

Presidents Report 2009

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you, the members, for giving me the chance as President and to thank all members of the Glory Shed Supporters Club for their continued support, and membership this season, in what has been another trying season for the club, members and supporters in general. But most of all I would like to thank those people who have given up 100's of hours of their own time, so that this club can prosper for the future (Your Committee).

Like all clubs we sometimes have our differences and we get pissed with each other but without your support and encouragement this club may very well not be the club it is today, so again many thanks.

Our membership this year was one of the lowest it has been, with 90. We have had positive feedback from current and former members in regards to functions although it seems that a large number of them seem to think the club has forgotten the basis of which the club was formed being all things Glory. To this end, this season and beyond we will be aiming to re-implement the original objective of the club and that is football particularly Glory comes first. Therefore, if you have a day off and there's an away game support the HNB by bringing a few mates along to watch the game. It's not just about the drinking but the social side pre and after match when we used to all mingle over the days' results that really count.

However, it just goes to prove that you don't have to have a membership in the 100's to have a great club although it would be nice to have that worry.

Though our membership was down last year prior to today we have already resigned 41 members for this season. Some of who have not been members for a couple of years. So the signs are encouraging. If the boys can get it right on the pitch I'm confident our membership will once again grow.

Our off season functions were very well attended with the highlights being the Tour of Duty, Annual BBQ, Pub Crawl and End of Season, who can forget Jim Harrison's valiant effort to win the Musical Chairs game.

It doesn't matter if there's only a handful of members or a 100 turn up to a social event the idea is that members are given the opportunity to get together in the off season and just a good time and celebrate all things Glory.

And for any of you who have not yet had to opportunity to have been on a Pub Crawl, Dogs Night Out, BBQ or Tour, try them they're bloody good fun.

Again this season we shall endeavour to come up with ideas to entertain members during the season and during the off season. Don't forget our exciting pre season games in Mandurah and Bunbury this year, we will give you more details during today's meeting.

We have found that lack of notification for social events has led to low numbers at times therefore to enable as many members and guests the opportunity to attend social functions there will be a minimum 3 week's notice to any event in the future either by email or snail mail.

I therefore encourage all members to ask past members to reconsider their involvement with the club, as I see this as the most exciting season since the inception of the A League.

Over the off season we have been conducting a recruitment drive with past members with the intention of luring them back to the club, and I am happy to say that we had over a 16% return on our efforts.

We have also confirmed with the club that any member of the GSSC and Perth Glory be it a Season Ticket Holder or Associate Member will be **GUARANTEED** entry to the Shed for every home game and also for finals should they be held at Members Equity.

This is a fantastic incentive to become a member of the GSSC and this arrangement will also be extended to any current GSSC member who is attending the International Series.

The club has also agreed to allow flags, bells and bugles back with prior approval in the hope that we can recover some of the atmosphere of the past.

I would at this time like to thank the CEO Mr Lui Guilliani and Ms Nadia Ashton who have agreed to work with the club in reaching the best possible outcome for all concerned.

The Committee and I would also like to thank the management (Phil) of the HNB for allowing us to hold our meeting here today at no cost and for allowing us to return to our spiritual home. So after this meeting if we could put a couple of dollars over the bar as a thankyou I'm sure it would be much appreciated.

And if you haven't guessed it yet we will be returning to the Northbridge Hotel for the foreseeable future.

As it will be discussed in detail later we have a very exciting Tour of Duty planned this year and just a reminder that next year will be our 10th anniversary tour to Sydney where it all began, and we are hoping for our biggest tour ever.

In finishing I would like to wish everyone a successful year because in the words of another great club No one likes us we don't care and even if they do, we still don't care.

Go Glory Go Millwall and thank you.