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## **Topsie Turvey Start**

### **Women's Football**

Round five was a bye. In Round six the Rogers Cup girls faced newcomers Perth at Lathlain with the League playing Subiaco at home with both bringing home a win. Round seven saw the girls head back to Fremantle Oval this time to face the Souths. The result was similar to their last venture to the Port city with both teams losing by the smallest of margins. Round eight was back at home against West Perth and it was a day to forget with both sides losing convincingly. Round nine was at home again versus Claremont. An impressive first half saw the Rogers Cup girls go into the long break leading 5.4 to 1.1. The second half was all Claremont kicking 5.1 to 1.3 but it was not enough with Swans holding on to win by 5 points. The League girls were up against the undefeated, top of the ladder Claremont and after the result of the previous week this was not going to be an easy task, but as they say a week is a long time in football. Swans came to play and had the ladder leaders shell shocked for three quarters with Swans going into the last break 31 points in front, 6.5 to 0.4. Although the Tigers did manage to kick three goals to one in the last term it was not enough with Swans winning by 25 points. Round ten was a bye for the League while the Rogers Cup girls faced East Fremantle at Steel Blue. The young Swans were slow to start and couldn't get the momentum going losing by eight points. It would have been worse if the opposition had of kicked straight. So, after Round ten the League have dropped out of the four by percentage and sit fifth while the Rogers Cup girls have dropped to fourth.

### **Men's Football**

Round two was East Perth at Leederville with the Colts the only winners on the day. Round three saw the boys travel to Lathlain to face Perth. In an even contest all game the Colts held off last year's Grand finalists to win by two points. The Reserves were in it at the last change, only four points in arrears, but a five goal to nil last term saw Perth take the points. In the League game after an even first quarter Perth took ascendancy in second to go into the long break 16 points up. The third term was another even quarter with Swan's managing to win the quarter and go into the last break only 12 points down. Although Swan's outscored Perth 2.2 to 0.5 it was not enough going down by three points. Not the start we wanted. Round four was a bye for all sides with Round five back at home against East Fremantle. It was not a good day for the home sides with the Colts going down by 3 goals, the Reserves by 44 points and in another heart breaker the League losing by two points with a kick after the siren, da ja vu 2023. Round six was down to Claremont to face the Tigers. Both the Colts and the Reserves were up against the undefeated ladder leaders and although they didn't win, Colts losing by 15 points and the Reserves by four points, they gave the Tigers a run for their money. After the heart break of the week before and Swans poor record at Claremont Oval, this was no easy game for the League side, with both Clubs looking for their second win. It was a hard-fought match with scores level going into the last quarter. Claremont kicked the first of the last term but Swans rallied to kick the next 4 to bring home a much-needed win by 17 points. After Round six the Colts are sitting six by percentage, the Reserves are winless on the bottom and the League have snuck into fifth spot by percentage

### **All Abilities Football**

The All-Abilities season kicked off on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> April with Swans taking on Curtin Uni Wesley at Curtin University. It was a good start with Swans winning by 12 points. Round 2 saw the team play Kelmscott at Steel Blue Oval. Swans were behind the eight ball all game eventually going down by 27 points. They were back at home again in Round 3 facing Fremantle CBC. A slow start, 1.2 to 0.0, in the first quarter was costly with the Swans going down by only 4 points. They currently sit eighth on the ladder.

### **Trevor Hoy (President)**

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## ***MAY DINNER MEETING***

***Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> MAY 2024 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 \$50 per head and includes food and drinks. The Club have subsidised the Swansmen \$25 per head. This is a great opportunity to get to know the Club sponsors as well as Judda Bee members.***



### **GUEST SPEAKER**

#### ***Mike McKenna – CEO Optus Stadium***

Mike McKenna has a background in marketing and administration in the professional sporting sphere. He was general manager of commercial operations at the Essendon Football Club for seven years from 1998. He led their move to Etihad Stadium at the time. From 2005 he worked for Cricket Australia for 11 years and was the architect behind the Big Bash League. He joined Venues Live in 2016 to become chief executive of the new Perth Stadium.

***Numbers must be confirmed before Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May by one of the following methods:***

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

As this is a combined Club event payment via EFT to the Swansmen bank account would be preferable. Swansmen bank account details are, BSB: 036-080 A/C: 276254, include your name and event.

### **Invite a Guest**

We ask all members to RSVP to the dinners early and we 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. An email will be sent out. Subscriptions have been reduced to \$35 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 first Dinner Meeting
- Pay direct to the Swansmen bank account, BSB: 036-080 A/C: 276254, include your name.

### **April Dinner Meeting**

- Victorian recruits Tom Panuccio, Mitch Roche and Jye Chalcraft gave an insight into their football journey thus far and what brought them to Swans.
- The Guest Speaker for the night was Geoffery Thomas, Aviation expert. Geoffery gave an insight into where his passion into aviation came from, which included his love of the DC-8, been the first male Flight Attendant, missing a trip on the Concorde due to his son Nick' 6<sup>th</sup> Birthday and been banned from Qantas three times.
- The dinner raffle was drawn by Geoffery Thomas with Norm Kirkup taking out the prize.



Doormen for the night, Steve Grech, left and Kim Doust



Players from left to right, Tom Panuccio, Mitch Roche and Jye Chalcraft



Guest Speaker Geoffery Thomas with his shield presented by Maurice Embley

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

**Chase the Ace** – The jackpot as of Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May is \$1,920.

**Free Members Draw** – The jackpot as of Thursday 2<sup>nd</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.

## **Fundraising for 2024**

**AFL Grand Final/Cash Bonanza Raffle** - Tickets on sale now. The winner will be drawn at the July 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 2024 AFL Grand Final or \$5000 cash. There will also be a second prize of \$300 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 retraVision Swansmen Auction** - Kim Doust will again co-ordinate the Auction this year. It will be an On-line event only and will run the entirety of August. The Club is on board 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 Men's teams after Round 4 are as follows:

<b>GROUP</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>EARNINGS</b>
1	Sullivan Logistics	\$760.55
2	Swansmen	\$575.55
3	Directors	\$575.55
4	Authentic Purpose	\$0.00
5	Midway Ford	\$0.00
6	Dave Cianciosi	\$0.00
7	Cellarbrations Maida Vale	\$0.00
8	Thomas Gatter Law	\$185.00
9	Iron Mine Contracting	\$0.00
10	Sullivan Logistics	\$555.00

### Coming Events

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Venue/ Guest</b>	<b>Guest Speaker</b>
<b>Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> May</b>	DINNER MEETING 3	6:30pm	Mandoon Estate	Mike McKenna – CEO Optus Stadium
<b>Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Committee Meeting	6:00pm	Swansmen Lounge	
<b>Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> June</b>	DINNER MEETING 4	6:30pm	PPOA Room	Dennis Lillee
<b>Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> July</b>	DINNER MEETING 5	6:30pm	PPOA Room	Bob Beecroft

### Committee 2024

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