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MANY THANKS FOR ANOTHER SEASON

Stephen Budai Chairman Federation Two Soccer Referees Centre

The Winter Football season has just come to a conclusion and there are a number of points that need to be made.

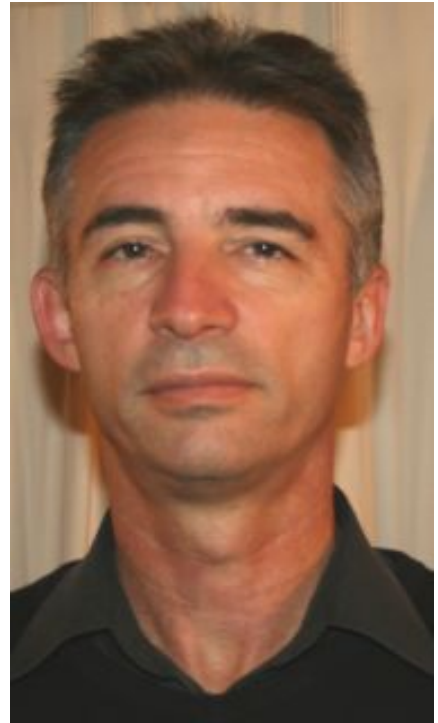
The season has been long and demanding for all referees and my initial thanks go out to all you good folks who have gone out there week in week out giving your best and controlling all your games as well as can be.

We have heard many times that the game can't proceed without our input yet there are times that we question the motives of the competing teams and all there supporters. Overall we have received a pass mark from all the important people.

All my thoughts and prayers go out to Alexandria as she has her own personal challenge to content with.

There are others that I need to thank as this year has been a very challenging one for me and this is in no particular order.

- Chris Kerr had done a great job with the newsletter and assisted with coaching sessions
- Wayne Buchanan who had taken over from Chris as the new newsletter Editor and also contributed with his coaching Session
- Mark Fletcher has picked up a lot of additional duties that must be acknowledged by all as it has been a tremendous job
- Loryn Tompsett for jumping in at very short notice to pick up the Senior Appointees position when Nga went to hospital with his medical challenge
- Nga Kairua for his efforts as the Senior Appointee and it has been good to see him pick up the reigns after his surgery
- Peter Shackleton as the Youth Appointee and a very good advisor in our Executive meetings. Peter has decided to retire as the Youth Appointee and will be missed in the future
- Ian Hiscox has been great in picking up a lot of additional tasks and great for bouncing thoughts and ideas
- Perry Tompsett as Sheriff who ensures that we do not take ourselves too seriously and teaches us that we are not the persons who make mistakes
- The Executive as a collective have got stuck into the management of our Federation and have done a very good job



There are many others that I have not mentioned but it is not because there contributions are any less important but the whole newsletter would be full of thank you!

We still have some important occasions before the year is out including the End of Year Function which is our annual recognition of the performance of our fellow referees and this year will be held at the Pakuranga Country Club on Saturday 3 November commencing 7.00pm.

I hope to see a full house as we had last year and this should be achieved with sale of tickets going very well.

We also have the Election of Offices to the Executive and welcome interest in this area.

2008 will reveal a new set of challenges that we are all looking forward to and another season of the NZFC during the Summer months before the re vamped Northern League.

Just watch this space.

Full Time!

NOMINATIONS FOR AWARDS 2007

Forrest Cup_- Best First Year Referee

Russell Majeed, Ben Norman, Khalid

Page Cup –Most Improved Local Senior Referee

Isaac Robinson, Mark Fletcher, Renee Sylvester, John Hamer

Ken Wallace Trophy – Most improved Senior Referee

Jonathan Price, Sam Narayan, Wayne Scott, Zac Naylor

Countrywide Bank Cup – Most improved Assistant Referee

Tony Barnes, Liam Lawrence, Frey Head, Robbie Fletcher

General Packaging Cup – Best NZ Badge Holder

Stephen Budai, Sam Narayan, Nick Waldron, Chris Kerr, Mark Vincent

Countrywide Bank Cup – Best Assistant Referee

Stephen Budai, Pat Barrett, Nick Waldron, Jan Hintz

Highway Electrical Trophy – Most Professional Youth Referee

Ben Norman, Derek Dow, Peter Shackleton, Wayne Buchanan

Ian Hiscox Trophy – Merit Award

Mark Fletcher, Graham Whitford, Mark Fletcher, Perry Tompsett, Tiana Kairua

Rugg Rosebowl – Professionalism in Refereeing

Neil Fox, Nick Waldron, Tiana Kairua, Mark Vincent

Junior Referees Trophy – Outstanding Service

Peter Shackleton, David Squire, Wayne Buchanan, Ross Neilson

RDO's Cup – Support to new Referees

Mark Fletcher, Nick Waldron, Chris Kerr

AND THE WINNER IS...REVEALED AT PRIZE GIVING!

Pakuranga Country Club on Saturday 3rd November commencing 7.00pm:

Tickets – Please Contact Mark Fletcher 021959623

INTRODUCING

Dr David Sorrell age 39 and has 3 Sons who play Football for Metro
Dr David is an Emergency doctor at North Shore Hospital Emergency department he became a referee after years on the sidelines watching his sons play David's goal is bring fairness to the field of play!

Next season Doctor David will be one of our guest speakers in one of our training sessions.



Dr David Sorrell



Doctor David with Wayne Buchanan

Here is Doctor David at his first Referee shower experience, after his first game, he had heard about the BO of other referees and thought he would come prepared!

Standing next to David is Wayne Buchanan who has successfully finished one of his famous diets!

Frankly, I think Buchanan could do with a tummy tuck, although I don't think he has the guts for it!

Also introducing, Jung-Gu (Tom) Woo, 16 years old, from Korea. Tom has been living in NZ for 6 years and currently attends Mount Albert Grammar School. Tom's Father (Sung-Chul) encouraged him to become a Soccer Referee with the desire to stay fit and learn the Laws of the Game.



Jung-Gu (Tom) Woo

Tom passed his Level 1 course in April 2006 and believes that the Referee needs to be very fit!
"So I've exercised eagerly till now I've lost 30kg!

My dream is becoming a FIFA Referee, I know this will cost me years and years of hard work so I am going to give my best effort in every match I referee and increase my fitness level. I hope New Zealand becomes one of the strongest nations for Soccer. I enjoy Refereeing and I love Soccer!"

With such a passion and with such a goal before Tom we can only cheer him on to success with our every encouragement!

SUMMER TRAINING by Lynn Fox

Summer training is available for all referees and is held every Tuesday night at 6.00pm at Mt Albert Grammar School, plenty of parking beside the indoor pool. If the weather is too wet for the fields, training will take place in the gym also by the indoor pool.

COMPLUSORY

All referees in the National Women's League and the NZFC officials will need to attend the fitness training every week and pass their fitness test once a month from the 2nd October 2007, while the leagues are on!

Track fitness tests will be every Thursday night at 6.00-6.30pm at the Lovelock track Sandringham Extention Rd, Sandringham.

For all details please ring Lynn on 027 2925018

GREAT OPPORTUNITY... continues

By Chris Kerr

This year, the U19 Youth Championship held in Napier will again be over Labour weekend (Sat 20th - Mon 22nd October)

I've got beds booked for those referees that wish to go as accommodation is as rare as rocking horse turd at that time of the year and if you haven't booked in advance, you will have no show. The motel we have booked at is The Best Western Spanish Lady Motel 348 Kennedy Road, Napier and it's about \$33 per person per night (based on single bed).

At this stage, there are no double beds left as a few from last year have re-booked. If you are interested in going to referee at this tournament you most likely need to advise Ian that you will be there and Tony Simmonds, who is the referee controller for the tournament. You can advise Tony on tony.simmonds@nzwta.co.nz that you will be attending as a referee.

If you are interested in going, could you please email me (Me as in Chris, not the Motel) with the following if you wish to have accommodation:

Chris.Kerr@xtra.co.nz

Names:

How Many People:

How Many Nights: (Bear in mind that the tournament kicks off Saturday 9am and finishes Monday 2pmish)

Bed Type preference (I will not stick one person in a double by themselves as that is a bit off with the limited number of beds available, also couples will be given preference) Children:

Special Requests:

'Too late, too late' will be the cry once the accommodation has all run dry.

This is a fantastic tournament with good football and even better camaraderie!

A WORD ON VOLUNTEERS from Mark Fletcher

A new report revealing that non-profit institutions and their volunteers contribute a massive \$6.95 billion to the New Zealand economy has been welcomed today by the Statistics Minister Clayton Cosgrove and the Community and Voluntary Sector Minister Luamanuvao Winnie Laban.

Statistics New Zealand says non-profit organisations contribute \$6.95 billion to the New Zealand economy per year.

The report by Statistics New Zealand is based on 2004 figures; it is the first time official measure of the voluntary sector. The agency found 97,000 non-profit organisations currently operate in New Zealand. Together with unpaid labour by more than one million people, the sector makes up 4.9% of New Zealand's GDP. Volunteers work an average of 5.1 hours per week, compared to 3.2 in Australia and 3.1 in Canada. Minister for the Community and Voluntary Sector, Winnie Laban, says the report shows the huge contribution the sector makes to New Zealand's economic and social well-being.

FROM THE SHERIFF (Discover Your Level of Incompetence!)

From the Chronicles of the Sheriff who always gets his man/women each Monday night! His eyes sweep to and fro across all fields of play, his mind sharp as his pencil, his motto: "All reports are published without mercy, all are guilty, all are fined, and none are found innocent!"



I asked the Sheriff what words of advice has he, for referees, now that the season is over?

Perry narrowed his little eyes and tighten his lips, which seemed strange to me as they already seemed so narrow and so tight, to start with! "Just watch out, Football never closes and I have eyes all over the city, on every pitch."

Full Time will still be released throughout the summer and will carry the Sheriff's report on those who are in summer league Tournaments.

Sheriff Perry Topsett

For all scandalous news, gossip, stuff ups, flag, whistle dropping, tripping over, forgetting the Laws, loosing clothes, watches, car keys, or simply not even turning up to do an appointed game; call the Sheriff Perry Topsett - satisfaction guaranteed!

Phone: 09 636 9616 or see the Sheriff on Monday nights.
All fines go towards the Social Funds of the Federation.

THE REFEREE'S SURVIVAL GUIDE

A fantastic referee book written by Jeffrey Caminsky from the USA was featured in the 2007 April edition of The Corsham Referee newsletter, where you can get details of how to buy Jeff's book entitled 'The Referee's Survival Guide'. *Can be bought from Amazon.com*. The book comes highly recommended and provides answers to many problems on the field of play. Clearly written and easy to understand, The Referee's Survival Guide explains many of the "what's, how's, who's and why's" of life on the soccer field, as well as many of the things for a referee to avoid, e.g.

Rule #2:

Remember that no matter how isolated you feel, you are not alone. It can be very lonely in the middle of the field, or running along a sideline filled with coaches and spectators. You may come to feel that everyone is watching you, and if things start going badly you may start thinking that there is nothing to keep them from starting a riot. If you do, take a deep breath and consider:

Not everyone is a barbarian. If things get ugly, there will be plenty of good people there to assist you, including your fellow referees.

Organized soccer takes referee abuse very seriously. There are dire consequences for those who verbally abuse or physically threaten a referee.

Many states have laws protecting sports officials, and the police are only a phone call away.

All you have to do to protect yourself is to keep calm, take names or numbers, and remember to file a report. Your state soccer association will take it from there.

Rule #3:

Keeping your sense of humour can go a long way toward relieving stress.

If you can relax enough not to feel threatened, you will find that many of the complaints you hear being loudly directed your way at the soccer field are really quite funny. Hearing spectators try to describe the offside rule can be the best antidote to a case of pre-game jitters that anyone can prescribe. And the first time you hear someone demand that the referee "call it both ways" after the first foul of the match, you may realize that most of the yelling at a soccer game is the product of ignorance. While it would be impolite to laugh out loud when a spectator makes a fool of himself, no book of etiquette would begrudge you a quiet smile, or prevent you from sharing what you have heard with your colleagues.

YOU MUST BE JOKING REF?

HEAVY RAIN

A match between two non-League teams took place last winter in the North of England. It had been raining heavily all week and the ground resembled a swamp.

However, the referee ruled that play was possible and tossed the coin to determine ends.

The visiting captain won the toss and, after a moment's thought, said, 'OK - we'll take the shallow end!'

FOR HEAVEN'S SAKE!

A Referee went to heaven. On arriving at the Pearly Gates, St Peter asked him if he had done anything wrong in his life. He replied that he was Refereeing a game between Arsenal and Spurs. With just a few minutes to go, and with Arsenal 1-0 up, he gave a penalty to Spurs in front of the North End. 'But', he said, 'it wasn't really a penalty'. St Peter said to him, 'when was this?'. The Referee looked down at his watch and said 'about 35 seconds ago'.

Be Part of Full Time

Anything you want to see in 'Full Time' be it a piece you would like to add, a funny moment you wish to share or points of law that you want clarified. Be part of Full time by sending your contribution to Wayne Buchanan

wayne@goodnews.org.nz

If you know of referees that do not have email or cannot receive this newsletter then please contact Mark Fletcher!