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BCSRA NEWSLETTER

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Local Refs on Display

BCSRA AT PACIFIC CUP

What do each of the following games have in common: English FA Cup 2004 Finalists Millwall vs Vancouver Metro Soccer League (VMSL) All-stars on July 11th in Coquitlam, Hearts of Scotland vs the Pacific Coast Soccer League (PCSL) All-stars on July 12th in Victoria, Millwall vs Hearts July 17th at Burnaby's Swangard Stadium? The man-in-middle will be one of our own. Members **Kevin Duliba** and **Paul Ward** will be whistling the Millwall and Hearts games respectively. Member **Mauricio Navarro** will be the referee for the match between Millwall and Hearts. Each one of us should consider this a special moment. Why? Not only because they will be officiating two top level teams from their respective countries, but also by virtue of their performances we ourselves will be judged. We hope everyone will take the opportunity to wish our fellow members well and support them in person at the match. We will be providing the post-game thoughts from each of these gentlemen in the next issue of *The Flag & Whistle*, the official publication of the Referees Association.

Congratulations to the following members who are involved in the Pacific Cup matches:

July 11: Millwall v VMSL Allstars:

R: Kevin Duliba AR: Martin Reid, Paul Ward

4th: Joe Brance Assessor : Tony Tyers

July 12: Hearts v Canada National Team

R: Kevin Stott, (USA) AR: Martin Reid, Mark

Budda 4th: Mauricio Navarro

Assessor : Bob Sawtell

July 14: Hearts v PCSL Allstars-Victoria

R: Paul Ward AR: Simon Fearn, Andy Foster

4th: Dan Greco Assessor : Alex Milne

July 14: Millwall v Canada National Team

R: Michael Kennedy, (USA) AR: Martin Reid,

Mark Budda 4th: Mauricio Navarro

Assessor : Werner Winsemann

July 17: Millwall v Hearts

R: Maruicio Navarro AR: Martin Reid,

Simon Fearn

Assessor : Werner Winsemann

BCSRA Life Member Graham Anderson Passes



Suddenly, on Thursday, June 14th the refereeing community lost one of its most articulate and dedicated disciples. **BCSRA and VASRA Life Member Graham Anderson, Honourary National**, former National Referee Instructor and an assessor, author of many articles on refereeing including the novellette "Refereeing Without Neutral Linesmen", collapsed after returning home from cycling. Ironically, he was due to be recognized along with other Honourary Nationals at the BC Soccer Association Luncheon two days later. Graham was a member for over thirty years joining the association after emmigrating from his native Scotland in the early 1970's. He was a former Secretary of the Vancouver Area Association (VASRA) during the tenure of another BCSRA Life Member, Werner Winsemann. A tireless worker, he also served on BC Soccer's Referee Education Sub-Committee and was an assessor in the North American Soccer League (NASL) before an eye disease caused him to step down. Graham was the assessor for arguably the biggest professional soccer match in the province's history: 1979 NASL Conference Final, 1st Leg, Cosmos vs Vancouver Whitecaps at Empire Stadium. The news of his passing came just as the final preparations were being made for this edition. However, it was felt only fitting that the loss of one of our peers should be front and center. Graham's dedication in assisting his fellow referee's to be all they can be should serve as an example of the sense of duty to leave the refereeing community in a better position than we inherited it.

Through the grace of God may his soul rest in peace.

BCSRA Marks 35th Anniversary

BCSRA AGM BRIEFS:

35th ANNIVERSARY AGM ELECTS NEW EXECUTIVE

With sunny skies accompanying the day, the 35th Annual General Meeting saw a new executive elected at the Cordova Bay clubhouse in Victoria:

President: Elvio Chies (elected by acclamation for a 2 year term)

Vice-President: Ken Montague

Secretary: -no candidates found *

Treasurer: Ed Custer

Director, Fraser Valley: Kevin Uppal

Director, Interior: Darren Clarke (ratified by membership for a 2 year term)

Director, Vancouver Area : Paul Ward (ratified by membership for a 2 year term)

Director, Vancouver Island: Dan Greco

A number of By-Laws amendments were also passed designed to bring the Referees Association's membership years in line with BC Soccer referee registration. Area Association reports were submitted (see related story). A wish to have the meetings deal more with referee development was viewed by all as an opportunity to reassess where the referees association was heading. The President ended proceedings by announcing the tentative dates for the next Fall Council Meeting (Saturday, November 20th, to be hosted by the Vancouver Area) and the 2005 Annual General Meeting (Saturday, May 28th, location to be determined). Many thanks go to VISRA, who once again proved to be excellent hosts.

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250's forfeit Jack Tinnion Memorial Shield to 604's

After failing to field the minimum required players for a game, the 250 squad conceded defeat to the superior numbers representing the 604's. With that piece of business taken care of, players were exchanged and a friendly was played under very sunny conditions. With the shortage of players, only a half field was used and the duration of the match was shortened. This is the second year in a row that the Shield has not been contested with a full match. It begs the question as to whether the venue or the time of year are making this annual event difficult to get the participants out. This friendly rivalry has in the past been the source of great comradery amongst the various Area Associations and we would be poorer for it's demise. Suggestions for amending this situation are welcome....

Commemorative Vest

To commemorate the 35th anniversary of the incorporation of the BC Soccer Referees Association, the Referees Association is pleased to offer a 35th Anniversary Fleece Jacket to all members (see photo), the first in a line of Special Commemorative Anniversary Apparel. This attractive item to keep you warm in cold weather is available in Yellow, Red and standard Black and in standard sizes of Small, Medium, and Large. Orders are now being taken for this limited offer. We are now taking offers for Autumn delivery. Cost is approximately \$45, plus shipping, in single lot quantities and much less for volume orders- which we expect to make. Please send your deposit cheque of \$30 (payable to BC Soccer Referees Association) with your 1st and 2nd colour choices, including your size to:

REFEREE ANNIVERSARY FLEECE JACKET OFFER

c/o BCSRA Treasurer
1126 Douglas Rd.
Burnaby, B.C.
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While we expect to make a full order, all monies will be 100% refunded if there are not enough responses. Closing date is Labour Day.



FVSRA affiliated BCSRA member
Peter Thomas displays Commemorative vest

Short Takes

Grand father Announcement

Greetings to everyone: This is an OPEN ANNOUNCEMENT and there is NO need to respond. Proud? You Bet!! Whooppee!

This is to formerly announce the arrival of the first Grandchild - a boy - to the Harkness 'clan'. Born 0554 Swedish Daylight Time Saturday, April 17th 2004 (49cm 3055 grams) Son Christian Harkness and mother Anna Karin Danielsson are recovering themselves. A picture of the little fella (Pojke [male in Swedish]) can be seen on the following web site: www.lthalland.se/webbisar

If he's not in the first group of 4 just click ahead to the next page....

Grandfather Patrick and TuTu Lynne Harkness

BCSRA Members in Provincial Cup

Congratulations to the following members who were involved in this year's Provincial Cup matches for the Senior side of the competition (the names of those who participated in the Youth side was not available at press time):

Bob Allen, Marco Arruda, Scott Bakker, Steve Bowers, Mark Budda, Brian Burger, Joe Branco, Kevin Brown, Larry Cade, Dennis Cain, Russel Carlin, Elvio Chies, Chris Cyr, Tiberio DeFrias, Roger Delvecchio, Kevin Duliba, Jack Eubank, Simon Fearn, Phil Fasciglione, Rick Firestone, Andy Foster, Randy Giles, Dan Greco, Daniel Greiner, Christian Hauer, Nick Hawley, Ilker Inci, Sal Johal, Louay Kachouh, Joey Kenward, Neil Kirk, Mike Kovacs, Malcom Legg, Mary-Anne Legg, Dave MacDonald, Mark McNally-Dawes, Peter Madsen, Jamil Majlesi, Don Mangano, Andrea Mattson, Phillipe Menard, Ken Montague, Mauricio Navarro, Isabel Nielsen, John Nielsen, Sheik Ozeer, Rene Parra, Les Pearson, Ryan Perkins, Andy Pinter, Gerry Proctor, Jill Proctor, Michelle Pye, Ken Robyn, Michael Seal, Ward Sirman, Colin Smith, Andrew Sohar, Wingming To, Andrew Tolchard, Vince Tomkulak, Kevin Uppal, Alnoor Virani, Walter Vettoretti, Paul Walker, Chris Wattam, Paul Ward, Michelle Yardley

Area Association Briefs (AGM May 2004)

Kamloops: Darren Clark reported for the President Mario Salituro. The association will be hosting its annual Ice-Breaker tournament on the Victoria Day long weekend. The KSRA has formed a committee to focus on Referee Development under the chair of Sue Scallon. All Kamloops leagues have generously donated funds to assist in this program.

Fraser Valley: Newly elected FVSRA President Ken Robyn announced their plan of moving their monthly meetings around to encourage youth referee participation. Outgoing President Walter Vettoretti stays on the executive for one year as Past President. Congratulations to former KSRA and now FV-affiliated member Kevin Duliba on receiving his National badge. The association will hold its last monthly meeting in May before the summer recess and the annual barbeque will be held in July.

Prince George: Alain Ruch is the new President and informs the association is assisting in the efforts of forming a mentorship program. Several members are involved in assisting younger officials in an attempt to retain referees.

Vancouver Area: President Joe Branco reported the association has been deeply involved with youth organizations. VP Marc Bowley and Director Mauricio Navarro have been particularly instrumental in this regard. This past season saw a successful partnership with the Vancouver Metro Soccer League (VMSL) in assisting them with a Assistant Referee program, allocating some up-and-coming officials to Premier matches. The association has a new life member: Dominic Pace was elected by his peers at the January meeting. Congratulations to Paul Ward on receiving his National badge.

Vancouver Island: President Dan Greco thanked outgoing President Herb Harzan for his work on the Executive. The area association schedules matches for the both the University of Victoria men's and women's teams and the Lower Island Women's Soccer Association. The main men's league, the Vancouver Island Soccer League (VISL) had tried to form its own referees association but Dan felt that effort was being put aside for the time being. A new executive is in place.

BCSA Notice Regarding On-line Registration

Hello all BCSA referees.

Please note:

Your **coastal registration** is valid every year from October 1st to October 1st. Coastal Registration for the 2004-2005 season begins once you have attended a new refresher.

Your **interior registration** is valid every year from May 1st to May 1st. Interior Registration for the 2004-2005 season is currently on-going.

Please continually check the website for clinic and refresher dates.

Regarding the new on-line registration system, if you are re-registering as a BCSA Official you do not need to create a new user name and password. This has been created for you. Your user name is your card number and your password is your birthdate, year, month and date (ie: 1967-02-29). If your user name does not work insert a zero in front of your card number. If this does not work please contact the Referee Coordinator, Monica Greiner at referee@bcsoccer.net.

Thank you for working with us through this time of change.

Monica Greiner
Referee Development Coordinator
The British Columbia Soccer Association

Short Takes cont.

Upgradings

Congratulations to the following members who were upgraded recently (based on the BC Soccer Referees Association Master List as of June 9,2004):

From Class Two to One: Kevin Cowie
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From Class Three to Two- Roger Delvecchio, Mike Insley, Sal Johal, Peter Madsen
From Class Four to Three- Jason Austin, Phillip Allen, Diana Anglos, Steve Baatz, Jessie Greiner, Alex Harrison, Douglas Higginson, Madison Kelland, Ken Kovacs, Dean McGeough, Zeke Milutinovic, Alain Ruch, Bradley Smith.

Soccer Fans Sue Ref Over Penalty Kick

(Referee Magazine May 2004)
Spanish soccer fans of Primera Liga club Vlaencia are suing soccer referee Pedro Tristante Oliva for an injury time penalty kick he awarded Real Madrid right before a Feb 15 match concluded . The penalty kick allowed Real Madrid to end the game in a draw and stay ahead in the standings. The Valencia fans say they are adhering to a Spanish civil code with their suit. The code allows peole to sue those "who cause damage while performing their jobs." "We want this wrong to be recognized and want symbolic damages of one Euro," said the fans' lawyer Andres Sanchis. "The referee must justify his behaviour."

Short Takes cont.

Off they go!

A football referee was left red-faced after his pants were pulled down in the middle of a game. Jacky Temmerman was officiating a match between Youngs Stars Eeklo and FC Zelzate in Belgium when a fan ran on to the pitch and attacked him. The supporter pulled down both Mr Temmerman's shorts and underpants before running off again.

The referee told Het Laatste nieuws: "I looked very nice in front of a few hundred supporters. That man made a fool of me. "I will never dare to show up for another match. They can look for another idiot who is prepared to stand with his ass naked for 20 euros a game.

Perugia just won't play

Perugia figures it's getting jobbed by the refs, so the Italian Serie A team announced Sunday that it will forfeit its final four matches to protest recent refereeing decisions. "We won't play the next four matches," said club president Luciano Gaucci. "This is not a threat, but a decision." Gaucci said his team deserved a penalty kick in Sunday's 3-2 loss to Sampdoria, which left the club in severe danger of being relegated to Serie B for next season. "The last three games we should have won and today if we had been given the penalty we would have won easily," Gaucci said.

Hans Claudius- Triple bypass

Life Member Hans Clodius was scheduled to have triple bypass surgery. Our best wishes go to Hans for a speedy recovery.

Scholarship Awards

The R/A is proud to announce the recipients of the various scholarships at the BCSA Scholarship Luncheon on June 19,2004"



BCSRA President Elvio Chies is pictured with the Dan Kulai Memorial Scholarship 2004 recipient Joey Mizzin



Given by the Fraser Valley Area Association, FVSRA member Peter Thomas is seen here with 2004 Jack Tinnion Memorial recipient Cassie Durvin



BCSRA Life Member Frank Ashdown congratulates the 2004 Frank E. Ashdown Scholarship recipient Ian Carrothers

You are the Referee !

Do you have what it takes to be a top whistle-blower? Test your knowledge of the Laws with these seven questions:

1. A defender throws an object at the ball inside his penalty area, deflecting it and preventing a goal. Is this permissible?
2. A goalkeeper take a goal kick against a strong wind. The ball leaves the penalty area and is blow back into goal. Does the goal stand?
3. The goalkeeper dribbles the ball ousdie of his penalty area, then dribble it back into the area and picks it up. Is this allowed?
4. Is it permissible for a playe to shout "Leave it!" when challenging an opponent for the ball?
5. A team lines up for kick-off with 11 outfield players and no goalkeeper. Is this allowed?
6. Due to a mix-up, at half-time the referee notices he ha played only 41 minutes instead of the required 45. How long should be played in the second half?
7. A defender standing ouside his penalty area spits at an opposition attacker standing inside the defender's penalty area. Should a penalty be awarded?

Answers.

1. No. The object should be treated as an extension of the player's arm. The player should be dismissed and a penalty awarded.
2. No. A corner kick should be awarded.
3. No. It is classed as a back pass, and an indirect free-kick should be awarded against the keeper.
4. No. The player should be booked for unsporting behaviour and an indirect free-kick awarded.
5. No. The Laws state that each team must have a goalkeeper.
6. The mix-up should be ignored, and the second half should last only the required 45.
7. No. Although the discharge landed on the attacker inside the penalty area, the offence was initiated outside of the area. The defender should be dismissed, and a direct free-kick awarded outside the penalty area.

BCSRA Shoulder Badge and Anniversary Coin for Every Member

Membership Endorses Levy for 2004-2005 Membership Year

Affects those members joining/renewing after May 1, 2004.

Two notable decisions were made at the Spring Council Meeting in Victoria on Saturday May 1st. Firstly, every member will receive a reduced-size, BCSRA shoulder badge, to be worn on the left sleeve. This arrangement has been made with the permission of the BC Soccer Association. In addition, every member will also receive a coin to commemorate the 35th anniversary of the founding of the BCSRA. This was in conjunction with a levy for the 2004-2005 membership year only which was endorsed by the membership. Because of an impending \$1800 deficit in the Referee Association's General Account, due to the inability of the association to raise membership fees at the 2003 Fall Council Meeting to offset the cost of setting up the Online Membership system, the Membership of the BCSRA endorsed a levy for the 2004-2005 membership year. The levy will affect everyone joining/renewing after May 1, 2004. Any Class 3 or higher member will be required to pay a \$10 levy on top of membership fees; Class 4 members required to pay \$5 levy on top of membership fees. Due to the number of coins that need to be printed, it will be distributed later in 2004. Extras will be minted for those wishing to purchase them as souvenirs or gifts.

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Thank you to all who've contributed articles and apologies to those whose submissions never made it into this edition.