

Where Did it Go

It is hard to believe that another year is drawing to a close, especially this one. It seems like only yesterday that the 2020 events were beginning, then ceased due to Covid-19, then started again after a 4-month lockdown.

Despite this, 2020 was once again a very successful year for the Swansmen, despite the net figure raised not as high as previous years due to the 4-month Covid-19 lockdown, over \$55,000 net was raised in just 3 months through:

- Thursday Members Night, Chase the Ace and Raffle Wheel - net \$11,000 (at the end of October);
- Cash Bonanza Raffle \$12,000 (thanks to Peter Snow for coordinating);
- Auction \$32,000 (thanks to the Committee, Ross Leipold and the Club staff and all the donors);
- Home Game Winning Margins \$1,000 (thanks to George van der Meulen);
- Membership subs, Lounge Bar Sales, monthly dinner meetings and fines.

This was an outstanding achievement by all involved under the circumstances and they should be proud of their efforts.

These funds were returned to the Club through the annual sponsorship of the Count-Me-In Round table; a payment towards the memorabilia room; the Men's Leading Goal Kicking Award; the Women's Fairest & Best Awards and the end of season donation.

The monthly dinner meetings were successful after the lockdown, with approximately 30 in attendance each month. We heard from coaches, players and a diverse range of entertaining guest speakers including Adam Pickering, Ted Polglaze (Club Sport Scientist), John McGuire (Sporting and Cultural Ambassador) and representatives from the Bus Preservation Society of WA (based at Whiteman Park). A big thanks to Des Hardiman for organising the guest speaker list for 2020 and look forward to a wide range of speakers for 2021.

The Xmas Lunch was held at Kappys Italian Trattoria in Guildford on Sunday 6th December. 35 attendees were treated to a four course Italian feast, with everyone going home a few kilos heavier. The Secret Santa present was back again with Jim Benson donning the Big Red hat with his trusty elf Steve Grech handing out the gifts to the Ladies.

The relationship with the Club has grown stronger in 2020, with their assistance in the Auction and Thursday Night Members Nights being of valuable importance to the fundraising efforts. Both parties are keen to forge a stronger relationship in 2021 for the betterment of the Club.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the 2020 Swansmen Committee for all their support over the last year, without whom, I would not have been able to have survived the year.

Finally, I would like to wish you and your families a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and look forward to a bigger and better 2021, ON and OFF the field.

Trevor Hoy (President)

November Dinner Meeting

The Swansmen yearly contribution cheque was presented to Club President Peter Hodyl. After a very successful year an amount of \$50,000 was raised, with \$32,000 paid and \$18,000 held over to 2021.



Trevor Hoy 'hands over' the 2020 proceeds to club President Peter Hodyl.



Peter Bacon receives his Life Membership from Robin McVee

Peter Bacon Awarded Life Membership

The **AGM** confirmed the awarding of the 12th Swansmen Life Membership to Peter Bacon following his nomination by Robin McVee. Peter has been a loyal servant to the Swansmen from its re-birth in 1984 to today – a total of 37 years. Peter has been a committeeman; auction supporter and worker; lounge builder in 1987 and every busy bee since; bar manager since 2010 and adding value to any task asked of.

Peter was presented with his Life Member badge by Robin and acknowledged accordingly. He thanked the Swansmen committee and members and - although not able to attend dinners in recent years was thrilled to accept such a recognition for a labour of love.

Congratulations Peter – well deserved.

Life Members welcome the latest addition to their club: From left, John Cooper (1991), Graeme Higgins (2018), Bob Hutchinson (2006), Peter Bacon (2020), Robin McVee (1993) and Dave Abbott (2010).



- **Andy Holmes, Peter Hodyl, Mark and Ray McNair, Ken Ball, and Darryl Crotty** were thanked for their contributions to making the Thursday night members night such a great success. George Vander Meulen was welcomed and thanked for his *Winning Margin* ticket selling.
- **Club President Peter Hodyl** acknowledged the great work of the Swansmen for 2020 under trying conditions. He spoke about the recruitment of Sam Fisher and Frank Anderson as being very positive and new signings for next year in Jessie Palmer and Chris Jones. He gave an update on the

withdrawal of BHP sponsorship, and noted it may have been a problem for the Club several years ago but due to our diversification we were now in a much better position to go to the wider market place but he also noted the lack of time left for staff to adjust.

• **AGM**

A brief summary of the Presidents report was given. A full version is available on the Swansmen page of the SDFC web site in the Annual Report. The Treasurer’s Report was summarised. It was noted that we have a healthy balance after the cheque was presented to the Club and several members congratulated the committee on a great year.

Thanks was extended to the outgoing committee for their outstanding efforts in 2020. A special mention went to retiring Treasurer Graeme Higgins and retiring Secretary Jim Benson.

Election of Office Bearers for 2021 – The following were elected unanimously and unopposed in block.

President:	Trevor Hoy	Committee (3-6):	Neville Bassett
Vice President:	Tim Outred		Jim Benson
Secretary:	Steve Bakes		Darryl Crotty *
Treasurer:	TBC		Maurice Embley
			Des Hardiman
* new to committee			Mark McNair
			Peter Snow *

- The raffle prize was won by Steve Grech who kindly donated it back for use at the first dinner meeting of 2021. We thank Steve for his generosity

Chase the Ace Winner

After 32 weeks of no winner **Leona Snow** took off the *Chase the Ace* jackpot on Thursday 12th November. She pocketed a cool \$5,635. A well-deserved winner, being a regular at the members nights. Leona became the 5th lucky *Chace The Ace* winner.



Previous winners and amounts:

- 2017 – Bev Boyle \$4,000
- 2018 – The Notte Family \$13,085
- 2019 - Robyn Hart \$4,895
- 2019 – Colleen Hardiman \$4,800
- 2020 – Leona Snow (pictured) \$5,635

Membership 2021

As we look forward to the new football season, we hope all Swansmen and Judda Bee sponsors renew for 2021. **Membership has been reduced to \$35** to reduce the confusion with the P.P.&O.A. membership fee and is eligible to all financial Swans members. Payment can be made by any of the following methods:

- Direct to the Club with your 2021 Renewal (Tick the Swansmen box).
- Direct Deposit to the Swansmen by BSB: 036080 A/C# 276254 (Please include your name in reference).
- Payment to the Treasurer at any time.

Thursday Nights – Swans Members Night

The Members’ nights will re-commence on Thursday 18th February 2021. All Club Members and Supporters are invited to Steel Blue Oval to join in the following activities in the members’ bar:

Chase the Ace – The starting jackpot will be \$1,186

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

Free Members Draw – The starting jackpot will be \$1,000. The lucky member must be in attendance and must claim the prize within 2 minutes, otherwise \$100 is added to the jackpot.

The Members draw jackpot did not go off on the final night, so each member present was given a ticket into the consolation draw for \$1,000. After a few 'un-sold' spins, the lucky member was Colleen Hardiman a regular to Thursday nights. The 'Chase the Ace' draw was won by Ray McNair who turned over the joker and pocketed \$150. The jackpot of \$1,186 will carry over to 2021.

Christmas Lunch – Kappy's Restaurant

A very good attendance of 36 members and their partners enjoyed the great hospitality and food from Kappy's plus the extensive wine list provided by Santa (Jim Benson) and the Swansmen - on Sunday 6 December.



Jim hands over the Minute Book to new Secretary Steve Bakes



Lee Higgins, left, and Roz Hutchinson, right, receive their Secret Santa from Santa's trusty Elf Steve Grech

Happy Christmas

On behalf of the Swansmen Committee I would like to wish you all a Happy and Joyful Christmas and a safe and prosperous New Year.



2021 Coming Events

Date	Event	Time	Venue/ Guest
Wednesday 3rd February	Committee Meeting	6:00pm	Swansmen Lounge
Sunday 7^h February	Swansmen Seminar	3:00pm	Peter Hodyl's
Thursday 18th February	First Members Night	5:30pm	Members Lounge
Thursday 25th February	SDFC AGM	6:30pm	Presidents Lounge
Sunday 14th March	Swansmen Busy Bee	9:00am	Swansmen Lounge
Wednesday 17th March	DINNER MEETING 1	6:30pm	TBC