

Vetrun Extra – May 1

No Marching

MAY day comrades, and as you can't go for a march waving red flags and cursing capitalism, here are some observations to fill what's left of your 38th day without Masters diversions.

Ten is not a crowd!

Lifting WA's maximum congregation from two to ten was this week's welcome news for those in the club who organise their own small training groups.

While you MUST continue social distancing – no handshakes or hugs, and remaining 1.5 metres apart – it is now acceptable for groups of up to ten people to assemble, walk, run and/or – presumably – indulge in field sports.

Our honourable Anzacs

Bob Schickert writes:

After being alerted that Arthur Leggett, aged 101, was on the channel 9 news for April 25 I had a look today. Two MAWA long time members were shown – Arthur, and Dave Scott in his role as 2020 Anzac of the Year.

Arthur has been unable to attend MAWA runs for a couple of years and we miss his great outlook on life and his bush poetry. As many club members will recall Arthur was President of the WA Prisoner of War Association and is therefore well qualified to speak regarding Anzac Day.

Bob

Arthur Leggett through the years: pictures below show him as a young man in uniform; finishing fast at the club's Deadly Medley relay at Yokine in the early 1990s; and a giving us a recitation a few years ago at Wireless Hill.





Not enough sport, Sport?

WHILE you wait for players of all the sexes to chase balls around fields once again, here's another alternative to check, mate.

Guardian Weekly

Magnus Carlsen, the world champion, has helped spark an impressive rapid growth in online chess with his announcement of a \$250,000 elite tournament on *chess24.com*

(Sounds a bit dry for you avid sports fans? Read on.)

There is the fascinating prospect of a dream final in chess24's Banter Blitz Cup, where players commentate on their moves verbally during the match.

(Surely it can't become any more exciting? Yes, it can, because...)

`players may also trash-talk their opponent'!

Fans of the square board game have already been driven to frenzy and distraction by a marathon contest between Carlsen and the brilliant 16-year-old exiled Iranian Alireza Firouzja on another chess site, *Lichess*. The rivals played 194 one-minute `bullet' games. This mean each move must be made within a minute. The winner, as first to 100 wins, was Firouzja.

Meanwhile...

How's your Yoda coming on?

SUPPORTERS will recall that your editor answered the plaintive appeal of ABC's radio's *Sporty* show for new games and pastimes to help alleviate listeners' isolation and boredom. My creation was *Yoda*, in which players use mind-power to move inanimate objects (*see Vetrin Extra – April 3.*)

The judging panel at Sporty obviously realised the appeal of Yoda, as a game for all the family that needs no equipment and can be played while locked up at home.

This week I received an email informing me that my submission will be judged together with other entries. Incredible; they must be as short of copy as I am!