

Hawthorn Football Club

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Dear Members

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Welcome to our second newsletter for 2010.

We have had a busy period over the last couple of months.

On May the 13th we had the first of our 'Trainers Nights '. The attendees were treated to Huddo and General Paton recalling their days at Hawthorn. Full report next page.

More recently we had the privilege of listening to long time loyal Hawk Supporter and former test Cricketer, Damien Fleming give an account of his playing days with the Aussie and State cricket teams at our Annual Generation's Lunch. It was a sensational presentation on the inner workings of the cricketing world and the very humorous events that occurred during his tenure as a player .A special thanks to Damien for giving up his time to attend our event. Ian "The General Paton was MC for the afternoon and did a magnificent job keeping the event moving along and the patrons entertained. The half time break opened the way for Bob Keddie to describe some of his memories of his time at Hawthorn and in particular the 71 Grand Final It was great to hear from Bob and a pleasure to have him there. He was ably followed by Gary "Conan" Ayres who shared some of his memories of his time at the HFC and in particular the "yabbyisims" that would surface from time to time. Once again it was fantastic to have Ayresie on deck.

The main theme of the afternoon was to recognize the achievements of the 1961 premiership side which set the scene for what has become the most successful football club of the past 50 years. 2011 will signal 50 years since they broke new ground, not only by winning our first flag, but setting a standard of performance and commitment that has been the template for all other Hawthorn Teams to follow. In attendance from the 61 Year were Graham Arthur, John Kennedy Snr, John Winneke, Reg Poole, Jack Cunningham, Morton Brown, Trevor Randall, Charlie Abbott, Phil O'Brien and Harold Kinder. We thank these gentlemen for their outstanding contribution to our football club.

May I offer a sincere thank you to all those who supported the event and be assured that we will strive to build on what we believe is a very important function on your association's social calendar. A special thanks also to Ian Paton, Dave Hall and Mike Warren, who organized the event brilliantly.

A reminder of our next event which will be another Trainers Night to be held at the Past Players & Officials room at Waverley Headquarters on the 8th of July at 6pm – 8pm All welcome. Planning is underway for a proposed race day at Pakenham for members and their families on October the 9th. We are currently seeking member interest in the event and would ask you to contact Mike Warren or Dave Wanless to register your interest, so we can get an idea of numbers. More information will follow

On a sadder note we have to advise the passing of Barbara Dicker wife of former President Ian Dicker. Our sincerest condolences go to Ian and his family

Yours Sincerely

John Kennedy Jnr

MEMBERSHIP TARGET 350

Last year 320
Current 297

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 and we will send out a membership Application. Full member \$40.00 Concession \$30.00

TRAINERS NIGHT- JOHN KENNEDY ROOM WAVERLEY PARK 13 MAY 2010

The first trainer's night for the year was held in the Kennedy Room at Waverley Park with special guest Peter Hudson. In attendance were Hawthorn players Buddy Franklin, Campbell Brown, Jarryd Morton and Carl Peterson and former players Russell Greene, Tony Hall, and Chris Wittman.

Ian Paton Vice President welcomed everybody with his usual good humor and related stories of the trainer's nights at Glenferrie with Yeoy and his renowned social skills. Ian Paton added to the mystic of Yeoy in reminding us how he would thaw out the hamburgers by squeezing them under his armpit before he personally cooked them for you.

Special guest Peter Hudson reminisced about his games at Waverley Park and in particular his arrival by helicopter.

Dicky Matthews is to be congratulated for once again winning another Trainers Raffle, a Kokada Guernsey signed by all the players.

A good time was had by all as we remembered the good old days.



Ian Paton and Peter Hudson

John Kilpatrick, John Chandler and Tony Hall

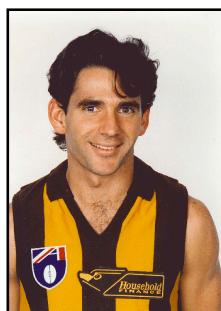
David O'Halloran and Chris Wittman

DO YOU REMEMBER

The Hawthorn Football Club has a proud history of Champions over the years but we have also had a number of other players who have been the great contributors. 'Here are just a few.'

NORM BUSSELL (HAW.) – 1968-73, 114 games, 2 goals. (b: 6 Jan 1945, 193 cms, 90.5 kgs).

A tough, hard-hitting defender, recruited from Wangaratta Rovers, Bussell was centre half-back in the Hawk's 1971 grand final team.



DEAN ANDERSON, (HAW and STK.) – Hawthorn 1988-92, 83 games, 74 goals. St Kilda 1993-1996, 67 games, 27 goals. (b: 1 Aug 1967, 190 cms, 88 kgs). Anderson was a champion runner at Caulfield Grammer and he translated those qualities of endurance into his football when recruited by Hawthorn. A tireless runner from the wing or half-forward flank, he was a part of Hawthorn premiership sides in 1989 and 1991 and twice represented Victoria. Hawthorn's abundance of similar players squeezed him out and he was traded to The Saints. He gave them solid service. Dean currently lives in East Hawthorn and works for HSBC.

DANIEL HARFORD, (HAW) – 1995 –97, 55 games, 23 goals (b: 19 March 1977, 177cm, 80kgs). Came to Hawthorn with an impressive CV. He starred at Parade College and was All-Australian Teal Cup captain of Victoria and won the Larke Medal as best in the series. He was drafted from Northern Knights after being part of the two flag sides. Blessed with great ball skills, he showed the knack of finding his way out of tough situations with a calm unflustered style. From his earliest games he displayed old head on young shoulders and at the start of 1997 he dominated and was an early Brownlow favourite. Harford admitted that he was surprised by the attention that focused on him in early 1997. Prior to 1997 Andy Collins spoke to Peter Crimmins' brother and the pair agreed that the best recipient of the famed No 5 Guernsey was Harford. He had a good debut season in 1995 and was even better in 1996.



2010 GENERATIONS LUNCH –MILLER ROOM, MCG

The 4th Annual Generations Lunch was held on the 6th June in the Miller Room at the MCG and featured guest speaker Victorian and Australian Test cricketer Damien Fleming a long time loyal Hawk supporter.



Damien played 20 Test Matches for Australia after making his debut against Pakistan in 1994-95, claiming 75 wickets at an average of 25.89. He took a hat-trick against Pakistan on his test debut - the only Australian to achieve this feat.

For Victoria he played 78 First Class Matches taking 258 wickets. He took 6/37 on First Class debut vs. Western Australia in 1989/90.

Damian was named in South Melbourne's team of the 20th century which included five players who captained Australia and three others who captained state teams.



How's that umpire ?



Damien the cricketing Hawk



*Trevor Randal, Peter Russo, Dicky Matthews
Ian Dunn, John Kennedy jnr, Richard Loveridge
& Gary Avres*



*Wendy & Ian Paton Trevor Randall, Dicky Matthews ,with Percy
Cummings and son.*



Ken Williams, Len Petch & wife Liz, with Norm Lord & guest



WHERE ARE THEY NOW

Greg Dear

Years played – 1983 – 93 Hawthorn 94-96 Richmond

Nickname - Deary

Games – Hawthorn 137, Richmond 53

First Game- 1985 v St Kilda

Where do you live- Lakes Entrance

Family –. Wife Tracey, Sons Andrew and Jackson, Daughter Prudence

Occupation –, Director, Greg Dear Accounting

Hobbies – Basketball, Occasional game of footy, Surf boat rowing and Part time farmer.



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

Would probably go ok in the ruck contests but was a poor stats accumulator when I played, I would probably expect the starts wouldn't change considerably as the game is now so quick.

Any memorable moments –

My first game, Grand Final victories in 86, 88, and 89, Dippers joke telling, Dr Bobs meetings, listening to tapes of waves breaking, Swabby's commercials and race calls and Kenny Goddard's wrestling skills on training nights.

COMING EVENTS

The next Trainers Nights to be held in the Kennedy Room at Waverley Park.
Will be held on Thursday 8th July between 6.00 and 8.00pm

A number of Impromptu and Informal Gatherings at selected Hotels between 5.00 and 7.00pm.

You will be notified in advance by text on your mobile phone

AFLPA

Recent meetings between the Past Players Associations of the various clubs and the AFL Players Association has highlighted the **importance of all players who have played one senior game being a paid up member of the AFLPA**. It is a \$50 one off payment or \$25 for concession card holders and the benefits afforded to members as a result of their payment can be very advantageous. There is no doubt that the AFLPA are actively encouraging our club associations to participate in this developing area of football.

We at Hawthorn see our affiliation with the AFLPA as a very important step to assisting in the wellbeing of our past players, particularly in the area of health. Because we consider this to be such an important area for us, we have appointed Shane Murphy (new committee member) to keep us, and in turn you, up to date with all developments in this emerging area of the Past Players.

GOLF AND BOWLS DAYS

If you are interested in playing or being part of these days which are always fun and very competitive please contact Golf Ken Beck 9803 1462 and Bowls Ken Hopper 9890 4573. New players are most welcome.

RIP- Barbara Dicker, wife of former President Ian Dicker