



The Flag and Whistle

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50+ AT SEPTEMBER MEETING TO HEAR TOM BOBADILLA ON BETTER REFEREEING

Tom Bobadilla, chairman of the State Referee Committee, on the FIFA Assistant Referee rolls from 1996 to 2001 and a national instructor, gave a wide-ranging, entertaining talk to a large group of members at the September meeting under the general heading of "Successful Refereeing."

After his introduction by training director **Keith Gendler**, Tom proceeded to pass on his top-level experience in refereeing to over 50 in attendance at the Redondo Beach City Hall Employees Lounge. Using video clips and physical demonstrations to show how better to do things, like going over and talking to your A.R. without putting him under the spotlight, he kept the group completely involved.

He made the emphatic point that we should *not* referee females differently than we do males (he said that females hate it when referees talk down to them as females, instead of as players).

And as for youths, they too can do all the things that adults do--pull shirts, trip opponents, etc., and should likewise be treated without special deference. For very young players, those 10 and younger, he advised that we take a little more the role of teachers, showing them how to do things better. He hoped that you never take out a card for the under 9s and younger, but talk to them instead.

Another point he made was to know the key players, the creative midfielder, the strikers, and watch more closely when they are challenged by their opponents. Likewise, be alert to the potential troublemakers on both sides.

EASTMAN AND MALLEN HAVE THEIR SAY

Secretary **Dick Eastman** reported that we lost five members who did not renew for 2003-2004, but gained three new members. The total is now 97 and counting, since some new applications are in the mill.

Treasurer **Tom Mallen** gave the bank account balance as \$2035 and change.

ASSIGNOR BILL COOK TALKS ABOUT THE 4V4 EVENT AND MANY OTHER MATTERS

Bill described it as "silly soccer," but the participants had a pretty good time at the 4V4 tournament cum slumber party held on September 27 and 28 at the Home Depot Center and organized by **Peter Bylsma**.

We furnished 41 referees, plus there were about 15 more from other associations. He scheduled 54 shifts for 216 games, but many did not take place due to forfeits. Bill got a round of applause for his massive scheduling effort.

On a separate subject, Bill reminded everyone again that we are using the SSBRA scheduling system for everything except CSL. The system sends out an e-mail automatically when you are assigned non-CSL games. You must then go click on the address given in the text of the message, find *all* the games next to your name, and click appropriately to accept or reject the assignments.

The Webmaster, **Lee Jordan**, was applauded for the excellence of our site, which has been getting a lot of "hits." Lee asked for suggestions from all members for possible additions to the site.

For CSL game assignments, you must enter into the Coast Soccer League/Referees site and go to "Accept Assignments," click the A(cept) or R(eject) box, and then the "Send to Assignor" bar to let him know your decision.

He urges you to confirm ASAP, because waiting may result in games being reassigned and using up the pool of referees on standby.

Lastly, he urged everyone to not p--- off the teams when checking them in when you're the A.R.

For special upcoming events, Bill has the J-League Pioneer Cup and another 4V4 tournament, the MLS-sponsored so-called Futbolito, which will also be at the Home Depot Center.

Bill also brought up the informal ("friendly") assessment program being instituted this fall, in which some members, especially newcomers, will be assessed in one or more games to determine their strengths and weaknesses, thus helping him assign appropriately. In addition, if you yourself request an assessment, one will be scheduled, but it will cost you \$25.

FROM THE PRESIDENT: GREEN CARDS, HIGH SCHOOL GROUP, NO CARDS--NO PLAY, NOVEMBER'S SPEAKER

Larry Stern indicated that the green card program, in which deserving senior-age players who exhibit good sportsmanship as well as high skill level will be recognized by the handing out of green cards, will again be under way. At the end of the season, the most deserving candidate will be picked to receive a scholarship award from the SSBRA treasury.

Larry reminded all who also work high school games that the SCSOA's clinic series will start on October 15/16, and will be held this year at North Torrance High School's East Cafeteria. Attendance on one of those two days is mandatory.

He passed on the admonition that the Coast Soccer League is very serious about the No Cards--No Play rule. No exception or relaxation of the rule should be allowed for *any* reason, and this applies to both players and coaches.

November 25th's speaker is scheduled to be national and MLS referee **Jesse Johnson**. Tom Bobadilla chimed in that Jesse is an excellent speaker and a rising star in the refereeing world. Mark your calendars accordingly.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING, SEPTEMBER 23, 2003

- Applications from **Gabriel Cabrera, Jennifer Gonzalez, and Russell Stern** were approved.
- Possibility of e-mail addresses through SSBRA.

- Bobadilla confirmed. For November, Jesse Johnson. For October, training by Keith.
- Assessments: a list of candidates was generated.
- Fines: Two no-shows will be fined.
- 4V4 tournament is a scheduling mess.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING, SEPTEMBER 30, 2003

The board convened after the monthly meeting to review one of the no-show fines imposed on September 23. after receiving explanations from the member involved. It was decided to lower that fine but to remind him that he is still on probation.

Applications from **Leslie and Sean Collins** were approved.

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MONTHLY MEETING

DATE: *OCTOBER 28, 2003*
TIME: *7:30 P.M.*
PLACE: *REDONDO BCH. CITY HALL EMPL. LOUNGE, CARNELIAN & B'WAY.*
AGENDA: *BUSINESS AND TRAINING.*