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### Brief History and Outline

The Western Australian Amateur Football League (WAAFL) has a proud history since its humble beginnings in 1922. Over that time the League has been a progressive force in the development of "grassroots" community football in Western Australia.

The WAAFL has a strong base in the administration of a viable and thriving Australian Rules football competition with 43 member clubs, including 118 senior and 30 colts (U19) teams providing games for more than approximately 7000 registered players during a home and away season. There also are some 150 umpires involved in the competition. Volunteers form the base of the competition and without their tireless efforts at both League and Club level the competition could not be sustained.

### Value of Amateur Football

The WAAFL provides organized football on Saturdays where anyone whatever ability, can participate or contribute to the football industry.

The system in place allows players to play in senior football at any level they are capable of achieving. Colts (U19) learn the fundamentals of amateur football and its responsibilities after graduating from junior ranks.

At present the leagues goal is to increase participation and is self funded (through the clubs). Much more could be achieved in this area through significant financial assistance and recognition that the WAAFL promotes football as a training ground for elite players.

The WAAFL also provides a quality high standard competition for those players not wishing to endure the commitment to WAFL (second tier competition) training due to study or career commitments or simply a lifestyle that considers football a recreational pursuit, however is in a position to bridge the gap between amateur football and the Champions of tomorrow.

Many well known WAFL and AFL personnel began their careers in the WAAFL. Former West Coast Eagles and Hawthorn coach Ken Judge began his coaching career at an A Grade amateur club. Former Dockers coach Gerard Neesham played several seasons of amateur football and played at state amateur level.

Other high profile players include Troy Wilson (West Coast Eagles), Gary Buckanara (Hawthorn), Shane Parker (Fremantle), Simon Beasley (Western Bulldogs), Sandover Medallists Ian Dargie (2), Alistair Pickett and Shane Beros.

Former Amateur players who have gone on to be senior administrators include former Chairman of the WA Football Commission Peter Tannock, current WA Football Commission Chairman Dr Neil Fong (a triple A Grade Fairest & Best medallist with the WAAFL), current Chairman of Sydney Swans Richard Colless and former West Coast Chairman and AFL Commissioner Terry Edwards are just a few who gone on to contribute to Football at a higher level.

The WAAFL is now about to focus beyond the year 2003 on how the league uses its leadership and resources to set new standards of excellence and relevance for its member clubs' and various committees. The League's Strategic Plan for the next 3 years was implemented in 2003 and is progressing well with a view to stabilising the League's financial position and the establishment of a Club "culture" that will ensure a long and viable competition.

# 2003 Officials

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## **PRESIDENT**

John Davies

## **VICE PRESIDENT**

Milton Sanders

## **SECRETARY**

Bruce Wainwright

## **TREASURER**

Brett Fullarton

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## **HONORARY ADVISOR AND CONSULTANT**

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Bruce Wheatland

## **CLUB UMPIRE CO-ORDINATOR**

Jamie Hawkins

## **FIELD UMPIRES COACH**

Peter Repper

## **GOAL & BOUNDARY UMPIRE COACH**

Paul Smith

## **AUDITOR**

Denis Heaney

## **SENIOR STATE COACH**

Kerry Coates

## **COLTS STATE COACH**

Jeff Miller

## **PROTESTS & DISPUTES TRIBUNAL**

Debbie Clinch, Neil Donaldson, Ray Harp, Peter House, Trevor Howard, Ken Mathews, Geoff Metcalf, Rob Milburn, Adam Peacock, Gerry Stokes

## **INVESTIGATION COMMITTEE**

John Carson, Mal Harford, David Martino, David Nadebaum, John Prior

## **LIFE MEMBERS**

J.L. Robson (1938), S.M. Miller (1939), V. Bennett (1940), H.B.



2003 WAAFL STAFF

L-R: Matt Henson, Natalie Archer,  
Ron Webster, Jan Dellaca



# Presidents Report



As League President, the past year has been one of the most challenging, fore filling, interesting but sometimes frustrating with which I have been associated. The year has entailed a number of necessary areas of change, improvements and innovations in order to maintain a viable and attractive competition for all our Clubs to participate. Having said the above, in many respects the 2003 season has been one of the most satisfying in my time with the Western Australian Amateur Football League.

With the first full year as Executive Officer behind him, Ron Webster (along with the Management Committee) has endeavoured to create a new direction and attitude with the clubs hierarchy in sponsorship support, in dealing with all aspects of the football industry, better financial management advice to clubs, sharing of fundraising, outsourcing of office functions (eg: I.D. cards), setting up in house publications, advertising and sponsorship that was previously done externally at considerable cost, thus saving valuable funds.

Early in the season, one of our club's players Jayde Seed was paralysed in an unfortunate accident. A great sense of camaraderie and mateship became evident with support given by our Clubs, the greater Football Community, our two AFL Clubs, WAFL Clubs and hotel and liquor outlets gave generously of their time and resources to assist him and his family.

Late in the year that support was also evident at the WAAFL first joint Quiz Night. A great fund raising achievement that paid dividends to all who supported the venture.

Clubs are still finding it time consuming to raise the associated costs to field teams in the League. It has been foremost at the Board of Management level to try and assist in financial matters. With that in mind, the Presidents and Secretaries Night was held at the Swan Brewery with key note speakers advising clubs how to better manage their bars, followed by guest speakers, speaking on several subjects at our regular delegates meetings. The WAAFL Executive has spent considerable time in maintaining budget control and constraints plus seeking greater sponsorship support to reduce costs and thus be in a position not to increase Club affiliation fees.

All Clubs are to be congratulated in meeting their monthly payments to the League on time, possibly the first time in its history. It has made our operations easier to run and is one of the many reasons why for the second successive year no increases of affiliation are anticipated. Insurance costs were maintained at reasonable levels this year, however in 2004 the exciting news is that these costs will be considerably lowered through the WAAFL joining in an Australia wide football scheme. Several other ideas and innovations are being canvassed in order to support Clubs in maintaining their financial viability and take the pressure off Club Committees and Volunteers who bear the brunt of all fundraising in their local areas in order to survive.

The WAAFL State team fortunes met with mixed success locally, however our efforts against South Australia (in Adelaide) and Victoria (at Subiaco Oval) did not meet our expectations, as both opponents overwhelmed us with the inclusion of former local League and AFL players. Our representative team players gave their all and we appreciate their efforts along with the coaching staff in both the Seniors and Colts. Congratulations to those players selected in the "Australian Amateur Football Team of the

Year": Trent Cooper, Marty Kennon, Simon Pearce and Chris Perkin.

The WAAFL believes that our competition is a feeder system for players who desire to move towards WAFL or AFL. With this in mind, our interstate programme next year will be conducted as a 23 years and under competition with the support of Victoria and South Australia. We hope this will be a more level playing field and inspire our talented younger players to show their ability to State Leagues and AFL scouts.

The Community Football Council of which we are a member, along with the Sunday Football League, Women's Football League, Peel Football League and Masters League has given us great access to other participants (Leagues and Clubs) in the statewide football family. The improved cooperation at all levels has paid dividends with greater sharing of ideas and facilities, cutting through red tape (clearances and permits) and ready access to the WA Football Commission, their Executive Officer and Commissioners and our two AFL Clubs. I trust we have played our part and made a valuable contribution to the continued growth of our game.

Close cooperation with the Sunday Football League with the sharing of office facilities and joint use of resources along with the joining of our two Umpire panels has added to the efficiency and cost savings of football at grass roots level. Greater cooperation is already planned in 2004 with the reformation of the WAFA to facilitate a joint metropolitan wide single team competition. Thanks to the Sunday Football League Chairman Bob Sutherland, his Committee and General Manager Geoff Palmer for their untiring support.

Thanks to our Umpire Coaching Panel, Peter Repper (field), Paul Smith (boundary), Terry Kenny (goal), Jamie Hawkins (Club umpire) and their support personnel, all coordinated under the guidance of Bruce Wheatland. Again, their combined efforts enabled a large group of dedicated umpires to be coordinated and allocated to the many playing arenas throughout our competition. With Neil Judge liaising with the Umpires Board and with continued enhancements of the new revamped Umpires structure under one umbrella across the metropolitan area, the future is bright for the betterment of both the umpires and the Leagues they operate in.

Throughout the year the Office Staff continued their high standard and efficient service of operations. Headed by Executive Officer Ron Webster backed up by Natalie Archer, Matt Henson, Paulyne Webster and Office Supervisor Jan Dellaca, they have provided the Clubs with quality service and attention. I extend my sincere gratitude for their support and work throughout 2003.

Members of the Board of Management continue to give freely of their time and expertise to the WAAFL on a voluntary basis. Long serving Vice President Milton Sanders has been a great back up and pillar of support for anything Amateur Football. Brett Fullarton – Treasurer, Bruce Wainwright – Secretary, Graham Jacques, Mark Herron, Ross Rayson, Perry King, Peter Grosser and Lionel McQueen although heavily committed to their own day-to-day workloads have given more than valuable time to the running of the Amateur Football League.

The League is made up by various sub Committees who operate independently through the season. These include Umpires Board, Media, State football, Colts, Tribunals, Investigations, the Quiz Night and Reinstatements. Without them, we could not function properly.

Congratulations to all the WAAFL Award winners and Premiership Teams, State Colts and Senior players. We congratulate you in your efforts to attain those goals. You have joined a growing list of achievers. Also several administrators have been acknowledged with a Merit Certificate (by WAAFL, AFL and WAFC) for long service to football and I extend my sincere congratulations to you all.

In our large extended Amateur Football family, there are too many people to thank individually; we continue to be a hard working volunteer organisation. Without you we would not exist. Thank you all for your wonderful efforts!

John Davies



## Executive Officers Report

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a statement of fact.

I am delighted to be in a position to report on my first full season with the WA Amateur Football League. It has been a year of significant change and long term planning. The plans formulated and the changes implemented were not only necessary but very timely as I could clearly see the League and its shareholder Clubs descending into a period of decline both financially and as a competition if a number of issues were not addressed. These comments are not meant to be a reflection on any previous people empowered with overseeing the League, merely

These facts being that the League had gone through the 2001 & 2002 seasons with financial losses totalling some \$75,000.00. Its cash reserves were virtually exhausted. Clubs were struggling to raise the necessary funds via traditional means to pay the current affiliation fees then alone an increase to cover the League losses. Increased insurance premiums were crippling Clubs and the League, the competition and player registration software was obsolete and in a state of collapse and we had Clubs on the verge of financial ruin and could disappear from existence if not addressed. To say the least it was a very challenging situation.

Fortunately the League is blessed with some very talented and dedicated Committee members who were prepared to listen, evaluate and act and as such I am pleased to report that in the last 12 months we have been able to address, certainly in part if not in full, all of the key issues noted above.

The success of implementing some of the necessary changes to arrest the financial decline has only been achieved because of the cooperation and assistance of all Clubs. Had Clubs not embraced the changes to the payment of affiliation fees by 5 instalments, paid in full and on time, then it is doubtful if the League could have survived the 2003 season and meet its financial commitments.

The prompt Club payments, when coupled with prudent budgeting, improved cash flow management, a reduction in operating expenses, an increase in sponsorship and fundraising has enabled the League to not only make a vital profit over the past 12 months to help recoup some of the earlier losses, but we were able to do so without increasing Club affiliation fees in 2003. As a result of the success in 2003 and assuming Clubs will continue to pay on time, I am confident there will be no fee increase in 2004. Two years running with no increases in Club fees has never been done before and with all Clubs continuing their support it is something we can continue to maintain and hopefully be in a position to be able to reduce the overall fees in the not to distant future.

The substantial cost of Insurance to the League and Clubs has been a key issue for the past 3 seasons. Fortunately we were able to negotiate a slight decrease in premiums in 2003 whilst still maintaining adequate cover as well as offering Clubs an option to take additional loss of income and spinal cover should they wish to do so. As you know the League and the WAFC have been involved in lengthy discussions for 12 months with respect to a National insurance cover. As a result in 2004 our League and member Clubs will be able to participate in the AFL Insur-

ance Scheme via Jardine Lloyd Thompson. The scheme will deliver increased cover on that provided last year at an overall lower cost than 2003. The bulk of the savings will be directly passed on to the Clubs and in real terms it will mean a decrease in affiliation fees. More details on this matter will be provided to Clubs in the near future.

As with Kingsley at the end of last season, we were again challenged with an unforeseen problem this year. This being the tragic accidental injury to Jayde Seed whilst playing for Belmont Redcliffe. Whilst this accident has left Jayde a tetraplegic, it has also left an indelible impact on the public and Football community and clear evidence of the strength and compassion of the Amateur competition and its member Clubs. The support provided by Amateur Clubs with collections and fundraisers within their own premises plus the many volunteers who came to Subiaco Oval for the West Coast vs Bulldogs and Fremantle vs Adelaide home games to act as collectors was absolutely fantastic.

Considerable funds have been raised for Jayde via these means and I must thank the West Coast Eagles, Fremantle Football Club and the WA Football Commission for allowing us to conduct the appeals at the respective AFL games at Subiaco Oval. I would further like to record our appreciation of the WAFL 200 Club for also raising substantial funds for the Jayde Seed appeal at their State of Origin luncheon. These funds when coupled with the insurance cover provided via the League and his Club will go a long way to assisting Jayde and his family with the financial challenges they face in the future.

Whilst on the WA Football Commission, I would like to personally record my thanks to the Commissioners and particularly to Wayne Bradshaw and his staff for the cooperation and assistance they have provided to our office and indeed the WA Amateur Football League throughout the 2003 season. We look forward to continuing to work in harmony with them for the mutual benefit of Football in general.

As you are aware we had some considerable problems finalising fixtures at the commencement of the year. This was due in part to basically the disintegration of the software programmes which have been running our competition, player registrations, player history, fixturing and other necessary functions required to conduct this large League. We had to hastily look at implementing a totally new system with only weeks to go before the start of the season.

Having agreed to proceed with a new system we needed the existing software to run for the first 8 rounds whilst we bedded down the new software and electronically transferred all salvageable information across from the old system. In reality the old system basically crashed a week before the first game causing chaos in the office. My staff had to battle for virtually the whole year with questionable data, without access to the full systems required to operate the League, manually double checking team sheets, player rego and permit information whilst also contending with the normal day to day activity of operating the League office. It is no secret that we dealt with some 1300 clearances and registered or reregistered 3,600 players during this time.

I will acknowledge the contribution of the League staff later but I wish to sincerely thank Graham Hill, Managing Director of Metisc, who provided the basic iScore System that forms the foundation of our new software and web based competition package. Graham and his staff have donated countless hours developing and tailoring the system to meet our League's unique requirements and whilst this system is still being enhanced and finalised ready for the 2004 season the ultimate benefits to the League and our member Clubs will be substantial. Thankyou Graham and Metisc.

As was explained at the various Delegate's and President's Strategy meetings the League would not be able to return to profitabil-

ity and maintain Club fees without increasing its return from Sponsorship and fundraising activities. To this end we held a League Quiz night at Claremont Football Club and thanks to the support of the Clubs it was a great success. The success was not only financial, but went a long way to clearly demonstrating what can be achieved when the shareholder Clubs are prepared to work together and support a joint function. As a result of this function, Clubs that actually attended participated in over \$10,000.00 of cash and prizes and also received a credit of \$350.00 each towards their insurance costs for 2004. I wish to thank Perry King and Phil Hayes for their contribution.

Clubs also greatly assisted with this years League raffle which in 2002 actually returned a loss to the League. Despite the raffle being late due to a number of circumstances, for which I take total responsibility, Club support enabled the League to generate a raffle profit, which greatly assisted with our overall financial result for 2003.

The F & B Medal Presentation Dinner was held at Rendezvous Observation City this year with mixed reactions from Clubs. The general support from Clubs was great and for an event of this nature to take place we need all Clubs attending with at least one table. Even that however does not mean the function will not run at a loss similar to this years loss of \$1,781.00. We have however taken comments, constructive and disparaging on board and have already amended the booking and arrangements for the 2004 function. Next year it will be at the Hyatt Regency (which was our first choice this year but we could not get a suitable date) on Wednesday 1st September.

2003 saw us committed to play 3 State games - WA Country, South Australia and Victoria, with the SA and Vic game within a week of one another, a tough ask. Without dwelling on the results of these games it was my firm belief and that of the Committee, that we could not continue to play State games under the current selection criteria if as a state we were going to be able to compete on a level playing field. It is our belief that whilst there are substantial benefits to being back involved in State football with SAAFL and VAFA we cannot continue to fund it unless the concept was changed to one of promoting the development of young players.

Clubs would be aware that they supported the Leagues involvement in State football for the 2002, 2003 & 2004 seasons. We were committed to 2004 anyway, however Milton Sanders and I have had recent meetings in SA and Vic and as a result we have forced a change in that we will now be playing an under 23 State team against the VAFA in Melbourne in 2004. Whilst both SA & Vic want a commitment past 2004 we will only do so on the basis of the success of the under 23 team results next year. We are of the strong belief that as a League we should be providing an opportunity for our younger Amateur players to play at a higher level and hopefully provide not only a memorable experience but also a chance to be seen by WAFL and AFL clubs, which could improve their pathway in football. Clubs will be provided with more detailed information on this important break through in the near future.

Our Finals this year were very successful and I thank those Clubs that hosted early finals matches. The concept introduced this year with finals fixturing was far more manageable from both a ground and umpire allocation and with some minor enhancements will be retained in 2004. We will continue to hold Preliminary and Grand Finals at WAFL venues where possible and will continue to charge as this is a vital source of League revenue and helps offset the substantial costs associated with the overall finals series. Congratulations to all teams who participated in finals matches this year.

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League Sponsors are vital to the financial health of the League. For us to maintain our existing Sponsors and attract new ones we need all Clubs to fully support the League Sponsors and the arrangements entered into. I would like to thank all the Companies for their support this year. These vital Sponsors are listed throughout this publication. I would also like to thank Trevor Nisbett and his Marketing staff at the West Coast Eagles for their assistance in providing a sponsors box to the League for use at their home games so that we could entertain League sponsors and Club personnel from time to time during the season. It was a substantial donation on behalf of the West Coast Eagles and we sincerely thank them for their contribution to grass roots football.

Lastly but certainly not least, I would like to sincerely thank the office staff for an exceptional effort in 2003 in what can only be described as tough circumstances. I would like to initially thank Julia Triplett for her outstanding contribution to the League over

a 5-year period prior to resigning in April this year. Whilst the loss of Julia with her experience was a challenge I am happy to say that we were able to adequately progress thanks to the tireless efforts of Natalie Archer, Matt Henson, Paulyne Webster and newly appointed Office Supervisor Jan Dellaca. Without their concerted efforts during the year the League would have struggled and I sincerely thankyou on behalf of the League and its member Clubs.

In closing I would again like to thank the Clubs and the many volunteers involved for your cooperation with the League office this year and most importantly for your time and efforts in assisting with the operation of the Amateur competition. I look forward to working in harmony with you next season with a view to cementing the future of the Amateur League and its shareholder Clubs.

Ron Webster



# History

<b>PRESIDENTS</b>			<b>VOLUNTEERS AWARD</b>		
1922 - 1923	W.R.	Orr	<i>Presented by the W.A.F.C. in recognition of valuable service over a number of years</i>		
1924 - 1925	E.	Isaachsen	<i>Nominated by the W.A.A.F.L.</i>		
1926 - 1929	E.D.	Pym	1989	T.	Schorer
1930 - 1931	G.	Hearn	1990	T.	Naylor
1932 - 1937	G.L.	Robson	1991	D.	Baker
1938 - 1961	C.J.	Veryard	1993	G.	Livingstone
1962 - 1967	S.M.	Miller	1993	R.	Tanner
1968 - 1970	C.R.	Gibson	2002	J.	Metcalf
1971 - 1983	C.J.	Jamieson		A.	Clement
1984	S.D.	Woodward	<b>A.N.F.C. AWARD OF MERIT</b>		
1985 - 1991	T.R.	Howard	1958	H.B.	Grosvenor
1992 - 1995	D.R.	Baker	1962	C.J.	Veryard
1996 -	J.	Davies	1965	T.K.	Naylor
<b>VICE PRESIDENTS</b>			1966	B.J.	Giles
1974 - 1985	B.	Giles O.A.M. (Senior V.P.)	1970	C.J.	Jamieson
1974 - 1985	E.	Freeman (Junior V.P.)	1974	L.A.	Tetley
1986 - 1990	E.	Freeman (Senior V.P.)	1978	E.	Freeman
1986 - 1990	D.R.	Baker (Junior V.P.)	1981	R.	Dalziell
1991	D.R.	Baker	1985	J.	Carey
1992 - 1994	M.	Hasson	1990	N.	Donaldson
1995	J.	Davies	1996	D.R.	Baker
1996	G.	Jacques			
1997	A.	Clement			
1997 -	M.	Sanders			
<b>HONARARY SECRETARIES</b>					
1923	R.	Hood			
1924	A.J.	Mettam			
1925	W.	Flanagan			
1926	H.R.	Honor			
1927	R.	Selden			
1928	R.E.	Fennell			
1929	A.C.	Rose			
1930 - 1931	R.J.	Price			
1932	B.J.	Flanagan			
1933 - 1934	J.	Chapman			
1935 - 1936	C.R.	Mattiske			
1937 - 1980	H.B.	Grosvenor			
1981	B.J.	Goddard (Mrs)			
1982 -	B.	Wainwright			
<b>REGISTRAR</b>					
1969 - 1991	T.K.	Naylor			
<b>TREASURER</b>					
1984	J.	Ashley			
1985 - 1996	G.	Livingstone			
1997 - 1999	A.	Thomas			
2001 -	B.	Fullarton			
<b>ASSISTANT TREASURER</b>					
1951 - 1981	B.	Grosvenor (Miss)			
<b>EXECUTIVE OFFICER</b>					
1982 - 1983	J.	Ashley			
1983 - 1984	G.	Parlongo			
1984 - 1986	B.	Thirley			
1986 - 2001	N.R.	Judge J.P.			



2003 Management Committee

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Back Row: Ross Rayson, Ron Webster (Executive Officer), Brett Fullarton (Treasurer), Bruce Wainwright (Secretary), Perry King.

Front Row: Peter Grosser, Graeme Jacques, John Davies (President), Mark Herron, Lionel McQueen.

## PANEL UMPIRE REPORT

The 2003 season saw the commencement of the restructuring of the umpiring system in Western Australia with the WAAFL and the Sunday Football League panels merging and training as one group, following the strategic plan of the Western Australian Football Commission. This allowed for some interchange of umpires into the alternate competition and facilitated the dissemination of commonality of law interpretations and umpiring procedures.

The WAAFL Umpire Department sought closer liaison with both the WAFL and Junior Council umpiring groups for the mutual benefit to umpires in both groups. The introduction of many junior council field umpires into the colts

competition under the guidance of a senior umpiring mentor proved most successful, with several of these umpires graduating to A Reserve level during the season in the development process. The degree of cooperation

generated between these umpiring groups has resulted in a very positive benefit to both the individual umpires and the competitions in which they umpired.

Another major benefit to WAAFL football umpiring in 2003 was the regular accessibility to WAFL panel members who were not selected for that competition each week. This enriched both the quality of field umpiring and the development of promising younger umpires from the WAAFL group.

Once again the boundary umpiring squad was made up of mainly young graduates from the flourishing Schools Boundary Umpire Traineeship Scheme. The all round strength of the panel this year was the best for some years and will only develop further in the future as there are many members who are still under the age of eighteen years.

The goal umpire panel was once again a very dedicated group who provided great service to the competition. Many goal umpires completed their level two accreditation which is testimony to their dedication and commitment.



Umpire coaches for the year were Peter Repper (field), Paul Smith (boundary and goal) and Terry Kenny (goal) who should be congratulated on their in the training and appointment of umpires both for practice matches and for the

regular season. Development of youth was a high priority and was certainly achieved in all umpiring disciplines.

We look forward to next season with great confidence with the further development and growth of umpiring in community football.

Bruce Wheatland



2003 A Grade Grand Final Umpires (L-R)

Kevin Gunn (Goal), Jason Hunt (Boundary), Darren McLeod (Emergency Field), Gavin Levitzke (Field), Graham Regan (Field), Brett Merredith (Boundary), Brendon Johnson (Goal)



## SCHOOL BOUNDARY UMPIRE PROGRAM

The 2003 season saw the regular training and appointment of over sixty boundary umpires from metropolitan senior high schools to WAAFL fixtures. Students from Morley SHS, John Forrest SHS, Duncraig SHS, Seton Catholic College, Corpus Christi College and Helena College ran in colts and reserve grade games throughout the season.

In addition, a group of some dozen students from a variety of other schools supplemented the group as required. Several umpires officiated in league fixtures which is of great service to that competition. There are many

promising performers who will be invited to join the senior panel next year.

The scheme would not be as successfully run without the expertise and commitment of Messrs Peter Merritt (Duncraig SHS), Peter Frusher (Corpus Christi College), Michael Pampacos (John Forrest SHS), Campbell Brown (Seton Catholic College), Bruce Wheatland (Morley SHS) and Warren Beckwith (Helena College).



The WAAFL thanks them for dedicated service again this year. In looking at 2004, already Balga SHS and Joondalup Baptist College have students in special football programs who are available to join the scheme ensuring the future of the scheme to maintain the presentation of community football.

Thanks to the clubs for carrying out the administrative procedures associated with the successful conduct of this scheme.

Bruce Wheatland



## CLUB UMPIRE REPORT

It would be too easy to say that all was well during the season of 2003 in regards to Club Umpires.

In general the performance of the majority of club umpires was good but unfortunately the consistency of a few was not in the best interest of the game. Hence problems both on and off the field occurred and at times this cast a bad image for the League, the Club and the game.

It would be too easy to dwell on the problems but I feel that we need to put it behind us and both the Umpires Board and Clubs need to work a lot closer to attract more people that have a good grasp for the game to become umpires. Also early in the season, implement a programme to educate Clubs and Club Umpires the general off field duties that Club umpires must complete before the game starts to meet the League requirements. The mid season training seminar was well attended but could have been earlier and possibly repeated later in the year.

As I stated before, the general understanding of the game by most of the Club umpires was of a good standard but if we all work together I feel that we can raise the bar with the quality and consistency of club umpiring and provide a fair contest during all games.

I would like to thank all umpires who took on the umpiring duties for Clubs this season. The players do appreciate your efforts as does everyone in Amateur Football. I would also like to thank Bruce Wheatland, Paul Smith and Peter Repper for their assistance during the season.

Jamie Hawkins



# 2003 State Football



2003 State Senior Team

L-R—**Back Row:** Marty Kennon, Brett Nicholson, Kristopher Ingham, Phil Russo, Clayton Fyfe, Simon Pearce, Glen Redenbach, Cameron Hall, Tom McNeil, Jeff Johnston **Middle Row:** Ed Rhor (Physio), Adrian Rapanaro, Chad Polack, Stuart Cattanach, Michael Garkalakis, Brett Davis, Luke Smith, David Secomb, Rickie Rogers, Chris DellaVedova, Tim Jenkins (Physio), Cliff Anderson (Team Manager) **Front Row:** Guy Ziata (Property Man), Mick Pember, (Selector/Runner), Cian Evans, John Pietroniro (Selector), Ken Judge (Assistant Coach), Trent

## SENIOR STATE TEAM

### Kerry Coates – State Senior Coach

The State program for season 2003 consisted of 3 games against the WA

Country Football League, South Australia Amateur Football Association and the Victorian Amateur Football Association.

The programme was quite difficult given the time constraints for our overall preparation as well as the fact we had to play South Australia in Adelaide Sunday 1st June and fly back to Perth to meet Victoria the following weekend Sunday 8th June. This game was played as the curtain raiser to the West Coast Eagles vs Western Bulldogs game at Subiaco Oval.

The first game against WA Country Football League on Friday night May 16th gave us an opportunity to try out a number of players and to start planning for the matches against SA and the Vics. After a slow start we finished off the match reasonably well, the result however was a loss - WACFL 13 goals 5 pts (83) defeating us 10 goals 4 pts (64).

The South Australian campaign commenced with at 5.40 am flight Saturday morning the 31st May. We arrived in Adelaide at 9.55 am and immediately visited Woodville Oval where the game was to be played. We had a light training run that afternoon with the game being scheduled for Sunday afternoon.

We played well in the first half but were unable to capitalise on our extensive opportunities and apply scoreboard pressure on South Australia. At half time our score was a disappointing 6 goals 9 points (45) to South Aust 5 goals 4 points (34). From a promising yet wasteful first half we lost our way in the third quarter when we were kept scoreless to South Australia's 8 goals 6 pts. We managed to kick only 2 pts in the last quarter and the game finished with SA 16 goals 14 pts (110) to our 6 goals 11 pts (47).

Our better players on the day were Trent Cooper, Marty Kennon, Luke Smith, Simon Pearce, Rickie Rogers and Chris Perkin.

We returned to Perth on the Monday and to cope with some injured and unavailable players and obviously a need to review our team composition for the game on the much larger Subiaco Oval. We also knew we would have to contend with a very talented VAFA squad that would contain a number of recent AFL listed players.

Apart from the excellent opportunity the WA players had to play on Subiaco Oval before an AFL game we gained very little from the game given we were thrashed by a fitter, substantially more experienced and skilful Victorian team on the day. The scores were VAFA 27 Goals 14 Pts (176) to WA 3 Pts (3). Our better players on the day were Simon Pearce, Troy Kerwood and Trent Cooper. Trent Cooper was also be awarded the Tetley Medal for the best WA player overall for both interstate games.

Despite both interstate games being significant losses I must pay tribute to the players for their continued efforts and attitude during both games when we were seriously outplayed and clearly disadvantaged by the current selection criteria and the competition structure in both SA and Vic.

I would like to acknowledge the tireless work and assistance provided by my Asst Coach Ken Judge, Selectors John Pietroniro, Mick Pember (also doubled as our runner) and Tony Coates, Team Manager Cliff Anderson and Property Manager Guy Ziata. Without their combined assistance we could not have managed the tough programme. To the Sports Physios Tim Jenkins and Ed Rhor a big thankyou for your efforts at training and the games.

A special thanks to Ron Webster and Neil Judge for their assistance in setting up the State arrangements in Perth as well as Adelaide and congratulations to the four players selected in the 2003 Championship Team of the Year – Trent Cooper, Marty Kennon, Simon Pearce and Chris Perkin.

## COLTS STATE TEAM

The 2003 WAAFL State Colts team had only 1 game this year, the traditional match against the State Country Colts team.

With very limited preparation, the side performed magnificently. We only really had 2 training sessions from which to pick the team, so I can honestly say I new very little about most of those picked, but most of the players new even less about their team-mates.

Having said that, I was confident that the side was a very good one, as the skill level shown on the track had been very impressive.



The weather did not look as if it was going to allow us to show off those skills, but the rain held off long enough, and both sides played a fast, clean brand of football. This game was by far the best standard of football, of the 6 matches I have been involved with against the State Country Colts, which is a credit to both sides in the windy conditions.

We managed to convert our opportunities better when it counted and held on to win by just over 3 goals. This is only the second time in the last 6 years that the WAAFL colts have beaten the WACFL colts, so it was a tremendous effort by the players.

Better players on the night were Steve Van Nierop (Wesley Curtin) and Michael Ballem (Whitford) on the ball, captain James Hunt (University) at centre half-forward, Matt Cue (Wanneroo) in the ruck, Jamie Powers (Wesley Curtin) at full back and Rhys Robinson (North Fremantle) in a forward pocket.

It is very pleasing that 9 different clubs were represented in the side, and thanks go out to those clubs, and more particularly those coaches, that supported the state program this year.

Thanks also to my support staff. With such a rushed preparation compared to prior years, I could not have managed with out the help of Brendan Hall, Paul Brown and Rod Phillips.

And finally thanks to the league for their support, and in particular Neil Judge, Milton Sanders and Ron Webster and staff at the office.

Hopefully the colts have shown that the state program is definitely worth persevering with.

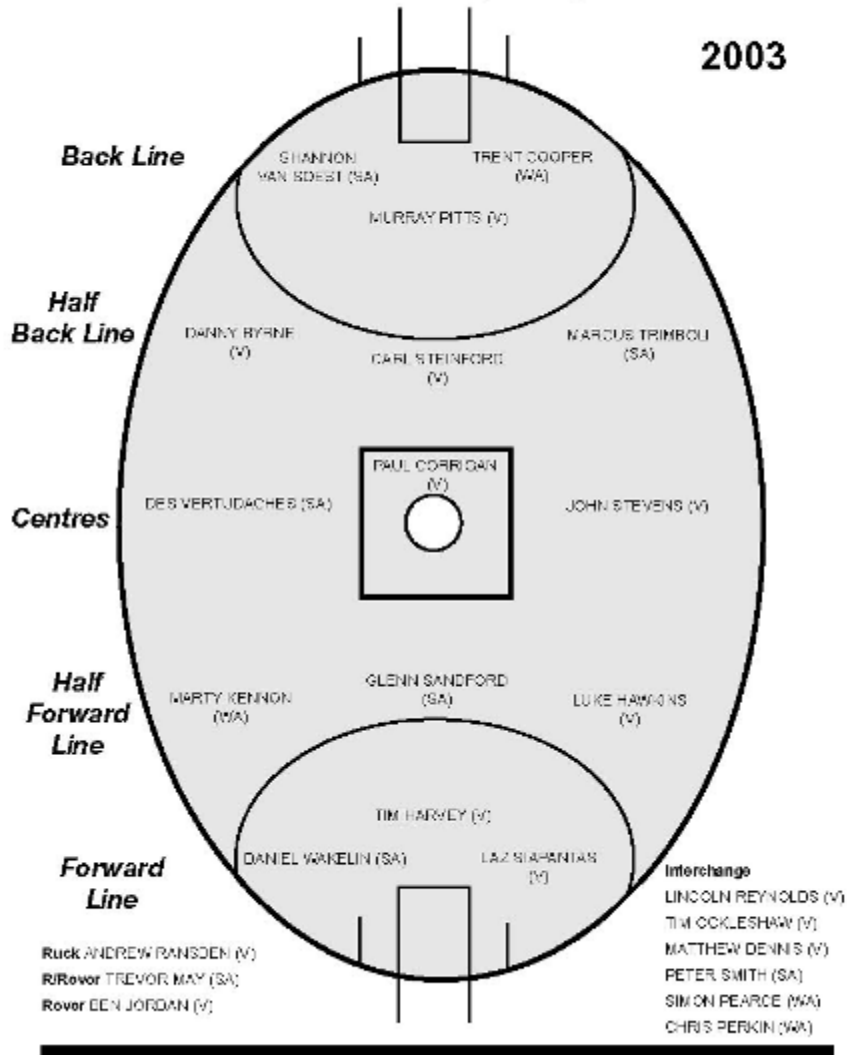
Jeff MILLER

2003 WAAFL State Colts Coach



**Congratulations to the players who were selected in the Australian Amateur Football Championship Team of the Year**

**2003**



WAAFL Players selected in the 2003 Australian Amateur Team of the Year

L-R: Chris Perkin, Trent Cooper, Milton Sanders (Vice President), Marty Kennon, Simon Pearce



# Community Football Council

As chairman of the Community Football Council, I wish to congratulate the Western Australian Amateur Football League on a successful year especially with the varied results in all grades competing in the Finals.

The year 2003 has seen tremendous steps achieved in bringing Community Football together as a united family with the achievement of joint administration and the combining of umpires with the WAAFL and the Sunday Football League. All are to be congratulated!

To John Davies (President) and Ron Webster (Executive Officer) and administration staff, I wish to thank them for their support of the Community Football Council as a body and for their assistance given to affiliate Leagues: Sunday Football League, Peel Football League, Masters League and Women's Football League, it was greatly appreciated.

Gerry Stokes  
Chairman



COMMUNITY FOOTBALL COUNCIL 2003

L-R Back Row: Harold Harper (GM Masters), John Davies (President Amateur FL), Mel Smith (President Peel FL), Mark Purslowe (President Masters), Ron Webster (GM Amateur FL), Bob Sutherland (President Sunday FL), Geoff Palmer (GM Sunday FL)

Front Row: Gary Ross (VP Masters), Denise Lawler (GM Peel FL), Gerry Stokes (Chairman CFC), Milton Sanders (CFC, VP



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Sincere thanks to all the tireless volunteers within the clubs without whose dedication, clubs could not function properly. Your Commitment at any level helps us to exist, flourish and be as successful as we continue to be.





# Fairest & Best Medal Count Winners

## A GRADE

<b>Simon</b>	<b>HEDE</b>	<b>Collegians</b>	<b>22 Votes</b>
Chris	PERKIN	North Beach	21 Votes
Mark	BLACK	Wanneroo	17 Votes

## A RESERVE

<b>Jay-Jay</b>	<b>ABBOTT</b>	<b>CBC</b>	<b>14 Votes</b>
<b>Stuart</b>	<b>CAMPBELL</b>	<b>Swan Athletic</b>	<b>14 Votes</b>
Bradely	COX	North Fremantle	10 Votes
Paul	SPANJICH	Swan Athletic	10 Votes
Christopher	CONNELL	Wembley	9 Votes

## A COLTS

<b>Rhys</b>	<b>ARANGIO</b>	<b>North Fremantle</b>	<b>22 Votes</b>
Sam	MITCHELL	Wembley	21 Votes
Timothy	BOWDELL	North Beach	15 Votes
Michael	BRAMLEY	North Beach	15 Votes
Ryan	MORTIER	CBC	15 Votes

## B GRADE

<b>Trent</b>	<b>COOPER</b>	<b>Wesley Curtin</b>	<b>24 Votes</b>
<b>Robert</b>	<b>THOMSON</b>	<b>Scarborough</b>	<b>24 Votes</b>
Andrew	JAMES	Wesley Curtin	22 Votes
Gregory	HICKS	Mt Lawley	19 Votes
Troy	OLDFIELD	Whitford	19 Votes

## B RESERVE

<b>Adrian</b>	<b>MAUGHAN</b>	<b>Mt Lawley</b>	<b>16 Votes</b>
Trevor	ADAIR	Hamersley Carine	13 Votes
Andrew	WEIS	Wesley Curtin	13 Votes
Teague	OVENDEN	Whitford	12 Votes

## B COLTS

<b>Dustin</b>	<b>MCLEOD</b>	<b>Willetton</b>	<b>14 Votes</b>
Peter	FORD	Cockburn Lakes	13 Votes
Dexter	JOHNSON	West Coast Cowan	11 Votes
Mark	NIND	Hamersley Carine	11 Votes

## AB3

<b>Travis</b>	<b>SAYER</b>	<b>Wesley Curtin</b>	<b>15 Votes</b>
Karl	WENDT	Wembley	11 Votes
Frank	NIELD	University	10 Votes
Jamie	PARIN	Whitford	10 Votes

## AB4

<b>Grant</b>	<b>NELSON</b>	<b>North Fremantle</b>	<b>23 Votes</b>
Troy	HARVEY	Whitford	12 Votes
Peter	PANAGOPOULOS	North Beach	12 Votes
Michael	MACKINNON	Wesley Curtin	11 Votes
Julian	VAN DER ZANDEN	CBC	11 Votes

## C GRADE

<b>Mark</b>	<b>FORD</b>	<b>Warnbro Swans</b>	<b>22 Votes</b>
<b>Chris</b>	<b>WHEATCROFT</b>	<b>St Norberts</b>	<b>22 Votes</b>
Paul	SAYLOR	High Wycombe	20 Votes
Paul	FOOTE	High Wycombe	16 Votes

## C RESERVE

<b>Christopher</b>	<b>SOBEJKO</b>	<b>Willetton</b>	<b>19 Votes</b>
Jeremy	BRUSE	Willetton	18 Votes
Gavin	WALKER	High Wycombe	17 Votes

## C COLTS

<b>Benjamin</b>	<b>GABROVEC</b>	<b>Kingsley</b>	<b>28 Votes</b>
Eric	YATES	Mosman Park	21 Votes
Daniel	BUCCHINO	High Wycombe	19 Votes
Brent	NAUGHTON	Rossmoyne	14 Votes

## D GRADE

<b>Aaron</b>	<b>MOREY</b>	<b>Swan View</b>	<b>22 Votes</b>
Stefan	ADASZKO	Melville	19 Votes
David	SIMCOCK	Swan View	19 Votes
Andrew	GOSLING	Mosman Park	18 Votes

## D RESERVE

<b>Heath</b>	<b>KENNINGTON</b>	<b>Melville</b>	<b>28 Votes</b>
Leigh	RAKICH	Ballajura	17 Votes
Robert	KAY	Kingsley	16 Votes

## E GRADE

<b>George</b>	<b>FORD</b>	<b>Coolbellup</b>	<b>26 Votes</b>
Christopher	CARLEY	Coolbellup	20 Votes
Luke	MORAN	High Wycombe	14 Votes
Jason	WILLIAMS	Warnbro Swans	14 Votes

## F GRADE

<b>Andrew</b>	<b>CHAPMAN</b>	<b>Mt Lawley</b>	<b>23 Votes</b>
Frank	FIGLIOMENI	Stirling	14 Votes
Kitchner	BAIN	Kingsley	10 Votes
Steven	CHAPMAN	Wanneroo	10 Votes
Glen	PEARSON	Wanneroo	10 Votes
Daniel	TILBY	Stirling	10 Votes



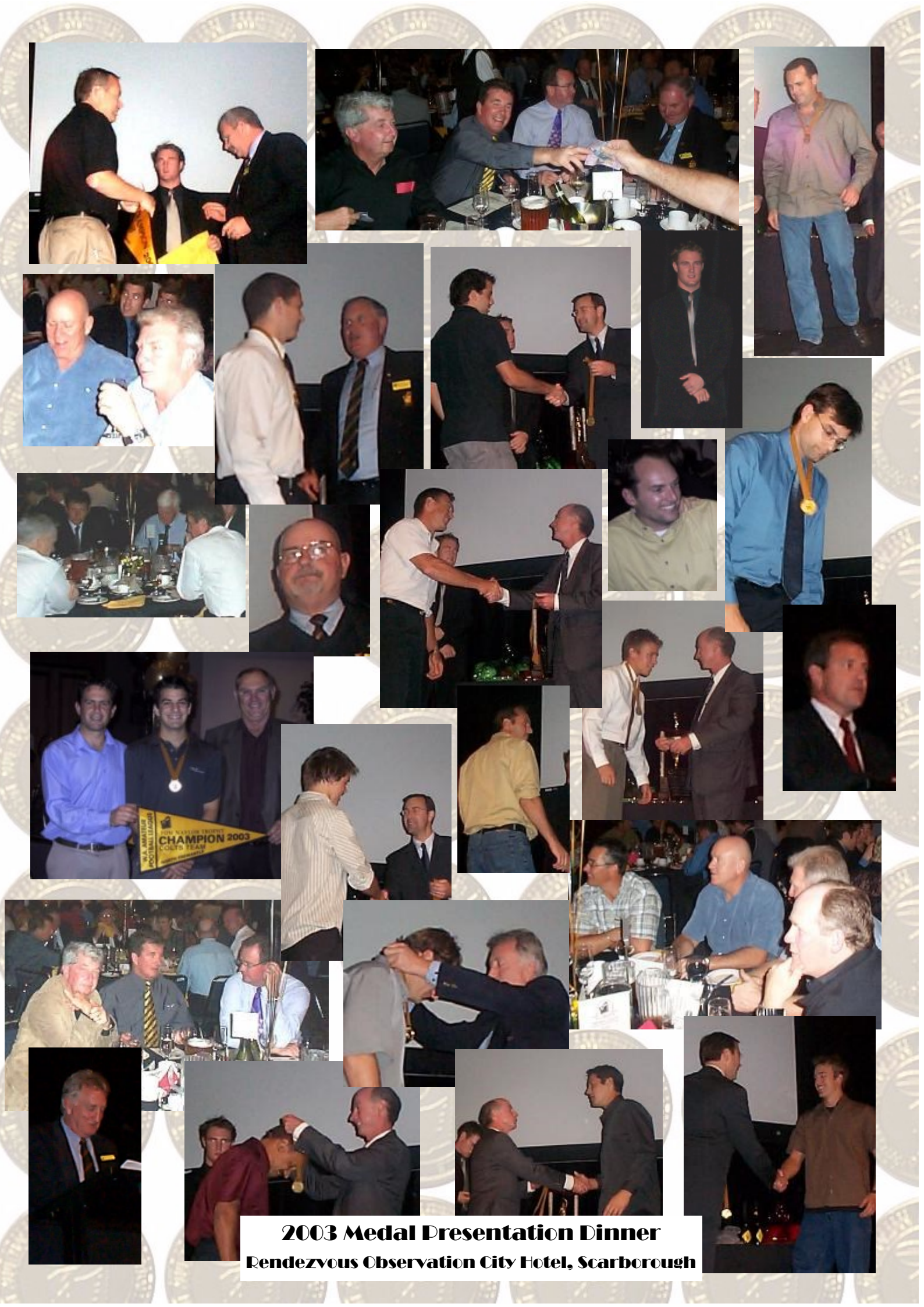
# Goal Kicking Awards

## A GRADE

<b>Murray</b>	<b>SILVER</b>	<b>CBC</b>	<b>77 goals</b>
Michael	MINERVINI	North Fremantle	56 goals
Jarod	HAYMAN	Stirling	49 goals

## B GRADE

<b>Cory</b>	<b>JOHNSON</b>	<b>West Coast Cowan</b>	<b>87 goals</b>
John	TASKER	Wesley Curtin	69 goals
Marcus	DONATO	Whitford	62 goals



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# 2003 Tribunal Appearances & Send Offs

Club	# Teams Teams	# Yellow Cards	# Tribunal Appearances	Club	# Teams Teams	# Yellow Cards	# Tribunal Appearances
Ballajura	3	27	5	Mt Lawley	4	16	1
Bassendean	4	24	6	Nollamara	2	7	6
Bayswater	2	12	2	North Beach	5	28	4
Belmont Redcliffe	2	28	4	North Fremantle	5	23	7
Brentwood	2	15	2	Ocean Ridge	3	19	2
Bullcreek Leeming	3	6	2	Quinns District	2	20	6
Carlisle	2	19	4	Rossmoyne	3	10	1
C.B.C.	5	24	13	Scarborough	4	18	2
Cockburn Lakes	3	22	5	Stirling	4	22	7
Coolbellup	1	3	1	St Norberts	2	11	1
Coolbinia West Perth	3	28	1	Swan Athletic	4	21	3
Collegians	3	17	10	Swan View	2	13	0
Dianella Morley	3	24	4	Trinity Aquinas	4	14	6
East Fremantle	2	25	4	University	6	16	0
Hamersley Carine	4	12	3	Wanneroo	3	8	6
High Wycombe	4	26	8	Warnbro Swans	4	14	0
Kalamunda	3	12	0	Wembley	5	29	5
Kingsley	4	25	3	West Coast Cowan	3	9	2
Lynwood Ferndale	4	25	8	Wesley Curtin	5	11	3
Manning Rippers	2	12	5	Whitford	6	27	7
Melville	3	8	2	Willetton	4	24	2
Mosman Park	3	18	6				
				<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>145</b>	<b>772</b>	<b>169</b>

Of the 169 Tribunal Appearances, 48 were found guilty, 100 took the prescribed penalty & 21 were dismissed.

The League acknowledges the conduct of the following clubs:

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