

BULLDOG BULLETIN MAY 2015



Management Committee Report: The beers and a few tears flowed at the last function at the old club with over 150 people and 130 meals served on the night. There were some great speeches made before the Guernsey presentation that announced the senior football squad for the 2015 season. Many thanks to past players David Allanson, Iain Elliott, Don Pasculli, wife Kerry and Darren McKenzie a past captain of the South Augusta cricket team, that made the effort to travel from Adelaide for the night.

Jenny Grantham said it all in her speech that thanked the family that is South Augusta for another entertaining show as another chapter in our club's history comes to an end. Jenny was self-appointed spokesperson for the Lamshed family and the following is a transcript of her speech on the night



Last Hoorah Speech - Jenny Grantham:

"We all carry with us memories made within these walls and as a representative of the Lamshed family none dearer to us than our last farewell to my dad Kevin (Chic), my dear brother Rodney and the one and only Franko Farr. And yes it will be sad to think our new clubroom will not have those we have lost walk through the doors with us. But when I look up at the faces of the members here tonight, I know that they really will come with us. They are in each of us and in the memories we carry in our hearts and minds. It makes no difference what a building looks like, new or old. The people we see, our family, our members are what makes South

Augusta Football Club. This new beginning will take effort, teamwork and commitment to be a success and to answer the critics out there expecting us to fail. We have the words "True Grit and Courage" in our club song, this is now more important than ever as we start this journey together"



Other great speeches were made by Bill Kernahan, Kym Maule and others who had been involved at the old club for many years including President Gary Kernahan. It was fitting that stalwart's Betty Maule, Tupp McKerlie and Bill Applebee were in attendance to cut the cake at the old club for the last time. 1984 A Grade Coach Maurie Vast also sent a message of congratulations stating: "I hope that all goes well in the new facility. The start of a new era. Congratulations to all who contributed to the move- a very positive outcome"



The first game at the new club went to plan with the team winning by 4 goals against last year's grand finalist West Augusta and a large crowd in attendance at the new club during the game and after for teas. Well done to all involved in the planning and implementation of the move.

Picture of Bill Applebee and Paddy O'Keefe who were both involved with the building of the old club in 1960

The club offers its condolences to the families of 2 stalwarts of the club that have recently died. Maureen Hesse wife of past player and Life member Ray Hesse recently died in WA. Maureen was active on the South Ladies committee for many years in the late 1950s. Cass Rowett, a great supporter and sponsor of the club and member of Huckys Bullseye club died at Andamooka recently. Cass managed the Mobil West Side roadhouse with husband Ian and provided employment to a few Southies over that time. The club is thinking of their families at this sad time.

Players Auction this Saturday 16th May 7.30pm , pick your favourite players and get your syndicate together with the potential to win up to \$1,000.

South Augusta Golf Open Sunday 25th May, \$25 includes game and lunch, see Jake Collins for details. You can wear the red jacket if you're good enough.

Snake Owens needs volunteers for the Augusta Markets Saturday 30th May, only need to work for 2 hours, cooking and serving on the BBQ, Give him a call on 0419 808 663 if you can help out.

DOUBLE HEADER FEEDBACK

As you know we are playing two double headers this season and thus avoiding two Sunday games (one was held in round 2 the other will be in the final round 17 and both v Central). If anyone has any feedback (positive or negative) about how the first double header went please chat with Michael Kerin.

CLUB OWNERSHIP

This club was built on the back of countless volunteers over the past 102 years. This continues today. We have many volunteers who put in many hours each season to keep their club going. But, as the saying goes the more the merrier. Countless little things can be done by all of us such as returning glasses, cans etc. to the bar rather than walk past them. Making sure glasses are not taken outside including the balcony. Returning chairs from the balcony and window viewing positions they get moved to during games. Even stopping any misbehavior you come across such as children running up and down the stairs or the lift. If everyone chips in it will help the club as we settle into our new room.

Football Report: Not a great start to the year in all 3 senior grades with the A Grade winning 1 game and losing 2 close games, B grade winning 1 game and the Under 18s losing all 3 games. Indications are that it will be a very close season in the A grade with all teams having a chance on the day and it will be up to how the team preparing on the training track and mentally as to how they will perform on the day. Injuries to last year's Fairest and Best Mark Horner with a hamstring and Adam Grantham with a knee will challenge the team with the loss of some of its leaders however it will be up to the other players to stand up in the coming weeks.

Best players of the last few weeks have been Mark Horner (Anzac Day Medallist) and new recruits Simon George and Tom Carling together with Brock Laube and Daniel Collins who have featured in the best players more than 2 times in 3 weeks. In the B Grade Marcus Gill, Chris Grantham , Adam Bentley and Brett Jones have been impressive early and the team has been competitive so far.

In the Under 18s, players to impress have been Harry Holland, Dareyan Solomon, Daniel Taylor, Trent Ritter and Dylan Testro who have featured the most in the best players.



Congratulation to a few of the players that have achieved game milestones in the last few weeks including Simon Brusnahan (pictured) who played 150 A grade and Club games recently together with Sam Maule 50 club games and Scott Kroemer 50 club games. Simon Brusnahan played A Grade at the age of 15 and with a setback of a knee reconstruction missing around 1-2 seasons he has been able to play in both the 2006 and 2012 A Grade premierships with distinction. Simon generally plays at fullback and enjoys the challenge of the best opposition goal kickers each week. Well done Simon.

Other milestones worth noting have been Jak Kerin's 50 A grade matches and after a stint in Canberra and NSW he now has a fulltime job at Alinta energy and will be a regular on the field this season and in the future if all goes well.

Milestones to look out for in the future barring injuries and availability include in "A" grade, Todd Kernahan 200 club games round 6 currently on 171 A and 26 B,

Slade Laube 50 club round 8 currently 43 A and 1B, Jake Collins 100 club round 10 currently 90 A and 2 B, Mark Horner 50 A/club next game when he plays, Daniel Collins 100 club round 5 currently 84 A and 13 B and Jason Lukich 100 A / club round 12. Other include Tyson Black, closing in on 100 club about round 8, Tom Bolitho 50 B about round 7 and Liam Dodd 50 B about round 12.



Looks as though Alan Margatich may have retired this year although we always hold up hope that the champion ruckman may make a return. Alan played senior football for the club from 1998 to 2014 and played in the 2000 and 2012 A Grade premiership as ruckman which in itself is a great achievement with the time period between success. Other than playing for South's he played for Christian Brothers Old Scholars in Adelaide and it was great to get him back at the club through employment. Alan was high up in the Madigan Medal votes in 2012 and won the Fairest and Best that year in 2012 plus in 2001. A leader and tireless worker on the field with high standards and if he has retired we wish him best for the future.

PLAYER MEDICAL FORMS

All SAFC players should have been issued with a 2015 Medical Form that included questions regarding personal Ambulance Cover. Sixty three forms have been returned to date leaving another fifty or so to come back. Sixteen of them **DO NOT** have ambulance cover. As explained on the form ambulance cover is \$76 for singles* and \$151 for families* (as at 21/1/15). A trip from Central Oval to the PA Hospital could cost a lot more than that. Thus SAFC encourages all players to be covered and **WILL CALL AN AMBULANCE IF CONSIDERED NECESSARY FOR PLAYER SAFETY, EVEN IF THAT PLAYER IS NOT COVERED. THE PLAYER WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE COST.** *see www.saambulance.com.au for up to date costs and application details.

Ladies Committee: The ladies committee have had successful nights with meals after the games. ANZAC DAY Lamb roast, Saturday Night game Yiros and Chicken with chips Mothers Day Curries and Bolognaise. The Ladies Night has been arranged for the June 20th...Tickets \$25 each tables of 10. No tickets on the night...Tickets available from Ladies Committee Members soon!

SGL News: The level 1 Coaches Course will be held on Wednesday the 10th June at Proprietary / Risdon Football Club, Mary-Elie St, Port Pirie, for the North Adelaide Country area. The cost of the course is \$160.

This course is for coaches from PAJFL, PPJFA, SGFL, NAFA and WFL who do not have their level 1 Coaching accreditation. Please remember that all coaches need to gain their level 1 Coaching Accreditation prior to or during their 2nd season of coaching.

Coaches: Cameron Redden, Craig Ritter, Kieron Keeler and Ryan Struck are all fine. Bradley Amos needs to be re accredited , Shane Kennedy, Tyler Stringer and Adam DiPaolo can sit the course if they wish.

New Players profile



Name: Simon George

Age: 28

Nickname: Georgie, Chinny

Occupation: Engineer at Alinta, Favourite food: Kangaroos Schnitzel

AFL team supported: Sydney Swans

Position: Midfield/Forward, Sporting Hero: Paul Kelly

Greatest sporting moment: Back to Back A Grade Cricket premierships

Main claim to fame: Better than the old man at footy

Describe yourself in 1 word: Competitive

If you had a super power what would it be: Ability to fly

If a movie was made about you, who would play the lead role: Me!

Membership fees are due again in 2015: MEMBERSHIP TARGET:400 ACHIEVED SO FAR: 330

Family \$30, Single \$20, Seniors \$10. Please get on board, give your membership money over the bar or go to the website link for more details. We need you on board in 2015. Note this membership will cover you at the new complex. Click on the link:

<http://www.communitywebs.org/safc/memberapplication.php>

Key dates in the future

FRI 15/5/15	FRIDAY NIGHT TEAS
SAT 16/5/15	SOUTH VS LIONS HOME AND PLAYERS AUCTION
SUN 17/5/15	NETBALL CARNIVAL AT THE COURTS
SAT 23/5/15	SOUTH VS PORT
SUN 24/5/15	SOUTH AUGUSTA GOLF OPEN, NOMINATIONS TO JAKE COLLINS
WED 27/5/15	CRAFT ALIVE USING ALL COMPLEX UNTIL SUNDAY 31 ST MAY
SAT 30/5/15	SOUTH VS WEST, AUGUSTA MARKETS , VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
SAT 6/6/15	SGL V WHYALLA
SAT 6/6/15	DARTS CARNIVAL UNTIL SUN 7 TH JUNE
SAT 13/6/15	SOUTH VS CENTRAL
SAT 20/6/15	SOUTH VS SOLLIES AND LADIES NIGHT (HOME)

Past Players and Officials Report

Keep the Saturday 8th August free for the South Augusta reunion in Adelaide, venue to be confirmed but aiming at the Plympton Football club if available.

Flashback 100 years ago - 1915 when the club finished 3rd.

South's Club delegates in 1915 are Gogler and Dave Barry. There are 5 team's in the competition this year after West and Quorn join the competition. South have a good year and finish 2nd after the end of the minor round, however they lose in the Semi-final and do not make the Grand Final. Johnson from South's finishes second in the Association trophy for the best player in the competition, known as the Enterprise Picture medal. The Chairman of the Port Augusta Football Association is Mr. Roger Sullivan. In the Grand Final North 3.8 defeated West 3.5. Games are played on the Port Augusta oval and many players start to go to World War 1 and as a consequence many teams find it hard to field a full list.

BILLYS CORNER

Who was the trainer looking for his wedding ring after he noticed it was missing after doing a rub down on a player? He was looking in some "Black" spots to try and find it. Found on the oval in the grass by the bench..lucky!

In response to Josh Greens players profile last month we received extra information from his mate Parko from Birdwood. According to Parko young Josh has chased his heart to Pt Augusta with red and white from the Birdwood Roosters in his veins. Having been born in the Port, growing up in Willsden through the '80's and sharing the playing field in recent years in Birdwood he stated that he was a ripping young lad with questionable dress sense and will be a great addition to our club. Thanks Parko

Great to see a few of the Southies at the higher level going well, Caleb Edmead, son of 1981/83 A Grade premiership player Derek has been playing well for Central District A grade, Jared Rivers has played 4 games this year for Geelong and they have been playing well recently, Darren Shillabeer has consistently been playing well for North Adelaide other than a recent injury, Connor Rozee, son of Robert Rozee is playing under 16s for North Adelaide and past colt Cam Ortlepp recently kicked 5 goals and was named in the best players in the A Grade side of St Ignatius Old Collegians in Div 3 Amateur League.

Who was the Committeeperson and Sponsorship manager who decided to go the bush toilet at Beltana on a recent work trip up that way and received a fright when sitting down when a gecko decided to climb up his leg at an awkward moment, just as well it wasn't a "Snake"

Who's the past 2000 A Grade premiership player who has been fined on at least 3-4 occasions for speeding in his yearlong holiday in America, seems he may be seeing the country by foot if he keeps this up!!

Great to see Billy has settled into the new club and although they couldn't find him a corner, he has his chair positioned against a pole, facing the TV and a good view of the football on match day. They have even taken over his name plaque from the old club and glued it to his table. Warning; don't sit in his seat for your own welfare.

Congratulations to ex South Augusta player Mark Snowden who recently passed 1000 senior umpiring games and 600 A Grade games in the SGL. Mark who played colts for South Augusta took up umpiring early in his career and is well respected amongst the SGL clubs for his fairness and high standard.

Many thanks to those who contributed to the Club newsletter including Jake Collins, Wendy Black, Jenny Grantham and Parko. The newsletter has a distribution of 500 supporters and members, supporters in every State and overseas (Canada and USA)

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