



# ON THE BALL !

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## Uphill Battle

After putting up a sterling performance for 3 quarters against last year's Premiers Subiaco, only to fade away in the last quarter to go down by 18 points, there were high expectations heading into the East Freo game at home on 18<sup>th</sup> May, but the team didn't fire and gave the Sharks their first win for the season. That made the home game the week after against newcomers West Coast a crucial match. The league side responded accordingly and came home with the win, showing that if they pull together 4 quarters of football they will stretch any team in the competition. Unfortunately, old habits die hard and after matching it with Perth for three quarters, and being in front at the last break, Perth came home with a flurry to win by 6 points. That just about closes the door on the 2019 season unless there is a huge change in performances.

After four straight losses the Reserves have now won three on the trot and find themselves knocking on the door of the top five. Hopefully they can continue their development and snare a few more wins.

The Colts made it 7 from 7 with a runaway win against Perth which sees them sitting clear top of the ladder by one game.

After a disappointing game against East Freo in round 3, the Women's league team bounced back against Peel Thunder in round four handing them a 46-point hiding. This sees the girls sitting third on percentage, with the top four sides all with two wins.

After round 8 the reserves sit 8th on the ladder with a 2/5 win/loss ratio and the colts also sit 5th on the ladder with a 3/3/1 win/loss/draw ratio.

The quality of our dinner guest speakers was reinforced when **James McMahan** received WA's highest honour, The 2019 West Australian of the Year at the Crown Ballroom last week. Also in attendance at the annual Award ceremony was Professor Bruce Robinson, our Club Patron and Swansmen guest in July 2013, just weeks after he too was awarded West Australian of the Year.



*James McMahan, guest speaker in June 2015, with Eric Benson and Robyn McVee*

**Trevor Hoy (President)**

## ***JUNE DINNER MEETING***

***Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2019 6:30pm***  
***Past Players & Officials Room Upstairs***

### **GUEST SPEAKER**

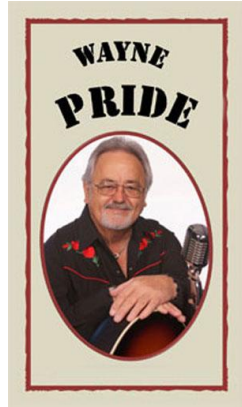
#### ***Wayne Pride***

***Vocalist/ Guitarist/ Compare – and long-term Swans supporter***

**Wayne** (or Ron Fry to his friends), is a consummate professional whose music spans Country, 50's Rock n Roll, Country Rock, Standards and Memory Lane. Wayne has performed in the United States, the United Kingdom, Asia and throughout Australia. In the 1980's Wayne was the MC for Home Games and many club events. He was a great mate of the players and maintains a strong relationship with many of them today.

***Numbers must be confirmed by Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> June by one of the following methods:***

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



### **May Dinner Meeting**

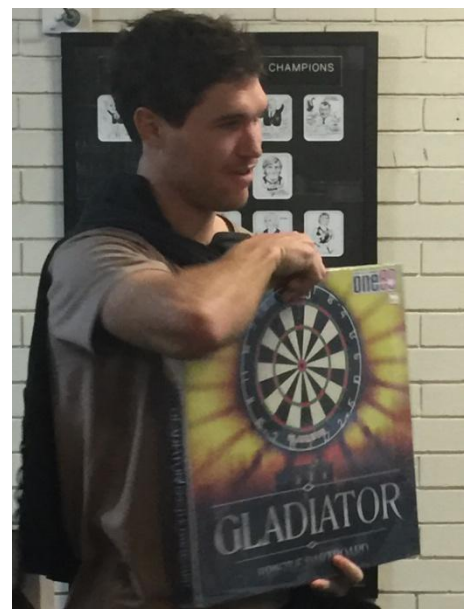
- **New recruit** George Hampson and young gun Ethan Maguire gave a summary of their life experiences inside and outside of football.  
George grew up in Scarborough. He had two knee reconstructions at an early age and has won F&B awards at both Subiaco and East Fremantle. He left both Subiaco and East Freo after four years each due to personality clashes with the respective coaches. He likes to be honest and is a caring person which he attributes to his upbringing from his mum and dad.
- **Young gun** Ethan Maguire grew up in Bunbury and in 2014 was lucky enough to be in a winning Colts team in his first year at Swannies. He had moved to Perth at 17 which he said was challenging and in 2015 did his knee in a pre-season game and missed a whole year. He completed a Diploma in Building Design and is now doing Architecture. He enjoys Swannies and the great bunch of guys playing at the Club. He believes we are heading in the right direction. He lives in Applecross and used to live with Connor Blakely.
- **The guest speaker** for the night was Criminal Lawyer Seamus Rafferty. Seamus is a Claremont supporter, mad footy fan, an umpire, a member of the WAFL tribunal and has run his own practice for the last ten years. After leaving school he drifted a bit but had always wanted to do law. He was accepted into Notre Dame University and graduated in 2001. He only ever wanted to do criminal law, was articled at the DPP and admitted to the High Court in 2007. He has prosecuted almost everything. He believes 90% of people are well intentioned but some make stupid mistakes. His golden rule in practising law is not to speak to the media like some lawyers do to increase their profiles. He spoke briefly about several high-profile cases he took on and admitted he had to learn to shut off from some nasty cases he had to deal with. He believes the scourge of methamphetamine is the cause of 75% of cases now and WA is the most punitive State in Australia.
- **There were two dinner raffle draws** thanks to Kevin Gartrell donating a dart board. Doug McArthur won the Dan Murphy's voucher and Ethan Maguire drew out George Hampson's ticket for the dart board.
- **Robin McVee** finished off the night with his joke of the month.



*Guest Speaker Seamus Rafferty receiving his Shield from Secretary Jim Benson*



*Ethan Maguire chatting with Trevor Winnett*



*George Hampson showing off his raffle prize*

## **Invite a Guest**

We ask all members to RSVP to the dinners early and ask that you endeavour to bring along a guest so that we get good numbers and increase our profile.

## **Membership Drive**

A reminder for those who have not renewed their membership to please do so. Subscriptions are still only \$40 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 next Dinner Meeting
- Pay direct to the Swansmen bank account, BSB: 036-080 A/C: 276254, include your name.

## **Fundraising for 2019**

**The AFL Raffle** - 50% of tickets have been sold. If you haven't purchased one yet contact Peter Snow or any Committee member to acquire one. Winner will be drawn at the July Dinner.

**Sponsor A Picket** - slow on the take-up so far. There have been 10 plaques sold thus far. 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. For more details contact Trevor Hoy or Des Hardiman.

**The Auction** - donation request letters have been sent out and now the arduous task of collecting items has begun. Planning for the big night is next on the agenda for the Auction Committee. The date has been set at Saturday the 24<sup>th</sup> August, so plug it into your diary.

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

## **Thursday Nights – Swans Members Night**

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

**League Team Announcements** – Adam will give a season update and announce the senior team.

**Chase the Ace** – Regular barmaid Robyn Hart had a night out on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May winning two chocolate wheel prizes then getting her Chase the Ace number pulled out and low and behold picking the Ace. She took home a cool \$4,895. To rub salt into the wound her number was pulled out the next week as well but she drew the 9 of hearts. The jackpot as of Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June now stands at \$1,600.

**Chook Raffles** – Win meat packs, chooks, wine plus more.

**Free Members Draw** – The jackpot as of Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June is \$2,600. The lucky member must be in attendance and must claim the prize within 2 minutes, otherwise \$100 is added to the jackpot.

## **THE Swansmen Game Day Experience** (10-25 people)

Organise a group and enjoy a day at the footy in the comfort of the Swansmen Lounge. Various packages available include, but not limited to:

- Admission c/w Football Budget
- Swansmen stubby holder
- Reserved Seat in the Swansmen Lounge VIP area
- Drinks – various drinks packages available
- Lunch – various food packages available
- Half time snacks – various food packages available
- Access to upstairs after the game

Contact Trevor Hoy or Des Hardiman for further details.

## **Coming Events**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Venue/ Guest</b>
<b>Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> June</b>	DINNER MEETING 4	6:30pm	<b>Wayne Pride</b> (Musical Entertainer)
<b>Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> July</b>	DINNER MEETING 5	6:30pm	<b>Michael Anghie</b> (Businessman)
<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	TBA
<b>Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> August</b>	GALA AUCTION DINNER	6:30pm	Steel Blue Function Room

## **Next Month (July 16<sup>th</sup>)**

### Guest Speaker: **Michael Anghie**

Michael Anghie is a former partner of Ernst Young and current Group CEO of APM Australia, a mission driven human services organisation.

## **Committee 2019**

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