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## Away We Go

The annual Planning Seminar was held on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> March at Club President Peter Hodyl', the Club Golf Day on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> March and the Annual Lounge Busy Bee on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> March. For full details of each refer to the articles further in this edition.

On the Women's football front, the League and Reserves are travelling well. After round six the League are undefeated and sit two games plus a healthy percentage clear on top of the ladder. The Reserves also sit on top of the ladder having only lost one game and also have a healthy percentage. After losing its first four games of the season the Colts girls have bounced back and won their last two games. Having only kicked seven goals in the first four rounds Round five saw them boot nine for the match followed by another eleven in Round 6. They now sit only one game out of the top four and have hopefully turned the corner.

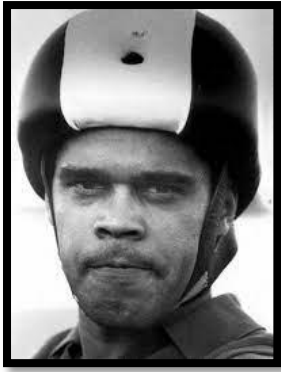
On the Men's front, Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> April saw the start of the Men's season. Swans came up against old foes Claremont at home. Claremont had all three sides in the 2020 Grand Finals so this was never going to be an easy task for the home sides.

The Colts kicked off the day, with Claremont jumping out of the blocks kicking five goals to three in the first. Claremont's inaccuracy in front of goals, one goal six behinds, in the second quarter saw the young Swan's go into half time with a one point lead, themselves kicking 4 goals 2 behinds. The third term was an arm wrestle. Swans had six scoring shots, all behinds, to two, one goal one, which saw the scores all tied up at the last break. With four scoring shots a piece in the last it was the accuracy of Swans that saw them kick 3 goals to two and bring home the win by five points.

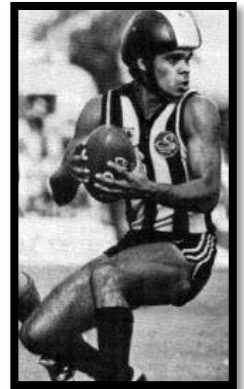
The Reserves were up next and they jumped out of the blocks over their more fancied opponents and were never headed. Swans lead at every change, increasing the margin each break to end up 28 points winners. Warrick Wilson kicked three goals in his return game with Patrick Farrant and Jiah Reidy kicking two apiece. Jacob Sideris gathered 27 disposals, Lachlan Riley 26, Denzel More 23, Mitchell Bain 20, Callum Garcia 20, Jak Watson 17 and Brenton Hilton 17.

The much anticipated League match saw Swans jump out of the blocks and have four goals on the board inside 15 minutes. Claremont managed to get on the board with a couple of their own goals late in the quarter, but Swans still finished off with two goals to head into quarter-time leading by 23 points, in what was a brilliant start against last year's Grand Finalists. An early goal to Jesse Palmer to open the second term, his third in a stunning debut, saw the lead back out to 29 points, but it was all one way traffic from there. The Tigers engine room clicked and they put together a massive eight-goal second term to head into half-time leading by 16 points. Swans started the third term with a quick goal but the momentum was all with Claremont and the lead was extended to 35 points by the 25 minute mark. Suddenly something clicked and Swans kicked three goals to go into the last break only 17 points down. A further 3 goals to start the final term saw the lead cut back to just two points but unforced errors and Claremont's experience saw them kick away again and take the game by 24 points. Although disappointing to lose there were some encouraging signs with young Thomas Edwards kicking four goals from six kicks and Jesse Palmer booting three on debut. Sam Fisher, Jesse Turner and Corey Gault were outstanding in the mid field along with Frank Anderson, Josh Cipro and Nelson Waite.

**Trevor Hoy (President)**



***APRIL DINNER MEETING***  
***Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> APRIL 2021 6:00pm Sharp***  
***Presidents Lounge***



**KEYNOTE SPEAKER**

***Phil 'Magic' Narkle – Hall of Famer and Club Legend***

*The April dinner will be a combined event with the Clubs Reconciliation Action Plan Launch. The RAP symbolises the commitment our Club provides to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples' to be part of the Club and the communities which we belong. It will build on the history of where we have come and outline the journey we still have ahead.*

*Cocktail food and **drinks** will be provided between 6.00pm and 8.00pm for the normal dinner price of \$30. The bar will stay open for a time after the event.*

***As this is a catered event numbers must be confirmed by Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> April 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.

### **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.
- Matt Riggio, Co-Captain, gave us a rundown of what's been happening in his life since he last spoke at a Swansmen dinner. Getting married, new job, appointment as Co-Captain and line coach for the Women's League squad were among some of his achievements. He was excited about the season ahead and is expecting big things from the League team.
- Jesse Turner, newly appointed Vice Captain, also a returnee to a Swansmen dinner, spoke about how the hurt of missing out on the 2017 Colts Grand Final motivated him to work harder, which has got him to where he is now. He was excited about the season ahead. Off the field he graduated as a Phys Ed Teacher in 2020 and has started a new job at Aveley Secondary College where he is running the AFL program.
- The dinner raffle was drawn by Matt Riggio with Emilio Paterniti taking out the prize.



### **Swansmen Lounge Busy Bee**

The annual Swansmen Lounge busy bee was held on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> March. This was a low key affair as the windows were cleaned by the professionals when the Sponsors Lounge windows were cleaned and the carpets were vacuumed by the Club work experience youths. A big thanks to Ross Leipold for organising this. That only left the odd cobweb to be removed and a general cleanup. There were also a few running repairs carried out to the lounge window locks and the east corner of the front fence was re-aligned. The morning ended with the mandatory sausage sizzle and coldie.

A big thanks to Peter Bacon, Steve Bakes, Neville Bassett, Jason Donald, Pete Hodyl, Trevor Hoy, Ted Martin, Robin McVee and Tim Outred for their hard work.

## **Annual SWANSMEN Planning Seminar**

The Annual Planning Seminar was held on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> March at Club President Peter Hodyl' place in Bassendean. There was a good turnout with 22 members present as well as the Clubs Operations Manager Ross Leipold. It was once again a very productive afternoon. Operations Manager Ross Leipold gave a Club Operations update. Major dates have been pencilled into the calendar.

Some key ideas from the seminar were:

- Combined Annual AFL Grand Final/Cash Bonanza Raffle to be run this year. Same principals as last year except first prize will be a choice of a trip for two to the AFL Grand Final or \$5000 cash. Peter Snow to co-ordinate. Tickets on sale now.
- The Auction will be in co-operation with the club again. It will be an On-line event only and will run for the entirety of August.
- Wine wall to run as a separate fundraiser to the Auction.
- Thursday Night – Members Night to continue. Still proving popular with the faithful. Swansmen to continue with the Chase the Ace.



Ted Martin thanks Robin McVee for his 75<sup>th</sup> Birthday cake at the Seminar

## **Annual SDFC Sponsors Golf Day**

The annual SDFC sponsors golf day was held at The Vines resort on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> March. There was good representation from both the Swansmen and Judda Bee's.

This year the golf was played on the Ellenbrook course. This proved to be a tricky for some of the teams, especially trying to navigate the holes. It is rumoured that the odd team or two took a wrong turn and ended up on the Lakes course instead, no names mentioned. Early back to the Clubhouse for them.

The only notable mention among the Swansmen was Maurice Embley who's team came fourth. Good effort Maurice.

A big thanks to Ross Leipold and his staff for organising a great day out again.



Sustenance time on the golf course. Des' face say's it all, **SUGAR**

## **Fundraising for 2021**

**AFL Grand Final/Cash Bonanza Raffle** - Tickets on sale now. Winner drawn at the June 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 2021 AFL Grand Final or \$5000 cash. There will also be a second prize of \$500 and third prize of \$250 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 Auction** - 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.

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

**The Player Auction Leader Board** - the current standings for the Women's teams after Round 5 are as follows:

GROUP	NAME	EARNINGS
1	Swansmen	\$515.88
2	Tina Gelmi	\$178.66
3	Tanya Brisbane	\$319.36
4	Directors	\$100.50
5	Jones and Co	\$201.00
6	Hyde & Sons	\$594.04
7	Henry Parents	\$000.00
8	Lance Arrowsmith	\$78.16

### **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, Adam will announce the senior team.

**Chase the Ace** – The jackpot as of Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> April is \$1,960.

**Free Members Draw** – The jackpot as of Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> April is \$1,800. The lucky member must be in attendance and claim the prize within 2 minutes – otherwise a jackpot of \$100 is added.

### **Next Month Guest (19<sup>th</sup> May Dinner Meeting)**

#### **Tony Lewis – CEO Western Force Rugby Union**

Tony Lewis was appointed to the position of Chief Executive Officer of The Western Force earlier this year, in a move owner Dr Andrew Forrest hopes will help deliver strong rugby union development across Western Australia.



Tony was a former WA rugby union representative in 1987 having played for the Western Suburbs club. Tony has been the CEO of the Tasman Rugby Union club in New Zealand for the past 7 years and prior to that was with Cricket NSW as a high performance and player welfare manager.

### **Coming Events**

Date	Event	Time	Venue/ Guest
<b>Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> April</b>	DINNER MEETING 2	6:00pm	SDFC Function Room
<b>Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Hall of Fame Dinner	6:30pm	SDFC Function Room
<b>Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> May</b>	DINNER MEETING 3	6:30pm	Tony Lewis
<b>Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> June</b>	Committee Meeting	6:00pm	Swansmen Lounge
<b>Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> June</b>	DINNER MEETING 4	6:30pm	TBA

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