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## 2022 - Here we go Again

The year kicked off with the annual Planning Seminar in early February and the Lounge Busy Bee in late February. For full details refer to the respective articles further in this edition.

Season 2022 kicked off with the first round of the WAFLW on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> February against Claremont at Claremont. It wasn't a good start to the season with all three sides going down convincingly. Round two saw the girls travel to Fremantle to take on East Fremantle at Shark Park. The endeavour in all three levels went up a notch compared to the season opener with the Colts only going down by 23 points, the Reserves having a day out winning by 58 points, East Fremantle only managing 3 points for the whole game, and the League narrowly missing out by 7 points.



Jarvis Pina



Ryan Kemp

On the Men's front, the Football Department has again been busy recruiting over the summer break with the signing of Victorian Ryan Kemp, on-baller, and Dockers/Peel Thunder product Jarvis Pina, defence/mid field. Also, returning from AFL duties are Jarrod Cameron, forward, and Will Collins and Toby Watson, both defensive. Adam says it is exciting to see the talent and knowledge his new recruits have brought with them from their previous clubs. The players have been hard at work on the training track over the summer under the watchful eyes of Adam and the coaching staff.



Toby Watson

The first men's game of the year is away on Easter Friday 15<sup>th</sup> April against East Perth at Leederville Oval. The first men's home game is on Saturday 23<sup>th</sup> April against East Fremantle and is the Anzac Day round. Get down and support the players in their first home game of the season and drop into the Swansmen Lounge and renew acquaintances over a cold drink.

The Club's 88<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting was held at the Club on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> February. A good representation of members was present to hear how the Club fared for 2021 and where it is heading for 2022. Of note, three loyal Swans members and Swansmen received Life Membership to the Club. These were Des Hardiman, Peter Hodyl and Graeme Higgins, all well deserved recipients. Our congratulations go out to all three.

We are putting together an interesting list of guest speakers for our dinner meetings, with League coach Adam Pickering the first cab off the rank. Refer to the **Coming Events** calendar at the end of the newsletter for further details. Please put the dates into your diaries **NOW** so that we have strong support in numbers and a successful financial year for the Club.

We are hoping that all past and recent members of the Swansmen will re-join in 2022 and together with the Judda Bee network, we look forward to an enjoyable and successful year both on and off the field.

**Trevor Hoy (President)**



## **MARCH DINNER MEETING**

**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2022 6:30pm**  
**Past Players & Officials Room Upstairs**

### **GUEST SPEAKER**

***Adam Pickering – League Coach***

*Adam will give a rundown on the form of the squad over the summer and his expectations of the competition this year. What will be his assessment after the pre-season games?*

*We look forward to all members enjoying some good company and a good meal at our first meeting. Why not bring a guest along?*

***Numbers must be confirmed before Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> March 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.

### **Membership Drive**

**A** reminder for those who have not renewed their membership to please do so. An email will be sent out. Subscriptions have been reduced to \$35 and can be paid by any of the following methods:

- Pay at the Club Office (together with your Club Membership) and add the Swansmen membership
- Pay online via the Club webpage
- Pay at the first Dinner Meeting
- Pay direct to the Swansmen bank account, BSB: 036-080 A/C: 276254, include your name.

### **Annual SWANSMEN Planning Seminar**

Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> February saw a good attendance at the Planning Seminar which was held at Des Hardiman's place in Kingsley. 18 members were present as well as the Club CEO Jeff Dennis and Operations Manager Ross Leipold. It was once again a very productive afternoon. CEO Jeff Dennis reinforced the Club values and the importance of engaging our community to remain relevant and sustainable. The Club is in the fourth year of the current strategic plan and the transformation is developing well with increased cash reserves, a better balance sheet and the ability to invest more in our facilities and programmes. He also spoke about the Clubs Covid Policy, the introduction of a team into the Integrated Football competition and the possibility of a team into the Perth



Enjoying the after Seminar dinner are from left, Mark McNair, Phil Spencer, Greame Higgins, Roz Hutchinson, Kim Doust, Bob Hutchinson and Peter Snow

Football League. He gave an update on the Oval Redevelopment and the upgrade of the lights. Operations Manager Ross Leipold gave a Club Operations update. Major dates have been pencilled into the calendar.

Some key ideas from the seminar were:

- Annual AFL Grand Final/Cash Bonanza Raffle to be run again. Same principals as last year. Peter Snow to co-ordinate.
- The Auction will be in co-operation with the club again. It will be an On-line event only and will run for the entirety of August.
- Wine wall to run as a separate fundraiser to the Auction.
- Thursday Night Members Nights to continue. Still proving popular with the faithful. Swansmen to continue with the Chase the Ace.
- Buy a Fence Picket to continue. Des Hardiman to co-ordinate.
- Swans face masks - The Swansmen will be purchasing black cotton face masks with the Swans logo printed on the left hand side. These are good quality masks with adjustable ear straps and filter pocket. Coming soon so watch this space and the Club website.

### **Swansmen Lounge Busy Bee**

The annual Swansmen Lounge busy bee was held on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> February. This was a low key affair as the windows will be cleaned by the professionals when the Sponsors Lounge windows are cleaned and the carpets will be vacuumed by the Club work experience youths before the first Women's home game. A big thanks to Ross Leipold for organising this. That only left the odd cobweb to be removed, the addition of a few shelves and a general cleanup. The paved area from the main entrance to the can bar and the concrete floor from the can bar to the Swansmen Lounge were high pressure cleaned along with the external South wall of the Club. The balcony chairs and concrete floor were also cleaned. The morning ended with the mandatory sausage sizzle and coldie.

A big thanks to Peter Bacon, Neville Bassett, Peter and Caroline Clements, Steve Grech, Trevor Hoy, Ted Martin, Robin McVee, Tim Outred and Trevor Winnett for their hard work.



Enjoying a hot dog and a coldie after the hard work, from left, Steve Grech, Neville Bassett, Ted Martin, Trevor Winnett, Caroline and Peter Clements and Tim Outred.

## Women's Season Launch and Player Auction

The Women's Season Launch was held at the Club on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> February. A good attendance of players and supporters saw the girls receive their jumpers and participate in the Player Auction. 8 groups were again up for grabs with a total of \$9380 been collected. The Swansmen had to battle hard this year and were finally successful mid way through the evening picking up Group 4 for \$1000. This was the lowest priced group of the night. The honour for the highest bid went to Group 8 fetching an incredible \$2700. Group 4 consists of the following Players, also pictured right with the Swansmen bidder Mark McNair:

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|-------------------|-----------------|
| Bianca Webb       | Taylor Pescud   |
| Chanel Jetta      | Jorgina Kean    |
| Hope Ugle-Hayward | Luka Davis      |
| Kloe Taylor       | Sarah Lakay     |
| Lani Pigram       | Amelia Adams    |
| Maddison Ugle     | Phillipa Cooper |



Keep an eye out on the Club website for the weekly results.

## Thursday Night – Swans Members Night

The Club Members nights kicked off again on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> February. There was a good crowd present as it was also the Women's season launch and player auction night.

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 24<sup>th</sup> February is \$7,285.

**Free Members Draw** – The jackpot as of Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> February is \$1,200. The lucky member must be in attendance and claim the prize within 2 minutes – otherwise a jackpot of \$100 is added.

## Coming Events

| <i>Date</i>                            | <i>Event</i>                         | <i>Time</i> | <i>Venue/ Guest</i> |
|--|--------------------------------------|-------------|---------------------|
| <b>Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> Mar</b>   | DINNER MEETING 1                     | 6:30pm      | Adam Pickering      |
| <b>Friday 18<sup>th</sup> Mar</b>      | SDFC Golf Day                        | 9:30am      | Vines Resort        |
| <b>Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> April</b>    | Committee Meeting                    | 6:00pm      | Swansmen Lounge     |
| <b>Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> April</b>  | Men's Season Launch                  | 6:00pm      | TBC                 |
| <b>Friday 15<sup>th</sup> April</b>    | 1 <sup>st</sup> GAME - SD VS EP      | 2:10pm      | Leederville Oval    |
| <b>Wednesday 20<sup>st</sup> April</b> | DINNER MEETING 2                     | 6:30pm      | TBA                 |
| <b>Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> April</b>  | 1 <sup>st</sup> HOME GAME - SD VS EF | 2:10pm      | Steel Blue Oval     |
| <b>Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> May</b>   | DINNER MEETING 3                     | 6:30pm      | TBA                 |

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