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YOUR 2018 COMMITTEE



“Your support is vital to ensure SANFLUA remains a viable entity that can support its Umpires, and also provide them with opportunities to socialise with Umpires they might not get a chance to. We’re here to look after the needs of all our Umpires and with a strong member database we’re better equipped to achieve this.” SANFLUA President Matthew Cummins

2018 SANFLUA DATES

Saturday April 14th:
After Match Catch Up at The
Gilbert Street Hotel

Saturday May 26th:
Movie - Dinner Night at Café
Brunelli & Palace Nova Eastend
Cinemas (Rundle Street)

Saturday June 9th:
Ten Pin Bowling Night at Kingpin
Norwood

Saturday June 23rd:
After Match Catch Up at The
Gilbert Street Hotel

Sunday June 24th:
Life Members Luncheon at Seven
22 (Port Road)

Saturday July 21st:
Quiz Night at Walkerville Bowling
Club

Saturday August 18th:
After Match Catch Up at The
Gilbert Street Hotel

Thursday August 23rd:
Annual Dinner at Adelaide Oval

Sunday September 23rd:
SANFL Grand Final After Party at
the Cathedral Hotel

Saturday October 6th:
Presidents Lunch at The Gilbert
Street Hotel



PRESIDENTS PEN - MATTHEW CUMMINS

We are already at the pointy end of the season. It feels like only yesterday that we were having our AGM and the year was just kicking off. Much of the year has felt like we've been chasing our tails a little bit given the late start with the AGM but we've been slowly chipping away. Obviously, for this year, our focus has been on our training facilities and this will continue to be until we're satisfied with an outcome.

The additional lighting that has been provided is welcomed but it's certainly still a long way from acceptable. The condition of the grounds is another area of focus and SANFLUA backs the judgement of our training and condition staff led by Tony Checker. So far, there is no doubt, we've been lucky with weather and the grounds have held up. There are still some areas though that need improving.

Our training venue has been a topic of discussion at every meeting I've had with Shane and the talks are always positive. They say patience is a virtue and with this one, a little patience will hopefully see us come out the other side with some first-class facilities. It's hoped permanent lighting and an ATCO hut (for trainers and property) will be in use by the end of daylight savings (March 2019) at the latest. Updates will be forwarded once they come to hand, either from me, or the SANFL Umpiring Department.

The middle of the year has seen our social event functions kick off. Our After Match Catch Ups continue to be well attended. They're a great way for all disciplines to mingle. Our last one is on Saturday August 18th at The Gilbert Street Hotel. It will be great to see you there.

Our Quiz Night was held in July and once again was a great success. We had a great mix of umpires and their friends across the tables. A big thank you to Mat Wilson who put in some tireless hours chasing up some great auction items which were well received. It was great to have former SANFLUA President Matthew Norton fly back from interstate to be our Quiz Master. We'll see a little more of Norto over the next month or so.

We held our annual Life Members Luncheon in June. We had a great response this year with over 40 Life Members/Partners in attendance. We'd love to continue to grow this event so if any of our Life Members have ideas for this event, please let us know. We value the contribution our Life Members make to SANFLUA and this event is designed to bring you altogether in one place to catch up with mates you don't always have the chance to see.

Our focus for events shifts to our night of nights – the Annual Dinner. Invites have been sent out. If you haven't received one and you think you should have, please contact us at info@sanflua.com.au once again Adelaide Oval is our venue of choice. We continue to receive positive feedback from members regarding the venue. A delicious 3 Course Meal, drinks package, Award Winners, Life Member Inductions, membership service certificates and a chance to catch up with people old and new, always makes our Annual Dinner a special night for our Association. I look forward to seeing a lot of members there.

I'd like to congratulate our Umpires who recently celebrated great Milestones. To Steve Murphy on reaching 300 SANFL League Matches and Toby Medlin officiated in his 200th SANFL League Match. This is a significant milestone for Toby as it means he'll receive SANFL Life Membership. We've seen a rush of debutants at League Level in the boundary umpiring ranks this year. It's great to see some new talent being rewarded for their efforts. As we head to what will hopefully be warmer weather, come's the smell of finals footy. I wish all our umpires the best during the closing rounds of season 2018. I hope you all reach your goals.

All the best; and remember – enjoy your umpiring.

Matt Cummins

President

AFTER MATCH CATCH UP #2

Saturday June 23rd was the second After Match Catch Up at The Gilbert Street Hotel. More than 40 members, partners and family members turned up to enjoy another successful night. SANFLUA President Matthew Cummins again indulged those in attendance with the first round on the house. It was terrific to see an array of new and familiar faces come and enjoy the After Match Catch Up. These events are always great way for all Members to get to know each other in a relaxed atmosphere. The SANFLUA hopes to see you all at the final After Match Catch Up on Saturday 18th August at The Gilbert Street Hotel.



QUIZ NIGHT

Before the season started and before our new President was elected both Mathew Wilson and David Sobieraj were scurrying around the Adelaide region in search for an array of prizes for the 2018 Social Events. These two men searched high and wide, accruing timepieces, power tools, gardening gear, beverages, memorabilia, vouchers and a first prize that would be a terrific reward for the winning team.

As the weeks approached, our current President Matthew Cummins and former President for Quiz Master Matthew Norton organized some dazzling quiz questions as well as ensuring he practised his passages for the night.

Prior to the event, Mathew Wilson and the obliging Oliver Wilson (Mathew Wilson's youngest), set up the room in conjunction with the capable backing of the Walkerville Bowling Club.

As teams filtered into the venue there was an air of excitement as members, friends and family came together to enjoy the Quiz Night. The team names were a highlight and while there were some very well thought out names, unfortunately for some teams, their answers weren't as good as their names.

We sincerely thank all our sponsors Thirsty Camel, The Wine Sellar, Lion, PeggyLane Time Instruments, Ozito, Pirate Life Brewing, Toro, Wilko's By The Lake, U Brew it Para Hills West, XBlades, The Lakes Resort Hotel and The Original Coopers Alehouse for their kind donations which helps the SANFLUA tremendously.

We also thank Red Bull for the kind donation of a Travis Boak signed Guernsey, product for the raffle, use of their Audio equipment and the amazing tunes kindly provided by their resident DJ Tom; who we will be seeing again at the SANFL Grand Final After Party on Sunday 23rd September at the Cathedral Hotel.

Additionally, we would also like to thank The Adelaide Nut and SANFLUA Social Secretary Terence Carter for the arrangement and donation of a magnificent Gift Basket as well as SANFLUA Committee Member Abdul Alpaslan for his donation of wine for our Quiz Night winners.

Finally, a huge thank you to everyone who attended the night and a further thank you to those who organised a table, brought friends or family along, the more support we get for these events the better. The Quiz Night is our biggest fundraiser for the year and events like this one are important contributors to SANFLUA's finances. With your support our organisation would not exist.



SANFL UMPIRES ASSOCIATION

Upcoming events at The Gilbert Street Hotel



After Match Catch Up
Saturday | 18 August 2018

President's Lunch
Saturday | 6 October 2018

AROUND THE DISCIPLINES

We're smack bang in the middle of winter and don't our Umpires know it. With our training venue for 2018 being so open, they've certainly been feeling the cold nights. Beanies, gloves and thick jumpers have all made an appearance amongst all 3 disciplines during these winter months. Only a few more winter sessions to go and the warmer spring weather should be upon us.

The month of June saw more milestones achieved through the ranks. Goal Umpire Matthew Williams officiated in his 100th SANFL League Match in Round 10. Matthew umpired the Queen's Birthday fixture between Glenelg and North Adelaide at Glenelg Oval.

At AFL Level, Boundary Umpire Chris Bull Officiated in his 150th Match. Chris is a staunch supporter of SANFLUA and has achieved some great things during his Umpiring Career. We have no doubt there will be many more accolades to come.

Veteran Goal Umpire Steve Murphy notched up a big milestone in June. Steve umpired his 300th SANFL League Match. He was able to choose his partner for the match and fittingly he chose Steve Axon. It just so happened that 20 years to the Round, Axon made his SANFL League debut with Murphy. The weather gods missed the memo and the day turned out to be quite horrendous. It did nothing to dampen Steve's big day and we have no doubt the crowd in attendance (mostly Steve's family) enjoyed the show. Congratulations Murphy; a fantastic achievement.

The AFL held it's week long U18's Championships in Victoria at the end of June. SA was proudly represented by Tom Bryce (F), Gerard Carter (B) and Michael Button (G). All reports indicate that our team performed exceptionally well. Heading across to umpire in front of a different set of eyes certainly helps with the development of our umpires and this year was no different. Congratulations to all three.

Our Field Umpires farewelled a likeable character amongst the group with Scott Galletly having to cut his Umpiring year short due to work commitments, We're hopeful that Scott won't be lost to umpiring forever and that one day he'll return, work commitments allowing. SANFLUA wish Scott all the best.

SANFLUA held its annual Life Member's Lunch recently. Some 50 plus Life Members and their partners attended what was a relaxed and enjoyable afternoon. Some left with door prizes which were all donated by some of our fantastic sponsors that we have acquired for 2018. Thanks to all the Life Members who attended. It would be great to continue to grow this luncheon further. It's another great opportunity to catch up with friends from yesteryear.

June also saw our annual Ten Pin Bowling Night held. Once again this was a very well attended event, with the competitive juices flowing. As with all of our social events, it was a great opportunity to mingle across all 3 disciplines of umpiring, both rookie and senior umpires.

Congratulations are extended to Goal Umpire and SANFLUA Committee member Thomas Sharpe who became engaged recently. Tom and his long term partner Kate are looking to tie the knot sometime next year. We wish them both all the best.

Radio Station Mix 102.3 partook in the #JumpChallenge during the month of June and with Steve Murphy's connection, they brought it to SANFL Umpires training. A mixed group of Umpires took on the challenge, which requires a person to begin in the kneeling position and without their hands touching the ground, jump from their knees to their feet. It's not as easy as it sounds or looks; however we were very well represented with most successfully completing it. Jump on to our Facebook page to check it out and maybe give it a go yourself.

It's hard to believe that we're more than half way through the season. Stay tuned for more from Around The Disciplines in July.

By SANFLUA President Matthew Cummins



Scott Galletly and Steven Murphy both in action at Prospect Oval

2018 U18 AFL CHAMPIONSHIPS

My trip to Melbourne for the U/18 Championships was unforgettable. It was a great opportunity to have a whole week dedicated to working on my umpiring without any distractions. I tried my best to make the most of the week and improve my game.

The week got off to a bit of a rocky start with our flights being delayed due to fog and Michael getting his luggage stolen at the airport. This unfortunately cut James Podsiadly's Leadership and Culture session and the Official welcome short to make up the time. It was still great to listen to someone who had been there and done it and hear his thoughts on the way the game is going and what part umpiring has to play in that, also he detailed what we should get from the week. The next day was Friday which was game day, I had been appointed to Game 2 which was Vic Country vs WA at GMHBA stadium in Geelong. I felt that I covered the ground well and I dotted up the rucks with my throw ins. Day three was recovery day which we were left to do by ourselves. My day consisted of a run on the treadmill, a ride on the exercise bike, a tonne of stretching and some hot/ cold showers. Sunday morning started with a skill session at Williamstown Football Ground the main focus of this was to nail our throw ins towards the middle of the Oval. That afternoon we went to the MCG where we sat in the umpires rooms and spoke to the boys before the Melbourne vs St Kilda game. This was great to hear what the lads did before they ran onto the field and also what they did immediately after the game. On Monday the activity was mental skills development with Warren Kennaugh, this was a real eye opener as it is one aspect of umpiring I have never devoted any time to improving. Tuesday was 1 on 1 coaching, massages and a skill session with Shane Thiele. The 1 on 1 coaching with Darren Wilson was one of the highlights of the week for me as a lot of the advice he gave me I knew would immediately improve my umpiring. Wednesday was the final day of the camp and was game day 2. I was running the game between Vic Metro and SA at Etihad Stadium. This game for me wasn't as good as the first, I had a few off throws and I felt I wasn't quite as locked in as I had been Game 1. Still I ran hard and loved every second of being under the bright lights of the roof. What a week it was!

This was a great experience and I feel has lifted my umpiring ability to a new level. I'd like to thank Quentin for choosing me for this week I have been jealous of everyone who had been chosen in previous years so thank you for this week. Thanks also to the other SA umpires chosen Michael Button and Tom Bryce I hope you boys got as much from this week as I did. I would also like to extend thanks to my roommates for the week Liam Cashion and Alex Donoghue from the NEAFL as I would have starved and been wearing dirty clothes all week without you both looking after me. Thanks you as well to the AFL for putting on the camp as well as all the AFL umpires and coaches that took the time to say hi and give us a few tips. Thanks to our bus drivers & coaches Colin Rowston and Darren Wilson as well as the National Talent and Development Manager Adam Davis. Finally, I would just like to say a huge thank you to Darren Wilson the Boundary Umpires coach to have someone with your experience and know how was unbelievable, it blows my mind that I had the opportunity to learn from possibly the best boundary umpire of all time. You are someone I have always looked up to and tried to emulate so thank you for taking the time to spend a week with us.

There you go that was my week in Melbourne it was a great experience and defiantly a highlight of my umpiring career so far I hope to have more opportunities like this in the future.

By Gerard Carter SANFL
(SANFL Boundary Umpire & 2018 SA AFL U18 Championship Representative)



U18 Boundary Umpires hearing from the AFL Umpires at the MCG



U18 Field Umpires receiving some coaching at Williamstown Oval



2018 U18 Championship SA Representatives (L-R) Tom Bryce (Field), Michael Button (Goal) & Gerard Carter (Boundary) at GMHBA Stadium (Geelong)



The full 2018 U18 Championship Representative Squad at AFL House



All 2018 U18 AFL Championship Umpires at Williamstown Oval

2018 U16 AFL CHAMPIONSHIPS

This year I was lucky enough to be given the opportunity to officiate in the Under 16's National Championships. Jackson Nokes and Josh Hardy were the two field umpires chosen and Jaii and Kier Francis were the boundary umpires selected. This competition consisted of three rounds, Round 1 being played in different states, Round 2 on the Gold Coast and Round 3 in Brisbane. Each umpire officiated in one game per round.

There was a Round 1 game at Alberton Oval between South Australia and Western Australia, with an umpiring panel consisting of SANFL umpires. This was a great opportunity to get a feel of the championships before we headed to Queensland. We later realized that this game was essentially the grand final, as it was evident in rounds 2 and 3, these teams were clearly the front runners.

We arrived on the Gold Coast on Sunday 8th July. As soon as we touched down we got straight into skills and a coaching session followed by an official welcome/values session. We then went to our first team dinner, which was a great opportunity to get to know our fellow umpires from different disciplines.

The next two days were Round 2 of the championships. Day 1 was at Southport, where we were informed numerous times that it was the richest suburban club in Australia. Day 2 was played at Metricon Stadium, which was a pretty surreal experience for most.

On one of our nights off we were lucky enough to catch up with the umpires from the U18 AFLW Championships. We heard from Mark Evans, Gold Coast Suns CEO, and had a Q/A with Chelsea Roffey, Matthew Nichols and Darren Wilson.

The following day we ventured up to Brisbane to our new accommodation ready for Round 3 to commence. These games were played at the Gabba, and Yeronga. It seemed to work out that everyone had an opportunity to run on an AFL ground, be an emergency umpire, and have in game coaching with a current AFL umpire. This form of coaching meant that during a game we would sit together and chat about preparation, positioning, and general thoughts during a game.

Overall, I felt that the experience had such a positive impact on my umpiring. Receiving feedback from different people was a major influence in my development over the week, as well as hearing from goal umpires around Australia and what they do differently. I look forward to umpiring back in the SANFL and implementing new techniques and skills, doing so with confidence.

By Emilie Hill (SANFL Goal Umpire)



U16 Goal Umpires checking out our area with AFL Goal Umpire Shaun Apted



SA Umpires (L-R) Kier Francis, Jackson Nokes, Emilie Hill, Jaii Francis & Josh Hardy

2018 LIFE MEMBERS LUNCHEON

LIFE MEMBERSHIP DETAILS

Life Membership

At the discretion of the Committee, Life Membership may be granted to any person who has either been a member of the Association for at least fifteen (15) consecutive years and rendered distinguished service to the Association or died or has been permanently incapacitated while a Member of the Association.

Rules for Life Membership

- (i) Life members shall not pay any Membership Fee but shall have all rights and privileges of "Full Members".
- (ii) At the discretion of the Committee the qualifying period of Life Membership may be extended due to:
 - (a) Transfer of employment to the country or interstate.
 - (b) Overseas travel.
 - (c) Or any other reason as seen fit by the Committee.

Should deferment be granted, the Member would be required to complete the outstanding period of time before consideration be given to Life Membership.

(iii) The Committee shall vote for each Life Member on a resolution proposed and seconded for each member, and each resolution shall cover one member at a time and the resolution shall be passed by not less than two-thirds of the Committee members present at such meeting and voting there on.

(iv) Any person who has been a member of the Association for at least fifteen (15) consecutive years who has not been granted Life Membership and has not been a member for a further period of two (2) consecutive years shall no longer be considered for Life Membership on the basis of those fifteen (15) consecutive years.

Taken directly from the SANFLUA Constitution

One of the biggest highlights for our Life Members outside of the Annual Dinner is the annual Life Members Lunch. Over 40 Life Members along with their partners converged on Seven 22 Bar & Bistro (formerly the Eagles Bar & Bistro) on Sunday June 24th. This is by far one of our best turn outs yet to celebrate our wonderful Life Members. SANFLUA President Matthew Cummins kept his introduction short and sweet to allow the members' time to enjoy the afternoon and reminisce about years past. A delicious lunch was enjoyed at Seven 22 as the beverages flowed freely throughout the afternoon. Some magnificent stories were told and there was lots of active discussion about the direction in which both football and umpiring is heading. The afternoon concluded with the raffling off of our door prizes which were kindly donated by Astor Hotel, Kersbrook Hill Wines & Cider, Palace Nova Cinemas, Roby Roy Hotel, Sip'n Save & Sussex Hotel.



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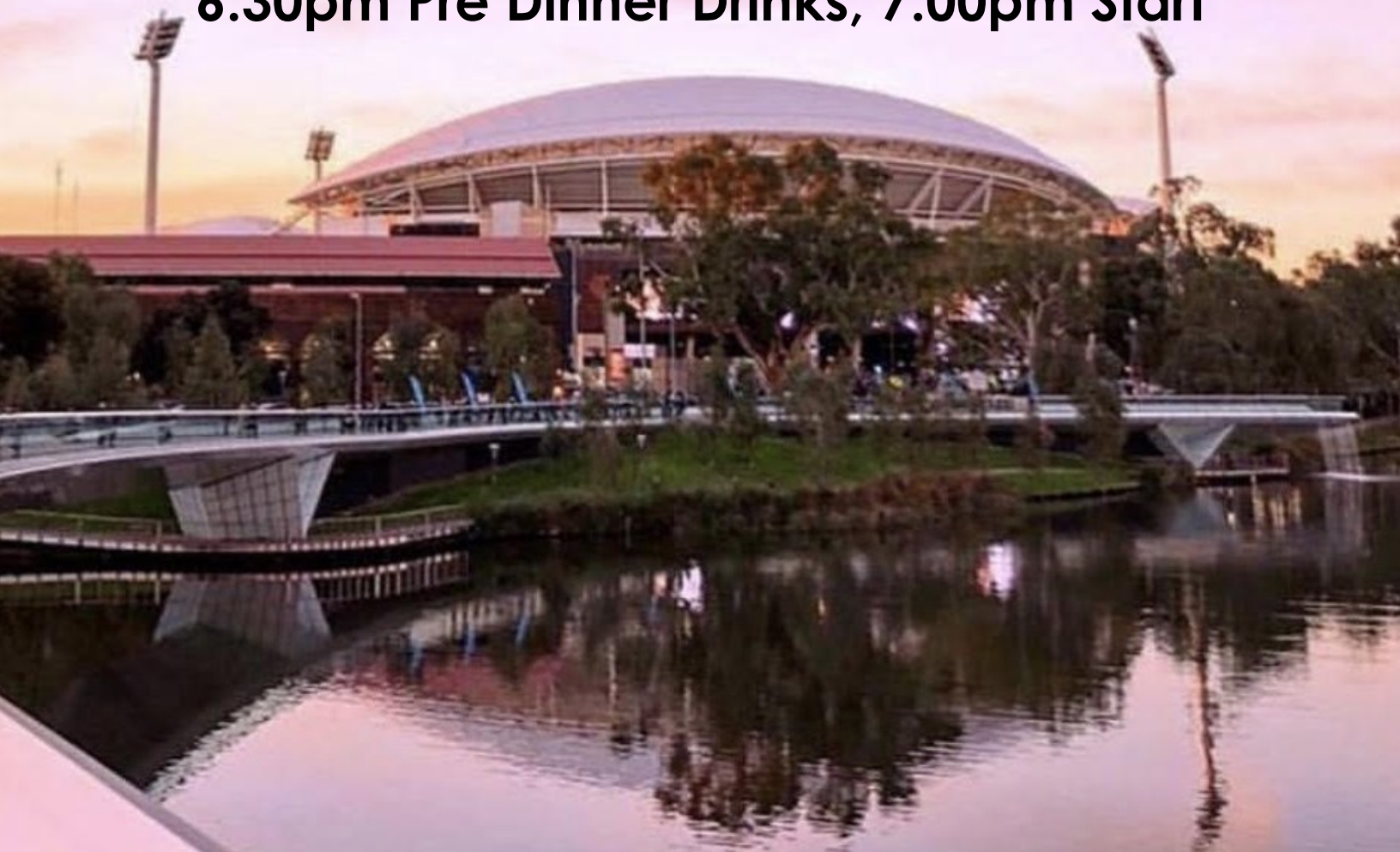
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**SANFL UMPIRES' ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL DINNER**

Thursday, August 23, 2018

Adelaide Oval, Ian McLachlan Room

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



ROUND 11 MILESTONE: 300TH LEAGUE MATCH

MURF AMASSES THREE HUNDRED

There's not too many umpires that can say they have umpired 300 SANFL league games. In fact there was only 5 on record up until this year.....and they are all 'household' names when it comes to goal umpiring – Roger Garret, Charlie Britton, Alton Smith, Mostyn Rutter & Ray Mules. The 6th person to achieve this amazing milestone in round 11 between Norwood & Glenelg was the one and only.... Steven 'MURF' Murphy. And it was an honour to be his 'partner' for the day because besides being great mates for many years, it was exactly 20 years ago when Murf partnered me for my very 1st League game back in 1998. Not many on the current list would know but Murf was a true role model for me and someone who I idolised. So much so that I was given the nickname 'Junior Murf'!

Whilst there may have been some questions asked about who he would umpire with, there was little doubt on his choice of ground he would umpire at. Norwood oval is his favourite suburban ground and those that know Murf well enough would not have been surprised to see him finish at the grandstand end for the 2nd half. Sadly the weather was not so kind so Murf didn't have the big crowd he deserved. Having said that Murf still put on a show as he LOVES to do.

So where did it all begin for this goal umpiring legend. Murf originally started waving the flags in the South Australian Football Association (SAFA) before joining the SANFL in 1990...back in the old hat and coat days! There must be something about the month of June for Murf because not only did he notch up the big 300th in June of this year, his very 1st SANFL game was in June 1990, 1st Reserves game in June 1992, 1st League game in June 1993 and also is 100th in June 2006.

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Steven Murphy and his match day colleagues prior to officiating his 300th League match between Norwood v Glenelg at Coopers Stadium (Norwood)

ROUND 11 MILESTONE: 300TH LEAGUE MATCH

MURF AMASSES THREE HUNDRED

On top of his 300 SANFL league games, which includes 2 Grand Finals in 1996 and 2008, Murf also amassed approx. 40 NEAFL games during his time in NSW. Not forgetting Murf spent 10 years umpiring at the elite level finishing on a total of 74 AFL games, bringing his overall tally to 400+ senior games!

Apart from Murf's obvious on field umpiring talent, he also boasts many attributes off field....which of course includes making babies! He has an amazing ability to relate and communicate with anyone and everyone. He always has time to have a chat..... and loves all the gossip that goes with! Murf has been a fantastic supporter of the SANFLUA as well having been a member for 27 years. His contributions include master of ceremonies for annual dinners, quiz nights and assisting with live entertainment. The fact that Murf has won SANFLUA's Most Dedicated Goal Umpire Award 3 times is indicative of his commitment to goal umpiring. Fittingly he was awarded Life Membership of SANFLUA in 2013.

Steve....once again a huge congratulations on achieving 300 SANFL League games. A true testament of your dedication, passion and resilience. Above all your ability to remain at the top of your game for so many years. You should be very proud of this amazing milestone.....you go down as a true goal umpiring legend my friend.

By Steve Axon (AFL Goal Umpire)



SANFLUA President Matthew Cummins presenting Steven Murphy with his 300th League Match Certificate

ROUND 14 AFL MILESTONE: 150TH AFL MATCH

BULLY BRINGS UP 150

In Round 14 Chris Bull reached the 150 game milestone when he took to the field in the Port Adelaide vs Melbourne game on a cold Friday night at Adelaide Oval and in doing so Bully becomes the 6th umpire from SA to achieve this milestone.

Bully began his umpiring journey in 2000 with the North Eastern Umpiring Zone after injury cut short his promising football career, while this was crushing for Chris at the time he has gone on to achieve great things in umpiring and without doubt the highlight being his appointment to the 2016 AFL Grand Final between the Western Bulldogs & Sydney Swans.

Bully has certainly been a journeyman by serving a long apprenticeship in the SANFL. Chris has notched up 4 SANFL grand finals along the way and his persistence paid off when the opportunity presented to join the SA based AFL panel in 2011. This promotion was a great reward for the hard work and commitment Bully displayed as he quietly went about improving his craft.

Bully juggles his umpiring commitments with his day job as a police officer which presents its challenges with shift work, it is not uncommon for Bully to umpire a game of footy and go straight from the ground to work a night shift, this displays a high level of commitment to combine both duties and it is testament to his dedication that Bully finds the time to fit in his training commitments to ensure it doesn't affect his game day performance.

Without doubt Chris is one the good guys, his relaxed and calm approach to life makes him very approachable and reflects his popularity amongst the group, Bully quietly goes about his business and his professionalism and dedication are strong traits that shine through and he certainly sets an example that all up and coming umpires can aspire to be.

Congrats mate on the 150 game milestone and I wish you well for the next 150!!

By Mark Thomson (SANFLUA Life Member & AFL Boundary Umpire)



SANFLUA President Matthew Cummins presenting Chris Bull with his 150th AFL Match Certificate

CHRIS BULL (AFL) STATS

Debut: Rd 1 2011 - Adelaide (107) v Hawthorn (85)

50th Match: Rd 14 2013 - Port Adelaide (86) v Collingwood (51)

100th Match: Rd 1 2016 - Port Adelaide (133) v St. Kilda (100)

150th Match: Rd 14 2018 - Port Adelaide (75) v Melbourne (65)

AFL Heritage Number: 536

Finals: 5 - 2 x EF, 1 x 2SF, 1 x PF and 1 x GF (2016)

AFL Stats kindly provided by AFLUA Statistician/Historian David Flegg

AFL Stat Fun Facts: 81 (54%) of Chris's 150 AFL matches have been at Adelaide Oval.

ROUND 14 MILESTONE: 200TH LEAGUE MATCH

MEDLIN BECOMES AN SANFL LIFE MEMBER

The alarm sounded and Toby & I both opened our eyes and looked at each other. Today was the day; The 2014 Grand Final. The day Toby had been dreaming of. It was finally here. We looked at each other and smiled with nerves and excitement. I followed Toby's pre-game ritual by getting out of the house and giving him some space to get himself mentally and physically ready for the match, which involves him cooking himself a healthy breakfast and often watching the highlights from the weekend's matches so far. At the ground I met up with 20 of his closest friends and family who had supported him in his journey and were there to celebrate his achievement. As Toby walked onto the ground I beamed with pride. As he walked to the centre and put his arms up ready for his first bounce, I put my hands to my eyes, my heart pounded and I could barely watch. It went straight! What a relief and I knew that Toby would be able to relax now and trust himself and his decision making abilities.

When I met Toby in 2010 I knew nothing about umpiring and I certainly had no idea the level of commitment, dedication and fitness that was required to umpire at the level he did. Over the years I have had a great deal of insight into what it takes to be an umpire at the highest level in the state and it certainly is not an easy road. Fortunately for Toby he has had many achievements and milestones along the way to make all the hard work and dedication worth it. This has included umpiring 3 grand finals, being put on as a rookie for the AFL, winning the golden whistle award last year and now celebrating his 200th game, an achievement only reached by 51 other umpires in the SANFL's 120 year history.

Toby began his umpiring career in 1999 at the age of 15, which means he has been involved in umpiring for over half of his life. In 2002, he started his career with the SANFL beginning with umpiring the U17's. He was selected for his first SANFL league match in 2006 and he loved the speed and skill level of umpiring the game at the highest level in the state. Throughout the last 12 years of umpiring league he has developed the skills and confidence needed to be a consistent umpire at this level.

Whilst Toby has had many achievements and highs along the way he has also had some difficult decisions to make and some disappointments to bear along the way. As a talented runner and someone who had a great deal of love for athletics, Toby made the very difficult decision in 2013 to give up running at an elite level and focus his attention on his umpiring. Whilst this decision was difficult at the time it was the decision that allowed his umpiring career to flourish. Another disappointment for Toby has been not reaching his goal of umpiring AFL, especially as I believe he was good enough to be there (although I may be a little biased). Unfortunately for Toby he was close to achieving his dream but it was often a case of being in the right place at the wrong time. Toby has managed to turn this disappointment into further passion and drive for succeeding in as many ways as he can with the SANFL and I am proud of him for how he has handled himself throughout these ups and downs.

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Toby Medlin with son Ollie prior to his 200th SANFL League match at Unley Oval

ROUND 14 MILESTONE: 200TH LEAGUE MATCH

MEDLIN BECOMES AN SANFL LIFE MEMBER

As Toby's wife I am privy to many of the behind the scenes that all umpires wives and girlfriends experience and I'm sure many of them will be nodding with understanding when I mention the time umpiring takes them away from home. With training and game day it is a significant commitment and one which as a family we have to navigate together, particularly with a young toddler and baby on the way. Watching Toby achieve his dreams makes all the juggling worth it.

A big thank you must also go to Toby's Mum & Dad who drove the long distance from Magill to West Lakes every Monday and Wednesday to allow Toby to attend training in his early years with the SANFL. Without this love and support it would not be possible for him to be where he is today. His mentor and friend Reg Burgess who has always believed in Toby and has been a huge support for him over the years – I know this mentorship has meant the world to him. To his umpiring friends – umpiring is a difficult job and the mateship and support you give each other is crucial. Thank you for your friendship and support during the good and bad times.

We are all so proud of Toby. I know what this 200 game achievement means to him and he has absolutely earned his place in the SANFL history books. Our son Ollie loves watching his Dad on the ground and cheering for his Dad in the green. With life membership to the SANFL I have no doubt Toby and Ollie will create many father-son memories and it will be time together that they will cherish forever.

We love you Toby. Enjoy the experience!

By Sophie Medlin (Toby's lovely Wife)



SANFLUA President Matthew Cummins presenting Toby Medlin with his 200th League Match Certificate

ROUND 15 MILESTONE: 50TH LEAGUE MATCH

BROADBENT BRINGS UP FIFTY

Under the bright lights of Friday night footy, Jamie Broadbent notched up his 50th League game when Norwood took on West Adelaide at The Parade in Round 15. Jamie started his umpiring career like most, with the realisation that he would tire of dominating High School footy and as such he graciously declined a starting position in the Sacred Heart College First XVIII.

Jamie moved through the Metro South Umpiring Panel before joining the SANFL. I would tell you more about his past expect that would leave me with no material for game 100.

What he has achieved in his seven years with the SANFL is well decorated with one Under 16's Grand Final, three Under 18's Grand Finals and one Reserves Grand Final in 2016. He has also umpired one SANFL League Qualifying Final between Sturt and Port Adelaide in 2017.

2018 has been a breakthrough year for Jamie, receiving the honour of umpiring in the State Game between South Australia and Western Australia. He has also been appointed to the AFL rookie list where he sits and absorbs the "entertainment" that is the AFL. A feature of the AFL rookie responsibilities is the requirement to wear track pants at all times whilst in the role of Emergency Umpire. Jamie is no stranger to the comfort of track pants, he most famously umpired a quarter of the 2012 SANFL Under 18s Grand Final in track pants, citing, not, that he had forgotten to wear shorts underneath, but rather the track pant offered unrivalled comfort and breathability whilst officiating. From all of us Jamie, when you get the opportunity to shrug off the cloak of Emergency and umpire your first AFL match, please remember the track pants.

When not doing what he does best (umpiring in track pants), he is studying a masters in Physiotherapy (possibly in track pants) whilst listening to some of his favourite music, namely the energetic beats of Taylor Swift.

Jamie, from all of us here at the SANFL, you are a terrific bloke and your career as an umpire continues to go from strength to strength. We all wish you the best for the next 50 in your career.

By Mitch Scott (SANFL Field Umpire)



SANFLUA President Matthew Cummins presenting Jaime Broadbent with his 50th League Match Certificate

MILESTONES: ROUNDS 11 - 15

The SANFLUA would also like to congratulate the following Umpires on their milestones.

- Round 14 SANFL

^Elliott Raymond (Boundary Umpire) on his SANFL League debut North Adelaide v Eagles at Prospect Oval on Saturday 14th July.

- Round 15 SANFL

^Corey Sauerwald (Boundary Umpire) on his SANFL League debut South Adelaide v North Adelaide at Noarlunga Oval on Saturday 21st July.

^Denotes not a member of the SANFLUA



SANFLUA President Matthew Cummins presenting Elliott Raymond with his 1st League Match Certificate



SANFLUA President Matthew Cummins presenting Corey Sauerwald with his 1st League Match Certificate

APPROACHING LEAGUE MILESTONES (ROUNDS 16 - 19)

^Daniel Hoskin - 150 (148)

Jason Moore - 100 AFL Matches (96)

Sean Burton - 50 AFL Matches (45)

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SANFL **UMPIRES** **ASSOCIATION**

2018 SANFLUA Grand Final After Party

Sunday, September 23, 2018

Cathedral Hotel, Torrens Room

5:30pm Start

Featuring:

DJ

Drink Specials

Platters

Cost:

\$20 Members/Partners

\$30 Non-Members



FIELD MARSHALL

The season continues to roll on as we have now entered July. A number of SANFLUA social events have been held over the last month. Whether it was the Ten Pin bowling night, After Match drinks (sorry, after match catch up) or the Annual Quiz night, it was great to see so many field umpires supporting their association.

SANFLUA held its Annual Quiz night on Saturday 21st July at the Walkerville Bowling Club, which was again a popular event. Many umpires were in attendance and the food that was on tables was a sight to see. From French onion dip to mini quiche to chocolate covered strawberries, there was a great supply of 'thinking cap' food on the night. It was in contrast to the table comprising of boundary umpires who decided to take the healthier option and ensured everyone had access to an Apple.

As field umpires, we see ourselves as being quite knowledgeable. So it was quite a surprise and a blow to our pride to see a table of boundary umpires finish in first place. It was an amazing achievement, considering the average age of their table was about 25. Even more amazing was the extent and scope of their wisdom. Who knew so many boundary umpires were familiar with what song was played as Scott and Charlene walked down the aisle, 30 years ago, on *Neighbours*; how long the can opener has been in existence or what *Sinn Fèin* translates to in English. Congratulations to them, in particular their team Captain, George Google.

Toby, or not Toby, that is the question. Toby Medlin achieved life membership of SANFL on a mid winter's afternoon at Unley. The 3 times Grand Final Umpire and Golden Whistle recipient officiated in his 200th league match as Norwood took on Sturt. It is a tremendous achievement by Toby, who I believe is the only umpire named Toby, to umpire 200 SANFL games. I may be wrong but I do not think there have been too many AFL umpires named Giles either. Giles Lewis was called upon at short notice to officiate in his first AFL game during the last quarter of the Power v Giants match at Adelaide Oval.

Due to work commitments, Scott Galletly, had to call time on his umpiring career at SANFL. Scott is a popular member of the umpiring group and it was sad to see him go. A silver lining of Scott's departure has been it is now a bit easier to tell people apart within the group. Similar to the Goal Umpires, where every second umpire is named Matthew, Scott has been a popular name within field umpiring ranks over the years. In recent years there have been, Scott Galletly, Scott Bau, Scott Hosking and Mitch Scott. One can only assume their parents must have been big fans of *Neighbours*....

Until next time, that's all from Field Marshall.

BOUNDARY BOLTER

We're now past the halfway point of season 2018 and getting closer and closer to finals. It's that time of the year where we get into the second round of testing with skinfolds and the annual 3km time trial fast approaching. Scott will be the one to catch yet again setting a fearsome pace up the front, good luck to those trying to run him down!

2018 seems to be the season of debutants as the trend continued this month with Elliot making his debut in round 14 at Prospect Oval and Corey Sauerwald in round 15 at South. BB has tried to find some dirt on the debutants however it seems Elliot and Corey have very clean records. too clean for my liking. The best I could find on Elliot is that he loves his pre-game ritual that includes using the toilet for a period of time; I'll let you all figure the rest out. All the best for the weekend Elliot and Corey!

I was saying before that debutants have been the flavour of 2018 however injuries have unfortunately also been a trend this year. We've had one of the elder statesmen in Matty Zacher do a 'Timbo' old man calf injury and miss a couple of games, however the latest news is he returned in the twos at Glenelg in round 14 and scorched the track! No doubt he threw a couple of bombs in there as well! We've also had Junior Hemy go down after his first league game with what is to be believed a hip strain, not good news for one of our youngsters. Then we had Taylor miss out on a week after the long warm up run resulted in Taylor rolling his ankle in one of the many dark spots. Checks quickly put a stop to these long perimeter warm ups.

Perhaps one of the funniest stories to come across BB's desk this year is the story of Sammy Royans arriving on time for a game but then having to make a quick dash home to get nothing other than... underwear! Yep you read that correctly, BB's initial thought as I'm sure is the same for many of us was, 'what was he wearing to the ground, was he going commando?!' All's well that ends well and with his lucky pair of underwear on Sammy flew across the turf and sent a couple of throws into orbit along the way. In other news Fish heard he was back down in the twos for a week and decided it would be a good idea to go to a festival the night before. Haha good one fishy might have a couple more weeks down there now!

Until next time,

Boundary Bolter.

GALLOPING GOALIE

After getting a fair talking to from the Editor and Chief of Ball Up after Edition #2 GG is back!

Firstly, a massive congratulations must go to Steven 'Von/Sean Craig' Murphy on reaching the amazing milestone of 300 League games. The Silver Fox is still in fine touch especially considering his 29 year SANFL career to date includes umpiring in 2 states, 1 territory, SANFL, AFL, NEAFL, 1 marriage, 4 kids, 2 SANFL Grand Finals and both SANFLUA & SANFL Life Membership. GG understands that a few Corona's, a custard tart and a celebratory 'Fire Engine' were enjoyed as well as a post-match dinner to celebrate the milestone after his game in Round 11 at Norwood Oval. Well done Old Boy.

With the warmer weather being a distant memory, the GG has been handed some very alarming information. After being caught red handed last year, Braden Ford is at it again! Bray has been found to be using performing enhancing technology again in 2018, with his hand warmers rearing their ugly head. His partner in crime Mat Wilson was happy to accept such technology at a brisk day at Woodville Oval; only to find out that he was handed a set of dud's hand warmers that didn't bloody work! Bray this is your last warning pal; no more hand warmers.

Additionally, we understand that winter isn't the nicest month to be out running, but GG does find it odd that Amigo 1 & 2 (Cummo & Rhys) have seemed to develop similar training patterns? It was noticed on a recent evening that they both were absent for a training session. Perhaps they were having the night off together - very cute.

Liam McDonald is at it again, after a few quieter weeks, Liam was caught asking people if he was to buy some more drink bottles with his face on it! Trust a McDonald to try to make a profit on his own ugly face. Safe to say, no one took him up on the offer. In a night that was already embarrassing enough, in the last running activity for the night, the always chirpy McDonald, was starting to run his mouth about some peoples running efforts. Thankfully to the surprise of many, Bray chimed in telling Liam, if he gave the same amount of effort with his umpiring, he may have actually done league by now... WHACK! Safe to say, Liam went quiet for the rest of the session.

GG has noticed that our AFL lads are going well at present; having been sighted across the border to showcase their stuff at both Etihad and the MCG. With September not too far away we hope to see some SA representation come the major rounds.

Finally, in other news, the Goalies recently had their skin fold testing. For some, it can be an easy time (Brad Hammer 33), for others quite traumatic. For resident skin fold kings, Thomas Sharpe and James Georgiadis, numbers were slashed by 30 on each of their tests. Safe to say, the two were very excited. For anyone taking any interest in the scoring, they are still sitting in the 120's! Maybe less celebrating and more work on the track?

For now, GG bids you adieu, until next time!

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2018 Social Calendar



After Match Catch Up
Gilbert Street Hotel | Saturday 14 April



Movie - Dinner Night
Brunelli Rundle Street | Saturday 26 May



Ten Pin Bowling Night
Kingpin Norwood | Saturday 9 June



After Match Catch Up
Gilbert Street Hotel | Saturday 23 June



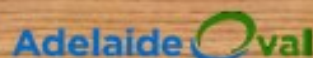
Quiz Night
Walkerville Bowling Club | Saturday 21 July



After Match Catch Up
Gilbert Street Hotel | Saturday 18 August



Annual Dinner
Adelaide Oval | Thursday 23 August



Grand Final After Party
The Cathedral Hotel | Sunday 23 September



President's Lunch
Gilbert Street Hotel | Saturday 6 October



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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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