



Western Hockey Masters

The First 30 Years

Western Hockey Masters History

Foreword - from our Inaugural Chairman

As time progressed a group of older players who enjoyed our friendships gained through hockey realised the availability of a world class facility offered them the opportunity to extend their friendship whilst enjoying their hockey. So we got together and met each week to play and socialise, developing a strong membership beyond the facilities of our club hockey.

After humble beginnings and being called many names like just the oldies, the Mid-week Veterans, and now Masters, the weekly social games have led to a strong and vibrant group of older players whose participation has grown to become today's Western Hockey Masters.

Two teams have today grown to 14 teams with players participating in games on Wednesdays and Saturdays in age groups from 50s to players in their 80s, feeding into State and National teams, ensuring the well being of the players and hockey in Western Australia.

I personally have played a small part in this growth, but take great pleasure in the many friendships that have been the success of this group. I hope that this history shows the strong base from which this organization has grown and shall continue to grow in the future.

George Winning

Introduction and Acknowledgements

As we approach our 30th year of operation it was decided that the history of our Western Hockey Masters should be documented. What follows has been created from those written records which are available. This includes the Committee meeting minutes, team listings, fixtures, miscellaneous documents and any newsletters from the period 1991 through to 2020.

Many thanks are due to the people who have searched their archives to provide the necessary project input. This included the scanning of their documents. As a by-product we will be able to create an online repository of our records. Those who have worked on the project include Bob Bowyer (his own and John Dunstan's papers), Colin Gee (George Winning's archive) Simon Thomson and Neil Patterson. George Winning has reviewed the early years for us, as has original player John Francks.

We decided on a year by year approach but soon realized that there was no documentation on the years from 1991 to 1997 as a formal committee was not in place, nor was there a bank account. So those years appear in a condensed format.

The documentation is incomplete as there are missing minutes for several committee meetings. However it will be possible to produce an updated edition should any more information come to light. Many thanks go to Simon Thomson, who conceived the idea of a history and suggested the format.

John Mercer

January 2021

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1991 to 1997

Overview: Rumour has it that the start of the Wednesday games was one of the players driving past PHS during the course of his employment and noticing two empty turfs. His return journey was later in the afternoon and both turfs were still empty. The idea then occurred that surely 22 players over the age of 50 could be found who would be able to depart work early one afternoon per week and have a run on the main turf. Presumably PHS agreed to open the bar afterwards and October 1991 saw the first match between Blue and White. The best description available of those early years comes from an article in the Hockey Bulletin of 29th May 1993 written by the Stadium Manager at the time Grattan Wilson.

"There is a dedicated band of 25 vintage hockey players enjoying a friendly Wednesday afternoon hockey match at the stadium. They have been enjoying the pleasure of each other's company on a Wednesday afternoon since October 1991. Almost without exception the games are played on the main turf and are followed by much discussion about the recently completed game and hockey in general in the stadium bar. The games start at 2:30 pm and if you are interested in joining this merry band of fit men give me a call."

The next known development was the introduction of a trophy. What eventually became the Merrill Lynch Mercury Cup began from the fourth quarter of 1994 and was awarded to the best performing team at the end of each quarter. The Red team is first mentioned on it in the first quarter of 1995 but there is no documentation of a Gold side until after 1997.

Teams by Age Group:

O/50s: Blue and White with Red added by January 1995.

Office Bearers:

George Winning and the team captains ran the competition.

Team Captains and Vice Captains: *(According to the very limited information we have)*

50s Blue: Peter Gason, Ray King, Peter Hammond.

50s Red: Ross Lonnie.

50s White: Peter Gardner, Jim Boyce.

Player numbers and team listings: *(These are incomplete, but this is all we know)*

Inaugural White Team: Peter Gardner (c), David Menzies (GK), Brian Stewart, Ray Cherrington, Harry Duncan, John Francks, Brian Young, Cecil Bogg, Fred Strother.

Inaugural Blue Team: Peter Gason (c), Bill Pickering(GK), George Winning, Ray King, Bill MacKintosh, Peter Hammond, Bill Williamson, Dudley Younger, George Orchard, Alan Blunt, Paul Robinson, Barry Angus, Kim Hawkins, T ? Blake, Tony Barley.

Highlights: Sponsorship from the financial sector for the playing shirts was obtained through Peter Hammond. Firms involved in the early years were County Natwest, Potter Warburg, Barclays Bank and Macquarie Bank. Jardine Fleming introduced the Champions Cup awarded at the end of each quarter, which was taken over by Merrill Lynch in 1996 and continued until 2007.

Jardine Fleming / Merrill Lynch Mercury Cup:

<u>1994</u> Dec Blue	<u>1995</u> Mar Red	<u>1996</u> Mar Red	<u>1997</u> Mar Red
	Jun Red	Jun Red	Jun Blue
	Sep Blue	Sep Blue	Sep Red
	Dec Blue	Dec Blue	Dec Red

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1998

Overview: The year featured the formation of a management committee. At the first meeting it was agreed that the competition be referred to as 'Wednesday Vintage.'

Teams by Age Group:

O/50s: Blue, Gold, Red and White.

Office Bearers:

Chairman: George Winning

Treasurer/ Secretary: John Sanders

The four team captains.

This was the Committee until Brian Lester joined in November

Team Captains and Vice Captains: *(from the attendance register in the minutes and the team lists)*

50s Blue: Peter Hammond, Simon Thomson

50s Gold: Brian Young

50s Red: Ross Lonnie

50s White: Jim Boyce

Player numbers and team listings: The annual fees were set at \$20 payable in January and the year's income/expenditure statement indicates that 58 players paid.

Rules For Competition: These were to be implemented by the team captains.

- a) Equal time - All regulars are to be given equal time on the field.
- b) Captains to emphasise equal involvement of all players during the game - try to cut out selective passing and the formation of cliques.
- c) Extra players - are to be made available to teams which are short of numbers.
- d) Any member inviting new players to introduce them to Team captains.
- e) New players are not guaranteed a run unless the inviter offers his place. Regulars have priority.

Match Details: The first match began at 3:30 pm and the day's play consisted of four games. Each team had two 25 minute games with the last one finishing at 5:25 pm.

Highlights: The first meeting resolved that a social be held every three months after hockey. A light meal and trophy presentation would follow the post-hockey fellowship.

Notably, the minutes of that first committee meeting urge the team captains to encourage the use of the honour system. Disputing umpiring decisions was to be avoided at all costs.

An attempt was to be made to purchase purple shorts for any player over 70 years old. The rules were to be that: a) They should not be tackled for 5 meters b) Except in the circle. This never seems to have been implemented, due to the difficulties of obtaining the garments in question.

The minutes of 25th November include an advertisement for the services of a Secretary until March 1st 1999 as John Sanders was to have an operation. This also seems to have led to the addition of Brian Lester to the Committee as Treasurer; a position he was to hold for a long time.

Merrill Lynch Mercury Cup:

1998: Mar: Blue

Jun: White

Sep: Red

Dec: Blue

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1999

Overview: This seems to have been a year of consolidation and adjustment. A complete team redraw was approved at the June Committee meeting.

Teams by Age Group:

O/50s: Blue, Gold, Red and White.

Office Bearers:

Chairman: George Winning

Secretary/Registrar: John Sanders

Treasurer: Brian Lester

Social Secretary: Peter Galbraith

Team Captains and Vice Captains: *(from the attendance register in the minutes and the team lists)*

50s Blue: Barry Angus

50s Gold: Simon Thomson, Peter Hammond

50s Red: Ross Lonnie

50s White: Paul Robinson, Ric Denny

(Where a substitute attended a meeting that sub is deemed to be a vice captain)

Player numbers and team listings: The annual fees were set at \$20 payable in January and the year's income/expenditure statement indicates that 54 players paid.

Rules For Competition: These had not changed from the previous year.

- a) Equal time - All regulars are to be give equal time on the field.
- b) Captains to emphasise equal involvement of all players during the game - try to cut out selective passing and the formation of cliques.
- c) Extra players - are to be made available to teams which are short of numbers.
- d) Any member inviting new players to introduce them to Team captains.
- e) New players are not guaranteed a run unless the inviter offers his place. Regulars have priority.

Highlights: The quarterly socials continued and included a curry and spaghetti evening at Hale in July and the same menu for the Christmas function. This was also held at Hale due to PHS being closed.

Excess players receive a mention in the August minutes. Then, as now, it was sometimes hard to give everybody equal time. The meeting decided that any potential new players should complete their registration form and go onto a reserve list until such time as a redraw or a re-grade was possible.

The papers from this year include a notice for the 3rd Gardner Corporate Hockey day to be held on a Wednesday afternoon at Richardson Park. Clearly the Wednesday group took part, as there is also a thank you letter from the organisers to "Wednesday Hockey Members" for their support, which had led to the establishment of a junior hockey development fund in excess of \$18,000.

The organising committee for the Gardner day included current and former WHM members in Len Blyth, Dave Mellor and George Winning.

Merrill Lynch Mercury Cup:

1999: Mar: Blue

Jun: Gold

Sep: Blue

Dec: Blue

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2000

Overview: The first AGM was held during February. This appears to have been the year when all teams were kitted out with a standard playing shirt and uniform socks. And the initial steps towards adding an O/60s competition were undertaken with the first trial match in December.

Teams by Age Group:

O/50s: Blue, Gold, Red and White.

Office Bearers:

Chairman: George Winning

Secretary/Registrar: John Sanders

Treasurer: Brian Lester

Social Secretary: Peter Galbraith

Team Captains and Vice Captains: *(from the attendance register in the minutes)*

50s Blue: Peter Hammond

50s Gold: Simon Thomson, Ric Denny

50s Red: Ross Lonnie

50s White: Barry Angus, Paul Robinson

Player numbers and team listings: No information available.

Rules For Competition: These had not changed from the previous year.

- a) Equal time - All regulars are to be give equal time on the field.
- b) Captains to emphasise equal involvement of all players during the game - try to cut out selective passing and the formation of cliques.
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Highlights: The AGM minutes indicate that Peter Hammond had obtained a new sponsorship deal from Merrill Lynch. This seems to have produced a new set of shirts with the company logo front and back plus the words "Wednesday Hockey Masters est 1991." Uniform socks were also initiated and the minutes from the June meeting state: "New uniforms have created a vast improvement. The committee moved a vote of thanks to Peter Hammond."

The possibility of an O/60s trial game first appears in the September minutes. This resulted in an O/60s match being held every 4 weeks as from 13th December 2000.

A seniors award was organised and presented at the Christmas function by Simon Thomson. Ray King and Frank Fay were named as joint senior citizens of season 2000.

Merrill Lynch Mercury Cup:

2000: Mar: Blue

Jun: Blue

Sep: Blue

Dec: Red

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2001

Overview: O/60s matches continued throughout the year on the third Wednesday of each month. Several proposals for change were considered but none actually went ahead.

Teams by Age Group:

O/50s: Blue, Gold, Red and White.

O/60s: Blue, White.

Office Bearers:

Chairman: George Winning

Secretary/Registrar: John Sanders

Treasurer: Brian Lester

Social Secretary: Peter Galbraith

Team Captains: *(from the attendance register in the minutes and the team lists)*

50s Blue: Brian Young, Peter Hammond

50s Gold: Simon Thomson.

50s Red: Ross Lonnie

50s White: Ron Venables, Ivan Wilson

Player numbers and team listings: The team listings contain 76 players.

Rules For Competition: These had not changed from the previous year.

- a) Equal time - All regulars are to be give equal time on the field.
- b) Captains to emphasise equal involvement of all players during the game - try to cut out selective passing and the formation of cliques.
- c) Extra players - are to be made available to teams which are short of numbers.
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Highlights: The 31st January meeting approved the development of an umpiring panel with the captains to provide nominees. The umpiring was considered to be a problem area for much of the year.

Some annual fees from 2000 were still outstanding at the beginning of 2001. The debtors were to be invoiced for both years. The money was being collected based on an annual fee of \$20 and a weekly playing payment of \$4.

The minutes of 28th November show that a captains' meeting (chaired by John Sanders) was to be organised to 'horse trade' players before the start of the 2002 season. Despite this the Merrill Lynch trophy was not won by either Blue or Red until 2005.

The Blue and White team lists are larger than the others and include all the older players. The O/60 players were obviously included here.

Merrill Lynch Mercury Cup:

2001: Mar: White Jun: White Sep: Gold Dec: Gold

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2002

Overview: The O/60s began playing weekly matches on a trial basis during April and became a formal part of the 'Midweek Veterans Hockey' in May.

Teams by Age Group:

O/50s: Blue, Gold, Red and White.

O/60s: Blue, White.

Office Bearers:

Chairman: George Winning

Secretary/Registrar: John Sanders

Treasurer: Brian Lester

Social Secretary: Peter Galbraith

Team Captains: *(from the attendance register in the minutes and the team lists)*

50s Blue: Peter Hammond

50s Gold: Tom Crossen

50s Red: Ross Lonnie? *(not confirmed by minutes)*

50s White: Simon Thomson

60s Blue: Peter Ford

60s White: Ray King

Player numbers and team listings: The team listings contain 77 players which includes 50s and 60s.

Highlights:

- Much excellent work was done by Peter Ford to establish the O/60 competition including a weekly trial match during April. At one point it seemed that a third team might become possible due to the number of players. Peter's detailed proposal following the trials urged that the age group became a permanent feature. It included playing guidelines and the following quotation: "Groucho Marx was once asked what he thought about sex - his reply, 'it is here to stay.' This game is also here to stay."
- The O/50s continued to start their matches at 3:30 pm, while the new O/60s competition played a full 70 minute game from 2:00 pm.
- As at March 6th only six annual fees were still outstanding.
- The original name of the competition adopted in 1998 was 'Wednesday Vintage.' The fixtures from there onwards use a variety of headings as follows:
1998 (August): Mid Week Vintage
1999: Midweek Vintage
2000: Mid Week Senior Masters
2000 (October) to 2001 (June): Mid Week Vintage Masters
2001: Mid Week Senior Masters (this name continues for 2002 up to the end of 2005)

Merrill Lynch Mercury Cup:

2002: Mar: Gold

Jun: White

Sep: White

Dec: ?

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2003

Overview: Relations with the Stadium became a little difficult at times over booking cancellations and playing times.

Teams by Age Group:

O/50s: Blue, Gold, Red and White.

O/60s: Blue, White.

Office Bearers:

Chairman: George Winning

Secretary/Registrar: John Sanders

Treasurer: Brian Lester

Team Captains: *(from the attendance register in the minutes and the team lists)*

50s Blue: Peter Hammond

50s Gold: Tom Crossen, Clyde Evans

50s Red: Bill Williamson

50s White: Simon Thomson

60s Blue: Peter Ford

60s White: Ray King

Player numbers and team listings: The 4 team listings contain 91 players which includes 50s and 60s.

Highlights:

- The purchase of hockey balls has occurred several times since the start of the competition. The minutes for February 5th indicate that six hockey balls were bought his year, one for each team.
- At the same meeting a proposal for badges indicating the number of games played was discussed. This does not seem ever to have eventuated, as there is no further documentation.
- Some of the correspondence with the various managers of Perth Hockey Stadium is surprisingly quite acrimonious. Among the responses from 'Wednesday Veterans Hockey' figures are quoted indicating that the annual revenue to PHS was approximately \$11,000 from the weekly player fees of \$4 and that the annual bar revenue was at least \$25,000 from the group.
- All seems to have been resolved harmoniously, and we still play there and enjoy excellent relation with both the staff at PHS and Hockey WA.
- At the Committee meeting on 3rd December the weekly playing fee for 2004 was set at \$5. This meeting also considered and rejected a proposal to replace the weekly charge with one annual fee of \$200.
- Perth Hockey Stadium requested that we move our fixtures from 2:30 to 5:30 half an hour earlier from 2:00 to 5:00 pm. The request was declined due to the considerable number of our players who were still working and could not arrive in time. And the revenue figures above.

Merrill Lynch Mercury Cup:

2003: Mar: Gold

Jun: Gold

Sep: Gold

Dec: White

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2004

Overview: A resolution with Perth Hockey Stadium came in May. A major shirt sponsorship was secured.

Teams by Age Group:

O/50s: Blue, Gold, Red and White.

O/60s: Blue, White.

Office Bearers:

Chairman: George Winning / Simon Thomson

Secretary/Registrar: John Sanders

Treasurer: Brian Lester

Team Captains and Vice Captains: *(from the attendance register in the minutes)*

50s Blue: Peter Hammond

50s Gold: Tom Crossen, Clyde Evans

50s Red: Bill Williamson

50s White: Simon Thomson, Matt Knowles

60s Blue: Peter Ford, Ian Purdie

60s White: Ray King

Player numbers and team listings: No information available.

Highlights: The stadium issues seem to have been resolved by Turf Two being the only playing venue after 5:00 pm. Stadium manager at the time Dave Goodwin attended a full Committee meeting.

- Peter Hammond secured sponsorship from Merrill Lynch for 80 new \$23 shirts at a total cost of \$1,840. A photograph of the shirt logo appears below.
- A note in the minutes states that “\$20 annual subs to be paid by February 4th or **Else.**”
- Simon Thomson took over from George Winning as Chairman before the end of the year. The original George Winning trophy was created to mark George’s years of service, but this was not until after the Gold O/60 team had been added.

Merrill Lynch Mercury Cup: 2004: Mar: White Jun: White Sep: White Dec: White



Logo on 2006 playing shirt

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2005

Overview: Expansion of the O/60 competition began this year and proceeded very rapidly up to 2007. This also appears to have been the first year that our charity donations were made.

Teams by Age Group:

O/50s: Blue, Gold, Red and White.

O/60s: Blue, Gold and White. (*Gold team added from June*)

Office Bearers:

Chairman: Simon Thomson

Secretary: John Sanders

Registrar: John Dunstan

Treasurer: Brian Lester

Team Captains and Vice Captains: (*from the attendance register in the minutes and the team listings*)

50s Blue: Peter Hammond

50s Gold: Ian Sills

50s Red: Bill Williamson

50s White: Matt Knowles

60s Blue: Ian Purdie

60s Gold: Colin Gee

60s White: Bob Robinson

Player numbers and team listings: The excellent team listings show that team numbers were:

O/50s: Blue (15), Gold (15), Red (19) White (15). *Red were the late starters due to work commitments.*

O/60s: Blue (19), Gold (15) White (16).

Highlights: During this year a comprehensive data base of the details for all players was established thanks to John Sanders and John Dunstan. It is noticeable that not all players had email addresses at this stage. This data base has been handed over several times and was maintained by Bob Bowyer after John Dunstan before Bob handed it over to Colin Gee.

- There is only one set of minutes for the year. (*16th November; 29th June is missing*)
- Treasurer Brian Lester was also functioning as the uniforms officer. At the 16th November meeting he requested a list of required shirts and socks from all captains.
- The subsidised meal prices for the Christmas party were excellent value for money. Players paid \$10 and partners \$5. Each table was supplied with a jug of beer and a bottle of both red and white wine.
- The charity donations from the year's raffle proceeds were \$1,000 to the Salvation Army (Ron Venables) and \$500 to Friends of the Needy (Lionel David and Carlton Bonjour). At this stage the raffle was a chook raffle conducted by Clyde Evans and Gordon Thomas.
- At the November 16th Committee meeting it was resolved to add an O/60 team by April, 2006. The response seems to have been rapid and the first O/60 Red side started from January, 2006.

Merrill Lynch Mercury Cup:

2005: Mar: White

Jun: White

Sep: Red

Dec: Blue

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2006

Overview: The expansion of the O/60s continued with the addition of two more teams.

Teams by Age Group:

O/50s: Blue, Gold, Red and White.

O/60s: Blue, Gold, Green, Red and White. (*Red added from January, Green added from July*)

Office Bearers:

Chairman: Simon Thomson

Secretary: John Sanders

Registrar: John Dunstan

Treasurer: Brian Lester

Fixtures Secretary: Ian Sills

Scorer: Colin Sanders

Team Captains and Vice Captains: (*from the attendance register in the minutes*)

50s Blue: Rob Fawkes

60s Blue: Ian Purdie

50s Gold: Jeff Kozak

60s Gold: Colin Gee

50s Red: Geoff Hudson

60s Green: Ian Sills

50s White: Matt Knowles

60s Red: Bill Williamson, Peter Hammond

60s White: Bob Robinson

Player numbers and team listings: No information available.

Highlights: The fixtures for five O/60 teams were quite complex. Both turfs were used from 2:00 pm onwards and at least two sides had to change grounds during the afternoon. The odd number of teams meant one side only played two games. Finish time was 4:30 pm and each match lasted for 25 minutes.

- There is only one set of minutes for the year. (*22nd March; 16th August is missing*)
- New uniforms cost a total of \$1,553.20. A complete distribution to all players was done on the 29th March, with shirts to cost \$15 and socks \$5.
- A complete team redraw of both the O/50s and O/60s was approved by the Committee during March. Then as now, constant vigilance was required to prevent the games becoming one-sided.
- Bill Williamson was delegated to check with WA Hockey Association on whether the Wednesday competition was included in the personal injury cover.
- It was confirmed that the age limits were absolute. To play O/50s it was necessary to attain the age of 50 in the calendar year of starting play, and similar restrictions applied to the O/60s.
- This was the year that the chook raffle became a wine raffle after a fowl was temporarily stored in the ice machine, much to the ire of the Hockeyroos. The beneficiaries this year are unknown.
- The interstate tournament was held at PHS and Melville during the first two weeks of October and plenty of Wednesday players were in action. The Championship Organising Committee was chaired by Bill Campbell and included Peter Fogels, Shane Knapp, Dave Menzies, Bob Bowyer, Vern Gooch, Steve McEntee, John Sanders and Peter Westlund (all current or future members). An approximate WHM player count: O65s (39), O60s (30), O55s (27) and O50s (25).

O/50s Merrill Lynch Mercury Cup: Mar: White Jun: White Sep: Red Dec: Blue

O/60s: George Winning Trophy: Jun: Red Sep: White Dec: White

Overall: White (133), Red (124), Blue (96), Gold (64), Green (44). *Green only played two quarters.*

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2007

Overview: The O/60s expanded to six teams with the addition of the Electric Blue side

Teams by Age Group:

O/50s: Blue, Gold, Red and White.

O/60s: Blue, Gold, Green, Red and White. (*Electric Blue added from 4th April*)

Office Bearers:

Chairman: Simon Thomson

Secretary: John Sanders / John Dunstan

Registrar: John Dunstan

Treasurer: Brian Lester

Fixtures Secretary: Ian Sills

Scorer: Colin Sanders

Team Captains and Vice Captains: (*from the attendance register in the minutes*)

50s Blue: Rob Fawkes, Stewart Calder

50s Gold: Jeff Kozak, Cameron Fairbrother

50s Red: Geoff Hudson, Mal Skinner

50s White: David Mellor, Les Waldon

60s Blue: Geoff Gurney

60s Electric Blue: Roger Partington

60s Gold: Colin Gee

60s Green: Ian Sills

60s Red: Peter Hammond

60s White: Bob Robinson

Player numbers and team listings: No information available.

Highlights: Player insurance had now become compulsory for all Hockey WA Clubs and their members. A payment of \$456 was made to Hockey WA to cover Wednesday players who were not club members. It was decided not to impose extra charges on those players.

- The collection of the weekly \$5 match fee had proven to be difficult. At the 4th April meeting it was decided to ask each captain to collect his team's money and pass it on the Treasurer.
- A heat policy was introduced. If the forecast temperature was 37° or higher play would still go ahead but participation would be voluntary and no official games would be played.
- During 2007 it was decided to investigate the purchase of a defibrillator which duly occurred. Les Waldon and David Evans were the initial attendees at a training session in its use.
- John Dunstan was officially installed as Secretary at the meeting on 21st November.
- The raffle charity donations went to the Salvation Army (\$1,500) sponsored by Ron Venables and Friends of the Needy (\$500) sponsored by Lionel David.
- The Merrill Lynch Trophy appears to have been discontinued as from the fourth quarter of 2007.

O/50s Merrill Lynch Mercury Cup: Mar: White Jun: Red Sep: White

O/60s: George Winning Trophy: Mar: Red Jun: Gold Sep: Gold Dec: Electric Blue

Overall: Gold (151), Red (139), Electric Blue (134), White (124), Blue (115), Green (115).

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2008

Overview: There was no formal play during the interstate tournament in Darwin during July.

Teams by Age Group:

O/50s: Blue, Gold, Red and White.

O/60s: Blue, Electric Blue, Gold, Green, Red and White.

Office Bearers:

Chairman: Simon Thomson

Secretary: John Dunstan

Registrar: John Dunstan

Treasurer: Brian Lester

Fixtures Secretary: Roger Partington

Uniforms Officer: Robin Bailey

Scorer: Colin Sanders

Team Captains and Vice Captains: *(from the attendance register in the minutes)*

50s Blue: Les Hayter

50s Gold: Jeff Kozak, Dudley Burress

50s Red: Mal Skinner

50s White: David Mellor

60s Blue: Geoff Gurney, Mal Jackaman

60s Electric Blue: Roger Partington

60s Gold: Colin Gee

60s Green: Ian Sills

60s Red: Peter Hammond

60s White: Bob Robinson

Player numbers and team listings: No information available.

Highlights: Player recruitment could not proceed without consultation with the Chairman and Secretary. Numbers had to be carefully monitored to make sure that everybody got a full set of weekly matches.

- A captains' information guide was created and after review was circulated to all the existing ones. If anybody has a copy of this it would be very useful.
- An analysis was done on the effect of removing the 4:30 pm start time for the O/50 Red team. It was revealed that if they started earlier about half of them would have to stop playing.
- All players were asked to support our 2 major sponsors in Greg Allen (Greg's Discount Chemist) and Barry Rutter (Just Hockey), who were thanked again for their generosity.
- Robin Bailey began his long service as Uniforms Officer during this year and has kept on doing an excellent job up to the present day (2020).
- The O/50s captains decided during 2008 that they would no longer play for points.
- The charity raffle donations went to the Salvation Army (\$1,000) sponsored by Ron Venables, Friends of the Needy (\$1,000) sponsored by Lionel David, Bristol Hostel (\$1,000) sponsored by Ivan Wilson and the Movember Foundation (\$500) sponsored by Les Hayter.

O/60s George Winning Trophy: Mar: Blue Jun: Red: Sep: Blue: Dec: Electric Blue

Overall: Blue (217), Electric Blue (189), Red (165), White (147), Gold (141), Green (133).

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2009

Overview: Bob Bowyer and Gordon Thomas did a great job with the weekly raffles & \$4,000 was raised.

Teams by Age Group:

O/50s: Blue, Gold, Red and White.

O/60s: Blue, Electric Blue, Gold, Green, Red and White.

Office Bearers:

Chairman: Simon Thomson

Secretary and Registrar: John Dunstan

Treasurer: Brian Lester

Fixtures Secretary: Roger Partington

Uniforms Officer: Robin Bailey

Scorer: Colin Sanders / John Mercer

Team Captains and Vice Captains: *(from the attendance register in the minutes)*

50s Blue: Roger Davey

50s Gold: David Mellor

50s Red: Mal Skinner

50s White: Greg Allen

60s Blue: Mal Jackaman

60s Electric Blue: Roger Partington

60s Gold: Colin Gee

60s Green: David Horsley

60s Red: Peter Hammond

60s White: Bob Robinson

Player numbers and team listings: No information available.

Highlights: Favourable comment was made at the April Committee meeting about how well the teams were now presented. Thanks to uniforms officer Robin Bailey were recorded in the minutes.

- A complete team redraw of the O/60s was to be completed for the start of the 2010 season..
- Discussion occurred on the future of the O/60s. Suggestions included going to two O/60 grades and adding an O/70. The ideas were kept under consideration without further action.
- Thanks were again extended to our two major sponsors in Greg Allen (Greg's Discount Chemist) and Barry Rutter (Just Hockey), who generosity is much appreciated.
- A new method of annual fee collection was introduced for the \$25. Each team captain was responsible for his side - and the consensus was that it had worked very well.
- During the year the committee discussed replacing the annual \$25 and the weekly \$5 fees by one annual charge. Despite the administrative benefits it was felt that this would be unpopular with the players and the idea was shelved.
- The charity raffle donations went to the Salvation Army (\$1,500) sponsor Ron Venables, Friends of the Needy (\$1,000) sponsor Lionel David, Bristol Hostel (\$1,000) sponsor Ivan Wilson and Hearing Research and Support Foundation (\$500) sponsors Nigel Thomas and Len Blyth.

O/60s George Winning Trophy: Mar: Electric Blue Jun: Blue Sep: Green Dec: Blue

Overall: Blue (216), Electric Blue (180), Red (162), Gold (161), Green (128), White (127).

Western Hockey Masters History

2010

Overview: The first WHM life memberships were awarded this year and went to inaugural Chairman George Winning and retiring Secretary / Registrar John Dunstan.

Teams by Age Group:

O/50s: Blue, Gold, Red and White.

O/60s: Blue, Electric Blue, Gold, Green, Red and White.

Office Bearers:

Chairman: Simon Thomson

Secretary and Registrar: John Dunstan / Bob Bowyer

Treasurer: Brian Lester

Fixtures Secretary: Roger Partington

Uniforms Officer: Robin Bailey

O/50s Convener: Ian Pestana

Scorer: John Mercer

Team Captains and Vice Captains: *(from the attendance register in the minutes)*

60s Blue: Mal Jackaman

50s Blue: Ian Pestana

60s Electric Blue: Roger Partington

50s Gold: David Mellor

60s Gold: Colin Gee

50s Red: Mal Skinner, George Naylor

60s Green: David Horsley

50s White: Greg Allen

60s Red: Peter Hammond

60s White: Bob Robinson

Player numbers and team listings: No information available.

Highlights: Ian Pestana was appointed O/50s convenor

- The O/60s was completely redrawn for the start of the 2010 year.
- A legal opinion was sought regarding a heat policy, but the issue seemed to create more questions than answers. It was agreed by the Committee that players play at their own risk.
- Thanks were again extended to our two major sponsors in Greg Allen (Greg's Discount Chemist) and Barry Rutter (Just Hockey), "whose generosity is much appreciated."
- The weekly collection of playing fees was amended to an annual fee of \$300 as from 2011.
- Internet and telephone banking were implemented on the bank account.
- The charity raffle donations went to the Salvation Army (\$1,000) sponsored by Ron Venables, Friends of the Needy (\$1,000) sponsored by Lionel David, Manna Industries (\$1,000) sponsored by Bob Bowyer and Parents and Friends of Bristol House (\$500) sponsored by Ivan Wilson.
- The interstate tournament was held in WA's South/West and WHM was well represented. The numbers by age group were O/70s (26), O/65s (33), O/60s (22), O/55s (25) and O/50s (5). These counts do not include players from the younger age groups who subsequently joined WHM.
- Honorary Life Memberships were approved for long and distinguished service. The first of these were awarded to George Winning and John Dunstan and presented at the Christmas party.

O/60s George Winning Trophy: Mar: Electric Blue Jun: Gold Sep: Red Dec: Electric Blue

Overall: Electric Blue (185), Red (166), Gold (153), White (136), Green (133), Blue (122).

Western Hockey Masters History

2011

Overview: This was the year when the WHM soft caps first appeared. The O/50s were recruiting towards the end of the year while the O/60s decided on a complete team redraw for 2012.

Teams by Age Group:

O/60s: Blue, Electric Blue, Gold, Green, Red and White.

O/50s: Blue, Gold, Red and White

Office Bearers:

Chairman: Simon Thomson.

Secretary: Bob Bowyer.

Treasurer: Brian Lester.

Data Base Administrator: Bob Bowyer.

Fixtures Secretary: Roger Partington.

Uniforms Officer: Robin Bailey.

Web Master: Peter Fogels.

O/60s Rep: Colin Gee.

O/50s Rep: Ian Pestana.

Scorer: John Mercer.

Team Captains: *(According to the minutes)*

60s Blue: Mal Jackaman.

60s Electric Blue: Roger Partington.

60s Gold: Colin Gee

60s Green: Dave Horsley

60s Red: Peter Hammond, Derek Jobe.

60s White: Bob Robinson.

50s Blue: Ian Pestana

50s Gold: Dave Mellor

50s Red: George Naylor, Mal Skinner

50s White: Greg Allen

50s: Dave Evans (Committee Liaison)

Charity Fund:

Salvation Army W.A. (Sponsor Ron Venables)	\$1,000
Manna Industries (Sponsor Bob Bowyer)	\$1,000
Friends of the Needy (Sponsor Lionel David)	\$1,000
Parents & Friends of Bristol House (Sponsor Ivan Wilson)	\$500
Telethon Speech & Hearing Centre (Sponsor Nigel Thomas)	\$500
Birds of the Air (Sponsor Adolphus Abrahams)	\$500
Joseph's Coat (Sponsor Ken Watt)	<u>\$500</u>
	<u>\$5,000</u>

O/60s George Winning Trophy: Mar: Gold Jun: White Sep: Gold Dec: Electric Blue

Overall: Gold (188), Electric Blue (172), Red (151), Blue (136), White (128) Green (118).

Highlights: Bob Bowyer introduced new merchandise in our soft peaked WHM playing caps (sourced through Barry Rutter) and they proved to be popular.

- The Committee decided at the November meeting that a complete replacement of all playing strips was to be organized for next year.
- Significant sponsorship came from WHM members Greg Allen for the shirts (Greg's Discount Chemist) and Barry Rutter for the socks (Just Hockey).

Western Hockey Masters History

2012

Overview: Business as usual, O/50s and O/60s both in good shape. A complete reissue of playing shirts took place. From January a newsletter attempted to keep WHM members informed and entertained.

Teams by Age Group:

O/60s: Blue, Electric Blue, Gold, Green, Red and White.

O/50s: Blue, Gold, Red and White

Office Bearers:

Chairman: Simon Thomson.

Secretary: Bob Bowyer.

Treasurer: Brian Lester.

Data Base Administrator: Bob Bowyer.

Fixtures Secretary: Roger Partington.

Uniforms Officer: Robin Bailey.

Web Master: Peter Fogels.

O/60s Rep: Colin Gee.

O/50s Rep: Ian Pestana.

Newsletter Editor: John Mercer.

Scorer: John Mercer.

Team Captains: *(According to the Christmas issue of the newsletter)*

60s Blue: Mal Jackaman, Eric Alcock.

60s Electric Blue: Roger Partington, Peter Andrews.

60s Gold: Colin Gee.

60s Green: Dave Horsley.

60s Red: Derek Jobe.

60s White: Bob Robinson, Ivan Wilson.

50s Blue: Ian Pestana.

50s Gold: Dave Mellor.

50s Red: George Naylor.

50s White: Greg Allen.

50s: Dave Evans (committee liaison).

Player numbers and team listings: *Not available.*

Charity Fund:

Salvation Army W.A. (Sponsor Ron Venables)	\$1,000
Palmerston Association (W.A.) (Sponsor Eric Alcock)	\$1,000
Brightwater Redcliffe Community (Sponsor Gordon Thomas)	\$625
Friends of the Needy (Sponsor Lionel David)	\$500
Birds of the Air (Sponsor Adolphus Abrahams)	\$500
Joseph's Coat (Sponsor Ken Watt)	\$500
Juvenile Diabetes (Sponsor Ken Walter)	\$1,000
McCusker Alzheimers Research (Sponsor Peter Stevens)	\$500
Motor Neurone Disease (Sponsor Peter Murray)	<u>\$500</u>
	<u>\$6,125</u>

Western Hockey Masters History

2012

O/60s George Winning Trophy: Mar: Electric Blue Jun: Electric Blue Sep: White Dec: Blue
Overall: Electric Blue (166), White (137), Green (127) Red (126), Blue (111), Gold (104).

Highlights: Uniforms officer Robin Bailey managed to accomplish a complete replacement of all playing strips to begin the year. Significant sponsorship came from WHM members Greg Allen for the shirts (Greg's Discount Chemist) and Burry Rutter for the socks (Just Hockey).

- The World Cup was held in Oxford in August and WHM were well represented with 21 players and officials in Australian teams, 19 with Southern Cross and 8 with Alliance.
- The interstate tournament in Hobart included 41 players from our Wednesday Hockey Masters O/60s and 34 from the O/50s. This includes WA Metro, WA Country and all other states. Following the tournament 15 players and officials from WHM were selected for the Australian sides for 2013.
- The Committee decided at the November meeting to discontinue the option to pay annual fees in two instalments.
- David Evans was appointed as communications officer for the O/50s to keep the President and Secretary aware of all changes and help with chasing up registrations and payments.

Magdalen College Oxford

2012 World Cup



Western Hockey Masters History

2013

Overview: This was a year of major change, which saw both the setting up of three age groups for play on Wednesdays and the initiation of a separate Saturday competition for Over 65s. A WHM team visited Bunbury for a social match. Towards the end of the year both turfs at PHS were replaced.

Teams by Age Group: As at January 1st the teams were:

O/60s: Blue, Electric Blue, Gold, Green, Red and White.

O/50s: Blue, Gold, Red and White

As from the 4th quarter the teams were completely redrawn and from October 23rd began as:

O/70s: Blue, Gold and White.

O/60s: Blue, Gold and White.

O/50s: Blue, Red and White.

Perry Lakes O/65s: Under the auspices of WHM a social Saturday competition for O/65s was started on 13th April. It has continued to this day (2020) and is thriving. The prime movers in the setup stage were Ric Denny, Les Waldon, Simon Thomson and Bob Bowyer.

Office Bearers:

Chairman: Simon Thomson.

Treasurer: Brian Lester.

Fixtures Secretary: Roger Partington.

Web Master: Peter Fogels.

O/50s Rep: Ian Pestana.

Newsletter Editor: John Mercer.

Secretary: Bob Bowyer.

Data Base Administrator: Colin Gee.

Uniforms Officer: Robin Bailey.

O/60s Rep: Colin Gee.

Saturday Rep: Les Waldon.

Scorer: John Mercer.

Team Captains: *(According to the Christmas issue of the newsletter)*

Old Team Structure:

60s Blue: Mal Jackaman Eric Alcock.

60s Electric Blue: Roger Partington, Peter Andrews.

60s Gold: Colin Gee.

60s Green: Dave Horsley.

60s Red: Derek Jobe, Gordon Thomas.

60s White: Bob Robinson.

50s Blue: Ian Pestana

50s Gold: Dave Mellor.

50s Red: George Naylor.

50s White: Greg Allen.

New Team Structure:

70s Blue: Neil Scaddan.

70s Gold: Colin Gee, Eric Alcock.

70s White: Dave Horsley.

60s Blue: Ash Challenor.

60s Gold: Bob Le Merle.

60s White: Roger Partington, Peter Andrews.

50s Blue: Ian Pestana.

50s Red: Graeme Nichols

50s White: Nick Pereira.

50s: Dave Evans (committee liaison)

Player numbers and team listings: *Not available.*

Charity Fund:

Salvation Army W.A. (Sponsor Ron Venables)	\$1.500
Palmerston Association (W.A.) (Sponsor Eric Alcock)	\$750
Brightwater Redcliffe Community (Sponsor Gordon Thomas)	\$750
POOPS - Pets Of Older Persons (Sponsor Jim Wright)	\$750
Palliative Care Association of W.A. (PCWA) (Scott Blackwell)	\$750
	<u>\$4,500</u>

Western Hockey Masters History

2013

O/60s George Winning Trophy: Mar: White Jun: Green Sep: Gold

Overall: Electric Blue (142), White (129), Red (128), Green (125) Blue (120), Gold (120).

The second and sixth teams were only nine points apart in a very even playing year.

The revised age groups began as from the fourth quarter.

Highlights: The trial of the new age groups was deemed to have been successful and they were to be the basis for future play. The Committee meeting on 27/11 decided to change the names from O/70, O/60 and O/50 to Divisions 'A' 'B' and 'C' as the ages were not absolute.

- The Perry Lakes O/65s managed to play right through the winter even though reduced to 7 or 8 players occasionally. It was decided to continue though summer and was universally declared to be a great success. During the summer season three teams were frequently required.
- Life Membership of Wednesday Hockey Masters was awarded to Peter Hammond at an after hockey function on 13th February.
- A WHM team played a social match at Bunbury in March against a S/W team. The original concept came from Robin Bailey, who thus ended up as chief organiser - together with Rob McNab who assembled the S/W XI. It was a most enjoyable visit and the day became a fixture for a few years.
- The interstate tournament in Sydney included 83 players from Wednesday Hockey Masters in all age groups from O/50s to O/70s. They were drawn from 'A' 'B' and 'C' Divisions. After the tournament 23 WHM players were selected in the Australian sides from O/55s to O/75s.
- As from this year the dark blue shirts were phased out and replaced with the lighter blue, known as Electric Blue. It was easier to obtain shirts and they were a better colour during summer.

Peter Hammond Gets Life

13th February 2013



Simon Thomson, Peter Hammond and Brian Lester

Western Hockey Masters History

Notes on the modifications to the competition 2013 / 2014

During 2013 it became apparent that the age ranges in both the O/60s (61 to 85) and O/50s (51 to 72) were making the competition rather difficult for some who were playing well out of their correct age group. It also became apparent that new players were not entering at the lower end of the age ranges. It was decided that an attempt should be made to increase the enjoyment levels of all players, and to improve the standard of the hockey as much as possible.

An analysis of the players' ages revealed that it would be possible to have 10 teams in 3 age ranges. Both turfs at the stadium were due to be replaced during the 4th quarter of 2013 and the 1st quarter of 2014 - so the executive decided to run a trial of 3 x O/50 teams, 3 x O/60s, and 3 x O/70s while there was only one turf at the stadium, making use of other facilities if required. This was run from the fourth quarter of 2013 up to 19/02/2014 on the following basis:

O/50s: Gold, Red, and White. Numbers were generally not good.

O/60s: Blue, Gold, and White. Numbers were good without a large player surplus.

O/70s: Blue, Gold, and White. Most weeks all teams had surplus players.

These ages were not absolute, and players were put into the grade where it was thought that they would be best suited.

As from 19th February 2014 the following will be the final Divisions and teams:

A Division (formerly O/70s): Electric Blue, Gold, Red, White.

B Division (formerly O/60s): Electric Blue, Gold, White.

C Division (formerly O/50s): Blue, Red, White. (Blue become Electric Blue in due course)

Points are to be kept for the A Division only - and will decide the George Winning Trophy .

George Winning Trophy: For 2013 this was awarded to the leading O/60s team at the end of the 3rd quarter. This was Electric Blue - who did not finish on top in any of the first three quarters, which were won by a different team each time. The selectors are to be congratulated on producing a remarkably even competition as this summary of the final table shows:

Electric Blue 142, White 129, Red 128, Green 125, Blue and Gold 120.

In 2014 the executive have determined that the George Winning Trophy is to be awarded to the A Division. The B Division captains did not wish to play for points.

Saturday O/65s: In recent years some of the teams in the WAHA Saturday O/60 competition have been forced to fold due to a variety of reasons, player aging being one of them. Under the auspices of Wednesday Masters a social competition for O/65s was started for the winter season of 2013. Two teams (Blue and White) initiated the season at Perry Lakes on Saturday 13th April, and despite being reduced to 7 / 8 a side on a few occasions it has been a great success in keeping players involved who would otherwise been lost to the game. The competition has continued into summer and expanded to three teams on several Saturdays. The prime movers in its establishment have been Ric Denny, Simon Thomson, Les Waldon, and Bob Bowyer.

John Mercer and Bob Bowyer

Western Hockey Masters History

2014

Overview: The revised age groups began their first full year. 'A' Division was expanded in February with the addition of a Red team. Many WHM players journeyed to the Netherlands for the World Cup and even more took part in the interstate tournament later that year in Perth.

Teams by Age Group:

'A' Division: Blue, Gold and White. (Red added as from 19th February)

'B' Division: Blue, Gold and White.

'C' Division: Blue, Red and White.

Saturday O/65s: Blue and White, with occasional use of the orange or lime bibs.

Office Bearers:

Chairman: Simon Thomson

Treasurer: Brian Lester

Fixtures Secretary: Roger Partington

Web Master: Peter Fogels

B Division Rep: Peter Andrews

Saturday Rep: Les Waldon

Scorer: John Mercer

Secretary: Bob Bowyer

Data Base Administrator: Colin Gee

Uniforms Officer: Robin Bailey

A Division Rep: Colin Gee

C Division Rep: Ian Pestana

Newsletter Editor: John Mercer.

B & C Division Committee liaison: David Evans

Team Captains: *(According to the Christmas issue of the newsletter)*

A Division Blue: Neil Scaddan

A Division Gold: Colin Gee

A Division Red: Roger Partington

A Division White: Dave Horsley

B Division Blue: Ash Challenor

B Division Gold: Bob Le Merle

B Division White: Peter Andrews

C Division Blue: Ian Pestana

C Division Red: Graeme Nichols

C Division White: Nick Pereira

Player numbers and team listings: *Not available.*

Charity Fund Donations:

Salvation Army W.A. (Sponsor Ron Venables)	\$750
Palmerston Association (W.A.) (Sponsor Eric Alcock)	\$750
Brightwater Redcliffe Community (Sponsor Gordon Thomas)	\$750
POOPS - Pets Of Older Persons (Sponsor Jim Wright)	\$750
Palliative Care Association of W.A. (PCWA) (Scott Blackwell)	\$750
Hearing Research and Support (Nigel Thomas and Len Blyth)	\$750
Motor Neurone Disease (Peter Murray)	\$750
Juvenile Diabetes (Ken Walter)	\$750
	<u>\$750</u>
	<u>\$6,000</u>

Defibrillators: The exact date is not known, but some years earlier WHM was about to purchase a defib when the WA Masters Committee and Hockey WA stepped in and jointly purchased a defib for each of the PHS turfs. When Derek Jobe had a cardiac arrest while leaving the stadium prompt action by stadium attendees and Hockey WA staff was life-saving. So Saturday hockey bought one during 2014.

O/60s George Winning Trophy: Mar: Red Jun: Red Sep: Red Dec: No points
Overall: Red (101), Blue (82), White (73), Gold (63).

Western Hockey Masters History

2014

Highlights:

- Both turfs at PHS were replaced during the summer of 2013 / 2014. The 'A' Division played at Hale (December) and Lemnos (January / February) and only saw PHS for the 2013 Christmas Party.
- WHM was well represented at the World Cup in the Netherlands. According the newsletters of the time 20 Wednesday players went with Australia, 33 with Southern Cross and 3 with Alliance.
- The Bunbury social match was again organised by Robin Bailey (WHM) and Rob McNab (S/W) and duly took place on Sunday 16th March. It was a great example of the social side of Masters Hockey.
- All divisions returned to PHS on Wednesday March 12th and the bar takings returned to their usual levels immediately. After a very long absence A Division noted that there had been other changes in addition to the turf replacements. The warmer bar and colder beers were much appreciated.
- After some initial doubts PHS was secured for the interstate tournament in October. As one would expect WHM numbers were at very high levels, as per the table below.

Perth Tournament 2014 WHM Numbers												
Division	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	QLD2	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	WA2	WAC	Total
O/50 (2)									1			1
O/55 (1)									7			7
O/55 (2)									7			7
O/60	1					3			15		4	23
O/65	1					4	2		13		10	30
O/70									16	13	10	39
Total	2					7	2		59	13	24	107

Derek Jobe and rescuers receiving award certificates after Wednesday hockey



Western Hockey Masters History

2015

Overview: During 2015 our name was changed to Western Hockey Masters and the current logo was adopted. 'C' Division expanded to four teams and the George Winning Trophy was modified.

Teams by Age Group:

'A' Division: Blue, Gold, Red and White.

'B' Division: Blue, Gold and White.

'C' Division: Blue, Red and White. Gold team added during March.

Saturday O/65s: Blue and White, with occasional use of the orange and lime bibs.

Office Bearers:

Chairman: Simon Thomson

Treasurer: Brian Lester

Fixtures Secretary: Roger Partington

Web Master: Peter Fogels

B Division Rep: Peter Andrews

Saturday Rep: Les Waldon

Social Secretary: Gordon Thomas

Secretary: Bob Bowyer

Data Base Administrator: Colin Gee

Uniforms Officer: Robin Bailey

A Division Rep: Colin Gee

C Division Rep: Ian Pestana

Newsletter Editor: John Mercer.

B & C Division Committee liaison: David Evans

Team Captains: *(According to the Christmas issue of the newsletter and the Committee meeting reports)*

A Division Blue: Neil Scaddan

A Division Gold: Colin Gee.

A Division Red: Roger Partington

A Division White: Dave Horsley

B Division Blue: Ash Challenor, Graham Challenor

B Division Gold: Bob Le Merle, Bill Campbell

B Division White: Peter Andrews

C Division Blue: Ian Pestana, Tony Jones

C Division Gold: Graeme Nicholls, Mike Sputore

C Division Red: Russell Scanlon

C Division White: Nick Pereira, Wayne Cutler

Player numbers: Colin Gee provided the counts at the end of the year. These were:

A Division 57

B Division 46 playing 11 unallocated

C Division 58 playing 8 unallocated

Goalkeepers 13

This makes a total of 193 playing members. Colin's list of past players indicates that there were 170.

In addition there were 5 volunteer umpires

Charity Fund Donations:

Salvation Army W.A. (Sponsor Ron Venables) \$1,000

Palmerston Association (W.A.) (Sponsor Eric Alcock) \$1,000

POOPS - Pets Of Older Persons (Sponsor Jim Wright) \$1,000

Hearing Research and Support (Nigel Thomas and Len Blyth) \$1,000

Motor Neurone Disease (Peter Murray) \$1,000

The Dogs Refuge Home (Fred Flanagan and Mike Sputore) \$1,000

Spirit of The Streets Choir (Sponsor Bob Maley) \$1,000

\$7,000

George Winning Trophy: The Committee decided that this trophy should in future be awarded on an annual basis to a person who has contributed significantly to Wednesday/Saturday Masters Hockey. This year's inaugural winner was long-serving Treasurer Brian Lester.

Western Hockey Masters History

2015

Highlights:

- Defibrillator training from St John's Ambulance was organised by Ken Beer for a good number of WHM players and John Ree conducted a most informative demonstration at Perry Lakes following on from our purchase of a unit the previous year.
- Our fee structure for Wednesday players was amended effective from 2016. The major changes were a 50% discount for over 80s and a reduction in fees for goalkeepers. Keepers over 80 got both.
- The interstate tournament in Cairns attracted a good attendance from WHM. Just 2 less than Perth.

Cairns Tournament 2015 WHM Numbers												
Division	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	QLD2	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	WA2	WAC	Total
O/50 (1)									4		2	6
O/50 (2)									5			5
O/55 (1)									12		1	13
O/55 (2)									8			8
O/60									12		5	17
O/65									15		5	20
O/70	3								18		15	36
Total	3								74		28	105

Cairns Tournament - WA Country O/70s cruise the Barron River



Western Hockey Masters History

2016

Overview: All the World Cups were held in Australia and WHM were well represented at the Newcastle and Canberra events and the interstate tournament in Adelaide. The first Orthopaedic Challenge match (known as Hips versus Knees) took place on December 14th.

Teams by Age Group:

'A' Division: Blue, Gold, Red and White.

'B' Division: Blue, Gold and White.

'C' Division: Blue, Gold, Red and White.

Saturday O/65s: Blue and White, with occasional use of the orange and lime bibs.

Office Bearers:

Chairman: Simon Thomson

Treasurer: Brian Lester/ Bob Bowyer

Fixtures Secretary: Roger Partington

Web Master: Peter Fogels

B Division Rep: Peter Andrews

Saturday Rep: Les Waldon

B & C Division Committee liaison: David Evans

Secretary: Bob Bowyer

Data Base Administrator: Colin Gee

Uniforms Officer: Robin Bailey

A Division Rep: Colin Gee

C Division Rep: Ian Pestana

Newsletter Editor: John Mercer.

Team Captains: *(According to the Christmas issue of the newsletter and the Committee meeting reports)*

A Division Blue: Neil Scaddan

A Division Gold: Colin Gee

A Division Red: Roger Partington

A Division White: Dave Horsley

B Division Blue: Graham Challenor

B Division Gold: Bill Campbell

B Division White: Peter Andrews

C Division Blue: Tony Jones

C Division Gold: Mike Sputore

C Division Red: Stephen Pestana

C Division White: Wayne Cutler

Player numbers: Colin Gee's data base showed the end of year counts as:

A Division 52

C Division 56 playing 12 unallocated

B Division 49 playing 16 unallocated

Goalkeepers 13

This totals 184 playing members. Counts for goalkeepers, past players and umpires were not available.

Charity Fund Donations:

Salvation Army W.A. (Sponsor Ron Venables)

\$1,000

Palmerston Association (W.A.) (Sponsor Eric Alcock)

\$1,000

Edmund Rice Camps ()

\$1,000

POOPS - Pets Of Older Persons (Sponsor Jim Wright)

\$500

Spirit of The Streets Choir (Sponsor Bob Maley)

\$500

\$4,000

Hockey WA: \$2,500 was donated to support the gym component of the H.E.A.T. (Holistic Elite Athlete Training) program for young talented hockey players.

George Winning Trophy: The winner for 2016 was our Uniforms Officer Robin Bailey. It was a very busy year for Robin with a complete uniform replacement for all three Divisions.

Western Hockey Masters History

2016

Highlights:

- Quite a few members of WHM enjoyed the home World Cup in Newcastle. Playing numbers were:
Australia: O/60 (3), O/65 (1), O/70 (6), O/75 (9). Bill Williamson managed the O/75s. Total (20)
Southern Cross: O/60 Blue (1), Red (1). O/65 Blue (4), Red (3). O/70 Blue (4) Red (6). Total (19)
Alliance: O/65 (1), O/70 (1). Total (2) Grand Total (41)
- A formal heat guideline was formulated. In essential, no player should feel any pressure to take part if the weather is in a potentially dangerous state. Formal play was to be cancelled when the forecast maximum exceeded 37°, after which players would take part solely at their own risk. At any time a player who felt that the temperature was too high (especially goalkeepers) could stop playing.
- Robin Bailey really worked hard this year with another complete replacement of the shirts. The new uniforms bore the name 'Western Hockey Masters' and the new logo which cost \$300 for the rights.
- Attendance by WHM at the Adelaide interstate tournament was at an all time high with 122 making the trip across the Nullarbor. The weather was so bad that several matches were cancelled due to the risk of lightning strikes.
- The Orthopaedic Challenge match was won 3-1 by the Hips. The game received plenty of publicity and sponsorship from the Orthopaedic Association of WA. Organisers Les Waldon and Graham Wood even acquired special playing shirts for both teams, as shown below.

Adelaide Tournament 2016 WHM Numbers												
Division	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	QLD2	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	WA2	WAC	Total
O/50 (1)									4		1	5
O/50 (2)									5			5
O/55 (1)									9		2	11
O/55 (2)									7			7
O/60	1								15		6	22
O/65	1							1	15		4	21
O/70	1							2	16		11	30
O/75				1					12		8	21
Total	3			1				3	83		32	122

The Hips / Knees playing uniforms - another success



Western Hockey Masters History

2017

Overview: Long serving Treasurer Brian Lester retired this year and Steve Farrar took over. The Hobart interstate tournament and the Glasgow European Championships were well attended by WHM players.

Teams by Age Group:

'A' Division: Blue, Gold, Red and White.

'B' Division: Blue, Gold and White.

'C' Division: Blue, Gold, Red and White.

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B Division White: Peter Andrews

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C Division White: Wayne Cutler

Player numbers: As at December Colin Gee's counts were:

A Division 60

C Division 56 playing 11 unallocated

B Division 47 playing 13 unallocated

Goalkeepers 12

This makes a total of 187 playing members. Colin's list of past players indicates that there were 189.

In addition there were 5 volunteer umpires.

Charity Fund Donations:

Salvation Army W.A. (Sponsor Ron Venables)

Hockey WA H.E.A.T. program

\$1,000

\$2,500

\$3,500

An unfortunate injury to Bob Bowyer and reduced attendances at the PHS bar post-hockey meant that the charity pool was smaller this year.

George Winning Trophy: The winner for 2017 was Newsletter Editor John Mercer.

Submission to Masters Hockey WA: A proposal was put to split the interstate championships with age groups O/60, O/65, O/70 and O/75 to be held outside school holidays. This presumably was rejected as no formal response was ever received.

Western Hockey Masters History

2017

Highlights:

- The European Championships in Glasgow Included 17 WHM members in the Southern Cross teams and 7 in the Australian O/75 side, which played but was ineligible to win any medal.
- The Trans-Tasman matches between Australia and New Zealand featured 5 members of WHM in the age range O/50 to O/65. Also 7 WHM players toured Europe with the Australian O/70s.
- The Saturday Hockey Masters completely re-designed their playing shirts and thanks to excellent work by Jim Wright all players received a new blue, green and maroon shirt. (*see below*)
- Brian Lester's retirement as Treasurer really marked the end of an era as he had been the only one to hold the office since the Wednesday competition began.
- The Orthopaedic Challenge match was won 4-3 by the Knees.
- The Hobart tournament did not attract the same numbers as Adelaide in 2016, but 99 is still quite an impressive tally.

WHM Hobart Numbers

State	O75	O70	O65	O60	O55 1	O55 2	O50 1	O50 2	Total
WA	12	14	15	13	7	7	4	3	75
WAC	n/a	8	6	n/a	3	n/a	n/a	n/a	17
Other	1	1	2	3					7
Total	13	23	23	16	10	7	4	3	99

The new Saturday playing shirts



George Bradbury, Jim Wright and Simon Thomson

Western Hockey Masters History

2018

Overview: It was a good year for travel and many WHM members went to the World Cups in Spain. Northern NSW hosted the interstate tournament in Lismore/Ballina. Western Hockey Masters became an incorporated body and there were changes to our administration titles.

Teams by Age Group:

'A' Division: Blue, Gold, Red and White.

'B' Division: Blue, Gold and White.

'C' Division: Blue, Gold, Red and White.

Saturday O/65s: Blue, Green and Maroon.

Office Bearers:

Chairman: Simon Thomson

Treasurer: Steve Farrar

Fixtures Secretary: Roger Partington

Web Master: Peter Fogels

B Division Rep: Peter Andrews

Saturday Rep: Les Waldon

B & C Division Committee liaison: David Evans

Secretary: Bob Bowyer

Data Base Administrator: Colin Gee

Uniforms Officer: Robin Bailey

A Division Rep: Colin Gee

C Division Rep: Ian Pestana

Newsletter Editor: John Mercer.

Ian Pestana and Roger Partington both announced that they intended to stand down from their roles at the end of the year. Ian was to be succeeded by Colin Howell and Tony Jones, while Harvey Davies was to take over from Roger. Bob Bowyer's health issues also led him to seek a replacement during 2019.

Team Captains: *(According to the Christmas issue of the newsletter)*

A Division Blue: Neil Scaddan

A Division Gold: Colin Gee

A Division Red: Roger Partington

A Division White: Dave Horsley

B Division Blue: Graham Challenor

B Division Gold: Bill Campbell

B Division White: Peter Andrews

C Division Blue: Tony Jones

C Division Gold: Mike Sputore

C Division Red: Stephen Pestana / Kevin Burton

C Division White: Wayne Cutler

Player numbers: As at December Colin Gee's counts were:

A Division 60

C Division 52 playing 7 unallocated

This makes a total of 187 playing members. Colin's list of past players indicates that there were 191.

In addition there were 4 volunteer umpires.

B Division 53 playing 3 unallocated

Goalkeepers 12

Charity Fund Donations:

Salvation Army W.A. (Sponsor Ron Venables)

YMCA junior hockey program

Kalamunda junior hockey program

\$1,000

\$2,000

\$2,000

\$5,000

George Winning Trophy: The winner for 2018 was our hard working Secretary Bob Bowyer. His other roles included Secretary/Treasurer of our Saturday hockey and organiser of the weekly wine raffles as well as being instrumental in the initiation and organisation of the Orthopaedic Challenge Match.

Western Hockey Masters History

2018

Highlights:

- The Barcelona and Terrassa World Cups did not reach the same high attendance levels from WHM as some of their predecessors, possibly due to Southern Cross only being permitted one team in each age group. Numbers were:
O/50s: Australia (1).
O/55s: Australia (3).
O/60s: Australia (4), Southern Cross (1).
O/65s: Australia (5), New Zealand (1), Southern Cross (3), Alliance (1).
O/70s: Australia (4), Southern Cross (2), Alliance (2).
O/75s: Australia (4), Southern Cross (7), Alliance (2). Grand Total (41).
- During this year it was decided that we should become an incorporated body. This necessitated the creation and adoption of a written constitution which was done thanks to the hard work of Peter Murray and Simon Thomson. Western Hockey Masters (Inc.) came into being on August 7th 2018.
- The Orthopaedic Challenge match was won 2-1 by the Knees.
- The Lismore/Ballina numbers indicate another fairly good attendance from WHM. Possibly the very high cost of the air fares (as much as a return trip to Europe) was a deterrent to some.

WHM Lismore/Ballina Numbers

State	O75	O70	O65	O60	O55 1	O55 2	O50 1	Total
WA	13	12	13	9	3	2	3	55
WAC	11	5	8	2	2	-	-	28
Other	1	-	1	1	-	1	-	4
Total	25	17	22	12	5	3	3	87

WHM (Incorporated)

**WESTERN HOCKEY MASTERS
CONSTITUTION IN LINE WITH THE
ASSOCIATIONS INCORPORATION ACT 2015**

Western Hockey Masters History

2019

Overview: Following on from incorporation some changes occurred in our administrative positions and titles. We also introduced Divisional Coordinators. A record number of WHM players went to the interstate tournament in our own South/West.

Teams by Age Group:

'A' Division: Blue, Gold, Red and White.

'B' Division: Blue, Gold and White.

'C' Division: Blue, Gold, Red and White.

Saturday O/65s: Blue, Green and White. The maroon shirts were kept for an occasional fourth team.

Office Bearers:

President: Simon Thomson

Secretary: Neil Patterson

Assistant Secretary: Bob Bowyer

Fixtures Secretary: Harvey Davies

Web Master: Peter Connolly

B Division Coordinator: Adrian Gabriel

Saturday Rep: Les Waldon

B & C Division Committee liaison: David Evans

Vice President: Tony Jones

Treasurer: Steve Farrar

Data Base Administrator: Colin Gee

Uniforms Officer: Robin Bailey

A Division Coordinator: George Bradbury

C Division Coordinator: Colin Howell, Tony Jones

Newsletter Editor: John Mercer

Social Secretary: Peter Jones

Team Captains: *(According to the Christmas issue of the newsletter)*

A Division Blue: Neil Scaddan

A Division Gold: Colin Gee

A Division Red: Jim Wright

A Division White: Dave Horsley

B Division Blue: Dudley Evans

B Division Gold: Bill Campbell

B Division White: Peter Andrews

C Division Blue: Tony Jones

C Division Gold: Mike Sputore

C Division Red: Kevin Burton

C Division White: Wayne Cutler

Player numbers: : As at December Colin Gee's counts were:

A Division 59

C Division 62 playing 5 unallocated

B Division 48 playing 7 unallocated

Goalkeepers 14

This makes a total of 195 playing members. Colin's list of past players indicates that there were 191.

In addition there were 2 volunteer umpires.

Charity Fund Donations:

Salvation Army W.A. (Sponsor Ron Venables)

YMCA junior hockey program

Bushfire relief fund

\$2,000

\$2,000

\$2,000

\$6,000

George Winning Trophy: The winner for 2019 was our President Simon Thomson, who had been in the role since 2004. A quote from the Christmas newsletter: "Many things about the job have changed (even the title) but Simon's dedication to the role has not."

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Western Hockey Masters History

2019

Highlights:

- We conducted our first AGM under incorporation in June. Careful preparation by the executive ensured that everything went very well.
- Saturday hockey discovered that many of its members were not able to distinguish the maroon shirts from the blue and green. So they were replaced by a new set of white shirts.
- The Orthopaedic Challenge match was won 3-0 by the Hips.
- The numbers in Bunbury / Busselton were an all time high for WHM. The table indicates that we provided the bulk of the older age groups for WA and a significant share for WA Country.

Bunbury/Busselton WHM Participants by State/Age Group:

Grade	WA	WAC	ACT	NSW	NT	Qld	SA	Vic	Total
O50 (1)	4								4
O50 (2)	2								2
O55 (1)	6	3							9
O55 (2)	4				1				5
O60 (1)	14	3	1						18
O60 (2)		6							6
O65	10	7	3			1	1		22
O70	14	6	1					1	22
O75	15	15		1		1		3	35
Total	69	40	5	1	1	2	1	4	123

President Simon Thomson



Western Hockey Masters History

2020

Overview: The year began full of promise, then the world-wide pandemic shut us down (and many other activities) mid way through March. Western Australia managed the situation very well and we were able to restart our hockey on both Wednesdays and Saturdays during June. The Tokyo Olympics were deferred until 2021, and our World Cup was initially deferred to 2021 and then cancelled completely. The Interstate Masters tournament due for the Gold Coast was also cancelled.

Teams by Age Group:

'A' Division: Blue, Gold, Red and White.

'B' Division: Blue, Gold and White. (Red team added as from the start of March)

'C' Division: Blue, Gold, Red and White. (Black and Green teams added as from 14th October)

Saturday O/65s: Blue, Green and White plus an occasional Maroon.

Office Bearers:

President: Simon Thomson

Secretary: Neil Patterson

Assistant Secretary: Bob Bowyer

Fixtures Secretary: Harvey Davies / Dan Hill

Web Master: Cam Robinson

B Division Coordinator: Adrian Gabriel

Saturday Rep: Les Waldon

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Data Base Administrator: Colin Gee

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Team Captains:

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A Division Gold: Colin Gee

A Division Red: Jim Wright

A Division White: Dave Horsley

B Division Blue: Dudley Evans

B Division Red: Mike Robinson

B Division Gold: Bill Campbell

B Division White: Peter Andrews

C Division Black: Stuart Amphlett

C Division Blue: Tony Jones

C Division Gold: Mike Sputore

C Division Green: Paul Cartwright

C Division Red: Kevin Burton

C Division White: Wayne Cutler

Player numbers: As at December Colin Gee's counts were:

A Division 62

C Division 86 playing 7 unallocated

B Division 61 playing 6 unallocated

Goalkeepers 15

This makes a total of 195 playing members. Colin's list of past players indicates that there were 237.

There were no volunteer non-playing umpires at all this year. (*except for injured players*)

George Winning Trophy: The winner for 2020 was Saturday Masters Social Director Jim Wright, who has been a tower of strength for our Saturday competition since its inception in 2013 and been responsible for much of the essential work which keeps the club running as the enjoyable place to be that it has been since inception. He also functions as the captain of the Wednesday A Division Red team.

Western Hockey Masters History

2020

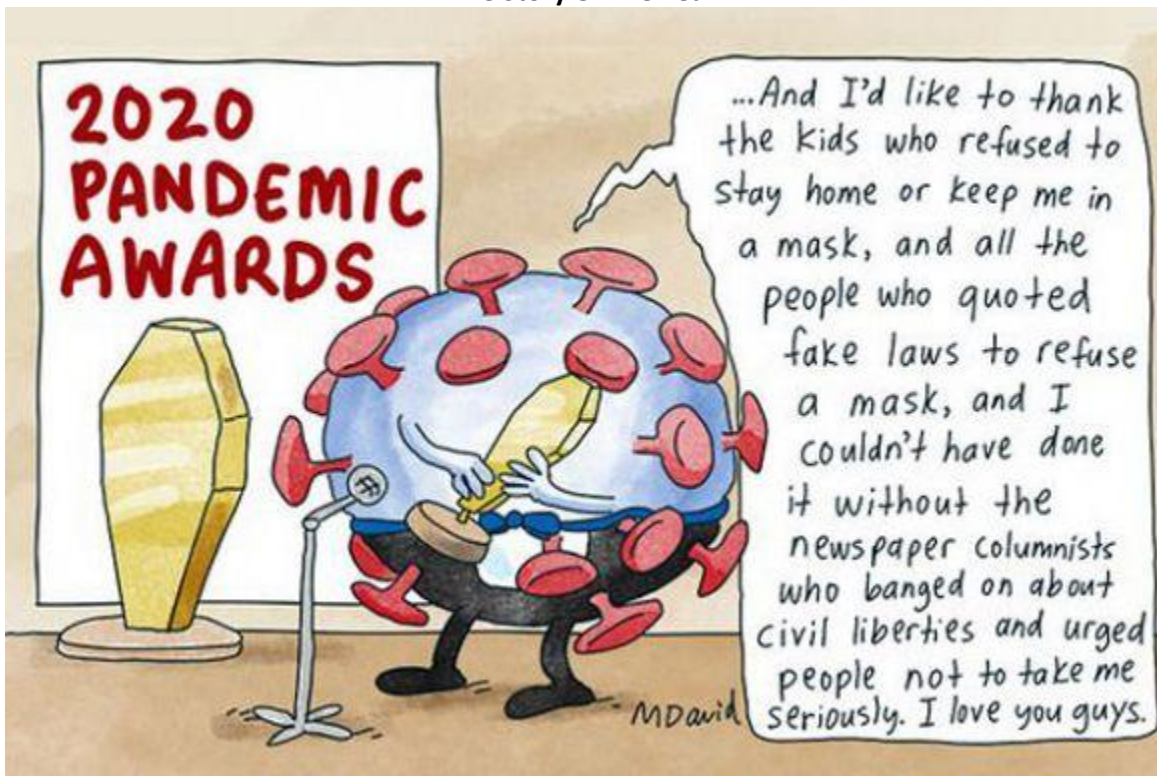
Highlights:

- Turf 1 at PHS was re-surfaced between early December 2019 and the end of February 2020. During this time A Division played on Tuesdays using PHS 2 and C Division played at Hale.
- Both the Wednesday and Saturday committees did very well to get their respective competitions under way again during the first half of June. There was not a lot of hockey being played in other places around the world at that time.
- In the absence of interstate or overseas hockey the WA Masters Committee and the WA Country Committee organised a weekend of City versus Country matches at PHS. On both Saturday 7th and Sunday 8th November games were played at O/60, O/65, O/70 and O.75 levels. The weekend was universally hailed as a great success.
- The 5th Orthopaedic Challenge match was won 2-1 by the Hips.
- In April inaugural WHM Secretary John Sanders was awarded the Hockey Australia Award of Merit for his outstanding job on the national players history and register. Due to the pandemic the presentation could not take place until October.

Charity Fund Donations:

Salvation Army W.A. (Sponsor Ron Venables)	\$1,500
YMCA junior hockey program	\$1,500
Sponsorship of 6 children through the Variety Club	<u>\$300</u>
	<u>\$3,300</u>

The Story Of The Year



Western Hockey Masters History

Afterword

As the competition enters its 31st year in 2021 it shows no signs of declining and is now as strong as it ever has been. Further expansion is due to occur, which may be handled by adding new age groups or by sub-dividing existing ones. What has emerged very clearly from the research involved with producing this record is that the quality of the administration has been first class throughout. Perth has a Masters Hockey competition which is surely unrivalled anywhere in the world.

There are some omissions from this record which might be corrected by future revisions. These include full credit for all the various organisers of the Orthopaedic Challenge matches, including the vital sponsorship from the Australian Orthopaedic Association. Also not included are the records of WHM players who represented Australia in overseas tournaments including World Cups. This information seems to be unavailable before 2012. An appendix could easily be added to this history.

Also not included is any record of deceased former players. We do not have any kind of archive of such players and any reconstruction must be partial only as it would rely on some mentions in the newsletters from 2012 onwards and human memory for all the earlier years.

At the time of writing WHM is in the process of going onto a new computer platform. This may offer a platform for a document archive, including this publication. If possible, we should continue to maintain this yearly record of our activities, and can add further enhancements as desired.

John Mercer - January 2021

Early WA State Veterans Over 40 Team Several former WHM players are included



NATIONAL VETERANS CARNIVAL 1980
WA — Metropolitan Team

Rear: John Metcalf, Graham Sims, Alan Blunt, Tony O'Connell, George Winning, Wally Daly, Harold Rayney, Ray Ranford
Centre: Don King, David Gasmier, Bill Harris, Richard Tridgett, Trevor Mullings, Kim Hawkins, Des Cain, Graham Ruthven, Phil Thunder
Front: Ralph Ten Seldam, Pat Bensley, Neil Bardsley (Assistant Manager), Jack Evans (Captain), Graham Stainton (Vice Captain), Fawcett Bestall, Harry Duncan (Manager)
Ground: Neville Bullock, Colin Sanders, Pat Kirwan

Here is a flashback to the start of the interstate Masters competition as we know it today. Included in the side are our inaugural chairman George Winning, and Colin Sanders who is still playing today.