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# The Flag and Whistle

## Newsletter of the Soccer South Bay Referee Association

**April, 2012**

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### Board Members

President: Warren Howell  
Treasurer: Steve Brandon

Vice President: Ralph Quiroz  
Assignor: Bill Cook

Member At Large: Vince Delmonico

Secretary: Bruce Anderson  
Training Director: Larry Stern

### Important Dates

NEXT GENERAL MEETING  
Tuesday May 29, 2012

UEFA Champions League Final  
Saturday May 19, 2012

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**They Like Us, They Really Like Us**

**Bring Your Own Chair**

**Where's My Flippin' Coin?**

## **GENERAL MEETING: APRIL 24, 2012**

We were back in the Library for the April general meeting, and the meeting commenced promptly at 7:30.

### League Update

Lawndale is launching a Middle School League, which will offer matches on weekday afternoons and a 2-man referee system. Lawndale wants to work with us because we live scan, carry insurance, are professionals, and maintain an excellent reputation.

Beverly Hills remains very happy with our performance. Having access to our assignment system gives them comfort that everything is covered and running smoothly. Lawndale has expressed similar feedback. Kudos to Lee for his excellent system!

April was very busy, despite the rain. With 20-50% of matches rescheduled. In contrast with the increased number of matches we are covering, complaints continue to be very low. Thank you for your flexibility, and your ongoing professionalism.

Our association is now doing matches for very young children (U5 at Lawndale). You may find yourself working an adult match one day and 4-year-olds the next day, and adjusting your style is important if you are assigned games in these very young divisions.



**"Excellent question, Timmy! ... The answer is yes. If a fight breaks out among parents, play is halted until the police arrive."**

### Reports and Player Cards

If you are submitting a game report, please send it to VINCE not to Bill. Vince is your advocate. Vince will review the report and call you with questions and/or clarifications before filing it. The report is for your protection, and Vince is your very best friend in this regard. Send your reports to VINCE DELMONICO (del4220@aol.com).

Player cards **MUST BE CURRENT. PERIOD.** The only override is by the league owner.

### Financial News

Please be patient if you are working Lawndale games as we pay you rather than the league, and we invoice them monthly and get paid the next month. While we front payments for the Manhattan Beach league, we do not have sufficient cash in reserve to cover Lawndale as well.

### Bylaws and Board Elections

Larry Stern noted that proposed bylaw amendments were sent in e-mail for voting in the May meeting.

We will also be voting for President and Secretary. Warren Howell was nominated for President and Bruce Anderson was nominated for Secretary. Ballots for the May vote will include space for write-in nominees.

## Training

9 members attended the April 28<sup>th</sup> New Member Clinic. 19 members have yet to attend!

Cal South's Wayne Merrick made a presentation on the USSF Fitness Tests.

## Next Meeting

The next meeting is Tuesday May 29 at 7 pm. This will be at the **Lamppost Pizza parking lot**, at 2955 Rolling Hills Rd in Torrance. We will vote for President, Secretary and bylaw amendments, and we will then proceed into the restaurant for food and beverages. If you need a chair, bring it, as the parking lot has none. PLEASE SHOW UP EARLY, as we need a quorum to hold the voting.

Attendees at the next meeting will receive... (drum roll) ... an Official SSBRA Association Flipping Coin!

## There's My Flippin' Coin!

Come to the May meeting and sign Vince's roster to receive your coin!

Our initial order is sufficient to get a coin for each of our members, with some spare for future new members. Subsequent coins will cost \$3 each, and while we can make another order we need to order a sufficient number to cover the cost.

## Other News...

Warren shared a story about a recent girls' game, in which a number of players had earrings with tape covering them. After many complaints, the referee stated "they can keep their earrings on, but they can't play". And it worked!

It was a packed house at Frank Troeger's retirement party Sunday May 6, with nearly two dozen of Frank's contemporaries celebrating his career:

Tony Amalfitano	Bill Cook	Ed Beverly
Roberto Marchis	Pablo Diaz	Bill Mindlin
Dick Eastman	Vito Galati	Tom Mallen
Warren Howell	Bill Mason	Ralph Quiroz
Walt Hoovler	Dick Lujan	Larry Stern
Rich Maloney	Gene Olge	John Olson
Joe Robeletto	Harry Ross	Bob Slater
Frank Troeger	Mike Dewart	John Ziegler

Special thanks go to Walt for hosting the party, and to Dick for organizing everything.



## Ball floats from Japan to Alaska following tsunami



A very special soccer ball will board a flight from Alaska to Japan next month -- after floating 5,000 miles across the Pacific following last year's tsunami.

The ball is one of the first pieces of debris washed ashore in Alaska from the tsunami which was sparked by a massive magnitude nine earthquake in March of 2011. David Baxter, of Alaska, found the ball while he was beach combing. His wife was able to translate what was written on the ball. They tracked

down its owner, a 16-year-old boy - here's what he said through a translator. He lost his home and possessions in the tsunami.

"It is my treasure. I was to transfer to another school after third grade and my homeroom teacher and classmates gave the ball to me. It has been hard to find my own belongings after the earthquake," said Murakami.

The teen lost his home and possessions in the tsunami. Baxter plans to personally deliver the ball to the teen in May.

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# **REMINDERS**

## ***PHONE NUMBER(S) TO KNOW***

Soccer Phone Line Number	(310) 316-0808
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## ***GAME ASSIGNMENT LINKS***

SSBRA Assignment Link	<a href="http://ssbra.org/list.php">http://ssbra.org/list.php</a>
CSL Assignment Link	<a href="http://www.coastsoccer.com/referees/">http://www.coastsoccer.com/referees/</a>
Spring League	<a href="http://www.scheduleetc.com/soccer/referee/default.aspx?id=ss11">http://www.scheduleetc.com/soccer/referee/default.aspx?id=ss11</a>
Spring Cup	<a href="http://www.scheduleetc.com/soccer/referee/default.aspx?id=ss11cup">http://www.scheduleetc.com/soccer/referee/default.aspx?id=ss11cup</a>

## ***PROCEDURES TO REMEMBER***

Forfeits: Game Fee Collection	<p>For any State/National Cup, Spring League or CSL game when there is a forfeit or a no-show, we DO NOT collect game fees from either team.</p> <p>Instead, Bill files a no-show report with the League and the League pays SSBRA and SSBRA reimburses the referees.</p>
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## ***HELPFUL LINKS***

Cal South Website for Referees	<a href="http://www.calsouth.com/en/referees/">http://www.calsouth.com/en/referees/</a>
South Bay Sports Rules	<a href="http://www.southbaysports.com/rule.asp">http://www.southbaysports.com/rule.asp</a> (go here to select the rules that apply to the day/league/venue you're reffing)
Manhattan Village Rules	<a href="http://www.ssbra.com/html/competitions/mb7.html">http://www.ssbra.com/html/competitions/mb7.html</a> <a href="http://www.ssbra.com/html/competitions/mb7/7on7-Laws-of-the-Game.pdf">http://www.ssbra.com/html/competitions/mb7/7on7-Laws-of-the-Game.pdf</a>

## ***UNIFORM REMINDERS***

Referees must carry at least **three different color** jerseys to all games. The board recommends the following: **Gold, Blue, Red**

Should you wish to bring more, the board recommends, in order of preference: **Green, Black**

And, of course, your **all-black soccer referee shorts!**