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Count Me In Round

Saturday 29th May was the annual 'Count Me In' round, a highlight on the WAFL calendar. The Swansmen once again sponsored a table at the Legends Lunch, which allows those a bit less fortunate than us and their carer's, to enjoy a day out at the footy. Lunch goers were treated to some fancy dance moves by the Sparkle and Shine Dance Group and interviews with Stephanie Pearson, Brett from St Judes, and Kingsley Bugarin. Stephanie is a young woman who has Down Syndrome, Brett loves to talk and is on a lot of St Judes advertisements. He has an acquired brain injury and his recovery from his initial prognosis has been remarkable. Kingsley is a Guildford boy who is vision impaired. He is a Paralympian and has an OAM. The Coaches from the two All Ability teams Willetton and Kingsway, who played prior to the Women's League match were also interviewed. Refer to page 3 for photo's.

On the Women's football front, the League are still undefeated after round 13, although they did have a couple of scares in rounds 11 and 12, just falling over the line by a point against Peel and Subiaco, both been away games. Round 13 saw them back at Steel Blue Oval for the Count Me In round, up against fourth placed East Fremantle. They were back to their best kicking four goals to one in the opening term in wet conditions. East Freo only managed two more goals for the game, both coming in the third quarter, while the Swans piled on another seven to run out comfortable winners and retain top spot on the ladder. After a couple of big wins against West Perth and South Fremantle in rounds 9 and 10, the Reserves lost a close one to East Fremantle by two points in round 11. They bounced back in style in round 12 thumping Subiaco by 97 points. They sit on top of the ladder by percentage from Peel. The Colts girls have managed another win to take their tally to four games and still sit in sixth position.

On the Men's front, after two narrow loses to West Perth and Subiaco in rounds 6 and 7 the League team came up against East Fremantle at Steel Blue Oval in round 8, the Count Me In round. It was a seasoning defining match, win and stay in touch with the top three teams, lose and fall back with the pack. The first quarter was a battle of two teams wanting to hang on to their top five position with Swans taking a five point lead into the first break. Not too sure what Pickers said to the boys at quarter time but whatever it was worked. Swans came out and kicked eight goals to two to break the game open and go into half time 39 points up. The Sharks came out after half time with some renewed vigour and piled on three quick goals and another fadeout from the Swans was looking imminent. However, the Black and Whites steadied and managed three goals themselves before East Freo kicked one more for the quarter to bring the margin back to 33 points. Swans took control in the fourth kicking three goals to one to come away with a 44 point win and push them into fourth spot on the ladder. Jesse Palmer booted three goals for the day, with Frank Anderson, Jesse Turner and Josh Cipro outstanding in the mid field, with Tony Notte, Nelson Waite and Jackson Beck solid in defence. Earlier in the day the Reserves made better of the wet conditions, keeping East Fremantle scoreless in the first term while kicking five themselves, and then goalless in the last, to set up the 42 point win. They sit second on the ladder behind Claremont, who have a game in hand. Jack Cox had a day out kicking 5 goals. Mitchell Bain, 22 disposals, Callum Garcia and Dylan Ralph, 21 each, were among best a field. The Colts played on the Sunday and a four goal to two first quarter setup a the seven point win. They now sit on top of the ladder by one game, with only one loss for the season. Joshua Middleton kicked three goals and Max Chipper 2. Lawson Humphries, Bryce Watson and Max Chipper were judged best a field.

Trevor Hoy (President)



MAY DINNER MEETING
Wednesday 16th JUNE 2021 6:30pm
Past Players & Officials Room Upstairs



GUEST SPEAKER

Tony Lewis – CEO Western Force Rugby Union

Tony Lewis was appointed to the position of Chief Executive Officer of The Western Force earlier this year, in a move owner Dr Andrew Forrest hopes will help deliver strong rugby union development across Western Australia. He was a former WA rugby union representative in 1987 having played for the Western Suburbs club. Tony has been the CEO of the Tasman Rugby Union club in New Zealand for the past 7 years and prior to that was with Cricket NSW as a high performance and player welfare manager.

Numbers must be confirmed before by Wednesday 9th June 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.

May Dinner Meeting

- **Due work commitments** Tony Lewis was unable to attend the May dinner. He has been rescheduled for the June dinner. Quick thinking Des Hardiman put new Club Immortal John Cooper on the spot with an off the cuff Roast. Gary Cox discussed his dad's relationship with John, it was noted Greg had a great love for John. A interesting fact, John started playing tennis on Bassendean Oval in the off season in 1952 and the club is still running today. Robin McVee, Hayden Bunton and a vast number of players got involved.



Gary Cox, John Cooper and Robin McVee after the Roast

- **New recruit** Chris Jones gave us an insight into his life journey thus far. He hails from South East Melbourne, the foot of the Dandenong Ranges. Played in the TAC with Eastern Ranges, then VFL with Box Hill Hawks where he won a Grand Final. He travelled abroad and on his return played in the Tiwi Island. The opportunity come up to cross the country and play for Swans and he jumped at the chance, signing a 1 year contract, and is enjoying his time at the Club. He is working at Mandoon Estate and is also involved in the community program at Swans. Chris is a cousin of Dean Jones, his dad is Dean's brother. Dean's death drove Chris to give footy another go.



Chris Jones

- **Roy Jewell** was then asked to say a few words about his role with the RSL, his organisation of several ANZAC Day events every year, and the disappointment with COVID again cancelling those arrangements at the last minute a few weeks ago.
- **The dinner raffle** was drawn by Chris Jones with Graeme Higgins taking out 1st prize, Gary Cox 2nd prize and Des Hardiman 3rd prize. 2nd and 3rd prizes were kindly donated by Darryl Crotty.



Stephanie Pearson, Kingsley Bugarin and Brett from Jude's



Stephanie Pearson tosses the coin before the League game

Fundraising for 2021

AFL Grand Final/Cash Bonanza Raffle - Last chance to get in the draw if you haven't already purchased a ticket. The winner will be drawn at the June dinner. Price is \$100 each and will be restricted to just 200. Major prize is the choice of a return trip for 2 to the 2021 AFL Grand Final or \$5000 cash. There will also be a second prize of \$500 and third prize of \$250 plus 20 consolation prizes of your money back. See Peter Snow or Committee for tickets.

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.
3. Donate \$20, \$50 or \$100 to our 'Good Guys' pool of funds for us to purchase additional home products for the auction catalogue.

The Player Auction Leader Board - the current standings for the Men's teams after Round 6 and the Women's teams after Round 11 are as follows:

GROUP	NAME	EARNINGS
1	Directors	\$0.00
2	Jane Fitzgerald	\$1654.00
3	Peter Snow & Ralph Cipro	\$421.65
4	Swansmen	\$405.35
5	Thomas Gatter	\$0.00
6	Smith, Hodyl, Peak	\$697.65
7	Sullivan Logistics	\$0.00
8	Sullivan Logistics	\$551.00
9	George Brock	\$0.00
10	Sullivan Logistics	\$0.00

GROUP	NAME	EARNINGS
1	Swansmen	\$515.88
2	Tina Gelmi	\$397.52
3	Tanya Brisbane	\$397.52
4	Directors	\$1018.38
5	Jones and Co	\$279.16
6	Hyde & Sons	\$1406.94
7	Henry Parents	\$100.50
8	Lance Arrowsmith	\$156.32

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 27th May is \$2,832.

Free Members Draw – The jackpot as of Thursday 27th May is \$2,400. 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>
Wednesday 16th June	DINNER MEETING 4	6:30pm	Tony Lewis
Wednesday 21st July	DINNER MEETING 5	6:30pm	Mandoon Estate/Darren Klemm
Friday 30th July	McSherry Medal	6:30pm	Mandoon Estate
Tuesday 3rd August	Committee Meeting	6:00pm	Swansmen Lounge
Wednesday 18th August	DINNER MEETING 6	6:30pm	Scott Mitchell (Curator, WA Museum)

Next Month Guest (21st July Dinner Meeting)

Commissioner 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.

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