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## OFF and RUNNING

After a long pre-season the season proper got under way over the Easter long weekend with the mighty Black and Whites taking on the Black and Red Demons at Lathlain Park. It was a good start to the year with two wins and a loss. The colts started the day with a solid 12 point win before the reserves were overrun in the second half to go down by 13 points. The league finished the day with an impressive 45 point win. After an even first half the lads pulled away in the third term to kick 6 goals to 1 and set up the win. Better goal kicking accuracy in the final term could have seen the margin even greater.

Saturday the 7<sup>th</sup> of April sees the first home game of the season against the reigning premiers Peel Thunder. Come on down and support the boys, catch up with old acquaintances and have a coldie.

The Swansmen again have a lot of projects on the go this year. Refer to the fundraising section further on.

As always, we look forward to welcoming all members into the Lounge on home games and at the Monthly Dinner Meetings. In addition to the guest speaker, the players never fail to provide both informative and entertaining career highlights. Please support the Dinner Meetings and invite a guest to enjoy a night at the Club and gain an insight into the Club, the coaches, the players and the form.

**Trevor Hoy (President)**



## ***APRIL DINNER MEETING***

***Tuesday 17<sup>st</sup> APRIL 2018 6:30pm***  
***Past Players & Officials Room Upstairs***

**GUEST SPEAKER**

***Chris Egan***  
***Australian Sports History***



Chris Egan is the Director for Australian Sports Books. He also set up the WA Chapter of the Australian Society for Sports History with well-known football historian Les Everett, in 2014.

Whilst having a background in all sports, he has a strong affinity with soccer and is researching the NSL era of Perth Glory. As a lifelong fan of Perth Glory and passion for history, Chris is involved with monthly events at the Game Sports Bar where those interested in all sports and the stories behind them are welcomed.

Chris will provide a snapshot of sports archaeology in Western Australia, to engage the Swansmen about how the venues we utilise become part of the stories of community history. He also has a strong understanding of WAFL football and the challenges facing Clubs over many years. He has been a WAFL radio commentator on 990AM

In business, Chris runs an innovative client focused consultancy company. His objective is to deliver optimum deliverables in terms of strategic development and client relationships with Local Councils and Government agencies.

Chris has a direct connection with Swan Districts. His father Stewart Egan played for Swans in the 1980's playing 5 League games in our very strong 1982 Premiership Team.

We look forward to all members enjoying some good company, a bit of waffle and a good meal and listening to Chris Egan speak about sports history.

**Numbers must be confirmed by Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> April by one of the following methods:**

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

## **March Dinner Meeting**

- **A**dam Pickering, the new league coach, took time out from training to give a run down on where the league squad was at and his expectations for the first game.
- **C**o-captain Dave Ellard gave an insight to how the players were adapting to the coaching style of the new coach and how he saw the team progressing in the early part of the season.
- **M**ichael Spanjich, Director of Vale Steel Construction, was presented with a shield of appreciation for his part in the supply and fabrication of the new access stairs into the Swansmen lounge.
- **T**he dinner raffle was drawn by special guest Michael Spanjich and in a twist of fate the winner was Michael himself.

## **Invite a Guest**

**W**e 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.

## **Membership Drive**

**A** reminder for those who have not renewed their membership to please do so. 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.

## **Swansmen Lounge Busy Bee**

**T**he annual Swansmen Lounge busy bee was held on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> March. There was a good turnout to get the lounge into pristine condition for the first home game. Cobwebs were removed, windows cleaned, carpets vacuumed and unwanted items thrown out. The morning ended with the mandatory sausage sizzle and coldie.

A big thanks to Peter Bacon, Steve Bakes, Neville Bassett, Eric and Jim Benson, Dave Cianciosi, Maurice Embley (photographer), Des Hardiman, Graeme Higgins, Trevor Hoy, Ted Martin and Robin McVee for their hard work.



## **Annual SDFC Sponsors Golf Day**

The annual SDFC sponsors golf day was held at The Vines resort on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> March. There was good representation from both the Swansmen and Judda Bee's.

The young guns, led by Adam Faulkner, took out the winners prize. The rest of us had a pleasurable day regardless.

Maurice Embley did the best of the Swansmen taking out the 'closest to the pin' prize.

Thanks to Ross Leipold and his staff for organising a great day out.

## **Season Launch and Player Auction**

The Club season launch, jumper presentation and player auction was held on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March in the SDFC function room. A huge turnout saw the league, reserves and colts players receive their jumpers for the season as well as the annual player auction been held.

Bidding was furious for the 15 player groups in the auction, with the average price been around \$1500.

The Swansmen got in early and picked up Group 1 for a song at \$1400. We also picked up a 50% share in Group 10. The groups consist of:

### **Group 1**

1. Co-Captain Tony Notte
2. Mitch Mackenzie
3. Jordan Bill
4. Giles Dent
5. Mitchell Bain
6. Jack Allen
7. Hudson Babich

### **Group 10**

1. Matt Rogers
2. Nathan (The Doc) Blakely
3. Greg Ottaviano
4. Patrick Italiano
5. Kye Barker
6. Dylan Brockbernd
7. Kruz Garlett

## **Fundraising for 2018**

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

**The AFL Raffle** is on again. Tickets will be available between April and July at \$100 each and will be restricted to just 200. Major prize is a return trip for 2 to the 2018 AFL Grand Final. There will also be 20 consolation prizes of your money back. See Peter Snow or Committee for tickets.

**The Club 20** project is also on again this year. The Swansmen are looking for 20 'investors' who will be given \$1,000 each to undertake a fundraising venture or to turn that \$1,000 into a profitable return. No restrictions on what they can invest, buy, sell or undertake, except that they 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. We still have spots available. Contact Des Hardiman for more details.

**The Auction** will again be held this year but will revert back to the previous format of a Gala Dinner, along with an on-line silent auction. The Club has come on board this year to make this the big fundraiser for the season. The date has been set at Saturday the 18<sup>th</sup> August, so plug it into your diary. More details to follow.

**Donations from businesses and members will be most welcomed, so if you can supply any goods or services or have any contacts who can, would be appreciated.**

## **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 29th March is \$900.

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

**Free Members Draw** – The jackpot as of Thursday 29th March is \$1400. The lucky member must be in attendance and must claim the prize with-in 2 minutes, otherwise \$100 is added to the jackpot.

## **THE Swansmen Game Day Experience** (10-25 people)

Organise a group and enjoy a day at the footy in the comfort of the Swansmen Lounge. Various packages available include, but not limited to:

- Admission
- Football Budget
- Swansmen stubby holder
- Reserved Seat in the Swansmen Lounge VIP area
- Drinks – various drinks packages available
- Lunch – various food packages available
- Half time snacks – various food packages available
- Access to upstairs after the game

Contact Trevor Hoy or Des Hardiman for further details.

## **Coming Events**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Venue/ Guest</b>
<b>Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> April</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> HOME GAME - SD vs PT	2:15pm	Steel Blue
<b>Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> April</b>	DINNER MEETING 2	6:30pm	Chris Egan (Australian Sports History)
<b>Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> May</b>	DINNER MEETING 3	6:30pm	Josh Catalano (Chef, Catalano's Seafood)
<b>Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Committee Meeting	6:00pm	Swansmen Lounge
<b>Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> June</b>	DINNER MEETING 4	6:30pm	Glen Foreman (Wally Foreman Book)
<b>Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> July</b>	DINNER MEETING 5	6:30pm	TBC
<b>Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> August</b>	Committee Meeting	6:00pm	Swansmen Lounge
<b>Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> August</b>	Gala Auction Dinner	TBC	Steel Blue Function Room
<b>Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> August</b>	DINNER MEETING 6	6:30pm	Ladies Night/Michaela Carr (Newsreader)
<b>Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> September</b>	DINNER MEETING 7	6:30pm	Shane Beros (VSwans)
<b>Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October</b>	Committee Meeting	6:00pm	Swansmen Lounge

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