

# In Touch

*South Coast Referee Association - Mission Viejo, California*

## The Presidents Whistle.....Ken Bruette



### Special points of interest:

- More game counts this season over last season
- Thank you for your support - and those who did extra games
- December Tournament in Anaheim
- State Cup Games

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Once the regular season started with 75+ games each day, the weekends go by quickly, especially for the Assignor to get 3-person teams assigned to games. With the arrival of Thanksgiving, the regular game counts end just as quickly it started as the older players get involved with High School soccer. Our Association received more game counts this season over last and I'm pleased to report 3-person Referee teams were assigned to all but just a few games.

As a result, a strong thank you goes out to all of you for being available to do the games. I know in some cases, our Assignor had a few holes needing coverage and a lot of you stepped up to do some extra games.

By the time you read this, we will also have covered 110+ games at the Thanksgiving Harvest Cup and are in the queue to support a December Tournament in Anaheim. These 2 end of Fall season Tournaments means there were lots of opportunities to work off those SCRA dues that have been accumulating. As an Association we like to "clear the books" by December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2005 for all amounts owed so we can start a new year with a clean account for everybody. Stop by the December General Referee meeting on December 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm and pick up your latest Referee statement. Let's get any outstanding balances paid off at the same time. This applies to Youth Referees too.

So after December, what's next? State

Cup games for the Youngers in February followed by the olders (after the High School season is over). There may also be some Tournaments we're asked to support. As many of you know, the State Cup games we get assigned are usually held in Temecula or San Bernardino.

Coupled with the increase in active Referee headcount for SCRA, I'd like for SCRA to strive for Officiating Excellence in all aspects of the game. We've had a number of Referees do a badge upgrade. What else can you do? Attend as many General Referee meetings as you can. We always have an educational aspect of the meeting for everyone to become a better Referee.

Yours in soccer.

## Instructor's Corner by Wally Fallman

A few observations that will impact the perception of a referee.....

**HATS:** What's with referees wearing hats when officiating a match? There has been a plethora of hat-wearers and it seems to correspond to the arrival of a new crop of referees. Let's be clear. USSF policy does not permit the wearing of hats while performing your duties under Law V. The Association supports that. Now that being said, and realizing that we spend a lot of time in the sun, lather up with SPF 50 when you are in the center, and wear the black, non-logo, non-uniform hat when performing your duties under Law VI.

**FITNESS:** This continues to be an issue when I see AR's being outrun by players. If you can't keep up, that's OK. Just let the Assignor know and take games more in line with your fitness level. This should be a

temporary situation, and as you regain your fitness, ask for the more challenging games. Our objective as an Association is to give the kids the best we have.

**LAW KNOWLEDGE:** What is "pushing"? Is it really the right call? Is it "holding" or "obstruction"? What's the restart for your decision? Every time we stop play, we have to decide what to do next. IFK? DFK? What? When was the last time you skimmed through the law book? Read a law a week, and before you know it, you will have completed the book (and maybe resolved some nagging issues).

**COMMUNICATIONS:** How do we deal with players and coaches in times of high emotion? Are we under control? Do we maintain our composure? Do we smile? We communicate every time we walk onto the field. Do we

have the aura of control by the way we walk, and converse with our AR's? Do we ooze confidence? If that "look" is apparent, and we carry that over to game control, we have gained a huge advantage in the area of game management. Try it this week.

It's difficult providing guidance in a newsletter. Not enough space or time. But try to watch the EPL and focus on the referee. Watch their movements, gestures, and game management skills. They communicate, they cajole, they are an integral part of the players' mindset. And they maintain their anonymity for the good of the game.

Have fun..... See you on the pitch.

## Referees Passing Assessments

### Grade 8 — Grade 7

**Ken Bruette**

**Jeff Thiesen**

**Brian Fallman**

**Sergio Robleto**

### Grade 7— Grade 6

**Medhat Azzazy**

# CONGRATULATIONS



## SCRA Treasurer's Update *by Jerry Zimmerle*

By now everyone should have received a copy of their latest referee statement through the end of October. If you haven't let me know at [SCRATreasurer@cox.net](mailto:SCRATreasurer@cox.net) and I'll send you an electronic copy. Please check over the statement to make sure that it's accurate. I've had a few people call with questions and we've been able to correct a few glitches. I'll send out another update in early December once we've finished the Thanksgiving tournaments.

As you look at the state-

ment, numbers in parenthesis are credits to you and the final number at the bottom of the last page is your current balance. If that final total looks something like this (\$57.70), then we owe you \$57.70. If that number is not in parenthesis, \$57.70, then you owe the association \$57.70.

If you were able to do games over the Thanksgiving weekend you should be able to work off your dues. If you did not referee games that weekend, then you'll need to pay any outstanding dues by year's

end. If we owe you money, then I'll be cutting you a check by the end of the year.

Here's a heads up for those of you who track your earnings for tax purposes. If the Association issued checks to you for more than \$600 in 2005, then we'll be sending out a 1099 form to you early in 2006. Look at your statement for the credit lines that say something like "check posted" and a date. Those are the checks we've sent you. If you have any questions, send me an e-mail.

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*·2006 Association*

*Dues need to be paid*

*·1099 forms to report*

*income*

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## Anaheim Tournament *by Mike Willmott*

We've been asked to help out with a new tournament in Anaheim, December 17th & 18th for U9—U14. This is a great opportunity for all of us, particularly the youth, to earn some extra holiday money. Let me know your availability by emailing me at [assignor@scrarefs.com](mailto:assignor@scrarefs.com)

## Fee Rebates & Uniform Rebates *by Jerry Zimmerle*

The SCRA Board wants to thank all of our referees for all their hard work in making this one of the best years that SCRA has ever had. In appreciation, the Board has authorized a fee rebate for all referees who have done 10 or more games this year. We added the rebates to your referee statements and as a result, most of the outstanding dues have been wiped out and 180 people will be getting rebate checks (combined with the Thanksgiving Irvine Har-

vest Cup checks) at the December meeting (Tuesday, Dec 6th, 7 pm at the Murray Center in Mission Viejo - by the Oso Fields). We will also be giving out t-shirts with the new SCRA logo and will give you a chance to earn some new equipment, so it should be a great meeting.

Hope you can all make it. Have a great holiday season and Merry Christmas!

Youth referees who did at least 10 CSL games this fall, and who have not already been reimbursed,

are eligible to receive up to \$50 on the cost of their referee uniforms from CSL (See CSL Junior Referee Uniform Assistance Program for details). You can get your game list from the CSL referee management system website - [coastsoccer.com/referees](http://coastsoccer.com/referees). In addition, youth referees can also get half of the cost of one alternate jersey paid for if you did at least 10 games for SCRA this year. Just send an e-mail to me at [scratreasurer@cox.net](mailto:scratreasurer@cox.net) with the details.

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*SCRA games*

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***Reminder***  
**General Meeting September 6<sup>th</sup>**  
**Murray Community Center**

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**November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2005 General Meeting Minutes** *by Glen Powers*

The meeting at Murray Community Center was called to order at about 7:00 pm by President Ken Bruette. Attendance was estimated at about 40. Many in attendance were there to take the test for 2006 USSF registration, which was conducted in a separate room.

Lee Popejoy provided the evening's referee instruction, including a good dose of humor. A review and demonstration of Assistant Referee

flag signals was a timely reminder to many in attendance, and utilized several youth referees to demonstrate. It was also pointed out that restarts after stoppage can depend largely on why the whistle blew in the first place. Also, after play restarts, the referee can't then change the issuance of a card, e.g., withdraw it. Tom Bobidilla and Penny Rehm conducted the testing and registra-

tion procedures for the second evening (the first was our October meeting). Badges and cards will be mailed to referees.

Checks for referee assignments completed were distributed by Jerry Zimmerle, Treasurer, who pointed out the benefits of compensating the association for on-field payments by covering its required 10% before year end.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm.

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