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McSherry Medal Night

The Women's Medal night was held at Mandoon Estate on Friday 29th July. A great night was had by all with Mandoon putting on another excellent evening. The McSherry Medal for the Fairest & Best League player for 2022 went to Abbygail Bushby. Ruby Mahony was runner-up and Jaime Henry was third. In the Reserves Hayley Hill won the Helen Wheeler Medal with Amber Ugle-Hayward runner-up and Charity Ryder third. The Colts saw Carys D'Addario win the Chelsea Randall Medal with Kailea Thomas runner-up and Luka Davis third. We congratulate the girls on their Awards – funded by the Swansmen.

Congratulations must also go to Amber Ugle-Hayward who won the WAFLW Reserves Fairest & Best and Carys D'Addario who won the WAFLW Rogers Cup Leading Goal Kicker Award.

Men's Football

The League side have kept their finals aspirations alive with wins at home in Round 12 against Perth and Round 14 against East Perth, both in wet wintery conditions. They nearly pinched one in Round 13, going down to South Fremantle by a solitary point at Fremantle Oval and came agonisingly close against Claremont at Claremont in Round 15, losing by nine points with an undermanned tall brigade. Peel have strung three wins on the trot to join level with Swans on points but with a superior percentage have knocked the Black and Whites out of the top five. This makes for an exciting final four Rounds with Swans playing Peel in Mandurah in the last game of the season. This could very well determine fifth spot.



McSherry Medal winner Abby Bushby with Swansmen President Trevor Hoy



Helen Wheeler Medal winner Hayley Hill with Swansmen President Trevor Hoy

The Reserves have stepped up since the bye in Round 11, posting wins against Perth in Round 12, East Perth in Round 14 and Claremont in Round 15 and have moved up to fifth position on the ladder. With only three games to play and sitting three games behind fourth placed South Fremantle a finals berth is not out of the question but highly unlikely.

The Colt's unfortunate season continues, with experienced players having to move up to the Reserves to cover injuries, the side looks more like a seventeens development team. However the endeavour is still there and they are having a crack.

Integrated Football

The Integrated team finished the season with a draw in Round 11, a win in Round 13 and a loss in Round 14, Round 12 was a bye. The Round 14 loss was shrouded in controversy with a possible protest on the cards. As it stands they finished ninth spot on the ladder with a 3/7/2 record. Due to the Finals set up for the Integrated Competition Swan's will play Ocean Ridge in the B Division Elimination Final 2 on Saturday 6th August at Steel Blue Oval. (Late news – THEY WON!)

Trevor Hoy (President)

AUGUST DINNER MEETING Wednesday 17th AUGUST 2022 6:30pm

Past Players & Officials Room Upstairs

GUEST SPEAKER

Glen Quartermain Sunday Times Sports Editor

Glen grew up in Melbourne and worked as a sports reporter on The Geelong Advertiser, Melbourne's Sunday Herald Sun and Herald Sun. Has also been a sub-editor for the London Times and The Sunday Times in London. Has been

Sports Editor of The Sunday Times in Perth for 17 years and was recently appointed the Chief of Staff Sport at The West Australian.

Outside of Journalism Glen has run 17 marathons, very slowly he adds and would have played 300 games of AFL if not for his incredibly small hands.

Numbers must be confirmed before Wednesday 10th AUGUST 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.

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 and support our guest speakers.

July Dinner Meeting

- The Guest Speaker was Alisdair McLaren, Pipe Major for the Western Australia Police Pipe Band. Alisdair enthralled the Members, after entering playing his bagpipes dressed in full band dress, to giving an account of his rise in the Pipe Band fraternity and his World Champion results. He finished with the bagpipe solo from AC/DC's 'Highway to Hell' courtesy of a request from none other than Swans #1 AC/DC fan Ted Martin.
- Alisdair sent an email of thanks to Des Hardiman the following day which read "Just sending you a quick email to once again thank you for inviting me along to speak last night at the Swansmen Dinner. It was lovely to meet everyone in the group and be made to feel very welcome. As I said if you guys are ever looking for a piper to play for a function etc then please get in touch as I'd be happy to help."



Alisdair McLaren entertains

- **D**ue to Covid protocols the players were unable to attend however Phil Smart addressed the Members regarding Football matters.
- The door raffle was drawn by Alisdair McLaren with Darryl Crotty the lucky winner.



Glen Jakovich Thanks

The Swansmen also received an email of thanks from Glen Jakovich following the June dinner. This read "Can I say again thank you for allowing me to be a part of your Monthly Swansmen Dinner, it was a great night and I really enjoyed the fellowship during the evening. No doubt the Swan District FC has a great history and your members simply love their club to the core and that's what I love about our WAFL, all different in colours and culture but we love our clubs and we play to win."

Fundraising for 2022

The Auction - The Galabid On-Line Auction is up and running. Follow the link below to register and view auction items, <u>www.galabid.com/swans/items</u>. Auction ends 7.00pm Thursday 1st September.



1982/83/84 Premiership Replica Jumpers.

Swans players will be wearing a replica jumper for the WP game. These 29 jumpers feature the names of all the players who played in the three Premierships. A must have for the pool room.

Wine Wall - this will be run in conjunction with the Auction. This is your opportunity to purchase a carton, 12 bottles, or more if you like, of good quality mixed wines for the meagre price of \$150. 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.

Bucket Hats - black bucket hats with the Swans logo printed on the front are now available for \$25 each. These can be purchased at Thursday Night Members Night, from the Club Office, in the Club Merchandise Store and Swansmen Lounge on home games or contact Trevor Hoy.



The Player Auction Leader Board - the current standings for the Men's teams after Round 15 are as follows:

GROUP	NAME	EARNINGS	
1	Julie Harrison	\$462.47	
2	Directors	\$547.26	
3	Trevor Fawcett	\$495.87	
4	Jane Fitzgerald	\$138.74	
5	Sue Howard	\$138.75	
6	Maurice Embley	\$524.14	
7	Sullivan Logistics	\$115.62	
8	Swansmen	\$185.00	
9	Swansmen	\$719.40	
10	Jane Fitzgerald	\$190.13	

<u> Thursday Night – Swans Members Night</u>

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 – Director of Football Andy Holmes will give updates of the senior team. Chase the Ace – The jackpot as of Thursday 4th August is \$2,910.

Free Members Draw – The jackpot as of Thursday 4th August is \$3,500. 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 17 th August	DINNER MEETING 6	6:30pm	Glen Quartermain (Sunday Times Sports Editor)
Saturday 3 rd September	Integrated Awards	6:00pm	SDFC Presidents Suite
Wednesday 21 st September	DINNER MEETING 7	6:30pm	LADIES NIGHT - TBC
Tuesday 4 th October	Committee Meeting	6:00pm	Swansmen Lounge
Saturday 15 th October	Swan Medal	6:30pm	Mandoon Estate
Wednesday 19 th October	DINNER MEETING 8	6:30pm	Away Dinner – ODIN TAVERN (Walkers)
Tuesday 8 th November	Committee Meeting	6:00pm	Swansmen Lounge

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