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Not Quite OFF and RUNNING

It has been a long pre-season with the season proper not getting under way until the first weekend of April. Pre-season hit outs against Perth, Subiaco and Claremont saw mixed results on the scoreboard but valuable game time for the players in the league squad. The Claremont game in particular was a good win.

Saturday the 6th of April sees the season opener at home against South Fremantle. Come on down and support the boys, catch up with old acquaintances and have a coldie.

The Swansmen again have a lot of projects on the go this year. Refer to the fundraising section further on.

As always, we look forward to welcoming all members into the Lounge on home games and at the Monthly Dinner Meetings. In addition to the guest speaker, the players never fail to provide both informative and entertaining career highlights. Please support the Dinner Meetings and invite a guest to enjoy a night at the Club and gain an insight into the Club, the coaches, the players and the form.

The Club lost another great stalwart on Thursday 28th March with the passing of Garry Sidebottom. Our sincere condolences go out to the Sidebottom family. Garry's funeral service will be held at the Club on Friday 5th April starting at 12.30pm.

Trevor Hoy (President)

APRIL DINNER MEETING

Tuesday 16th APRIL 2019 6:30pm

This is a combined Swansmen Dinner and SDFC Sponsors and Judda Bee Networking Event to be held at Mandoon Estate in the Swan Valley. The cost will be \$40 per head and includes food and drinks. The Club have subsidised the Swansmen \$10 per head. This is a great opportunity to get to know the Club sponsors as well as Judda Bee members.

GUEST SPEAKER

John Inverarity

West Australian Cricket Legend

Other speakers will be the Clubs new General Manager of Community Kara Donnellan and League Player Alex Howard



Robert John Inverarity, born in 1944, played six Tests for Australia between 1968 and 1972. A right handed batsmen and left arm orthodox spin bowler, he was an outstanding Captain for both the Western Australian and South Australian Sheffield Shield teams. He was also Chairman of Selectors for Cricket Australia from 2011 to 2014.

His Shield career spanned twenty three years between 1962 and 1985. He replaced Tony Lock as Captain of WA to win the Sheffield Shield four times in six years, 1971/72 and 1976/77. He played 223 First Class Matches making 11,777 runs and taking 221 wickets.

John was made a Life Member of the WACA in 1985, had a grand stand named after him at the WACA and was awarded the Order of Australia Member medal in 2018. He was named in the West Australian Team of the Century (listed below on the famous WACA scoreboard).

John had a successful career in education. He taught in the UK, Adelaide and was Headmaster of Hale School in Perth from 1989 – 2003.



Numbers must be confirmed by Tuesday 9th April by one of the following methods:

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

March Dinner Meeting

- League coach Adam Pickering took time out from team selection to give a run down on where the league squad was at and his expectations for the year. He also gave an update on the medical condition of Rhys Palmer.
- The dinner raffle was drawn by Swansmen President Trevor Hoy with Darryl Crotty taking out the 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.

Swansmen Lounge Busy Bee

The annual Swansmen Lounge busy bee was held on Sunday 17th March. There was an excellent turnout to get the lounge into pristine condition for the first home game. Cobwebs were removed, windows cleaned, carpets vacuumed and unwanted items thrown out. There were also a few running repairs carried out to the exterior of the lounge and the Club building. The morning ended with the mandatory sausage sizzle and coldie.

A big thanks to Peter Bacon, Steve Bakes, Neville Bassett, Jim Benson, Maurice Embley, Rod Greene, Des Hardiman, Graeme Higgins, Trevor Hoy, Norm Kirkup, Ted Martin, Robin McVee, Tim Outred, John Rowe, Peter Snow and Ross Wheldon for their hard work.



Annual SDFC Sponsors Golf Day

The annual SDFC sponsors golf day was held at The Vines resort on Friday 15th March. There was good representation from both the Swansmen and Judda Bee's.

Steve Bakes team took out the winners prize, although Steve didn't actually play as he rolled up a few hours too late due to work commitments. The rest of us had a pleasurable day regardless.

The Swansmen brigade didn't give the leaders board a scare with the only highlight being Des Hardiman **NEARLY** taking out the 'closest to the pin' prize only to be pipped by team member and league player Jackson Slater.

Thanks to Ross Leipold and his staff for organising a great day out.

Fundraising for 2019

The Swansmen will undertake a number of fundraising projects this year to continue the very important support provided to the football club.

The AFL Raffle is on again. Tickets will be available between April and July at \$100 each and will be restricted to just 200. Major prize is a return trip for 2 to the 2019 AFL Grand Final. There will also be 20 consolation prizes of your money back. See Peter Snow or Committee for tickets.

Melbourne Cup Raffle - On the back of a successful Club 20 project last year it has been decided to run a Melbourne Cup Raffle after the draw of the AFL Raffle. Tickets will be available between August and October at \$50 each and will be restricted to just 180. Major prize is a return trip for 2 to the 2019 Melbourne Cup. There will also be 18 consolation prizes of your money back. Peter Snow will co-ordinate.

Sponsor A Picket - A new Swansmen project this year. With the new picket fence members and supporters have a chance to 'BUY' a picket for \$150 and have an engraved plaque placed on it with words of choice. More details to follow in the coming weeks. See Des Hardiman if interested.

The Auction will again be held this year in a similar format to 2018, a Gala Dinner along with an on-line silent auction. The Club is on board again to make this the big fundraiser for the season. The date has been set at Saturday the 24th August, so plug it into your diary. More details to follow.

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 – The jackpot as of Thursday 28th March is \$3820.

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

Free Members Draw – The jackpot as of Thursday 28th March is \$1600. The lucky member must be in attendance and must claim the prize with-in 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

Date	Event	Time	Venue/ Guest
Thursday 4th April	Men's Season Launch	6:30pm	SDFC Function Room
Saturday 6th April	Men's 1 st GAME - SD vs SF	3:00pm	Steel Blue Oval
Thursday 11th April	Women's Season Launch	6:30pm	SDFC Function Room
Tuesday 16th April	DINNER MEETING 2	6:30pm	John Inverarity (WA Cricket Legend)
Sunday 5th May	Women's 1 st GAME - SD vs S	2:45pm	Steel Blue Oval
Tuesday 21st May	DINNER MEETING 3	6:30pm	Seamus Rafferty (Criminal Lawyer)

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