

Hawthorn Football Club

Past Players and Officials Association Inc.

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Dear Members,

Welcome to the 2017 Season proper.

We are looking forward to a bumper year both on and off the field.

Your committee have met twice this year and put in place our years events starting with our Generations Lunch towards the middle of the year and finishing with our annual Golf day on the Friday the 17th of November. We will advise on more details when it comes to hand.

The Association continues to grow with the support of you, our Members and I once again encourage you all to try have a team mate join up over the next 12 months. It's vital that we continue to build on the foundations we have laid to date.

The committee has been for some time now discussing the strategic position our Association has in relation to the football club and our Members.

It is my view and that of the committee that our Association must grow to such an extent that we become the major conduit for Past Players and Officials to each other and back to the Football club. I believe that more time and effort will be required to elevate the Association to this level and to that end we will be seeking additional help from both the Football Club and Sponsors alike.

Regards,

Go Hawks

Yours Sincerely

John Kennedy Jnr.

MEMBERSHIP TARGET 310

Current 297

SUPPORT YOUR ASSOCIATION

If you would like to join the HFCPP&O please contact David Wanless at the Hawthorn Football Club, on 0499 191 377 or by E-Mail dwanless@wanjoangus.com.au or check the Hawthorn Past Players website for a Membership Application Form

Full member \$40.00 Concession \$30.00

2016 Generations Luncheon

The 2016 Generations Lunch was again a highlight with Olympian Matt Welsh and Comedian Andrew Startin being a focus of the entertainment on the day. Andrew's impersonation of dual Norm Smith Medalist winner Gary Ayres was brave, if not reckless given that Ayresie was watching from only two tables away. Andrew had the audience in stitches of laughter with his very precise impersonations. Matt's overview of his career was engaging given his late and accidental entry into the world of professional swimming.

What a story!

We thank these two great Hawk supporters for their energy and input on the day.

Congratulations to both Richard "Dickie" Loveridge and Leon "Ricki" Rice on receiving their awards for their outstanding contribution to our footy club both on and off the ground over 30- 40 years. They were both very worthy recipients.



Bryson Hodge (Lukes Father) with Dipper



Tony Keaney, Alle De Wolde, Alan Goad & Dipper.



Gary Ayres and Andrew Startin



Matt Welsh and Dipper



Leon Rice and John Kennedy Jr



John Kennedy Sr, Leon Rice, Corey, Joel and Hollie Rice



From left:-
Gary Ayres, Richard
Loveridge & Terry Gay.

Below left:
John Kennedy Jnr &
Richard Loveridge

Bottom Right:
Rob "Chopper" Handley
With his old coach
John "Bones"
O'Mahoney.



71 Boys and Girls ham it up at Daylesford

The 1971 Team celebrated their 45th Anniversary at a weekend up at Daylesford recently. It was great to see such a wonderful turn up of all associated with that team and in discussions with those who attended it was thoroughly enjoyed by all. Congratulations to Former player HFCPP&OA President Ken Beck & his wife Judy for organizing a terrific weekend.

The Captain & the Coach.



The Cake



The Boys



The Girls



NB. Reports back from the weekend indicate that the number 2 ruckman in the team made a complete hash of the 10 Trivia questions that he put to all in attendance. My informant tells us that arguments were breaking out everywhere and it was only after an hour and a half of trying to even answer one question that a halt was brought to proceedings by my informant in an abrupt and abrasive manner as only he can do!.

Hawk Whisper

Which high profile 1980's Rover is expanding his successful business into Victoria from across the S.A. boarder?

Must have been enticed with a huge block of cheese!!!

R.I.P

Neil "Fergie" Ferguson

Neil played 82 games for the Hawks between 1964-1970. He kicked 50 goals.

A very determined Ruck and Ruck Rover, Neil, after finishing with the Hawks made his way to Western Australia with five years at East Fremantle FC and a season with Claremont FC. He was the first ruckman in East Fremantle's 1974 premiership winning side. A great Hawthorn man. Rest easy Fergie.

Ken Goddard

Kens contribution to the Football Club spread over more than 40 years.

He was involved in over 17 day and night Premierships and was in many ways the "constant" in a very volatile and sometimes stressful environment. In short he was the player's friend.

In his wonderful summation of Ken's life and times as Head Trainer at the HFC, HFCPP&OA Vice President and former player, Ian Paton, captured the very essence of who Ken was and what he brought to the Club and all those who came in contact with him.

His recollection of Ken's use and protection of the Clubs newly purchased Ice machine back in the early eighties was perfect. Hidden behind Kens office door, it was not only used for the icing of players sore limbs and bodies at the end of training sessions but also to keep all the trainers grog nice and frosty for their Thursday night sessions. What wonderful nights they were. All of us over the eras that lived and worked through Ken's life at Hawthorn have been blessed with having experienced what it was to enjoy the company of Ken and his band of merry trainers. Thanks for the memories Kenny.

Roy Baldwin and Ron Hoy

Roy played 41 games and kicked 6 goals for the Hawks between 1944 -1950, and was recruited from Mitcham.

Ron played 1 game in 1955 and was recruited from South Warrnambool

The Association offers our sincerest condolences to the families of all four of these contributors to our Club.

Medical Room

Great to hear Rob Dutton is on the mend and back to work. In our last edition he was in ICU in Launceston with a heart ailment. Well done Rob. Look forward seeing back in Melbourne sometime.

Kevin "Gusher" Goss is also on the mend after a vehicle accident a month ago. We wish him all the best and we look forward to a full recovery

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

Kelvin Steel



Years played – 1974-1977

Nickname – Stainless

Games – 19 Senior, 110 Seconds and 20 under 19s

First Game- 21 Sept 1974. Prelim. Final at the MCG V Nth Melbourne
Played on Keith Greig

Where do you live- Donvale, Victoria

Family – Wife – Kate, 2 Daughters Claire (34) & Margeaux (32)
Grandson – Max

Occupation –. Architect, retired in June 2015 (When turned 60)

Hobbies –. Golf (Director Eastern Golf Club and member at the National)

How do you think you would perform in today's football? Because one of my strengths was my running ability I would probably do ok. I would have benefited from having the 4 man interchange bench when I played in the 70s.

Any memorable moments – playing in the two Preliminary finals without doubt in 1974 & 1977. Being praised by John Kennedy Senior after the 1974 game in front of my peers was hugely important to me.

Name the teammate in your time that was the most memorable & why. There were many – I admired Leigh Mathews, Don Scott & Michael Tuck enormously for their playing ability. I was good mates with Dave Polkinghorne and Rod Eade. We were the same age and joined the Club in the same year

Any further comments. After taking a year off football in 1978, to complete my Architecture degree, I went to Essendon for 2 seasons and played 6 games there. I regard myself as having been incredibly fortunate to have played for both Clubs and in Particular to have been coached by John Kennedy Senior. I am an active member of the Past Players at both Clubs and get a lot of satisfaction from catching up with other Past Players.

COMING EVENTS

Grand Final Drinks

Thursday Sept 29th at the Tower Hotel
686 Burwood Rd
Hawthorn 3122
From 7.00pm
Dave Wanless for further details 0499 191 377

Golf Day

November 18th, Kingswood Country Golf Club – Dingley
Pete Russo 0428 338 720 or Vin Crowe 0447 229 501 for further info

AFLPA MEMBERSHIP

The one off \$50 membership fee (\$25 for concession card holders) for all players who have played one senior game has valuable benefits. These include:

Access to AFL Medical Officers Association members who will bulk bill for consultations

- Discount offers for car and health insurance
- Reimbursement of health insurance fund excess payments
- Free Drake Training Courses
- Health and Welfare financial support through the Geoff Pryor Hardship Fund.

If membership is of interest contact Brad Fisher (T) 03 8651 4300. If you would like more information on the Geoff Pryor Hardship Fund contact HFC PP&O Secretary, David Wanless (M) 0499 191 377 or email dwanless@wanjoangus.com.au

Vale. Neil Ferguson. Ken Goddard, Roy Baldwin and Ronald Hoy