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Sandover Medal Winner

Our congratulations go out to Nik Rokahr who was joint Sandover Medallist at the recent Sandover Medal Night. Nik becomes the 14th Swans player to take out the coveted WAFL League Fairest and Best award in what has been a stellar break-out season in his first year at the Black and Whites.



Men's Football

After finishing fourth on the ladder at the end of the regular season the Colts won all three of their finals and played off against Claremont in the Grand Final. Unfortunately, they couldn't complete the fairytale and went down by 25 points. We congratulate John and the team for their achievements in going as far as they did.

After an impressive win over Peel at Mandurah in the Qualifying Final the Second Semi Final was not a good day for the League side with East Perth having the better of the Black Ducks on the day to take the win by 28 points and set-up a Preliminary Final showdown with Peel at Steel Blue. It wasn't going to be easy with Swans missing two of their best on-ballers and Peel stacked with AFL listed players. The start was promising with Swans dominating the first quarter with the breeze kicking 5 goals to nil. Peel turned the tables in the second and kicked 6 goals to 1 going into the half time break 9 points up. Injuries again dogged Swans with Jarvis Pinna and Lewis Tester going down and Peel capitalised on this keeping Swans to one goal with the breeze while kicking two against it and went into the last break 15 points up. It was going to be a herculean effort for Swans to dig themselves out and it wasn't to be as the Docker filled side ran away with the game with the breeze in the last quarter eventually winning by 47 points. Congratulations to Andrew and the team for making it as far as they did and had circumstances been a bit different, who knows, but there's always next year.

Auction Success

The annual Swansmen on-line Auction was a great success again this year and ran for the entire month of August. With over 270 items up for grabs, including the 90th Anniversary jumpers worn by the League players in the Memorial Game against East Fremantle at Steel Blue on Sunday 28th April, there was a chance

to bag a bargain or two. Overtime bidding was in play again and continued for 30 minutes or so and added an extra \$3000 plus to the total. The net result was **\$71,800**, an outstanding effort.

I would like to thank all those suppliers and donors who contributed to the Auction, their support is greatly appreciated. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank from the Club, Jeff Dennis, Ross Leipold, Mitch Eastman and Clyde Bevan, and from the Swansmen, Kim Doust, Des Hardiman, Tim Outred and Darryl Crotty for their efforts, and all Swansmen who contributed items or cash. Special thanks to the Auction Co-Ordinator Kim Doust, an outstanding effort again.



Trevor Hoy (President)

OCTOBER DINNER MEETING - Away Dinner

Tuesday 15th OCTOBER 2024 6:30pm

The Odin Tavern

(51 Odin Rd Balcatta – just off Reid Hwy)

Come along and enjoy the hospitality of Greg Walker at the away dinner at the Odin Tavern.

Best Joke of the Night wins a bottle of wine.

Numbers must be confirmed before Tuesday 8th OCTOBER 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.

September Dinner Meeting

- Ross Fitzgerald gave an insight into his passion of horse racing, from where it started with pacing to transitioning into trotting.
- Swansmen Member Mark Hocking took us into the world of IT and cyber security with his profession as a Cyber Security Expert.
- The dinner raffle was drawn by Mark Hocking with Robin McVee taking out the prize.

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:

Team Announcements – updates to the men's teams.

Chase the Ace – The jackpot as of Thursday 26th September is \$4,880.

Free Members Draw – The jackpot as of Thursday 26th September is \$1,900. The lucky member must be in attendance and claim the prize within 2 minutes – otherwise a jackpot of \$100 is added.

Fundraising for 2024

Wine Wall - tickets are now on sale. This is your opportunity to purchase a carton of 12 bottles (or more if you like), of good quality mixed red and white wines for the meagre price of \$150. Each carton purchased will receive a ticket to go into the draw for a bottle of 2006 Penfolds Grange valued at \$1200.

Some of the wineries included are Arlewood from Margaret River along with local West Swan wineries Garbin Estate, Hainault, Jane Brook, John Kosovich, Mandoon, Oakover, Talijancich plus more. Up to 40 different wines and varieties randomly mixed to provide a unique mixed dozen.

Contact Trevor or Des Hardiman to secure your carton.



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 final standings are as follows with Swansmen picking up \$2,877.

GROUP	NAME	EARNINGS
1	Sullivan Logistics	\$3874.70
2	Swansmen	\$2877.75
3	Directors	\$2189.15
4	Authentic Purpose	\$1336.10
5	Midway Ford	\$832.50
6	Dave Cianciosi	\$1706.10
7	Celebrations Maida Vale	\$1110.00
8	Thomas Gatter Law	\$1038.05
9	Iron Mine Contracting	\$1110.00
10	Sullivan Logistics	\$1685.55

Coming Events

Date	Event	Time	Venue/ Guest	Guest Speaker
Friday 4 th October	Swan Medal	6:30pm	Mandoon	
Tuesday 15 th October	DINNER MEETING 8	6:30pm	Odin Tavern	N/A
Tuesday 5 th November	Committee Meeting	6:00pm	Swansmen Lounge	
Tuesday 19 th November	DINNER MEETING 9	6:30pm	PPOA Room	AGM
Sunday 8 th December	Xmas Luncheon	12:00pm	Kappy's	

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

Tuesday 19th November 2024

All positions on the Committee will be declared vacant and those wishing to nominate are asked to notify the Secretary by Friday 15th November 2024

Next Month's Dinner (November 19th) - AGM

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

Committee 2024

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