



## Extracts from **NEWSLETTER**

# **APRIL 2019**

### **DRC GOLF DAY**

The annual DRC Golf Day was held at Sandhurst on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> February and was another outstanding day with 96 players playing in the event. Although the day started off with a few showers, it soon fined up to be a very pleasant sunny day.



After a light breakfast, the teams all proceeded to their tees in golf carts and teed off at 8.00am with a shot-gun start. The scoring was on a stableford basis and played on a system similar to Ambrose, however on par three holes all players had to complete the holes from their own shots.



The winning team on the day was made up of 4 current players, namely: Andrew McGrath, Darcy Parish, Dylan Clark and Trent Mynott.



Dustin Fletcher and his team

Following the round all players and support EFC and EFCPP&OA staff sat down to a very pleasant lunch, followed by presentation of awards to the various winners on the day. The EFC CEO, Xavier Campbell, who played in the event, addressed the crowd and

commented on how important this event was to the EFCPP&OA and the EFC Past Players Foundation Trust, as all profits from the day were paid into the Foundation Trust. He also mentioned that it was great to see the four current players competing in the event.

The President of the EFCPP&OA, Barry Capuano, also addressed the crowd and thanked all for attending the day and in particular the sponsors who generously contributed to the day.



Xavier Campbell and his team

He also thanked the current players and asked them to act as Ambassadors for future golf days by encouraging other players to participate in future golf events.

During the presentation process, the organiser of the tournament, Kevin Dale, noted that Terry Daniher won the : “longest drive” competition, not on the golf course, but because he got lost on the way to the event and drove around for some time before arriving some 10 minutes late for the tee off time. This brought a great deal of laughter from the audience.

In excess of \$12,000 was raised on the day for the EFC Past Players Foundation Trust. Special thanks are expressed to our Sponsors, namely, Drummond Golf Dandenong and Frankston, Essendon BMW, ComwireIT, Evans Dixon, Little Real Estate, PMD Advice, and Donors, namely, Rendina Real Estate, Best Friends Pets, Barry Young and Joel Reynolds. We also greatly appreciate the successful auction item winners, Tim Donohue and Justin Robinson and those who contributed to the raffle.

## **WHERE ARE THEY NOW?**

### **Graeme Johnston**

**Years played:** 1962-1967

**Games played:** 71

**Was a member of the 1962 & 1965 Premiership Teams**



### **What did you do, football wise, following your playing days with Essendon?**

Played one year (1968) with Preston Football Club (VFA), Coached for 5 years in Amateurs (VAFA)

### **What job/jobs did you pursue following your playing days, including what you are doing currently?**

Sales roles, broadly in building and construction (for manufacturers). Owner of a Newsagency for 11 years.

**Are you still working?** No

### **Have you suffered with any post football injuries and have any required surgery?**

Back problem.

### **Do you have any ongoing medical problems?**

Back related to hips etc.

### **What are your thoughts on the modern game, and how would you change any of the areas that you don't like!**

Overuse of football. Kicking backwards towards final minutes of a match.

### **Do you have any special anecdotes from your playing time to pass onto other past players?**

'64 Footy trip. Barry Davis drop kicks. '65 Preliminary Final against Collingwood.

### **Who were your mates in your playing days with Essendon, do you keep in touch?**

Russell Blew, Barry Davis, Greg Brown, Barry Capuano and Geoff Gosper. Yes, as often as possible.

### **Who were the players you most admired in your playing days at Essendon?**

**For Essendon:** Jack Clarke, Ian Shelton, Hugh Mitchell, Ken Fraser

**Other teams:** Bob Skilton

**Do you have any comments that you would like to pass on about your time at Essendon?**

A wonderful experience playing for my home team in a successful era, with lots of friends with a single aim, and fun times off the ground.

## **COMMENTS FROM THE PRESIDENT**

Being involved with a senior football club over many years gives you an opportunity of meeting up with many great people from all walks of life, not just players, but those who have a major impact on the club performance and your own personal life.

A person who falls in this category is Dr. Bruce Reid, as the work he has done for current and past players over many years has been exceptional. It therefore came as a great shock to me and all of those he has helped over the years, to hear that Bruce was suffering from mesothelioma and was now unable to practice. This certainly affects me, as Bruce has been my doctor since the 1980's and I will miss his camaraderie immensely as a doctor.

I had the pleasure, when serving as the General Manager of the EFC, of appointing Bruce and Ian Reynolds, on the recommendation of Kevin Sheedy, as the club doctors for the 1982 season, which Bruce has continued to serve until his illness became evident. This puts Bruce in a category for service to the club as almost unheard of, surpassing many of the legendary names at Essendon, including Dick Reynolds and Kevin Sheedy.

Bruce has always shown a straight forward attitude to his diagnosis of injuries and illnesses, which has endeared him to all who have been his patients. He also enjoys life and has always been an active participant in end of season football trips and social events. Bruce is currently receiving treatment for his illness, which is showing good results, and has shown his normal approach to life when speaking to him, and I am sure that you will all join me in wishing Bruce the best results possible from his treatment, and that we will see being socially active shortly.



## MILESTONES & ACHIEVEMENTS

The following members have or will achieve significant birthday milestones between 1<sup>st</sup> Jan 2019 and the 30<sup>th</sup> April 2019.

50 years of age

David Flood

Todd Ridley

60 years of age

Bill Duckworth



Wayne Primmer

70 years of age +

Laurie Moloney (70)

Greg Perry (70)

Bill Thompson (70)

Ian Crowley (71)

Ken Fletcher (71)



Allan Graco (71)

Owen Hegarty (71)

Neil Evans (72)

Bob Greenwood (72)

Ian Payne (72)

Michael Brown (73)

Barb Cullen (73)

Rex Dale (74)

Keith Gent (74)

Noel Judkins (74)

Darryl Gerlach (75)

Ray Horsburgh (76)

70 years of age +

Terry Rodgers (76)

Ken Forge (77)

Malcom Middleton (77)

Ken Fraser (79)

Ian Graham (79)

Graham Leydin (79)

70 Years of age +

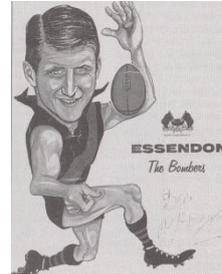
80 years of age +

Max Owen (79)

Ian Shelton (79)

Brian Crowe (80)

Don McKenzie (80)



Barry Mackie (81)

John Sabato (81)

John Welch (81)

John Birt (82)

Don Carmichael (82)

Robert Gluyas (82)

Kevin Harwood (82)

Colin Hooper (82)

Leo Moloney (82)

William Nicholson (82)

Jim Carter (83)

Allan Dunn (83)

Desmond Freeman (83)

Peter Overman (83)

Barry Colliver (84)

Kevin Green (84)

Mal Pascoe (86)

Ron Smith (86)

Fred Gallagher (88)



90 years of age +

Allan Taylor (90)

Tom Leehane (91)

Bill Stephen (91)

George Goninon (92)

Fred Payne (92)

We wish you all many years of good health and success.

## SEEKING FORMER EFC U19 PLAYERS

As part of our expansion of Associate Membership of the Association, we are trying to track down U19 players who played up to the disbanding of the competition at the end of 1991.

The club and the AFL hold limited information regarding U19 players, and through the good work of Carolynn Larson, a volunteer for the club, together we have been able to establish listings of each year from 1957 to 1991, however in some years we have limited names available. Listed below are the names we have available from some of the years with limited names, and we ask our members and readers if they know of any of these players, could they please forward the information to Barry Capuano on: [capuano2@bigpond.com](mailto:capuano2@bigpond.com) or on mobile 0407592979.

### 1958

Robin Ballantyne  
Brian Denton  
Anthony Evans  
Peter Fayers  
Geoff Fry  
Barry Harwood  
Kel Hegarty  
Arthur Howell  
Barry McKernan  
Stewart McNeil  
Keith Murphy  
G. Turton

### 1961

W. Austin  
Rob Brisbane  
? Cook  
Terry Copeland  
R. Douglas  
Graeme Dunn  
Daryl Hoffman  
Lynden Lanigan  
Rob McKormack  
F. Muldoon  
Ken Newton  
George O'Rourke  
G. Smith

### 1963

J. Bushby  
M. Cariss  
J. Carnie  
? Cole  
B. Kelly  
John King  
N. McArdle  
Colin McCarten  
K. Norton  
Geoff Shea

We will continue to seek further information on other years of U19 players in future Newsletters, however we would be very pleased if any information can be passed on for any U19 players not listed above.

## UNSUNG CHAMPIONS OF THE CLUB

There are many people in the background of clubs who do a great deal of work but get little recognition. One of those is **Charlie Italia**, and his record as indicated below is outstanding:



- Commenced as a trainer with the club in late 1986, being appointed by John ‘Killer’ Kilby.
- Commenced in 1987 as Trainer for U19’s with “Slug Jordan” as Coach and was made assistant Team Manager for the year.
- Was promoted to the Reserves team in 1988 and further promoted to the senior team in 1989.
- He was the first Trainer in the AFL to be a qualified Masseur/Trainer, and won an AFL Scholarship through Victorian School of Massage and qualified in 1990.
- Was part of two winning Grand Finals in 1993 and 2000 and part of two losing Grand Finals in 1990 and 2001.
- Was awarded Life Membership of the EFC in 2006 and was promoted to Head trainer in 2011.
- Ran the trainers after match functions from 1989 to 2007 when the AFL put a stop to them.
- Ran the Trainers and Staff end of season trips away from 1989 to present.
- Ran the Trainers and staff yearly sports night functions from 1898 to present.

Charlie still continues to have players over at home either for dinner and or pre game massage the night before the game, free of charge.

Charlie is indeed a “champion”.

## **FACTS FIGURES & OTHER TRIVIA**

In 1936, Ted Bryce was suspended for 18 matches for kicking Cashin of Carlton, this is the second highest field suspension of an Essendon player after Phil Carmen was suspended (20) for head-butting an umpire in 1980.



Paul Vander Haar and Merv Neagle celebrate Tim Watson's birthday in their early days at the club. The hair styles have changed a little!

In 1912 on-field stewards were introduced. Their role was to clean up the game but was not successful. The next year the League Independent Tribunal was formed.

A letter from the Secretary, Frank Reid to player William Hayes in 1923

*Suafter in moda.*

**ESSENDON FOOTBALL CLUB**  
(Recreation Reserve),

*Melrose,*  
29 Grice Crescent,  
Essendon.  
Phone Ascot. 1673

*Essendon,* 11th December 1923.

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MR. W. M. HAYES,  
Kalkallo.

Dear Sir,

By direction of my Committee I have much pleasure in enclosing cheque for £5-0-0 being amount allotted to you as a Bonus for the past Season.

I also desire to inform you that the sum of £7-13-10 has been placed to your credit in the Players Provident Fund. I will be pleased if you will kindly sign and return at once the enclosed form of receipt, as same is required for Audit purposes.

I beg to inform you that a group photograph of all Officials, Players and Trainers etc., will be taken on Sunday 16th December at 3 p.m. at the above Reserve. You are requested to be in attendance. (PLAYERS IN FULL UNIFORM).

Yours faithfully,  
*F. G. Reid*  
Hon. Sec.

P.S. From your Bonus cheque a sum of 5/- has been deducted at the request of the Players' representatives for a Wedding present for MR. JIMMY SULLIVAN.

## WHO IS THIS PAST PLAYER?



### **Syd Barker**

After being Captain of the North Melbourne team in the VFA from 1915 to 1919, Syd transferred to Essendon and played from 1921 to 1924, playing 57 games. He soon established himself as a champion follower, and was a very popular figure on the field because of his brilliance and sportsmanship.

He was made Captain of the side in 1922 and later in the year became Captain and Coach, and led the team to the 1923 and 1924 Premierships. He was the team Coach in 1925 and 1926. He represented Victoria in 1922. He was on the EFC Committee from 1922 to 1925.

## OBITUARIES

We are saddened to report the deaths of the following members since our last Newsletter:

Dr. Sam Chazan

Sam joined the club, together with his brother Jack and Izzy Zimmerman as the club doctors at the start of the John Coleman Coaching era, and served the club for many years. He was a very highly respected person. He passed away in December.

Alexander "Sandy" Talbot

Sandy played with the club from 1970 to 1973 and played 33 games. He was very popular with his teammates. He passed away in December, after a long illness.



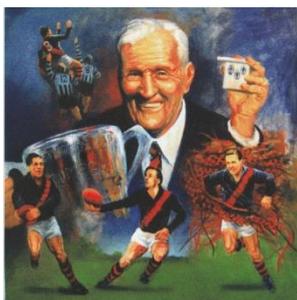
Tom Leehane

Tom played from 1950 to 1951, playing 7 games. He passed away in April aged 91.

Jim Daniher, the father of Essendon champions Terry, Neale, Anthony and Chris, passed away in April. He and Edna produced a mighty family of 11 children.

Our condolences are expressed to all family members of those passed.

## **IMPORTANT UPCOMING FUNCTION**



As part of our commitment to Dick Reynolds Club Members, who are now Associate Members of our Association, we will be running a DRC function on Wednesday July 3<sup>rd</sup>. This function will be a lead up to the clubs Legends round against Sydney Swans on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> July and we will shortly notify all of our members of the venue, time and format of this event as soon as we are able to finalise a venue for this event.

This event will become an annual DRC event and will feature Legends and Members of the Hall of Fame. At this stage the anticipated cost will be \$100 for DRC and Association Members and \$120 for non-members.

## **PAST PLAYER INVITATION TO FIRST HOME GAME.**

The EFC has continued a tradition started three years ago, of inviting all past players and a guest to attend the first home game of each season. This year's event was against St Kilda at Marvel Stadium on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> March and close to 200 attended.

Many past players from different eras and from far flung destinations attended and all thoroughly enjoyed the hospitality provided by the club, albeit that the result on the ground was disappointing. Russell Ellen from WA, Ron Andrews from Wentworth NSW, Don Carmichael from Sale, Geoff Burdett and Hugh Delahunty from Horsham, Ian Anderson from Port Fairy, Ian Stevenson from Wandiligong and Reg Burgess from Edenhope were some of those who had travelled long distances to attend the function. It was also great to see some faces whom had not been seen around the club for some time, including Alan Davis, Brian Pirouet and Peter Bennett. Neale Daniher was also in attendance.

Our Association, together with all past players who attended, is very grateful to the EFC, through Jessica Brown and Gregor McCaskie, for organising this event, and look forward to continuing the event in future years.

## **CONGRATULATIONS**



Our congratulations are expressed to former player and former State Minister for Sport, Hugh Delahunty, on his appointment to the Board of Sport Australia. Hugh has always been a strong supporter of our Association and we wish him well in his new role.