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2020 - And so it begins again

The year kicked off with the annual Planning Seminar in February. For full details refer to the article further in this edition.



Sam Fisher

On the football side, the Football Department has been busy recruiting over the summer break with three key signings from VFL Club the Northern Blues. Frank Anderson, Deven Costigan and Sam Fisher have crossed the border to try their luck in the WAFL. They will add a wealth of experience to the playing stock and provide leadership to the list of emerging young talent. Nelson Waite has joined Swans from East Perth and Jacob Sideris from Claremont. Swans also welcome ex Eagles Rooky listed player Tarir Baykok. Adam says it is exciting to see the talent and knowledge his new recruits have brought with them from their previous clubs. The players have been hard at work on the training track over the summer under the watchful eyes of Adam, the coaching staff and new Sport Scientist Ted Polglaze. There is a buzz in the air



Frank Anderson



Deven Costigan

The first game of the year is at home on Saturday 4th April against the reigning Premiers Subiaco. Get down and support the players in their first hit out of the season. Drop into the Swansmen's Lounge and renew acquaintances over a cold drink.



Tarir Baykok

We are putting together an interesting list of guest speakers for our dinner meetings, with League coach Adam Pickering the first cab off the rank. Refer to the **Coming Events** calendar at the end of the newsletter for further

details. Please put the dates into your diaries **NOW** so that we have strong support in numbers and a successful financial year for the Club.

As part of the commitment from the Swansmen and the Club to further enhance their relationship, the April dinner, will again be combined with the Clubs Sponsor and Judda Bee Networking event. This will be held at Mandoon Estate on **Tuesday 14th April**. The price will be \$40 per head and will cover gourmet finger food and all drinks. The format would be similar to the normal dinner but will be more of a formal chit chat night to get to know members, Judda Bee's and Club sponsors. The guest speaker is still to be confirmed. **Please note that all other dinner meetings will be on the 3rd Wednesday of the month.**

We are hoping that all past and recent members of the Swansmen will re-join in 2020 and together with the Judda Bee network, we look forward to an enjoyable and successful year both on and off the field.

Trevor Hoy (President)



MARCH DINNER MEETING

Wednesday 18th MARCH 2020 6:30pm
Past Players & Officials Room Upstairs

GUEST SPEAKER

Adam Pickering – League Coach

Adam will give a rundown on the form of the squad over the summer and his expectations of the competition this year. What will be his assessment after the pre-season games?

We look forward to all members enjoying some good company and a good meal at our first meeting. Why not bring a guest along?

Numbers must be confirmed before Wednesday 11th March by one of the following methods:

RSVP via the online link at [RSVP](#) or phone Trevor Hoy on 0405 453 042

Please note, that if you RSVP 'Yes' to a dinner and do not attend the Swansmen still have to pay for your meal.

Invite a Guest

We ask all members to RSVP to the dinners early and we ask that you endeavour to bring along a guest so that we get good numbers and increase our profile.

Membership Drive

A reminder for those who have not renewed their membership to please do so. An email will be sent out. Subscriptions are still only \$40 and can be paid by any of the following methods:

- Pay at the Club Office (together with your Club Membership) and add the Swansmen membership
- Pay online via the Club webpage
- Pay at the first Dinner Meeting
- Pay direct to the Swansmen bank account, BSB: 036-080 A/C: 276254, include your name.

Annual SWANSMEN Planning Seminar

Sunday 9th February saw a good attendance at the Planning Seminar which was again held at Club President Peter Hodyl's place in Bassendean. 17 members were present as well as the Club CEO Jeff Dennis and Operations Manager Ross Leipold. It was once again a very productive afternoon.

CEO Jeff Dennis reinforced the Club values and the importance of engaging our community to remain relevant and sustainable. We are in the third year of our current strategy and the transformation is developing well with increased cash reserves, a better balance sheet and we are now able to invest more in our facilities and programmes. He also spoke about the One Club Policy.

Operations Manager Ross Leipold gave a Club Operations update. He spoke about new opportunities and sponsorship renewals which were continuing from last year. 33 Judda Bees have signed up so far. Major dates have been pencilled into the calendar. The Men's season launch and player auction will be on Thursday 2nd April and the Women's on Thursday 23rd April. The networking event will be at Mandoon

Estate on Tuesday April 14th and will again be combined with the Swansmen's dinner meeting. The golf day is set for Friday 13th March. The Swan Medal is set for Friday 2nd October at Mandoon Estate.

Some key ideas from the seminar were:

- Annual AFL Grand Final Raffle to be run again. Same principals as last year. Peter Snow to co-ordinate.
- Auction - in co-operation with the club again. Date is Saturday 15th August, as well as online. Auction committee to explore new ideas to get more numbers on the night.
- Thursday Night – Members Night. Proving to be very successful. Swansmen to continue with the Chase the Ace.
- Melbourne Cup Raffle to be run again after the AFL raffle draw. Same principals as last year. Peter Snow to co-ordinate.
- Buy a Fence Picket to continue. Des Hardiman to co-ordinate.
- Prize money sponsorship for the Women's League top 3 Fairest and Best players to the value of \$1000.



LtoR - Bob Hutchinson, Sherryn Bakes, Colleen Hardiman far left, Steve Bakes, Peter Hodyl, Ted Martin, Darryl Crotty hiding behind Phil Spencer, Ross Wheldon, Peter Snow, Anne Embley, Lee Higgins and June Martin relaxing after a scrumptious meal



Trevor Hoy thanks Peter and Nessa for hosting the Seminar and the ladies for food supplies

Thursday Night – Swans Members Night

All Club Members and Supporters are invited to Steel Blue Oval on Thursday nights to watch the team train and then join in the following activities in the main bar:

League Team Announcements – after training, Adam will announce the senior team.

Chase the Ace – The jackpot as of Thursday 27th February is \$1,870.

Free Members Draw – The jackpot as of Thursday 27th February is \$1,300. The lucky member must be in attendance and claim the prize within 2 minutes – otherwise a jackpot of \$100 is added.

Happy 90th John Cooper

Club Legend John Cooper hit a milestone in early February turning 90. He celebrated at the Club with family and friends. Happy Birthday John from the Swansmen Inc., a great achievement.

Club Legend John Cooper listens to a rendition of 'Happy Birthday' from the Swansmen Members present at the Planning Seminar before blowing the candles out on the football oval shaped cake kindly baked by Colleen Hardiman



Coming Events

Date	Event	Time	Venue/ Guest
Friday 13 th Mar	SDFC Golf Day	9:30am	Vines Resort - Lakes Course
Wednesday 18 th Mar	DINNER MEETING 1	6:30pm	Adam Pickering
Sunday 29 th Mar	SDFC Family Fun Day	3:00pm	Steel Blue Oval
Thursday 2 nd April	Men's Season Launch	6:30pm	SDFC Function Room
Saturday 4 th April	1 st GAME - SD vs SF	2:10pm	Steel Blue Oval
Tuesday 7 th April	Committee Meeting	6:00pm	Swansmen Lounge
Tuesday 14 th April	DINNER MEETING 2	6:30pm	TBA
Thursday 23 rd April	Women's Season Launch	6:30pm	SDFC Function Room
Wednesday 20 th May	DINNER MEETING 3	6:30pm	TBA
Tuesday 2 nd June	Committee Meeting	6:00pm	Swansmen Lounge
Wednesday 17 th June	DINNER MEETING 4	6:30pm	TBA

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