

BULLDOG BULLETIN JANUARY 2018



FROM THE PRESIDENT.

Firstly thanks to all those who have congratulated me on my "promotion". The learning curve has been steep with a long way to go! Secondly I indicated in the last newsletter that I will be continually asking all of you **what you can do in 2018 to make your club better**. Now that the players are back on the track I ask the rest of you to support them and their coaches in any way you can over a long, hot pre-season. Have you ever attended training? Can you recruit new members/players/families? Can you take on one of the many volunteer roles we need? Having now entered 2018 there will be many chances for you to support your club over the next ten months. To quote the theme from the 2018 Volunteer Week "Give a Little..Change a Lot". I challenge each and every one of you to do so between now and the next newsletter... and tell me what you did! The great service the retiring Lee Willcock (see below) has given to the club over many years is a perfect example of what I am talking about. Well done and thanks Lee. Other examples include Jake and Megan Collins, Sue and Peter Trewartha, Lorraine and Robert Bowman who were quick to offer to board Matt Hewett from the Bute FC for his six week stint in Port Augusta. That is the type of hospitality that makes our club great. Finally, I invite you to raise any suggestions/concerns/issues etc. you may have so they can be addressed by the Management Committee.

On a very sad note I am sure many of you have read of the tragic accident that has resulted in Southern Flinders footballer Tai Martin Page ending up in the spinal unit at the Royal Perth Hospital. I have passed on our best wishes to Tai via his club. There is a Go Fund Me page at [gf.me/u/f5spvq](https://www.gofundme.com/u/f5spvq) that Southern Flinders invite contributions to or the one set up by the family (see below). We wish Tai a full recovery. Mick

LEETHAL HAS CALLED IT A DAY

Hi Southies, It is with much regret I will be handing over my Green Runners Top...What a great ride it has been particularly the last 2 years winning back to back premierships with an awesome bunch of talented footballers..To say the least the coaches box on game day has been most entertaining with Bolesy and Buck at the helm. Thank god Kym Maule has been there as Team Manager to keep all three of us inline..The opportunity to create club history in 2018 by winning a 3 peat of premierships is before the playing group,this is already eating me inside knowing I won't be running out with the lads on Grand Final day.. My decision to not be a part of the group in 2018 is due to work commitments which should always be a priority to any country footballer.



Returning to shift work will also unfortunately not enable me to continue umpiring U/15s football.. My umpiring journey started 15yrs ago whilst U15s football was played on Friday nights at Central Oval. It is most rewarding after games when the lads come and shake your hand and say " thanks ".. I would like to acknowledge Southie great

Mr David Williams as my mentor for majority of my umpiring and coaching days at Souths, what a contribution to junior football this individual has given not only to South Augusta but also Port Augusta Football.. Apart from family, everybody is replaceable and my time to be replaced has come..When the lads win that 3 peat of premierships in 2018, I will shed a tear, but also remember

the great times and achievements I was blessed to be a part of during my time wearing the Green Top. Cheers Leethal

Footnote: Lee is a Life member of the club having played for the club since 1989, with 130 Senior SGL games for the club plus over 60 games for Willsden. Lee played in the 1993 and 1994 A Grade Premiership sides and has been runner for the club for many years including the A Grade Premierships of 2016, 2017 and 2000. Lee has also coached the Junior teams including Under 18s for several years and has been the official umpire for South Under 15s for over 10 years, great service to the club. Best of luck for the future Lee.

ADDITIONAL UPDATE FROM SANFL

As many of you would have seen, young South Australian footballer Tai Martin-Page was involved in an on-field incident playing for the Darwin Buffalos in the NTFL. The incident left Tai with two dislocated vertebrae which resulted in the loss of feeling from the chest down. Tai has been transferred to the spinal rehabilitation unit from the ICU after undergoing surgery at Royal Perth Hospital. It is difficult to predict when a final prognosis on his condition will be known, but regardless there is expected to be a long road ahead. Tai grew up at Laura in the Mid North and plays with the Southern Flinders Club. Tai also represented our Northern Zone at 2017 State Country Championships.

A Go Fund Me page has been set up by Tai's family to help raise funds for medical treatment and to support with travel and accommodation costs. Fundraising is well on the way to the target of \$100,000. We encourage the SA footy community to support Tai and his family in his recovery by clicking on the link below. <https://www.gofundme.com/HelpTaiwalkagain>

FOOTBALL COMMITTEE REPORT

2018 SGL PROGRAM UPDATE

This is still to be finalized due to a number of issues that have arisen since the SGL AGM. Hopefully it will be in place by the next newsletter.

2018 SAFC COACHING APPOINTMENTS AND VACANCIES

The following 2018 coaching appointments have been made:

A GRADE James Boles reappointed and aiming for back to back to back premierships.

B GRADE TBC

Minis Vacant Daniel Collins TBC

U9 Chris Heritage/Dean McInnis reappointed

U13 Vacant

U15 Vacant

U18 Buck Everett reappointed

We are not as settled as last year and ask you if interested or you have any suggestions of people we could approach see Mick Kerin or one of the Colts Committee urgently. You will get lots of support from the committee.

We would like to acknowledge the great work put in by the retiring coaches Patty and Ray Willis (U11), Matt Millard (U13), and Sam Maule (U15).

LEVEL ONE COACHES COURSE

Tied up with our coach appointments (when appointed) is the Level One Coaches Course. Changes to the course in 2018 will make it easier to attain accreditation.

2018 HEAD TRAINER

We are still looking for a Head Trainer for next season. Anyone interested or any suggestions please see Mick Kerin ASAP

SANFL CLUB DEVELOPMENT FORUM

This is on again at Adelaide Oval on Sunday 18 February. It would be great to see a number of SAFC people attend the various workshops. There is funding for travel and accommodation. See attachment or Mick Kerin if interested.

2018 PLAYERS REGISTRATIONS.

We currently have 129 registered players from A Grade→U9 in what is proving to be a very frustrating process. Numerous emails have been sent inviting 2017 registered players to re-register so please check your inbox and follow the prompts.

2018 RECRUITING/CLEARANCES OUT

Clearances during November saw us lose Brendon Colson and Nick Wedding (to Central Augusta), Shane Robinson (back to Port Elliott Goolwa) and Josh Ackland (back to North Whyalla). We regained Lionel Brown from Central Broken Hill. Other recruits/returnees will be named when clearances reopen in February. If you come across any potential new recruits **OF ANY AGE GROUP** and their families please let Kean/Buck/ Mick know asap.

SAFC SOCIAL COMMITTEE 2018

SAFC Committee are a dedicated group of volunteers whose main aim is to fundraise whilst bringing a variety of functions and entertainment to the players, members and visitors of our club.

We aim to be inclusive and support events that cover many age groups, from the annual Red and White Ball to Family Fun Day, theme nights, season launches, plus many more.

We work alongside the Management Committee where required and together with club members aim to support the "family club" mantra and in doing this also raise valuable funds to help assist in making our club a success.

Any club people who would like to join in some capacity will be made very welcome, but in saying this anyone who takes a position on the committee are expected to be financial members. Membership forms and payments to made over the bar.

Come and join in the organisation of some great events, meet people and enjoy being part of the South Augusta Football Club family. First meeting will be held on Wednesday 24th January @ 5.30pm in the clubrooms. Jenny Grantham, Ph: 86687 700

CLUB MEMBERSHIP

2018 membership are now open. Membership forms available at club, payment can be made at the bar. Family \$35/single \$25/pensioner \$10. Memberships are valid from 1st January -31st December each calendar year.

VICE PRESIDENT CLUB

2018 Vice President Memberships are now due, please see Kean Parrington at the club.

As part of the Vice President package for \$100 you will sponsor a player at the club, receive the monthly newsletter and receive and invite to 2 Vice President Functions during the year.

Email or text 0419 034 630 or keanp@hayesaugusta.com.au if you can get involved.

SPONSORSHIP

If you would sponsor in 2018 and support a great club will be sending letters soon or contact Simon Owens, Sponsorship Officer on 0419 808 663 or email owens@dodo.com.au

If you choose to sponsor South's in 2018, the Management Committee will strongly encourage our members to maintain their support for your business by advertising in the club, mentions on Friday night and player awards, monthly newsletter and slide show on the big screen TV's at the clubrooms. Many thanks to Complete Personnel who have been great supporters of the club over the years and played no small part in the clubs success over this time.

ASSISTANCE WITH MEALS ON FRIDAY NIGHT

South Augusta Football club is calling for any interested people/groups to assist in kitchen once every 7-8 weeks on a Friday night. You only need a minimum of 4 - 5 people.

If you are available/interested whether it be a single person or a group please contact Judith Barnett on 0419 827 458 or email barnett9@bigpond.com . Many hands make light work.

GRAND FINAL VIDEOS

The Grand Final videos have been released on Youtube so if you are keen to look at the games again go to the following links. The Second semi Final has also been released on Youtube.

Click on the link:

<https://youtu.be/fV7pEv5EDiI> 2ND Semi Final South vs Sollies 2017

<https://youtu.be/uqSeoHacl7Q> A Grade Grand Final South vs Sollies 2017

<https://youtu.be/fV7pEv5EDiI> B Grade Grand Final South vs Sollies 2017

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN COUNTRY FOOTBALL DIGEST

The 'South Australian Country Football Digest - Vol. II has arrived and ready for sale. The book can be ordered directly from Peter Lines and he will post a copy out to you. There are also a number of outlets around the state where the book can be purchased.

If purchasing a copy directly from Peter Lines and be sure to send your postal address. Payment of \$40.00 plus \$12.00 postage can be paid into my account - BSB: 805050 Account No. 61346208.

Peter has a Facebook page, www.facebook.com/groups/458244080856698, which he will update regularly.

CRICKET UPDATE

The A grade is still in 2nd spot on the ladder, 2 games from top position and have some important games coming up if they wish to finish top and go straight into the Grand Final.

B Grade are in third spot and within striking distance of the top 2 after 7 games , Under 17s are in 2nd spot and Under 14s are in 2nd spot. All teams are within striking distance with the finals looming in March.



With no games over the Xmas break the A Grade have been involved with the local 20/20 competition with a good first up win against West Augusta.

The A Grade played off for a chance to play at Adelaide Oval last weekend at ETSA and had a good first up win against Paskeville however the Port Lincoln team were too good in the final with nothing going right for the lads on the big occasion. Always next year!

There was a good roll up of Southies at Central Clubrooms last weekend to farewell Nick Callary, who has accepted a position as a teacher in Adelaide and will leave soon, the club wishes him all the best. It proved the respect the players have for Nick and we wish him all the best for the future after 10 years involved with South Augusta

Cricket and an A Grade Premiership player, he just played for the wrong team in football. Nick will come back for the finals.

PLAYER FROM THE PAST

David Murray: Currently acting Principal at Nurioopta High school David attended the reunion at the Ashes Cricket test in Adelaide this year. Dave played both football and cricket at Souths from 1996 and continued this when he moved to the Far North to teach and then the Barossa Valley to teach in around the year 2000. Dave was captain of the A Grade Cricket team for several years and opened the batting well, making over 500 runs in one year. He is now settled in the Barossa Valley and teaches and relieves as School Principal in the area. He was known as the SAPSSASA guru making sure he managed to get the Adelaide trip each year with Primary school football or cricket which is always the best job.

CRICKET FLASHBACK: 1987/88 (30 YEARS AGO)

Position 4th Darren McKenzie continues as captain and there is improvement this year with the team making the finals for the first time in 3 years. A Grade loses to Redsox in the 1st semi Final South 197 vs Redsox 7/200. In this game South batted first and best bats were Iain Elliott 62, Kym Maule 33, Jarrod Waterworth 31 not out and Don Fiebig 27 and this was an excellent score however it couldn't restrict Redsox to below this score. Best bats for Redsox were Michael Horner 41, Shaun McHugh 38, Darryl Moore 30, P Muggleton 29, Steve Simpson 24, and best bowlers for South Don Fiebig 2/41, Robert Rozee 2/46, Steve Dalla Santa 2/53 and Jarrod Waterworth 1/44. Highlights for the year include a score of 151 for Darren McKenzie against Quorn and the development of young fast bowler Steve Dalla Santa together with Iain Elliott and Jarrod Waterworth.

BILLYS CORNER

A new record of 194 meals was set by some of our volunteers on Wednesday 13/12/17 when we catered for the PAWPS Year 7 Graduation. Well done to Jenny and Gundle Grantham, Sue and Andrew Magarey, Mia and Michelle Smith, Judith Barnett, Nick Heron and Mick Kerin. The old record was 177. PS...humble apologies for leaving Mia and Michelle out of this list in the December newsletter.

Snake Owens hasn't been sighted after the syndicates win on Vidorra at the Magic Millions day, last weekend and rumour is that he is still celebrating. A few Southies backed the horse on the day and it will certainly help pay for his new vehicle, the Port Power sponsors Renault that he recently purchased.

Condolences to Trevor and Deidre McInnis and family on the death of their son and South supporter Duncan McInnis recently. Duncan played Junior football for the club, being part of the 2005 Under 15s Premiership team. The club and its members are thinking of them at this sad time.

Great to see a few older cricketers return to the field last weekend with Wes Yates and Adam Wilson both making comebacks. Adam would not have been welcome at the Nick Callary farewell at the Central Augusta club as he was part of the Port team that defeated them by 1 point in an A Grade Grand Final. I reckon Ray Hayes had him lined up that night at the club. Adam didn't have a good return with another duck but we would love to see him keep it going as he has plenty of runs in him.

Not a good weekend for the South cricketers on the weekend with 2 players injured and out of action, Greg Shirley who dislocated his shoulder and Nathan Nistico who injured his finger both while

fielding. Both lads have recently moved into a house with Central Augusta footballer Jack Muirhead who may have to look after them for a while, that could be interesting!

Just as well some of the Footballers are not involved with Catering Department at the club with their venture into Coffin bay over New Year, not producing one fish for the 3-4 days. Vinny and the crew may need to see Couttsy and Buck for some advice !

The decision to reduce the number of games to 15 for the Minor round seems very short sighted, supporters want to go to as many game as they can as they enjoy the season, players want to play and Junior's want to improve and impress by playing more games not to mention the extra club revenue that comes in during the important football season for all club. Not sure where the clubs who voted for this to happen are coming and I wonder if their members are on board?



Congratulations Val Waterworth on reaching 75 last week and certainly the most experienced Head Trainer in the SGL competition at the moment. If you hear of anyone who might be keen to relieve Val please see Mick Kerin. Congratulations also to Mark and Amanda Horner on their new addition, baby girl Lilly Grace, all the best for the future.

All the best to 1981 and 1983 A Grade Premiership player Derek Edmead who will marry partner Mel on the weekend. The Edmead boys should be in attendance and I'm sure it will be a lively show. Derek's son Caleb has moved to Norwood this year after playing a few years at Central District.

If you want to see some old SGL footage from 1961, 1965 and 1966 go to Youtube and click on https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ct_4OUzOn0Y. Supplied by the Port Football club it involved footage from the Grand Finals and other teams such as South Whyalla, North Whyalla and Central Augusta and a view of the Central oval in the 1960's. Well worth a look.

The first 11 weeks of the Racing Tips has sorted out the wheat from the chaff with Adam and Gary Grantham leading the pack followed by Harry Waterworth and Grandkids, Colin Scarlett and Peter Huxtable. Peter had a recent visit to hospital and we wish him well in recovery. There are 9 weeks to go in the competition with first prize \$575 up for grabs.

This year the club will celebrate the A Grade Premiership anniversaries for 1918, 1928 and 1938 and if you know any of their relatives please let Harry Waterworth know as it will be good to get them at the club one night. Club member Jan Black's father played in one of those teams. The club will also honour the 1978 B Grade Premiership and 1998 Under 18s Premiership on a date to be decided throughout the year.

If anyone wants a copy of A Grade or B Grade grand final they can get a USB/Disc to Judith Barnett who can provide you with a copy. If you want to watch the match, ask the Bar staff to put the game on the TV near the Honour boards at the club.

Many thanks to those who contributed to the Club newsletter including Michael Kerin, Lee Willcock, Harry Waterworth,

MANY THANKS TO THE SPONSORS, VICE PRESIDENTS AND MEMBERS WHO SUPPORTED US IN 2017 AND HELPED WIN US A PREMIERSHIP.