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Here we go AGAIN

Just when we thought life was getting back to some sort of normality good old Covid Delta strikes. The ensuing lockdown and restrictions meant the cancellation of activities in the last week of June, Round 13 of the WAFL and the WAWFL Grand Final. Hopefully things will get back to business as usual quickly.

On field, both the Women's League and Reserves sides made it to the first week of the finals, with the Reserves playing in the First Semi against Claremont and the League in the Second Semi versus Peel. It was mixed results for the Black and Whites with the Reserves winning through to the Preliminary Final against Peel and the League losing, going into the cut throat Preliminary against Subiaco. Unfortunately the Reserves couldn't keep their winning form going losing by 16 points. In the League match it was an even first half with the Swannies going into half time 5 points up. The second half was a different story with the Black and Whites finding some form after the half time break and kicking 5.4 to 1 point to come out comfortable winners and book their place in the Grand Final against last year's Premiers Peel. Due to the Covid lockdown this date is TBC. Keep an eye on the Swans webpage for the new date.

On the Men's front, the Colts are still travelling well with only one loss and sit on top of the ladder one game clear of East Perth. The Reserves had a shock four point loss to Subiaco in Round 12, only their second for the season, but still sit second, one game behind ladder leaders Claremont. The Leagues mixed season continued, falling over the line against an inaccurate Peel at Mandurah in Round 9 then losing to West Perth at home in a shocker. Round 12 saw them travel to Leederville to take on ladder leaders Subiaco, a daunting task under the circumstances, but as they say 'A week is a long time in football'. This was a different side that ran out onto the park to the one from the week before and Swans had the better of Subiaco for three quarters going into the last break 13 points up. This should have been more if not for inaccurate kicking. As you would expect, Subiaco are on top of the ladder for a reason and they came home with the wind behind their sails but the young Swannies managed to hold on to take a thriller by one point, a great result. Again, due to the Covid lockdown the next rounds of the WAFL are TBC, so keep an eye on the Swans webpage for information

Vale Craig Williams

Craig was a member of the Swansmen in the mid 1980's and was liked by all due to his outgoing nature and sense of humour. He was a member of the Committee under Ron Reid at that time. Craig was always willing to assist and helped with the building of the Swansmen's Lounge in 1988 as evidenced here in the pic – 33 years ago!

He was also remembered for his contribution to the annual auction. Generally loud and humorous – fitting criteria to belong. Craig passed away on the 16th June from cancer.

We will remember Craig with a toast in the Lounge at half time this Saturday (10th July). **RIP Craig**



*Swansmen after laying the concrete to the Lounge 1988:
Back Row LtoR: Terry Freeman, Robin McVee, Pat Desmond
Mal Sibley, ?, Les Bowen, Ken McKay, ?
Neville Bassett, Peter Bacon, Craig Williams, Ron Reid.*

Trevor Hoy (President)

JULY DINNER MEETING

Wednesday 21st JULY 2021 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 \$40 per head and includes food and drinks. The Club have subsidised the Swansmen \$15 per head. This is a great opportunity to get to know the Club sponsors as well as Judda Bee members.

GUEST SPEAKER

Darren Klemm AFSM – Fire and Emergency Services Commissioner



Darren Klemm is a Senior Executive with over 30 years of technical, management and leadership experience and knowledge in Emergency Management across a broad range of hazards including fire, flood, storm and cyclone to name a few.

Since becoming Commissioner, the Department has experienced transformation in operations and enhanced the connection and respect for volunteers. In 2019 he was awarded the Leader of the Year, working in State or Federal Government. Darren played football with Claremont and was a premiership player in 1987.

Numbers must be confirmed before by Wednesday 14th July by one of the following methods:

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

Please note, that if you RSVP 'Yes' to a dinner and do not attend the Swansmen still have to pay for your meal.

June Dinner Meeting

- The guest speaker for the night was Western Force CEO Tony Lewis. Tony took us on a journey from his humble beginnings as a PE teacher at Trinity College to CEO of the Western Force. From Trinity he moved to London to take up a PE position at St. Pauls. After six years he returned to his homeland of New Zealand where he headed the PE Department at St. Peters in Auckland. After two years there he took up a position as Director of Sport at Christ's College in Christchurch. 2003 saw him move to NSW as High Performance Manager of NSW Cricket, and then to General Manager of the Randwick Rugby Club in 2010 and then to Tasman Rugby in NZ in 2013, where he saw the Club go from cellar dwellers to Premiers. He moved back to Perth in 2021 to fill the position of CEO of the Western Force.



Tony Lewis

- Nelson Waite gave us an insight into his life journey thus far. He is an Aboriginal man from the Pilbara and played rugby until 15 before he crossed over to footy. He played 1 colts game for SDFC but East Perth found out. Under alignment played 23 games for East Perth, each week only 10 spots available. A Pickering gave call. Loves playing for SDFC, involved in conducting clinics in Pilbara. Grew up with his Mum, currently fosters 7 children with Mum. Working at Trinity, 1 year left to become a primary school teacher.



Nelson Waite

- Aidan Clarke spoke about his football journey. He hails from Bunbury where he played with the Bulldogs. He came to Swans via the Pathways Programme and played Colts before heading back to Bunbury where he won a flag with the Bulldogs. He then moved to the Great Southern Competition. Motivation to play at a higher level saw him return to Swans in 2020. His hard work has seen him secure a regular spot in the League side. Outside football he works for Justin Simpson as a painter.



Aidan Clarke

- The dinner raffle was drawn by Aidan Clarke with George Copley taking out the prize.

Fundraising for 2021

AFL Grand Final/Cash Bonanza Raffle was drawn at the June dinner meeting. The results are as follows:



2021 CASH or AFL GRAND FINAL RAFFLE
DRAWN 16 June 2021
SCHEDULE OF PRIZE WINNERS

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Guest speaker Tony Lewis assists Peter Snow with the AFL Grand Final/Cash Bonanza Raffle draw

		Ticket No.	
FIRST PRIZE \$5,000 or AFL Package		G Finnigan	135
SECOND PRIZE \$500		Leith Putland	61
THIRD PRIZE \$250		Ross Leipold	165
20 CONSOLATION PRIZES		Of \$100 Cash	
	Ticket No.		Ticket No.
Angela Pearson	2	Greg Mason	68
Sean Doody	12	Leona Snow	90
Tony Mucciarone	16	Matty O'Meara	91
Steve Walker	19	Pat Hoy	114
Ross Cooper	25	Peter Hoy	131
Maurice & Anne Embley	27	Taz Paraskevas	147
Anne & Maurice Embley	30	Graeme Ashworth	158
Frank Forner	47	Brian Wolfsbauer	186
Gerry Cavanagh	48	Jason Day	189
Ray McNair	51	Bloo Aspey	199

The Auction - On-line event only again. Will run the entirety of August. The Club is on board again 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.

3 ways YOU can help make the Auction a HUGE success and add to our donation to the Club at year end:

1. Drop into a known business or restaurant near you and ask for a donation to the auction by way of a product or voucher.
2. Seek a wine maker or donate a carton of wine for the wine wall. We have 16 ctns so far looking for 30.
3. Donate \$20, \$50 or \$100 to our 'Good Guys' pool of funds for us to purchase additional home products for the auction catalogue. We have received over \$3,500 in cash to purchase products.

Thanks to Swansmen donors so far: Neville Bassett, Peter Hodyl, Trevor Hoy, Wayne Peake, Des Hardiman, Gary Cox, Trevor Russell and the collectors – Maurice Embley, Tim Outred and Jim Benson

The Player Auction Leader Board - the current standings for the Men's teams after Round 9 and the Women's teams after Round 15, their final round, are as follows:

GROUP	NAME	EARNINGS
1	Directors	\$0.00
2	Jane Fitzgerald	\$2042.05
3	Peter Snow & Ralph Cipro	\$697.65
4	Swansmen	\$827.00
5	Thomas Gatter	\$0.00
6	Smith, Hodyl, Peak	\$1119.30
7	Sullivan Logistics	\$276.00
8	Sullivan Logistics	\$972.65
9	George Brock	\$276.00
10	Sullivan Logistics	\$0.00

GROUP	NAME	EARNINGS
1	Swansmen	\$835.24
2	Tina Gelmi	\$397.52
3	Tanya Brisbane	\$475.68
4	Directors	\$1018.38
5	Jones and Co	\$498.02
6	Hyde & Sons	\$1703.96
7	Henry Parents	\$178.66
8	Lance Arrowsmith	\$475.68

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, Adam will announce the senior team.

Chase the Ace – The jackpot as of Thursday 8th July is \$3,225.

Free Members Draw – The jackpot as of Thursday 8th July is \$2,700. The lucky member must be in attendance and claim the prize within 2 minutes – otherwise a jackpot of \$100 is added.

Coming Events

Date	Event	Time	Venue/ Guest
Wednesday 21 st July	DINNER MEETING 5	6:30pm	Mandoon Estate/Darren Klemm
Friday 30 th July	McSherry Medal	6:30pm	Mandoon Estate
Sunday 1 st August	On-line Auction	12:00am	Galabid – register: www.galabid/swans
Tuesday 3 rd August	Committee Meeting	6:00pm	Swansmen Lounge
Wednesday 18 th August	DINNER MEETING 6	6:30pm	Scott Mitchell (Curator, WA Museum)
Wednesday 15 th September	DINNER MEETING 7	6:30pm	Ladies Night - Noelle Martin
Friday 1 st October	Swan Medal	6:30pm	Mandoon Estate
Tuesday 5 th October	Committee Meeting	6:00pm	Swansmen Lounge
Wednesday 20 th October	DINNER MEETING 6	6:30pm	Away Dinner - Stirling Arms Hotel

Next Month Guest (18th August)

“Raising Otto: building the blue whale skeleton”

Scott Mitchell – Curator WA Museum

Scott Mitchell is the Head of Collection Management and Conservation at the WA Museum Boola Bardip.

He managed the re-installation of the blue whale skeleton ‘Otto’ into the new Museum. The WA Museum has been the home to this marine giant’s skeleton for nearly 120 years. Putting it back on display in the new museum was a process full of surprises.

Scott Mitchell standing inside the blue whale skeleton during the re-installation



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