



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

O/65 Blue

O/65 Gold

O/65 Green

O/65 White

Masters Matters

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Our AGM: Dan Hill has let me know that our Western Hockey Masters AGM for 2023 will be held on Wednesday May 31st at 5:00 pm in the Eastman Room at PHS. I would urge all members to reserve this date now and make sure that you stay up to date with our WHM future plans.

Vale Colin Nicholas: It was with much regret that we heard recently of the death of former long serving WA Hockey President and Hockey Australia President Colin Nicholas. He was also a former WHM player. Hockey WA has a comprehensive tribute on their website which I have included on Page 3. This includes details of the funeral service.

Nominations Open For WA State Teams: Those of you who wish to play for the WA Metro teams in this year's interstate championship in Perth can nominate now for all age groups up to and including the new O/80s. You can get to the online form via the WA Masters Hockey website home page and to complete a nomination you will need to be registered with Hockey Australia and also to log in. Nominating requires a fee of \$55 and is due to be open until 5:00 pm on the Friday before the first selection trials. At the moment these are due to be held on 5th June for ages from O/35 to O/60 inclusive and 7th June for ages from O/65 to O/75 inclusive..

Nominations Open For WA Country Teams: Nominations are also open for Country but the O/80s are not available yet. The process is a little more complicated than the Metro site and you need to be able to log in to the Revo WAC website. The link to log in is:

<https://revolutionise.com.au/wacmha/login/>.

After logging in you click "Membership" and from that screen you need to click "Account" which is up at the top right hand corner of the screen. Then click "Profile" which will allow you to amend your details as well as nominate for the tournament.

Dates For The Diary:**2023**

May 31st: Western Hockey Masters AGM. Eastman Room PHS. 5:00 pm.

June 3rd: Barbecue after Saturday hockey.

July 5th and 12th: Venue changes. TBA.

July 16th to 23rd: European Championships Valencia. Southern Cross and Alliance.

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.]

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

Venues to be confirmed

PHS is primary location

November 20th to 26th: Asian Continental Cup. Hong Kong.

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

October 12th to 21st: World Cup M O/65 to O/80. Capetown. Plus Spirit Of Masters.

November 7th to 16th: World Cup M O/50, O/55 and O/60. Auckland. Plus Spirit Of Masters.

Department of Health: It's great to begin with some good news. I heard on Saturday the 29th that Brian Soares is now free of any cancer. We all hope that this is the end of what has been a very long road. Les Waldon is to have a wrist operation shortly - hope that's the last problem. Colin Murray-Smith has been told to have three months rest from hockey to allow his plantar fasciitis to heal. David Horsley is still waiting on those skin grafts as mentioned in last month's MM. Ian Hill has had treatment for atrial fibrillation but still seems to be having some discomfort. Ivan Wilson has managed to damage an arm trying to start something and has missed some hockey - now back. Best wishes from MM to all, including those we do not know of, for a rapid and complete recovery.

Department of Health Part Two: Peter Murray duly made his comeback and all was well on his first Wednesday. Then on the next Saturday he dislocated a shoulder after a fall and spent most of Saturday night in Hollywood Hospital (discharged at 2:30 am I heard). Well done to Ian Hill (medical) and Les Waldon (hospital transport) who helped on the day. He was able to get to Saturday hockey on the 29th April with the wounded arm in a sling and could still manage to hold a drink.

The last news I've heard about Peter (Arch) Andrews is that he has had a plate inserted but is still suffering double vision. His latest medical advice (I'm told) is that it will wear off over time. In the meantime being unable to drive must be a serious inconvenience.

Best wishes to you both for a speedy and complete recovery.

Fixture Changes: Thanks again to Peter Trend who has made contact all the way from New Zealand to let us all know that PHS is not going to be available for us on two Wednesdays during July. At this stage we will be seeking alternate venues for July 5th and 12th. More information forthcoming.

Tribute to Colin Nicholas: This is taken from the Hockey WA website and I have included it in full as it fills in the gaps in my own knowledge and the Mods tribute.

"Hockey WA is saddened to hear of the passing of former Hockey WA and Hockey Australia President Colin Nicholas OAM.

Colin was President of Hockey Australia and Hockey WA in the 1990's. A life member of Hockey WA, Colin was a popular figure in Australian hockey circles and contributed decades of time and service to the sport at club, state and national level.

As an architect, Colin was involved in the planning and design of the current Perth Hockey Stadium at Curtin University, ensuring it was built in time for the 1979 Esanda Tournament. Due to federal funding from former Prime Minister Malcolm Fraser, the stadium was named the Commonwealth Hockey Stadium when it was officially opened.

Colin was also instrumental in the group that established the Australian Institute of Sport hockey programme in Perth in 1984. Heavily involved with Old Modernians Hockey Club in Perth, he was President of the WA Hockey Association and then President of the Australian Hockey Association (AHA) - the men's hockey association.

Colin was also awarded OAM in the Queen's Birthday list in 1991 for his services to hockey.

Also a foundation member of Masters hockey in WA, Colin regularly played midweek hockey at Perth Hockey Stadium at Curtin University. He also toured with the Hotspurs team to London in 1986 for the Kookaburras' successful World Cup.

During his time, Colin also continued to drive and promote hockey's reputation as a strong family orientated sport.

"We can look forward to a strong future for hockey, particularly in the 'Year of the Family' because hockey is a family-based sport."

Hockey WA expresses its sincere condolences to Colin's family at this sad time.

The Funeral Service for Mr Colin Nicholas OAM of City Beach will be held at Holy Spirit Church, 2 Keaney Place, City Beach on TUESDAY (9.05.2023) at 11.00am. Followed by a Private Cremation.

See also picture on Page 4.

Raffle Update: Keith Platel and Peter Jones continue the good work. The second quarter has already produced one multiple winner (not Bill Campbell). Apparently on a day when Dudley Evans was buying for the table due to a birthday his tickets came out twice. He only accepted one of them and then won again on another day. Keith tells me that the charity account is more than \$1,000 richer.

Letters To The Editor: This month we heard from Mal Horrigan (correct quiz answer), Carl Celedin (regarding another omitted birthday) and Roger Partington. Please feel free to contact MM.

Department of Corrections: A belated apology must go to Carl Celedin from D Division Black whose 50th birthday occurred on the 10th March and was not included in our Player Birthdays. Being old enough for WHM is an additional cause for celebration - hope it was a good one.
No other errors have been detected by our readers and staff in the April edition.

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

A Division: 5th Neil Scaddan (1947), Ric Watts (1949) 21st Peter Galbraith (1949) 24th Leslie Waldon (1942) 31st Peter Wallis.

B Division: 14th John Chapman (1952) 23rd Peter Morgan (1950).

C Division: 2nd Maurice Giles (1953) 6th Rudolph Keswick (1852) 9th James Pinto (1956) 10th Carlo Bordi (1960) 24th David Lockett (1957) 25th Paul Cartwright (1960).

D Division: 1st Jonathon Burgess (1967) 19th Robert Behets (1965) 21st Martin Ferrari (1959).

Non Playing: 7th David Lester (1938) 9th Ham D'Souza (1946) 11th Jim Banks (1944).

Saturday: 14th John Milner (1928) 22nd Ross Easton (1950).

I hope that you're named in the correct WHM Division. To try and make sure everybody has been included I have used the online membership register, including the names. Ed.

Several current and former WHM players are included. Colin Nicholas 4th from left



'A' Division Blog: The stable numbers we claimed in the last issue did not last. Blue were down to 5 players one Wednesday with 2 overseas and 10 injured.

April 5th: Blue and White were missing many of their front line players and Gold dominated for most of their games. Despite this they did not manage to score against Blue thanks to some resolute defence and poor finishing. No names will be mentioned due to the ban on editorial selfies. The two keepers in Barry and John were in good touch and hardly put a foot wrong all day. All sides nearly had the numbers at the start of play with Peter Stevens (welcome back) taking the Blue side up to just one short. White needed a fill-in too. The play was not too bad at times in the light of all the missing stars. Goal of the day had to go to Ken Walter's impeccably placed and struck penalty corner which was the middle leg of his hat trick. Pass of the day goes to Ivan Wilson for a real defence splitter through to Scott Blackwell which led directly to Blue's goal. Many thanks go to Bob Claxton who though not playing was good enough to umpire four matches for us. The day's details were:

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

Scorers: Blue: Peter Wallis. **Gold:** John Mercer (2), Ken Walter (3). Total goals 6.

Team numbers at absolute maximum were: Blue (9), Gold (10), White (10).

April 12th: The White team must have read the limerick in the April edition and responded in most emphatic fashion by dominating the day and scoring all the goals. The inclusion of Bob Claxton, Hector D'Rozario and KY Lee certainly helped, as did the mobility advantage they enjoyed over both opponents. I missed seeing an after the final whistle penalty stroke completely, having thought that the game was over. I'm told that the defending goalkeeper missed it too, having walked away. Jim Wright had a good game at left wing and hit the post with two shots, one of which went in and the other generated a tap-in for Hector. Much of the passing was unfortunately well below our usual standard as was our finishing. In fairness, there were some very fine goal line saves (particularly in the Gold defence by Peter Jones) which denied forwards. Goal of the day has to go to Hector D'Rozario for his constant alertness in the circle. The results and scorers were:

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

Scorers: White: Hector D'Rozario (4 - one a PS), Ken Watt, Jim Wright. Total goals 6.

Team numbers at maximum: Blue (9), Gold (9), White (11).

April 19th: Blue's day got off to a poor start with a heavy loss and then they lost two players (Peter Dennis and Ivan Wilson) in their next match. They failed to score for the second Wednesday in a row and have only managed one goal for the quarter. White combined well against Blue but had trouble against Gold's formidable deep defence. Goalkeepers Barry and John perforce had to be on the turf all day and both were hard to pass even though the pressure produced a lot of scoring opportunities. Gold struggled to score but thanks to some good positioning by Nev Brown and accurate passing managed to eke out three wins. Ken Beer made an apparently successful comeback after his recent prostatectomy and Jim Wright got on the scorers list again. Goal of the day went to Bob Claxton for a corner conversion (still quite rare in A Division). The results and scorers:

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

Scorers: Gold: Nev Brown (2), John Mercer. **White:** Bob Claxton, Hector D'Rozario (2), Ken Watt (2), Jim Wright. Total goals 9.

Team numbers at maximum: Blue (11), Gold (11), White (10).

April 26th: Blue captain Neil Scaddan had only 5 players available for the first game so we ended up allocating them to Gold and White and playing four games between two teams.. Despite there being three goalkeepers (Barry, Tony and John) one of them had to sit out. As can be seen from the player numbers, after two umpires were selected there was just one additional player on the sidelines. The goal of the day judges deliberated for longer than was expected and eventually came up with a couple of close in reflex goals to prostatectomy survivor Ken Beer. The results were not important, suffice it to say that the games were fairly even (well done selectors). The scorers and numbers:

Scorers: Ken Beer (2), Nev Brown, Ken Walter (2, including PS). The total number of goals was 5.

Team numbers: Blue (5), Gold (10), White (8).

From Saturday Masters:

More than 40 Saturday players and social members attended the function at the Herdsman Tavern on the 15th April. Every comment I've heard was very favourable and it certainly appeared that everybody there enjoyed the night. Thanks again to Jim Wright for the organisation. It was great to be able to walk away from a function without having to clean up the room.

Those who were not there on 29th April may not have heard that we've now been allocated a permanent ground for the winter season. Unfortunately it's the one over in the N/W corner of the reserve. Looking on the bright side we should all be properly warmed up by the time we get there.

Thank you to all players who have donated the post game food and the birthday celebrants who have chipped in for drinks. I will not mention names, except for Ken Beer who is a non drinker. So for his birthday he donated the pizzas.

On May 13th YMCA have no home games, so we will be running our own bar. The news is that four 'birthday boys' will be buying the drinks - no need to bring some cash that day.

Many thanks to all players for the prompt payment of the winter fees. Almost everybody currently playing has paid up. As at early May we have 38 full time players, 6 casual players, 2 goalkeepers and 4 social members. I think this shows how much our members value our club.

The general bye on 3rd June will feature a post-match barbecue. We cannot guarantee the same cooks as shown below, but experience dictates that these nights are not be to be missed.

Make sure that you book in to play by responding to the "are you playing" email before the time requested by Bruce. And if you've booked in and can't make it, then please notify us about that too.

Bruce Mercer and Simon Thomson**Photo from Jim Wright**

Quotable Quote 1: "The older I grow the more I distrust the familiar doctrine that age brings wisdom." *H. L. Menken (1880 - 1956) - American journalist, essayist, satirist and cultural critic. A look at A Division hockey on a bad day would confirm this.*

Balinese Bulletin No 80: Peter says that he has not got anything for us this month. I can include: I wish I had something interesting to contribute this time round. Alas ...my head is running on empty. Both Erin & I are pretty well & are enjoying our Bali existence & sharing it with the lovely Balinese people. Peter Hammond

Good to hear Peter - please stay in touch. Ed.

B Division April 2023:

April was characterised by good numbers, good weather and some very good hockey! As usual with the quality of goalies present teams found it hard to score and so most games were decided by one goal or else ended in a draw. It must be noted though that forward lines are improving and creating more opportunities so it will be interesting to see if this transforms into more goals being scored in the coming weeks??

Wednesday hockey on the 19th of April was played at Hale turf as PHS was booked for a more important fixture. Putting aside the fact that B Division fixtures are the most important games on the planet Hale was a most enjoyable and hospitable venue. The bar was open, the state of the universe, as well as why the Dockers and Eagles can't win a game, were discussed and nobody went home seriously injured. A great day out!

So B Division continues with strong numbers and a strong social scene. Back at PHS last week a comment was heard at the bar about how well organised B Division is, but before this could be discussed in detail a more urgent call was made to "pass the chips!".

Part of the reason for the current good numbers turning up each week has been some of our players getting some game time in readiness for the TransTasman challenge against NZ in Christchurch this week. We wish them well and trust they thoroughly enjoy themselves!

Dudley Evans

Thanks Dudley. Plenty of members and supporters want the answer to Eagles and Dockers.

Shakespeare Said It: "There is three umpires in this matter." Merry Wives of Windsor Act I, Scene I. *There are times on Wednesdays when it appears that a committee meeting is necessary to approve every single umpiring decision. This may not apply to C and D Divisions.*

"... fortune shall cull forth out of one side her happy minion to whom in favour she shall give the day and kiss him with a glorious victory." King John Act II, Scene I. *That's the Bard on the subject of warfare. Sometimes A Division can be a little more intense than that.*

"If circumstances lead me, I will find where truth is hid" Hamlet Act II, Scene II. *This is definitely one of the aims of Masters Matters. At least if we're wrong it's never intentionally.*

Well Dones for April: Wednesday's A Division umpires: Rob Ainsworth, Jim Balding, Ken Beer, Bob Claxton, Ken Eliot, Peter Evans, Peter Galbraith, Terry Gaston, Colin Gee, Ian Hill, Mal Jackaman, KY Lee, Barry Rutter, Colin Sanders, Neil Scaddan, Peter Trend, Ken Walter, Ken Watt, Ricky Watts, Frank Williams. Saturday's umpires were: Rob Ainsworth, George Bradbury, Dudley Burrell, Michael Gottschalk, Ian Hill, Peter Jones, Tom Long, Murray Matthews, Chris North, Alan Oldfield, Keith Platel, Steve Powles, Neil Scaddan, Greg Street, Les Waldon, Len Walker, Ken Watt and Ivan Wilson. Our thanks to all.

Past Players, Non Players and Injured Players April: Noted at PHS: Brian Soares. At Perry Lakes: Eric Alcock, Bob Claxton, John Mercer, John Milner, Peter Murray, Col Murray-Smith, Neil Scaddan, Les Waldon, Len Walker, Ken Walter, Ken Watt, Ivan Wilson and Jim Wright.

Grumpy Old Men And Women One: "All successful newspapers are ceaselessly querulous and bellicose. They never defend anyone or anything if they can help it. If the job is forced on them, they tackle **it** by denouncing someone or something else." *H. L. Menken (1880 - 1956).*

Perth Masters Tournament: Earlier in this edition we tried to guide readers to nominations for both WA Metro and Country. Here is a flashback to the previous Perth event when the second WA side in the O/70s won the Gold medal. Brian Glencross was a fairly handy recruit.

WA Black O/70s

Picture from Jim Wright



MM's limericist has to have his say on these things. Here is his take on our home event:

To play in the inters in Perth
 At home should not cost you the earth
 It's something not seen
 Since 2014
 So please nominate for a berth.

Quotable Quote Two: As tax is very much in the news lately here is a selection of quotes:

- # "He who builds a better mousetrap these days runs into material shortages, patent-infringement suits, work stoppages, collusive bidding, discount discrimination .. and taxes." *H. E. Martz (engineer).*
- # "Unquestionably there is progress. The average American now pays out twice as much in taxes as he formerly got from wages." *H. L. Mencken (1880 - 1956).*
- # "Income tax returns are the most innovative fiction being written today." *Herman Wouk - US dramatist and author of 'The Caine Mutiny.'*
- # "The avoidance of taxes is the only intellectual pursuit that carries any reward." *John Maynard Keynes (1883 - 1946). Eminent economist.*

Punology Two: Did you hear about the Chinese restaurant which was vandalised. The police said that it was an act of wonton destruction.

Trans Tasman 2023 - Men					
Age Group	02/05	03/05	04/05	05/05	06/05
O/35		Aust (2) NZ (4)		Aust (2) NZ (1)	Aust (3) NZ (2)
O/40		Aust (3) NZ (0)		Aust (3) NZ (0)	Aust (2) NZ (1)
O/45	Aust (3) NZ (0)		Aust (4) NZ (1)	Aust (6) NZ (1)	
O/50		Aust (4) NZ (1)	Aust (7) NZ (1)		Aust (2) NZ (0)
O/55	Aust (2) NZ (1)	Aust (5) NZ (2)		Aust (4) NZ (3)	
O/60	Aust (2) NZ (1)	Aust (2) NZ (0)		Aust (3) NZ (1)	
O/65	Aust (3) NZ (0)		Aust (4) NZ (3)		Aust (7) NZ (0)
O/70	Aust (1) NZ (0)		Aust (2) NZ (1)	Aust (0) NZ (2)	
O/75	Aust (3) NZ (0)		Aust (8) NZ (0)	Aust (7) NZ (0)	

Trans Tasman 2023 - Women					
Age Group	02/05	03/05	04/05	05/05	06/05
O/35		Aust (1) NZ (1)	Aust (4) NZ (0)		Aust (2) NZ (3)
O/40		Aust (1) NZ (2)	Aust (2) NZ (1)		Aust (3) NZ (0)
O/45		Aust (0) NZ (1)	Aust (3) NZ (0)		Aust (6) NZ (1)
O/50	Aust (0) NZ (2)		Aust (1) NZ (4)	Aust (2) NZ (1)	
O/55	Aust (1) NZ (1)	Aust (0) NZ (0)		Aust (1) NZ (1)	
O/60	Aust (4) NZ (0)	Aust (3) NZ (0)		Aust (1) NZ (0)	
O/65	Aust (1) NZ (1)		Aust (3) NZ (1)		Aust (3) NZ (1)

Women's O/55s NZ won shootout 2-1

Tournament Officials: Expressions of interest are being sought for all the many official positions needed for our Masters Tournament later this year. The Hockey WA website is your starting point.

Wanted - Winning Raffle Ticket: MM's limericist seems to have decided all unsuccessful buyers of raffle tickets need to request a commission of inquiry. The editor suggested that he might be the only one yet to win but our versifier still wanted to publish:

The raffles are going OK
 But one thing should change during May
 I always put in
 But don't ever win
 My tickets just vanish away

Note: I needed to fill some space. Ed.

Grumpy Old Men Two: "When a man tells you he got rich through hard work, ask him whose?" *Don Marquis (1878 - 1937). US humourist.*

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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