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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 #3

Saturday July 13<sup>th</sup> was the third and final After Match Catch Up of 2019 at The Gilbert Street Hotel. We are past the half way point of season 2019 and fast approaching the business end of the season. Despite the SANFLA country game and a vast array of Adelaide events, it was terrific to see the familiar faces come and enjoy our night as well as a few beverages. The After Match Catch Up’s provide a relaxed environment to have a chat and enjoy great company.

Thank you to The Gilbert Street Hotel for their awesome hospitality, share platters and putting up the door prizes in 2019. A special thank you to The Gilbert Street Hotel Manager Luke, Function Manager Sam and Crew Member Steph who have looked after the SANFLUA and our members amazingly in 2019. We can’t wait to do it all again in 2020.

The SANFLUA hopes to see you at the Grand Final After Party on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> September at the Cathedral Hotel.



## 2019 SANFLUA DATES

### Sunday March 17<sup>th</sup>

Lawn Bowls at Walkerville Bowling Club

### Saturday April 6<sup>th</sup>

After Match Catch Up #1 at The Gilbert Street Hotel

### Saturday May 18<sup>th</sup>

After Match Catch Up #2 at The Gilbert Street Hotel

### Sunday June 2<sup>nd</sup>

Life Member Luncheon at 722 Bar and Bistro

### Saturday June 15<sup>th</sup>

Ten Pin Bowling at Kingpin Bowling Norwood

### Saturday July 13<sup>th</sup>

After Match Catch Up #3 at The Gilbert Street Hotel

### Saturday July 20<sup>th</sup>

Quiz Night at Walkerville Bowling Club

### Thursday August 22<sup>nd</sup>

Annual Dinner at Adelaide Oval

### Sunday September 22<sup>nd</sup>

SANFL Grand Final After Party at The Cathedral Hotel

## PRESIDENT'S PEN - MATTHEW CUMMINS

Amazingly we are just four rounds away from the 2019 SANFL Finals. This year has certainly flown by at rate of knots. Our members are to be commended once again for providing a season of umpiring with no fuss. We're primed to perform to the highest standard for what will be competitive finals series across all 3 grades of footy.

Touching on our training facility, my understanding is that the first submission put to council has had to be scaled back, which has meant a re-submission to council has been required. Although it will be a smaller version of what was originally submitted, I'm led to believe nothing changes with regards to facilities for umpires.

There are two light towers required on the opposite wing to the new ones. These will be erected in due course however there is a power issue (or lack of) that needs to be fixed before this will occur. Pulteney Grammar are working to have this issue rectified.

The wet weather brings issues with the oval itself. I don't need to tell anyone how slippery and muddy the surface gets after rain. In some areas of the main oval, it is borderline unsafe. If at any stage any of our umpires feel like they'll do themselves harm by running on the track, alert the training staff, their coach or approach me. At no stage should we be working in unsafe conditions and there is no expectation that we just get through it. If it's unsafe, call it out.

Through the winter months, some of our Umpires have taken off to officiate in Under Age Championships. Congratulations to Harrison Hughes (Field), Taylor Dorsey (Boundary) and Liam McDonald (Goal) who represented SA at the U18 Men's Championships for a week in Melbourne. All performed strongly under the watchful eyes of AFL Umpiring scouts.

Bailey Allen and Max Richardson (Field), Liam Draper and Anthony De Ruvo (Boundary) and Georgia Henderson (Goal) represented us at the U16s Men's Championships on the Gold Coast. Once again, they all performed admirably. Nick Mallia (Field), Hailey Siebert (Boundary) and Jonty Leslie (Goal) also went to the Gold Coast for the U18's Women's Championships and did a fantastic job.

We recently held our Quiz Night. This night is an important fundraiser for your association. Once again, we had strong numbers. We'd love to see this event grow with support from more of our members, as this will ensure we are able to provide ongoing events and subsidise them to make them attractive for all to attend.

Don't hesitate to let us know if you can assist with donations of auction items. Dave Sobieraj and Mathew Wilson do well in attracting sponsors to provide fantastic auction items. There are always bargains to be had. We'd love to see some new faces at next year's Quiz Night.

The pointy end of the season also means that our Annual Dinner is fast approaching. Invitations should be in your email inbox. This year's dinner will be on Thursday August 22<sup>nd</sup> at Adelaide Oval. The hard work has commenced to ensure our members can enjoy a great night with their umpiring mates and celebrate our Award Winners and Life Member inductions. If you haven't received your invitation and you think you should have, please contact us at [info@sanflua.com.au](mailto:info@sanflua.com.au)

Our members will once again vote for our Most Dedicated Awards (Field, Boundary and Goal). These awards are prestigious to the SANFLUA and their previous winners. Voting on them is a privilege. Having the awards peer voted adds to their significance. I urge everyone that votes to take all the criteria into consideration. Goodluck to all our umpires and members for upcoming selection to finals panels. Finish off the Home and Away season strong and earn your right to be on your relevant panel.

I look forward to seeing you all at our Annual Dinner. As always, if you have any ideas or issues please do not hesitate to contact me or any one of your SANFLUA Committee.

**Matt Cummins**  
**President**  
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# 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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## SANFLUA SPRINT: WHO'S THE QUICKEST FIELD UMPIRE?

A few Friday nights ago in the temporary changeroom at Norwood Oval, a certain Umpire, who shall remain nameless, jokingly backed himself in to keep up alongside Norwood's Anthony Wilson in a 40m sprint.

A conversation then took place about which Umpires we thought would win from our own disciplines in a 40m sprint.

As such, it got me thinking, "Who does every think is the quickest Umpire across 40m?" So I went around the disciplines to find out who they think would win in a (fantasy) 40m SANFLUA Sprint?

### Field Umpires

Aaron Bennett - "Rowan (Hundertmark) for me."

Mason Beyer - "I think Tom Bryce."

Corey Bowen - "Ghan Train."

Jamie Broadbent - "The G-Train."

Thomas Burke - "My tip is Jamie 'Doc' Broadbent."

Tom Bryce - "Michael Sboro is my pick with Nick Ghan a close second."

Andrew Crosby - "If it's only 40m...I would have my money on Mitch Scott to win by a love handle."

Mitchell Harris - "I'd go Rowan."

Harrison Hughes - "I'd say Mitch Scott, as he builds momentum."

Rowan Hundertmark - "Nick Ghan"

Giles Lewis - "I have to pick two as I can't split them - Ghan/Hundertmark."

Field Marshall - "Nick Ghan is my pick."

Sam Morgan - "Nick Ghan."

Theron Philp - "My choice is Tom Bryce ."

Michael Sboro - "I'd back Rowan in."

Michael Schramm - "I'm backing myself in."

David Sobieraj - "I would back Nick Ghan in the 40 metre sprint. All aboard the G Train."

## SANFLUA SPRINT: WHO'S THE QUICKEST BOUNDARY UMPIRE?

The **Boundary Umpires** are backing in:

Boundary Bolter - "Zacher for the quickest."

\*Chris Bull - "Matty Herrmann closely followed by me!"

Gerard Carter - "Matt Hermann."

Terence Carter - "My tip would be Gerard, the only man that's also as skinny as Anthony Wilson!"

William Carter - "Matt Zacher."

^Isaac Fishlock - "Zacher."

Matthew Herrmann - "I'll vote for myself"

^Tom Kelly - "Personally I rate myself as easily the fastest over 40m. Matty Herrmann might reel me in over the 100m but I'm an animal out the blocks - there's a reason the boys have nicknamed me 'The Missile'."

\*Matthew Konetschka - "My tip would be Scott Hargreaves. He's a natural talent & fuelled by KFC for optimal performance."

Damian Pryer - "Scott Hargreaves for the win."

^Sam Royans - "I'd back Matt Hermann when he's fit!"

^Dylan Speck - "I believe that once the diesel engine gets going, Matty Zacher would comfortably be the favourite."

Brayden Theil - "Scotty Hargreaves or Matt Hermann"

\*Mark Thomson - "I would say Matty K."

^Ben Williams - "Matt Hermann or Dylan Speck."

Matthew Zacher - "It would definitely come down to Royans, Matt H or Scott. Probably with Royans getting up over the 40m. Scotty for anything longer."

^Denotes not a member of the SANFLUA

\*Denotes AFL Umpire



## SANFLUA SPRINT: WHO'S THE QUICKEST GOAL UMPIRE?

The **Goal Umpires** rate:

\*Steve Axon - "Besides myself of course (LOL), I reckon a safe each way bet is Rhys! Haha."

Allanah Bruno - "Votes on Axe! He's 4" tall."

Michael Button - "I reckon Axe – the experienced campaigner still has it."

\*Peter Challen - "I honestly don't know. I'll go Michael Button."

Matthew Cummins - "Ford."

Galloping Goalie - "Sharpe will probably try and tell you it's him."

James Georgiadis - "Rhys and Axe."

Tom Fahey - "My vote is on Axe."

Braden Ford - "Axe is my tip."

Brad Hammer - "I reckon Negerman will be up there."

Emilie Hill - "My bet is on Rhys!"

\*^Daniel Hoskin - "Sharpe; because he would cheat."

Liam McDonald - "I'm gonna back Rhys in."

Steven Murphy - "I like backing the roughies, so I'm going (James) Georgiadis!"

Rhys Negerman - "Connor Izzo (Centre of Excellence Umpire)."

Matthew Oxford - "Rhys Negerman has my vote."

Tom Sharpe - "Ax would be the Goalies go to. He is that low to the ground that he has an advantage. He also hates to lose and would most likely cheat."

Matthew Williams - "My vote is for Ax."

Mathew Wilson - "For me it's either Axe or Negerman. It will be a photo finish with Cummo a close third"

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\*Denotes AFL Umpire

## QUIZ NIGHT

An always popular event on the SANFLUA Calendar, our Annual Quiz Night was again a hit. Held at the Walkerville Bowling Club on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> July this event is always a night we look forward to, as it is a relaxed night that is full of fun and laughter.

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

People's competitiveness was certainly on display as we got deeper into the rounds of questions. There certainly was some strong questioning of the judges as technicalities were brought to the forefront when the chips didn't fall their way.

Current President Matthew Cummins and former President Matthew Norton again organised the evenings dazzling questions. Matthew Norton again took command as Quiz Master and after a few ciders to loosen his belt, he dazzled us with his charm and turns of phrase as he asked the Quiz's questions.

Mathew Wilson and David Sobieraj have worked overtime the past few months to ensure the SANFLUA secured an array of terrific items for the Silent Auctions. The dynamic duo secured power tools, gardening gear, beverages, sporting memorabilia, vouchers and even a set of earring for the lovelies to tantalise those in attendance to splash some cash.

We sincerely thank all our sponsors Adelaide Oval Roof Climb, Astor Hotel, Bakery on O'Connell, Endota Spa, Holey Moley, Hoyts, Oaklands Mower Centre, Ozito, Pirate Life Brewing, Port Adelaide Football Club, Sunny Hill Distillery, Swarkovski, The Lake Resort Hotel, The Lavender Room Wellness Spa, The Original Coopers Alehouse, Toro, XBlades and Zambrero Norwood for their kind donations which helps the SANFLUA tremendously. Without your support we couldn't hold events such as this.

We also thank The University of Adelaide for the kind donation of their AV equipment and Tom Sharpe who provided the amazing tunes between the rounds.

Additionally, we would also like to thank The Adelaide Nut and SANFLUA Social Secretary Terence Carter for the arrangement and donation of a magnificent Basket as well as The Wine Sellar and Young Henry's for their donations of wine and beer 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. With your support our organisation would not exist.



**2019**

**SANFL UMPIRES ASSOCIATION**

**ANNUAL DINNER**

**Thursday, August 22, 2019**

**Adelaide Oval, Ian McLachlan Room**

**Pre Dinner Drinks from 6:30pm**

**Formalities at 7:00pm**

## ROUND 11 MILESTONE: 150TH LEAGUE MATCH

Back in Round 11, Terence Carter umpired his 150<sup>th</sup> League game, sharing the experience rather uniquely by running with his brothers Gerard and Will. This outstanding milestone has come in only Terence's 10<sup>th</sup> full season with the SANFL after moving to Adelaide from Port Pirie in 2010. Over this time, Terence (TC, Terry, OBJ or Tezz) has rapidly established himself as one of the pillars of the SA boundary umpiring ranks and who can be counted on to always be setting the standard at training and on match day.

Terence's career with the SANFL to date has been full of highlights, including multiple League Preliminary Finals, Reserves Grand Final appointments, Most Improved and Most Dedicated Boundary Umpire awards and various other achievements along the way.

As one of the tribal elders, Terence's influence on the boundary umpiring fraternity goes unmatched. He is one of the all round good guys and key entertainers on the training track, always ensuring that everyone is having a laugh and up and about. On game day he is one to be admired with his calm and relaxed demeanour, and approach to teamwork never being able to be called into question. He's always there to back up his mate, and will never shy away from the tough stint on the outer.

Outside of footy, Terence is Adelaide's foremost Margherita pizza connoisseur (YouTube channel under construction) making sure that he is fuelled for each game on empty carbs. His unique sense of style has attracted plenty of attention on and off the field, potentially being one of the only SANFL umpires who is sledged for having hair.

Congratulations on your 150<sup>th</sup> game, Terence!

By Matthew Zacher



*SANFLUA President Matthew Cummins presenting Terence Carter with his 150<sup>th</sup> League Match Certificate*

## TERENCE CARTER (BOUNDARY UMPIRE)

### 1<sup>st</sup> League Match:

Round 1 2011, Glenelg v Sturt at Glenelg Oval

### 50<sup>th</sup> League Match:

Round 12 2014, Glenelg v Eagles at Glenelg Oval

### 100<sup>th</sup> League Match:

Round 4 2017, North Adelaide v West Adelaide at Prospect Oval

### 150<sup>th</sup> League Match:

Round 11 2019, Sturt v Adelaide at Unley Oval

### Grand Finals:

Reserves - 2012 & 2014

U18 - 2010

### Achievements:

2017 & 2018 SANFLUA Most Dedicated Boundary Umpire

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

### SANFLUA Stat Fun Facts:

From Terence's 150 League matches his most frequent ground is Unley Oval (20); Noarlunga Oval is his least frequent (8).

As yet, Terence hasn't umpired League football on a Thursday.

Terence has umpired League with both brothers (Gerard and Will) on three separate occasions; including when all three ran together for Gerard and Will's debut at Elizabeth Oval in 2017.



## ROUND 13 MILESTONE: 150TH LEAGUE MATCH

The Round 13 clash between Central District and Sturt was the 150<sup>th</sup> SANFL League game umpired by Michael Schramm. Schrammy commenced his umpiring journey in 2003 with the NEMJA, before joining the SANFL Academy in 2005. Since making his League debut in Round 3 of 2011, Schramm has been a consistent performer at league level, which included being the Emergency for the 2017 SANFL Grand Final.

Schrammy is well regarded and a crowd favourite throughout the SANFL. No matter where he is umpiring; players, coaches, staff and supporters all know Michael Schramm. This a reflection of the personable, laid-back manner of Schramm who leaves a positive impression on everyone he talks to. With regards to the fans however, I think it is largely because he is bald and bearded - an easy target each week.

Throughout his 15 years with the SANFL, Schrammy has had his fair share of injuries and setbacks. The man can't even play a game of bubble soccer without breaking a rib. He also tries to avoid time trials at all costs, recently going to the extreme of riding his bike into a moving car a few days before a 2km. Despite some poor luck, Schrammy is as tough and resilient as they get. Rarely will you hear Schramm complain unless it is about Mitch Scott's constant antics or Sam Morgan is asking him 101 questions or if Harrison Hughes has stolen his post-match chocolate milk. All of which are justified complaints, especially the last one, poor form Hughesy.

Much like his great mates, Andrew Crosby and Theron Philp, I think Schramm's greatest quality is his mateship. Year after year, if Schramm isn't umpiring he'll be one of the first people in the stands watching-on and supporting his mates. And even with his trademark crab-esque shuffling around stoppages, you know Schramm will always have your back on the field. He's one of the good guys in umpiring and it's always great walking out alongside him.

Lately, it has been great seeing Schrammy take to coaching SANFL Juniors. Even if I get sent the odd message from junior umpires asking me, 'who is this bearded geezer at our training?', with a photo of Schramm attached. Despite the lack of respect from millennials these days, whether he realizes it or not, Schramm has played a big role in the improvement of many aspiring umpires. I have no doubt that similarly to his old man Daryl, Schramm Jnr will continue to have an impactful role in the development of future umpires in South Australia for decades to come.

Umpiring 150 SANFL games is an outstanding achievement mate. Congrats from me, your umpiring mates and your countless fans throughout the SANFL. I look forward to running around with you for many more years.

By Tom Bryce



SANFLUA President Matthew Cummins presenting Michael Schramm with his 150<sup>th</sup> League Match Certificate

## MICHAEL SCHRAMM (FIELD UMPIRE)

### 1<sup>st</sup> League Match:

Round 3 2011, Central District v South Adelaide at Elizabeth Oval

### 50<sup>th</sup> League Match:

2<sup>nd</sup> Semi Final 2013, Norwood v West Adelaide at Football Park

### 100<sup>th</sup> League Match:

Round 22 2016, Sturt v Glenelg at Unley Oval

### 150<sup>th</sup> League Match:

Round 13 2019, Central District v Sturt at Elizabeth Oval

### Grand Finals:

League - 2017(E)

Reserves - 2008(E), 2010(E) & 2011

U19 - 2007

U17 - 2005

### Achievements:

2012 NAB AFL U18 Championships

2012 SANFLUA Most Dedicated Field Umpire

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

### SANFLUA Stat Fun Facts:

Michael's most frequent grounds from his 150 League matches are Norwood Oval (21) & Unley Oval (20). Prospect Oval (11) is his least frequented ground.

Michael's most frequent League umpiring colleague is Toby Medlin (22). This is closely followed by Michael Avon, Andrew Crosby & Corey Bowen (all on 21).

## ROUND 13 MILESTONE: 50TH LEAGUE MATCH

In Round 13 Gerard notched up his 50<sup>th</sup> League game. Surprisingly he did this game back where it all started for him in 2007 as a 14 year old, the luxurious town of Port Pirie.

Unfortunately or fortunately for him he had to do the game with his two brothers making the day for him became a 'family affair' – thank you Terence for volunteering for this game. All three boys travelled together and Mum and Dad made the trip as well conveniently killing three birds with one stone.

Gerard has always been the most athletic of the four boys, I mean it's not that hard to be the fastest in the family when you weigh the least. The guys skin folds at the start of this year were 30 compared to Terry's 130 and Will's solid 70ish; which if you ever see who eats the most it makes no sense. After his beginnings in Port Pirie, he umpired in Whyalla for several years, where he was overloaded with games generally umpiring the U18's and then the League in the afternoon. After moving to Adelaide, he never had any intention of ever umpiring again. Unfortunately, for Gerry one does not keep their thoughts to themselves in the Carter house. So, after much pressure and roasting the SANFL gained the third Carter and controversially the fastest.

Since his humble beginnings the boy has been tearing it up, debuting in League in 2017 Round 1 at Elizabeth (in the same game Will debuted and possibly the first time the three Carter's umpired League together?). In the same year he umpired the Reserves Grand Final and won the Most Improved Boundary Umpire. The steady growth in dedication and resilience speaks for itself; not only in performance but the representation he has built for himself. Gerard is known for leading the pack every training with relative ease and just going about his business. As the saying goes actions speak louder than words. Getting a word out of Gerard is about as hard as trying to beat him in a 400m sprint or at least this is the case until he gets home and he re discovers his voice. Gerard trains harder than anyone else I know and is generally just nice guy.

The dominance he has displayed will only improve with time. The chase to get to 200 games will continue and hopefully at some stage he will say his first words, but more than likely will just have to wait until the Golden Whistle and Grand Final After Party!

By Will Carter



SANFLUA President Matthew Cummins presenting Gerard Carter with his 50<sup>th</sup> League Match Certificate

## GERARD CARTER (BOUNDARY UMPIRE)

### 1<sup>st</sup> League Match:

Round 1 2017, Central District v Eagles at Elizabeth Oval

### 50<sup>th</sup> League Match:

Round 13 2019, Adelaide v Port Adelaide at Memorial Oval (Port Pirie)

### Grand Finals:

Reserves - 2017

U18 - 2014 & 2015

### Achievements:

2017 Most Improved Boundary Umpire

2018 NAB AFL U18 Championships

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### SANFLUA Stat Fun Facts:

In Gerard's 50 League matches his most frequent umpiring colleague is Sam Royans (13) followed by his older brother Terence Carter (12).

Gerard visited 7 of the Leagues 9 home grounds in his first 8 League games.

Gerard debuted alongside brothers Will and Terence. His 50th League match was also alongside his brothers making this the 4<sup>th</sup> League game with Gerard, Terence & Will umpiring together. However, it will be the 5<sup>th</sup> game involving just Carter brothers. In Round 18 2014, Gerard officiated with brothers Will and Harry in an SANFL U/18's match.



## ROUND 14 MILESTONE: 50TH LEAGUE MATCH

50 games for Mitchell Harris. Wow. You might think that happened quickly, so did I. I suggested to the senior group on our WhatsApp thread that we may have a new record in terms of fastest to 50 games. A few thought the same. However it wasn't long before our OMC (Official Melbourne Correspondent) jumped in to remind us all how quick he got there, how great he was/is, put me in my place and that his record clearly still stands. Sorry Haussen, I apologise.

Mitch is a much loved and well respected Umpire, genuine good person and mate in the group. I remember umpiring with Mitch in his first senior game of League footy. It's perhaps the only time I have seen him slightly nervous. At Woodville Oval for a Crows v Port SANFL Showdown (yes it was at Woodville Oval) and due to the fact there was no Reserves game being played before hand I was making small talk with Mitch and fellow Fieldie Andrew Crosby when I stated that my pre game routine was a little thrown. About 2 seconds later Mitch turned to me and said, "Schrammy, I've never had any game on before my game as no one plays footy before Reserves games." With that quick wit I knew Mitch was going to be just fine. Mitch nailed the game. I even recall him being in control of play at half forward just in front of where the Harris family was sitting alongside his partner Victoria, Mayley and Lachlan, Mitch's work colleagues, his neighbours, Mitch's high school teachers and friends when Mitch payed a 'Holding The Ball' free kick. It was the real old school delay of the whistle, one knee bent, wind up swan dive, holding the ball. Standing in the end zone 80 metres away I could afford to look up in the stand and see Shane fist pump the air with delight.

We fast forward to 50 games and I had the pleasure of umpiring with Mitch and another Mitch in the Scott variety. Never one to want to share the limelight. Mitch Scott wouldn't let Harris start his 50th game with a bounce. After a brief discussion Scott took the opening bounce and sent the thing into orbit. We had a great day umpiring together. All was going well until it was Scott's turn to start the fourth quarter. He sent that bounce to centre half forward. I look to the other end zone where Harris was standing and I saw him mouth the words "bad luck mate" with the same content you hear Richard Williams say those same three words when you are on the 18th green and you miss a 3 footer.

I could go on but I feel there is plenty more games for Mitch Harris too add to his career. I would also need to check if Shane reads this before I share any more stories.

Mitch, speaking on behalf of the group I would like to congratulate you on 50 games and here's a big "cheers and beers" to the next 50.

By Michael Schramm



*SANFLUA President Matthew Cummins presenting Mitch Harris with his 50<sup>th</sup> League Match Certificate*

## MITCHELL HARRIS (FIELD UMPIRE)

### 1<sup>st</sup> League Match:

Round 4 2017, Adelaide v Port Adelaide at Woodville Oval

### 50<sup>th</sup> League Match:

Round 14 2019, North Adelaide v Adelaide at Prospect Oval

### Grand Finals:

League - 2018

Reserves - 2017

### Achievements:

2017 Most Improved Field Umpire

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

### SANFLUA Stat Fun Facts:

Mitch's 36<sup>th</sup> League match was also his 1<sup>st</sup> League Grand Final.

In Mitch's 50 League matches his most frequent ground is Norwood Oval (8). Remarkably, Mitch has umpired more League at Adelaide Oval (4) than Richmond and Elizabeth Ovals (3 each).

Mitch's most frequent day to Umpire League is Saturday (22).

Mitch's most frequent League Field Umpire colleague is Theron Philp (14).

## ROUNDS 11 - 14 MILESTONES

The SANFLUA would like to congratulate the following Umpires on their representative achievements.

- Taylor Dorsey (B), Liam McDonald (G) & Harrison Hughes (F) for the AFL NAB Under 18 Championships in Melbourne.
- ^Jonty Leslie (G), Nick Mallia (F) & Hailey Siebert (B) for the AFL Under 18 Women's Championships on the Gold Coast.
- Georgie Henderson (G), Max Richardson (F), Bailey Allen (F), ^Liam Draper (B) & ^Anthony De Ruvo (B) for the AFL NAB Under 16 Championships on the Gold Coast.

^ Denotes not a member of the SANFLUA

## APPROACHING LEAGUE MILESTONES

### 100<sup>th</sup> League Match:

Matthew Oxford (G) - 98

David Sobieraj (F) - 99

^Martin Elsegood (B) - 97

### 150<sup>th</sup> League Match:

Chris Bull (B) - 147\*

### 200<sup>th</sup> League Match:

Peter Challen (G) - 195

^Sam Royans (B) - 194

### 250<sup>th</sup> League Match:

Andrew Crosby (F) - 245

\* Denotes Game Tally is to be confirmed

^ Denotes not a member of the SANFLUA

All SANFL Umpire League statistics  
can be viewed at

[http://www.sanflua.com.au/  
umpirestatistics/](http://www.sanflua.com.au/umpirestatistics/)

\*All statistics are kindly provided  
and updated by SANFLUA  
Statistician Steven Paunovic\*





# 2019 SANFLUA Grand Final After Party

Sunday, September 22, 2019

Cathedral Hotel, Torrens Room

Time: TBC



## FIELD MARSHALL

July is upon us and the weather has been quite varied of late. From heavy rain to freezing cold and then some warm bursts, it has been a month of contrasts. July also means tax time, so make sure all of you go and get your tax done. Don't forget, your SANFLUA membership fee is tax deductible. I did become aware of one umpire who asked his Accountant whether a year's supply of Tim Tams could be claimed as a tax deduction. It's a good thing that our skinfolds have been completed for this year.

There is a good vibe in the group at the moment. I feel the cross section of ages of the field umpires ensures a well-rounded environment for everyone. It does, however, present some challenges. Some of the senior umpires were a little concerned when they overheard one of the younger umpires saying he didn't know who Michael Hutchence was! To be fair, when the same senior umpires overheard the younger guys talking about 5 Seconds of Summer, the senior guys thought the younger guys were talking about Tasmania in January.

Tasmania wasn't the destination for Harrison Hughes as he was recently in Melbourne for the Under 18 Championships. Harrison performed well and it was a great experience for him to be chosen to represent SANFL. We wish Harrison well for his continued success in umpiring.

The senior field umpires had a night off from training recently and enjoyed themselves with some Go Karting. The last time the group went Go Karting was in 2013. This time there were some impressive performances from Michael Schrammacher, Andrew Crosberg and Giles Lewis-Hamilton. David Sobieraj was a big improver at his second attempt at Go Karting. I suppose after his last place finish 6 years ago anything would be an improvement. The last time the group raced, Dave was under the misapprehension that the safety car had been deployed, so he drove at a very leisurely pace. Dave's car was so slow that after he finished, the owners had his Go Kart euthanised. But this time, the eventual winner was Scott 'Chachi' Bau. It was happy days for Scott as he charged to victory in record time to be crowned the 2019 Champion.

The Annual SANFLUA Quiz Night was held at the Walkerville Bowling Club. It was good to see Umpires from all disciplines support SANFLUA's biggest fundraising night of the year. After the events of last year (when a table of boundary umpires cleaned up) tighter regulations were put in place. Last year, the boundary umpire table were fortunate to be joined by a new Academy Umpire named Siri. Along with being a good runner, Siri is also quite knowledgeable. Unfortunately, Siri couldn't make it to the Quiz Night this year, so the boundary umpires didn't go so well.

Order was restored at this years Quiz Night as the table of Field Umpires were victorious. Every member of the table contributed to the success of the night. Theron was a very valuable member of the team especially when we reached the Mathematics round. Theron knew the answer to a question about Isaac Newton's law of universal gravitation. It is one that we all experience when we bounce (or throw up) the footy every week.

There was also a question about Pythagoras, which Theron was able to answer because both he and Pythagoras went to school together. We found out that they were good mates, although Theron said Pythagoras could be a bit of a know-it-all. What we didn't know is Theron played an important role in one of mathematics great formulas. After jointly developing the ability to calculate the length of the hypotenuse, they decided to name their discovery, Pythagoras-Theron.

Unfortunately, due to Pythagoras's thick accent, he was misheard, and their discovery became known as Pythagoras' Theorem by mistake.

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





## BOUNDARY BOLTER

Doesn't time fly with only 5 weeks before finals, who isn't excited?

Now BB has had a lot of submissions of late and not surprisingly TC and Fish were the main topics. But before we get into those two we'll start with some recalls.

Boy oh boy wowie! You wouldn't imagine it but Sammy Royans had his first recall since the one into the crowd, then to go with Sam in the same game Scotty decided he would follow suit; hopefully this doesn't impact your finals lads. To BB and everyone else's surprise, Fish was umpiring that game also but didn't get a recall, but don't worry Fish we know you save them for the finals. Then we have Elliot, you my friend are very lucky having a recall but no observer and not getting dropped, count your lucky stars son.

We've also had some great news lately with Scotty, Brayden and Tommy all back umpiring, unfortunately for Scotty you were stitched up umpiring with Fish for your first 5 games back. For Tommy, it's great to see you back and hey the way we're going with injuries, it'll be as good as story as Zacher and his GF when you make finals.

Talking of finals, a few names have popped up and have been really talking themselves up. One which comes as no surprise is Fish. Mate, you need to calm down, we know you choke under the pressure and the other is the so called "finalist specialist" in Will Carter. You're struggling to do League; you'll be in Ressie finals the way you're going.

How could we forget about the fines system! It has come to everyone's attention that Fish is not the best person to be in charge. He's starting to lose the plot just like his umpiring, hopefully he picks up his game. As with all fine systems there's always one standout and that is Terrance with all the fines you're copping you'll be able to go to Bali. Not to be forgotten is Gerard, the amount of fines both TC and Gerard are accumulated from their social media post are insane; you lads are basically poster boys.

Good luck to everyone for the next 5 weeks and hopefully no more recalls.

Until next time,

BB

## GALLOPING GOALIE

Well here we are, over half way through the season and boy oh boy isn't it flying by. As the season is tracking along quickly, with it comes the cold weather, and one umpire will go to any lengths to keep warm. That's right sprung again! During a coaching session Braden Ford was spotted with his performance enhancing hand warmers. Once confronted it was noted that Bray certainly left the room red faced. This is your third and final warning Bray, if we see them again you've got first round on the end of season trip.

Just after round 9 we saw another segment on our television screens directed at recruiting umpires this time on Footy+. Littered throughout the segment was various shots of the umpiring fraternity in action at training. However one coach thought he'd make the most of the opportunity of the camera crew being there and thought it would be a good idea to get back behind the goals. In doing so rightfully earning himself a fair amount of airtime. It was certainly a hot straddle that was timed perfectly and no hamstrings were pulled in the process! Brother Riggs is the return on the cards?

A congratulations goes out to all umpires that represented SA in the three National Champs that occurred since we last met. Georgia Henderson (U16 Men), Jonty Leslie (U18 Women) and Liam McDonald (U18 Men). GG is well informed that Georgia and Jonty went very well. However with representing your state at a national champs come great responsibility and word on the 'grapevine' (facing south terrace) is that in true Liam McDonald fashion he did a great job of representing himself. It was brought to the GG's attention that during the two AFL sanctioned games he decided it would be a good idea to instead of changing his flags to plain to leave his National Pharmacies Optical flags on and give them a bit of air time. People are still wondering how he wasn't asked to change them but somehow he got away with it! Well at least you didn't make a complete fool of yourself and get a bit too tipsy in the hotel room by yourself on the last night, Oh wait...!

In the week leading up to round 13 the goalies had their annual fun night away. This year, favouring the northerners it was held at Latitude. A great night was had by all however I don't think Michael Button was too happy after apparently being told off for just about everything he did all within the first 2 minutes. After nights offsite a dinner is usually organised and the OG hotel was the port of call after latitude. The GG has been informed that the Goal umpiring group will most likely never return to the OG due to a number of reasons. The food was quite good the GG is told however the fact that the group waltzed in and decided to join 8 tables together didn't sit to nicely with the lady behind the bar shooting off death glares in the tables direction. I've been told that there were certainly some HARD chats that were thrown around the table throughout the night. Some which probably should have been discussed with inside voices, but two umpires decided to take things a little further getting a bit 'touchy feely' under the table thinking that no one would notice, when in fact apparently half the table had noticed. Keep your Hands to yourself guys, you know who you are.

Umpiring is very much an individual performance based caper, but it's great to see the goalies have been creating a really positive culture were once the job done they have been seen enjoying post-match beverage as well as 'chewing the fat'. Even Choccy has been seen sipping on his Lemon Lime and Bitters & The Ox on a Coke Zero. The GG has it on good authority though that at a recent game at Noarlunga, Allanah took a photo of the Corona that Willow brought for her and then handed it straight back to him as she reckons she would blow over the legal limit. In true Willow style he never says no to a beer and I'm sure he enjoyed his second froth for the long trip back to the North Eastern suburbs.

Hey Boundaries, maybe you guys should take some notes on what the Goalies are doing considering only about six of you know what socialising is.

Well that's all from GG this edition and in Matthew Norton's singing voice,  
"We'll meet again, don't know where, don't know when, but I know we'll meet again some sunny day."

GG



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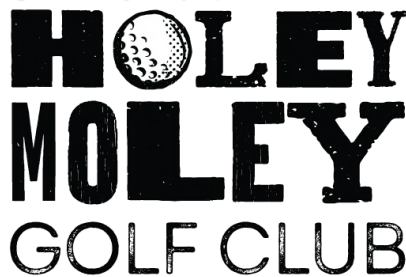
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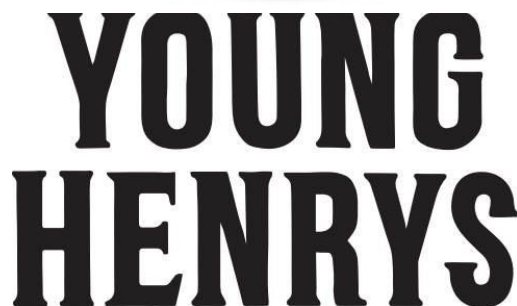


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