

Hawthorn Football Club

Past Players and Officials Association Inc.

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Dear Members

It certainly has been a busy couple of months for our association. The Trainers night that was held on the 23rd of July was well attended by many Past Players and Officials together with some current players and a number of old Trainers notably, Ken Goddard, Maxi Deason, Peter (Pear) Arnold and Ken (Firey) Edwards. Thanks to Leon Rice and John Chandler for their work in bringing about this very enjoyable event.

On Friday the 21st of August in the Olympic room at the MCG, the association in conjunction with the football club hosted the 88-89 Tribute Dinner in recognition of our first ever Back to Back Premiership teams. The event was attended by approximately 500 people including a near perfect attendance by those players who participated in either or both games. It was an extremely successful event for our association and those that attended were entertained by the best, in Ross Stevenson, John Sylvester and Greg Champion.

Coaches and players were interviewed on their memories of the period and many humorous stories were told. Supporters were treated to comments from the shy and retiring Big Dipper and Schwaby recalled his disappointment at never receiving even a complimentary sandwich from Dermot's Tip-Top bread promotion in 1988

To our Donors for the evening, in Particular, Club Vice President Geoff Harris, thank you for your support.

A big thank you to Association Vice President Ian Paton, Committee member Dave Hall and Mike Warren for their tireless efforts in working with the football club to ensure that the event was a success.

To Tara Lude, Sam Badcock and the Events team who put in an enormous amount of work, we applaud your efforts as well. All in all a great team effort.

May I direct your attention to a new initiative that we are undertaking as an association to invite members to advertise their businesses in our newsletter. This will help cover costs associated with the newsletter production and distribution and to continue to raise funds for our group? We attach a proposed layout of the new advertising page for your information. At this stage we will be issuing these advertising sheets 3 times a year and the costs nominated on the sheet is for all 3 issues, not just one. Those of you who wish to avail yourselves of this opportunity should call or email Mike Warren for further information.

We thank you all for your continued support

Yours Sincerely

John Kennedy
President, HFCPP & OA

If you would like to join the HFCPP&O please contact Mike Warren at the Hawthorn Football club, on 03 9535 3063 or by E-Mail mikew@hawthornfc.com.au and we will send out a membership application. Full member \$40.00 Concession \$30.00

Current Membership 303 Target 350

PLAYERS AND TRAINERS NIGHT – JOHN KENNEDY ROOM WAVERLEY PARK 23 July 2009



Coach Alastair Clarkson with Past Players
President John Kennedy Jnr



John Kennedy Jnr asking the hard questions of Coach Alastair Clarkson while
the audience listens intently

Like the good old days at Glenferrie, it was open house at the Past Player's and Trainer's Night held at Waverley Park on Thursday 23rd July. In attendance were Hawthorn Club President Jeff Kennett, CEO Ian Robson together with Coach Alastair Clarkson and General Manager – Football Operations Mark Evans with players Mark Williams, Beau Muston, Brent Guerra, Travis Tuck, Cameron Stokes, Brent Renouf and Jarryd Morton also present were a host of current and former trainers, players and supporters from all eras, including favorite raffle ticket seller Karen Daley.

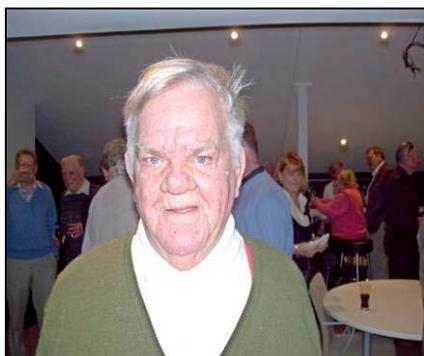


Past Players President John Kennedy Jnr welcomed everybody with his usual good humour and thanked guests for attending, In particular Coach Alistair Clarkson who gave us an insight into season 2009 and how the team was travelling. It was great to see some of the old and familiar faces Laurie Peters Tom Allsop and Lance Wilkinson, who have especially made these nights special.

Highlights of the evening were Kenny Goddard with Chardonnay in hand reminiscing about the good old days with Yeoy the chips, sausages and dim sims and if you won the meat tray in the raffle you had to buy the barrel next week and Peter (Pear) Arnold, who we now believe is training for the Olympic diving team after his grand entrance, We wish him well with his recovery.

Des Dickson, Leon Rice, Gene Chiron and a number of others took advantage of the time to take a brief tour of the Museum with Peter Haby. The boys then returned back to continue discussions on which one of them took the best mark, who was the longest kick and which football trip they enjoyed the most and why.

Our thanks go to Leon Rice and John Chandler for helping to organize the evening. Everybody agreed it was great to be able to get together again and asked for more functions like this in the future



Lance Wilkinson happy as ever



Guests swapped stories and relived the good old days

1988 - 89 TRIBUTE DINNER – OLYMPIC ROOM, MCG



On Friday night the 21st August Hawthorn's 1988 and 1989 premiership teams and club officials from the era gathered to celebrate their 20 year reunion at the Olympic Room MCG in front of hundreds of adoring fans to celebrate their back to back Premierships.

Following pre dinner drinks, the guests entered The Olympic Room by breaking through a banner with the words "Hail Hawthorn Premiers 1988 & 1989". The MC's Ross Stevenson (3AW) and John Silvester (Sly of the Underworld) welcomed everyone and introduced the players on stage. It was obvious that even after two decades the bond between the players still remains very strong.

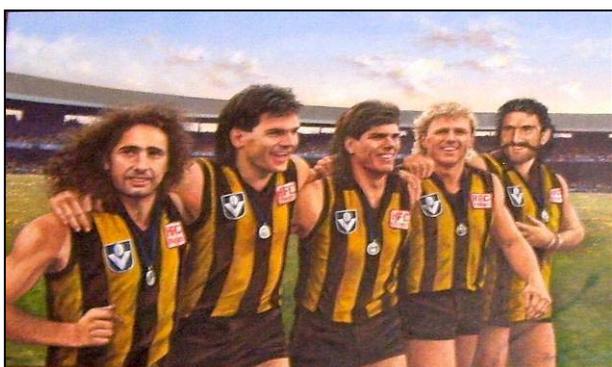
Between dinner courses interviews of a number of players and also umpires brought back many memories and some amusing anecdotes captured an enthusiastic audience throughout the night. As usual the Big Dipper took centre stage and had the crowd eating out of his hands recounting the famous stories of his colourful clashes with coach Allan Jeans and how he finished the 1989 game with a punctured lung. John Kennedy Jnr was able to interrupt him occasionally and "translate" to the crowd and remind everyone that he actually played one more game than the 1986 Brownlow medalist.

Captain Michael Tuck and the two coaches Allan Jeans and Alan Joyce gave a typical humble account of the clubs most successful time in the 1980's by emphasizing the message of team over individual. Chris Langford read out a message from Andy Collins, who unfortunately was unable to attend due to coaching commitments in Adelaide.

Greg Champion from the Coodabeens entertained with his well known footy songs and keen bidders at both the Main Auction and the Silent Auction resulted in some very good fund raising.

Those present thoroughly enjoyed the evening and particularly the opportunity to be reacquainted with friends from the past, who they had not seen for some time.

"We are a Happy Team at Hawthorn ".



WHERE ARE THEY NOW

Year first played – Hawthorn 1994, Fitzroy 1991

Nickname: - Stevo

Games – Hawthorn 34, Fitzroy 11

First Game- Hawthorn 1994 vs. Carlton, Fitzroy 1991 vs Melbourne

Where do you live- Launceston, Tasmania

Family – Married to Michelle, 2 children – Ryan 9 and Emily 8

Occupation – Tasmanian Operations Manager,
Hawthorn Football Club

Hobbies – Time with family, fishing, property development, travel



How do you think you would perform in today's football?

During my short career I started a lot of games on the bench as an impact player, so the rotation policy they use today would suit me beautifully.

Any memorable moments – My first game with the Hawks and the one that I get constantly reminded about is when I kicked a goal with a broken ankle against Sydney in 1995. Another one that stands out is the 1994 qualifying final against North when the scores were locked at full-time. It was the first time the AFL introduced extra time to determine a winner and, although we didn't go onto win the game, it was an incredible experience to play in an AFL final.

AFLPA Past Players Member Health Workshop

To find out about health work shops and how to manage damaged knees and hips and receive guidance on how to maintain healthy joints post VFL / AFL contact Natalie Holmes 03 9926 1344

ONE FOR ALL

Matthews returns to launch Hawks history.



After spending nearly 25 years away, Hawthorn favourite son Leigh Matthews returned to launch its new history book One for All.

Matthews was among a crowd of Hawthorn greats who gathered to launch the book – an extension of The Hard Way, which was published nearly 20 years ago.

The book was written by father and son pair Harry and Michael Gordon and provides a detailed history of the club, particularly over the past five years.

The book is now on sale and available through Hawks Nest.

Please see HFC Web Site for Online Purchases

YABBY JEANS – GOLF and BOWLS DAY

The next Golf and Bowls day will be held at Phillip Island on Friday 23rd October.2009

If you are interested in playing or being part of the day which is always great fun and very competitive please contact **Golf Ken Beck 9803 1462**

Bowls Ken Hopper 9890 4573

RIP- Reg Bell 1940-41 23 Games