



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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Vale Vern Gooch and Brian Lester: Sadly we advise readers who had not heard that both these well known WA hockey (and WHM) people died during September. Tributes to both are included.

Results from the Gold Coast: I have only included WA and WA Country. To access the scores use this link: <https://hockeyaustralia.altiusrt.com/competitions>

O/75s: 24/09: WAC (1) WA (5). 25/09: WAC (0) NSW (1), WA (1) ACT (0).
 27/09: Vic (4) WAC (0), **WA (0) NSW (0). This game was cancelled due to thunderstorms.**
 29/09: WA (1) Vic (1), Qld (6) WAC (3) 01/10: Qld (0) WA (2), ACT (4) WAC (1).
 03/10: ACT (7) WAC (2) *(5th versus 6th)* WA (0) Qld (3) *(semi final)*
O/70s: 24/09 WAC (0) Vic (3). 25/09: WA (1) ACT (0), SA (2) WAC (0).
 27/09: SA (1), WA (2), Qld (2) WAC (1). 28/09: WAC (0), WA (2).
 30/09: WA (1) Vic (2), WAC (0) NSW (5). 01/10: Qld (0) WA (0).
 03/10: ACT (3) WAC (0), WA (3) NSW (1). 04/10: WA (3) NSW (1) *(semi final)*
O/65s: 24/09: NSW (4) WAC (0), WA (4) ACT (0). 25/09: WA (11) WAC (0).
 27/09: WAC (0) ACT (0), **WA (0) Qld (0). This game was cancelled due to thunderstorms.**
 29/09: WAC (0) Qld (5), Vic (0) WA (1) 01/10: WAC (1) Vic (3), NSW (1) WA (0).
 03/10: ACT (3) WAC (1) *(5th versus 6th)* WA (4) Vic (1) *(semi final)*
O/60s: 24/09: Vic (2) WAC (0). 25/09: Qld (1) WA (1), WAC (1) NSW (3).
 27/09: WA (0) NSW (0). 28/09: WAC (0) Qld (2), Vic (1) WA (1).
 30/09: WA (3) WAC (0). 02/10: WA (2) Qld (1) *(semi final)*
 04/10: Vic (0) WA (1) ***Gold medal!***
O/60s (2): 25/09: Vic (2) WA (2). 26/09: NSW Blue (2) WA (0).
 27/09: Tas (2) WA (2). 29/09: WA (0) ACT (1).
 30/09: WA (0) Qld Maroon (0). 01/10: WA (1) Qld Gold (1).
 03/10: WA (1) NSW White (0).
O/55s: 28/09: Vic (3) WA (0). 29/09: NSW (0) WA (3).
 01/10: WA (0) Qld (0). 02/10: SA (0) WA (1).
 03/10: WA (8) ACT (1).
O/50s: 26/09: WA (11) SA (0). 27/09: WA (6) Tas (0).
 28/09: WA (5) Vic (1). 01/10: ACT (0) WA (8).
 03/10: NSW (1) WA (3). 04/10: Qld (1) WA (1).

Dates For The Diary:

2022 October 12th: Normal fixtures resume (numbers permitting).
 October 19th to 29th: World Cup O60 to O/70 Men plus Spirit of Masters. Tokyo.
 October 22nd: Saturday hockey winter season windup and AGM. Perry Lakes.
 December 21st, 28th and January 4th: No play at PHS.
 December 24th and 31st: No Saturday hockey at Perry Lakes.
2023 To be advised: Masters Interstate Championships for Men and Women. Home State WA.
2024 To be advised: Masters Interstate Championships for Men. Home State Tasmania.

Tribute to Vern Gooch: It was with much regret that we heard of the demise of the WA hockey legend and long term WHM umpire during September. Vern's son Michael Gottschalk has been a WHM player for quite some time. In lieu of a public funeral the family organized what Raema (Vern's widow) described as a commemoration party at PHS. In addition to some very palatable finger food and drinks the day featured a continuous slide show, the swapping of many Vern stories, and some VG chocolate bars (see below). Many thanks to Vern's family for an excellently arranged function which reflected him perfectly. This link will connect you to the story on the Hockey WA site.

<https://www.hockeywa.org.au/news/vale-vern-gooch/>

The Hockey WA story does not mention Vern's major role in the start of Vets hockey in WA (Veterans was the original term). The Masters Matters edition for March 2014 quoted extensively from an article by Peter Kennedy entitled "How It All Began" which referred to a small post-season competition for O/40s called the "Gardie Marshall Day" and run by Suburban. This event became the forerunner of our Masters grades of today. At the time Vern was a member of the State Executive Council and began moving an annual motion that a Vets grade be formed. This was eventually agreed to "in 1977" says Peter K and as has been said many times since Paul Kelly wrote his song, from little things big things grow.

This story had a follow up in the April edition that year (2014) when Michael Gottschalk read it and gave me an article on the Gardie Marshall Day. He was the initial organiser and ran the event for several years until he moved overseas for a while.

Another achievement of Vern's which has never been equaled was to be the WA State team goalkeeper in a tournament where they did not concede one goal. I remember Vern saying that he had no chance of Australian selection after that as he'd had insufficient chances to shine.



Quotable Quote 1: "I love quotations because it is a joy to find thoughts one might have, beautifully expressed with much authority by someone wiser than oneself." (*Marlene Dietrich 1901 - 1992*).

Letters To The Editor: Nobody wrote.

Tribute to Brian Lester: Our long-serving WHM Treasurer died during September. Thanks to John Sanders for assembling these details of his hockey career.

“Brian Lester began his illustrious hockey career in 1957 at the age of 14 at Perth Hockey Club. He was in the WA State Schoolboys in 1959 and WA State Colts from 1961 to 1963 and played First Division hockey for Perth from 1960 until 1977. He was made a Perth Life Member in 1983 and continued to play for Perth and North Coast Raiders well into his 60s.

Brian’s son, Travis, started as a Perth Junior and has played seniors and Masters Grades for Raiders. Grandson, Ethan Lester, has played since Minkey and Hookin2Hockey.”

When Brian retired as WHM Treasurer in 2017 the December Masters Matters said:

“What is now Western Hockey Masters has received great longevity of service from its executive, with only two Chairmen and two Secretaries. However even this fine record is a short time compared to the Treasurer’s job, which has only ever been done by one person. George Winning, who was the inaugural Chairman said that after the initial two teams (1991) had expanded to four a small committee was formed. This comprised George, the four captains and a Treasurer who as you should know was Brian ‘Spider’ Lester. He obviously did the job well, as he’s continued in the role right up to this year, even after retiring as a player in 2014.

I would have needed a sound recorder to note all the adjectives used by George to describe Brian’s work during this time. Diligent, scrupulously honest, effective and accurate all apply. As well as the finances ‘Spider’ must have been responsible to the playing uniforms for a significant part of this time, as he issued me with my dark blue Merrill Lynch shirt when I joined in 2006.

The quality of Spider’s services to WHM resulted in him being the inaugural winner of the George Winning (*Best Clubman*) Trophy in 2015.”

The family arranged a private funeral as per Brian’s wishes and a well attended and organised public commemoration at the North Coast Raiders clubrooms on 29th September. Our sincere condolences go to Anne, Travis and all the family.

Raiders Travis, Ethan and Brian Lester

Picture supplied by John Sanders



Department of Health: It is pleasing to report that Terry Gaston duly had his hip replacement. He said that all had gone according to plan and he had begun the recuperation on schedule. The news has not been so good for Phil Metcalf who has apparently suffered complications after unspecified surgery, and has now missed quite a few weeks. Brian Soares had a biopsy which revealed a bladder cancer, but he has deferred further action until after the interstate tournament. Peter Evans has been through a dose of Covid, but had made it back onto the turf before the tournament shutdown, seemingly with no ill effects. Ron Venables had to withdraw from the Gold Coast tournament as wife Ruth has been afflicted with several types of cancer and is receiving ongoing treatment. On a brighter note it has been good to see Roy Grant return to playing. He has spent 7 months out of the game, largely overseas. It is obvious that there are many ailments which I have not heard about, so best wishes from Masters Matters to all the sufferers for a speedy and complete recovery.

Department of Corrections: In what may be a first no errors have been detected in the September edition, making it two consecutive months. "Unbelievable!" said the editor. "That's because nobody except us bothered to read your meanderings" said the proofreader, seconded by the typist.

Player Birthdays: If you do not want to have your birthday included in Masters Matters then please contact the editor at the email address johnmerc@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 October birthdays to all the following:

A Division: 5th David Horsley (1942) 14th George Bradbury (1942) 22nd Colin Murray-Smith (1949) 23rd Tony Marshall (1942) 24th Terry Gaston (1947).

B Division: 7th Peter Fogels, Len Walker (1950) 11th Dave Mellor (1950) 14th Brian Thomas (1952) 19th Mike Robinson (1949)

C Division: 14th Alan Oldfield (1957), David Elliott (1958) 24th Simon Walsh (1957).

D Division: 1st Craig Burgess (1960) 11th Crez D'Vaz (1965) 12th Kevin Taylor (1960) Peter George (1973) 15th Lyle Kenny (1959) Geoff Colgan (1968) 23rd David Berryman (1965) 25th Jeevan Glenn Joseph (1969).

Saturday:

Past Players: 1st Ian Lyon (1937) 5th Roger Jewell (1943)

Best wishes to the new octogenarians in the list. Times have changed for the better since our 80 year olds were confined to sedentary pursuits only. Reminds me of the Don Juan type who claimed that his ambition was to die at the age of 95, shot by a jealous husband,

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

From our Membership Administrator:

Hi, to those of you receiving this newsletter but are not a registered or a playing member of WHM, without any cost we would like you to join our club. Under our RevoSport management system we are trying to ensure we have the ability to maintain communication with each and every person past and present who has an interest in hockey, particularly Wednesday Hockey.

To ensure we remain in contact with you, we would like you to register. This will afford you regular information and invitations to the events of Wednesday Hockey.

Please follow this link www.revolutionise.com.au/westernmasters/home/

and use the registration process following the prompts and register as a non playing member.

There is no cost to this registration.

We look forward to you joining us.

Kind regards - Colin Gee

Grumpy Old Men and Women One: "Better to remain silent and be thought a fool than to speak out and remove all doubt." *Abraham Lincoln (1809 - 1865). Attributed.*

'A' Division Blog: The tournament has had its usual impact on our numbers, which have been very low in the lead-up and almost non-existent while the Gold Coast event is on. How we will fare after the event is yet to be seen, but I think that we will struggle - as is customary. In this instance it would be great to be proved wrong - how about it A Division?

September 7th: The first match was played with unequal numbers (Blue one short), but after that Mal Jackaman transferred from Gold to White and all sides played one short for the remainder of the day. It appeared that Gold dominated, but in reality the play was quite even, and the scoring was dominated by the seagulls (see scorers). Some of the missed goals had to be seen to be disbelieved. We were joined by Peters Eastlake and Galbraith from B Division, as apparently the numbers on Turf One were very high. In addition Alan Bryce played for Blue and Ken Eliot with White. Goalkeepers Graeme, John and Speed were hard to beat from the front, but seagulls often score from behind the keeper, and frequently did so today. Though goal of the day has to go to Nev Brown for a great shot from the right, with an honourable mention to David Horsley. The scores:

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

Scorers: **Gold:** Nev Brown (3), John Mercer, John Ree (3). **White:** David Horsley. Total goals 8.

Team numbers (regulars only) at maximum on the day: Blue (7), Gold (10), White (6).

September 14th: The pre-tournament numbers are usually better than they have been this year and even with the same extra players as the previous week, we only had enough to select two sides with a few spares who were glad of a rest (I was, anyway). Goalkeepers Tony, Richard and Graeme might not have been. I'm told that the White team which began the first game included only one player who was not going to the Gold Coast in the WA Country O/75s. They had the major share of possession and territory but had difficulty in scoring. After that game teams changed every match and we only managed four before everybody had had enough. The judging panel decided to award goal of the day to the player who had travelled the longest distance and the winner was Alan Bryce for a well-hit corner conversion. The day's scorers and team numbers were:

Scorers: **Gold:** Nev Brown, John Mercer (2). **White:** Alan Bryce. The total for the day was 4.

Team numbers at maximum were: Blue (8), Gold (7), White (5). Plus new member Ken Eliot and the refugees from B Division in Peter Eastlake and Peter Galbraith.

September 21st: We were only able to field two incomplete teams, so the defenders should have had an easy day against 4 forwards. Despite the low scores such was not the case and goalkeepers Tony and John were quite busy, especially when they were the last line of defence for the Gold side. We still managed to play four 20 minute matches. White moved the ball around very well, but had trouble actually getting it into the net. Many thanks go to non-playing umpires Bob Claxton (who started on his own), Jim Balding and Dudley Burress. As Peter Galbraith arrived in a blue shirt he has been included in the Blue totals. The goal of the day judges did not have to confer for long, as Jim Malcolm's shot (cross?) from a very acute angle in the first match of the day won hands down. In a rarity the majority of the goals came from penalty corners, as normally we struggle to score from them. The day's scorers and team numbers were:

Scorers: **Gold:** John Mercer, Ricky Watts (2), Frank Williams. **White:** Jim Malcolm. Gold and White are the scorers' original teams, not necessarily where they played today.

Team numbers (regular sides): Blue (4), Gold (8), White (7). Total goals 5.

September 28th: Due to late notice that the University Games would take over PHS it was decided that it was not worth trying elsewhere and no play would be the order of the day.

October 5th: As this issue was being finalised the plan for this Wednesday is to combine A, B and C Division on PHS 2 from 2:00 to 4:00 pm. Although I am unable to attend it is hoped that some kind of report of the day will be available for the next edition of Masters Matters.

Quotable Quote Two: "To be able to fill leisure intelligently is the last product of civilisation, and at present very few people have reached this level." *Bertrand Russell (1872 - 1970). From "Conquest of Happiness (1930). However, anybody who plays Masters hockey must surely qualify. Ed..*

From Saturday Masters:

As at the moment it appears that we will not have any access to the Perry Lakes change rooms for the entire summer season. What has happened in the past was that the Town of Cambridge allowed to us to book (and pay) for half an hour's usage of the rooms. The layout allowed us to go past the change rooms (full of cricket bags) to the showers, which had a bench and clothes hooks well away from the water area. The new rooms do not have this facility and Town of Cambridge have granted sole control to the cricket club for their summer season. They are not going to allow us to use their rooms so it seems as though we will have to repeat our smelly summer of last year.

Please make sure that you are all polite to the cricketers who will be playing at Alderbury over the summer. The decision was not theirs to make.

The interstate tournament has affected our numbers more than I anticipated. Numbers were so low for the day of the AFL Grand Final that we had to cancel play. The same thing happened again the next Saturday too. Let's hope that we manage to have a game on the 8th October. *See page 9.*

Have you all booked in for the AGM and WA Spit Roast dinner on the 22nd? If not, it's high time to notify Jim Wright of your attendance at (preferably) both events. The AGM starts at 4:45 pm after play and the dinner will probably begin at around 6:00 pm.

As mentioned in your circulated AGM agenda, Jim is standing down from the Committee and will be retiring as a player from both Saturdays and Wednesdays. He has been instrumental in making our Saturday afternoons the success that they have been since we began in 2013. This night may be his last hurrah, so make sure you are there.

George Bradbury, Jim Wright and Simon Thomson December 2017
New shirts procured and distributed by Jim



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.

Punology One: Did you hear about the bloke who said that his doctor had written him a prescription for daily sex. His wife claimed that he was wrong, and it actually was for dyslexia."

Balinese Bulletin No 73:

Last month I spoke of distractionswell these so called distractions are still with us.

The house we live in and have grown to love is owned jointly by 2 brothers who are currently in conflict. One brother has plans to build 2 homes on the property while the other brother is in no hurry to do so. As a result we are sadly trying to find somewhere else to live. We are looking for a much smaller local Bali home at a lower rental than what we now pay. This is looking to be more difficult than we thought. Difficult as it may be we continue to explore.

The Bali traffic has returned & the "Old Bali" is re-emerging which is great for the local people who rely so much on the tourist traffic.

Please say "hello" to those who may still remember me.

Best wishes for your house hunting from us all Peter. I hope that the rental situation up there is nowhere near as dire as it is down here. Ed.

Shakespeare Said It: "And when it's writ, for my sake read it over." Two Gentlemen of Verona Act II, Scene I. *Masters Matters reader does not think much of the proof-reading.*

"We need no more of your advice: the matter, the loss, the gain, the ordering on't is all properly ours." The Winter's Tale Act II, Scene I. *A Division umpire to players. I trust the younger brigades are all polite and respectful to their volunteers.*

"When the hurly burly's done, when the battle's lost and won" Macbeth Act I, Scene I. *WHM player looks forward to a post match visit to the bar.*

Well Dones for September: Wednesday's 'A' Division umpires were: Rob Ainsworth, Jim Balding, Bob Claxton, Peter Eastlake, Ken Eliot, Peter Galbraith, Colin Gee, Ian Hill, KY Lee, Colin Sanders, Neil Scaddan, Peter Trend, Ken Watt, Ricky Watts, and Frank Williams. Saturday's umpires were: Ian Hill, Neil Scaddan, Rod Spencer, Len Walker and Ken Watt. Our thanks to you all.

Grumpy Old Men And Women Two: "If nobody spoke unless he had something to say, the human race would very soon lose the use of speech." *W. Somerset Maugham (1874 - 1965).*

B Division September 2022:

September and teams were reorganised so State sides could get some much needed match practice before the national tournament to be held on the Gold Coast over two weeks in late September/early October. The WA state 75's, state 70's and a third side which included quite a few players from the WA Country 70's played each week to hone their skills, teamwork and set pieces. With the 75's videoing each of their games the feedback was invaluable and much appreciated. In particular the 75's have performed very strongly and will be hard to beat at the Championships. Also the good thing about the video's is the camera doesn't lie a fact that sometimes gets forgotten during post game discussions, when incidents, accidents and it seems every goal is analysed at length!

As usual after each Wednesday's play the refreshments and food were well received and there is even a rumour circulating that the wine raffles may be restarted in the near future. All players are therefore encouraged to start saving their loose change ready for the investment of a lifetime or at least happiness in the knowledge that their money is going to a worthy cause.

Dudley Evans

Many thanks to Dudley, who is currently busy being the playing coach of the State O/70s on the Gold Coast. As at the time of writing they are about to play the gold medal match. Ed.

Bonus Quote: I've attended several funeral events recently though most have been commemoration parties rather than solemn services. One quote stayed with me: "Grief is love with no place to go."

Test Your Hockey Knowledge With John Sanders:

September's question was: The first edition of FIH's Women's World Cup took place at the Tun Razak Stadium in Kuala Lumpur in 1983. Australia won the Bronze Medal.

One of these players scored 7 of the team's total of 12 goals during the tournament:

Was it

- a. Sharon Buchannan
- b. Elspeth Denning
- c. Julene Grant, or
- d. Sue Carlson Jones

No answers came in this month. John gives the solution as Elspeth Denning (Clement) with 7 *Not a bad outcome for a full back. Ed.*

October's question is: According to the 24 May 1956 edition of the Argus in Melbourne a lone goal by fast-moving forward Joyce Gibellini, of W.A., brought Australia a hard-earned victory over **XXXX** in the opening games of the women's international hockey carnival in Sydney today. England completely outclassed India to win 18-nil.

After the match, critics tipped England to win the unofficial championship, the 1956 IFWHA tournament.

Was the missing opponent

- a. Netherlands
- b. India
- c. England, or
- d. New Zealand?

Answer next issue.

Past Players, Non Players and Injured Players September: Noted at PHS were: Jim Balding, Hector D'Rozario, Ham D'Souza, John Sanders and Brian Soares. At Perry Lakes: Eric Alcock, Ian Hill, John Milner, Colin Murray-Smith, Neil Patterson, Neil Scaddan, Brian Soares, Rod Spencer, Peter Stevens, Len Walker, Ken Walter, Ken Watt and Jim Wright.

WHM Changes? Our new structure with its four divisions is under review as the player survey indicated that not all players in C and D Divisions are totally happy. There is a chance that some modifications to the team set-up at this level will be introduced in 2023. A and B Divisions will in all likelihood carry on as they are, maybe with a change of turf.

Saturday Hockey Cancels Play Twice: Here is the continuation from Page 7.

While all the State reps were away

We thought that our games were OK

So many said no

It was a real blow

There wasn't a chance we could play.

We hope that we will be able to resume on October 8th. See you there.

Punology Two: Julie Andrews' daily schedule:

- 1. Impersonate Homer Simpson.
- 2. Read about bushcraft.
- 3. Watch ludicrously silly play.
- 4. Replace button on blouse.
- 5. Start making coffee flavoured bread.

In short, D'oh, Ray Mears, Farce, Sew, Latte Dough.

For those who need a translation, try Do, Re, Mi, Fa, So La Te Do.

Dedication: There are many examples of committed sportsmen, but this picture surely demonstrates total dedication. Unfortunately there were consequences but also a happy ending.



He did par the hole. His wife got out alive and well. The divorce was completely amicable and he was generous enough to give her the house.

Welcome To New Players: WHM welcomes the following new players, and we hope that you enjoy your time with us:

Country Affiliated Members:

WHM Members: David Ross (D Div).

Page Filler: MM's resident limericist recently received one from a friend on the succession of the monarchy. This generated something a little more salacious than our usual:

Camilla gave Charles her devotion
And now she's received a promotion
It's a wonderful thing
To be under a king
Though these days it's all in slow motion.

Change of Details: In the event of any change to your email address and other details you should notify Colin Gee, our membership administrator, whose email address is gee.colin@gmail.com.

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