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**SOUTH FREMANTLE FOOTBALL CLUB (INC)**

**“THE PREMIER FAMILY CLUB”**

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### **UNITED WE STAND**

The Bulldogs senior playing group headed by players' representative Ray Smithers, the Ladies Football Team entertainment coordinator Chae Salbie and Tony Fairhead from US Footy, Notre Dame University have formed a working party to organise various social functions during the year.

The “70's Tribute Night” on Saturday 24 May will be their first combined venture. Part proceeds from this function and others held during the year will be donated to the “Fremantle Hospital Children's Ward” which is the club's nominated charity for 2008.

### **2008 SFFC LEGEND – MAURICE RIOLI**

The club is proud to announce that Maurice Rioli has been selected as the 2008 SFFC Legend.

Maurice played 168 games for South between 1975 and 1989. He was an exciting centremen with exceptional skills and pace. Those who saw him play will never forget his Simpson Medal winning performances in the 1980 and 1981 grand finals and in the state of origin game in 1983.

Maurice switched to Richmond in the VFL in 1982 claiming immediate success winning the Norm Smith Medal in a losing grand final team and fairest and best honours for the Tigers in 1982 and 1983.

An All Australian on four occasions, Rioli was selected in the VFL team of the year in 1983, was an inaugural inductee into the WA Football Hall of Fame, was an automatic inclusion in the AFL Indigenous Team of the Century and in 2007 was selected in the Fremantle Team of Legends.

A summary of Maurice's achievements and a photograph of him in a handball pose appears on all SFFC footballs in 2008.

### **CORPORATE CLASSIC 2008 WINNERS**

The draw for the 2008 Corporate Classic was held at a Sundowner in the WJ (Dooza) Hughes Members Bar on Wednesday 12 March. The club wishes to thank all of the participants for their financial support. The results were as follows:

1<sup>st</sup> Major Support Sponsor : Mal Atwell Leisure Group  
2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Prizes: Consolation Winners: Titan Ford and IWD Pty Ltd  
Early Bird Prize: Howard Porter Pty Ltd

### **MEMBERSHIP 2008 - ARE YOU FINANCIAL????**

Congratulations members, well in excess of 1100 of you are already financial for the 2008 season. We eagerly await the balance of our unfinancial members to pay their fees.



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## COMING EVENTS

18 April	Friday	<b>Lucky Lottery 1<sup>st</sup> Draw</b>
24 May	Saturday	<b>70's Tribute Night</b> - 8.00 pm - tickets \$25 Legends Band with female vocals and Tribute Artists featuring : Tom Jones, Cher and Neil Diamond. Proudly supported by our league players, ladies football team, and Yankaroos from Notre Dame Uni.
4 June	Wednesday	<b>Players Quiz Night</b> – 7.30 pm – tickets \$12 each – tables 8/10 Proudly supported by our league players, ladies football team, and Yankaroos from Notre Dame Uni.
27 June	Friday	<b>6PR Footy on the Road</b> – 12.30 pm sharp – free admission - Catering Provided
19 July	Saturday	<b>150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Football Dinner</b> – Esplanade Hotel Fremantle – tickets \$100.00 Guest speaker Robert Dipierdomenico Proudly supported by the league players

***\*\*\* Tickets Can Be Purchased From The Club Office And Must Be Purchased Prior To The Event \*\*\****

## FOOTBALL NEWS

After 4 and a half months of working hard through the pre season our boys are very happy it's now April and the season has begun. Although we didn't win either of our practice games against Claremont and Perth in March, it did give the opportunity for our new players to run around for the first time, as well as some of our young players getting a chance to taste league football.

Our season kicked off with the biggest test in the competition, Subiaco. Thursday night football had the players excited but unfortunately Subiaco showed their class and punished us every time we turned the ball over.

Robbie Haddrill was terrific in defence, keeping Brad Smith to just 2 goals in his first real hit out for 2008. Robbie showed that he could be a big asset for us this year. James Walker, Sam Hunt, Simon O'Keefe, and Sam Fielding were all better for the run in their first game for the club.

A 40 point loss in Round 1 meant the players needed to lift, especially coming up against a highly rated East Fremantle side in Round 2. Craig White has been given a new role in 08 and picked up 24 possessions to half time playing in the back pocket against the Sharks. He was named the WAFL Player of the Week for Round 2. It was good to see another Upper Great Southern product, Paul Duffield earning a recall to the Dockers team after kicking 4 goals.

An improved Peel Thunder team had a strong first quarter in our Round 3 clash, leading at quarter time. To our players credit they took control in the second quarter, kicking 9 goals to 1. Two of our home grown AFL players were dominant with Callum Wilson kicking 6 goals and Josh Head kicking 2 in a best on ground performance from half back.

After Round 3 we sit 2<sup>nd</sup> on the ladder with 2 good wins from our last 2 games. The next month sees a tough draw with West Perth at home before playing East Perth, Claremont, and Perth all away.

The club's new captain Toby McGrath is set to play his 150<sup>th</sup> game in Round 5 against East Perth at Medibank Stadium. It's a fantastic effort for one of our favourite players and it will be good to see all our supporters there on the day to get behind him and the rest of our boys. Keren Ugle is another who is nearing the 150 game milestone. He is due to play his in Round 9 against Swan Districts.

On Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> May we have a bye but to help celebrate the Upper Great Southern's 50<sup>th</sup> year we will send our team to take on the Upper Great Southern's all star team in Williams. We've seen many great players come to us from the area and it will be fantastic to see our current players playing in front of their families and friends down there.

A quick update on some of our injured players we are yet to see so far this year. Tim Malseed injured his back in a practice game and is looking at a return in Round 6 or 7. Ashton Hams is still recovering from groin surgery in December and should be available in Round 9. Corry Amato is also recovering from surgery and has just resumed running and is ahead of schedule. Michael Galvin is also looking for a return around mid year following his OP problems.

*Jason Burton – Football Manager*

## **CHARLIE TYSON – INDUCTEE WA FOOTBALL HALL OF FAME 2007**

Charlie Tyson was one of the first genuine utility players to emerge in West Australia football following World War 2. He played almost every position on the ground for South Fremantle specializing as a ruck rover.

He joined South Fremantle in 1948 and in his 8 seasons with the Bulldogs he played in 6 grand finals and 5 premiership sides in what proved to be the greatest era in the history of the South Fremantle Football Club.

Charlie Tyson was also a successful captain-coach for Subiaco football club. Charlie played 152 games with South Fremantle, 93 games with Subiaco a total of 240 league games from 1949 to 1960.

Along the way Charlie represented WA on 17 occasions, kicking 18 goals. In 1954 he won the AW Walker Medal for best and fairest at South Fremantle.

## **LIFE MEMBERS REUNION**

On Sunday 30 March the annual Life Members Reunion was held in the Griff John Function Centre. Club stalwarts Gerry Bahen, Merv Lockhart and the late George Grljusich were given the honour of Life Membership in a moving ceremony.

Each of the inductees gave outstanding and meritorious service to the club over many years and received a gracious welcome by the Life Member group.

Arthur Whelan, Gordon Tuxford and Norm Barrett were also present with their wives Jan, Carole and Jill to receive their Life Time Membership certificate for 50 years continuous membership of the club.

The club's oldest surviving Life Member Steve Marsh (1955) read the roll call in his usual robust fashion even though he was still sore and recuperating from a knee reconstruction operation.

After the guests had enjoyed a delicious 3 course meal from Chef Guido Micalizzi of Numero Uno Café they were treated to a very sincere and passionate address by our key note speaker Robert Shaw, the Dockers Football Operations Manager.

## **TOM GRLJUSICH**

Former player Tom Grljusich was formally inducted as a vice patron of the club in a special ceremony prior to the first home game against last years premiers Subiaco Big Tom had an outstanding career with South Fremantle and Central Districts in the SANFL as well as representing both states at interstate level.

His inclusion in the Fremantle Team of Legends in 2007 was fitting acknowledgment of his playing history.

Seven members of the Grljusich family have played league football for the Bulldogs stretching back to 1940 when his uncle Andy made his debut.

Tom is now a very successful and professional real estate salesman whose good countenance, influence and profile in the community makes him an ideal inaugural vice patron of the club.

## **Introducing Paramount Capital – for all your finance needs**

Paramount Capital, proud Sponsors of South Fremantle Football Club would like to introduce themselves to you.

Whether you are looking to refinance, buy a home, invest, or looking for financial advice on any scale - we are here to look after your Paramount concerns regarding finance.

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## BAR/TAB OPENING HOURS

Members and Guests please be advised that the Bar/TAB opening hours are as follows:

**Friday - 3.00 pm until Close - - - Saturday - 12.00 noon until Close**

Tracey Baker  
Functions & Bar Manager

### Are You Looking For A Venue???

Did you know you can book a function at the club, for yourself or a family, for a friend or colleague, for an organisation to which you belong.....? The list is endless.

Our friendly Functions Manager, Tracey Baker, can provide menus and drinks packages, custom-made to suit your palate and pocket, for any occasion. The professional service we bring to any social or business function will ensure your complete satisfaction.



Think "South Fremantle Football Club" next time you are planning a seminar, business meeting, morning or afternoon tea, birthday or anniversary celebration, wedding or wake, Christening, fundraiser, quiz night, Buck's or Ladies night, dinner dance, office Christmas party or whatever. Cocktail party, buffet or dinner, whatever the form, we can cater for it.

Tell others about the Griff John Function Centre and what we can provide. There is great potential to generate income for our club in this way. *For details contact Tracey Baker on 9430 4653 or 0431 518 996 (conditions apply)*

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