

SANFLUA PUBLICATION

# BALL UP

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## YOUR 2017 COMMITTEE



**“Your support to the Association is vital as we are here to support you and be your voice on any issues or concerns you may have. If everyone is on board, we are better able to achieve our goals, which is to look after the needs of all umpires.” SANFLUA President Matthew Norton**

### 2017 SANFLUA DATES:

- Saturday April 29:  
Cathedral Catch up #1
- Saturday May 20:  
Movie Dinner Night
- Saturday June 3:  
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- Friday June 16:  
8 Ball Night
- Saturday June 24:  
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- Saturday July 22:  
Quiz Night
- Thursday August 18:  
SANFLUA Annual Dinner
- Saturday September 12:  
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- Sunday September 24:  
Grand Final After Party
- Saturday October 28:  
Wine/Microbrewery Tour
- Sunday December 2:  
Christmas/Lawn Bowls BBQ

## QUIZ NIGHT

### SANFL UMPIRES' ASSOCIATION

July 22, 2017 - Football Park, West Lakes

Doors open at **6:30PM** - Quiz commences at **7:00PM**

\$100 per table of 10

Bar - BYO Snacks - Silent Auctions - Raffles

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## 8-BALL NIGHT

16 members and partners came to the SANFLUA 8-Ball Night held at Empire Pool Lounge on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June. It was an enjoyable night and some great laughs were had. It was great to see some new faces come to our SANFLUA events. We look forward to seeing lots more at the Quiz Night on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> July at Football Park from 6:30pm.



## TEN PIN BOWLING NIGHT

Thanks to all who attended our Ten Pin Bowling event Saturday night. An enjoyable night was had by the members and partners who attended. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed bowling and a few drinks courtesy of our President.



## CATHEDRAL CATCH UP #3

Saturday July 8<sup>th</sup> was the third SANFLUA After Match Drinks held at the Cathedral Hotel. 17 members and their partners came out to enjoy the night. Members again were able to enjoy a drink courtesy of SANFLUA President Matthew Norton. We hope to see more of you at the last SANFLUA Cathedral Catch up on the 12<sup>th</sup> September.



## GETTING TO KNOW: CHRISTOPHER COOK

**Umpiring Discipline:** Field Umpire

**1st SANFL League Game:** April 10th 2010, Woodville-West Torrens v Norwood

**Commenced Umpiring Career With:** Riverland Football League

**Honours in Umpiring:** 2008 U17s Grand Final Emergency Field Umpire, 2009 U16s Grand Final Umpire, 2010 Reserves Grand Final Umpire, 2011 Reserves Grand Final Umpire

**Why did you become an Umpire:** Have more time with my father who was umpiring locally

**Before a game I always:** Double check I have packed everything before I leave home

**Occupation:** Teacher

**Favourite Food:** Homemade Pasta

**Favourite Movie:** The Shawshank Redemption

**Favourite Music Artist/Band:** Arctic Monkeys

**3 People you'd like to have dinner with:** Martin Seligman, Emperor Showa – Hirohito, Dalai Lama

**Favourite Holiday Destination:** Japan

**Most admired sportsperson and why:** Haile Gebrselassie – Amazing success and longevity

## GETTING TO KNOW: LACHLAN HENNIG

**Umpiring Discipline:** Boundary Umpire

**1st SANFL League Game:** Round 12, 2014 Norwood v Central Districts on Friday night

**Commenced Umpiring Career With:** I started umpiring the 1st 18 Immanuel College team after I played in the reserves team, I was a far better runner than I was footy player so I ended up choosing the path of umpiring.

**Honours in Umpiring:** 50 league games (Round 5, 2017)

**Why did you become an Umpire:** Tony Checker was one of my teachers at school and saw that I was a keen runner, he got me into umpiring and I saw it as a great way to improve my running ability while earning a little bit of money on the side.

**Before a game I always:** I always have a ham and cheese toastie about 1 hour before I have to leave then have a banana in the car on my way to the game. I don't have any superstitions other than that.

**Occupation:** Student at Flinders University, studying a bachelor of Education and a Bachelor of Health Science.

**Favourite Food:** Ravioli Milanese from Fasta Pasta

**Favourite Movie:** Happy Gilmore

**Favourite Music Artist/Band:** Justin Bieber

**3 People you'd like to have dinner with:** Eliud Kipchoge, Mo Farah and Galen Rupp

**Favourite Holiday Destination:** Bali

**Most admired sportsperson and why:** Mo Farah, he is the GOAT and so good to watch

## GETTING TO KNOW: THOMAS SHARPE

**Umpiring Discipline:** Goal Umpire

**1<sup>st</sup> SANFL League Game:** Port Adelaide v Eagles

**Commenced Umpiring Career With:** Independent Schools

**Honours in Umpiring:** 2 x U/18s Champs 2008-09, 2008 Best Academy Umpire, 1 x U/16s Grand Final held on AFL Grand Final Day before the AFL GF, U/17s GF 2007, U/19s GF 2008, U/18s GF 2009, Reserves GF 2010, 2011 & 2013, SANFL ANZAC DAY Game 2013-15, 2015 State Game WAFL V SANFL, League GF 2015 and Golden Flags 2015.

**Why did you become an Umpire:** I loved footy and a mate roped me in one day and I never looked back. Getting paid to umpire from the best seat in the house, can't get much better.

**Before a game I always:** Sleep in, and get to the game early, buy the budget and relax by watching as much of the Reserves as possible. Always wait until 20 minutes before walk to get ready.

**Occupation:** Sport Development Co-ordinator at Adelaide University.

**Favourite Food:** Indian or Burgers. Hard to split.

**Favourite Movie:** Donnie Darko or Catch Me If You Can.

**Favourite Music Artist/Band:** Radiohead, The Strokes or Two Door Cinema Club.

**3 People you'd like to have dinner with:** Bill Murray, Leonardo Di Caprio & Andrew McLeod.

**Favourite Holiday Destination:** New Zealand or Greece.

**Most admired sportsperson and why:** Andrew McLeod. My hero growing up, luckily enough got to work with him for several years. One of the nicest people I have ever met, and a great ambassador for the Indigenous community and is respected by everyone.



(L-R) Christopher Cook (F), Lachlan Hennig (B) & Thomas Sharpe (G) all in action during 2017



## AFL NAB U18 CHAMPIONSHIPS: BRADEN FORD

The AFL U18's National Championships were held in Melbourne from the 29<sup>th</sup> of June - 6<sup>th</sup> of July. Across Australia, six field, six boundary and four goal umpires were selected to represent their state at the championships. I was lucky enough to be selected to represent South Australia in the Goals, and had the pleasure to be joined by two exceptional umpires and good friends; Sam Morgan in the field and Scott Hargraves running the boundary.

In the weeks leading up to the Championship we began receiving our uniforms, including our attention-grabbing off field attire, as well as receiving the schedule for the week. When the trip grew nearer, it really began to hit home the adventure we were about to embark on, with our preparations evoking many mixed emotions on what to expect from the experience.

These championships are very important in young players' careers, as they are all competing for the chance to play in the AFL in the future. However, it is just as important of an opportunity for the sixteen umpires to showcase their talents to their mentors, in the hopes of potentially making it onto their state's AFL Umpiring panel one day. There were a total of four games over the week, with numerous games being held Australia wide prior to the Melbourne championships. There were two games played on Friday the 30<sup>th</sup> at Etihad Stadium, and two on Wednesday the 5<sup>th</sup> at Simmonds Stadium in Geelong. Each umpire had the opportunity to officiate two games over the course of the week. In my opinion, as well as many of my fellow umpiring colleagues, the main highlight of the trip was stepping out onto the Etihad Stadium for the first time. This was a much more enjoyable experience in comparison to the one-degree beach training session that we had to painstakingly endure. It was certainly an overwhelming feeling walking out onto a ground that we had never previously had the opportunity to experience. Sam, Scott, and I, along with our mentors Tim Shearer/Adam Davies (Field), Darren Wilson (Boundary) and David Dixon/Stephen Williams (Goal), were very pleased with our performances throughout the games that we were involved in.

The group was lucky enough to be granted a large amount of free time to explore Melbourne by ourselves over the week. People spent this in a manner of different ways, with regular shopping trips being a popular choice amongst the group. Sam especially enjoyed heading over to the DFO's at any opportune moment. Other people chose to spend their time indulging in 'fun' twelve km runs (mainly consisting of boundary umpires), catching up with local friends and family, and exploring the many incredible sights of Melbourne. A lot of our spare time was also spent at various AFL matches across Melbourne.

We were lucky enough to have had a group organised trip to the Hawthorn vs Collingwood match at the MCG. This was an amazing experience for everyone, as we were also taken down into the umpires' rooms both before and after the match to interact with the umpires who were officiating on the day. Once we had finished visiting the rooms prior to the match, we were taken up into the observers boxes to watch the game. Throughout the match we had the opportunity to interact with our mentors and other umpires, and ask questions in relation to what was happening on the field. After the match we were able to take what we had discussed with our mentors down to the running umpires, and could pick their brains on tips and techniques that may improve our own umpiring performances.

It was an inspiring experience to watch the umpiring group transition from complete strangers in the beginning, to considering each other as close as brothers at the conclusion of the week. It has been the most rewarding and motivating experience in my umpiring career, and has only reinforced my dreams of one day fulfilling an AFL Umpiring career. I don't think I could possibly put all the incredible details of this trip into words, but if you ever have the time, I'd be more than happy to indulge in any further questions. I am so thankful to my coaches and mentors for this incredible learning experience, and I encourage all aspiring umpires to work towards their goals and hopefully be blessed with the same opportunities I have been given.



(L-R) Jason Yazdani (WA), Matt Edwards (VIC), Braden Ford (SA) and Bryce Guy (TAS) with Victorian based AFL Goal Umpire Daniel Wilson.

## SCOTT HOSKING—FATHERHOOD

The SANFLUA and it's members would like to congratulate Field Umpire Scott Hosking and his wife Kahlia on the birth of their daughter Claire Anne. Born on June 5th bubs weighed in at 3.8kg and 51cm in length. We wish you all the very best.



## SLUG SLOWING THE PACE

We wonder if Former Field Umpire and SANFLUA Life Member David 'Slug' Elliott nearly choked on his Weet-Bix when this heading appeared in the Advertiser recently. Employed at the State Treasurers Office, we're confident Slug isn't a drag on anything.



## BLAST FROM THE PAST



**Can you spot some familiar faces?**

**Can you spot some old faces?**

Ball Up can spot the following current and former umpires (L-R):

Albert Webster, Steve Axon, Laurie Argent, Mark Barnett, Peter Honeyman, Dave Elliot, Tim Pfeiffer, Michael Avon, Richard Williams, Mike Nicolai, John Hutchinson, Derek Woodcock, Steve Chryssochoos, Abdullah Alpaslan and Jono Creasy.

If you can help in naming the others umpires in this photo then please email SANFLUA Publications Officer Mathew Wilson at [mathew.wilson86@gmail.com](mailto:mathew.wilson86@gmail.com)



## LIFE MEMBER PROFILE: REG BURGESS

**Name:** Reg Burgess

**Age:** 72 years

**Occupation:** Retired

**Year became life member:** 2011

**When and why did you first take up umpiring?** 1962. I was sacked as a player in 1961, saw Pottsy (Ken Potts) in 1961 Grand Final and he gave me the inspiration to take it up in 1962. Also my first boss (Bruce Fenton) from age of 16 years was also an umpires coach.

**How many years did you umpire for (number of games)?** 49 years total, which included 89 SANFL League games as both a Boundary and Goal Umpire.

**What were the highlights of your umpiring career?** Many – but I have most enjoyed the last 30 years observing the many young people I have been associated with come through the ranks from CSLFUP and Sturt SASFA.

**What characteristics do you think make a good umpire?** Empathy and understanding the game and communication with players and officials.

**Are you still involved in football, what are you doing now?** Yes – mentoring umpires at Sturt and Match Steward for the SANFL.

**Do you have a favourite football team/who?** Sturt & Crows.

**What is your favourite style of music/band?** Rock n' Roll, Johnny O'Keefe

**What is your favourite food?** Atlantic Salmon or Chicken and Vegetables.

**What do you like doing in your free time?** Volunteering in the local community.

**If you could have dinner with anyone in the world/ throughout history, who would it be and why?** Michelle Obama – Worldly, strong-willed and compassionate. She is loyal and humble with the ability to converse on many and varied subjects due to her background as a lawyer and assistant to a local mayor and her association with M.S.

Andrew McLeod – For me one of the cleverest footballers I've ever seen, not just skilful but always smooth and silky in his execution. I would like to hear his thoughts on the 2001 Brownlow Medal Count.



Reg Burgess (pictured) prior to his Round 12 Match Steward duties at Noarlunga Oval

## LIFE MEMBER LUNCHEON

There is no doubt, that the biggest highlight for our Life Members outside of the Annual Dinner is the annual Life Members Lunch.

14 life members along with their partners converged on Seven 22 Bar & Bistro (formerly the Eagles Bar & Bistro) on June 25, with some travelling from as far as Beachport in the South East and Crystal Brook in the Mid North.

Knowing the President is never short of words, he kept his introduction short and sweet to allow the members time to enjoy the afternoon and reminisce about years past. There were hundreds of stories told and lots of active discussion about the direction football, and umpiring in particular is heading. I'm not sure the younger brigade would entertain their suggestion of reverting back to the two field umpire system though?

Delicious Meals were enjoyed, and the amber fluid and fermented fruit juice flowed through the afternoon.

The afternoon concluded in a very boisterous session of watching the closing minutes of the tight clash between Geelong and Fremantle, with some interesting looks from outsiders. You can never really get rid of that White Line fever can you?

We have received lots of positive feedback about this year's event and looking to 2018.



Photos from the SANFLUA Life Members Luncheon hosted by SANFLUA President Matthew Norton at Seven 22 Bar & Bistro .

## AFL ROUND 12 MILESTONES: 150TH AFL MATCH

### BIG MILESTONE FOR THE BIG RED

When Sam Hay arrived at the SANFL in the early 2000s, State Umpiring Director Shane Harris described him as a “red headed lad with a fat arse”. Despite this, Shane was a fan of Sam, a Glenelg SASFA product who started umpiring in 1998. Sam quickly established himself as a reliable umpire and rose through the grades to earn his spot in the 2005, 2007 and 2008 SANFL League ‘be active’ Grand Finals. Multiple trials culminated in his appointment to the AFL Senior List in 2009.

Recently, Sam achieved his 150-game milestone with the AFL. Since first coming on as an emergency to replace the injured Scott Jeffery in Port Adelaide v Essendon, Round 1 2009, he has solidified his place on the AFL list. But he has changed a lot since his early days. He made a decision a few years back to change his lifestyle; to get rid of accounting and take up personal training. This saw him change from the fat-arsed lad to the svelte athlete we know today. And somewhere along the line, he developed into one of the most consistent bouncers in the country. He very rarely misses. Even more significantly, he left his beloved hometown of Adelaide for the big smoke of Melbourne. He eases his homesickness by talking of Adelaide Oval daily. Earlier in the year, when in Adelaide, Sam took a few of us out for the night. He’d chosen the venue- 2KW- and was adamant we go there. When we arrived and took the elevator to the top floor, it was evident why he’d insisted on that particular establishment; it had a brilliant view of Adelaide Oval. Don’t get me wrong, I like the place, but clearly not as much as Sam.

His aforementioned achievements are great. 150 AFL games, three SANFL Grand Finals as well as a Golden Whistle and State Game for good measure. But putting aside his past glories and future ambitions, what really stands out about Sam is his character. I met him when I came to the SANFL in 2006, but it would be a few seasons until I really got to know him. Outwardly, Sam is a polite, well-mannered fella who has an incredible ability to last right to the end on a night out. Behind closed doors, though, he is one of the most annoying people I’ve ever met. You’d think this would disincentives my desire for friendship with him, but no. He is a friend who will call you regularly just to catch up. A friend who never forgets a birthday. A friend who will ask about your family and check in when you are low. A proper friend.

I recall a time I was at a particularly low point. Sam gave up his morning to come and visit. I didn’t ask him to, he just came around to cheer me up and make sure I was OK. A proper friend.

This article was supposed to be about his 150<sup>th</sup> game, but when I sat down to write, other Sam-related things entered my mind. I’ll be sure to stick to the script when he reaches game 300.

150 AFL games. Three SANFL Grand Finals. A proper friend.

Not bad for a red-headed lad with a fat arse.

*By Curtis Deboy*



Sam Hay officiating at Domain Stadium in 2016



## ROUND 11 MILESTONES: 1ST LEAGUE MATCH

### TOP LEAGUE FOR TEMME

A quiet lad with an umpiring skill set that has enabled him to get some very sought-after games in a career that is far from over – U18 Grand Final then followed by selection to the inaugural AFLW competition. Cameron was ultimately rewarded with the AFLW Grand Final on the Gold Coast after a magnificent season.

Credit must be given to his Academy coaches for his development and his want to be involved in the game of Australian Rules Football. Cameron has come a long way in a short amount of time and we cannot wait to see how far this lad can go.

Congratulations on your League debut Cameron.

*By Hayden Cook*



Cameron Temme receiving his 1<sup>st</sup> League match certificate from SANFLUA President Matthew Norton

When asked about his first SANFL League match. This is what Cameron had to say:

I was lucky enough to be able make my debut at league level. I received the news from Hayden via a phone call. It took me by surprise and I was speechless when he told me. My week was a whirlwind; I barely slept the night before the game. I was filled with excitement and lots of nerves. The game itself was great, I really enjoyed the day and it was a great experience. I am certainly grateful for the opportunity and all the help I have received along the way.

#### APPROACHING LEAGUE MILESTONES (ROUNDS 13 - 18)

Corey Bowen (250)

Samuel Royans (150)

12 Mathew Wilson (100)

Aaron O'Malley (50)

## FIELD MARSHALL

Winter is here. The rain, the wind and the complaints with it. It is almost as though we all forget we survived this last year as hysteria climbs to new heights. To combat the cold, many are taking sensible measures to stay warm with tights, beanies, gloves and jackets now a staple part of training attire. Another popular option of staying warm is heckling the performance staff for OHS weather violations. This always has a terrific effect as you see Todd and Meredith question their commitment to a rowdy bunch of hecklers as they shiver under 5 jumpers, 4 shirts and a set of thermals. Only Check's seems to enjoy the sleeting rain and driving southerly winds. He strides around the oval barking orders, throwing jabs at the weakness of the group and laughing in true Spartan Madness.

Due to a doctrine as old as time itself (or Theron) the group enjoyed a respite Wednesday evening with the Annual Night Off. For many, this is a chance to get away from it all and refresh. I know that AFL players get up to Byron Bay during their weekends off. As Field Marshall, I decided that routine is essential to performance and headed straight back to West Lakes to dine at the finest establishment in the West Lakes/ Seaton area, The Checkside Tavern.

Now on to representative chatter, we kick off with the National Under 18's Championships in Melbourne where Sam Morgan carried the Field Umpires banner as he proved to the Victorians that there was more to him than a face of a 12 year old. This trip is the pinnacle of junior representative competition and Sam trained seriously in the weeks leading up. Sam even went as far as getting a fresh hair cut 2 weeks out and then realising he had jumped the gun, went back in just 3 days out for a further trim! One can only hope that sort of dedication is recognised and rewarded by those in AFL house.

National Under 16's is being held once again in Western Sydney. The spiritual home of the premiers of the next decade. For Hudson Noack and Thomas Ford this is a big trip away. The chance to impress on a national stage is a key driver this weekend, but also staying out of trouble on Blacktown's suburban streets is highly relevant.

The Gold Coast has also played host to the AFL Women's under 18s championship this year with Riley Hemming picked on the back of a great season and a haircut (or lack thereof) that fits perfectly with the culture of the Gold Coast. Word from the coast is that Riley spent more time in the morning doing his hair than the ladies.

So as I sign off from the Checkside Tavern, I look forward at the coming months with finals a mere 7 weeks away. This is the time that ovals degenerate and turn into black quagmires and the rain comes in sideways. This is the time when our best step up and make their case for finals selection. Also, don't forget we all must run a 3km time trial in the coming weeks. The group is actually more optimistic about the time trial given the Scavenger hunt debacle. Very clever of the performance department to trick us into being thankful it is just a time trial.

And remember, it has got to get colder before it gets warmer.

Field Marshall.

## BOUNDARY BOLTER

Past the half way mark of the season and things are starting to get interesting on the track and in games.

First up some milestones; Cameron Temme debuted at League as the list of debutants continues to grow – Congratulations Cameron.

Congratulations to Brayden Thiel, Martion Elsegood and Lachlan Henning who have all notched up 50<sup>th</sup> league games.

Adam Spratt became the first boundary umpire this season to record a goal assist with his arm knocking the ball back into play from the behind the point post at Elizabeth. Poor old Spratty can't cop a trick this season as he spends almost every training session spewing his guts up at some stage. I have heard that Centrals are keen to have him umpire all their games after his goal assist.

Mark Thompson has been rarely sighted on the track spending three quarters of training on the massage table trying to make sure he doesn't snap in half again. When he is on the track (rarely) he can be heard well before he is seen. Boundary Bolter has also noted that he has taken to parking his car in front of the race at AAMI on training nights. Perhaps this is for easy access to the massage room or maybe Thommo is too good to park with everyone in the regular car park!

Matt Zacher set a world record for his skin folds this time round. Even Chad 'Cuddles' Truscott hasn't visited the Colonel at KFC as many times as Zacher has recently. Still able to roll round on game day Zacher makes up for his running by launching his throws to the centre square.

Gerard Carter has been moving well on track in challenging Corey Watkins in some of the sessions which we all know Corey has to win.

Tim Bryant will miss a few weeks with his work roster not allowing him to do Saturday games. Bad news for Timbo but good news for those of us who have sore shoulders from carrying Timbo again this season!

Issac Fishlock had to pull out of a game because of a sore Heartstring a couple weeks ago. Apparently he had a runny nose that week. Hopefully Fish toughens up a little bit before seasons end. He may just inherit the nickname 'Tinman' from some of his colleagues, if only you had a heart 'Fishy'!

Tribal elder nights on Wednesday Nights have dished up a few interesting sessions. A few guys enjoyed the longer sessions but most were surprised by Sam Royans night and how hard he worked the squad. I think most guys were cooked after his session, good work Sammy.

A few guys have chanced their lucky with what gear they bring to games. Damian Robinson came to Elizabeth without socks for one game and Will Carter went to Unley on a rainy day without any boots luckily they both survived!

Keep up the good work guys and you'll be hearing from the Boundary Bolter again soon.



## GALLOPING GOALIE

At the halfway point and with mid-season reviews all done, it appears as though one Goal Umpire has received some great feedback. So great in fact, he's placed himself at the top of the betting market to be one of the last two standing on 2017 SANFL League Grand Final Day. GG thinks he needs to be reminded that Grand Finals aren't handed out in June!

A recent training session saw the Goalies get flogged on the track out of nowhere (even the Boundaries are making comments about the excessive running of late) and it saw multiple 'Spit the Dummy' nominations occur. Come the end of training, even though it was heard from multiple goalies to hit the showers, as they walked off a couple of coaching staff put their hat in the ring for a dummy spit and abused said goalies for leaving the track early. It was overheard that a couple may have fired back with a few choice words. As skills recommences, the SA State U18s rocked up and the session was called off. Should have listened to us in the first instant coaches!

Being the winter months, the Goalies have had a couple of off-site training sessions at PAC in their Gym. We're all extremely grateful for the opportunity we get to get away from Footy Park and into a different environment. These training sessions are usually followed by a group of guys heading off to one of the nearby pubs for dinner. It wasn't lost on GG that on one recent visit to PAC a dinner was being talked about but when Cummo said that he couldn't do dinner, his offsiders Rhys and Norto all of a sudden couldn't either. 'The 3 Amigos' struck again and GG understands that no dinner eventuated.

A Field Umpire has sent in some info to GG that two goalies were seen having an argument at Unley Oval around if they were going to wear a short sleeve or long sleeve shirt on a sunny Sunday afternoon. The two almost had to be separated, but in a compromise (which the senior wouldn't even know what that word means), the younger of the two got his way. That being said, as part of the compromise the younger umpire had to finish the game up the South end where the crowd consisted of a Tennis Court and the Sturt ball man.

The SANFLUA 8-Ball night gave us another chance to watch a certain umpire, struggle at yet another sport. At least he is consistently bad when it comes to another ball sport. The night also saw another chance for a certain group of goalies to again the competitive juices flowing. Resident 8-Ball guru James Georgiadis take them to the cleaners on multiple occasions, sometimes with his non preferred hand. It also came across the desk of the GG that one AFL Umpire at the 8-Ball Night missed a 2m x 2m sign adjacent the 8-Ball venue that stated 'CARPARK SHUTS AT 8PM' and was almost stuck for the night after unsuccessfully trying to sweet talk the security guard to open it up over the phone. Luckily, Willow (Mat Wilson) was leaving not long after and gave him a ride home despite living the complete opposite direction .

Our other AFL listed umpires have given the GG no info of late. One just kept complaining about his jacket not arriving from the AFL yet, and another is just a 'head down' type operator that really needs to give something. GG would like to the fact the AWFUL guys have received their new training gear and can't help but think they look like they're wearing pyjamas.

The Goalies recently had a Beep Test scheduled at PAC. Emails were sent and reminders were given at trainings leading up to it. These still didn't help James Georgiadis, whom, as the first group was about to begin, phoned the coach to check where we were as he was parked at Immanuel College and couldn't find anybody. GG can't repeat what Observer Adrian Forster called James but if you ask the neighbours surrounding PAC they'll probably be able to tell you given how loud he yelled it out. I'm happy to report James made it to PAC just in time for the second group to start. An honourable mention to the Honeygot (Peter Honeyman) for taking part in the Beep Test but pulled out after Level 5. That won't get you the Slowdown in October Pete.

Until next time

GG

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SANFL UMPIRES' ASSOCIATION ANNUAL DINNER



Thursday, August 17, 2017

Adelaide Oval, Ian McLachlan Room

6:30pm Pre Dinner Drinks, 7:00pm Start



## SANFLUA

Founded in 1947, the South Australian National Football League Umpires Association (SANFLUA) is a not for profit organisation representing the needs and interests of umpires officiating at South Australian National Football League (SANFL) and Australian Football League (AFL) level.

The aim of the association is to provide a supportive and team-oriented umpiring environment and unite members across all umpiring disciplines. The association has a primary role in organising social events throughout the year and in maintaining its Life Members network.

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