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SO CLOSE YET SO FAR

On Field

The final home and away round saw the Swannies nearly bring home the bacon in all three grades.

The Colts started the day by defeating Claremont and consolidate third position and a Qualifying Final.

In the Reserves, Claremont had the better of the Swannies in the first quarter and it looked like finals were done and dusted but the boys came out after quarter time and ran over the top of the Tigers to secure the win. With the stars aligning, Subiaco defeated Perth and East Fremantle beat South Fremantle which propelled Swans into fifth spot and an Elimination Final.

The League was heartbreaking. In what was no doubt the best performance for some weeks, the boys were pipped at the post with Jye Bolton kicking the winning goal for Claremont after the siren. This ended the Leagues season as well as it being the last game for veteran Kirk Ugle, who has hung up his boots. We wish Kirk and his family all the best for the future.

The first week of the finals saw the Colts play in the Qualifying Final and the Reserves the Elimination Final.

The Colts came up against the more fancied Peel Thunder. The boys jumped out of the blocks in the first quarter and kept Peel to just two points and kick three majors themselves. Inaccurate kicking by Peel in the second kept the Swannies in front at half time. The third quarter saw the young lads consolidate their lead going into the last term. Although Peel came home strong Swans managed to hold on and win by 9 points. They will now play ladder leaders Subiaco in the Second Semi.

The Reserves went into their Elimination Final against West Perth as underdogs, but no one told them. They also jumped out of the blocks and kicked 6 goals to 2 in the first and 2 goals to 1 in the second to have a handy half time lead. Although the third term saw the Falcons up their ante they could only match it with the Swannies and the last saw the boys run away with the win. They will now front up to Claremont in the First Semi final.

Off Field

The annual Swansmen Auction was held on Saturday 18th August. Although the number of attendees was disappointing, just over 100, the night itself was very enjoyable. Modern Catering did an excellent job on the food again and the Auctioneer, Wayne Peake, tried his heart out to get bidders excited. The entertainment for the night, Robbie 'T' the magician, had all present in awe of his magic and humour and Shades of Indigo kept the mood going with their background music. The MC for the night, Tallan Ames, was outstanding as usual. The final figure hasn't been tallied yet but it should be in the vicinity of \$28000.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank from the Club, Jeff Dennis, Peter Hodyl, Ross Leipold, Jen McBride and Jess Belladonna, and from the Swansmen, Des Hardiman, Peter Snow, Maurice Embley, Neville Basset, Jim Benson, Steve Bakes and Mark McNair for their outstanding efforts in helping to organise and run the night. Also, those Swansmen committee members, members and P.P.&O.A. members who helped out.

Trevor Hoy (President)

SEPTEMBER DINNER MEETING - AWAY DINNER

**Tuesday 18th September 2018 6:30pm for 7.00pm start
Bassendean Hotel - Upstairs**

Come along and enjoy a good old pub meal, a coldie, a yarn with your mates and maybe even a game of darts at the away dinner at the Bassendean Hotel.

For Catering purposes numbers must be confirmed by Thursday 13th August by one of the following methods:

RSVP via the online link at [RSVP](#) or phone Dave Cianciosi on 0430 068 092

August Dinner Meeting

- The Ladies Dinner meeting was well patronised with some 70 guests enjoying a scrumptious 3 course meal by Modern Catering and some excellent guest speakers. Our own Steve Bakes also provided some delicious sweets. Maurice Embley was active in promoting the event organising 3 tables himself. These included family, friends and work colleagues.



Maurice and his guests

- The women's league captain Fiona Boucher told us of her football journey. Originally from Tasmania, she headed West to follow her football dream, as there were no women's competitions in Tasmania. She joined the Southern Thunder and became a Swannie in 2007 when the two clubs merged and has gone on to play 170 plus games and receive Life membership. She rated Chelsea Randall as the best female footballer she has played with and watched.
- The women's reserves captain Emily Stott gave us an insight into her football career. Her enthusiasm started at a young age, watching her dad play for Bayswater Amateurs. She kicked around in Kalamunda as a young girl, but it wasn't until Year 10 at St. Brigid's SHS she had an opportunity to play in a new generation women's competition. Emily also became a Swannie in 2007 and has also received Life membership. Some of her highlights include playing her 150th game on the same day as Fiona Boucher and winning the 2013 flag. She loves playing with a positive group of girls and noted red and yellow cards are used in the women's competition.
- Our guest speaker Michaela Carr gave an entertaining talk on her life in journalism. Michaela started as a journalist in Canberra and was the first female sub editor alongside the likes of Stan Grant. Her first door stop was with Bob Hawke in an audio grab. She covered many elections and was negatively affected by the back-packer murders. She spoke fondly of George Grylusich and Wally Foreman and loved the friendship of John K Watts especially on the 6IX footy panel show. She spoke of her beloved husband Rob and their journey with MND and the many fundraising challenges she supports to find a cure. Their kids were only 8 and 10 when he died. She loves her job and helps out at University and also produces radio shows. Some of her best



Jen Benson with Michaela Carr

interviews were with Peter Costello around budget time and one of her most awkward was with Wilbur Smith. Her favourite interview was with Audrey Hepburn.

- The women's dinner raffle was drawn by our guest speaker Michaela Carr with Eliza Harrison taking out the prize and the men's raffle was drawn by Sue Hoy, the President's wife, and was won by one of Maurice Embley' guests.

Invite a Guest

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

Fundraising for 2018

The Club 20 project participants are well into their collective ventures. There are 10 'investors', so if you see a 'Club 20' project advertised, please support it.

One such project is a Melbourne Cup Raffle run by Peter Snow. Refer to the details below. If you wish to purchase a ticket contact Peter on 0402 448 896.



Swansmen Club 20 Fundraiser Ticket No. _____

2018 MELBOURNE CUP RAFFLE

Only 200 Tickets of \$50 Each

First Prize
 Two tickets to 2018 Lexus Melbourne Cup
 Undercover reserved seating in Hill Stand
 Two nights at Stamford Plaza Melbourne
 Perth to Melbourne Return airfares for two

20 CONSOLATION PRIZES OF \$50

Drawn at 8.30 pm, Tuesday 16th October, 2018 at SDFC Steel Blue Oval, Bassendean, WA
 Results published in The West Australian, Wednesday 24th October 2018
 Permit Holder: P J Snow Tel: 0402 448 896 Lottery Permit No. LS211921218

The Player Auction Leader Board - the final standings at the end of the home and away season are as follows:

GROUP	NAME	EARNINGS
3	Directors	\$2727.60
4	Paul McCarthy	\$2066.60
5	Bill Bradley	\$1818.40
10	Maurice, Neville, Swansmen	\$1363.80
2	Maurice Embley	\$1240.00
1	Swansmen	\$992.00
7	Jeff King	\$909.20
9	Dan Hilton	\$744.00
13	George Brock	\$702.60
14	Anonymous	\$702.60
6	Caroline Martin	\$496.00
8	Tine Wilson	\$372.00
15	Jeff King	\$248.00
11	Sue Howard	\$248.00
12	Gray, Hodes, Peake	\$0.00

Thursday Nights – Swans Members Night

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

League Team Announcements – Adam will give a season update and announce the senior team.

Chase the Ace – The jackpot as of Thursday 6th September is \$8260.

Chook Raffles – Win meat packs, chooks, wine plus more.

Free Members Draw – The jackpot as of Thursday 6th September is \$3700. The lucky member must be in attendance and must claim the prize with-in 2 minutes, otherwise \$100 is added to the jackpot.

Coming Events

Date	Event	Time	Venue/ Guest
Tuesday 18 th September	DINNER MEETING 7	6:30pm	Away Dinner - Bassendean Hotel
Tuesday 2 nd October	Committee Meeting	6:00pm	Swansmen Lounge
Friday 5 th October	Swan Medal	6:30pm	Mandoon Estate
Tuesday 16 th October	DINNER MEETING 8	6:30pm	Shane Beros (VSwans)
Tuesday 13 th November	Committee Meeting	6:00pm	Swansmen Lounge
Tuesday 20 th November	DINNER MEETING 9	6:30pm	AGM
Sunday 2 nd December	Xmas Luncheon	12:00pm	TBC

Next Month's Dinner

Guest Speaker

Shane Beros will be our guest speaker for the October dinner.

Shane played 196 games for Swans in a decorated career which included being Club Captain from 2004-07 and winning the Sandover Medal in 2003 as well as Swan Medals in 2003, 2006 and 2007. The last 5 years he spent heading the V Swans program in the Pilbara and he is now back in Perth in the roll of High Performance/Community Manager for the V Swans.



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