Robinson.

Change of Times 'C' Division: The extra team in 'B' Division has necessitated a change in the fixtures and their time slot is now 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm. 'C' Division will play from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm.

Fixtures For March: If all goes according to plan our three divisions should again be playing on the same day at the same location. Here again is the link to check the fixtures for ourselves:

<https://www.wamastershockey.com/index.php/wednesday-hockey-masters-fixtures>.

Nominations Open: *Thank you to WA Masters Secretary Peter Andrews for this information on how to nominate for the WA teams in the interstate championships on the Gold Coast **June 27th to July 11th** (note change of date). The Nomination Form and explanations of the process can be found at:*

https://www.revolutionise.com.au/wahockey/events/61395/?fbclid=IwAR2fiBIRpwQd41d_LOi69qzp_nWUS1Y93rI8ZKl6B3TqAM63fl6f_ZdE4nec

Please read all the website information before completing a nomination, which must be made on the Nomination Form in the player's relevant age division. There is a non-refundable fee of \$25 to complete a nomination. The closure date for **all** Men's teams is 5.00 pm on Friday 20 March 2020.

Men's team Trials will be held on Sunday 22 March and Sunday 29 March 2020 for grades from O35 - O60s, and from 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm, Wednesday 25 March for Over 65s & 70s grades.

Problems Accessing Masters Matters: I have received several emails saying that MM cannot be read via the link I send out as it requires a username, password and a sign on. The link does not take you directly to the newsletter, just to our WHM web page on the WA Masters site and you do not need to sign on. To access the current MM click 'Current WHM Newsletter' under the WHM logo. Or all the historical editions of MM can be reached by clicking "Western Hockey Masters Newsletters." You can also get to the fixtures by clicking "Wednesday Hockey Masters Fixtures."

'A' Division Umpiring Session: Thank you to Steve McEntee for volunteering to run this event, which took place on Tuesday February 11th in the Hockey WA rooms at 12:00. Thanks also to 'A' Division Coordinator George Bradbury for the organisation. I think it is significant that by the end there were 22 attendees and Steve's opening statement was that we were there because we wanted to change the way our games are umpired and played. I think it is fair to say that many of those who attended were there because they wanted to improve their umpiring.

Steve's presentation covered all aspects of being an umpire, including the correct positions for each umpire and the areas of the field they cover. He stressed the importance of team work and good communication between them, including assisting each other if one becomes unsighted or makes a mistake.. The advantage rule was stressed - in many instances it is unnecessary to blow a breach as the team to get the free hit often can continue to develop their play. This minimises the number of interruptions to the game. Another point made was that if you attempt to allow advantage and it breaks down immediately you should call the ball back to the original breach. But once the ball has travelled more than another 5 metres or been passed off it is play on. Other points among many were:

- Whistle as though you mean it; don't be half-hearted about it.
 - Don't be frightened to change a decision if your colleague signals or a player owns up.
 - Don't allow things to get personal.
 - Don't be frightened to take the whistle, but approach the task with a positive attitude.
- The seminar closed with a question and answer session, covering the following rules in detail:

- Off the foot. (*Every contact does not have to be blown*)
- Overheads.
- Stick checks.

Then after the discussion it was time to go down to Turf 2 and start playing and umpiring. It was great to see the effort made by the player umpires to improve their standard, which I thought led to a significant decrease in the level of back chat from all bar the serial offenders. And it was just as good to see that Steve was on the sideline to offer feedback after matches. I understand that there may well be a review session in a few weeks - venue to be determined.

The quote of the day came from Ivan Wilson: "We're not playing for sheep stations any more." That point has been made several times here in "Masters Matters" too and eventually we all might take it to heart. Permanent change is achievable, even though it is one of the most difficult things to implement. But that is no reason for us not to try.

Terse Verse on the above: MM's limerick writer decided he wanted to have a say:

That's quite a lengthy epistle
All about blowing a whistle
If umpiring's bad
It can be quite sad
Grumpy old men tend to bristle (*and do and say things they will regret later*)

For Those Who Did Not Go: My personal comment on the seminar was that I had not expected to learn a lot from it - regarding myself as a fairly experienced umpire with a reasonable knowledge of the rules of hockey. I was wrong, as I learnt a lot. But much more important was the fact that the seminar also gave us the chance to put aside all past differences and go into 2020 with the intention of making a lasting change for the better to the way we play and umpire our hockey.

Department of Corrections: The proof reader claimed that he could detect no errors. But Dudley Evans 'B' Division report was headed December 2019 instead of January 2020. So no pay rise.

Quotable Quote One: "Oh! How many torments lie in the small circle of a wedding-ring!" Colley Cibber (1671 - 1757) English poet laureate. Many thanks to Les Waldon for the quote.

Department of Health: Robin Bailey's medical procedures have gone OK and he is now on the road to recovery. Peter Willett also is on the recovery track after his prostatectomy and so is John Mercer. Les Waldon has suffered further damage to a shoulder after an unfortunate collision on the 18th and still has limited movement. Simon Williams (now a Saturday player) suffered an injured quad muscle, not sure how long he'll be out. Ken Walter has now had a stent inserted; the next item is a knee replacement after a six month waiting period. He managed a game at Perry Lakes on the 22nd. Neil Scaddan has had a fairly long term shoulder injury but hopes to be back soon. George Bradbury's comeback should begin early in March. Peter Stevens has had a lengthy recovery from an ankle replacement, but has now reached the important milestone of being able to drive again. Bob Bowyer is enjoying a holiday at Jurien before coming back home for another knee replacement. Talking of knee replacements, Phil Anderson had his right knee replaced on February 12th and is already walking around the house without crutches. And Vern Gooch is now to be found in the stroke rehabilitation ward at Fremantle Hospital. Son Mike Gottschalk tells us that he's able to complain and (not necessarily connected) is slowly coming good. A speedy and complete recovery to all.

Letters To The Editor: January's MM produced very little reaction, but February's went one better and produced none at all. Ross Lonnie sent a query about access via the website.

State Team Appointments: The State Masters Committee has announced the following OFT roles:

O/50: Coach Alan Colthart, Manager TBA.

O/55: Coach Brian Saxby Manager Russell Rieck

O/55 (2): Coach TBA Manager Naomi Noble.

O/60: Coach Rob Lawson Manager Astrid Miller.

O/65: Coach Wayne Cutler Manager Verina Pestana.

O/70: Coach Jim Banks Manager Bill Campbell.

O/75: Coach Len Blyth Manager Leslie Rutter.

Congratulations and best wishes to all appointees.

WA Country: It appears that numbers are lacking as nominations are still open for the Gold Coast tournaments in all age groups from O/35s up to O/75s. The necessary forms and information:

<https://wachockeymasters.wordpress.com/documents/player-nom-forms/>

Hockey Memorabilia: Many of you will be aware that Stan Salazaar (a former WHM player) currently has one of the largest collections in the world. This does not mean that he would not welcome some more items. He's mainly interested in books, badges and old Hockey Circle magazines and if anybody has some of these at home gathering dust Stan would like to hear from you. He can be contacted via an email to mars93@bigpond.com.

New Players: This month we welcome Anton Brown ('C' Division), Tony Freeman ('B' Division), and Kevin Taylor (also 'B' Division). All the best for your time with WHM.

Hockey Balls and Uniforms: Each one of our 12 sides will receive 2 WHM provided balls. All players are requested to make sure that these go back to the providing team captain at the end of a match.

The Parking Saga: I tried to register with CelloPark, failed and have to phone the office. So I suggest that you get it over with now. The website link is included again - good luck.

<https://properties.curtin.edu.au/transport/payg.cfm>.

Grumpy Old Men and Women One: "It's no longer a question of staying healthy. It's a question of finding a sickness you like." *Jackie Mason (1928 -) US comedian and actor.*

'A' Division Blog: I received no responses at all to last issue's request for comments on whether this section should continue in its current format. So it will become a summary as from the April edition.

February 4th: The maximum temperature in Perth at the Mt Lawley site was 42.7°. I believe that a few went to PHS and trust that they made more usage of the bar than the turf.

February 11th: Again only five matches were played with Blue and Gold forming a combined side. On 28th January this arrangement generated a goal feast, but today it was a goal famine. This was not due to a lack of opportunities, just an inability to take advantage of them. No names will be mentioned here, especially as many of our usual sharp shooters were off target. The exception was John Ree who scored 50% of the day's goals from his customary range. Jim Banks made a comeback after a long absence and sensibly limited his turf time to one match, in which he showed good mobility. Mal Horrigan managed to acquire another leg injury in the first game which ended his day. I believe that it was quite humid on the turf which may have explained the standard. One passage of play in the fourth game matched Shakespeare's "The Comedy of Errors" as for a couple of minutes every player who got the ball turned it straight over to the opposition. The day's results in summary: **Blue/Gold** (W3, L0, D1, F5, A1) **White** (W0, L1, D2, F1, A2) and **Red** (W0, L2, D1, F0, A2). Goalkeepers Barry, Ian and Tony lasted all games in their portable sauna helmets - thank you. The scorers were: **Gold/Blue:** Terry Gaston, Ian Purdie, John Ree (3); **White:** Colin Gee. Numbers based on original teams: Red (10), Blue (8), Gold (5), White (9).

February 18th: All sides were 1 or 2 short - except for Gold, who only had 5 players. When we knew what the final numbers were (at the end of the second game) the Gold players were allocated to the other three teams and three more matches played. Only two goalkeepers braved the 34° heat (thanks Barry and Tony) and only 2 goals were scored in the first three games when they were part of the action. They then departed and the last two matches were played with 10 a side (not even a third fullback), resulting in a goal feast, despite the number of missed sitters. Jim Banks is still on the comeback trail but managed two games this week. And it was great to see Ham D'Souza on the turf again - also managing to complete two good games, including a classic run and goal. That was one of the only two goals against the keepers, the other going to Brian Soares after a good pass from Terry Gaston. In the last two matches the goals went to **Blue:** Col Gee, Neil Miller; **Red:** Howie Herbert, Col Murray-Smith, Angelo Strano (2), Ron Venables (2); **White:** Col Gee (2). Team numbers based on the players original sides were: Blue (8), Gold (5), White (9) and Red (8).

February 25th: We returned to Turf One on the new blue surface. Blue and Gold could only muster 11 players between them, and played as a combined side yet again. Despite B/G having all the possession and territory twice against White both games were drawn due to great goalkeeping and some desperate deep defence. Easy goals were missed many times by both Blue/Gold and Red, but they still scored multiple goals despite the best efforts of GKs Barry, Ian, John and Tony. The warm and very humid weather was not conducive to good hockey which featured only in very occasional flashes. Goal of the day - Neil Miller. Scorers: **Gold/Blue:** Neil Miller, John Ree (3), Angelo Strano (2); **Red:** Ray Domingo (3), Col Murray-Smith, Sukdev Pandher; **White:** Steve McEntee. Numbers based on original teams: Gold (5), White (10), Blue (6), Red (10).

General Comment on Tuesday Play: This has been an expedient to get us through the lengthy works done on PHS Turf one. Gold have been unable to get more than 7 players on any day, as there are quite a few on their list who can't play on Tuesdays. Under these circumstances it has been difficult to schedule matches to give everybody either a decent run, or to prevent them from playing more than the recommended four games and in the first quarter we have played the scheduled fixtures only twice so far. Well done to coordinator George Bradbury and the team captains for their hastily arranged programmes. To assist if numbers become a problem again I suggest we all:

- Notify the team captain as early as possible if you can't play.
- Bring as many of the shirts as you can (ie Blue, Gold, Red and White).
- Be there before the first match is due to start.
- Get as fit as you can to play any extra games required.

This might give George and the captains a chance to organize properly balanced scratch teams.

From Saturday Masters: The AGM and end of season dinner will be held on 28th March



We had originally scheduled the AGM and end of season dinner for 4th April. But Hockey WA have decide to start their competitions on that date, which could really add complications to our usage of the YMCA clubrooms. So we have moved the whole event one week forward to March 28th and Jim Wright has already asked for bookings. Please reply to him if you have not already done so.

A reminder to all providers of nibbles that the limit for reimbursement is \$70. Anything you spend up to that amount will be repaid (subject to provision of the docket) but any more than that will have to be at your own expense. This does not prevent any Lotto winners in our ranks from buying up the crayfish currently not going to China and serving them at Perry Lakes.

The till contained plenty of shrapnel on 18th February, including multiple 5c pieces. Original Perry Lakes bar manager Ken Watt set the prices in whole dollars only to avoid tedious coin counting and banking and the more small coins that go into the till the more time-consuming it is running the bar. MM's limericist was moved to comment:

Each week we must balance the till
And hope that the difference is nil
But now it's our fate
To go home quite late
Coin counting's not much of a thrill.

On the same point, occasional requests to borrow from the till have been received. Please do not do this; just approach one of the bar staff (Howie or John). I would far prefer to lend you money rather than raid the till, which is hard enough to balance in any case.

Another player has been good enough to retrieve the ball after a missed shot. Well done to Rod Spencer who went a long way to recover the ball on the 8th. And in late news Len Walker covered some extra yards on the 29th February.

We welcome Ash Challoner to our ranks for the balance of the summer season, and maybe for the winter season also. There's a lot to be said for playing at the same time and place every Saturday. Jim Balding has resumed play and Jim Banks has been out for a look too.

Thanks to recent donors Paul Huisman (cash box for bar) and Ken Walter (wine for dinner).

Balinese Bulletin No 49: *For newer members our Indonesian correspondent was an original WHM player and team captain. He was also a pioneer of interstate O/50s hockey as the first state coach.*

You asked for something from up hereunfortunately because not a lot really happens here in Bali, particularly for an Old Guy like me with a mobility issue I do not have a lot to offer this time 'round.

I mentioned, in your last issue, that the Bali Wet had begun, albeit late, well we now find ourselves quietly slipping into the month of March & I can report that last night we had our first night of solid rain for the season. Our garden seems to have doubled in size overnight.

I don't know if I have mentioned previously that we have small birds living in our garden who will often visit us in our "open to the garden" living area, find a place to perch themselves & break into an excited conversation whilst looking at us directly. Having finished they simply fly off to return the following day for a similar conversation. One of the many things we love about living here.

The Aus. Dollar v Indo Rupiah exchange rate has, over the past 10 months or so, weakened to the point where we have been delivered a 17% increase to our cost of living. Something entirely unexpected, unfortunately ...let us hope that we see an improvement in the rate in the not too distant future.

We are led to believe that Indonesia & Bali, more particularly, has no incidence of Corona Virus that would seem to be difficult to believe given that it has shown its "ugly head" around the globe. We can but hope it is in fact correct!

Looking forward to "Footy Season" and for my Carlton Blue Baggers to be given the opportunity to sing their song more frequently this year.

Well, that's it John from me up here hope it's enough.

Peter Hammond

Thanks again Peter. Sorry you had to send the story twice due to editorial finger trouble. Ed.

'B' Division February 2020: *From Dudley Evans*

February's B Division report is written on location in Christchurch NZ where I am currently carrying out post earthquake inspection work on several pubs, clubs and bars. All seems to be in order so far! Back in Perth competition continued through Feb with good numbers as players start to gear up for the new winter season. Also preparations for the new red side have continued in readiness for their introduction into the competition at the beginning of March. It is very fitting then that this month's featured player is Mike Robbo Robinson captain of the new Red team. After reading about his background I don't think the Red side will be taking any prisoners!!

My hockey started in 1962 when I came down from the country (Koorda) to boarding school. Our coach for the first year or two was a local primary school headmaster ("Thorpie", who some of you may have encountered in your younger years) who had a well earned reputation as a strict disciplinarian and struck the fear of God into all of us. Nonetheless he knew a thing or two about the game and somehow managed to pass a little of it on. I spent most of my school years as a forward but did while away a couple of years as a goalie by way of contrast. My abiding memory of the goalie years is one of alternating famine and feast. Many a game was spent soaking wet (remember when it used to rain quite regularly in winter?) watching the game being played almost entirely in the other half of the field. On other days there was a more or less constant barrage of shots on goal from our opponents. The hockey fields were interesting in that they were couch grass growing through a layer of cinders and if you hit the deck, you left a lot of skin, not to mention blood, behind.

In '64 one of the Old Scotch teams was short of players and three of us were asked to help out. I think the grade was B3 or thereabouts against Marist Brothers and to naïve 14/15 year olds it was one hell of an education. We all went home battered and bruised – including one with a broken arm, thus ending his hockey for quite a while. It was rough. However we two survivors decided to continue through the season (it got us away from the boarding house for a while) and we gradually learnt how to weather the rough stuff. Drinking laws were somewhat more relaxed in those days and we were allowed a single beer with our older team mates in the pub after the game. /8

I continued playing with various Old Scotch sides throughout my school years and then joined the club when high school was over. We were a small club with a top side of A2 when I first joined, then dropped to A3 a few years later and bounced between the two quite a bit. Preston Gardner was the captain of our side, played full back and let it be known that if anyone took out one of his young players in an unsportsmanlike fashion, he would take great pleasure in evening up the score - and he did! I will always be grateful for that stewardship in those youthful years. He didn't "mother" us and we still had plenty of bumps and falls but it virtually eliminated the really nasty and dangerous stuff.

During my time with Old Scotch we managed to get a few games at the WACA – not many but I remember the magnificent surface and (through the rose tinted glasses of long ago memories) it seems to me that it would have compared favourably with artificial turf. I also remember stinking hot evening games of indoor hockey played under one of the metal roofed, bitumen floored pavilions at the showgrounds. It acted as a pretty efficient heat sink, absorbing the daytime heat and releasing it during our evening games. Great competition but testing conditions. The Old Scotch years was also the time when I took part in a series of annual Bunbury Weekends – OK hockey on Saturday but a haze seemed to settle on the assembled tribes that fronted up on Sunday morning. Still a great time was had by all and eventual recovery eventually came about. Regrettably I never got to take part in the similar Merredin Weekend but I am sure that was a hoot as well.

As a small club we realised that our long term survival required the kind of growth that only amalgamation was likely to provide and so we merged with Old Christ Church to form Collegians and, shortly after, the new club merged with Cricketers to form Westside Wolves. By that time I had moved on. I was working at the APB's Research Facility at Forrestfield from 1974 onwards and had moved from Shenton Park to Lesmurdie to avoid the tedious drive (into the sun both ways) across the city every working day. In those days our hockey training was Tuesday and Thursday evenings and Sunday mornings and getting from Lesmurdie to Swanbourne for those sessions just became too painful. So I joined Kalamunda – where I have remained ever since. I joined the club committee a few years later spending time in various roles - Club Secretary, Minkey Co-ordinator (200 kids – that was fun), Juniors Co-ordinator and U13 B coach. During that time I also put in a couple of years on the WAHA Junior Committee. In 2003 I was awarded Life Membership at Kalamunda.

After playing in various senior grades for some years I moved into the Masters Grade during its fleeting existence over the '90 and '91 seasons. By '93 we finally had enough older players to nominate for a Veterans grade side. In their wisdom, WAHA made us start in F grade where we often won games by 10 or more goals. An unfathomable decision which made the games equally unenjoyable for both us and our opponents. Then WAHA decided that we could jump one grade each year and we finally reached B grade in '95. Then on to Over 40's, Over 50's and now Over 60's.

During the late seventies and early eighties I spent a lot of time in Esperance & experienced the dubious pleasure of playing on gravel/clay grounds. Another surface on which you very quickly learn to stay upright all the time. You also learnt to hit cleanly or else your stick rapidly acquired a flat bottom edge.

Western Masters Hockey on Wednesdays started for me somewhere about 2008 in O/50s and then on to B Division in 2013. It has been a wonderful experience – the hockey is played well but with a strong social element. I think Simon and his committee have created and maintained a great club and I am just glad to be a beneficiary of their labours.

I also enjoyed playing O 40's at Hale on Monday nights for many years but gave it up a couple of years ago as the age gap between the youngest participants and myself approached the 30 year mark. The message finally sank in.

In 2013 I joined the Country Over 60's side in Sydney for my first Nationals before moving into the 65's the following year. Despite a notable lack of medals, I have found these trips immensely enjoyable and have only missed one year (Tassie in 2018), when I was injured. I moved to 70's in 2019 and I am looking forward to the Gold Coast tournament in June/July. Since 2013 I have teamed with at least 17 other WHM members, so we certainly help prop up the numbers in Country. /9

Historical List of WHM Office Bearers: The list below is what we've managed to assemble so far. If anybody out there can provide an update or a correction please contact the editor.

WHM Honour Board

<u>Chairman:</u>	George Winning: 1993 - 2004 Simon Thomson: 2004 - 2018
<u>President:</u>	Simon Thomson: 2018 -
<u>Vice-President:</u>	Tony Jones: 2019 -
<u>Secretary/Treasurer:</u>	John Sanders: 19xx - 1995 Bob Bowyer: 2015 - 2017
<u>Secretary:</u>	John Sanders: 1995 - 2005 John Dunstan: 2005 - 2010 Bob Bowyer: 2010 - 2018 Neil Patterson: 2018 -
<u>Assistant Secretary:</u>	Bob Bowyer: 2018 -
<u>Treasurer:</u>	Brian Lester: 1995 - 2015 Steve Farrar: 2017 -

Other Offices

<u>Fixtures Secretary:</u>	John Sanders: xxxx - 20xx Roger Partington: 20xx - 2019 Harvey Davies: 2019 -
<u>Official Scorer:</u>	John Sanders: xxxx -2006(?) Colin Sanders: 2006 - 2009 John Mercer: 2009 - 2014
<u>Web Master:</u>	Peter Fogels: 200x - 2018 (?)
<u>O/60s Rep:</u>	Colin Gee: 200x - 2013
<u>'A' Division Rep:</u>	Colin Gee: 2013 - 2019 George Bradbury: 2019 -
<u>'B' Division Rep:</u>	Peter Andrews: 2013 - 2019 Adrian Gabriel: 2019 -
<u>O/50s Rep:</u>	Ian Pestana: xxxx - 2013
<u>'C' Division Rep:</u>	Ian Pestana: 2013 - 2019 Colin Howell: 2019 -
<u>Saturday Rep:</u>	Les Waldon: 2013 -
<u>Newsletter Editor:</u>	John Mercer: 2012 -

George Winning Trophy

2015:	Brian Lester
2016:	Robin Bailey
2017:	John Mercer
2018:	Bob Bowyer
2019:	Simon Thomson

Life Members

xxxx:	George Winning
2013:	Peter Hammond

Punology One: Did you hear about the poor bloke who discovered that he was colour blind? He said that the diagnosis came completely out of the purple.

Test Your Hockey Knowledge With John Sanders: February's question was: In which Olympics did Australia's Women's team finish fourth after a 5-10 loss on penalty strokes to the USA. Was it?

- a) Olympic Games Moscow 1980.
- b) Olympic Games Los Angeles 1984.
- c) Olympic Games Seoul 1988.
- d) Olympic Games Barcelona 1992.

No answers were received, in keeping with the general lack of reaction to February's issue.

March's question is: Which of the following statements is true about the Hockeyroos successful Gold medal winning effort at the 2000 Sydney Olympic Games?

- a) Australia did not play New Zealand at these games.
- b) Claire Mitchell-Taverner made her debut for Australia.
- c) Australia conceded either 0 or 1 goal per match.
- d) a) and b).

Answer next issue.

Shakespeare Said It: "Though I am not naturally honest, I am so sometimes by chance." The Winter's Tale Act IV Scene III. *Not the "Masters Matters" editor - more applicable to an 'A' Division player who decides to own up, but only occasionally.*

"I can go no further sir; my old bones ache I needs must rest me" The Tempest Act III Scene III. *'A' Division player in the recent humid weather.*

"..... let us satisfy our eyes with the memorials and the things of fame that do renown this city." Twelfth Night, Act III, Scene III. *None of this while the Covid-19 virus stalks the world.*

2020 World Cup News: The technical panel for this tournament has been appointed and includes a few Australians. I'll include them all for readers whose international experience is wider than mine: Technical delegate: Graham Napier.

Assistant Umpires Manager: Kevin Dempster (who has been a Masters Matters correspondent).

Assistant Umpires Manager: Terry Mason.

Technical Officers/Judges: Anne Lennie, Robyn Pascoe, Chris Gilders, Paul Hardie.

We all hope that the tournament can go ahead and congratulate all West Australians mentioned.

Well Done: 'A' Division umpires during February included Rob Ainsworth, George Bradbury, Ham D'Souza, Peter Evans, Colin Gee, John Jeffreys, John Lindsay, Bob Maley, Steve McEntee, Colin Murray-Smith, Neil Scaddan, Brian Soares, Greg Street, Ron Venables Les Waldon, Ricky Watts and Jim Wright. Thanks you all. If there were any umpires on the 42.7° on the 4th they are not known to me. At Perry Lakes the umpires noted include Eric Alcock, George Bradbury, Peter Brien, Colin Gee, Mike Gorrschalk, Ian Hill, John Mercer, Steve Powles, Neil Scaddan, Don Smart, Brian Soares, Les Waldon and Ken Watt. Thanks all.

Past Players, Non-Players, Injured Players: We have more visitors in this category on Saturdays than mid week at PHS. Perhaps it's the traffic, or maybe the bar prices are a factor. At PHS on Tuesdays sighted were George Bradbury, John Mercer and Neil Scaddan – in addition to the non-playing umpires. The Perry Lakes list is quite a lot longer: Jim Balding, George Bradbury, John Halley, Peter Livingstone, Tony Marshall, Bruce Mercer, John Mercer, Colin Murray-Smith (on a Saturday drive), Roger Partington, Paul Robinson, Neil Scaddan, Rod Spencer, Peter Stevens, Les Waldon, Ken Walter and Ken Watt. No wonder the bar did particularly well during February with all time record turnover on the 29th February. Keep up the good work.

Quotable Quote 2: "I often quote myself. It adds spice to my conversation." *George Bernard Shaw (1856 - 1950). So do a lot of other people - quote GBS I mean.*

One Aspect of Deforestation

Picture from John Sanders



Grumpy Old Men and Women Two: “A fashion is nothing but an induced epidemic.” *George Bernard Shaw (1856 - 1950)*

Punology Two: Two windmills were standing in a field and one said to the other, “What kind of music do you like?” The other says, I’m a big metal fan.”

Change of Details: Could all members of WHM, past and present, remember that in the event of any change to your email address you should notify Colin Gee. Colin is our data base administrator and his email address is gee.colin@gmail.com.

All news, other contributions, and Unsubscribe requests to:

John Mercer. Email: johnmercercer@iinet.net.au.

(The reason for dropping the ‘A’ Division White is that I’m not named in the team any more)