

World Grand Masters Association

Over 60 Masters Hockey

Founded in 2002



WGMA announce the appointment of their 3rd President

Wim van Noortwijk is standing down after six years as President of WGMA and a further three years before that as a member of the Board. He was instrumental in the formation of World Masters Hockey and had resigned from WMH in August 2019 to concentrate on the future of WGMA. Ill health has made it impossible for Wim to give as much time and energy to WGMA as he would like and he has been working through this difficult year to find a suitable successor to lead WGMA and to shape the organisation in its new role in the changing world of Grand Masters hockey.



Wim and the Board of WGMA are delighted to announce that, with the full support of the Members, John Willmott has been appointed the 3rd President of WGMA following in the footsteps of Wim and of the first President Peter Child. As President of Southgate HC, John hosted the Grand Masters Hockey European Cup in 2015 and he is now a committee member of Alliance International HC and Chair of the Hockey Museum.

John has also been a driving force behind the Six Nations International Veterans Tournament which began in 1972 and continues to this day, involving club sides from France, Belgium, Spain, Germany, Italy and England. His business background in the building industry has also involved him in hockey and the laying of a number of artificial pitches throughout the UK. We have no doubt that John will be a very visible presence and energetic 'flag-carrier' for WGMA at all Grand Masters events and that his love and experience of international hockey will ensure the future health and happiness of Grand Masters hockey around the world.

WGMA remains committed to the Mission Statement issued earlier this year which will form the basis for the further growth of Grand Masters hockey under our new President.

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