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## On the Board at last

After four games of 'not quite there', the men's League side finally got a win on the board against Peel in Round 6 at Steel Blue. The lads had a bit of luck in the third term with Peel dominating play but only kicking 2.5. Something clicked with the Swannies towards the end of the quarter and they kicked two crucial goals against the flow of play to regain the initiative and go into three quarter time nine points up. The momentum continued in the last and with a four goal to one score line it was a comfortable 29-point win. The win put a buzz in the air going into the Round 7 clash with East Perth and only trailing by 3 points at the last break the signs were good, but a five goal to zip final term saw the Royals to an easy win.

The Reserves are knocking on the door of their first win just falling short against South Fremantle and East Perth.

The Colts also got on the board against Peel in Round 6 and followed this up with a win over the Royals the next week.

The women's League side sit fourth on ladder with a 4/3 win/loss ratio and are only percentage behind second place Peel and one game clear of Claremont in fifth position. This makes their final game of the year against last year's Premiers East Fremantle a must win to secure a finals birth.

Unfortunately, the Reserves and Colts sides are not fairing so well with both sitting seventh on the ladder with only one win.

## Off Field

Tickets for the Bonanza Cash raffle are now on sale and the On-line Auction is up and running. Refer to the **FUNDRAISING** section for further details.

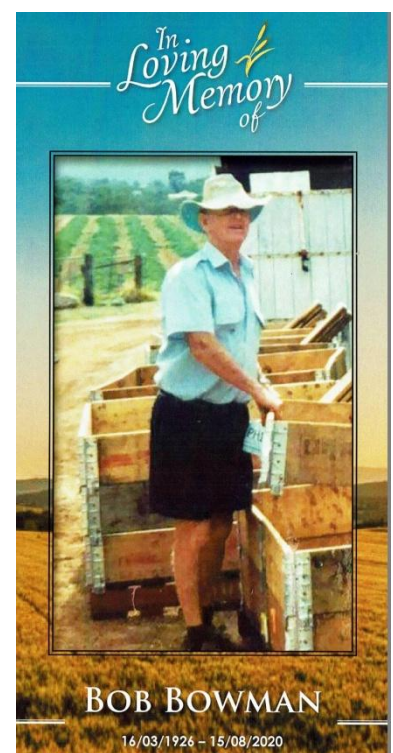
## Vale Bob Bowman

On a more sombre note, the Swansmen and the Club lost a long-time supporter on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> August with the passing of Bob Bowman at the ripe old age of 94. For those who frequented the Swansmen Lounge at home games over the past 10 years or so, Bob could be seen sitting with his mate Fred Pantin, up the back of the Lounge at their table.

A great send-off took place at Bellevue on the 26<sup>th</sup> August. With about a dozen Swansmen members in attendance, there were plenty of stories continued at the Woodbridge wake for Bob, all vying for fines at the next dinner!

**RIP Bob**

**Trevor Hoy (President)**



# ***SEPTEMBER DINNER MEETING***

***Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2020 6:30pm***

***Past Players & Officials Room Upstairs***

**GUEST SPEAKER**

***John McGuire***

***Almost a Swan .... A great sporting and cultural ambassador***

***Plus***

***Anthony Stephens & Denver Grainger-Barras***

**A** Noongar man from Northam, John McGuire played 23 seasons of grade cricket, mainly with the Mt Lawley District Cricket Club, winning six First Grade Premierships during that time. He also captained the Australian Aboriginal team which toured England in 1988. John compiled 10,004 First Grade runs at 36.2 to make him the second highest all-time leading run scorer with 15 first grade centuries.

Whilst he barracked for Swans as a lad and following his schooling at Guildford Grammar School, he joined East Perth and played 85 WAFL games including the 1978 Premiership, beating Perth by 2 points. John's story is inspirational and is sure to bring many well-known identities to task.



*John McGuire, left, Syd Jackson and Kim Farmer at the coin toss between SD and EP last week*

*We look forward to hearing from John and enjoying some good company and a good meal.*

***Numbers must be confirmed before Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> September by one of the following methods:***

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

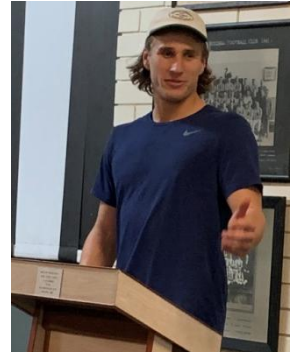
Please note, that if you RSVP 'Yes' to a dinner and do not attend the Swansmen still have to pay for your meal.

## **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.

## August Dinner Meeting

- Club Sport Scientist Ted Polgaze gave a brief summary of his early life growing up in Perth and his 30-year career as a Sport Scientist. With team sports as his passion, Ted completed a PhD at the University of Western Australia where he focussed on how data obtained from player-tracking devices (GPS units) can be interpreted more correctly by taking account of the continual changes in speed and direction that characterise team sport activity. This 'stop-start' type movement is substantially more demanding than running at a steadier pace, and his research validated an approach to better assess the work rate of each player.
- Sam Fisher, new VFL recruit, grew up in Canberra, but his mum's family were from Geelong. At 17 he was playing for Ainslie and Marist College and was recruited to the Sydney Swans in 2016 and played in a Reserves Grand Final. He was de-listed after one year and joined the now defunct Northern Blues where he played for two years. Phil Smart called him at the end of 2019 and the rest is history. He is living in Scarborough, is doing an internship at DZ Constructions and is in his third year of an engineering degree.
- Deven Costigan, another VFL recruit, grew up in rural Victoria and went to school in Sale. He was in the TAC under 18's competition and met Sam Fisher at the Northern Blues. He is doing a finance degree at University and is working at Nexus Wealth in South Perth as a financial adviser and loves the beaches in Perth and the scenery.
- The dinner raffle was drawn by Guest Speaker Ted Polgaze with two prizes up for grabs thanks to Daryl Crotty, who donated a Lilee/Thomson book. Norm Kirkup took out first prize and John Cooper picked up the consolation prize.



## Fundraising for 2020

**BONANZA CASH Raffle** - Tickets are all but sold. Winners will be drawn at the October Dinner.

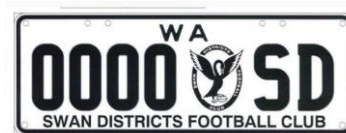
**The Auction** - The Galabid On-Line Auction is up and running. Follow the link below to register and view auction items [www.galabid.com/swans](http://www.galabid.com/swans). Auction ends 5.00pm Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> September



Weber Family Q3100 from \$400



De Longhi Magnifica \$400



SD 2020 Number Plates  
A special year



**Sponsor A Picket** - This is your chance to share in a unique piece of Western Australian sporting history. The sponsored picket could be a birthday gift, memorial remembrance for a loved one, personal favourite spot, or just a tribute to the great memories over the years at Bassendean Oval.

Your choice of location around the ground. Only \$150.00

For more details contact Trevor Hoy or Des Hardiman.

## **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 27<sup>th</sup> August is \$3,940.

**Free Members Draw** – The jackpot as of Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> August is \$1,500. The lucky member must be in attendance and claim the prize within 2 minutes – otherwise a jackpot of \$100 is added.

## **Coming Events**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Venue/ Guest</b>
<b>Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> September</b>	DINNER MEETING 3	6:30pm	John McGuire
<b>Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> September</b>	On-line Auction Closes		
<b>Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Committee Meeting	6:00pm	Swansmen Lounge
<b>Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> October</b>	DINNER MEETING 4	6:30pm	Bus Preservation WA
<b>Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> October</b>	McSherry Medal	6:30pm	Mandoon Estate
<b>Friday 6<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Swan Medal	6:30pm	Mandoon Estate
<b>Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Committee Meeting	6:00pm	Swansmen Lounge
<b>Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> November</b>	DINNER MEETING 5	6:30pm	AGM

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## **October Dinner**

### **On The Buses.....**

Hear the story of the history and restoration of Perth buses from the Bus Preservation Society of WA based at Whiteman Park. Members will be able to get inside and ‘pull the cord’ to ring the bell.

