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Boston WAFC Review of Football – an AFL agenda!

The WAFC Structural Review of Football with the Boston Consulting Group, was released in April and provided more questions than answers as the WAFL Clubs dissected the 120 page report. A significant premise of the report and its outcomes centred on the perceived reduction in both quality and quantity of AFL Draftees through the WAFL in recent years. A more centrally run Colts competition - and under age development squads, were seen as necessary to improve the talent pathway.

The statistics provided through the report were questionable at best, and did not take into account the changing landscape of the AFL draftees and talent through NSW and Queensland in the past 5 years in spreading of talent from all traditional football States.. However, as the WAFC acknowledge the need to balance any future AFL funding with the integrity and sustainability of young footballers in the WAFL and community football generally, it is vital that Swans (and all WAFL Clubs) work together with the Commission to ensure the operational component of junior development is kept at Club level.

Des Hardiman (President)

INVITATION

MAY DINNER MEETING

Tuesday 16th MAY 2017 6:30pm

Past Players & Officials Room Upstairs SDFC

GUEST SPEAKER:

Josh Roberts



When Josh Roberts played his first game for Swans in 2002, nothing would have suggested that he would become the tough inspirational ball winning Premiership Captain he was to come. Josh came through the ranks at Swans as a running half forward or wingman, and that's where he played up until 2004. His career took off in 2005 when coach Steve Turner threw him into the middle.

When Josh started, the club's survival was in jeopardy, let alone its chance at a premiership. But it all began to turn around in 2004 and ended up with two grand finals, and two preliminary final finishes in the last 5 years of his career. Josh retired at the end of the 2012 season at the premature age of 28, but left a huge mark on the Clubs recovery, a cult hero with the supporters and a justly deserved Life Membership.

- Games Played – 175 plus 3 State Games in 2007, 2020 and 2012.
- 2008 and 2009 Swan Medallist
- 2010 Premiership Captain and played 13 finals

Numbers must be confirmed before Sunday 14th May by one of the following methods:

RSVP via the online link on the email or phone Dave Cianciosi on 0430 068 092

Last Month Dinner Meeting

- **Steven Armstrong** – Assistant Coach, proved to be an outstanding guest as he outlined his football career, his strong family connection in the WAFL through three generations and also an inspiring story as he relayed his survival of the Bali bombings in 2005.
- Players were again well represented with Tom Smirk, Tallan Ames and in attendance. Tallan was able to relate to his recent 250th Game for SD.
- The Dinner Raffle was won by Harry Evans, and Rod Greene was again successful in gaining valuable donations from all members in attendance.
- President Peter Hodyl was able to give a current update on the WAFC Review of Football and explained the strong stance and leadership Swans was taking in the debate.
- New members in attendance included Phil Spencer, Michael Burlo, David Dean and Joe, Emilio and Zino Paterniti.



Assistant Steve Armstrong



Tom Smirk hoping to break into the league side soon

Swansmen Fundraising for 2017

The Swansmen will again undertake a number of fundraising projects this year to continue the very important income provided to the football club. Your support is always appreciated.

The AFL Raffle tickets will be available this month and are sure to sell out again. Tickets are \$100 and will again be restricted to just 150 for a chance to win a return trip to the 2017 AFL Grand Final. See Peter Snow or Committee for advanced sales.

Club 20 is a new project this year. The Swansmen have 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. We still have a couple of 'spots' available so see Des Hardiman for more details.

Auction will again be held this year – albeit in a different format. With falling attendances and high expenses we have decided not to run a Dinner Auction this year. An on-line auction will take place between July and August. Members will receive the Auction catalogue as an on-line phone application. Three separate cut-off dates will apply and goods will be uploaded progressively. More details to follow. Donations from businesses and members will be most welcomed.

Membership Drive

New membership enquiries are most welcome. Swansmen Membership is \$40pa and benefits include:

- Access to the Swansmen Lounge to view home games inside or out, with bar facilities
- Monthly Dinner Meeting with guest speaker and players in attendance
- Monthly Newsletter – ***On The Ball***
- Business and networking opportunities with Judda Bee Sponsors
- Membership open to all financial members of the SDFC

Thursday is Members Club Night & Swansmen Chase the Ace

When Club President Peter Hodyl came up with the brilliant idea of getting members back to the Club on a Thursday Night with player interviews, team selections, cash incentives and entertainment, he was not expecting such a result in Week 2! Member Phil Spencer was present when his number was called and won the second week jackpot of \$1,100.



MEMBER DRAW JACKPOT this week is \$1,600.

Chase the Ace

The Swansmen run a Chase the Ace raffle on the Thursday Club nights. Tickets are only \$1 and at around 6:45pm with the players in attendance the winning raffle ticket is drawn. The winner then chooses a card from a special board. If the ACE is turned over the Jackpot is won. A bottle of wine and Swansmen stubby holder is given as a consolation prize.



CHASE THE ACE JACKPOT this week is \$650.

THURSDAY CLUB MEMBERS NIGHT	
• Members Draw \$1600 +	• Chase The Ace Jackpot \$650 +
• Past SDFC Match on Screens	• Coach announces League Team
• Watch Players Training	• Kitchen open for meals
• Interviews	• Players in attendance

We're all right, we are the mighty fighting Black & Whites



The League team gather in the rooms for the team song after the thrilling victory over Claremont on 29 April.

Coming Events

Date	Event	Time	Venue/ Guest
Tuesday 2nd May	Committee Meeting	6:00pm	Swansmen Lounge
Tuesday 16th May	DINNER MEETING 3	6:30pm	Josh Roberts (Former SD Captain)
Tuesday 20th June	DINNER MEETING 4	6:30pm	Stewart & Wes Kestel
Tuesday 4th July	Committee Meeting	6:00pm	Swansmen Lounge
Tuesday 18th July	DINNER MEETING 5	6:30pm	Neil Hackett (BikeWest WA)
Tuesday 15th August	DINNER MEETING 6	6:30pm	Paul Bradbury

Next Month:

The Kestel Boys – Stewart and Wes (TBC)

Stewart Kestel (1994 – 1998) 66 games – SDFC Director

Wesley Kestel (1996 – 2002) 126 games – SDFC Life Member 2005

Committee 2017

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