

Hawthorn Football Club

Past Players and Officials Association Inc.

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Dear Members

Congratulations to Alastair, all our coaching staff, administration and most importantly our talented players on their wonderful effort in securing our 10th premiership cup this year. I'm sure that all of us who watched the game at home or were at the 'G would have been extremely proud to see the way in which the boys went about achieving the ultimate prize in the competition.

We too, as an organisation, have had a fantastic year. We have seen the introduction of the newsletter which has enabled our membership to keep up to date on what events have been undertaken and those which are ahead. We hope to continue to build on this publication and your assistance in doing this, by advising us of any news on you or your fellow members is most welcome.

The highlight of the year was no doubt the Generations Dinner held at Hawthorn Receptions. A great night was had by all. The 1978 crew got together during the year for a reunion at HMAS Cerberus and there was an informal get together of players predominantly from the 70s and 80s at the Kew hotel on the Wednesday prior to the grand final. Both functions were well attended and enjoyed by all.

After a lot of work and negotiations 2008 saw us make the break from Glenferrie Oval out to the new Waverley Park facility.

The formal opening of the John Kennedy Past Players and Officials room was undertaken by our Patron himself, John Kennedy Snr, in front of a number of financial donors and club officials including Jeff Kennett and Mark Evans on September 4. It was a terrific night and I would like to formally thank Ken Beck, Leon Rice and Dave Hall and their team for the foresight and effort in getting this project through to its opening.

I would like to thank Jeff Kennett, Ian Robson and all their staff who have assisted us this year. In particular Mike Warren who has been our liaison officer at the Club. I look forward to their continued support.

Finally, I would like to personally thank my committee for their tireless efforts during the year, in particular Bob Moore and Bob Caldwell who carry out their roles as Secretary and Treasurer in typical Hawthorn no fuss manner. I look forward to an exiting 2009 both on and off the field

Yours sincerely

John Kennedy
President, HFCPP & OA

Notice of Annual General Meeting

All members are invited to attend the 47th Annual General Meeting of the HFC PP&OA to be held at Waverley Park on Sunday 30 November 2008 from 10:30am

Opening night: John Kennedy Past players and Officials Room

The Past Players and Officials Room at Waverley Park opened on September 4. The Function was well attended by various members of the Hawthorn community including Club President Jeff Kennett. John Kennedy Snr formally opened the room with a symbolic cutting of a ribbon at the entrance and went to provide a little insight to his experience as a past player. The room which will also be used for football club match committee meetings will predominately be used by your committee to have our monthly meeting and for various functions during the year should the need arise.

Although it is now open and in use there is still considerable work to be done on the decoration to obtain the right 'feel'. To that end, donations are still being sought to assist in these costs and these donations can be made to us via the Australian Sports Foundation. All monies go directly to the PP&O Association and are tax deductible. Those who chose to help will have they're name added to the Donors Board which hangs proudly in our room. For further information please call or email the Association.



Grant Austen, John Kennedy Jnr, Angela Knights
Jeff Kennett, Rod Saw Peter Knights



Peter Stathopoulos, Leon Rice, Ken Hopper
Peter Haby, Front Euan McGillivray



John Kennedy Jnr, Ken Beck, Ken Freiberg, Ken
Hopper, Front Alf Hughes, Norm Lord, Bob Moore

Premiership Reunion Function - 3 August, HMAS CERBERUS

The Naval base of H.M.A.S Cerberus was the venue throughout the 1970's for Hawks pre-season training camps, what a perfect place for the boys from the mid 70's to re unite and celebrate the 1978 Premiership year. Many stories told.



Back: Alle deWolde, Alan Martello, Ian Paton,
Kelvin Moore, John Hendrie.
Front: Lee Huckstepp, Leon Rice

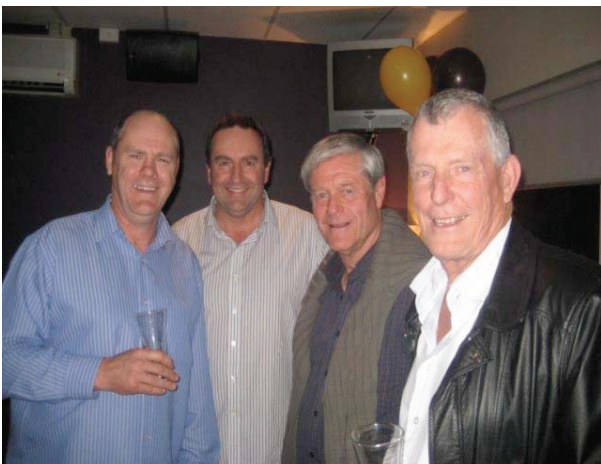


Don Scott, Scott Craig E O HMAS Cerberus
President Cerberus FC, Adam Bamfurn Senior
Coach Cerberus FC, Murray Mcauliffe Lieutenant
Commander & Vice President Cerberus FC
David Parkin

Kew Hotel Catch up

An impromptu get together was undertaken at the Kew Hotel by predominately the 70s, 80s and 90s players on the Wednesday prior to the grand final. A flurry of emails and phone calls were made to try and advise as many people as possible. Given a few of our interstate comrades were over here to watch the big game it seemed an ideal time for us to catch up and reminisce. It was a terrific turn out with a major effort from our old Ruckman Mick Byrne who traveled all the way from New Zealand to catch up and have a beer. Mick tells us that he is now gainfully employed by the All Blacks as their full time Kicking coach. Good thing it is a kicking role and not the fitness one!

Keep up the good work Mick. Paul "Eddie" Abbott and his wife Michelle dropped in from Perth. It was great to see them and catch up on all their news. John -The Rat Platten and his wife Leanne made the journey from Adelaide. The Rat, sporting his new thinning hair style, was in good form, showing the traits that made him such an endearing and fun loving character through his time at Hawthorn. And of course there were the regular vagabonds, the likes of Dipper, Bucky, Stoney, Bomber, Squirrel, Schwabby, Witty, Rubber and Growler Gowers, to name but a few, who certainly made the night more enjoyable. Also wonderful to see David Parkin and Yabbie Jeans representing the coaching fraternity. It was a great night and I hope we can see our way clear to go again next year.



Rodney Eade, John Kennedy Jnr, David Parkin



Brian Coleman, Allan Jeans, John Hook, Gary Buckenara, John Kilpatrick George Stone



Dean Anderson, Andy Gowers, Scott Maginness



Penny Stone, Karen O'Halloran, Jenny Schwab, Bernadette Kennedy

Where are they now?

Paul Abbott

Year first played: 1982

Nickname: Eddie

Games: 85

First game: 1984

Where do you live: Fremantle

Family: wife Michelle and children John, Louis and Grace.

Occupation: Builder

Hobbies: Horse racing, The Punt

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

Struggle – too slow



Paul Abbott and wife Michelle.

Current notes of interest

Eddie is currently sub-dividing the land where he resides with a planning permit to build a two storey house. The back half of the block will be sold to who Eddie describes as a “very smart investor looking for a blue chip addition to their portfolio.” Good luck with the project Eddie

Upcoming events for 2009

The association has currently put together an events schedule for 2009; please pencil in your diary some of these events

- Generations Lunch - Saturday 18 April, Round 4 v Port Adelaide, MCG
- Players and Trainers Night – Thursday 24 July, PP&O Room, Waverley Park
- Tribute Dinner - Friday 21 August

Further information regarding these events will be forwarded to you in due course.

Did you know?

Tickets for seating only (not entry) for Hawthorn home games at the MCG are available by phoning Bob Moore on 0409 366 002.

Ken Beck organises a number of Golf Days during the year. Should you wish to partake in joining him and other members on the fairways please contact the association by phone or email.

RIP

It was with great sadness that Roy Simmonds passed away peacefully on Saturday 9 of August surrounded by his family at Melbourne Private Hospital. Roy suffered from prostate cancer which he fought valiantly over the past 10 years.

His legacy to Hawthorn Football Club both on and off the playing field is legendary and his happy laughing disposition will be sadly missed by all of us who had the pleasure of his company as a friend and team mate.

Roy Simmonds played with the Hawthorn Football Club from 1950-1961. Roy joined Hawthorn from Cohuna and played 192 games and kicked 78 goals. Roy was strong, versatile and courageous and could play with equal effectiveness as a centreman, rover or in the back pocket. So long Roy.