

SANFLUA PUBLICATION

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YOUR 2019 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

AFTER MATCH CATCH UP #2

Saturday May 18th was the second After Match Catch Up of 2019 at The Gilbert Street Hotel. After a solid start to season 2019 it was terrific to see an array of new faces, familiar faces and a Life Member come and enjoy our the night and a few beverages. The After Match Catch Up's provide a relaxed environment to have a chat and enjoy a beverage or two. Thank you to The Gilbert Street Hotel for their awesome hospitality, share platters and putting up a door prize. A special thank you to The Gilbert Street Hotel manager Luke who assisted the SANFLUA with the door prize draw that was won by Tom Bryce. The SANFLUA hopes to see you at the final After Match Catch Up on Saturday 13th July at The Gilbert Street Hotel.



2019 SANFLUA DATES

Sunday March 17th

Lawn Bowls at Walkerville Bowling Club

Saturday April 6th

After Match Catch Up #1 at The Gilbert Street Hotel

Saturday May 18th

After Match Catch Up #2 at The Gilbert Street Hotel

Sunday June 2nd

Life Member Luncheon at 722 Bar and Bistro

Saturday June 15th

Ten Pin Bowling at Kingpin Bowling Norwood

Saturday July 13th

After Match Catch Up #3 at The Gilbert Street Hotel

Saturday July 20th

Quiz Night at Walkerville Bowling Club

Thursday August 22nd

Annual Dinner at Adelaide Oval

Sunday September 22nd

SANFL Grand Final After Party at The Cathedral Hotel

PRESIDENT'S PEN - MATTHEW CUMMINS

Season 2019 is now over halfway completed. We're starting to see the winter season kick in. Training nights are cold and occasionally wet. The commitment of our group can never be questioned, and training and match days continue to be executed with a high level of professionalism.

The addition of the two new light towers at our training venue is pleasing. They have improved the lighting however the addition of more towers soon (fingers crossed!) will of course benefit our group. I'll continue to communicate with the SANFL Umpiring Department with regards to the surface of the venue in the hope the SANFL continue to work with Pulteney to improve it. If at any stage the surface becomes unsafe, its important our group bring it the attention of training staff. Working within a safe environment is first and foremost. If it means training is cancelled, then sobeit.

Milestones have been coming thick and fast this year. Each discipline has seen significant milestones with League debuts the highlight. Congratulations to all our members who have reached milestones. A special mention to the 3 guys who represented us in WA for the State League Match between the WAFL and SANFL. Andrew Crosby (FU), Martin Elsegood (BU) and Mathew Wilson (GU) all performed strongly and did us proud. Well done!

It's with great pleasure and excitement that we welcome an addition to our sponsors. On The Ball Media, through the great work of Hannah REXX, have jumped on board the SANFLUA to provide us with quality match day photos of our umpiring group. The SANFLUA Committee think it's important that we utilise the opportunity of match day photos of our group. They become great keepsakes should our members want them and allows us to use them on our social media platforms, increasing our exposure. We look forward to a great relationship with Hannah and welcome her aboard.

Once again, our social events continue to be well supported. As mentioned earlier in the year, this years SANFL Schedule has proved difficult to provide a free-flowing social calendar. Our first two After Match Catch Ups were well attended. We thank The Gilbert Street Hotel for their hospitality and for providing a 'door prize' on the night. Our final After Match Catch Up is on Saturday July 13th. Bring a mate and enjoy a relaxed atmosphere with your umpiring friends.

Our annual Life Members Lunch was held in early June. It's great to see this event continue to grow. The Committee views this event as an opportunity to provide our Life Members the chance to catch up with friends annually. We hope our Life Members continue to enjoy the event and keep the growth of it going. I'd like to thank Craig Trewartha for his organisation of the event and committee member Matthew Norton, who represented me in my absence.

The SANFLUA Quiz night is fast approaching and your committee is working hard in the background to organise what is always a fun night. Lock Saturday July 20th in your calendar. More details will follow but the format will be like previous years and we'll have some great items up for grabs in the auctions. Gather your friends and family and lock in your table of 10.

Keep an eye on your inbox. We'll be in contact shortly for your thoughts and ideas on SANFLUA Merchandise. With the SANFL Umpiring Department moving to an online ordering process for uniforms, there is an opportunity for the SANFLUA to have some merchandise of its own available to members to purchase. We're keen to know what you'd like to see, so be sure to let us know when the opportunity comes up.

As always, if there is anything you wish to discuss please don't hesitate to chat to me or anyone of your SANFLUA Committee. Hit us up on the track or through any of the email options (info@sanflua.com.au or to me president@sanflua.com.au).

Continue to enjoy your umpiring for the remainder of Season 2019 and good luck!

Matt Cummins
President

SANFL LIFE MEMBERSHIP - TOBY MEDLIN

Reaching 200 SANFL League games and receiving Life Membership is not something I set out to achieve. There were certainly times in my umpiring career I doubted I would even umpire a League game...a League final...a Grand Final. Umpiring is certainly filled with highs and lows. I felt I had my fair share of lows, but thankfully this was also accompanied by many high moments as well. Being inducted as a Life Member of the SANFL was most definitely one of those highs.

Umpiring and the SANFL has been a huge part of my life. I started umpiring in 1999 after realising perhaps a career as a player wasn't panning out as I'd hoped. Coming off the bench and playing in the back pocket wasn't a great sign for future greatness at the elite level, however playing footy and having that elite aspiration had developed two things; a love for the game and a hunger to succeed and reach the elite level. So that was when I decided I might have more success with the whistle instead of the boots.

After two years umpiring with the Sturt school boys' panel under my umpiring mentor Reg Burgess, I progressed and joined the SANFL Academy. This was 2001 and began my long association and involvement with the SANFL.

My memories of those years in the SANFL Academy are of long bus trips from my eastern suburbs school out to West Lakes and back again. Being intimidated by the senior squad umpires when we jumped in for training sessions, but also smugly knowing I could match and beat most of them in the running department and wanting to demonstrate this whenever I could. Being coached by the likes of Derek Woodcock, Michael Avon and Tony Dey I have no doubt built a solid foundation and helped set me up for success in those early years.

An achievement I'm proud to be able to claim is having umpired a Grand Final in every SANFL grade I could have. In 2003 I umpired my first Grand Final in the SANFL U17. It was my first experience running around Adelaide Oval and I loved it; I wanted more. A year later I was appointed to the U19 Grand Final. In 2008 Reserves Grand Final at Footy Park and then of course my first SANFL League Grand Final in 2014 Norwood V Port, Adelaide Oval in front of 39,000 spectators.

It was umpiring those under age Grand Finals and then of course watching as a spectator the League finals and Grand Finals that inspired a burning desire to umpire on that first weekend in October, but at times that felt unattainable. It posed the question of 'would I ever be good enough to umpire in front of 30,000+ screaming fans for the most important match of the season at highest level in the state'?

Most people who know me, know that I also rate myself as a reasonable runner. Making that choice between running as a sport and umpiring took a while to come to. Unfortunately trying to balance the two wasn't working and resulted in a series of injuries. I found out later that these injuries came at a time where I was perhaps in my window of going from an upcoming SANFL League Umpire, to having a shot at the big time in the AFL. Three stress fractures, one resulting in a surgery, over a season of missed games, continued frustration and disappointment it was time for a change.

At the end of 2013, I had umpired my 3rd League Preliminary Final without getting that phone call on a Monday morning. I decided I needed to give umpiring one last shot to see if I could make it, to see and prove to myself and others that I was good enough to umpire that last game of the season I had aspired to my whole career. I stopped running as a sport and put my full energy into being the best umpire I could be for the SANFL, it was the moment the tide changed for me and my umpiring career, which I had thought may be over, received a new breath of life.

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SANFL UMPIRE LIFE MEMBERSHIP AWARD DETAILS

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2008 Most Improved Field Umpire

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The next five years were certainly the best of my umpiring career with the SANFL. The decision to give umpiring one last proper shot paid dividends. I didn't even have to endure the agonising Preliminary Final curse I thought I'd had, as I umpired the second Semi-Final, had a week off and got the magic phone call on the Monday morning that I was going to be a SANFL League Grand Final Umpire.

Much to my surprise a week or so after the Grand Final I received another magic phone call. This time from the AFL offering me a rookie contract for the 2015 season, an absolute highlight of my career. Unfortunately that 2015 season would be the only season involved at the highest level for me, despite umpiring my 2nd SANFL League Grand Final in a row I wasn't offered a contract for the following year.

Not being re-offered an AFL rookie contract, despite continuing my success in the SANFL was a tough pill to swallow. I'm certainly thankful for the support I received in this time by my fellow SANFL umpires, Shane Harris and AFLUA CEO Peter Howe as although this was a time of great success it was also one where the highs and lows were at their most violent.

The AFL 'window has closed,' were the words used by the coaches at the end of the 2016 season that unfortunately injury put a premature end to. It was a crushing moment, but at the same time lifted a weight off my shoulders. I knew I still had more to give to the SANFL and more I wanted to achieve. Not umpiring every week under the scrutiny of the AFL's watchful eyes enabled my performances in the SANFL to reach new highs.

In 2017 I was appointed to my third SANFL League Grand Final between Port Adelaide and Sturt. It was a pressure cooker game, in front of 38,000 fans where Sturt triumphed by 1 point. It was also the season where I was awarded the Golden Whistle.

Coming into the 2018 season I had lots to look forward to. All going well I would umpire my 200th SANFL League game and in the process become a SANFL Life Member. Thankfully due to a 'light' training load, I managed to keep myself injury free and umpired my 200th game between Sturt and Norwood at Unley Oval. I'd made it to 200. The season was capped off by being appointed to my 4th SANFL Grand Final, between North and Norwood and finally a Grand Final that cracked the 40,000 spectator mark. A fitting way to hang up the whistle...for now.

Receiving SANFL Life Membership has been a journey. It is something I get to cherish forever and an absolute privilege to be a part of. It is something that will constantly enable me to reflect positively on my career as a SANFL Umpire. Whilst not something I necessarily set out to achieve, it is a goal worth striving for.

I'd like to thank many people who have helped me with my career and enabled me to be recognised with this achievement of being a SANFL Life Member, a Golden Whistle winner and a 4 time SANFL League Grand Final umpire. There are too many people to mention individually but thanks must go to my coaches, fellow umpires, my parents and to my family Sophie, Ollie and Maya.



Field Umpire Toby Medlin receiving his SANFL Life Membership from SANFL CEO Jake Parkinson

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2019 SANFL UNDER 16 GRAND FINAL

Congratulations to all of our umpires on their appointment to the 2019 Under 16 Grand Final at Richmond Oval on Saturday 4th May.

Field Umpires:

Bailey Allen, Henry Klemm & Thomas W Kelly

Boundary Umpires:

Justen Kern, Jaxon Williams, Baxter Knuckey & Blake Jacobs

Goal Umpires:

Harley Simmonds & Jonty Leslie



SANFL UMPIRES ASSOCIATION

2019 Social Calendar



Lawn Bowls

March 17



After Match Catch Up

April 6



After Match Catch Up

May 18



Life Members Luncheon

June 2



Ten Pin Bowling

June 15



After Match Catch Up

July 13



Quiz Night

July 20



Annual Dinner

Aug 22



Grand Final After Party

Sept 22

SAVE THE DATES More details will be available closer to events.

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2019 STATE GAME

"Representing the SANFL Umpires at this year's State Game was an amazing experience and a huge honour. My first ever visit to Perth, and to umpire at the new Optus Stadium before the Freo v Richmond game was a lot of fun! What also made it enjoyable was the mutual respect and friendships formed between the WA and SA umpires over the weekend. Plus, we got the right outcome on the day, so no fines to be issued to me from the SA Fieldies back home."

By Andrew Crosby



SANFLUA President Matthew Cummins presenting Andrew Crosby with his State Game Certificate

"Our trip to WA was great! We thoroughly enjoyed the 5 star hotel with an amazing buffet breakfast (which would normally cost \$40). Unfortunately the only time we could have the breakfast was on game day, so I had two \$20 slices of toast! The game itself was stunning to umpire - a thriller finish with SA's unbelievable accuracy. And the guys we umpired with topped off the weekend - it was very nice to get to know Mat and Cros better. Overall, a great experience!"

By Martin Elsegood



SANFLUA President Matthew Cummins presenting Martin Elsegood with his State Game Certificate

"Being selected to officiate my second State Game was a huge and unexpected honour. It was great experience to make the trip West to umpire on Optus Stadium with Andrew, Martin and the WA Crew."

By Mathew Wilson



SANFLUA President Matthew Cummins presenting Mathew Wilson with his State Game Certificate

ANDREW CROSBY (FIELD UMPIRE)

State Games: 2

2018

SANFL v WAFL at Adelaide Oval

2019

WAFL v SANFL at Optus Stadium

MARTIN ELSEGOOD (BOUNDARY UMPIRE)

State Games: 1

2019

WAFL v SANFL at Optus Stadium

MATHEW WILSON (GOAL UMPIRE)

State Games: 2

2016

SANFL v VFL at Adelaide Oval

2019

WAFL v SANFL at Optus Stadium

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LIFE MEMBERS LUNCHEON

Over 40 Life Members along with their partners converged on Seven 22 Bar & Bistro (formerly the Eagles Bar & Bistro) on Sunday June 2nd. This is by far one of our best turn outs yet to celebrate our wonderful Life Members.

Introductions and formalities were kept 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 Seven 22 Bar & Bistro, Abdul Alpaslan & The Wine Sellar.

It was great to see so many familiar faces and we have received lots of positive feedback about the Lunch. I think we have found the perfect venue for ongoing Life Membership Lunches.

We look forward to doing it again in 2020.

By Matthew Norton



TEN PIN BOWLING

One of the most anticipated social events of the year is ten pin bowling night. Held at KingPin Norwood on Saturday 15th June, we had 25 people in attendance, slightly less than last year perhaps because of the Sunday games that weekend.

It was great to see a real mixture of younger and older umpires and even a couple of the coaches in Peter Honeyman and Steve Paunovic. It was also pleasing to see a few partners come along and join in as well. I thought everyone really mixed in well and that's what these nights are all about meeting fellow umpires and enjoying yourselves.

Dave Sobieraj, Dylan Whan and Steve Paunovic impressed with some scores well over 120. Whilst Liam McDonald and Matt Herrmann entertained with their mixture of strange techniques (using the bowling ramp) and witty outbursts. There was plenty of banter amongst bowlers on the night too.

The SANFLUA provided the first drink as part of the night and I know several people such as Chris Rabin enjoyed this very much. Chris showed us all his ability to sink vodka cruisers and still maintain decent bowling form. I think perhaps a few people were more interested in the bar than their efforts in the bowling lane!

All in all a very fun and successful night at ten pin bowling. Looking forward to seeing more of you at the next SANFLUA Event.

By Terence Carter



ROUND 8 MILESTONE: 50TH LEAGUE MATCH

Slug, as James is more affectionately known within the Goalies, comes across as a larrikin and as if he has zero care factor; but if I need an honest answer or a second opinion on something, I'll always ask him. I respect his opinions because he genuinely cares, but also because he will tell you exactly how it is. There is no fudge, just the facts, which are quickly followed by his cheeky smile.

Slug is the sort of guy that you can't help but like. He makes umpiring fun and relaxed; as is his nature.

In particular, Slug loves a laugh and the associated umpiring banter, especially on the track. My particular favourite topical point is 'Sisters'. A few of the goalies are blessed to have some pretty outstanding female siblings (Liam and Braden I'm looking in your directions) and Slug lets the boys know about it. It definitely makes the cold and mundane nights on the track less terrible when he is around.

Slug has come a long way, especially this year when he turned up to pre-season in the best condition I've ever seen him in thanks to a summer filled with F45 Training (and cutting back to 6 beers instead of the usual 12).

Back in 2009 I remember Slug as a young umpire whose attitude wasn't quite at the same level as his natural ability. Hutch blew his lid at him on more than one occasion because he was more interested in playing pool than umpiring. It took a few years for Slug to knuckle down and start to take it seriously.

Fast forward to now and Slug still is a natural between the sticks; just as he is with a pool cue or a golf club in his hands; he makes any of these look effortless, something I personally am very envious of. What stands out the most to me is a game we had together on a Friday night at the Bay in 2016. I watched from the other end as Slug put on an absolute clinic that night. His straddles, reading of the play and positioning were absolute class. He couldn't put a foot wrong that night as he showcased his ability.

Slug and I have umpired together a fair bit over his League journey, but my favourite times with him involves what happens away from match day and the training track. Slug loves a drink (or nine) as do I. We have shared many a great night together at engagement parties, Golden Whistles, end of season trips or adding to the Carpark Chronicles.

One of my favourites times though was our trip to Kadina in 2018 for the Country Showdown (Adelaide v Port Adelaide). We drove across to the Yorke Peninsula in Slug's Rav 4 and I provided the tunes, food, coffees at Port Wakefield and post-match beers for the road trip back. We had our usual very open and honest chat as we talked about all things life and footy.

Away from umpiring, Slug juggles his work and other commitments in his life very well. Currently he is the Glenelg Golf Club Champion (playing off scratch) and is due to head to Las Vegas shortly for an 8-Ball competition.

We can't wait to see what comes your way mate in the next fifty, hopefully they come quicker than the first lot, but we know it will definitely be done with passion and laughter.

Congratulations brother!

By Mathew Wilson



SANFLUA President Matthew Cummins presenting James Georgiadis with his 50th League Match Certificate

JAMES GEORGIADIS (GOAL UMPIRE)

1st League Match:

Round 14 2013, Norwood v Glenelg at Norwood Oval

50th League Match:

Round 8 2019, Sturt v Central District at Unley Oval

Grand Finals:

Reserves - 2016

U18 - 2012

Achievements:

2013 NAB AFL U16 Championships

All SANFL Stats and Facts are kindly provided by SANFLUA Statistician Steven Paunovic

SANFLUA Stat Fun Facts:

In James's 50 League matches he has umpired League football at Norwood Oval on 10 separate occasions. Bizarrely, James has only umpired League football at Woodville Oval on 1 occasion.

James's most frequent Goal Umpiring colleagues in his 50 League matches are Mathew Wilson & Matthew Williams.

James's most frequently umpired League team is Central District (13). His least umpired League team is Eagles (3). All other clubs are on 9 or more matches.

ROUNDS 6 - 10 MILESTONES

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

- Round 8 SANFL

^Patrick Cannard (Boundary Umpire) on his Round 8 SANFL League debut Sturt v Central District at Unley Oval on Sunday 2nd June.

- Round 10 SANFL

Mason Beyer (Field Umpire) on his Round 10 SANFL League debut Eagles v West Adelaide at Woodville Oval on Saturday 15th June.

Additionally, the SANFLUA would also like to congratulate former SA Goal Umpire ^Michael Palm on his 100th AFL match during the Round 8 AFL match between Carlton v Collingwood at the MCG on Saturday 11th May.

^ Denotes not a member of the SANFLUA

APPROACHING LEAGUE MILESTONES

50th League Match:

Gerard Carter (B) - 46

Mitchell Harris (F) - 46

100th League Match:

Matthew Oxford (G) - 95

David Sobieraj (F) - 95

Martin Elsegood (B) - 95

150th League Match:

Chris Bull (B) - 147*

Michael Schramm (F) - 147

Terence Carter (B) - 148

* Denotes Game Tally is to be confirmed

**All SANFL Umpire League statistics
can be viewed at**

[http://www.sanflua.com.au/
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SANFLUA President Matthew Cummins
presenting Patrick Cannard with his 1st League
Match Certificate

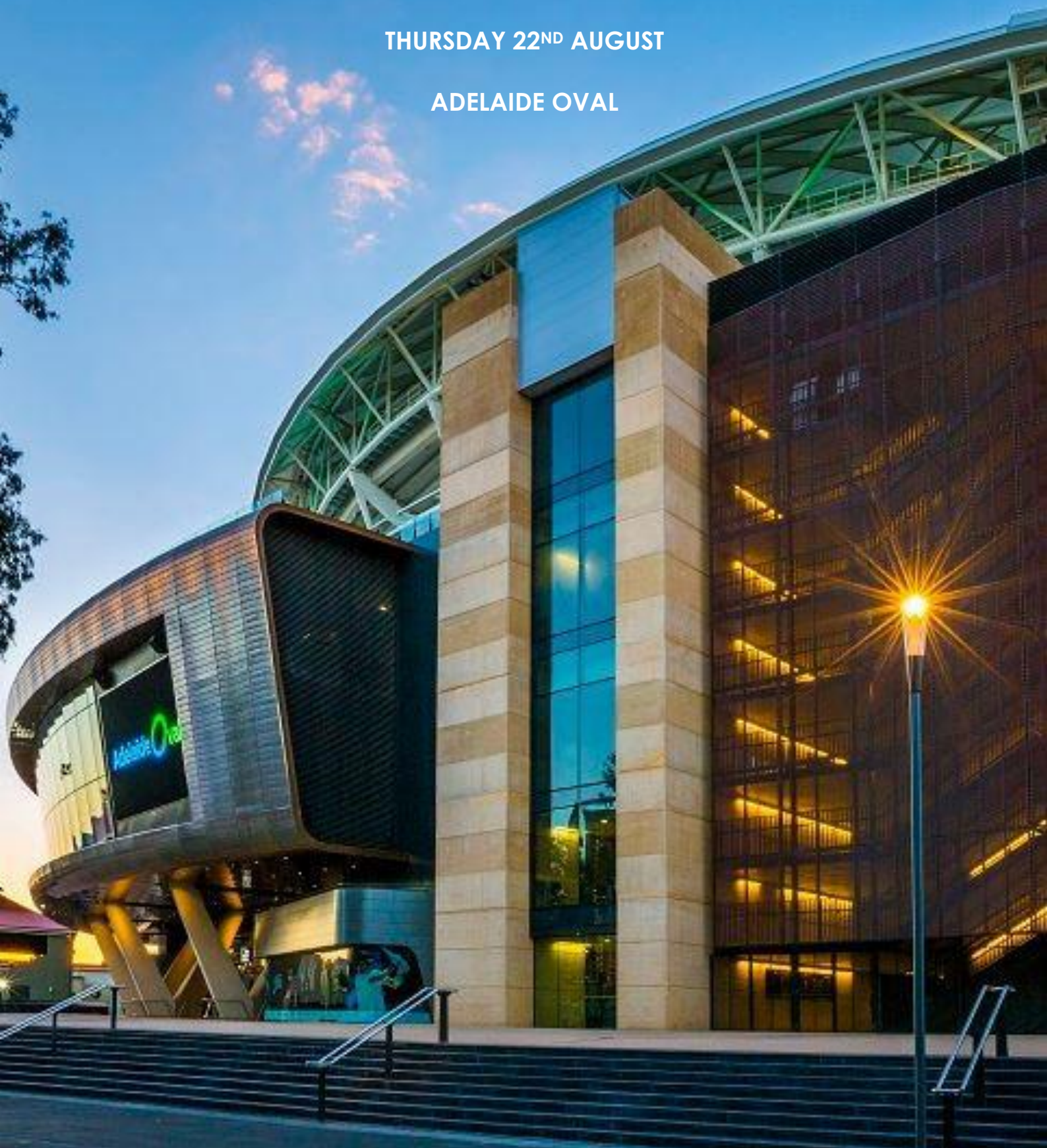


SANFLUA President Matthew Cummins
presenting Mason Beyer with his 1st League
Match Certificate

2019 SANFLUA ANNUAL DINNER

THURSDAY 22ND AUGUST

ADELAIDE OVAL



FIELD MARSHALL

Ernest Hemingway once said; *there is nothing to writing. All you do is sit down at a typewriter and bleed.* Since we last met, I have been busy working at my blood covered typewriter preparing for the next instalment of Field Marshall. This season has progressed quickly, it is hard to believe that we have reached the halfway mark. With the split round being held on the weekends of the 23rd and 30th June, it will be a good opportunity for all Field Umpires to rest-up in preparation for the second half of the season. Speaking of June 23rd, I would like to remind everyone that June 23rd is International Typewriter day. Please remember to buy a ribbon.

I suspect our new fitness staff are readers of Hemingway as they prescribe to the mantra, *there is nothing to training, all you do is run and bleed.* There haven't been many easy nights this year as the intensity of our training sessions have been incredibly high. We have also learnt that our understanding of the term *de-load week* is vastly different to the interpretation that our fitness staff have of that expression. There has been a lot of hard work at training and thanks to our new lighting, you can now see the actual moment when our morale is broken. But seriously, it is very positive for the group to be working at that intensity and consequently, we are incredibly fit. We must thank Josh, Meredith, Ryan and the other one.

In May, the first SANFL Grand Final was held for the season as Glenelg took on West Adelaide at Richmond Oval. Congratulations to Bailey Allen, Henry Klemm and Tom Kelly who umpired the Under 16 Grand Final. All 3 did a great job and it was a fitting reward for their umpiring during the season. We all look forward to seeing them continue to progress through the ranks at SANFL.

In other big news, Mason Beyer made his League debut at Woodville Oval as the Eagles took on West Adelaide in Round 10. Mason had quite a cheer squad in attendance as many family and friends came to watch him umpire his first League game. There were so many people there to support him, we were half expecting to see a banner for him to run through as he entered the oval. Mason performed very well, and we look forward to seeing him umpire many more matches at League level.

The Annual Ten Pin Bowling night was held at Norwood. Nick Ghan was on fire as he bowled the highest score for a Field Umpire. Like his running on the track, Nick blew everyone away with his bowling and continued a fine tradition of Field Umpire bowling excellence. Who could forget SANFLUA's Ten Pin night many years ago when Corey Bowen put on a bowling clinic which left everyone speechless. Corey bowled with such accuracy that night that he earned the nickname Bowen Arrow.

The long weekend occurred recently with some big games taking place. Andrew Crosby, Tom Burke and Michael Schramm took to the field at Glenelg. What a treat it was to see 3 umpires with no hair on the Queen's Birthday Holiday Monday. Not to be outdone, two days earlier we saw both Mitch's take to the field at Alberton. It ended up being fortuitous that Mitch Scott umpired on the Saturday as this meant his Monday was free to receive something special. Mitch (who is a regular attendee of Black-Tie events) is very popular among the Adelaide A-list social scene. What a great moment it was when he was formally inducted into Adelaide Society by way of a Queen's Birthday Honour. After being a member of SANFL for many years, Mitch was formally acknowledged with a commendation for his services to umpiring. He will now be referred to as Sir Cumference.

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



BOUNDARY BOLTER

And just like that we are half way through the season, look how quickly that goes. Whilst we still don't have all the lights and still have a shed that falls apart we're making good progress.

It has come to the attention of BB that a fine system has started by Fish, the worlds biggest Tightass. This is an interesting move but also a good move to help bring the group closer. As seen so far Herm and Dyl, they have copped it the worst. Unlucky for them it's good for everyone else. Then we had one of the worlds worst training attires show at training, Taylor Taylor Taylor what were you thinking, that thing is horrendous and should never be worn again, you deserved more than a fine for that. Not only that Taylor decides he doesn't want to go bowling with the group so he crashes his car, there's better ways of saying no mate, but in all seriousness we're all very glad you're okay and if you need a hand we're all here for you.

BB is also starting to think that our umpires must not like Q or something because the injury toll is growing and not slowing at any moment.

As another key injury to Brayden, he claimed his usual cramp which we're all use to but then to only have done his hammy. Then Zacher the man clearly doesn't want to umpire, does his hammy then decides to break his foot at home. Like just say you don't want to umpire Zacher. Also we're all very scared of you and that new Red pen Q has given you.

Also Scotty tried to do the same on his way back, jumps into a hole to roll his bad ankle, lads you're not making this half obvious.

Then we have Herm as talking about injuries 15 minutes prior he says he's at \$2 to be the next out, and what happens, he's out for a couple weeks, you need to ease off the betting champ.

As we've all seen tommy has been slowly moving around the track doing more, but he made the terrible mistake of wearing shorts and showing everyone those bowling pins, they were so small and white it was hard to concentrate on training, stick to the trackies mate.

It was great to hear that Dylan had finally had his recall back to league footy only to throw a recall, then get dropped the week after, luckily his hard work at training is paying off and he was back in league after this.

On some good news Gerard has absolutely been killing it on the track he's in a league of his only that is until Scotty is back at full fitness then he'll have someone to run with. Also a congratulations goes out to Pat on your league debut! But also we feel for you Steve maybe next time.

Lastly there has been rumour that Benny is wanting to mess with the goalies by forgetting his whistle after half time then making everyone wait for him as he goes back searching, c'mon mate you know better than that. You know those goalies aren't impressed when they are late walking.

BB

GALLOPING GOALIE

Well after pumping out edition #1 under candlelight the GG is pleased to announce that the lighting at training has improved! I throw around the word 'improved' very loosely because let's be honest it's still average. With only 4 out of 7 lights on each tower working, us goalies are struggling to see the balls flying in during skills and this only makes Braden Fords kicks look even more average. But as we are reminded "short term pain long term gain!". However, GG can tell you that if the other disciplines continue to walk through the goals during skills, they might end up with long term pain from a low flying ball and receiving an 'oops, didn't see you there.'

Speaking of other disciplines, the GG was quite furious to see the lack of whacks handed out by his counterparts Boundary Bolter and Field Marshall in the first edition. I've spoken to the Editor in Chief and got him to relay a message to the two of them to pull their finger out. Let's hope the next few editions some grenades get thrown. I'm keeping a close eye on you two.

In what felt like the 4th week of Round 8 we were fortunate enough to see James Georgiadis umpire his 50th match. It has been an amazing experience to have seen James develop in not only his umpiring but as a person over the years. From the James that coaches may or may not have wanted to strangle at times back 6 or so years ago, to the guy and umpire that the whole group respect immensely.

Early this season we saw Darren 'Coach' Trengove start up his own Gardening and Handyman business and the GG wishes him all the best for his endeavours. However, GG has heard that Thomas Sharpe wasn't too pleased at this announcement as he's no longer required to go around to Darren's house and mow his lawns for brownie points. GG might have to drive past the other coaches houses every now and again to see if he's managed to pick up any work at their places.

Every year it seems that the clubs are changing sponsorship and naming rights to their ovals. This can sometimes confuse not only the umpires but the coaches attending matches. This year we saw Hickenbotham Oval (Noarlunga) Change to Flinders University Stadium, and earlier in the season this caught out one of the U/18's coaches in Robert 'What's the Bobby' Goss. GG is told that Bob rocked up to the actual Flinders University rather than Noarlunga, wondering why there was no footy being played there. Let's hope he doesn't rock up to the Cooper's Brewery next time he's appointed to observe at The Parade!

Finally, a few congratulations are in order. One to Mathew Wilson who was appointed to Goal Umpire the State Game in Perth. GG is informed that he went very well on the day but heard that his best work was brought out at the pub later that night. The other is to the AFL guys for their recent appointment to the China showcase game. Congratulations guys well deserved.

Well that's it from me for this edition, and as Steve Murphy would say, "Straight home!"

GG.

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