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## **Nathan 'Doc' Blakely, 100 Games**

Congratulations go out to Nathan 'Doc' Blakely for playing his 100 WAFL game against West Coast in Round 13. It took Doc 12 years to get to the milestone having undergone two knee reconstructions, completing his medical studies and ongoing work load in the medical profession.

## **Women's Football**

After finishing the regular season with wins both the League and Rogers Cup girls finished fourth on the ladder and headed into the elimination First Semi Final, which was played at Pentanet Stadium on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> June. It wasn't to be for both sides with the Rogers Cup girls going down by 32 points to Subiaco and the League beaten by West Perth by 44 points. Congratulation to both teams for making the finals.



## **Men's Football**

Round 10 was a bye. Round 11 saw the men's teams take on South Fremantle at home. The Colts started the day with an 11-point win. The Reserves sad season continued going down by 70 points. In an upset, the League played their best four quarter game of the season and defeated their more fancied opponents by 27 points. Round 12 was at home again versus East Perth. The Colts had a comfortable 37-point win. In the Reserves the visitors had control for three quarters, going into the last break 39 points up. Swan's dug deep in the last, kicking five goals to two, but the margin was too great and they eventually went down by 19 points. It was another upset in the League with Swans downing second placed East Perth by a solitary point. It was a tough first half and although there was a strong breeze blowing to the Guildford end the other end seemed to be the scoring end and East Perth went into the long break 14 points up. The third term was all Swans, kicking 4.4 into the breeze and East Perth only managing 5 points with it. Swans went into the last break 8 points up and kicking with what breeze there was. Round 13 was a bye for the Colts and Reserves with the League taking on West Coast at Steel Blue. This was a crunch game, having won four games on the trot, including second and third on the ladder, there was no time for complacency against the Eagles. They had been pushing sides in recent weeks so it wasn't going to be a walk in the park. The first half was an even affair with Swans taking a handy 19-point lead into the long break. The third term was all Swans, kicking six goals to two and push the lead out to 45 points at the last change. The Eagles clicked at the start of the last quarter kicking three goals in as many minutes and the pressure was on. Swans however regained the ascendancy and kicked two goals themselves and although the Eagles kicked another two goals Swans hung on to a 24-point win, which makes it 5 wins in a row. So, after Round 13, the Colts sit fourth, the Reserves eighth and the League consolidate fourth.

## **All Abilities Football**

Round 8 saw the team take on top of the ladder and undefeated High Wycombe. Swans put on a brave display, going into the long break only one point down, but High Wycombe flexed their muscle in the second half kicking 7 goals to two and win by 31 points. Round 9 was against Wembley at home with Swans getting a 22-point win. The margin could have been more if the kicking boots were on, 7.18. Round 10 was Kelmscott away with Swans going down by nine points. The result could have been the opposite had the kicking boots not been left at home, again, 5.10. Round 11 was the Clubs 'Count Me In' round with the League side playing West Coast in the curtain raiser to the All-abilities game, Swans v Kingsway. It was a tight first half but unfortunately Kingsway came out the better after the long break and took the win by 22 points. They remain fifth on the ladder.

## **Trevor Hoy (President)**

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## ***JULY DINNER MEETING***

***Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2024 6:30pm for 7.00pm start  
Past Players & Officials Room Upstairs***

### **GUEST SPEAKER**

#### ***Bob Beecroft – SDFC Hall of Famer***

**Bob Beecroft** played 126 games for Swans, 96 for Fitzroy and 79 for Woodville. He kicked 658 career goals in 301 games, 164 with Swans, 291 with Fitzroy (leading goal kicker in 1977-1980) and 203 with Woodville. He won the Swan Medal in 1972 and was picked in the All-

Australian team in the same year. He was chosen in the Swans Team of the Century, 1934-2000, and was inducted into the Swans Hall of Fame in 2021.

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

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

### **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. Guests will be charged \$35.

### **Membership Drive**

**A** reminder for those who have not renewed their membership to please do so. An email will be sent out. Subscriptions have been reduced to \$35 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.

### **June Dinner Meeting**

- League players Jake Pasini and Ayden Cartwright gave an insight into their football journey thus far and what brought them to Swans.
- The Guest Speaker for the night was Dennis Lillee, Australian Cricket Legend. Interviewer extraordinaire Ross Fitzgerald put the controversial question to Dennis who answered very candidly. Of course, the questions came thick and fast from the members after the interview was complete.
- The dinner raffle was drawn by Dennis Lillee with Peter Snow taking out the prize, **AGAIN**.





Ross Fitzgerald puts the controversial questions to Dennis Lillee



Dennis Lillee with his Guest Speaker Shield



RIP Toddy

## **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:

**Team Announcements** – updates to the men’s and women’s teams.

**Chase the Ace** – The jackpot as of Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> July is \$2,950.

**Free Members Draw** – The jackpot as of Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> July is \$2,700. The lucky member must be in attendance and claim the prize within 2 minutes – otherwise a jackpot of \$100 is added.

## **Fundraising for 2024**

### **The retraVision Swansmen Auction – WE NEED YOUR HELP AND DONATIONS**

On-line event only again. Will run the entirety of August. The Club is on board again to make this the big fundraiser for the season. The Auction site should be up and running mid-July.

Watch this space, the Club website and your inbox for further details.

### **3 ways YOU can help make the Auction a HUGE success and add to our donation to the Club at year end:**

1. Drop into a known business or restaurant near you and ask for a donation to the auction by way of a product or voucher.
2. Seek a wine maker or donate a carton of wine for the wine wall.
3. Donate \$20, \$50, \$100 or more to our ‘Good Guys’ pool of funds for us to purchase additional home products for the auction catalogue.



**AFL Grand Final/Cash Bonanza Raffle** – Tickets all sold. The winner will be drawn at the July dinner.

**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**

**The Player Auction Leader Board** - the current standings for the Men's teams after Round 9 (Colts Round 11) are as follows:

<b>GROUP</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>EARNINGS</b>
1	Sullivan Logistics	\$1130.55
2	Swansmen	\$1151.10
3	Directors	\$1613.60
4	Authentic Purpose	\$760.55
5	Midway Ford	\$0.00
6	Dave Cianciosi	\$370.00
7	Celebrations Maida Vale	\$832.50
8	Thomas Gatter Law	\$760.55
9	Iron Mine Contracting	\$277.50
10	Sullivan Logistics	\$1130.55

## Coming Events

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Venue/ Guest</b>	<b>Guest Speaker</b>
<b>Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> July</b>	DINNER MEETING 5	6:30pm	PPOA Room	Bob Beecroft
<b>Friday 26<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>McSherry Medal</b>	6:30pm	Presidents Suite	
<b>Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> August</b>	<b>On-line Auction</b>	12:00am	<b>www.galabid.com</b>	
<b>Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> August</b>	Committee Meeting	6:00pm	Swansmen Lounge	
<b>Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> August</b>	DINNER MEETING 6	6:30pm	PPOA Room	TBC
<b>Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> September</b>	DINNER MEETING 7	6:30pm	TBC	TBC
<b>Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> October</b>	Committee Meeting	6:00pm	Swansmen Lounge	
<b>Friday 4<sup>h</sup> October</b>	<b>Swan Medal</b>	6:30pm	Mandoon	
<b>Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October</b>	DINNER MEETING 8	6:30pm	TBC	TBC
<b>Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Committee Meeting	6:00pm	Swansmen Lounge	
<b>Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November</b>	DINNER MEETING 9	6:30pm	PPOA Room	<b>AGM</b>

## Committee 2024

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