

SANFLUA PUBLICATION

BALL UP

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Deb Curtis Photography

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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

AFTER MATCH CATCH UP #3

Saturday August 18th was the final After Match Drinks for 2018 held at The Gilbert Street Hotel. More than 20 members, partners and friends turned up to enjoy the night, their first round courtesy of the SANFLUA and we were again very well looked after by The Gilbert Street Hotel. The After Match Catch Up's have been a huge success in 2018 as they provide Life Members and Members from all disciplines a relaxed atmosphere to mingle in. We hope to see everyone at the SANFLUA Grand Final After Party on Sunday September 23rd at the Cathedral Hotel. Don't forget to purchase your tickets.

Members and Member Partners – \$20 each
Non-Members – \$30 each

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/2018-sanflua-grand-final-after-party-tickets-48434131792>



PRESIDENTS PEN - MATTHEW CUMMINS

Finals Footy is upon us and with that comes excitement for those moving on to finals and reflection for those that have missed out. For those Umpires selected in finals panels, congratulations. Your hard work and determination has paid off. For those that have missed out, use the time to reflect on what you can improve, and use it as motivation for the future.

Finals and Grand Finals are what every Umpire strives to achieve. Good luck to all our selected Umpires across all grades of SANFL Football.

The month of August was a busy one for SANFLUA. Most of it surrounded preparations for our 71st Annual Dinner. All the hard work the committee put in to ensuring the night not only ran smoothly, but was entertaining as well, paid off. The feedback we have received has been greatly appreciated. I want to thank everyone who attended and made the night the success that it was. It's great to see so many of our Life Members interacting with Umpires who are making their way up the grades of the SANFL.

Congratulations to our Most Dedicated Award Winners for 2018. Each one of you are deserving. And to our 3 newest members of the SANFLUA Life Members club, Chris O'Leary, Peter Young and Michael Zaltron, congratulations. To see the reactions of what it meant to each of you to be granted Life Membership of the SANFLUA topped off what was a great night.

A massive thank you to our MC for the night, Matthew Norton. He did a fantastic job. And to our photographer, Michael Bruno from Elevate Photographics, thank you. You can check out Michael's photos from the night on our Facebook page and further on in the Ball Up.

We held our final After Match Catch Up in August. Once again it was well attended. It's been fantastic to see some new faces. We look forward to hosting more of these catch ups next year. Our pub sponsor The Gilbert Street Hotel have made us feel very welcome and has added to the success of the night.

Our final event for the year is our Grand Final After Party. We are once again holding this at The Cathedral Hotel, beginning after the League Grand Final. Be sure to secure your tickets as places are limited. There will be subsidised drinks, cocktail food and a DJ thanks to Red Bull. We'll also present the 2018 U18s, Reserves and League Grand Final Umpires.

Two games in Round 18 saw our Umpires wind back the clock for SANFL Retro Round. Instead of the usual uniform, our Umpires donned the white uniform, with our Goal Umpires standing out from the crowd with their long coats and old-fashioned hats. From speaking to many in the group, our Umpires appreciate joining the players in celebrating Retro Round.

Congratulations to the following Umpires who reached Milestones recently: Jason Moore (100 AFL Games), Sean Burton (50 AFL Games) and Boundary Umpire Jonathon Poethke (First SANFL League Match).

Once again, good luck to all Umpires involved in finals for season 2018. It's a great time of the year to be involved in football. Enjoy!

All the best.

Matt Cummins
President



SANFLUA President Matthew Cummins in action at Prospect Oval in 2018

AROUND THE DISCIPLINES - JULY

July proved to be a busy month for our Umpires. We saw more milestones, our annual night off and a 3km time trial. Preparation for the 2018 SANFL Finals Series certainly kicked into gear. We have no doubt at all that all of our umpires can't wait for the warmer weather that spring brings.

The AFL U16 Championships were held on the Gold Coast and in Brisbane at the beginning of the month. Our Umpires were well represented by Josh Hardy (F), Jackson Nokes (F), Jaii Francis (B), Kier Francis (B) and Emilie Hill (G). These championships not only offer the players an opportunity to showcase their skills, they also provide valuable experience for umpires. Having the opportunity to be coached by a different set of eyes and mingle with umpires from all over Australia will only improve their skill set. From all reports, our umpires across all 3 disciplines performed admirably. Well done to all.

Field Umpire Jamie Broadbent officiated in his 50th SANFL League Match. Jamie's Umpiring career continues to flourish, with season 2018 being his first on the AFL Field Umpires Rookie List. Boundary Umpire Jonathon Poethke made his SANFL League Debut in Round 16, officiating in the Port v South clash. Congratulations to both.

Toby Medlin will be made Life Member of the SANFL at the beginning of 2019 at the SANFL AGM. This comes after he officiated his 200th SANFL League Match in Round 14. Toby took charge of the clash between Sturt and Norwood. The game saw Norwood kick 13 goals in the final term, which we're sure Toby will never forget. Congratulations Toby.

Each year our Umpires are given a night off from attending training. This night usually always falls in the month of July. This year's night off saw our Field Umpires take part in Bubble Sports. All of them had a great time; however we're led to believe that a few had sore body parts the next day. Sometimes the older we get, the more bold we get. And then we pay for it after.

Our Umpires had their second 3km time trial for the year in July. As always, this is held at MacKinnion Parade North Adelaide. All 3 disciplines take part, heading off separately depending on discipline and running ability. Some fantastic times were recorded across all disciplines on what was a cold, but still night in the city. Our umpires are primed for a great finals series.

Up and coming Field Umpire Sam Morgan celebrated his 21st Birthday recently. This may surprise a few as Sam doesn't look a day over 15 years old. Happy Birthday Sam. We're sure you had a great night celebrating with mates.

We held our annual Quiz Night in July at the Walkerville Bowling Club. It is always a great night of laughs and competitiveness. Once again it was fantastically supported by our members and their family and friends. We had some great silent auction items up for grabs, all of which were donated by our amazing sponsors/supporters. Former President Matthew Norton flew home from Sydney to be our Quiz Master. He is certainly making the night his own. We're already planning next year's event.

Stay tuned for the next edition of Around The Disciplines to catch up on all the happenings from the night plus much more.



Emilie Hill in action at Glenelg Oval in 2018



Jonathon Poethke in action at Prospect Oval in 2018



Jamie Broadbent in action at Richmond Oval in 2018



RETRO ROUND



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

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/2018-sanflua-grand-final-after-party-tickets-48434131792>

71ST SANFLUA ANNUAL DINNER (PART #1)

To our Members, Life Members, Sponsors, Ladies and Gentlemen, welcome to the 71st SANFLUA Annual Dinner. It is the pinnacle event on our calendar.

I'd like to say a warm welcome to SANFL General Manager Football Adam Kelly and SANFL General Manager Commercial Neal Matotek. It's great to have you both join us this evening.

We also welcome AFL Umpires Association CEO Peter Howe. It's always great to have Peter join us and we thank him for continuing to make the effort to attend our Annual Dinner. SANFL CEO Jake Parkinson sends his apologies as does SANFL Umpiring Manager Shane Harris.

Myself and the SANFLUA Committee would also like to make welcome our valued sponsors and supporters. We have two in attendance tonight:

- Our 2018 Pub Sponsor The Gilbert St Hotel, represented by Sam Hay and Stephanie Gale.
- And From Peter Shearer Menswear, their Managing Director Dharmesh Raman and Hiring Manager Daniel Maley. Peter Shearer have supplied our committee with suits for tonight's dinner and supply all our members fantastic discounts on suit purchases or hire.

We received apologies from Fasta Pasta South Terrace and Deb Curtis from Deb Curtis Photography, who unfortunately could not join us tonight.

It's with sadness that I acknowledge the passing of SANFL Historian Mr Mark Beswick. Mark was a great supporter of Umpires, keeping regular statistics. Mark was of great help to SANFLUA early last year when we moved to improve our record keeping on our Umpires Game Tallies.

Well, this year feels like its moved at a rate of knots. This being my first as President of your SANFLUA, we certainly hit the ground running from the AGM.

Once again, we provided our members with a variety of subsidised social functions and these are always helped by our terrific sponsors and supporters. The aim of these functions is to promote cross discipline interaction outside of match days and training nights. They are also a great way for our younger members to interact with (and I quote Tony Checker) the elder statesmen of the group and our Life Members.

It's my desire to continue to encourage our Life Members to join us at the many social functions we provide. You are and always will be, very welcome.

Our year always begins with our Annual Membership BBQ. Held after training in the early months of the year, it's an important cog that helps drive our membership numbers. There is a membership category that suits everyone and all Umpires, Trainers and Support Staff are encouraged to join up. The more members we have, the more your SANFLUA can do for you. We don't need a loud voice; we need a strong and united one.

Our membership numbers increased this year and it's largely thanks to the committee for the work that goes in to encouraging our Umpires to join. Our total numbers sit at just over 200 members and this includes our 77 Life Members. We saw a significant increase from our Academy and First Year Academy Members which is pleasing, as they are the future of our Association.

I also want to thank our senior umpires that have been involved in umpiring for many years that still go out of their way to ensure SANFLUA remains a relevant force in SA Umpiring and being our voice amongst the various disciplines.

Our new pub sponsor for this year meant our After-Match Catch Ups were held at The Gilbert St Hotel. These were very well attended and it was great to see some new faces amongst the familiar ones. We feel these catch ups are an integral part of ensuring our members are provided with opportunities to get to know their fellow umpires outside of the usual umpiring environments. We continued to encourage members to bring their partners, family and friends. We were exceptionally looked after by our hosts. Thank you, Sam and Steph.

Our social media platforms allow us to keep the communication lines open to our members, their friends and families and our sponsors. We continue to provide information on the relevant platforms, and our website, and feel these are a great tool to keep our members up to date on all things that are happening in umpiring. They allow us to showcase our members achievements and acknowledge the hard work that all of us put into our Umpiring careers.

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SANFLUA President Matthew Cummins during his opening address at the 2018 SANFLUA Annual Dinner

71ST SANFLUA ANNUAL DINNER (PART #2)

Our training venue has been a topic that hasn't left my desk the entire year. I don't need to stand here and go through the issues as most of you, especially our running members, know them well. But I want to take this opportunity to reassure you all, that we take the facilities provided to our umpires, be that training venue or match day change room facilities very seriously. I've had many a conversation with SANFL Umpiring Manager Shane Harris, and generally, the communication has been positive. We've made our point clear and whilst we would like things to move quicker, this is not always the case when you're dealing with so many stakeholders. The back half of this year, with the inclement weather we've had, showed just how dire our training venue can be for us, in its current state.

The priority as it stands, is obviously lighting and oval conditions. It's hoped that lighting will be permanent by the end of daylight savings next year. A permanent grounds person to assist Pulteney has also been part of the ongoing conversations. As always, with any new information that comes to hand, we'll be letting you know.

Later tonight we'll announce our Most Dedicated Award Winners for 2018. These awards are voted on by all our running Umpire Members. The committee feels that making these awards 'peer voted' adds to their significance. We had a great response from all three disciplines this year and it's important that when given this opportunity that all members take it seriously and cast their vote. Congratulations to all of tonight's award winners.

To my committee – the work we've produced this year would be impossible to achieve without team work, a love of umpiring and a desire to improve the umpiring experience, particularly at SANFL level.

The committee this year consisted of a great mix of people from all three of our umpiring disciplines. Our Treasurer Sean Burton, Secretary Andrew Crosby, Communications Officer Aaron Bennett, Publications Officer Mathew Wilson, Sponsorship Coordinator David Sobieraj, Life Member Rep Craig Trewartha and Abdul Alpaslan. We had two new members join us for season 2018. Terence Carter took on the Social Secretary Portfolio and Thomas Sharpe returned for another stint with us, moving into the role of Social Media Coordinator.

I'd also like to take this opportunity to thank Steve Paunovic, who continues to do some great work behind the scenes, keeping track of all our Umpires Games Tallies.

To all of you, Thank you. I'm looking forward to working with you all again, for the betterment of umpiring.

In closing, I'd like to thank Michael Bruno for being our official photographer for tonight; and to Matthew Norton for accepting the role of master of ceremonies.

Thank you all for attending.

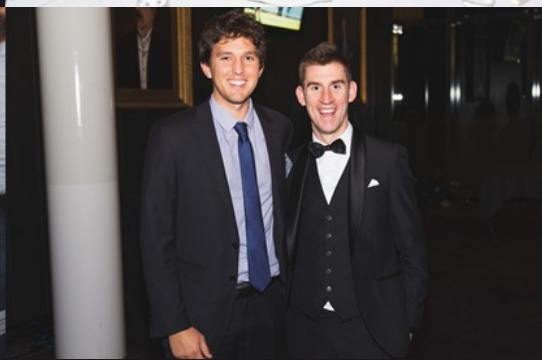


2018 SANFLUA Committee (L-R) Communications Officer Aaron Bennett, Secretary Andrew Crosby, Publications Officer Mathew Wilson, Sponsorship Co-Ordinator David Sobieraj, President Matthew Cummins, Life Member Rep Craig Trewartha, Abdul Alpaslan, Social Secretary Terence Carter, Social Media Co-Ordinator Thomas Sharpe & Treasurer Sean Burton.

71ST SANFLUA ANNUAL DINNER (PART #3)



71ST SANFLUA ANNUAL DINNER (PART #4)



71ST SANFLUA ANNUAL DINNER (PART #5)

SERVICE AWARD

This award is presented to a member who has been a consecutive member of the SANFLUA. The Service Award is presented initially for ten (10) years consecutive membership; and then awarded again every five (5) consecutive years thereafter.

2018 SANFLUA Service Award Recipients

Ten (10) Years:

Christopher Rabin
Michael Sboro
Arjun Sreedhar

Fifteen (15) Years:

Matthew Norton
Craig Fleer
Steven Rypp
Joon-Yip Wong

Twenty Five (25) Years:

Mark Thomson*

Thirty (30) Years:

Greg Inge*

Forty (40) Years:

Ian Plummer
Kevin Wallace
Bradley Webber

Forty Five (45) Years:

Steve Semmler*

Fifty (50) Years:

Rick Charlesworth*
Michael Zaltron

*Denotes SANFLUA Life Member



2018 SANFLUA SERVICE AWARD: 15 YEAR MEMBER - MATTHEW NORTON

"Becoming a member of a SANFLUA was one of the easiest decisions to make and It certainly doesn't feel like 15 years has gone by, but they say time flies when you're having fun. I'd also like to thank the committee for being acknowledged for that length of service.

The SANFLUA is a great conduit to foster the interaction of all disciplines off field and away from training by conducting enjoyable social functions etc, and supporting our needs and welfare both at football and at a personal level. There is an undoubtable level of mateship that surrounds all those involved with the association.

The SANFLUA has also allowed me to be able to give back to our great game by being able to serve on the committee and as President.

In closing, I strongly encourage anyone considering becoming a member to do so - they won't regret it. It won't take them too long to recognise the short term and long term benefits of joining.

Here is to another 15 years – 'Happy Umpiring' everyone."

71ST SANFLUA ANNUAL DINNER (PART #6)

MOST DEDICATED AWARDS

The SANFLUA would like to thank the following people for donating the 2018 Most Dedicated Awards.

Most Dedicated Support Staff:
Donated by the SANFLUA

Most Dedicated Goal Umpire:
Donated by Abdullah Alpaslan

Most Dedicated Boundary Umpire:
Donated by Mark Thomson

Most Dedicated Field Umpire:
Donated by Theron Philp

MOST DEDICATED SUPPORT STAFF: TONY CHECKER

"It is incredibly humbling to be awarded the SANFLUA Most Dedicated Support Staff award. Why would being awarded at a SANFLUA Annual Dinner be so?

Well 3 main reasons

1. You're being acknowledged by people that you've been given responsibility to serve. People I have a great deal of respect for.
2. In the room with you are many people that served you, people that you hold a great deal of gratitude for.
3. The system making the award possible is steeped in history and has been and will continue to be administered by people giving up their valuable time for the benefit many others.

The evening certainly allowed me time to reflect on the lifetime friendships that were established early on in my years of officiating. With sincere thanks to SANFLUA, throughout the football season, I've been able to enjoy the camaraderie that exists on the training track also off the track in various social environments.

For all the reasons given above, I am sincerely honoured to be recognised. Umpiring and SANFLUA are both all about people. People have given so much to me and it has been a privilege in bold upper case to be able to contribute to people lives in return."



MOST DEDICATED GOAL UMPIRE: STEVEN MURPHY

"As someone whose days of being the fittest on the track are gone (some would argue they never happened at all), I love that an award like this acknowledges effort and that it's voted on by other umpires.

I was honestly surprised to win after looking at some of the other nominees, so thanks again to those who voted for me, it really is appreciated. Thanks also to Abdul for donating the award and to my family for their support and thanks to the Association for another great night.

I've always thought with something like umpiring, because we are human, there will be times when things "don't go to plan" but with the best possible preparation, you are at least giving yourself the best possible chance for everything to go right."

71ST SANFLUA ANNUAL DINNER (PART #7)

MOST DEDICATED BOUNDARY UMPIRE: TERENCE CARTER

"It's a privilege and an honour to receive this award this year. I've thoroughly enjoyed this season both in matches and training and also being involved with the committee and social events.

I think it's an exciting time to be involved in the boundary group with so many good young guys and girls coming through. Certainly, it's great to be able to provide some mentorship the same way we were mentored back in the day.

Thanks especially goes to the SANFLUA and the committee for their help and effort this season. Joining the committee has been very rewarding helping out with social events and giving back to the umpiring group. I now appreciate more the work these guys do behind the scenes.

Most of all thanks to my family and friends and also the coaches and other umpires I've run with every week. I've loved every moment of being involved in the game this year and can't wait to continue."



MOST DEDICATED FIELD UMPIRE: AARON BENNETT

"I was certainly surprised but immensely grateful to receive this award. There are so many guys amongst the fieldies group who would also be deserving of 'The Most Dedicated' title. An award that is chosen by your peers is one that is seriously special and this really does mean a hell of a lot to me.

As I'm sure many others would also say, it is pretty easy to be so dedicated and committed to umpiring. Not only do you get to be a part of the best sport in the world, but more importantly the friendships that you form and the comradery that is created is like nothing else.

I'm very lucky to have so many friends across the three disciplines out at SANFL Umpiring, some of who are my best mates. Every Monday and Wednesday I can't wait until 4.30 when it's time to leave work and head into town for training with everyone, even on a cold and wet July day, so I think that says something.

Footy will always have its highs and lows, and the last couple of seasons have been a little challenging. However having such great people around for those hilarious chats and laughs on the track makes it easier! The level of banter is always high and that makes footy fun, even when things may not be going to plan.

I want to thank the SANFLUA Members for their continuous support of the Association and my fellow Committee members for their hard work in preparing a brilliant 2018 for all involved. There are many more exciting things ahead in the near future, so if you know someone who isn't on board, fill them in on what we're about and get them along to our events.

Lastly, a big thank you to Theron Philp for donating this award. Theron has been a remarkable advocate of the SANFLUA for so many years. I have always looked up to Theron as an umpire and person, so receiving this recognition from him was really special to me.

Congratulations to all the other award winners and I hope everyone enjoyed their night at the Annual Dinner."

AWARD DETAILS

Most Dedicated: This award is presented to an umpire in each discipline, who is voted by their peers as being the most dedicated. The award is determined by performance, dedication, commitment and adherence to exemplary standards in all aspects of umpiring both on and off the field. The winner is someone who, in the eyes of their peers, holds the Association in high regard and shows care for the state of umpiring as a whole. The person is someone who always strives to contribute positively to the reputation of SANFL Umpires through their high standards of performance and upstanding character.

2018 AWARD WINNERS

Most Dedicated Support Staff:

Tony Checker

Most Dedicated Goal Umpire:

Steven Murphy

Most Dedicated Boundary Umpire:

Terence Carter

Most Dedicated Field Umpire:

Aaron Bennett

70TH SANFLUA ANNUAL DINNER (PART #8)

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

SANFLUA LIFE MEMBERSHIP: PETER YOUNG

"I was introduced to umpiring by Hooky Neil in 1971 through our mutual interest in pro running.

To me umpiring was about continuing my love of our great game after playing footy since I was a kid.

To be able to watch players such as Robran, Ebert, Bagshaw and other greats so closely was a great thrill for me.

More importantly though were the friendships gained through umpiring.

Once again thanks to SANFLUA for my life membership."

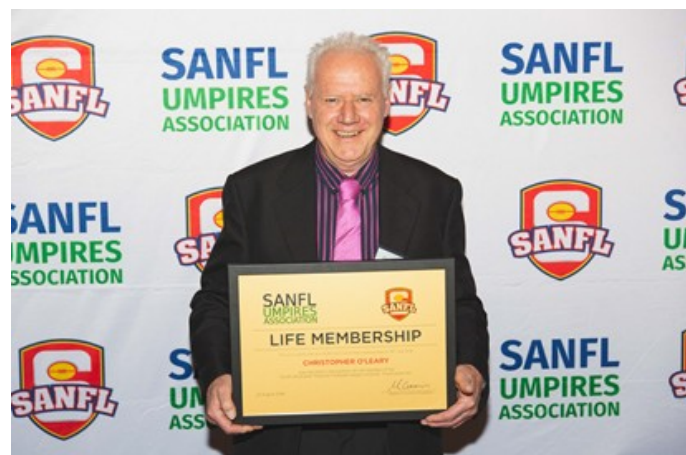


SANFLUA LIFE MEMBERSHIP: CHRIS O'LEARY

"I'll cut a long story short and advise that being selected and awarded, a Life Membership for the SANFLUA, came with great shock and as a complete surprise to me.

During my country umpiring days, I travelled to many country towns across this beautiful state of ours, meeting a lot of great people along the way. Many I can still call friends today.

So I'd just like to say thank you to Association panel for my selection, I can safely say, I didn't think it would ever happen to me, just a country umpire."



70TH SANFLUA ANNUAL DINNER (PART #9)

SANFLUA LIFE MEMBERSHIP: MICK ZALTRON

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"To receive Life Membership of an Association I have been part of for 50 years. What does that mean?

1. A lifetime commitment to a game I love so much. Relief that finally I have been recognized by an organization I have always believed in. I was encouraged to join the Association by a past Life Member in Ron Lovell (deceased). He was my first mentor and a great friend. Many years have passed and after attending every Annual Dinner but two in that time, I wondered if my time would ever arrive.

2. I have been very lucky to have run with many Umpires over the years and to this day we still remain mates. Training, hard work and dedication we all shared. As a young naïve lad, I soon learnt that the passion for Football was what it was all about. We grew as individuals by communicating and listening to one another's stories. I want to thank all of these people for sharing my journey.

3. Family commitment can often be strained at times but support is a very key factor in one's career. I thank them for allowing me to chase my goal. My grandson Dylan has taken up the whistle this year and is enjoying the skills that come with Umpiring. He has taken it up of his own accord without being pushed into it. I know he will continue to enjoy it as I have.

4. I certainly hope and encourage all Umpires from all disciplines to join and promote the SANFLUA. You are our future and the rewards are endless.

I thank the SANFLUA Committee for bestowing me with this honour. You have made a veteran very proud.

To Chris O'Leary and Peter Young whom also received this great honour on the night. Well done boys. I hope you are feeling the same way as I am over the moon.

Looking forward to seeing you all soon."



UNDER 18'S FINALS PANELS

Field Umpires: Jake Beaumont, Thomas Carey, Tom Kelly, Jack Millar, Hudson Noack, Jackson Nokes, Zac Packard, Alex Reardon & Max Richardson.

Boundary Umpires: Bradley Applebee, Owen Catanzariti, Steven Evanson, Joshua Marshall, Arin McMillan, Matthew Mielczarek & Ben Williams.

Goal Umpires: Tom Fahey, Georgia Henderson, Emilie Hill & Brad Jenkins.

RESERVES FINALS PANELS

Field Umpires: Aaron Bennett, Liam Bentley, Mason Beyer, Tom Bryce, Nick Ghan, Josh Hardy, Harrison Hughes, Sam Morgan & Luke Wittenberg.

Boundary Umpires: Taylor Dorsey, Isaac Fishlock, Cory Herrmann, Jonathon Poethke, Elliott Raymond, Corey Sauerwald & Dylan Speck.

Goal Umpires: Michael Button, Allanah Bruno, Bradley Hammer, Liam McDonald, Trent O'Driscoll & Matthew Oxford.

LEAGUE FINALS PANELS

Field Umpires: Corey Bowen, Jamie Broadbent, Andrew Crosby, Mitch Harris, Rowan Hundermark, Giles Lewis, Toby Medlin, David Sobieraj & Theron Philp.

Boundary Umpires: Gerard Carter, Terence Carter, Martin Elsegood, Scott Hargreaves, Matt Herrmann, Tom Kelly, Aaron O'Malley, Damian Robinson, Sam Royans, Brayden Theil & Matthew Zacher.

Goal Umpires: Matthew Cummins, Braden Ford, Steven Murphy, Rhys Negerman, Tom Sharpe, Matthew Williams and Mathew Wilson.



ROUND 16 MILESTONE: 1ST LEAGUE MATCH

POETHKE MAKES HIS DEBUT

Saturday July 28th 2018 at 2.10pm, Jonathon Poethke walked onto Alberton Oval to officiate on the Boundary in his first League game.

Jonathon joined the SANFL at the start of the 2017 season after umpiring with the Amateur League in the season prior. He officiated in his first Reserves game in Round 5 of 2017 & officiated in 9 Reserves games in the 2017 season. Jonathon officiated in the 2017 U18s Grand Final as reward for his commitment & umpiring ability. In 2018 Jonathon officiated in the AFLW & was promoted to the Senior squad for the 2018 season. His umpiring has only continue to improve over 2018 & his reward in Round 16 was to officiate in his first League game & with hard work & commitment has a successful career ahead.

Although the game (Port v South) was one sided, it is a game that Jonathon will remember for a long time & I wish him all the best with his career ahead.

By Quentin Brewer (SANFL Head Boundary Umpire Coach)

I caught up with Jonathon to ask him about his first SANFL League match. This is what he had to say;

"I was lucky enough to umpire my first League game in round 16 of this season. It was an experience that I was not expecting to achieve this year.

The week before my game Quentin had told me to read my upcoming appointment very carefully. At the time I was expecting to have the long drive down South but to my amazement I saw that my name was on the Port Adelaide vs South Adelaide league game at Alberton Oval.

In the days leading up to the game I was just excited to be running in League but on the morning of the game the nerves definitely started to kick in. I was going to be running with Dylan Speck and Matthew Herman, both great runners with Dylan also making his debut earlier in the season and Matthew having umpired in the League Grand Final the previous year.

Before I knew it the game had started, I was running on the outer. A few minutes in and I had my first throw which was at the southern point post. I remember thinking to myself 'just throw it in'. The throw came off my fingertips strong and straight which helped me rid some of those nerves. The pace of the play itself was noticeably faster as was evident in the fact I couldn't feel my left leg by 3 quarter time.

In the last quarter the pace of the game picked up again with 8 goals being scored. In the final minutes I was exhausted but the atmosphere of the players, crowd and cameras was more than enough to keep me pushing.

After the game I had a chance to stop and take in the achievement I had just umpired in my first league game and it was so rewarding, I loved it."



SANFLUA President Matthew Cummins presenting Jonathon Poethke with his 1st League Match Certificate

APPROACHING LEAGUE MILESTONES (FINALS/2019)

Theron Philp - 250 (246)

^Daniel Hoskin - 150 (148)

Braden Ford - 50 (45)

Rowan Hundertmark - 150 (147)

Rhys Negerman - 100 (95)

Mitch Scott - 50 (45*)

^Denotes not a member of the SANFLUA

*Denotes Game Tally is to be confirmed

ROUND 22 AFL MILESTONE: 100TH AFL MATCH

MOOREY'S MOMENT FINALLY ARRIVES

J Moore has reached 100!! But his journey has been far from easy. I'm a big believer that every SANFL League or AFL match should be earned and never gifted. I don't think anyone could argue that Jason's AFL journey thus far hasn't been well earned!

Jason commenced his umpiring career in 2005 out at the combined southern football league this is where he was taught the basics and grew a passion for boundary umpiring. This passion soon led Jason out to the SANFL where he quickly progressed through the ranks resulting in him umpiring in his first league grand final in 2009. Jason umpired 3 consecutive League grand finals before getting an opportunity to umpire AFL footy in 2012.

Jason's first AFL match was round 1 Port v St Kilda at Football Park. Jason's career to this point has been progressing in a rather positive and rapid rate but a true test of his character was just around the corner. In 2012 AFL Boundary umpiring levels in SA were at an all-time high with 10 AFL listed umpires hailing from the city of churches. This was unprecedented and sadly wasn't able to be sustained. At the conclusion of the 2012 season and through no fault of his own Jason was delisted from the AFL list along with Sean 'PJ' Burton and Tim Bryant. This also resulted in Shane Thiele relocating to Melbourne and was joined a year later by Dillion Tee.

Although disappointed Jason went back and umpired SANFL footy using any disappointment to push himself to train harder and umpire at a higher level than he had previously. This ultimately resulted in Jason officiating in the 2013 and 2014 League Grand Finals and picking up the silver whistle award.

At the conclusion of the 2014 season a spot on the SA AFL list did not present itself. As a result and in his desire to continue with his AFL journey Jason made the bold move to relocate to Melbourne and accept a contract to join the Melbourne based AFL panel. Moving to Melbourne was a huge life change for Jason but it soon became a success for the big fella, with him securing his spot on the AFL list and had him officiating in some of the biggest games on the AFL calendar including Anzac Day, The Queen's birthday 'big freeze' match, the inaugural Shanghai match and then topped it off with selection in the 2017 finals series where he officiated 2 finals matches.

2018 has seen Jason move back home where he has recommenced with the SA AFL panel. In round 22 and 7 years after making his AFL debut Jason umpired his 100th AFL game at Adelaide Oval.

This is a journey of persistence, determination and one which still has many more milestones to look forward to.

Congratulations mate!

By Chris Bull (SANFLUA Member & AFL Boundary Umpire).



SANFLUA President Matthew Cummins presenting Jason Moore with his 100th AFL Match Certificate

JASON MOORE (AFL) STATS

Debut: Rd 1 2012 - Port Adelaide (89) v St. Kilda (85)

50th Match: Rd 13 2016 - Essendon (90) v GWS (117)

100th Match: Rd 22 2018 - Adelaide (86) v North Melbourne (77)

AFL Heritage Number: 549

Finals: 2 - 1 x EF and 1 x 2SF (both in 2017)

AFL Stats kindly provided by AFLUA Statistician/Historian David Flegg

AFL Stat Fun Facts: Jason has umpired at Docklands (Etihad) & the M.C.G on 53 occasions.

ROUND 23 AFL MILESTONE: 50TH AFL MATCH

PJ'S LONG AWAITED 50TH

In Round 23, Port Adelaide v Essendon Sean Burton umpired his 50th AFL match, 6 years after he made his debut. Sean has also amassed over 200 SANFL games. It has been a long journey at AFL for Sean with some hurdles along the way, but it shows the true character of Sean who has always shown determination and commitment to his umpiring, and is always putting in that extra effort. Sean's commitment and character was truly shown when, due to circumstances out of his control, it took 4 years for him to go from game 11 to game 12. Many before us would have just given up, but Sean was determined to prove he was worthy of umpiring AFL.

Over the past 15 years, there have been some significant changes within boundary umpiring in South Australia. However, one of the constants has been Sean Burton umpiring top-level football. Since joining the academy in 2003 as a slightly chubby loud mouth, 'PJ' has enjoyed an umpiring career full of success.

After umpiring the Under 17s grand final in 2005, Sean had a massive 2006, making his League debut, umpiring the Reserves Grand Final and winning the SANFL Most Improved Award. From then he has gone from strength to strength at SANFL level, umpiring another 6 grand finals (including 5 at league level), and being recognized as the state's best boundary umpire in 2013 by being awarded the Silver Whistle.

Sean has always been a bringer of entertainment and banter, making sure that the group is livened up on a dreary night at Pulteney by making sure that everyone is aware of someone's minor error, or someone taking an easy ride at training.

Sean has been a leader and role model for preparation, training standards and performance for the SA boundary umpiring fraternity. He is always pushing the pace and working hard at the front of the training pack, and always looking out for his mate on game day. Sean is always happy to offer some guidance to young and new umpires at SANFL level.

Congratulations on your 50th AFL game Sean!

By Jason Moore (SANFLUA Member & AFL Boundary Umpire)



SANFLUA President Matthew Cummins presenting Sean Burton with his 50th AFL Match Certificate

SEAN BURTON (AFL) STATS

AFL Heritage Number: 552

Debut: Rd 3 2012 - Port Adelaide (83) v Sydney (105)

50th Match: Rd 23 2018 - Port Adelaide (89) v Essendon (111)

AFL Stats kindly provided by AFLUA Statistician/Historian David Flegg

AFL Stat Fun Fact: It took Sean 2323 days to reach 50 AFL Matches.

FIELD MARSHALL

The minor round has finished and finals are about to begin. After a long season we look forward to September. A curtain raiser to the finals will be the EJ Whitten game at Adelaide Oval. The 4 retired field umpires, who are now observers, will be representing SANFL in the big game. We wish them well in the knowledge there will be about 50 fieldies in the Grandstand observing their performance on the night.

SANFLUA held its Annual Dinner, while in Canberra our nations parliament held its annual leadership change. The Annual Dinner was an enjoyable night for all of those that attended. The meals that are served are always superb, especially the dessert. Congratulations to Aaron Bennett, for being acknowledged as the Most Dedicated Field Umpire in 2018. I would also like to acknowledge the coconut slice we had for dessert, which was awarded most desiccated.

The last after match catch up was held for 2018. Thank you to the Gilbert Street Hotel for supporting SANFLUA throughout 2018. One particular field umpire (who attended our last catch up) was quite fashionable. The umpire in question turned up sporting a loose fitting cardigan. While that raised a couple of eyebrows, the main issue was his choice of pants. On a cold August night he turned up wearing shorts. That was after riding his bike there in Arctic conditions!

It was shorts of a different variety the next day as black shorts were worn for Retro Round. All 3 disciplines wore white as was the case in the 1980s. The only exception to the white uniform was the black shorts that were worn by both field and boundary umpires. I will stand corrected but I don't actually remember umpires wearing black shorts previously. However, there was this one occasion many years ago when I slipped over in the mud at Unley Oval and had to run around in black shorts for the remainder of the second half.

As we approach the end of the season only a few training sessions remain. One of the highlights every month is games night, with soccer always being a favourite amongst the group. We take great pleasure in running around and seeing how uncoordinated and untalented we all are.

Unfortunately, soccer was not played last month as touch footy was played instead. A poll was taken after training which confirmed that the decision to play touch footy instead of soccer was an unpopular one. We all hope that our fitness coaches have taken that feedback onboard and reinstate soccer for the last games night of 2018. Otherwise another leadership challenge may end up taking place.

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

BOUNDARY BOLTER

Wowie, finals is upon us! As mentioned in the last edition of BB, we had our second round of testing, including the 3km time trial and the prediction was Scotty to lead and be very hard to catch. Safe to say that when you're running close to 9 minutes flat, you're going to be very hard to catch! Awesome stuff Scotty! These last few trainings have had a bit of weird feeling for the boundaries with no Timbo or Matty Fallen to sit up at the front of the pack now we are close to finals, however Fish has managed to fit seamlessly into that role this year even leading on a couple of the sprint drills. BB has even heard some whispers he's been sending his Garmin numbers from trainings and matches straight to Quentin (including warm ups to get those km's up obviously).

As has been the case for each Boundary Bolter article for this year, we have yet another league debutant. The lucky umpire this time is Jonathon Poethke who makes his debut in round 16. Congratulations Jonathon and all the best.

Another regular topic of discussion for the Boundary Bolter article this year has been none other than Isaac Fishlock himself. It's as if he loves being a regular in here and wants his own segment. Well he's only gone and done it again, this time chirping up to Thommo on the track (who doesn't mind speaking his mind at the best of times). Fish went at Thommo calling him out for not listening properly to an instruction from Checks and boy oh boy Thommo did not hold back! Letting Fish know that he shouldn't be trying to get a stat on field when umpiring and to also try and focus on staying on both his feet in matches as he's had more than one tumble throughout the year. Thommo then added a cheeky 'How can I watch the footage from your next match in the two's?' Safe to say Fish piped down for a couple of minutes afterwards!

A couple of the main SANFLUA events took place since the last edition of Boundary Bolter, especially the SANFLUA Annual Dinner. The BB has been informed of some late mail and a couple of highlights from the Boundaries point of view from the Quiz Night. Matty Herrmann beat Chris Rabin in a game to win a bottle of scotch and then proceed to scull half the bottle, rumours where he made it in to town but didn't last too long chundering in the toilets of his favourite night club 'The Woolshed'. Silly boy. Better news out of the Quiz Night the table of Boundary Umps managed to take out the big prize this year! Congrats to all involved! At the SANFLUA Annual Dinner it was Terence Carter going back to back to win the Most Dedicated Boundary Umpire award for this year, love ya work Tez!

Best of luck to those running in finals!

Boundary Bolter.

GALLOPING GOALIE

The season is coming to an end, and GG is ready to take a hard earned rest.

Congratulations to Tom Sharpe who had his engagement party in August. It was a great night, and the highlight would have to have been James Georgiadis. A man with no fear, James can still be found at the Fullarton Park Community Centre with his tongue hanging out of his mouth, still chasing one girl around the room.

Round 18's Retro Round arrived, and everyone was putting their hand up to umpire the two TV games. Everyone was keen to chuck the trench coat and bucket hat on, but there could only be four. Ironically, the man who looks like he was born in 2010 (Braden Ford) got the first opportunity. Didn't he make the most of it! A few photos are starting to surface of some very questionable behaviour, which the GG rates very highly. With the Sunday game that followed, the coats only made it to half time! The SANFL deciding white clashes with white, funny that. So the elder statesman of the group, Matthew Oxford, who opened his 1982 wardrobe, unfortunately had to down tools for the day. Additionally, it has come across the GG's desk that Mat Wilson really got into the spirit of Retro Round and was rocking a vintage SANFL Umpires Blazer from the late 1970's. Apparently a few positive comments were made by the Alberton crowd as well as a few Umpires about how good it looked. Perhaps a resurgence is on the cards?

Speaking of which, Mat Wilson has been recently dipping his toe into the beverage reviewing business in recent months. However, GG believes that Willow just wants any excuse to sink a 'cutla' craft beers. Willow recently had one of his 'Willow's Word' reviews shared by one of his favourite brewing companies. Mat was extremely excited by this and proceeded to share this via all forms of social media. If anyone out there has a beer, I recon you could twist his arm for a good review in exchange for product. Actually this is making me thirsty, can I join you Willow?

Unfortunately there were no Annual Dinner shenanigans in 2018. GG was hoping for a 'Cameron McDonald 'like performance again but luckily the SANFLUA didn't have to invoice anyone this year. It was a great night and hats off to the SANFLUA and our goalies representatives in Prez Matthew Cummins and committee members Sharpe and Willow. They put in a lot of hard work behind the scenes so thanks boys. Well done to old boy Steve 'Von' Murphy on winning the Most Dedicated Award also. Still got it Von.

Congratulations to all those selected in their respective Finals panels. Special mentions to Bray for his League panel finals debut also to Hosk on cracking into the top 8 for the AFL. To all involved you have put in the hard yards so keep doing what you do best. It is a great time of the year so enjoy it and as the old cliché goes 'the cream will always rise'.

GG

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