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Hanging on in the top five

The Club is teetering on the brink of falling out of the top 5 after a narrow loss to the Falcons at home. Hopefully the experienced Crowley, Yarran and Ellis will be back to bolster the league team in the second half of the year. The remaining draw we have is a good one but at this time of the year other teams start to play their best footy as well so a concerted team effort for a run to the finals will be essential for some success in September.

The Swansmen are hoping the new Club 20 fundraiser will be a success so everyone at the club is asked to support any ventures our Club 20 stalwarts have on offer as all funds will go into helping Swans stay strong on and off the field this year. All members are asked to try to recruit one new member. Our guest speaker this month is former player Wes Kestel. Please support the Dinner Meetings and invite a guest to enjoy a night at the Club and hear some insights into the players, the coaches and the Club.

Jim Benson (Secretary)

JUNE DINNER MEETING

Tuesday 20th JUNE 2017 6:30pm

Past Players & Officials Room Upstairs SDFC

GUEST SPEAKER:

Wes Kestel – 1996-2005

126 games – SDFC Life member 2007



Wes Kestel played 126 League games for Swans over a 10 year period from 1996 including two years playing alongside his older brother Stewart who was captain at the time.

During that time he kicked 57 goals, played under six coaches and, in 2000, took the Mark of the Year and was third in the Sandover Medal.

One of his notable on-field feats resulted in him being reported for barrelling into the back of East Perth hard man Troy Wilson and pleading “insanity” at the Tribunal.

After a decade at Swans he played 5 years with Mitcham in Melbourne’s Eastern League followed by 7 years with the Derby Tigers playing alongside black and white ex-pats Adam Hunter, Leigh Hislop and Michael Embley.

A Life Member of Swans (2007) and now Manager of a roofing company, Wes will share his experiences as June’s Guest Speaker.

Numbers must be confirmed before Sunday 18th June by one of the following methods:

RSVP via <https://swandistrictsfc.site-ym.com/events/EventDetails.aspx?id=958283> or phone Dave Cianciosi on 0430 068 092.

Last Month's Dinner Meeting

- Josh Roberts played 174 games for Swannies over 13 years. He spoke of his great memories of the club and the room we are in tonight. He grew up following S. Freo but now his family are mad Swannies supporters. He was in the under 13's development squad with Andrew Pruyin and was coached by John Todd in his first year at 17 years of age. He debuted in round 1 as a 17 year old in 2002 vs Subiaco at Basso. After that first game Toddy sent him back to the colts and he played State 18's that year. In 2003 Steve Turner took over as coach and Swans won 8 games and in 2004 we made the finals. Swans made the finals in 2005 but in 2006 lost some players and did not make the finals. Brian Dawson took over in 2008 and took us from second last to 4th and we played finals losing to Subiaco in the grand final with a lot of young guns like Nic Nat and Sir Walter. In 2009 we did not do too well but of course our feat to beat Claremont as captain in 2010 was a standout. Josh opened a real estate business at the end of 2012 and it is going well with 29 staff on the books. Peter Snow gave the vote of thanks and a shield to Josh to remember his visit.
- Players – Matt Riggio and Cory Gault both spoke and had different stories to tell of their respective football journeys.
- The Dinner Raffle was won by Trevor Hoy and Graham Higgins was successful in gaining valuable fine donations from all members in attendance.
- The Swansmen Club 20 initiative to raise funds is well underway with various opportunities for members and friends to assist.



Fundraising for 2017

The Swansmen is undertaking a number of fundraising projects this year to continue the very important support provided to the football club.

The AFL Raffle is now on sale and will be drawn in August. Tickets are \$100 and will again be restricted to just 150 for a chance to win a return trip to the 2017 AFL Grand Final.

Club 20 is happening. The Swansmen are still looking for a few more to join in the fun as an 'investor' and turn \$1,000 into a profitable return. There are no restrictions on what you can invest in except you must return the original \$1,000 and all profits by September 30. So if you see a 'Club 20' project this year please support it.

The Auction is on again this year – albeit in a different format. With falling attendances and high expenses we have decided not to run a dinner Auction this year. An on-line auction will take place between July and August. Members will receive the Auction catalogue as an on-line phone application. Three separate cut-off dates will apply and goods will be uploaded progressively. Donations from businesses and members will be most welcomed.

Membership Drive

New members are or enquiries are most welcome. Swansmen Membership is \$40pa and benefits include:

- Access to the Swansmen Lounge to view home games
- Bar facilities
- Monthly Dinner Meeting with guest speaker and players in attendance
- Monthly Newsletter – ***On The Ball***
- Business and networking opportunities with Judda Bee Sponsors
- Membership open to all financial members of the SDFC

Thursday is Members Club Night & Swansmen Chase the Ace

The Count Me in Round initially established through Maurice Embley and the SDFC Inc. was held around the WAFL and at Steel Blue Oval on Sunday June 11 with a crowd of over 2,400 in attendance. Highlights for the day were a record 281 attendees at the president's luncheon with many support groups in attendance and a performance by a some gorgeous girls dancing as entertainment at the lunch. Half time was highlighted by a display of football skills by two integrated teams from High Wycombe and Willetton. The players really enjoyed the Big Stage and were a delight to witness first hand.

Unfortunately Swans lost all three grades to the Cardies with the league team going down by 8 points in a close encounter where turnovers proved costly.

The jackpot for the Thursday night members draw is now \$2,100 and Chase the Ace is \$1,041 so please support the Club by getting down to Steel Blue every Thursday night.



The bouncy castle was a big hit with the kids.

Lunchtime Entertainment at Count Me In Round:

These girls had a great time on Sunday June 11. Entertaining stuff.



Girls Just want to have fun.

THURSDAY CLUB MEMBERS NIGHT

• Members Draw \$2,200 +	• Chase The Ace Jackpot \$1041 +
• Past SDFC Match on Screens	• Coach announces League Team
• Watch Players Training	• Kitchen open for meals
• Interviews	• Players in attendance

Adam Faulkner and Matt Riggio milestones:

Adam celebrated 100 games for Swannies along with Matt Riggio logging up 150 WAFL games on Sunday at the Count Me In Round. Both players were among our best on the day but we were unable to get them a win for their important milestones but the Club is indebted to both players for their great efforts on the park each and every week. Don't forget the testimonial event on July 15 for Matt – book online or at the club.

Coming Events

<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Venue/ Guest</i>
Tuesday 4th July	Committee Meeting	6:00pm	Swansmen Lounge
Saturday 15th July	RIGGIO TESTIMONIAL	6:45 pm	Function room
Tuesday 18th July	DINNER MEETING 5	6:30pm	Neil Hackett (BikeWest WA)
Tuesday 15th August	DINNER MEETING 6	6.30 pm	Paul Bradbury

Next Month:

Neil Hackett –
Chairman
Bikewest WA.

**Guest Speaker May
Dinner
(18th July)**



Integrated footy clash - High Wycombe vs Willetton

