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## SEASON OVER

### On Field

The second week of the finals saw the Colts play in the Second Semi Final and the Reserves the First Semi Final.

The Colts came up against the minor premiers Subiaco. After a tight first term, Subiaco flexed their muscles after quarter time to run out comfortable 46 point winners.

After an impressive Elimination Final win against West Perth, the Reserves couldn't carry on that form into the First Semi Final against Claremont. The Tigers jumped the Swannies in the first and second quarters to go into half time with a match winning 67 point lead. Although the boys did fire up after half time, the damage was done, eventually going down by 68 points. That was season over.

The third week of the finals saw the Colts play in the Preliminary Final against Peel Thunder. After an even first term the young Swannies opened up a match winning lead through the second and third quarters and ended up winning the game by 22 points to advance to the Grand Final.

As with all levels of WAFL football, the Colts went into the Grand Final against power club Subiaco. Having lost all four previous encounters to the minor premiers, it was going to be a mammoth task, but this didn't dampen the spirits of the young group. In what was an entertaining game of football the Swannies took it up to Subiaco and if it wasn't for a little bit of bad luck things could have been different, with them going down by only 2 points in what was a controversial last 2 minutes. The young men can hold their heads high in the courageous and fair way they played the game.

Our congratulations go out to Greg, his staff and of course the players for an extraordinary effort.



Colts Grand Final Team

### Off Field

With the footy done and dusted and most major fundraising events completed, it is the downhill run to the end of the year. The annual report is well underway and will be ready for the AGM at the November dinner. The bank balance is looking very healthy with the committee meeting very soon to discuss the final sum to be handed over to the Club, also at the November dinner.

### Trevor Hoy (President)



## ***OCTOBER DINNER MEETING***

***Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2018 6:30pm for 7.00pm start  
Past Players & Officials Room Upstairs***

### **GUEST SPEAKER**

***Shane Beros  
Past Player and V Swans***

Shane played 196 games for Swans in a decorated career which included being Club Captain from 2004-07 and winning the Sandover Medal in 2003 as well as Swan Medals in 2003, 2006 and 2007. The last 5 years he spent heading the V Swans program in the Pilbara and he is now back in Perth in the roll of High Performance/Community Manager for the V Swans.

***For Catering purposes numbers must be confirmed by Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> October by one of the following methods:***

RSVP via the online link at [RSVP](#) or phone Dave Cianciosi on 0430 068 092

### **September Dinner Meeting**

- The September dinner was held at the Bassendean Hotel, with a good time had by all who attended. The hotel staff put on a good feed and Des Hardiman ran the annual mini Olympics. Greg Harding took time out from his busy Grand Final lead up to give a run down on the Colts preparations for the big day, a token much appreciated by all.

The mini Olympics comprised of three activities, darts, quoits and putting. Points were scored for each activity with the top two, William Donald and Norm Kirkup, going into the play-off with Norm bringing home the chocolates. The wooden spoon went to Maurice Embley.

- The dinner raffle was won by Bob Hutchinson.



William Donald on the darts



Darryl Crotty trying his hand at quoits



Young Fred Pantin having a putt

### **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.



## **2018 AFL Grand Final Trip**

Swansmen Jason Donald was fortunate enough to get a guernsey to the AFL Grand Final via the winner of the AFL raffle Troy Sumpton. And what a Grand Final to attend with the West Coast Eagles playing. The trip in his own words:

It was a great weekend, we packed in as much as we could.

We did the parade, the front bar pre-game, the grand final and the after match entertainment.

Also did a few extras. Went to the footy show and the Mooney Valley races, where we meet a few past and present Swans players and watched as Chautauqua failed to jump from the barriers.

Tasa provided a very professional service for the trip and would recommend them to anyone planning the same experience.



Jason and Troy at Mooney Valley Races with Brandon Erceg, David McKay, Nathan Broad and Jake Nuich



Jason and Troy at the Front Bar Pre-Game



Jason and Troy on the MCG

## **Fundraising for 2018**

**Auction** - the final figure from the bean counters is \$33000. This is an outstanding outcome and all those involved should be commended on their extraordinary efforts.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those sponsors and donors who contributed to the auction, for without their support, this outcome would not have been achievable.

**The Club 20** project wrapped up at the end of September. Figures are been tallied and will be ready for disclosure at the October dinner meeting.

The Melbourne Cup Raffle run by Peter Snow will be drawn at the October dinner meeting.

## Thursday Nights – Swans Members Night

All Club Members and Supporters are invited to Steel Blue Oval on Thursday nights to join in the following activities in the main bar:

**Chase the Ace** – The jackpot as of Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> September is \$10710 - there will now be 2 draws per night until either the jackpot goes off or there are 5 cards left. In the event that only 5 cards remain the following week will be the final week.

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

**Free Members Draw** – The jackpot as of Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> September is \$4000. The lucky member must be in attendance and must claim the prize with-in 2 minutes, otherwise \$100 is added to the jackpot.

## Coming Events

<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Venue/ Guest</i>
<i>Friday 5<sup>th</sup> October</i>	Swan Medal	6:30pm	Mandoon Estate
<i>Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> October</i>	DINNER MEETING 8	6:30pm	Shane Beros (VSwans)
<i>Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> November</i>	Committee Meeting	6:00pm	Swansmen Lounge
<i>Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> November</i>	DINNER MEETING 9	6:30pm	AGM
<i>Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> December</i>	Xmas Luncheon	12:00pm	Villa Da Vinci



### **Swansmen Annual Christmas Lunch**

**Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> December**

**12:00pm**

**Villa Da Vinci**

Great way to finish off a successful 2018 and enjoy the festive season

## Save the Date

## Next Month's Dinner - AGM

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

## SDFC Board Elections

Congratulations to Des Hardiman and Jim Benson on their re-election onto the SFDC Board of Directors and to Matt Hewitson for replacing Peter Snow on the Board. Peter has stepped down after significant service to the Club, which included 6 years on the Board of Directors. Matt will take-over as Board Liaison on the Committee. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Peter for all his hard work at both Club and Swansmen level.

## Committee 2018

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