



# The Flag and Whistle

Newsletter of the Soccer South Bay Referee Association

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## LABOR DAY GAMES ADDED TO LIST; TECH COMMITTEE TO LOOK AT WEB SITE DESIGN

A smaller than usual group of members showed up on June 25, and president **Larry Stern** rewarded them with a shorter than usual meeting.

The principal news item was that an additional tournament in Thousand Oaks has been accepted by assignor **Bill Cook**. It will take place on next Labor Day weekend, July 31-September 2.

A technical committee consisting of **Warren Howell**, **Keith Gendler** and Bill Cook has been formed to look into the planned SSBRA Web site's specs and design and meet with proposed designers. It is hoped that the site would be up and running this fall.

In other news, Larry requested that all members make a photocopy of their 2002 USSF ID card and send it to our P.O. box (or give it to a board member) so that current registration can be verified. The intent is to make sure that only members who are registered get affiliated games.

Another group purchase of uniforms from OSI is planned to enable everyone to buy the new blue shirts (and anything else they need).

There was a minor snafu by USSF in the distribution of re-registration packages: some packages carried the name of a different member! A few exchanges of packages took place at the meeting, and for those not present, get in touch with whoever is listed on your package (if it isn't you, that is).

It was mentioned that a new soccer shop has opened at the corner of 190th and Hawthorne (behind the McDonald's). There is a possibility of discounts to members.

**There is no meeting scheduled for July, as per our usual practice.**

## WORD FROM THE ASSIGNOR

Besides the Labor Day tournament, Bill reported that we must again be in **Heros Baghoumian's** good graces, since he gave us some of the finals at the Conejo Valley event on Memorial weekend.

He mentioned that his liaison for the Pateadores Cup games in July is currently in Korea/Japan for the World Cup, so Bill cannot start assigning until that person returns to reveal details of the tournament schedule.

## TEARS AT REDONDO ATHLETIC BANQUET

VP **Jon Ziegler** attended the Redondo H.S. athletic banquet at the Torrance Marriott to present **Kendall Brower** with the SSBRA \$300 scholarship award for outstanding sportsmanship. Kendall was picked for her superior soccer skills and fair play from the eight candidates identified by those members who worked varsity games in the South Bay area.

The award came as a surprise to Kendall and produced a somewhat emotional, tearful response. (Who expected referees to be good guys and actually *give* something?) She intends to play for UCSB this fall as a walk-on.

The award generated the positive publicity for the association that we were looking for, in the form of a short article in the Daily Breeze.

## THE ROSTER AND THE FLAG & WHISTLE

One more member (**Paul Matlock**) has been accepted, bringing the current total to 84. Treasurer **Tom Mallen** lists 38 whose 2002-2003 dues have been paid from tournament fees (or waived under the new member referral program). The remaining 45 should pay up by 1 July (+ grace period) to stay on the roster.

The May F&W was approved as published without change.

No report by secretary **Dick Eastman**: he was among those absent for the meeting, including **Keith Gendler**, who appeared after it was adjourned. [Meeting fatigue?]

**NO DOOR PRIZES THIS TIME**

Larry had no door prizes to hand out this time, but announced that **every** member would be receiving a door prize (unspecified) at the August get-together.

**WARREN HOWELL SAYS HE FOUND A WHISTLE AT CONEJO**

Member at large Warren Howell asked that the referee who lost a whistle at Conejo get in touch with him to reclaim it. Unfortunately, Warren will be in Finland for 3 weeks, so you'll have to await his return.

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**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING,  
JUNE 20, 2002**

- Discussed dues waivers for new member referral program. Maximum waiver period is two years for multiple referrals.
- Discussed competing Web site offers. Committee named; to meet and make recommendation to rest of board.
- Dick responded to letter from parent criticizing member: parent's behavior called inappropriate.
- Treasury is at \$2537. Still owed \$140 from tournament fees.
- Keith to pursue **Brian Hall** and **Paul Tamberino** as possible speakers.
- Bill will be vacationing June 29 through July 6. Larry to be contacted for assignment problems.
- Dick reported on cost of decals. Too much; idea dropped. Assigned to buy "prize" for all members.
- Requesting all members for photocopy of their 2002 USSF card.
- Dark in July: no member meeting.
- Dick to distribute new roster to all members via e-mail.

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**NEXT MONTHLY MEETING**

**DATE:** *AUGUST 27, 2002*  
**TIME:** *7:30 P.M.*  
**PLACE:** *REDONDO BCH. CITY  
HALL EMPL. LOUNGE,  
CARNELIAN & BROADWAY*  
**AGENDA:** *FALL PLANNING,  
TRAINING  
AND ASSIGNMENTS*