

Western Hockey Masters History

2022

Overview: The year saw the addition of another age division and some consolidation of all our teams. The interstate tournament resumed on the Gold Coast and a greatly reduced World Cup was held in Tokyo. Our Orthopaedic Challenge gala carnival day was expanded further with the addition of two more matches and also moved to a Saturday.

Teams by Age Group January to April:

'A' Division (O70): Blue, Gold, Green, Red and White.

'B' Division (O60): Blue, Gold, Red and White.

'C' Division (O50): Black, Blue, Gold, Green, Red and White.

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

Teams by Age Group May to December:

'A' Division (O75): Blue, Gold and White.

'B' Division (O70): Blue, Gold and White.

'C' Division (O60): Blue, Gold, Red and White.

'D' Division (O50): Black, Blue, Gold, Red and White.

Saturday O/65s: May/June - Blue, Green and White. July/December - Blue, Gold and White.

Office Bearers:

President: Simon Thomson

Secretary: Neil Patterson / Dan Hill

Assistant Secretary: Bob Bowyer

Fixtures Secretary: Dan Hill / Peter Trend

Web Master: Cam Robinson

B Division Coordinator: Adrian Gabriel

Saturday Rep: Les Waldon

Social Secretary: Peter Jones

Vice President: Tony Jones

Treasurer: Steve Farrar

Data Base Administrator: Colin Gee

Uniforms Officer: Robin Bailey / Peter Wallis

A Division Coordinator: George Bradbury

C Division Coordinator: Colin Howell, Tony Jones

C Division Representative: Ken O'Driscoll

Newsletter Editor: John Mercer

Team Captains January to April

A Division Blue: Neil Scaddan

A Division Gold: Colin Gee

A Division Green: Peter Andrews

A Division Red: Jim Wright

A Division White: Dave Horsley

B Division Blue: Dudley Evans

B Division Gold: Bill Campbell

B Division Red: Mike Robinson

B Division White: Jim Campbell

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 / Russell Wood

Team Captains May to December:

A Division Blue: Neil Scaddan

A Division Gold: Colin Gee

A Division White: Dave Horsley

B Division Blue: Dudley Evans

B Division Gold: Bill Campbell

B Division White: Jim Campbell

C Division Blue: Tony Davey, John Rogers

C Division Gold: Ric Staynor, Rod Bickers

C Division Red: David Lockett, Mike Sputore

C Division White: Wayne Cutler, Geoff Robinson

D Division Black: Stuart Amphlett

D Division Blue: Adrian Rutter

D Division Gold: Michael Starling

D Division Red: Kevin Burton

D Division White: Russell Wood

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Player numbers: As at December, 2022 Colin Gee's counts were:

A Division 63

B Division 65

C Division 88

Goalkeepers 10

Volunteer umpires 0

Non playing registrations 9

This makes a total of 231 playing members including goalkeepers.

George Winning Trophy: The winner was our Saturday Hockey Club Captain Les Waldon. He has been in the role since the inaugural year of 2013 and has done an incredible job in making the group the success that it is. Especially making sure that the games are played in the right spirit and everybody is included no matter how old they are.

Highlights:

- Saturday hockey had to cancel the end of summer season dinner due to another Covid lockdown.
- Neil Patterson resigned as Secretary during May and was succeeded by Dan Hill. Dan's previous role as Fixtures Coordinator was taken over by Peter Trend.
- The move to four divisions became effective from the first Wednesday in May and generally seemed to have worked quite well. Apparently there were problems in C and D Divisions which led to some reductions in playing numbers.
- The only WHM games at PHS during July were the D Division fixtures on the 6th and 13th. Other venues used included Lakelands, Melville and Hale.
- At the August AGM a proposal to change the Committee structure was approved. The Management Committee was to be reduced to 6 (President, Secretary, Treasurer, Vice-President and two general members). Two sub-committees would also function - Competitions plus Member Management and Communications. Saturday hockey already had a separate committee.
- During September original and long serving WHM Treasurer Brian Lester died. He was the inaugural winner of the George Winning award. The year also marked the passing of WA hockey legend and long term WHM friend Vern Gooch.
- Jim Wright retired from the Saturday hockey committee where he had served continuously since its formation in 2013. He was awarded Life Membership at a function.
- Robin Bailey retired as Uniforms officer due to a permanent move to Busselton. He was replaced by Peter Wallis as from November.
- At the Christmas Party Bob Bowyer was awarded Life Membership of Western Hockey Masters.
- The Australian Hockey Centre of Excellence will remain in Perth. The \$135M successful bid was supported by the WA State Government, Curtin University and Hockey WA.
- The Gala Day was very successful as a stand-alone event on a Saturday and was expanded to four matches. The match descriptions and results were:

Chestrad Challenge Cup: This was the inaugural women's match between knee replacements and breast cancer survivors. Nice N Kneesy (4) Breast Friends (2).

Perth Urology Clinic Survivors' Cup: The second match between cardiac and cancer survivors. Genesis Care Cancer (1) Perth Radiological Clinic Hearts (2).

Australian Orthopaedic Society Bionic Cup: The 7th Orthopaedic Challenge match between hip and knee replacements resulted: AOA Hips (3) AOA Knees (6)

ChestRad OBE Challenge Cup: Another inaugural match between two teams of Over 80s. Result: Golden Masters (1) White Knights (4).

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The Successful Knees Side



The Victorious Hearts

