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MEMBERS PUT TO THE TEST BUT IT ALL EVENS OUT GAMES MISSED BY THE MEMBERS REVEALED SSBRA REFEREE SETS FIFA RECORD THAT CAN NEVER BE BROKEN

It was announced at the start of the September meeting that either President **Ed McClure** was on an extended out of town business trip, or his wife would not let him leave the house that night – in any case, he was not present - and Vice President **Paul Kelly** decided to take over. Paul did so by asking those that were new to the meetings (81 out of 179 signed the roster while 90+ renewed with **Penny Rehm**) to introduce themselves. Several folks did indeed say a few words, though it was hard to catch all the names in the general commotion – **Keith Zielomski**, **Jason Radisky**, **Chris Neville**, **Itchel Guzman** and a couple more all got a warm welcome regardless. Secretary **Warren Howell** then stood up and announced that his pursuit of “deadbeat” Members who had not paid their dues (there are still 15 of you out there) continued, while 30 names had been dropped from the roster altogether as part of this effort. This caused both **Vince Delmonico** and **Dan Damian** to share their thoughts with the crowd. Moving on, Treasurer **Steve Brandon** announced there was \$5900 or so in the bank, and mentioned that the monthly financial report had been sent out electronically this month for the first time, as it would be in the future. Not only that, but the insurance premiums were paid up to date, with a lot of the thanks for that going to Paul Kelly. Inspired by this news, **Ed Beverly** decided to say a few words, surprising everyone by saying that he actually approved of getting the financial information via Email. Moving quickly so that the evening’s main events

could be gotten to, Assignor **Bill Cook**, thanking everyone for their efforts, told us that over 700 CSL games had been covered so far (only 3 without full crews) and that he was still looking for a few bodies to help cover the upcoming week-end. Web Master **Lee Jordan** then, in his role as Vice President of the high school group, reminded us that the training for that was starting in October, and said anyone with questions could contact him directly (<mailto:jordancomm@ca.rr.com>). Someone also said that the USSF “no jewelry” rule applied to referees as well.

Vince then asked to address the gathering, and told us about Manhattan Beach police officer **Mark Vasquez**. Mark has been fighting cancer for a couple of years, and Vince explained how there were several fund-raisers going on to help with the cost of his treatments. Please contact Vince directly for more information and to make a donation (del4220@aol.com or 310-379-9805).

Paul Doty of the Cal South office then got up and talked to the Members for a few minutes. He surprised us by stating that a new program was being started, wherein referees, for a \$15 - \$25 fee, would go get fingerprinted as part of a background check. This was news to everyone, with a few folks having questions and some, particularly Lee, raising objections (editor’s note – Ed McClure has asked that the Members drop him a line at <mailto:mccsch@aol.com> and let him know your thoughts on this, so that we can respond as a group).

Penny Rehm and **Tom Bobadilla** from Cal South then took over the meeting, saying a few words about the latest goings on at the State level: **Larry Yee** now has a major role in running the CAS referee program, State/National camps were being modified and assessment deadlines, as pointed out by **Jim Lucania**, were being extended due to lack of available games. Penny asked that we throw away any forms we get in the mail from USSF if you have already submitted them, as she does not need to see duplicates. Tom then administered the USSF written tests for 2009 certification, more or less. Overwhelmed by the size of the crowd, he ran short of tests, and had no answer sheets or pencils. But, all of this was worked out, with the Members answering the 50 even questions on the test (out of 100), correcting their own papers and arguing about the answers, as Penny accepted filled-out forms and checks.

Though it was getting late, there was still time for the raffle, with write-on cards and 3 sets of flags given away by Steve Brandon. A couple of those flag sets were then quietly donated to Vince, who sold them to other Members with the proceeds going to the Mark Vasquez fund, helping to raise over \$700 that night. The meeting was then formally adjourned, with the crowd breaking up into small groups of friends happily exchanging greetings, news and stories into the night.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING, September 11, 2008

- A Member missed a game due to unavoidable circumstances, said game turned out to be a forfeit anyway
- **Amanda Gibberman, Barry Gibberman, Willaim Lee and Jacqueline Duarte** were all accepted as new Members
- There is \$6555.69 in the bank, all Member checks have been mailed
- There’s a J-league tournament coming up 9/28 at CSDH (adults and youths)
- L.A. Score is asking for referees for 9/28: we do not have any extra bodies available
- New J-league fees are being collected
- A long discussion on SBPSL fees took place. They are paying the same as CSL
- The sportsmanship award was discussed again, no conclusions were reached
- Warren reported on dues collections
- **Gabriel Goldsman** has talked to three problem Members, their situations were discussed
- Insurance payments were clarified
- Steve will handle the monthly raffles
- Ed will be in Turkey for a couple of months

NEXT MONTHLY MEETING

THE NEXT MEETING IS ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2008 AT 7:30 P.M. IN THE LIBRARY OF NORTH TORRANCE HIGH SCHOOL, 3620 182ND ST. (AT YUKON - SEE SSBRA.ORG FOR DETAILED MAPS), WHEREIN BEVERAGES AND FOOD ARE PROHIBITED BY THE SCHOOL. THE AGENDA WILL INCLUDE ASSOCIATION BUSINESS, REVIEW OF THE CSL AND OTHER LEAGUE SEASONS SO FAR, THE PASSING OUT OF RELATED CHECKS TO THE DESERVING AND LOTS OF SURPRISES (OR NOT).

From FIFA Guide to Procedures

“All members of the referee team are expected to be at the field at the time prescribed by the rules of competition, at the time set by the referee or, if no time is prescribed, at least 30 minutes prior to kick off.”



Reggie Raleigh, Ralph Quiroz and Gabriel ‘Mario’ Goldsman take a break at J. Serra High School

Maybe He's Trying to Figure Out How to Settle a Drawn Match (attributed to George W. Bush)

"This administration is doing everything we can to end the stalemate in an efficient way. We're making the right decisions to bring the solution to an end."



Juan Vargas plays through a shirt grab (news photo)



No shirt grab here against **Ronaldhino**

These Excuses for Being Late Don't Work Anymore (recent news article)

- I was locked out of my house in a towel.
- My zipper was stuck.
- I was planning your birthday party.
- My cat was feeling lonely so I could not leave her.
- My dog fell over, broke its leg and needed a cast.

Diane Delonsor, author of "Never Be Late Again, Seven Cures for the Punctually Challenged," knows personally the implications of lateness (and once -- she says as if she now couldn't believe she did it -- used the birthday planning excuse).

Though she says lateness is a surprisingly difficult habit to overcome, she managed with a lot of effort and dedication.

"Setting your clock ahead doesn't work. You need to have a written plan as to what you have to do to change. Relearn to tell time. Never plan to be on time. Timely people usually plan on being slightly early. If you get somewhere exactly on time, you should consider yourself late. Plan on being 15 minutes early."

Julie Morgenstern, the author of "When Organizing Isn't Enough, Shed Your Stuff, Change Your Life", advises

that you have to be motivated to shed that bad habit. “Lateness is a habit that has been with someone for a long time. Study yourself and become a time realist, instead of a time optimist. You have to diagnose the problem. [You] have to ask people: “How does my lateness affect you? That's often the turning point.”

Trust Me, Your SSBRA Board Does the Same Thing for You (attributed to **Ronald Reagan**)

“We spend weeks and hours every day preparing the budget.”



Chile's Universidad Catolica player **Milovan Mirosevic** (L) and Paraguay's Olimpia player **Derliz Cardozo** (C) aid lineman **Jorge Calderon** after he was hit by a projectile thrown from the crowd during their Copa Sudamericana football match on September 17, 2008 in Asuncion.

SSBRA 2008 Referee Fee Schedule					
LEAGUE/DIVISION/HALFS	NO. OF REFS.	TEAM FEE	TOTAL FEE \$\$	REF. FEE	AR FEE
CSL U17-U19 (45 min.)	3	\$59	\$118	\$48	\$35
	2(+1 club line)	\$48	\$96	\$58	\$38
	1(+2 club)	\$36	\$72	\$72	
CSL U15-U16 (40 min.)	3	\$52	\$104	\$42	\$31
	2(+1 club)	\$42	\$84	\$50	\$34

	line)				
	1(+2 club)	\$32	\$64	\$64	
CSL U13-U14 (35 min.)	3	\$46	\$92	\$36	\$28
	2(+1 club line)	\$37	\$74	\$44	\$30
	1(+2 club)	\$28	\$56	\$56	
CSL U11-U12 (30 min.)	3	\$39	\$78	\$32	\$23
	2(+1 club line)	\$32	\$64	\$38	\$26
	1(+2 club)	\$24	\$48	\$48	
CSL U9-U10 (25 min.)	3	\$33	\$66	\$26	\$20
	2(+1 club line)	\$27	\$54	\$32	\$22
	1(+2 club)*	\$20	\$40	\$40	
CSL U17-U19 Premier	3	\$70	\$140	\$56	\$42
	2(+1 club line)	\$56	\$112	\$67	\$45
	1(+2 club)	\$42	\$84	\$84	
CSL U15-U16 Premier	3	\$62	\$124	\$50	\$37
	2(+1 club line)	\$50	\$100	\$60	\$40
	1(+2 club)	\$38	\$76	\$76	
J-League (40 min.)	3	\$68	\$136	\$54	\$41
	2	\$61	\$122	\$61	\$61
J-League Over 40 (30 min.)	3	\$52	\$104	\$42	\$31
	2	\$46	\$92	\$46	\$46
SBPSL Open (45 min.)	3	\$65	\$130	\$52	\$39
	2	\$53	\$106	\$53	\$53
	1	\$42	\$84	\$84	
SBPSL Over 30 (45 min.)	3	\$65	\$130	\$52	\$39
	2	\$53	\$106	\$53	\$53
	1	\$42	\$84	\$84	
SBPSL Over 40 (45 min.)	3	\$65	\$130	\$52	\$39
	2	\$53	\$106	\$53	\$53
	1	\$42	\$84	\$84	
SBS 7V7 (25 min.)	1	League Pays		\$27	
SBS Premier 7V7 (25 min.)	1	League Pays		\$27	
SBS 11V11 (35 min.)	3	League Pays		\$37	\$29
	2	League Pays		\$38	\$38
	1	League Pays		\$61	
SBS 11V11 (45 min.)	3	League Pays		\$48	\$37
	2	League Pays		\$50	\$50
	1	League Pays		\$79	
ManH Beach 7V7 (25 min)	1	SSBRA Pays		\$29	
Updated as of 09-16-08					

Boy Dies After Soccer Goal Falls On Him (news article from September 12, 2008)

YUMA, Ariz. -- A fourth-grader at a San Luis elementary school is dead after a soccer goal fell on him and another student early Thursday, San Luis police said. An ambulance rushed both students to the hospital, where the boy succumbed to his head injury, police said. The second boy was treated for a non-life threatening head injury and is in stable condition, police said.

San Luis Fire Department personnel who responded to the accident scene said they also treated a teacher for what Fire Chief **Hank Green** described as shock. The teacher had stabilized one of the boys until firefighters arrived. "This teacher did the right thing by making sure the child wasn't moved and by keeping his airway open," said Green. The children were playing on the playground at Rio Colorado Elementary School when the goal fell. Police said they received the first 911 call around 7:30 Thursday morning. The call came from the school nurse. A few moments later, 911 received another call.

"This was a tragic incident, our prayers and thoughts are with the children's families," San Luis police Capt. **Javier Nuño** told the Yuma Sun. He did not say how the goal toppled. **Rosy Ballesteros**, a spokeswoman for the Gadsden Elementary School District, said the matter is currently under investigation. "Our hearts go out to the families involved," she said. The names of the 10-year-old boys were not released.

Soccer goals have been identified as a hazard and numerous deaths have been reported when they topple over. In May, **Gabriel Mendoza**, 8, died of injuries suffered when a goal post fell on top of him at the South Mountain YMCA in Phoenix. Investigators said Mendoza was playing goalie and grabbed the overhead bar to swing from it when it came crashing down. The impact killed him.

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission has said for years that soccer goals should be anchored to the ground. Officials there said goals tipping over have killed more than two-dozen people in the last 30 years. In March, 1999, the CPSC and the soccer goal industry helped develop a new safety standard that will reduce the risk of soccer goal tip-over. The "Provisional Safety Standard and Performance Specification for Soccer Goals" requires that movable soccer goals, except very light-weight goals, not tip over when the goal is weighted in a downward or horizontal direction. The standard also specifies warning labels that must be attached to the goal, such as: "Warning: Always anchor goal. Unsecured goal can fall over causing serious injury or death."

CPSC said most of the deaths and injuries occur with unanchored homemade goals including those assembled by high school shop classes and community businesses. The commission said people are killed when they climbed on the soccer goal or while attempting to do chin-ups, pulling the goal down. In a May 1999 news release, the commission urged that all goals, whether homemade or manufactured, should be properly secured to the ground to avoid injuries or deaths associated with tip-over. It is unclear whether the goal post that killed the San Luis boy and injured the other was secured to the ground.

Assessments & Upgrades are Changing (submitted by Tom Bobadilla, thomas.bobadilla@ngc.com)

With the current situation of the State Association, (and) adult teams, several of the leagues are not affiliated. This has provided a challenge in terms of games needed for assessment purposes. I have contacted USSF and requested an extension of the deadline for our referees to complete their assessment requirements for the 2009 registration. As soon as they confirm the approval and the extension date I will share it with everyone. The Federation is assisting the adult leagues to resolve their issues and will soon be able to resume business as usual. They will probably need time to re-register, etc. and therefore, it will take some time this year, to have sufficient affiliated games. The extension will allow us to manage the assessment requirements and help the referees register for 2009. For any questions on this issue, please contact me directly.

We are also making changes to the upgrading process in order to better manage the volume and nature of State level upgrading requests. We need to plan the upgrade clinics for State level grades, to include instructional content that is more relevant to state level referees. We also need to pay closer attention to the fitness test administered to the State level grades. By improving the process for upgrading, we will be improving the service we provide and therefore, improve the quality/level of our State referees.

Effective immediately, all grade 7 referees who want to upgrade to a grade 6, need to notify the SRC, via the attached form.

We have adopted a version of the form and process used by USSF for National candidates, which will allow us to continue enhancing the alignment of our processes. Submitting the form does not guarantee upgrade and referees are responsible for ensuring that they meet the USSF requirements. We will work closely with the candidates and state referees in order to improve the service to help them upgrade or recertify. We will also offer other clinics, open to all referees in order to service the non-state grade officials who normally attend the state clinics.

She Should have Went to Finland for a little Swamp Soccer (attributed to **Paris Hilton**)

“I was in Europe the whole summer, and all there is, is, like French – I didn’t see anything because I wasn’t in America.”

Ref Will Be Downgraded for Blown Call in the Other Football (recent news item)

NEW YORK (Sept. 15) - **Ed Hochuli's** acknowledgement that he erred on a call late in Sunday's San Diego-Denver game will mean lower grades for one of the NFL's highest profile referees.

Everybody loves Ed Hochuli. Well, maybe not everybody anymore as the ripped ref makes one of the worst calls of all time in any sport and leaves San Diego supporters howling. "Officials are held accountable for their calls. They are graded on every play of every game," NFL spokesman **Greg Aiello** said Monday. "Ed has been an outstanding official for many years, but he will be marked down for this call. Under our evaluation system, an official's grades impact his status for potentially working the playoffs and ultimately whether or not he is retained."

The play occurred with the Broncos at the Chargers 1-yard-line in the final minute. Denver quarterback **Jay Cutler** dropped back to pass, the ball slipped out of his hands, bounced off the grass and into the arms of San Diego linebacker **Tim Dobbins**. Hochuli ruled it an incomplete pass. Replay ruled it a fumble, but it was spotted at the 10-yard line, where the ball hit the ground, and given to Denver because the rules did not permit possession to be awarded to San Diego because the whistle had blown. Denver went on to score, convert a 2-point conversion and win 39-38.

This is an Injury Worth Noting on the Match Report (actual written doctor’s comment on patient chart)

“When she fainted, her eyes rolled around the room.”

This is What you Missed by not Going to Finland this Summer (recent news article)

Thursday, 07 August 2008



The Finnish summer is full of odd sports, but few can rival the international popularity of wife carrying. This German couple made it to second place in this year's World Championships.

goes a long way to show how the event has expanded in the last 13 years. In recent years the competition has been dominated by Finland's southern neighbour Estonia, and so it was this year as well. The best Finnish couple this year only finished fifth, with Germany taking silver, Great Britain bronze and an American couple finishing fourth. Wife carrying does have some rules, such as the wife has to weigh a minimum of 49 kilos, you get a 15 second penalty for dropping your wife and perhaps most importantly – everyone participating in the event should be having fun!

Having fun in the swamp in July

At the end of July Finland held two world championships. First, from 18 until 20 July the town of Hyrynsalmi hosted the Swamp Football World Championships. It is said that this sport also originated from Finland, where it was used as a training method for athletes and soldiers. As the soft ground made it harder to play, it was seen as a physically more demanding way to play football. The first Finnish Championships were held in 1998, and the event grew to world championship status in 2000. These days there are an estimated 260 swamp football teams around the world.

Only a week from the Swamp Football World Championships, the town of Haukivuori held the Swamp Volleyball World Championships. This year's event was the third of its kind, and it has been played competitively since 2004. Volleyball has not yet caught the eye of the wider world, but the event still gathers teams from a few different countries. This year's tournament had 83 teams participating.

More mayhem in August

August is the golden month for outdoor activities in Finland and the world championship season just keeps heating up.

On the second weekend of the month the world's press will arrive at Heinola to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the Sauna World Championships. This year for the first time the list of participants holds more foreign nationals (56 per cent) than Finnish participants. The competitors are taking the event very seriously and many of the contestants will arrive at Heinola a week before the competition to “acclimatise” to the Finnish saunas. Rules for this competition are strict, for example the sitting position should be upright – but still so that the elbows stay on your knees. The sitting places in the sauna will be drawn for each “heat.” The length of your swimsuit is carefully

Despite being a nation with a population of only slightly over five million, the Finns are most inventive when it comes to weird and wacky world championships. From early July until the end of August, almost every week sees a world championship competition in a sport that the Finns can call their own.

The festival season started during the first weekend of July in Sonkajärvi, where the Wife Carrying World Championships were held. The competition had 47 couples from 11 different countries. The furthest teams came from as far away as Australia and Kenya, and these days some countries such as Estonia even hold qualification events for the World Championships. This

measured before the competition so that it conforms to the regulations. And the most important rule is that the sauna should be at 110 degrees Celsius and half a litre of water will be thrown to the rocks every 30 seconds.

Mobile Phone Throwing World Championships are this year held in Narva, Estonia, but Savonlinna in Finland will still hold their own event on 23 August. This competition is still very much dominated by the Finns, even if the event does draw larger and larger amounts of foreign participants. The rules do not restrict the phones to a brand or type, but all phones are chosen and handed out by the organisers of the event. There are two different types of competition, the traditional where the length of your throw will decide the winner, and the freestyle where the style you throw will also count towards your total score.

The other event held in Savonlinna, Elephant Football, despite its name is not played while riding elephants. The size of the ball is what makes this sport, which originally was just a fun way to spend an afternoon in the park. The huge ball is extremely light and therefore not so easy to control, so the event will also have a comedy factor for the spectators. The Finns have somehow managed to turn this event also into a world championship tournament and the first ever trophy will be decided on 17 August.

The summer ends with the Air Guitar World Championships in Oulu from the 20 until 22 August. The Finns won the event in 1999 and 2000, but since then the foreign competition has been too tough for the Finns to handle and in the last two years the trophy has travelled to Japan. This year's event can expect participants from over 20 countries to come and play their air guitars to the audience in Oulu.

Now I Know Why They Tell you to Start Your Watch a Little Early (submitted by W. Howell)

The Coast Soccer League season had begun, and it was a beautiful day for a match at a local Culver City park. With his friends Lee "Red Card" Jordan and **Dean "Kiwi" Thomas** assisting, and both the players and spectators ready and excited about the BU11 match, the center referee known as the **Large Member** was looking forward to a good time. One of the things that the L.M. was thinking about, as he often does, is not getting in the way of play or getting hit with the ball. Usually he is able to meet these goals by keeping well-away from play, preferably in the center circle, and this was his plan on this Saturday too. But it was time for the match to begin, and with everyone ready, the L.M. blew his whistle, standing to the left and behind the ball as he was taught years ago by **Larry "N.Q." Stern**. Alas, with the second lightning quick touch, the ball was kicked hard and swiftly backwards at the referee, and hit the L.M. squarely in the chest area. Since he had not had time to even start his watch, the blow came BEFORE the first minute (aka in the zero second?). This was no doubt a record for the Earliest a Referee Got Hit by the Ball in the history of the Beautiful Game, and it also hurt the L.M.'s feelings.

All of the pictures below were provided by **Heidi "Honey" Garlick** at the September meeting and were taken while the re-certification written exam was being worked on by the Members.



Paul "Mouthpiece" Kelly and Steve "Show me the Money" Brandon discuss Important Issues



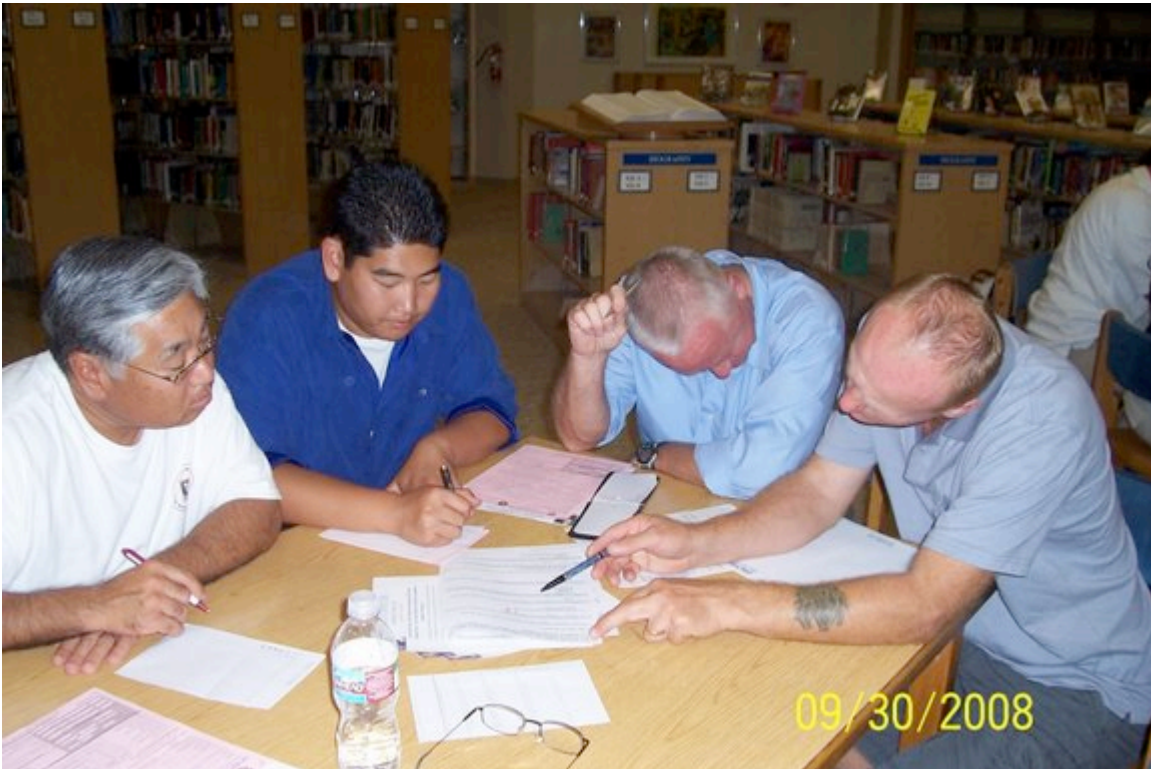
Vince "Fight-time" Delmonico and **Bill Mindlin** try to find the answers



Tom Bobadilla struggles to keep order



Penny Rehm and Heidi Garlick have no problems with exams, paperwork or anything else



Mike Takaki, Eric “Slammer” Takaki, Steve McCall and Dan Damian make test taking a group activity



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Dear To Whom It May Concern,

The 2008-09 school year is underway, students are back in class and the 2008 recipients of Allison Dewart Memorial Scholarships have begun their college careers.

Several months ago, because the ADMSF Foundation continues to grow from both new contributions and investment earnings, the board of directors decided to expand the scholarship program.

Happily, the growth in the fund has made it possible for us to enhance our \$1000 Freshman scholarship to become renewable in subsequent years. Beginning next year with our 2009 scholarship, awardees who maintain their scholastic standing may request continuing scholarship support of \$500 in their Sophomore, Junior and Senior years.

In addition, fund growth has allowed us to add a second annual scholarship of \$500 scholarship. With the rising cost of a college education, we are exceptionally pleased to be able to provide more support for the promising young women who seek the Foundation's help.

So, earlier this year, the ADMSF board was delighted to award not one, but two scholarships to vital young women athletes from West High. Alycra Matsushita received \$1000. She is a Freshman at U.C. Santa Barbara studying English Literature. Charlene Ronne received \$500 and attends U.C. Irvine. She is studying Pre-Med Biology and wants to become a Pediatrician.

As we grow, we are dedicated to helping strong, vibrant girls like Allison to succeed. Contributions to the fund are 100% tax deductible, and can be made payable either to Allison Dewart Memorial Scholarship Foundation, or ADMSF, and sent to the address noted above.

On behalf of the Dewart family and the ADMSF board, I want to thank you again for your gift in memory of Allison, who would have been 21 today. Thanks to you and all those who cherished her, Allison's spirit lives on to help other young women athletes accomplish their dreams.

Susan Swinburne
Secretary

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