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Success at Last

After scraping through the Preliminary Final by the barest of margins, 2 points, the Colts made it through to the 2021 Grand Final against old rivals Claremont. Having lost the Second Semi to the Tigers by 9 points this was not going to be an easy task. In what was an entertaining hard fought match the young Swans managed to take advantage of the scoring end in the last quarter and kick 4 goals to two to bring the flag home to Steel Blue. Bailey Jenkin won the Mel Whinnen for best afield. Congratulations to the Colts Coach John Armstrong and his coaching staff along with the players for a great achievement.



The Reserves unfortunately went out of the finals in straight sets. Having lead at every break against Perth in the Qualifying Final, Perth came home with a burst and kicked five goals to one in the last term to take the win. This put Swans up against Subiaco in the must win First Semi. It was an even contest all day but again the opposition got the upper hand in the final term to take the win and end Swans finals run.

Although the League team suffered losses to South Fremantle and Claremont in the last two rounds of the season, there were good signs heading into its first finals berth under Adam Pickering. Taking on West Perth at Joondalup was not going to be an easy task but the Swannies came to play. In an even contest Swans held firm and lead at all three changes. West Perth started the last with gusto kicking the first three goals of the term to take a sixteen point lead and it was looking bleak for the Swannies. However, the Black Ducks found something special and kicked the next three goals to regain the lead only to lose it again when Ruddy Riddick kicked one for the Falcons. Lewis Jetta then booted one from outside 50 to put Swans back in front. Swans seemed to have the momentum but at about the sixteen minute mark Frank Anderson went down with a serious knee injury and was carried off the ground. West Perth were more lively after the long break and managed to kick the winning goal with only minutes to spare. It was a disappointing finish for the Swans but they can hold their heads high in what they have achieved in 2021.

Auction Success

The annual Swansmen Auction was an On-line only event again this year due to success of 2020 and ran for the entire month of August. With over 200 items up for grabs, including the Replica Jumpers worn by the league players in the 60th Anniversary game of the 1961 Premiership in Round 19, there was a chance to bag a bargain or two. This year overtime bidding was added, where bidders had 90 seconds after bidding closed at 7.00pm on Thursday 2nd September, to place a bid. This saw hectic bidding on various items and continued for 40 minutes or so and added an extra \$2500 plus to the total, an amazing effort. The gross result was just under **\$43,000**, an outstanding effort.

I would like to thank all those suppliers and donors who contributed to the Auction in what has been another trying year, their support is greatly appreciated.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank from the Club, Jeff Dennis, Peter Hodyl, Ross Leipold, Jen McBride and Joely Bouckaert, and from the Swansmen, Des Hardiman, Tim Outred, Maurice Embley, Steve Bakes, Jim Benson, Neville Bassett and Darryl Crotty for their efforts in helping organise Auction items.

Trevor Hoy (President)

OCTOBER DINNER MEETING - Away Dinner

Wednesday 20th OCTOBER 2021 6:30pm

The Stirling Arms Hotel

Come along and enjoy a good old pub meal, a coldie, a yarn with your mates and maybe even a game of pool at the away dinner at the Stirling Arms Hotel. Dig into your bag of jokes and delight us with your best in the joke-off.

Numbers must be confirmed before by Wednesday 13th October by one of the following methods:

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

Notice of AGM

*In accordance with the Constitution please note that the
Annual General Meeting*

of the Swansmen will be held at the November Dinner Meeting at the Club on

Wednesday 17th November 2021

*All positions on the Committee will be declared vacant and those wishing to nominate are asked to notify the
Secretary by Monday 15th November 2021*

September Dinner Meeting

- The guest speaker for the night was **Noelle Martin**, WA Young Australian of the Year 2019. Noelle gave a firsthand account of how, at age 18, she discovered that sexual predators had stolen images of her from social media, editing them onto pornographic images and videos, adding her name and details of where she lived. She explained the actions she took in trying to remove the images and videos and despite the abuse escalating after she shared her experience publicly and being told that nothing could be done about the images, Noelle continued to speak out. Her actions were a major factor in new laws being introduced and passed in New South Wales in 2017, in 2018 at the Commonwealth level and in Western Australia, making it a criminal offence to distribute non-consensual intimate images.



Noelle Martin



Des Hardiman with Noelle Martin holding the Guest Speaker Shield



Maurice Embley and Noelle Martin present Jan Hardiman with her raffle prize



Maurice Embley presents Christine Polakiewicz with her raffle prize



Swansmen President Trevor Hoy welcomes the 116 Guests that attended the Ladies Dinner

- There were two dinner raffle draws, both drawn by the special guest Noelle Martin. Jan Hardiman was the lucky first draw winner with Christine Polakiewicz taking out the second draw. A very special thanks to Anne and Maurice Embley for providing the raffle prizes and also the table gifts for the Ladies.

SDFC Volunteer of the Month

Swansmen Life Member Peter Bacon was awarded the SDFC Volunteer of the Month Award for September. Pete is a well known figure amongst the Swansmen Clan, having been involved since the inception of the Swan's Businessmen's Association in 1983. Over the many years he has served on the Swansmen Committee, supported the annual Auction, is always on hand for Busy Bees or general maintenance and used to frequent the kitchen on monthly dinner nights.



Pete looking quite dapper at the last home game

In recent years he has kept the faithful happy in the Swansmen Lounge at home games, serving refreshments, cheese and crackers, the odd jerky and running the raffle. This year, when the Club asked if we could open our bar for the Perth Football League Grand Final for their Umpires, Peter did not hesitate in serving for the full day – and we raised \$1,300.

The Award has been presented by the Club each month this year. We congratulate Pete on this Award, well deserved.



The very full Swansmen's Lounge for PFL final

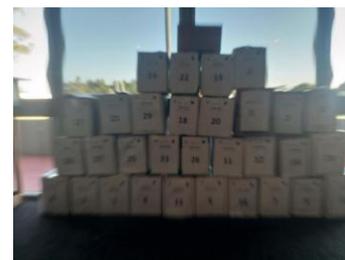
Fundraising for 2021

The Player Auction Leader Board - the final standings for the Men's teams are as follows:

| GROUP | NAME | EARNINGS |
|-------|--------------------------|------------------|
| 1 | Directors | \$517.50 |
| 2 | Jane Fitzgerald | \$2980.20 |
| 3 | Peter Snow & Ralph Cipro | \$1748.90 |
| 4 | Swansmen | \$1782.40 |
| 5 | Thomas Gatter | \$1102.00 |
| 6 | Smith, Hodyl, Peak | \$1619.50 |
| 7 | Sullivan Logistics | \$1360.80 |
| 8 | Sullivan Logistics | \$1782.40 |
| 9 | George Brock | \$258.75 |
| 10 | Sullivan Logistics | \$646.85 |

Main prize – 6 bottles Penfolds St Henri Shiraz.

Wine Wall - the wine wall draw (as part of the Annual Auction) took place at the Club on the Members Night of Thursday 23rd September. 31 mixed cartons in



The Wine Wall – featuring 31 cartons of donated mixed wines

all were sold. The lucky winner of the six, individually wrapped and boxed, bottles of Penfolds St Henry Shiraz valued at \$780 was Club President Peter Hodyl. Congratulations Pete. Prize kindly donated by Neville Bassett and Westar Capital.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank **ALL** the wine suppliers for their kind donations. Full list in the Annual Report. I would like to thank Jim Benson, Maurice Embley and Des Hardiman for helping to unpack and repack the cartons and a big thanks to Des for co-ordinating the event.

Thursday Night – Swans Members Night

All Club Members and Supporters are invited to Steel Blue Oval on Thursday nights to join in the following activities in the main bar:

Chase the Ace – The jackpot as at Thursday 7th October is **\$5,500**.

Free Members Draw – The jackpot as at Thursday 7th October is **\$4,000**. 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 |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------|---------|---------------------------------|
| Thursday 14 th October | Swan Medal | 6:30pm | Mandoon Estate |
| Wednesday 20 th October | DINNER MEETING 6 | 6:30pm | Away Dinner/Stirling Arms Hotel |
| Tuesday 9 th November | Committee Meeting | 6:00pm | Swansmen Lounge |
| Wednesday 17 th November | DINNER MEETING 6 | 6:30pm | AGM |
| Sunday 12 th December | Xmas Luncheon | 12:00pm | Kappy's Restaurant Guildford |

Next Month's Dinner (November 17th) - AGM

The November dinner is the AGM and final dinner meeting of the year.

Committee 2021

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