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B Red

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O/65 Blue

O/65 Green

O/65 White

# Masters Matters

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**Registration / Payment For 2021:** *Judging from the following, Colin Gee has received a few queries from members having difficulties with the process. If this applies to you then please read this and do your best to get the task done. And if you are yet to pay, then it's time to bite the bullet and do it.*

"NOW is the time that you must pay your playing fee.

Members need to remember when registering, that they must follow the system and only use the Registration button. As Western Hockey Masters is a new club on this system there is no data to drag forward as far as we are concerned.

When you follow the registration button, you must follow the prompts right through the process as most fields are requiring an entry of information to be able to proceed.

If you get an obscure request (contact WHM) or data is incorrect you may have to start the process from the beginning again.

Some people tell me they have had to have several attempts to complete the registration and others say it was easy and faultless. Please do not give up, have another go and follow the attached link."

[www.revolutionise.com.au/westernmasters/home/](http://www.revolutionise.com.au/westernmasters/home/) Then it's the "Registration" button.

Colin Gee. *(If I can do it successfully, then anybody can. Ed.)*

**We Are Fortunate:** MM's limericist has been comparing WHM to the rest of the world.

We're much better off here in Perth

Than most other places on Earth

If hockey we seek

We play twice a week *(if you're in the Perry Lakes O/65s)*

While everyone else has a dearth.

*If we have any far-flung readers who are playing hockey please email the Editor and tell us about it.*

**We Were Fortunate:** This issue was nearly complete and then we had to cancel hockey for the 3rd. At this stage we do not know anything about next Saturday so please keep an eye on your in-box.

**Dates For The Diary:****2021:**

February 25th: Sausage sizzle after hockey. PHS.

March 27th: Saturday hockey end of summer season WA Spit Roast dinner. Perry Lakes.

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:** Newcastle September 24th to October 9th.

WA Country have already opened player nominations, which close on February 19th. Here is the link

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

WA Metro closed off nominations for off field roles on January 31st.

**A Division News:** Thanks to George Bradbury for the following update. Much to the relief of some of us (at our age it's hard to become accustomed to directing passes at a different colour), it has not been a total reshuffle, but rather an adjustment aimed at equality.

“Having settled on a four team playing structure the next step was to re balance the teams. This was done against a backdrop of increasing player numbers post the Xmas period. Having 52 players there on Wednesday was gratifying and we settled on aiming for squads of 15/16 players in each team and up to 12 very regular players per week. Attention was given to the age range, skill level and the position mix of the squads.

**Blue:** Reduced their numbers to 14 by making available Jim Malcolm and Nevelle Brown but Jeff Kozak was added so back to 15.

**White:** Made available Steve McEntee and Lance Wood but Terry Gaston was added. The 15 person group includes Len Blyth (part time to other commitments), John Mercer (long term absence), and Peter Wallis (still returning from a knee replacement). This makes a 12 person very regular group.

**Gold:** Had its 11 regular member playing list reduced to 11 by the Terry Gaston move to White, but Jim Malcolm, nev brown and Lance Wood were added. A total of 13 likely very regular players.

**Red:** Paul Huisman was removed from the list (*thanks for helping out Paul - Ed.*) and Steve McEntee added for a 15 person group. With Bob Hotinski, Keith Kessell and Mal Horrigan returning from long term injuries a 12 person very regular group is likely.

**Comments:** No extra players are requested from B Division at this time but we remain in close contact. We are likely to lose some players through the 2021 season through natural attrition, which if similar to 2020 will be 6 or 7.

The possibility of an over 75s competition was raised again.

Thank you to the captains for their diligent, good natured & efficient running of the Division. Thanks also to the players for their willing participation in the playing, umpiring and administration of the playing days.

George Bradbury - Coordinator A Division”

**Too Much Heat / Too Much Pace?** As mentioned in the A Division match reports two players from B Division joined us on January 13th. Both suffered medical issues but our sarcastic limericist says:

Two players came up from Turf 2

To play with the 70s crew

But both did not last

Keeled over quite fast

A Div are so quick; no one knew.

**Australian Masters Games:** These will be held in Perth later this year between 9th & 16th October. Among the sports to be included is hockey which is due to be played between the 11th and 15th at Perth Hockey Stadium from 9:00 am to 6:00 pm. The age groups for both men and women are 30+, 35+, 40+, 45+, 50+, 55+ and 60+. Here is the link to the site for further information:

<https://australianmastersgames.com/sport/hockey/>

I am not sure whether nominations are sought from teams or individuals.

**George Winning Award 2020:** No doubt everybody remembers that Jim Wright was the winner. But I wonder how many of you remember this paragraph from the ‘Masters Matters’ of January 2020.

“The Christmas Party catering (*for the Perry Lakes Saturday competition*) fully lived up to the very high standard which has been set over the years our competition has been going. Les Waldon, George Bradbury and particularly Jim Wright have all made significant contributions for several years now. Jim is involved every week whether it's a player day, a club day, a pizza day or a WA Spit Roast dinner. He has done such an outstanding job that I think next year's George Winning Award should be a possibility.” *The power of the press is apparent again. Ed.*

**Birthdays This Year:** Ken Watt has suggested that quite a few of our A Division players celebrate a significant milestone during 2021. It seems that treasurer Stave Farrar might be receiving a little less in fees due to the number of brand new octogenarians. The list of present and past players includes: Colin Gee, Brian Glencross, Marty Greay, Peter Hammond, Roy Hansen, Bob Maley, John Ree, Paul Robinson, Barry Rutter, Colin Sanders, Graeme Sansom, Ken Watt, Peter Willett, Ivan Wilson.

Congratulations to all, especially those still playing. Congratulations also to those of you who have already attained this age and are also still playing. It seems that when the next age group is added to the interstate tournament that a WA team can be there. Now all we need to do is to make sure that we can have an interstate tournament.

**Bob Claxton's Temporary Absence?** On the 27th January Bob said that they would be returning to Adelaide to pack up their furniture and rent the house. I hope you made it out before the lockdown and I also hope that interstate traffic is flowing again when it's time to come back to A Division Red.

**Department of Health:** Ken Walter was due for his first operation on 1st February - hope all went well. Ron Venables is now back in action again after a few weeks off, but does not appear to have lost any pace or mobility (or passing skills). Les Waldon is back, but seems to be playing with some difficulty. Colin Gee is also back and has resumed playing on both days without missing a beat. Bob Bowyer has decided to have a caravan holiday before attempting the long awaited comeback - which is now scheduled for the end of February. (In very late news Bob did not quite get away before the lockdown struck) Keith Kessell has been making good progress in his recovery from spinal surgery and is aiming at a comeback early in 2021. John Milner spent part of a night in hospital with what is hoped was only a temporary sight malfunction. Jim Wright has finally received a diagnosis and it has emerged that the problem is caused by atrial fibrillation. Now he needs to see a cardiologist, if such a thing can be done during the lockdown. John Mercer will be out of action for some time (or good), with severe arthritis in a knee and a probable hernia operation to be undergone. A speedy and complete recovery to all who are able to make one.

**Letters To The Editor:** The January issue, like December's, has generated very little reader reaction. Thanks to Neil Patterson for passing on a thank you from Roy Hansen. Many thanks also to Ric Staynor, for a photograph of an international team in the early years of Perth Hockey Stadium.

**Department of Corrections:** The typist and proof reader will be asking for a pay rise, as our readers did not point out any errors in January's edition. The Editor looked closely in an attempt to find some, but also did not succeed. The latest news is that the staff were all offered the same pay and benefits enjoyed by the Editor. Nobody was eligible for JobKeeper.

**Wine Winners 2020:** In some previous years we were able to print tallies by team, but it's now been some time since that was possible. Last year was so different to any other year since I joined WHM that we had no raffles at all in the first quarter and did not get going until June. The list of winners:  
5 wins: Dan Hill.

4 wins: Nev Brown, Greg Street.

3 wins: Ivan Wilson, Graham Harper, Bill & Jim Campbell, Glenn Mihala, Brian Soares, Neil Patterson.

2 wins: John Jeffreys, Simon Thomson, Roger Davey, Ricky Watts, Peter Eastlake, Ian Brown, Phil Metcalf, John Mercer.

1 win: 27 players and George Winning.

**Quotable Quote 1:** "The greatest of faults, I should say, is to be conscious of none." *Thomas Carlyle (1795 - 1881). English historian, satirical writer, essayist, translator, philosopher, mathematician and teacher. One of the many challenges of continuing with hockey into 'late middle age' is that your memory of what you can do does not match with what you actually can do.*

**'A' Division Blog:** Some re-allocation of players within A Division has occurred effective from the 1st February. Hopefully this will lead to more equality of numbers and results.

**January 6th:** We had insufficient numbers for two sides, so most players went down to Turf Two and were added to the B Division teams. This meant that all four Bs had surplus players. Team numbers in attendance for the original A sides were: Red (4), Gold (1), White (4), Blue (5).

**January 13th:** The 2021 season resumed properly, with numbers very much improved from last week. Thanks to the two goalkeepers (Barry and Colin) who remained in their portable sauna outfits for the first five games before calling it a day for Match 6. Dave Mellor was advised to have a light run by his cardiologist and had a go at playing for Red, while Jeff Kozak also donned a red shirt due to the numbers in B Division. Both had medical issues after a very brief time on the turf, though both seemed to recover quickly. We hope all remained good afterwards. Several players returned who we had not seen for quite a while and Blue welcomed Jim Banks (1 game) and Peter Trend; Ron Venables was back with Red; while White regained Ray Domingo and Hector D'Rozario. **Some** of the hockey was not too bad after the Christmas break even though much of it was not. Sheer quantity as well as quite a bit of quality earned the goal of the day award for Ray Domingo. The day's results:

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

**Scorers:** **Blue:** Jim Banks, Ian Hill, John Ree. **Gold:** Angelo Strano. **Red:** John Jeffreys, Bob Maley, Ron Venables. **White:** Ray Domingo (5), Lance Wood. Player numbers varied, but at maximum were: White (11), Blue (12), Red (8), Gold (9). 13 goals were scored.

**January 20th:** There were no less than four goalkeepers following the move of Graeme Sansom and all enjoyed the luxury of games off and being attached to only one team. White's deep defence of Graeme, Peter Evans and Steve McEntee (with assistance from halves Scott, George and Robin) managed to keep a clean sheet even though the balance of the play was usually against them, especially in the game against Gold. Some good hockey was played midfield, particularly early on before the humidity tired players out, but many attacks broke down badly in the circle. The one blow-out happened when the Red defence decided to assist the Blue forwards to get the ball past their custodian Barry Rutter. Some very good goals went in and the short list for goal of the day is: Nev Brown (finished off an excellent build-up from Gold, with a great last pass from Phil Metcalf), Col Murray-Smith (fine solo run for Red), Peter Eastlake (well-worked corner variation from Blue), and Ricky Watts (rocket-like corner conversion for Blue when no Gold defenders ran out). Ricky also made the save of the day on the defending goal-line against Red and suffered the worst injury of the day when struck on the upper body by the ball against Gold. The results were:

**Gold 1 Red 1; Blue 0 White 1; Blue 3 Red 0; White 0 Gold 0; Blue 1 Gold 1; White 0 Red 0.**

**Scorers:** **Blue:** Peter Eastlake (2), Neil Patterson, Ricky Watts. **Gold:** Nevelle Brown (2). **Red:** Colin Murray-Smith. **White:** Scott Blackwell. The team numbers based on the players' original sides were: Gold (9), Red (8), Blue (9), White (12). Blue transferred Nev Brown to Gold; Jim Malcolm and Ken Watt switched to Red while White ran reserves. 8 goals were scored.

**January 27th:** Perhaps the cooler weather was the cause, but our numbers were the best for quite some time. Some players are returning from fairly long absences also. Nev Brown transferred from Blue to Gold, and after Angelo Strano injured a hamstring very early so did Jim Malcolm. John Ree also stopped playing during his first game - a knee problem? The hockey stayed at a fairly constant level, as for a change the better players were not continually being asked to fill in for other sides. It was the first game for some time for Mal Horrigan, Peter Murray and Mark Faithfull (Red), Gordon Jeffery (Gold) and Ham D'Souza (White). Goalkeepers Barry, Tony and Graeme all had good days (most of the time) and goals were hard to get (most of the time). Goal of the day has to go to Ron Venables for a reflex shot to a bouncing and moving ball; Jim Banks deserves an honourable mention for a corner conversion; and Ray Domingo was his usual threat to defences all day. The day's results:

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

**Scorers:** **Blue:** Jim Banks. **Gold:** Nev Brown. **Red:** Ron Venables (2). **White:** Ray Domingo (4), Ham D'Souza. Player numbers discounting injuries: White (13), Blue (15), Gold (9), Red (12). 9 goals.

**From Saturday Masters:** Is there a better location for summer play than our ground at Perry Lakes? If there is a sea breeze at all we will feel the benefit. The trees provide protection for the spectators and the players for the breaks between games. Added to this is the excellent relationship we enjoy with YMCA and the benefits of being able to use the Des and Pam Kelly clubrooms.

# Nothing more has come through about the re-development of the change-rooms. As we hear more we will keep you all in touch, and hope that we do get some advance notice.

# Our thanks to all of you who have assisted the Saturday Committee in recent weeks. Several of us are having difficulties at the moment and your help is really appreciated.

# It's time to reserve the night of Saturday 27th March for our end of summer season windup. Jim Wright has arranged a pasta evening via WA Spit Roasts and the menu looks very appetizing indeed.

# The events of recent days have highlighted the necessity for all members to check in with the SafeWA app before entering the YM Clubrooms. If you do not have the phone app then you need to enter your details on the pad just inside the door.

# Well done to Keith Kessell, who managed to make his comeback on the 30th. Hope all OK Sunday.

# Many thanks to Gorby, who brings an ice-loaded Esky each week. Both for cold drinks and first aid.

# Thanks also to Len Walker, who not only did the nibbles on the 2nd, he donated them as well.

# Among the reasons that Howie Herbert is having trouble getting there on a Saturday is that he and Pam are preparing their place for a possible sale. As can be seen below, there is quite a large area to be looked at. All the best for the sale, and the move - to?



**Section of Howie and Pam's current outdoor area**

**Punology One:** Elderly tourists travelling to Egypt (in the days when travel was possible) used to be warned against looking at the waters of the Nile for too long, in case they became see Nile. This one came from Ken Beer - many thanks.

**Balinese Bulletin No 59:** BALI MUSINGS FEBRUARY 2020.

Since my last contribution not a lot, if anything, has happened here in Bali for us aging Expats to interest folks down there in Perth. We are still in voluntary home lockdown & will probably remain so for some time longer.

As I am sitting, at my desk, I am looking out through the window at Nyoman our friendly gardener plying his gardening skills in reducing our large tropical garden from what was becoming to look like a Balinese jungle into something more acceptable. He generally comes around every 2 weeks but this time he has been missing for some 5 weeks due to a couple of deaths in the Family.

I am sure I mentioned earlier the Bali Wet is with us & the rain has been so relentless I am beginning to lose memory of what a day without rain even looks like. The Wet will end, as it always does, & we will find ourselves looking forward once again to a refreshing shower to cool everything down. Not to mention the garden which welcomes a return to a damper environment.

A little concerning for Senior Citizens like us is the fact that the Bali Covid situation has worsened from daily infection rates rising from 100 or less per day to a recent level of numbers in excess of 500 per day. We are led to believe the primary cause for this is that testing rates have dramatically increased, so we will need to wait & see where we go from here.

Our lovely Balinese friends continue to take very good care of us & we really don't know what we would have done without them. The lovely thing is they really do genuinely seem to care for us & appear to look forward to seeing us.

We find ourselves watching a lot of CNN on the TV so we are certainly interested, often amused, at what is happening in the U.S. I am of the belief that the division that has opened up over there will take a long time to heal & that we are certain to see more violent episodes from the army of Trump believers. Whilst I say this I really do hope this will not come to pass.

I would like to wish all my friends down there a happy & safe year ahead & will continue to keep in contact, hopefully with more interesting things to report.

Peter Hammond *Thanks again Peter, and good luck with the surgery. Ed.*

**Peter mentioned Trump. Jim Wright sent:**



**'B' Division January 2021:**

A new year, improved, fitter and faster? No, but still enthusiastic and keen to get out there and "do it while they still can", B Division teams and players hauled themselves into the new year with good numbers and a good standard of hockey! As the weeks passed the inertia of a few weeks off and the indulgent festive spirit was replaced by some fitness and fierce endeavour! The month was capped off with another great get together and sausage sizzle.

This month's featured player is Bob Le Merle currently playing for the Gold side. Another amazing story and a very good read!

Dudley Evans

*Thank you Dudley - and thank you B Division for accepting some A Division refugees on the 6th. Ed.*

**Bob Le Merle hockey bio**

Hockey was something that I never thought that I would play for over 50 years, as back in school in India, it was boxing that I was more interested in and it was only the fact that the University that I joined had no boxing that I took to hockey. However, being in boarding school, one was obliged to participate in some form of sport other than boxing and so I reluctantly took to hockey with some semblance of success. Having completed my Engineering in 1968 I migrated to Australia and settled in Melbourne where once again boxing took over and I joined the Mordialac Boxing Club where I was coached by the then world champion Johnny Famechon's coach, Ambrose Palmer. Unfortunately (or fortunately) I only had one professional fight, as I was recruited by BHP and moved to the Pilbara to work in the development of the Mt Newman Iron Ore mine, and this is where my involvement in hockey was reignited.

Arriving in Newman in the very early 70's with a young family was something of an eye opener, as there was no sport or sporting facilities, and all one did was work six days a week and for most days it was 10 to 12 hours per day. It was soon realised by the Company that if they wanted to retain their employees (as the turnover rate was 28 days) they would need to provide some form of entertainment and so they agreed to provide all of the equipment and land for the establishment of sporting facilities and so was born, through volunteer labour all of the facilities that currently exists in the town of Newman including two fully grassed hockey pitches. It wasn't long before we had a thriving competition with five teams and regular visits from people like John Wright and Richard Aggis who provided coaching and support. I was a founding member of the Newman Hockey Association and represented Newman in the annual country week tournaments and at that time played mostly as a centre forward. In the late 70's I ruptured the ACL's in both my knees and moved from the forward line into full back.

In early 1981 I was transferred to Perth and as many of the migrants from India had done I joined the Harlies Hockey Club and played for them for the next 14 years. I was then transferred by BHP to Zimbabwe for a couple of years and played hockey over there for the Harare Sports Club. On my return I continued with Harlies until 2005 and was then fortunate enough to join the Wednesday Masters hockey.

After 10 years playing in the Wednesday competition I thought my playing days were over as my knees had deteriorated to the point where both had to be replaced. However with encouragement from Roger Davey I was back playing after a 12 month layoff.

It has been a privilege to play with a great bunch of guys in what is probably the best Masters competition anywhere in the world.

*Thanks Bob for a most interesting read. I remember a women's side from Newman playing Country week at PHS and was surprised to see that hockey was played there. Ed.*

**Grumpy Old Men and Women 1:** "Facts or opinions which are to pass through the hands of so many, to be misconceived by folly in one, and ignorance in another, can hardly have much truth left." *Jane Austen (1775 - 1817) Persuasion 1818. The internet in a nutshell.*

### My Hockey Life - Robin Bailey

While I was at Kent Street High school, I played Football (unsuccessfully) and my older brother played hockey with some fellow students who progressed through to future State and Australian teams. I left High School at the end of 3<sup>rd</sup> year (year 10) in 1958 and joined the PMG as a Technician in Training the following year. I did not play any sport that year, but in 1960 I started playing hockey in the lowest senior side of the MYF (Methodist Youth Fellowship) Club. My brother had now taken up football! People I played with in the 1960's included Scott Blackwell and Jim Malcolm – and their brothers, and Harvey Davies. The MYF Club amalgamated with the PFA (Presbyterian Fellowship Association) Club to form the Uniting Churches Hockey Club with which I continued to play until the Club was disbanded due to lack of numbers. I then joined ARK's (Armadale Roleystone Kelmscott) where I played alongside Shane Knapp. When I shifted to Willetton in 1988 I joined Willetton and played alongside John Chapman, Bill Campbell, Buddha (Geoff Corlett), Keith Platell and Bob Woodrow. When the Willetton over 60 team folded, I, along with 7 other ex-Willetton players, joined Melville to play alongside Steve McEntee, Leo Welten, Geoff Riley and Frank Williams. Age caught up with me & I politely declined to continue to play in their over 60 side.

I joined the Wednesday Hockey Masters in 1998 as I had taken a redundancy from Telstra the previous year. The usual suspects were all there and are too many to list! I believe I started doing the Uniforms for WHM in 2005, taking over from Spider (Brian Lester), who was also the treasurer at that time, at the request of the then President, Simon Thomson – yes, he has been around that long! In all, I have played hockey every year since 1960 except for one year in the 1990's when I took a year off to fix a sciatic nerve problem.

I have played in 14 National Championships since 1998, 2 with the ACT, 4 with WA State and 8 with WA Country – and enjoyed all of them. I have played with the Alliance Club 3 times; the South west tour of 2005, Leverkusen and Amsterdam, again with a high level of enjoyment.

Why have I played so long? In the early years it was to get a break from work, night school and studies and over many years it assisted me in coping with the severe depression from which my wife suffered. When we finally found the right medication for her, I continued to play and enjoy the games, tournaments, international trips and the company of like-minded devotees. I don't consider myself an expert player, possibly more of a journeyman, who plays only for the pleasure it gives me. Luckily I have been able to continue playing after being diagnosed with late onset Type 1 diabetes (I am on insulin) and having a total knee replacement.

After joining the PMG in 1959, I started night school in 1960, completing my Leaving Certificate, which enabled me in 1964 to start part time at night school an Associateship in Communication Engineering at Perth Technical College. I was awarded a trainee Engineer position by the PMG which enabled me to study the Engineering course full time, completing it at the end of 1967. I then became an Engineer in the PMG/Telecom Australia/Telstra. Among other tasks, I was mainly involved with managing the installation of electronic equipment in exchanges to replace the existing electro-magnetic equipment and to cater for growth, and telephone traffic engineering. I was the head design engineer for the conversion of the Perth telephone network from 6 to 7 digit working in 1977. In 1974 I completed a degree in mathematics (at night school). After being generally involved with the switching of telephone traffic, my last Job in Telstra was to head a National data design group based in Perth where I had staff in Melbourne who reported to me. I enjoyed that! Thank goodness I worked for a communications company! As noted above I took a redundancy package from Telstra in 1997 as my wife and I had not found the right medication for her. Luckily we did after a few years, and that made her (and my) life so much better. Depression is an insidious disease I would not wish on anybody. /10

**Quotable Quote Two:** “If liberty and equality, as is thought by some, are chiefly to be found in democracy they will best attained when all persons alike share in the government to the utmost.” *Aristotle (384 BC - 322 BC). Would he have included the storming of the Washington Capitol?*

Initially my wife did not accompany me to the National Carnivals but we did go to the National Carnival in Cairns in 2015, even though she was in a wheelchair. Both of us enjoyed it – apart from my being sent off for “deliberately” kicking the ball in our defensive circle. Such is the camaraderie in these carnivals that even the opposition commented that it was not deliberate and so I was unlucky to be sent off. I believe it is the only time I have been sent off the hockey field. Thank goodness memories can be faulty! I strongly believe that hockey should always be played in a disciplined and fair way. *(I witnessed Robin’s green card in Cairns and apart from the alleged kick occurring outside the circle he has described the incident totally accurately. Strange to say, that tournament was the only time I have ever been sent off too - but that’s another story. Ed.)*

Congratulations if you have got this far in reading the above. I am sure that your hockey story would be different, but hopefully it has been just as enjoyable for you as mine was for me. *Thank you very much Robin. We have all taken different routes to end up at WHM. Ed.*

### **Test Your Hockey Knowledge With John Sanders:**

**January’s** question was: Who played 58 games for the Hockeyroos and scored 9 goals. This player was captain in 1982 and 1983 and retired after the 1984 Olympic Games. Was it?

- a) Sandra Pisani b) Sharon Buchanan c) Pam Glossop d) Marian Aylmore.

Nobody attempted an answer. The player in question was Marian Aylmore, who I recall seeing in action for Wolves in the Women’s top grade after the foundation of North Coast Raiders.

**February’s** question is:

Nola Slade
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1959, 1962</li> <li>• HA # 183</li> </ul>

Daphne Pirie
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1956, 1962</li> <li>• HA # 166</li> </ul>

Australian Hockey Players Nola Slade and Daphne Pirie may be related! They would be:

1. Cousins?
2. Mother and daughter?
3. Sisters?
4. Not related? *Answer next issue.*

**Shakespeare Said It:** “I do oppose my patience to his fury, and am armed to suffer, with a quietness of spirit, the very tyranny and rage of his.” The Merchant of Venice Act IV, Scene I. *In the character of an abused A Division umpire who has a set of cards (green, yellow and red) in his pocket.*

“.... Here are some will thank you, if you speak truth ...” King Henry VIII Act III, Scene I. *True of most readers of ‘Masters Matters’ where fake news is not editorial policy.*

“Have I laid my brain in the sun, and dried it, so that it wants matter to prevent such gross o’er-reaching as this?” The Merry Wives Of Windsor Act V, Scene V. *At last a possible explanation for the number of times we attempt to make the impossible pass in A Division.*

**Past Players, Non Players and Injured Players January:** The PHS spectators this month included: Robin Bailey, Jim Balding, John Mercer, Ken Walter and George Winning. At Perry Lakes the shade of the trees sheltered: Scott Blackwell, Keith Kessell, John Mercer, John Milner, Roger Partington, John Pierce, Neil Patterson, Barry Rutter, Neil Scaddan, Greg Street, Ron Venables, Les Waldon, Len Walker, Peter Wallis, Ken Walter, Ken Watt, and Jim Wright. Other attendees included former YM top grade player Trevor Gallagher and on the 2nd Pam and Julian Gardner made a surprise visit.

**Did You Know?** Several former international players have graced our ranks on Saturdays at Perry Lakes, but sadly Don Smart is the only one still playing. (*Jamie Dwyer does not count, as his time on the field lasted about 45 seconds*) Thanks to the photograph below we now know that B Division features another player who has been all the way to the top. Rather than ask readers to guess who the current WHM player is in the line-up I'll allow him to give us the time, place and circumstances.



I wonder if the attached photo is of interest? It was taken in December 1982 at what is now PHS (may also have been then, too).

England, WA and Canada played in a warm up before the 2 national sides went to Melbourne for the Esanda tournament. England managed to beat WA - no mean feat as WA included its Australian players, but Australia went on to win the Melbourne tournament drawing with England on the way but beating India 5-0 in the final.

I am near the middle of the line out, the only one in a full tracksuit. Nine of the others went on to win bronze or gold or both at the Olympics.

Ric Staynor. *Thank you very much Ric. Under normal circumstances I would have seen the matches, but 1981/1982 was a particularly busy year. Interest rates went sky high too, causing many people to lose their homes due to the remorseless increases in their repayments. Ed.*

**Grumpy Old Men and Women Two:** "It is curious that physical courage should be so common in the world and moral courage so rare." *Mark Twain (1835 - 1910).*

**Did You Know Part Two:** Thanks to John Sanders, here is a photograph of the second Australian side at the 2006 World Cup held at Leverkusen, Germany in 2006. Readers should be able to recognise quite a few of the players and officials.



**Well Dones for January:** Wednesday's 'A' Division umpires: Rob Ainsworth, Jim Balding, George Bradbury, Bob Claxton, Peter Eastlake, Peter Evans, Colin Gee, Mal Horrigan, Gordon Jeffery, Jeff Kozak, Bob Maley, Steve McEntee, Neil Scaddan, Brian Soares, Greg Street, Ron Venables, Les Waldon, Ken Watt, and Ricky Watts. Saturday's umpires were: Eric Alcock, Peter Brien, Michael Gottschalk, Roger Partington, Neil Scaddan, Brian Soares, Greg Street, Les Waldon, Len Walker, and Ken Watt. The sausage sizzle on January 27th was organised by Ivan Wilson and cooks Robin Bailey and David Evans. Thank you and well done to all.

**Punology Two:** It has been reported that there is currently a severe shortage of coins in the USA. They are running out of common cents.

**Lost Property at PHS:** A project is currently under way to renovate the change rooms underneath the main building at the Stadium. This has reduced the number of rooms which are available for use and has also disrupted the lost property storage. This is (I think) now mostly in Room 4. Ken Beer has told me that at least he managed to recover his lost hockey stick.

For the moment we need to make sure that the rooms and toilets we are about to use have all the necessary fittings. Not all the toilets might be equipped with paper.

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**A Last Word:** At the time of closing off this edition we do not know if and/or when we will be able to play again. I have been greatly heartened by the fact that 100% of the people I've encountered this week were all doing the right thing. If everybody does that our previous freedoms should return.