

The season hots up – on and off the field

The next few months are traditionally the busiest for the Club – both on and off the field, and it is certainly no exception for the Swansmen. Whilst we will be hoping the players can continue their form and push for finals in all three men's grades and the women's teams, the Swansmen group will be busy with various fund-raising activities for the urgent benefit of the Club.

We have the following activities and events currently on the go and would appreciate your support:

- AFL Grand Final Raffle - \$100/ ticket only 150 tickets. (any committee member)
- Annual Auction – on-line this year (no dinner). Donations required. (See Des Hardiman)
- Club 20 Dinner – Friends Restaurant 25th August (see Peter Snow)
- Chase-the Ace – every Thursday night at the Club. JACKPOT reaching \$1,800.
- Club Raffle - \$50/ ticket. Choice of 4 prizes including Cash \$25,000.

Great dinner speaker this month. Hear how a local West Australian cricketer is a world-renowned cricket bat maker. See how the bats are made and who uses them in international cricket. Details below

Des Hardiman (President)

INVITATION **July Dinner Meeting**

Tuesday 18th July 6:30pm
GUEST SPEAKER

Paul Bradbury



Paul and Sally Bradbury have designed and manufactured cricket bats for top class cricketers around the world since 1993.

Paul Bradbury and his wife Sally are self-taught in the crafting of cricket bats. They use English willow and mostly antique tools such as the block plane, draw knife and spokeshave. They then polish the bats with a horse's shin bone.

They first began crafting bats in 1993 in Tasmania, when Paul a promising cricketer was invited to join the Tasmanian State squad. After 2 years in Tasmania they moved back to the West and set up a workshop in Fremantle. His early customers were Ricky Ponting, Steve Waugh and Shane Warne.

Paul will provide a unique story of success in the very rare industry of PODSHAVING. We will hope to see the raw English willow and bats in various stages of perfection.

Numbers must be confirmed before Sunday 15th July 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

- **Wes Kestel** provided a very entertaining guest last month. Continuing a strong family connection at the Club, his brother Stewart was a past Captain and his father David was a former Board member. He mentioned his coaches in Phil Cronin, John Todd and Steve Turner – his favourite. Some great yarns and a very committed loyal Swans man.
- **Steve Armstrong** was able to provide an up-to date playing and coaching report. Regretted that Matt Rogers will miss the rest of the season with a serious shoulder injury.
- **The Raffle** was won by Doug McArthur, and Graeme Higgins was able to obtain valuable donations from all members in attendance.
- **The Swansmen** again sponsored a table at the Count-Me-In Round on the 11th June Presidents Lunch. A large crowd of 280 packed the lunch and this great initiative supported so strongly in the early days by Maurice Embley, continues to provide a great awareness and recognition for people with disabilities and their carers.



Graeme Higgins presents Wes Kestel with the shield



Count Me In Round integrated football match

Swansmen Fundraising for 2017 – Your support is always appreciated

AFL GRAND FINAL RAFFLE

The annual Swansmen AFL Raffle is selling fast.

ONLY 150 TICKETS - \$100 PER TICKET

Grand Final Package for two people comprising three nights accommodation in 4* hotel; economy airfares; entry to MCG (Category 3 seats) and Carlton Draught GF Front Bar. Plus 15 consolation prizes of \$100

See Peter Snow or any committee member for tickets.

A photograph of a raffle ticket. The ticket is white with black and red text. It features the Swansmen logo (a stylized swan) in the top left corner. The text on the ticket includes: "Swansmen Incorporated", "Ticket No. 1234", "2017 AFL GRAND FINAL RAFFLE", "First Prize", "AFL 2017 Grand Final package for two people comprising three nights in a Melbourne 4-star hotel, economy airfares, entry to the MCG & Carlton Draught Grand Final Front Bar, and reserved Category 3 seats. Package Valued at \$6,228", "Only 150 Tickets of \$100 Each", "15 CONSOLATION PRIZES OF \$100", "Drawn at 8.30 pm Tuesday 15th August, 2017 at Steel Blue Oval, SDFC, Bassendean", "Results published in The West Australian, Wednesday 23rd August, 2017", and "Permit Holder: Peter J. Snow 0402 448 896 Lottery Permit No. LS209975817".

SWANSMEN CLUB 20 EVENT

A challenge fundraiser including limited wine auction.

QUEEN – A Kind of Magic

Friends Restaurant – Friday 25th August 2017

Three Course Meal + Entertainment

See Peter Snow (0402 448 896) for tickets. \$110 per person or \$800 per table.

SWANSMEN CLUB 20 EVENT

Quality WA Semillon Wine

2012 Margaret River SEMILLON WINE \$80 per carton

Ring or see Jim Benson 0405 713 978. Limited cartons left

Club 20 is a new project this year. The Swansmen have 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 September. 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.

Our annual appeal for donations from businesses and members is in full swing.

Thursday is Members Club Night & Swansmen Chase the Ace

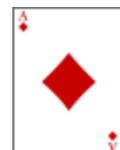
When Club President Peter Hodyl came up with the brilliant idea of getting members back to the Club on a Thursday Night with player interviews, team selections, cash incentives and entertainment, he was not expecting such a result in Week 2! Member Phil Spencer was present when his number was called and won the second week jackpot of \$1,100. Since then we have had 14 members names drawn out – including Brian Close -but not in attendance.



MEMBER DRAW JACKPOT this week is \$2,400.

Chase the Ace

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.



CHASE THE ACE JACKPOT this week is \$1,550.



**Support the Matt Riggio Testimonial.
Saturday 15th July
Late tickets on Swansmen Table.
Ring Jenny 9279 8700**

Coming Events

<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Venue/ Guest</i>
Saturday 15th July	MATT RIGGIO TESTIMONIAL	6:30pm	Club
Tuesday 18th July	DINNER MEETING 5	6:30pm	Paul Bradbury
Tuesday 15th August	DINNER MEETING 6	6:30pm	The UMPIRES
Tuesday 5th Sept	COMMITTEE MEETING	6:00pm	Swansmen Lounge
Tuesday 19th Sept	DINNER MEETING 7 (LADIES NIGHT)	6:30pm	Neil Hackett
Tuesday 17th Oct	AWAY DINNER MEETING	6:30pm	Woodbridge Hotel
Tuesday 7th Nov	COMMITTEE MEETING	6:00pm	Swansmen Lounge
Sunday 3rd Dec	CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON	12:00pm	TBA

Next Month: - Dinner Meeting Tuesday 15th August

The UMPIRES are coming



**Retired WAFL (and AFL) umpires Peter Repper, Sam Kronja, George Pampacos
And hopefully a few surprises will be present to relate their stories in a panel format.**

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