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Not the Started Requested

After the long awaited start to the Men's season the results have not been what was expected. Having had a Covid free season in 2021, the opening of WA's hard borders has created havoc amongst the WAFL Clubs, with Swans been no exception. The Men's squads in particular have suffered the most.

Women's Football

After loses to the top of the ladder East Fremantle and second placed Claremont in Rounds 8 and 10 respectively the League side bounced back to win against newcomers West Perth in Round 11. They still sit third after round 11 with a 5/4 win loss ratio. The Reserves have also had loses to the top of the ladder Claremont and second placed East Fremantle in Rounds 8 and 10 respectively and after a bye Round 11 sit third after round 11 also with a 4/4 win loss ratio. The young Colt's girls are not fairing so well and have not had a win Round 6, although they have been knocking on the door with narrow losses. After round 11 they still sit sixth with a 2/7 win loss ratio.

Men's Football

It has not been the start that was anticipated with the Men's League side. Expectations were high going into Round 1 against East Perth but after a tight tussle all day the Royals held on to win by 4 points. This made the Round 2 clash at home against East Fremantle a crucial match. Unfortunately Mr Covid struck on morning of game day with the League losing 5 players to Covid protocols. This meant a re-shuffle of all three sides and it was going to test the depth of the playing list. Things were looking promising with Swans going into the half time break 26 points up. Unfortunately Swan's seemed to run out of legs in the second half and with the Sharks kicking 8 goals to 2 in the last half to take the win by 9 points. With two losses to start the season the Round 3 clash against Perth at Lathlain was a must win. With more players going down to Covid protocols and some returning, the depth of the playing list was again going to be tested. After a slow first half Swan's slowly pegged back the Demons to be just 5 points down at three quarter time. In what was a tense see sawing last quarter the goal kicking accuracy of Swan's was the ultimate deciding factor coming home with their first win of the season by 5 points. The next three games will be tough facing Claremont at home, Subiaco in Kalgoorlie and South Fremantle at home respectively over the next 4 rounds.

The Reserves had a good start to the season with a comfortable 38 point win over East Perth in Round 1 but the effects of the Covid re-shuffle saw them go down to both East Fremantle, Round 2 and Perth, Round 3. The Colt's have not had a good start to the season losing all three matches, although they have been knocking on the door with narrow losses in Rounds 2 and 3.

Integrated Football

The Integrated season kicked off after the League game against East Fremantle on Saturday 23rd April. It was Swans first game in the Integrated competition, coming up against seasoned campaigners Curtin University Wesley. It was always going to be a challenge especially when you are undermanned but the team battled through and all can be proud of their efforts. Round 2 saw them take on Fremantle CBC at Kardinya. With a near full side Swans went into three quarter time 3 goals up but injuries to two key players in the second term took its toll in the last and Fremantle kicked a late goal to take the win. An impressive effort regardless.



Integrated Coach John Stone addresses the players

Trevor Hoy (President)



MAY DINNER MEETING

Wednesday 18th MAY 2022 6:30pm
Past Players & Officials Room Upstairs

GUEST SPEAKER

Glen Jakovich
West Coast Eagles Legend

Games: 327: 276 games West Coast Eagles: 51 South Fremantle (1989-91);7 State of origin games; 1 State game. WCE Premiership player 1992 and 1994.

Four times Fairest and Best for West Coast Eagles 1993, 1994, 1995, 2000. All Australian player 1994, 1995.

Rated as one of the best key defenders produced in this State, Jakovich stood tall at centre-half-back, the position he played for virtually all his career from juniors. He had the distinction of representing Western Australia at three levels in the one year, 1990, when he was in the Teal Cup (under-17s), the WA Football League and State-of-Origin.

A totally dedicated professional, Jakovich overcame a knee reconstruction that sidelined him for most of 1996 and early into 97, coming back much earlier than expected.

Has been in the professional recruitment game for many years – currently with Tecside Labour Hire together with football media commentating, mentoring AIS coaches and coaching his boy's football side.

Numbers must be confirmed before Wednesday 11th MAY 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 and support our guest speakers.

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.

April Dinner Meeting

- **W**omen's League coach Adam Dancey talked about his passion for women's football. He has a 12-year-old daughter so wants to put a pathway in place for her and other young girls. Had 120 players last year, with threatened removal of reserves, now 90 players, so about 50-55 Senior Players. He noted that it had been a tough start to the year due to the loss of Senior players to the AFLW and other Clubs. He thanked the Swansmen for the renovation to the Women's Office under the stairs.

- Newly appointed Co-Captain Brandon Erceg and young League ruckman Matthew Germs gave an insight into their football journey.
- The Guest Speaker for the night was Tim McLernon. Tim is the general manager and co-owner of hospitality business Three Pound Group, which runs Perth venues including The Stables Bar, The Reveley and The Camfield. Studied Political Science at University. Started in the Pub game as a 17yr old as a glassman. Worked 13yrs at IMF. Legend in the Pub game Pat Kenny gave him his first job in Pubs. In 2013 wanted a pub so with Tony Buhagiar and Tim Gepp started the Stables in the City. He noted that Pubs are 80% Location. In hindsight he stated that purchasing the Reveley was a risky thing to do but came up with festivals within the area. 3 Biggest events at Camfield – 2021 Grand Final/Melbourne Cup/Bledisloe Cup.
- The dinner raffle was drawn by Tim McLernon with Graeme Higgins taking out the prize.



Adam Dancey



Brandon Erceg



Matthew Germs



Tim McLernon

Fundraising for 2022

AFL Grand Final/Cash Bonanza Raffle - Tickets on sale now and selling fast. The winner will be drawn at the June dinner. Price is \$100 each and is restricted to just 200. Major prize is the choice of a return trip for 2 to the 2022 AFL Grand Final or \$5000 cash. There will also be a second prize of \$500 and third prize of \$250 plus 20 consolation prizes of your money back. See Peter Snow or Committee for tickets.

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 Auction - 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.

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

Chase the Ace Jackpot Goes Off - After 71 weeks of no winner **Robyn Hart** took off the *Chase the Ace* jackpot on Thursday 24th March. She pocketed a cool \$9,600. A well-deserved winner, being a regular at the members nights. Robyn is the 6th lucky *Chase The Ace* winner.



Bucket Hats - black bucket hats with the Swans logo printed on the front are now available for \$25 each. These can be purchased at Thursday Night Members Night, from the Club Office, in the Club Merchandise Store and Swansmen Lounge on home games or contact Trevor Hoy.



Masks – A great project - almost selling out of the 500 masks.

The Player Auction Leader Board - the current standings for the Men's teams after Round 3 and the Women's teams after Round 8 are as follows (no results for Men's at time of going to press):

GROUP	NAME	EARNINGS
1	Julie Harrison	\$0.00
2	Directors	\$0.00
3	Trevor Fawcett	\$0.00
4	Jane Fitzgerald	\$0.00
5	Sue Howard	\$0.00
6	Maurice Embley	\$0.00
7	Sullivan Logistics	\$0.00
8	Swansmen	\$0.00
9	Swansmen	\$0.00
10	Jane Fitzgerald	\$0.00

GROUP	NAME	EARNINGS
1	Julie Harrison	\$425.62
2	Sharon Stribley	\$364.82
3	Jones and Co	\$435.61
4	Swansmen	\$283.75
5	Celebrations Maida Vale	\$506.69
6	Sullivan Logistics	\$222.94
7	Sullivan Logistics	\$162.14
8	Sullivan Logistics	\$1155.26

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 – Director of Football Andy Holmes will give updates of the senior team.

Chase the Ace – The jackpot as of Thursday 5th May is \$1,300.

Free Members Draw – The jackpot as of Thursday 5th May is \$2,200. The lucky member must be in attendance and claim the prize within 2 minutes – otherwise a jackpot of \$100 is added.

Coming Events

Date	Event	Time	Venue/ Guest
Wednesday 18 th May	DINNER MEETING 3	6:30pm	Glen Jakovich
Tuesday 7 th June	Committee Meeting	6:00pm	Swansmen Lounge
Wednesday 15 th June	DINNER MEETING 4	6:30pm	Mandoon Estate
Wednesday 20 th July	DINNER MEETING 5	6:30pm	TBC

Committee 2022

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