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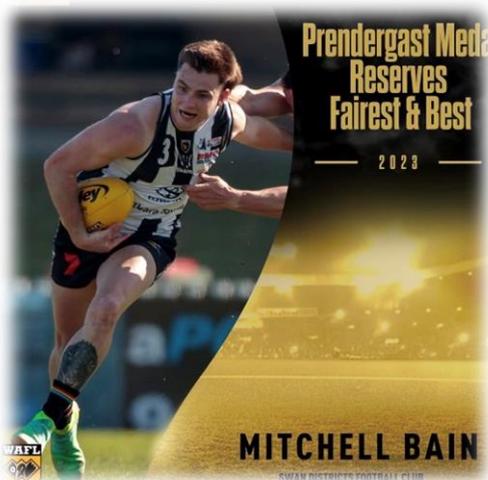


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## Prendergast Medal Winner

Our congratulations go out to Mitch Baine who won the Prendergast Medal for the Reserves Fairest and Best at the recent Sandover Medal Night. This is the second year running that a Swans player has taken out the coveted Reserves award.



## Success at Last

The Reserves took out the 2023 Grand Final against West Perth in what was a nail-biting finish. Having beaten the Falcons in the Second Semi to progress to the Grand Final and West Perth dispatching of Subiaco with ease in the Preliminary Final, this was not going to be an easy task. West Perth started strong and aggressive leaving the young Swans a bit shell shocked, however, they gained their composer towards the end of the quarter and although the scoreboard didn't reflect this there was a momentum swing. Swans had the ascendancy for the better part of the second term but inaccurate kicking, 2.8, left them 11 points down at the long break. The third term was all Swans, keeping the Falcons scoreless and booting 4.1 to go into the last break 14 points up. West Perth responded at the start of the final term kicking the first three goals to hit the front by 3 points but Ben Hewitt snapped truly late in the quarter to give the Swans the lead, which they never relinquished. The backline held steadfast for the last few minutes to hold off any West Perth challengers and the win was the might Black and Whites. Ben Hewitt won the Merv McIntosh Medal for best afield. Congratulations to the Reserves Coach Greg Harding and his coaching staff along with the players for a great achievement

## Auction Success

The annual Swansmen Auction was an On-line only event again this year and ran for the entire month of August. With over 250 items up for grabs, including the old players lockers, which date back to the late 1950's, there was a chance to bag a bargain or two. Overtime bidding was in play again and continued for 30 minutes or so and added an extra \$2600 plus to the total. The gross result was just over **\$65,695**, an outstanding effort.

I would like to thank all those suppliers and donors who contributed to the Auction, their support is greatly appreciated. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank from the Club, Jeff Dennis, Ross Leipold, Mitch Eastman and Joely Bouckaert, and from the Swansmen, Kim Doust, Des Hardiman, Tim Outred, Maurice Embley, Neville Bassett and Darryl Crotty for their efforts, and all Swansmen who contributed items or cash. Special thanks to the Auction Co-Ordinator Kim Doust, an outstanding effort in his first year in the role.

**Trevor Hoy (President)**

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## ***OCTOBER DINNER MEETING - Away Dinner***

***Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2023 6:30pm***

***The Bassendean Bowling Club***

Come along and enjoy good food, a coldie, a yarn with your mates and maybe even a game of pool or a roll-up on the greens at the away dinner at the Bassendean Bowling Club.

***Numbers must be confirmed before Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 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.

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### **September Dinner Meeting – Ladies Night**

- The Special Guest was Comedy Magician James Diamond. He had the tables mesmerised by his magic abilities, so much so that Darryl Crotty had to jump tables to get a second look. A very enjoyable night was had by all whom attended. A big thanks to Maurice and Anne Embley for organising the Ladies table gifts and the raffle prizes and to Barry at Modern Catering for another outstanding meal. Also, a big thanks to Mitch Eastman from the Club for organising and setting up the venue and for the bar staff for their wonderful service.
- The raffle door prize was drawn by the Anne Embley with Paula Ward the lucky winner. A very special thanks to Anne and Maurice Embley for providing the raffle prizes and also the table gifts for the Ladies.



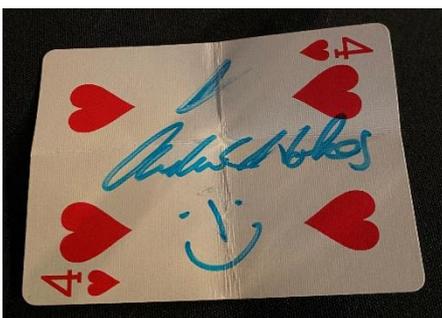
*James Diamond  
Captivates his audience*



*The Card Trick - Andy Holmes  
Monographs his card, the 4 of hearts*



*The Card Trick – Note the card in the box and Andy Holmes card on the right. James Diamond takes Andy' card and places it the pack, shuffles a few times, shows the card, shuffles a few more times then gets Pete Hodyl to open the box and guess what card was inside, Andy' 4 of hearts, amazing*



*Andy' 4 of hearts*

## **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:

**Chase the Ace** – The jackpot as of Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September is \$2,830.

**Free Members Draw** – The jackpot as of Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September is \$1,500. The lucky member must be in attendance and claim the prize within 2 minutes – otherwise a jackpot of \$100 is added.

## **Fundraising for 2023**

**Wine Wall** - tickets are now on sale. This is your opportunity to purchase a carton, 12 bottles, or more if you like, of good quality mixed red and white wines for the meagre price of \$150. Each carton purchased will receive a ticket to go into the draw for six, individually wrapped and boxed, bottles of Penfolds St Henry Shiraz valued at \$810.

Some of the wineries included are Arlewood from Margaret River along with local West Swan wineries Kosovich and Sittella's.

For further details contact Trevor Hoy or Des Hardiman.



**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**

## Coming Events

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Venue</b>	<b>Guest</b>
<b>Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October</b>	DINNER MEETING 8	6:30pm	Away Dinner - BBC	
<b>Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Committee Meeting	6:00pm	Swansmen Lounge	<b>TBC</b>
<b>Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November</b>	DINNER MEETING 9	6:30pm	PPOA Room	<b>AGM</b>
<b>Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Xmas Luncheon	12:00pm	<b>TBA</b>	<b>TBC</b>

## **Notice of AGM**

*In accordance with the Constitution please note that the  
Annual General Meeting*

*of the Swansmen will be held at the November Dinner Meeting at the Club on*

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2023**

*All positions on the Committee will be declared vacant and those wishing to nominate are asked to notify the  
Secretary by Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2023*

## Committee 2023

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