



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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Perth Hockey Stadium Redevelopment: Our sub-committee has met with Hockey WA and thanks to George Bradbury we know that a detailed plan is yet to be finalised. It is anticipated that the time-frame for the project will be somewhere in the region of three to four years. The aim will be to have a minimum of two turfs available at all times throughout to minimise disruption to Perth hockey. We will certainly need to be adaptable to keep our Wednesdays going as normally as possible.

It seems while King Charlie is crowned
 Perth hockey will gain a turf ground
 New building we'll see
 And Turfs One, Two, Three
 Now plenty of dollars abound.

Venue Changes For July: Here again are the details of our alternative venues for July. All divisions are still playing at their usual times but the Hale bar is not permitted to open until 4:00 pm. So A Division need to find somewhere else for post match post-mortems on the 5th. All other bars OK.

Division	5 July	12 July
A	Hale	Lakelands
B	Lakelands	Whitfords
C	Hale	Lakelands
D	Hale	Hale

Many thanks to Peter Trend for the information, and all the work which must have gone into these arrangements. We remind readers that updated fixtures have just been loaded to the website.

Here is the link:

<https://www.revolutionise.com.au/westernmasters/fixtures/>

Dates For The Diary:**2023****July 5th and 12th: Venue changes.****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.] *Venues to be confirmed*
 September 28th to October 7th: Men O/50 plus.] *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: Ken Beer had made it back in good form after his prostatectomy but has since been through an injured calf muscle. He's recovered and is back on the turf and Saturday grass. Les Waldon has been through the wrist operation and is now working towards a comeback. George Bradbury has made his comeback and appears to be going well. David Horsley is still on the long road back but apparently everything is on track. Hector D'Rozario is still missing hockey after a short lived resumption. (*Late news - back 05/07*) Ian Hill is currently not able to play very often but is taking advantage of the time off to practice his umpiring. John Jeffreys seems to be spending more time recovering than playing nowadays and has become an occasional arrival. And John Mercer's quest to find a cause for his ongoing tiredness earned him a night in hospital following a colonoscopy with all the joys of constant corridor chatter and regular readings. The time awake produced:

I've had an intestinal scope
And think I'm a bit of a dope
My feeling was strong
That something was wrong
But all of the findings said nope.

Best wishes from MM to all, including those we do not know of, for a rapid and complete recovery.

Vale Nev Gandy: It was with considerable regret that we heard of Nev's passing during June. He had been an enthusiastic participant in Masters hockey for many years as well as a one club player at Suburban. He was also a Wednesday player for a long time and I was fortunate enough to be a team mate in the O/60 dark Blue team for a few years in the late 2000s. It did not matter how far away from him we forwards were; as long as there was a gap he could always get the ball through - along the ground too! He also used to rejuvenate older hockey sticks and I still have a Gandy 'special' - but without any inserted lead. The funeral was held in Subiaco on Wednesday 28th June.

Our commiserations go to Nev's family and all his Suburban comrades.

Vale Peter Briscoe: Many of us who played for WA Country in past years will remember Peter very well as a top bloke. As an Albany resident he used to drive vast distances to participate in training and Perth tournaments and had started playing for Country in 1981. He too died during June and a private ceremony was held in Albany.

Raffle Update: I had hoped to include a progress report on our weekly charity fund raiser but the chief organiser is conducting overseas research with strong support from our Masters Matters B Division correspondent - see report on Page 7.

Letters To The Editor: None.

Department of Corrections: Our proof readers of last resort have failed us - that's you MM readers (if any). In the May edition we claimed that Rudy Keswick was born in 1852 and it was not until after the June edition had been finalised that we heard about it. Humble apologies must go to Rudy, who seems to be playing quite well for a man of his advanced years (171).

Our June edition thanked several people for their work on the Saturday hockey barbecue held on June 3rd. Two significant contributors were omitted and the correction appears on Page 6.

O/80s at Perth Tournament: I have heard that both WA Metro and WA Country have finalised their squads but have yet to see the Metro team. As one would expect there is a very high representation from our WHM ranks. Hopefully there will be at least two teams from the Eastern States and we will be all set for the first Australian tournament including this age group.

Quotable Quote 1: "In the end it is not the years in your life that count. It is the life in your years."
Attributed to Abraham Lincoln (1809 - 1865). Hence Masters hockey.

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

A Division: 11th Neil Patterson (1943) 24th Peter Blockley (1936), Jeff Kozak (1950), 25th Peter Evans (1950), Peter Willett (1941) 29th Jim Balding (1946), Bob Claxton (1945).

B Division: 11th Graeme (Butch) Worth (1948) 19th Ron Mitchell (1949) 21st Neil Miller (1949) 22nd Max Viner (1952) 31st Phil Hewton (1952), Dan Hill (1957), Bob Le Merle (1946).

C Division: 3rd Glenn Mihala (1952) 5th Brian Kelly (1964) 19th Warren Jackson (1959) 29th Andrew Rose (1964).

D Division: 5th Adrian Rutter (1970) 8th Leon Wende (1965) 17th Glenn Christiansen (1966) 21st Kalwant Singh (1963) 23rd Russell Rieck (1963) 31st Steven Critchison (1970).

Non Playing: 29th John Halley (1939).

Saturday: 28th Colin Benporath (1944).

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.

Dry July: If any of you have taken the pledge and are regretting it already I received the following from a (non-Wednesday) hockey mate. I lasted 40 days after my 2019 prostatectomy and have felt no great urge to repeat the process. Two nights recently was quite enough.



Some drinkers do try to stay dry
Each day through the month of July
But that can be beat
It's easy to cheat
Without even having to lie. (*at least not very much*)

'A' Division Blog: The way the month began it seemed that the majority of our players were either injured or travelling. We could barely raise two teams from a playing pool of more than 50, which does include goalkeepers. Our Wednesday turnout was a cause for concern until improvement for the last two Wednesdays in June. Numbers may be down again at the alternative venues in July.

June 7th: Despite better starting numbers than the previous week players did not stick around and we could not play the last match. White had three 1-0 wins and Blue one while a hapless Gold side could not buy a goal. Goalkeepers Barry, John and a later Graeme were very hard to pass all day and only one goal went in from in front of them. Despite this being a Steve McEntee pile driver the goal of the day award went to a rare ("first for years") forward line venture from Peter Trend while filling in. The big news of the day was a comeback from Graham Harler who we have not seen for years. Welcome back Graham and I hope you pulled up OK next day. The results and scorers were:

Blue 0 Gold 0; White 1 Gold 0; White 1 Blue 0; Gold 0 Blue 1; Gold 0 White 1; Not Played.

Scorers: Blue Robin Bailey. White: Ham D'Souza, Steve McEntee, Peter Trend.

Team numbers at maximum: Blue (8), Gold (9), White (11). Total goals 4.

June 14th: The Blue team had only four players so we were reduced to two sides again. As Gold had a full quota plus a spare they took on a combined Blue/White who enjoyed about 90% of territory and possession. This did not translate into goals as the (generally) outclassed Gold side scored more. This may have been due to keepers Barry or Graeme going cold due to a lack of action. By good judgement our keepers rotated between the sides and both played well, making several good saves (particularly against Blue/White). Goal of the day ended up a shared award between a lofted shot from centre forward Ricky Watts (true!) and a well placed and well struck corner conversion from Frank Williams. We gave it away after four matches. The day's details were:

Scorers: Blue: Peter Wallis. Gold: John Mercer, Ricky Watts, Frank Williams. White: Ham D'Souza.

Team numbers at maximum: Blue (4), Gold (11), White (9).

June 21st: Numbers were much improved, and the weather cleared up during the morning. After Jim Malcolm transferred from White to Gold all sides had full teams. The return of many of our key players to all sides lifted the hockey standard and apart from the Blue /Gold games the keepers were under pressure for most of the day which Barry, Tony and Graeme generally handled well. Blue had a lot of trouble scoring after the first game while Gold had trouble scoring until the last game. By then quite a few players had departed and good quality fill-ins were helpful. A hat truck to Ham D'Souza kept White competitive for their first three matches and he was awarded goal of the day by the judges for being on the end of an excellent penalty corner variation. The results and scorers:

White 1 Blue 2; Gold 0 Blue 0; Gold 1 White 1; Blue 0 White 1; Blue 0 Gold 0; White 0 Gold 4.

Scorers: Blue: Peter Blockley, Ian Hill. Gold: Nev Brown (2), Peter Dennis (2), Ricky Watts. White: Ham D'Souza (3). Total goals 10.

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

June 28th: I spent the day having a colonoscopy at St John's Subiaco. Many thanks to Colin Gee for providing these details of the play. After George Bradbury transferred from White to Gold all sides had the numbers with goalkeepers Tony, Barry and Graeme able to have an occasional game off.

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

Scorers: Blue: Ash Challenor (2). Gold: Nev Brown. White: Ham D'Souza (3), Ron Venables (2).

Team numbers: Blue (11), Gold (9), White (11), including Steve McEntee.

Grumpy Old Men And Women One: "The great enemy of clear language is insincerity. When there is a gap between one's real and ones declared aims one turns as it were instinctively to long words and exhausted idioms like a cuttlefish spurting out ink." *George Orwell (1903 - 1950). Fortunately Masters Matters does not have to resort to such obfuscations. Ed.*

From Saturday Masters:

Last month we thanked the workers at our post-hockey barbecue on 3rd June and completely left out two vital contributors to the success of the event. When the barbecue grille was wheeled out we could not find any gas bottles, which we suspected had been taken by YMCA for the junior hockey weekend down south. Our event would have been in very severe trouble if Steve Powles and Rod Spencer had not gone back home and returned with their own gas bottles. Many thanks from us all.

We are currently playing through what is a fairly severe winter. Numbers are still good and we are fluctuating between two (with reserves) and three (with a fill-in or two) teams. What is really great about this group is that every week our umpires are generally drawn from members who are not currently playing. In addition we will have several non-playing spectators who will join the very high percentage of players who socialise afterwards.

Colin Benporath has not played for some time and it was good to see him back in action on 1st July and still playing pretty well.

I believe that this winter season quite a few players are not advising us of their intention to play but just turning up in their gear. One of the major aims of our group is to make sure that the games do not become one-sided and careful attention is paid to this during the selection process as well as a last minute review on Saturdays. Please assist by making sure that the duty selector knows that you are coming. I'd suggest that failure to notify should lead to a Saturday of being the duty selector.

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

In Praise of Goalkeepers: Many of us value the beneficial exercise we get out of playing the game. Spare a thought for those who are essential for a proper game but who are restricted in the territory they are permitted to cover. One goalkeeping bag I encountered recently reads:



Masters Matters is in total agreement. As long as I do not have to play there in future.

Grumpy Old Men Two: "So much of what we call management these days consists in making it difficult for people to work" *Peter Drucker (1909 - 2005). US management writer.*

Balinese Bulletin No 81: Peter says:

“Sorry to say the state of play here is pretty much unchanged. There has been a rash of holidays here of late so no further movement on medical issue. Still on the agenda though.”

Thanks again Peter - hope that surgery option turns out to be a goer. Ed.

B Division Report June 2023:

As I am away in Valencia playing for Southern Cross in the Spirit of Masters comp as part of the European Cup Tournament I thought I would just write a few lines on the WHM players over here.

Neil Miller (blue) is in the Alliance team playing in the 70's competition. Neil has been seen out and about in Valencia wearing his smart blue 3D chequered Alliance shirt designed by Graeme Wood (ex WHM now resident in Thailand).

Peter Fogels (gold), Keith Platel (blue), Mike Robinson (white), Dudley Evans (blue) are all in the SX 70's.

Keith Platel is sampling plenty of the Spanish wine with a view to importing some for the WHM's weekly raffle. He reckons it's cheaper and better quality, I think so too! He also says it will take a bit more assessment before he can make a final decision.

Peter Fogels has been playing well out on the right wing and scored a cracking goal in a 3all draw with the Dutch!

Mike "Robbo" Robinson is doing a mountain of work at fullback and would be flying first class if the miles covered were added to his air points!

Steve Farrar (white) is in the SX 65's.

Heath Tyrrell (blue) is in the Alliance 75's. Around Valencia Heath has been seen in a few of the Irish pubs and quite a few of the others as well!

Peter Eastlake (white), John Burt and Scott Blackwell (both A Division) are in the SX 75's. Peter and Scott play as a midfielders for the 75's and of course John is their goalie.

George Naylor and Maurie Giles from WHM C Division are here playing for SX 65's and 70's respectively. George has been a wall at fullback for the 65's whilst Maurie has been playing in a number of midfield roles for the 70's.

So quite a significant representation from WHM and good to see them all performing so well in the summer heat of Spain. At the time of this report going to print final results of this tournament will be known and published. But it's not about the winning but performing well, improving as a group and having a good time (and winning!).

Back in Perth I have heard it has been quite cold and wintery during June. With so many over here playing, numbers have been down however this has not dampened the enthusiasm and participation of those left in the harsh conditions. I am told this is character building and toughens the spirit. I am not sure about this and will be looking for evidence of it upon my return.

Dudley Evans

Thank you Dudley. For those who are interested I have extracted the match results for the teams containing WHM players and they appear on the next page. Ed.

Quotable Quote Two: “What difference does it make to the dead, the orphans and the homeless whether the mad destruction is wrought in the name of totalitarianism or the holy name of liberty or democracy.” *Mahatma Gandhi (1869 - 1948) - “Non Violence in Peace and War.”*

Valencia Tournament Details: The results appearing below only include teams containing WHM players and the same applies to the scorers.

Spirit of Masters O/65:

Southern Cross 1 Germany SOM 0.

England SOM 0 Southern Cross 0.

Southern Cross 3 Spain SOM 0.

Southern Cross 1 Netherlands SOM 2. (Semi final)

Southern Cross 0 England SOM 6. (Bronze medal playoff)

Spirit of Masters O/70:

Alliance 0 Southern Cross 6. Scorers Peter Fogels (2), Maurie Giles.

Southern Cross 3 Netherlands SOM 3. Scorers Peter Fogels.

Germany SOM 2 Alliance 2.

Southern Cross 1 England LX 2.

Southern Cross 3 Germany SOM 0. Scorers Keith Platel.

Alliance 0 Netherlands SOM 0.

Netherlands SOM 2 Southern Cross 2. (Semi final) Netherlands won shootout 5-3.

Scorers Keith Platel, Maurie Giles.

Alliance 1 England LX 4 (Semi final) Scorers Neil Miller.

Southern Cross 7 Alliance 0 (Bronze medal playoff).

Spirit of Masters O/75:

Southern Cross 3 Alliance 0.

Southern Cross 1 England LX 1. Scorers Peter Eastlake.

Alliance 0 Netherlands SOM 0.

England LX 1 Alliance 1.

Netherlands SOM 1 Southern Cross 1.

Alliance 1 Southern Cross 1 (Semi final) Alliance won shootout 2-1.

England LX 1 Southern Cross 2 (Bronze medal playoff).

Alliance 0 Netherlands SOM 7 (Gold medal playoff).

Shakespeare Said It: “.. these clothes are good enough to drink in, and so be these boots too ..” Twelfth Night Act I, Scene III. *Thirsty player goes straight to the bar after hockey.*

“.. let me know my fault; on what condition stands it and wherein?” King Richard II Act II, Scene III. *Please umpire, what was that hit for?*

“The lady protests too much, methinks.” Hamlet Act III, Scene II. *A succinct description of vegan activist Tash Peterson?*

Well Dones for June: Wednesday’s A Division umpires: Rob Ainsworth, George Bradbury, Ken Eliot, Peter Evans, Peter Galbraith, Colin Gee, Ian Hill, Mal Horrigan, David Horsley, Mal Jackaman, KY Lee, Steve McEntee, Neil Scaddan, Peter Trend, Ken Walter, Rick Watts and Frank Williams.

Saturday’s umpires were: Dudley Burress, Adrian Gabriel, Colin Gee, Ian Hill, Paul Huisman, Peter Livingstone, Steve Powles, Neil Scaddan, Rod Spencer, Greg Street, Les Waldon, Len Walker, Ken Walter, Ken Watt and Ivan Wilson. Our thanks to all.

Past Players, Non Players and Injured Players June: Noted at PHS: Peter Andrews, Jim Banks, Ken Beer, Hector D’Rozario, David Horsley, John Jeffreys, Ken Walter, Ken Watt. At Perry Lakes: Eric Alcock, Colin Benporath, Scott Blackwell, Ian Hill, Paul Huisman, Bruce Mercer, John Mercer, John Milner, Peter Murray, Colin Murray-Smith, Barry and Lesley Rutter, Graeme Sansom, Neil Scaddan, Rod Spencer, Peter Stevens, Greg Street, Les Waldon, Len Walker, Ken Walter, Jim Wright.

Punology One: Did you hear about the librarian whose books were in a bit of a mess. His colleague said “We ought to be ashamed of our shelves.”

Test Your Hockey Knowledge With John Sanders:

June's question was:

Many of you will remember Marj Rigg (Crossen), 'helping' her husband Tom coach a WA Masters team.



Did Marj play for Australia in the International Federation of Women's Hockey Associations tournaments of:

- a) 1953
- b) 1956
- c) One of them,
- d) Both of them, or
- e) None of them?

For an extra point:

Which of these tournaments was held in Australia??

Nobody attempted a solution - John S says:

- d) Both of them.

The 1956 tournament was held in Sydney. Marj told me she viewed it as a demonstration that they (the women) should also be in the Olympics, shortly to be held in Melbourne (for men only).

July's question is:

When the future Kookaburras toured New Zealand in August 1934 this chap played a part.



He was Sir Sidney George Holland GCB CH PC. He later became a New Zealand politician who served as the 25th prime minister of New Zealand from 1949 to 1957. He was instrumental in the creation and consolidation of the New Zealand National Party

During the 1934 tour by Australia, and the single Test in August, was he:

- a. A NZ test fullback,
- b. A selector of the NZ National side
- c. Mayor of the host city Dunedin,
- d. President of the newly formed NZ Women's Hockey Association,
- e. An umpire for the Test?

For an extra point:

Who won the Test with a score line of 5-4??

Answers next issue.

Flashback: The Perth tournament is less than three months away. Given the way that air fares are going up, up and away it looks like a good year to stay home. By now all our home teams should be finalised and the arrangements for the competition ought to be a work in progress.

As a reminder of the last time this event occurred in Perth here is WA's second O/70 side who were successful in taking out the gold medal. Many of them are still playing today.



Lost Hockey Stick: On Wednesday 28th June Ricky Watts managed to part company with his hockey stick on PHS Turf Two. It's a Grays Dynabow 5000. If you know anything about it please contact him at mrwatts41@gmail.com. *I know from personal experience what it's like to lose a favourite goal-scoring stick - let's hope it turns up. Ed.*

Page Filler: Here is a limerick by Isaac Asimov

All was well with the dowager duchess
 When trapped in the mad rapist's clutches
 Till he turned on the light
 Took one look, said good night
 So she hit him with one of her crutches.

Punology Two: Sign in a French restaurant: "Mais oui serve vous."

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