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Great start to the year

The Club could not have asked for a better start to the year, with the league side winning the first three games. The added experience of Ellard, Crowley, Gault, Bennell, and Ellis has given the side a new look and renewed confidence to all players. With up to 17 of our Reserves team having experienced League football and putting pressure on the squad to perform, we are looking forward to continuing strong results. The Colts have put a couple of wins together and the Women's team have started where they left off last year.

The Swansmen too have a lot of projects on this year and we look forward to welcoming all members into the Lounge on home games and at the Monthly Dinner Meetings. We have Steven Armstrong as our guest speaker this month. In addition, the players never fail in providing 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 players, the coaches and the form.

Des Hardiman (President)

APRIL DINNER MEETING

Tuesday 18th APRIL 2017 6:30pm

Past Players & Officials Room Upstairs SDFC

GUEST SPEAKER:

Steven Armstrong



Steven Armstrong has joined Swan Districts this year as an assistant coach with great experience. He is part of a famous sporting family in WA and played a total of 79 AFL Games with Melbourne (2002-2005) and West Coast (2006-2008). Drafted at Pick 25 in 2001, he was a member of the West Coast Premiership side of 2006, kicking the Eagles penultimate goal in the final quarter of that one point victory.

Steven is a third generation coach in the WAFL. His grandfather Ken was a champion centreman for Perth in the 1950's and 60's (170 games) and then went on to Coach Perth to their last Premierships in 1976 and 77 and also coached at Subiaco. His father Gary played and coached Perth in 1999 and 2000.

Steven won the Larke Medal for Best Player in the AFL U/18 Championships in 2001. He was injured in the Bali Bombings in October 2002 and will provide an interesting guest speaker.

Numbers must be confirmed before Sunday 16th April by one of the following methods:

RSVP via the online link on the email or phone Dave Cianciosi on 0430 068 092

Last Month Dinner Meeting

- **Greg Harding** again made time to provide an insight into the new recruits and expectations for the coming season.
- **Jeff Dennis** the new CEO, gave a bit of his background in sports administration with West Perth FC, Perth Glory and national Basketball. He also outlined the challenges facing the Club with a declining market and needing to widen our focus on the community to remain relevant and sustainable into the future.
- **Players** – Laurence Grescos, David Ellard, Jarred Cameron and Brayden Noble all spoke and had different stories of their progress and football journey.
- The Dinner Raffle was won by Ron Dawson in his return match, and Rod Greene was again successful in gaining valuable donations from all members in attendance.
- The Swansmen donated \$3,000 to the new brick paving outside the Club. Together with a substantial donation of bricks from sponsor – Brickmakers, and the PP&O, the paving will be completed in April.



Swans CEO Jeff Dennis



Co-Captain David Ellard

Fundraising for 2017

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 will again be sold between May and August. Tickets are \$100 and will again be restricted to just 150 for a chance to win a return trip to the 2017 AFL Grand Final. See Peter Snow or Committee for advanced sales.

Club 20 is a new project this year. The Swansmen are looking for 20 'investors', who will be given \$1,000 each to undertake a fundraising venture or to turn that \$1,000 into a profitable return. No restrictions on what they can invest, buy, sell or undertake – except that they must return the original \$1,000 and all profits by September 30. So if you see a 'Club 20' project this year please support. We still have a couple of 'spots' available so see Des Hardiman for more details.

Auction will again be held this year – albeit in a different format. With falling attendances and high expenses we have decided not to run a dinner Auction this year. An on-line auction will take place between July and August. Members will receive the Auction catalogue as an on-line phone application. Three separate cut-off dates will apply and goods will be uploaded progressively. More details to follow. Donations from businesses and members will be most welcomed.

Membership Drive

New members or enquiries are most welcome. Swansmen Membership is \$40pa and benefits include:

- Access to the Swansmen Lounge to view home games
- Bar facilities
- Monthly Dinner Meeting with guest speaker and players in attendance
- Monthly Newsletter – **On The Ball**
- Business and networking opportunities with Judda Bee Sponsors
- Membership open to all financial members of the SDFC

Thursday is Members Club Night & Swansmen Chase the Ace

When Club President Peter Hodyl came up with the brilliant idea of getting members back to the Club on a Thursday Night with player interviews, team selections, cash incentives and entertainment, he was not expecting such a result in Week 2!

Opening with a Club Jackpot of \$1,000, the pool was to increase by \$100 each week and would be won by a random member draw from the computer – IF THE MEMBER WAS PRESENT. With over a thousand members and a modest take-up of 60 present on the first night, the thoughts of an ever increasing jackpot would get the bar tills ringing and re-coup any future remote payouts!

Well ... second night – Jackpot at \$1,100, Mr John Hardiman a visitor from Geraldton, pushed the random computer selector and up came number 866. The corresponding members name was read out – **Phillip Spencer**.

“Aahhh yes that would be me” said a voice from the raging crowd of 35 members present. Second week and the prize goes off!!



Phil Spencer receives his \$1,100 cash prize from an ecstatic President Peter Hodel on Thursday 23rd March.

Phil has been a long-time supporter and member of Swans since the 1960's. Together with his 90 year old mother Lesley they are regulars in the Walker Stand.

Chase the Ace – Jackpot over \$350.

The Swansmen run a Chase the Ace raffle on the Thursday Club nights. Tickets are only \$1 and at around 6:45pm with the players in attendance the winning raffle ticket is drawn. The winner then chooses a card from a special board. If the ACE is turned over the Jackpot is won. A bottle of wine and Swansmen stubby holder is given as a consolation prize.



Peter Reidy receives his bottle of wine and stubby holder from Lyndon after failing to turn over the Ace on the board after Week 2

THURSDAY CLUB MEMBERS NIGHT

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| • Members Draw \$1300 + | • Chase The Ace Jackpot \$350 + |
| • Past SDFC Match on Screens | • Coach announces League Team |
| • Watch Players Training | • Kitchen open for meals |
| • Interviews | • Players in attendance |

Congratulations Tallan Ames – 250 Games

Co-captain Tallan Ames will celebrate his 250th game this weekend against East Fremantle. Tallan has been a strong supporter of the Swansmen and our Auction every year and continues to inspire players and supporters alike. Congratulations Tallan on a significant milestone and your loyalty to the Club.

Swans 200 Game Players:

Rank	Name	Years at Swans	Swans Games	Playing Jumper
1	Bill WALKER	1961-1976	305	29
2	Stan NOWOTNY	1969-1983	278	14
3	Travis EDMONDS	1990-2005	262	9
4	Keith NARKLE	1971-1985	254	9
5	Tallan AMES	2002 - current	249	8,11
6	Tom MULLOOLY	1971-1986	246	21,30
7	Tim BARKER	1944,47-59	239	6,12,19
8	Don LANGSFORD	1977-87,1989-90	237	1,11
9	Joe LAWSON	1955-1966	235	3
10	Tony NESBIT	1958-1970	233	9
11	Ken BAGLEY	1958-1970	230	1
12	Joel CORNELIUS	1995-2006	221	13
13	Duggan ANDERSON	1945-1956	210	3
14	Bill SKWIROWSKI	1975-1988	207	13
15	John TURNBULL	1960-1971	206	26
16	Brian GRAY	1951-1963	205	1
17	Stephen GILLESPIE	1970-1981	201	22
18	Peter MANNING	1964-1975	200	12

Coming Events

Date	Event	Time	Venue/ Guest
Tuesday 4th April	Committee Meeting	6:00pm	Swansmen Lounge
Tuesday 18th April	DINNER MEETING 2	6:30pm	Steven Armstrong
Tuesday 2nd May	Committee Meeting	6:00pm	Swansmen Lounge
Tuesday 16th May	DINNER MEETING 3	6:30pm	Josh Roberts (Former SD Captain)
Tuesday 20th June	DINNER MEETING 4	6:30pm	Paul Bradbury (Bradbury Cricket Bats)
Tuesday 4th July	Committee Meeting	6:00pm	Swansmen Lounge
Tuesday 18th July	DINNER MEETING 5	6:30pm	Neil Hackett (BikeWest WA)

Next Month:



**Guest Speaker May
Dinner
(16th May)**

Josh Roberts

SDFC Captain 2010 -12
174 Games