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Tony Notte, 300 Games

Congratulations go out to Tony Notte for becoming the seventh WAFL and second Swans player to play 300 WAFL games. Apart from a short stint at the West Coast Eagles Tony has played his entire football career at Swans, etching his name into the Swans history book. The Club stalwart has captained the League side, won three Swan Medals and represented the State six times.

Women's Football

Round eleven saw the girls take on Subiaco at Leederville Oval. It was a mixed result with the Rogers Cup girls winning by 10 points and the League unable to overcome a slow start going down by 11 points. Round twelve saw the girls back at home with the Rogers Cup taking on Perth and the League South Fremantle.

It was an even first half in the Rogers Cup game but Perth got the ascendancy in

the second half kicking 5.2 to 2.0 and take the win by 26-points. The League game was crucial for both sides, win and consolidate a spot in the top four, lose and fall back to the pack. It was a tight affair all day with Swans coming out on top by 11 points. Round thirteen saw the girls back at Leederville Oval versus East Perth. It was a day out for with both sides with the Rogers Cup girls winning by 85 points and the League by 101 points. Round fourteen was a bye for the Rogers Cup girls with the League team back home against ladder leaders East Fremantle. It was a close game but the visitors took the win by 12 points. So, after Round fourteen both sides sit fourth.

Men's Football

Round seven saw the men's teams take on Peel at home. It was not a good day for the home sides with the Colts going down by 42 points, the Reserves by 25 points in the bottom of the ladder clash and the League losing by 18 points with inaccuracy in front of goals proving costly. Round eight was at home against West Perth. In the Colts the visitors had the better of the young Swans for three quarters, going into the last break 53 points up. Swans came out and kicked 8.1 to 1.2 in the last but the defecate was too large and they lost by 12 points. The Reserves game was the 2023 Grand Final replay and a battle of the cellar dwellers with Swan's not having won a game and West Perth with only one win. It was all Swan's for three quarters, going into the last break 55 points up. Although West Perth had the breeze in the last, kicking 6.4 to 2.1, the damage was done, with Swan's winning by 28 points and notching their first win of the season. It was a crucial game for the League, win and stay in touch with the top five, lose and fall back to the pack. The first half was a shocker for Swans with West Perth all over the home side, but only going into the long break 22 points up. Swans came out a different side after half time, dominating against what wind there was, kicking 5.1 to 1.1 and going into the last break 2 points up. It was an arm wrestle for most of the last quarter but Swans took ascendancy late in the term to come out victors by 13 points, great turn-around. Round nine was away to Subiaco. The Colts got up by 36 points while the Reserves went down by 28 points. In a hard-fought game, the League kicked 4.2 to 1.1 in the last quarter to come out on top and celebrate Tony Notte' 300th game with a win. After Round nine the Colts sit fifth, the Reserves 8th and the League fourth.

All Abilities Football

Round 4 saw the team take on Warnbro at Warnbro. Swans came up trumps by 25 points. Round 5 they were up against old foes Coolbinia at Coolbinia. It was an even first half with Swans going into the long break 4 points up. A strong second half by the Black and Whites saw them kick 3.3 to 1.1 and bring home an 18-point win. Rounds 6 & 7 were byes. They currently sit fifth on the ladder.

Trevor Hoy (President)





MAY DINNER MEETING

***Tuesday 18th June 2024 6:30pm for 7.00pm start
Past Players & Officials Room Upstairs***

GUEST SPEAKER

***Dennis Lillee AM, MBE – Australian Cricket
Legend***



Dennis Lillee was the most accomplished and consistently hostile fast bowler of his time. At his peak no one was faster, more competitive, more menacing or resourceful. By his career's conclusion Dennis had claimed a world record 355 Test wickets from 70 Tests and had become an Australian sporting legend. There is strong support among senior cricket officials, players and the media for the contention that he was the greatest Australian pace bowler of any era.

Numbers must be confirmed before Tuesday 11th June 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:

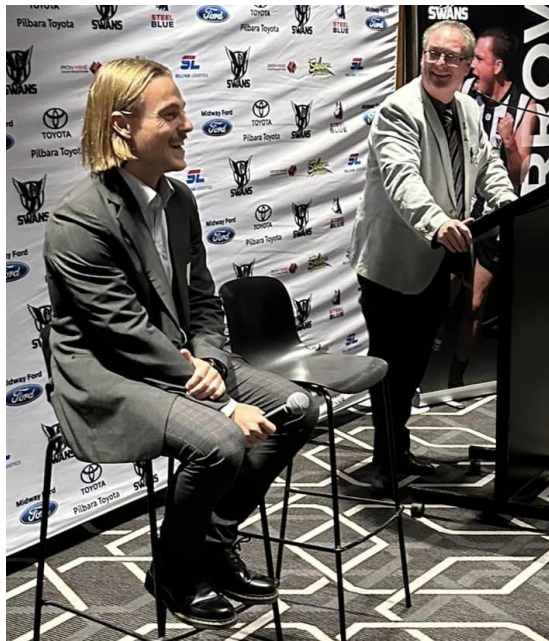
- Pay at the Club Office (together with your Club Membership) and add the Swansmen membership
- Pay online via the Club webpage
- Pay at the first Dinner Meeting
- Pay direct to the Swansmen bank account, BSB: 036-080 A/C: 276254, include your name.

May Dinner Meeting - Mandoon Estate

- The combined Swansmen dinner and Club Sponsors and Judda Bee Networking night was held at Mandoon Estate on Wednesday 15th May. For those who did attend there was good food, good drinks, good company and excellent entertainment on offer. It was disappointing to see the lack of participation by Swansmen Members on the night.
- The formalities commenced with Andy Holmes hosting Q&A sessions with Jackson McLachlan, representing Club Sponsor Wealth Plus and Mike Foskett, General Manager of McIntosh & Sons, who sponsor the All-Abilities team.
- The Guest Speaker for the night was Mike McKenna, CEO of Optus Stadium. Mike gave an insight into his journey to Optus Stadium, from General Manager of commercial operations at the Essendon Football Club for seven years from 1998, then joining Cricket Australia in 2005 for 11 years, being the architect behind the Big Bash League and finally joining Venues Live in 2016 to become chief executive of the new Perth Stadium.
- Thanks to Joely Bouckaert, Mitch Eastman, Gerry Roelofs and Ross Leipold for organising a great night.



Mike McKenna



Jackson McLachlan answers the hard questions from MC Andy Holmes



Attendees focused in on the Guest Speaker

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 – after training, Andrew will announce the senior team.

Chase the Ace – The jackpot as of Thursday 30th May is \$2,385.

Free Members Draw – The jackpot as of Thursday 30th 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.

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 or \$100 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 selling fast. The winner will be drawn at the July dinner. Price is \$100 each and will be restricted to just 200. Major prize is the choice of a return trip for 2 to the 2024 AFL Grand Final or \$5000 cash. There will also be a second prize of \$300 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 Player Auction Leader Board - the current standings for the Men's teams after Round 4 are as follows:

GROUP	NAME	EARNINGS
1	Sullivan Logistics	\$760.55
2	Swansmen	\$575.55
3	Directors	\$575.55
4	Authentic Purpose	\$0.00
5	Midway Ford	\$0.00
6	Dave Cianciosi	\$0.00
7	Celebrations Maida Vale	\$0.00
8	Thomas Gatter Law	\$185.00
9	Iron Mine Contracting	\$0.00
10	Sullivan Logistics	\$555.00

Coming Events

Date	Event	Time	Venue/ Guest	Guest Speaker
Tuesday 4 th June	Committee Meeting	6:00pm	Swansmen Lounge	
Tuesday 18 th June	DINNER MEETING 4	6:30pm	PPOA Room	Dennis Lillee
Tuesday 16 th July	DINNER MEETING 5	6:30pm	PPOA Room	Bob Beecroft
Thursday 1 st August	On-line Auction	12:00am	www.galabid.com	
Tuesday 6 th August	Committee Meeting	6:00pm	Swansmen Lounge	

Swansmen Lounge – Special Event

On Saturday 15th June – SD vs SF, the recently renovated Swansmen's Lounge will be officially 're-commissioned' with a half-time event to show off the new facility, new bar and new signage.

It will double as the annual Swansmen Reunion, **and all past members are invited to attend**. The current committee are proud to recognise the past life members and Swansmen faithful who founded the Swansmen 40 years ago in 1984 and built the current facility in 1987 that we are able to enjoy each home game.

Committee 2024

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