

# Hawthorn Football Club

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Dear Members

This edition of your newsletter comes with a certain level of sadness as we have farewelled a couple of wonderful people from our ranks. The passing of Allan Jeans was without doubt an enormous shock to all of us that knew him. He was an outstanding individual of unquestionable character who not only led us to our most successful era as a football club in the 80,s but also became a life mentor to many of us during that period. He continued to be a source of wisdom and direction to those that were lucky enough to have known him right up until his sad passing back in July. His ability to lead and motivate, together with his uncanny skill to manage people, set him apart from most of his contemporary's. He will always be an integral part of the history of the HFC and more importantly a true friend to all of us that were privileged to have known him.

We also lost one of our oldest members and great friend to many, Laurie Peters. Laurie played 24 games for the Hawks back in the forties and served on our committee for more than 30 years. Laurie's contribution to the football club and in particular the Past Players & Officials was only matched by his vibrant personality and generosity of spirit. He was fun to be around. I'm sure Laurie won't mind me saying that his contribution to beer sales at any of our many functions will probably never be surpassed. Whether it was the telling of a humorous storey or winding up the vocal chords for a rendition of one of his favourite songs he was forever the life of the party. He will be sadly missed. On behalf of us all - Farewell old friend

On a brighter note we gathered at the Past Players Kennedy room for a trainer's night. Ian "squirrel" Bremner shared his thoughts with us on today's football and that of his era and how he ultimately came to Hawthorn and became one of its greatest servants. Thanks Brem for helping make the evening an enjoyable one. Our yearly grand final week catch up was celebrated at the Kew Hotel again. It was great to see everyone enjoy themselves and relive some of the memories of the past. Full report inside.

Finally I would like to thank all our paid up members for their support once again. Although we have not quite reached our target of 350 members we have surpassed our membership number of last year which is very pleasing and encouraging. Hopefully we are able to reach that target in the not too distant future.

Until next edition,

Go Hawks

Yours Sincerely

John Kennedy Jnr

## MEMBERSHIP TARGET 350

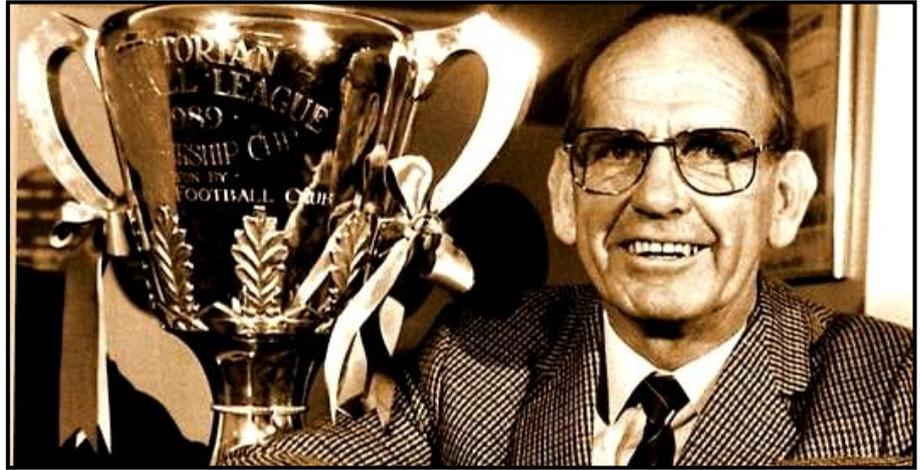
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### SUPPORT YOUR ASSOCIATION

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](mailto:mikew@hawthornfc.com.au) and we will send out a Membership Application  
Full member \$40.00 Concession \$30.00

**VALE  
ALLAN JEANS  
1933 – 2011**

Coach 1981-87, 89 -90  
Premierships 1983, 1986, 1989



**TRAINERS' NIGHT – JOHN KENNEDY ROOM WAVERLEY PARK 4 AUGUST 2011**



**Peter Russo, Ian Bremner, Mike Moncrieff  
and John Kennedy Jnr**

Your association recently came together for a trainers' night in the Past Players' Room at Waverley Park headquarters. Great to see some of the old stagers there like Big Pete (Pear) Arnold, Garry Snooks, Peter Wilson and Matt Hopkinson

Our thanks to Past Player Ian "Squirrel" Bremner for his insights into football in his day and some of the hilarious stories of his end of season trips and his opinion on today's game.

We would also like to acknowledge the work of long-time supporter Gary Overton on his assistance in catering for the evening. He presented a first class spread of delicious appetisers. Thanks for your great work Gazz!!

**GOLD'N BROWN, 2011, 50 YEARS SINCE OUR FIRST PREMIERSHIP IN 1961**

On the 25 August at Leonda on the Yarra we celebrated this wonderful occasion. Hosted by Hawthorn great Peter Knights, with players and families from the 61 team together with over 300 Hawks Members and Fans, we relived this glorious day.

It was a wonderful sight to see the 1961 premiership players finally receive their Premiership Medals in a ceremony conducted by Peter Knights and Hawks President Jeff Kennett. (No medals were presented in 1961) It was a moving tribute to those who set the foundation for the success that Hawthorn Football Club has experienced over the last 50 years.



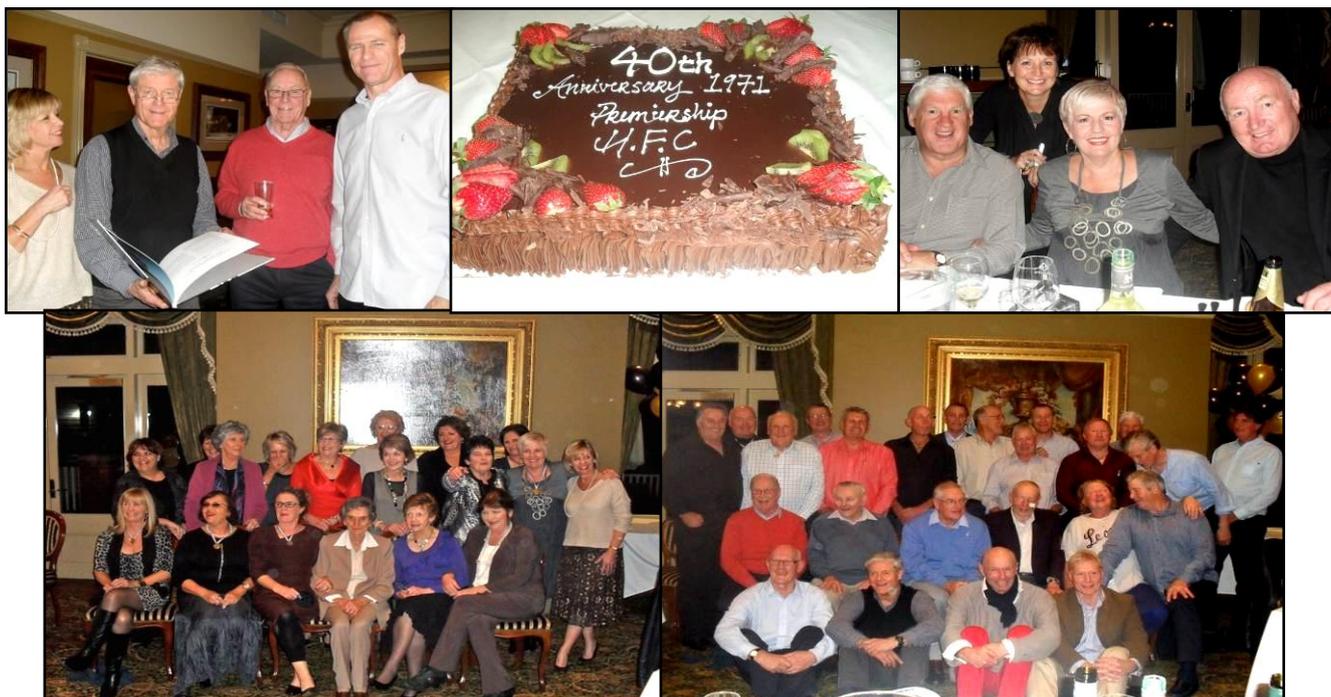
**The 1961 team with their premiership medallions presented by Peter Knights and Jeff Kennett**

## THE 1971 PREMIERSHIP 40<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY

Over the weekend of the 20<sup>th</sup> of August, sixty eight 1971 players and staff shared a Premiership Reunion at Grange Bellinzona in Hepburn Springs. On the back of some outstanding organizational genius from both Judy and Ken Beck, we all enjoyed two days of great hospitality from staff, delicious food, continuous reminiscing, much laughter, and the very special bond which has existed amongst this group for the past 40 years.

Saturday night's dinner produced the highlights, with speeches from Becky (plus his normal quiz – mucked the answers up again) Parko, Huddo, Kanga and another classic from Portholes! We were delighted that Gwen Crimmins, Nan Meagher, Joan Moore and Maureen Matthews were able to be amongst us too. Many in fact, called into Gwen's olive grove at Lauriston for lunch on the way back on Sunday, to see the beautiful memorial there for Crimmo and to share Rice's 60<sup>th</sup> birthday.

A unanimous vote of thanks to the Becks was followed by an agreement to meet again in 5 years. We aren't (obviously) getting any younger.



## PRE GRAND FINAL PUB NIGHT AT THE KEW HOTEL



Past players, officials and associates met at the Kew Hotel to catch up for a few drinks prior to the Grand Final on Saturday October the 1st. It was great to see some of the old stalwarts there in Don Scott, Leon Rice, Ian Bremner, Charlie Grummisch Bruce Stevenson, Alley De Wolde and John Tickell just to name a few. Great to see Kenny Judge up and about and back to his brilliant best in the conversation stakes.

Big Paul Abbott came over from Perth for the week and it was fantastic to see him. Some of the other eighties guys to join us for the evening were, Russell Greene, Pete Russo, Johnny "the Rat" Platten, Richard "Dickie Knee" Loveridge and Jason Dunstall. A special mention to Paul Hudson and Mark "Heebie" Graham who represented those from the nineties era. Well done lads.

Good to see Johnny Kilpatrick, Brian Chapel, Barry "the Bear Gavin" all making an appearance and last but not least the Aquanita boys in Pete, Bluey, Remo and Rob carrying out their customary last out the door routine at well past midnight. 3 votes to those lads. All in all a great night and one which we should endeavour to build on in the ensuing years.

## WHERE ARE THEY NOW

John Hendrie

**Years played** – 1972-82

**Nickname** – Bomber

**Games** – 197

**First Game**- Round 1 v Melbourne

**Where do you live**- St Kilda

**Family** – Wife Jenni, daughter Vanessa and son Charles

**Occupation** – Primary Edge Sports (Sports Apparel)

**Hobbies** –Watching son Charles play with Balwyn FC in the EFL and Gourmet cooking washed down with a bottle or two of Merlot or Sav Blanc.

**How do you think you would perform in today's football?** I think we would all go well, even more so because we would not have the Big Saturday Nights at the Social Club and even bigger pleasant Sunday mornings after training. 'Gee we had some fun, didn't we Boys'?

**Any memorable moments** – My best memory and most cherished moment of my whole career was the final siren of the 1976 Grand Final and taking the cup back to Crimmo's. Money couldn't buy that.



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Hawthorn Football Club Web Site [hawthornfc.com.au](http://hawthornfc.com.au) The Club - In House Groups  
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## COMING EVENTS

**November** –HFC PP&O Annual General Meeting. Sunday 27 November 10 am, Waverley Park

## 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 Jo Rafferty (E) [joanne@afipa.com.au](mailto:joanne@afipa.com.au) (T) 03 9926 1344. If you would like more information on the Geoff Pryor Hardship Fund contact HFC PP&O committee members David Wanless (M) 0417 072 215 or Shane Murphy (M) 0419 597 748 or (E) [pastplayers@hawthornfc.com.au](mailto:pastplayers@hawthornfc.com.au)

## GOLF AND BOWLS DAYS

If you are interested in playing or being part of these days, please contact Golf Ken Beck 9803 1462 and Bowls Ken Hopper 9890 4573. New players are most welcome. The next Golf and Bowls day will be Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October at Phillip Island. If you are interested in attending please contact one of the Kens.

**RIP** Don Roach 1964-65 29 Games, Allan Jeans 1981-87, 89-90. Premierships 1983, 1986, 1989.  
John McGreevy 1952 – 3 Games, Laurie Peters 1940- 44, 24 Games, Phil Garwood 1964 -65, 12 Games  
Bill Cocks 1960 – 1 Game, Norm Black 1949 – 53, 55 games