



# The Flag and Whistle

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## SSBRA BOARD HAS LITTLE TIME TO SPEAK, SAYS EVEN LESS GABRIEL ASKS THE QUESTIONS, MEMBERS GIVE HIM THE ANSWERS A BOARD MEMBER LEAVES, A NEW BOARD POSITION IS CREATED

The monthly meeting in October was hijacked by our own **Gabriel “Mario” Goldsman**, with chaos and anarchy being the result. Actually, he was in charge of the USSF 2014 written test, and under his guidance everyone who wanted to was able to take and pass the certification exam. The Board was unable to really call the meeting to order in the usual way with all the commotion, but that did not stop **Warren “Bluto” Howell** from making a speech or two anyway, regardless of whether there was anyone listening or not. For the record, he did get the amended bylaws approved by voice acclamation, with only one Member dissenting (contact the current president if you want to know the identity of said member). It was then announced that Larry **“Broken Chair” Stern** had decided to step-down from the Board but would continue till further notice to do the chores of training director. Warren then told everyone that a new appointed Board position, Director of Mentoring and Assessments, had been created in another effort to help new Members, and that anyone interested in the job should contact him or another

Board Member. Noticing that everyone's attention was elsewhere, Warren stepped down and our old friend **Manny Fineberg** stood up to talk about the great referee gear he had available at the meeting.

**Michael "Ranker" Hinz** was not too shy to say a few words anyway, and reminded us (again) that we **MUST** know the rules for the competition that we are officiating at, assuring us that there continued to be incidents where our Members were confusing rules from one league with another, or even making up rules as they went along. Not to be outdone, **Chris "Not So Large Member" Nevil** started talking to us about upgrading our badges and skills. He informed all that the Member survey was about ready for distribution (you can see it all via your Member sign-in), and requested that all the game reports (for any match with a send-off or serious injury) be sent to him, not Bill, and he would send the final version on to anyone else who needed it. He asked that we take the advice of **Sgt. Joe Friday** (you who are too young to know who this is can Google it) and stick just to the facts.

Checks were being passed out, Members and visiting non-Members alike were busy with the testing, **Bill "Grampa" Cook** had nothing to say, but **Veto "Jersey" Galati** would not be denied his turn to speak. He asked that we keep our roster info current, leave games as a group and discuss the game and any issues during breaks **BEFORE** taking out our cellphones or tablets – our Senior Members can ask the younger ones what these are for, if they are unclear on the use of these newfangled devices.

More speeches were in the works, as our fellow Member **Alex "Hollywood" Mebane** started telling us about his film project relating to soccer and refereeing – see him or the web-site for more details. With that, speeches were done for the evening and everyone went about their business.

## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING, October 21, 2013**

- Accepted new Member applications for **Kristin Patterson, Oscar Lozano, Juan DeArcos, Paul Welch** and **Christian Rossi**.
- Three Members were fined/suspended for different incidents
- A NMI credit was revoked for a Member
- Voted to tighten-up and always impose fines for Members missing assignments for the first time and suspensions after that
- Warren will handle recertification notification and such for the October meeting
- The bylaw update will be presented at the October meeting
- There have been no significant SBPSL or Lawndale issues this season
- **Steve "Check in the Mail" Brandon** asked for the financials to be put behind the Member sign-in

## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING, October 29, 2013**

- Met with a Member about a recent incident, appropriate action was taken
- Accepted new member applications for **Kayln Kaemerle, Shigemi Watanabe-Rapelje** and **Merit Shoucri**

## **NEXT MONTHLY MEETING**

**THE NEXT MEETING IS ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2013 AT 7:30 P.M. IN THE LIBRARY OF NORTH TORRANCE HIGH SCHOOL, 3620 182<sup>ND</sup> ST. (AT YUKON - SEE SSBRA.ORG FOR**

**DETAILED MAPS). THIS WILL BE THE LAST MEETING AND LAST CHANCE TO ENJOY THE COMPANY OF A LARGE GROUP OF YOUR FELLOW MEMBERS IN 2013. THERE WILL BE THE (ALWAYS EXCITING) SPEECHES FROM THE BOARD, THE CHANCE TO SAY A FEW WORDS YOURSELVES, REVIEW OF THE SEASONS THAT ARE WINDING UP, PLANS FOR GAMES IN THE UPCOMING MONTHS, AND CAL SOUTH-SUPPLIED TRAINING.**

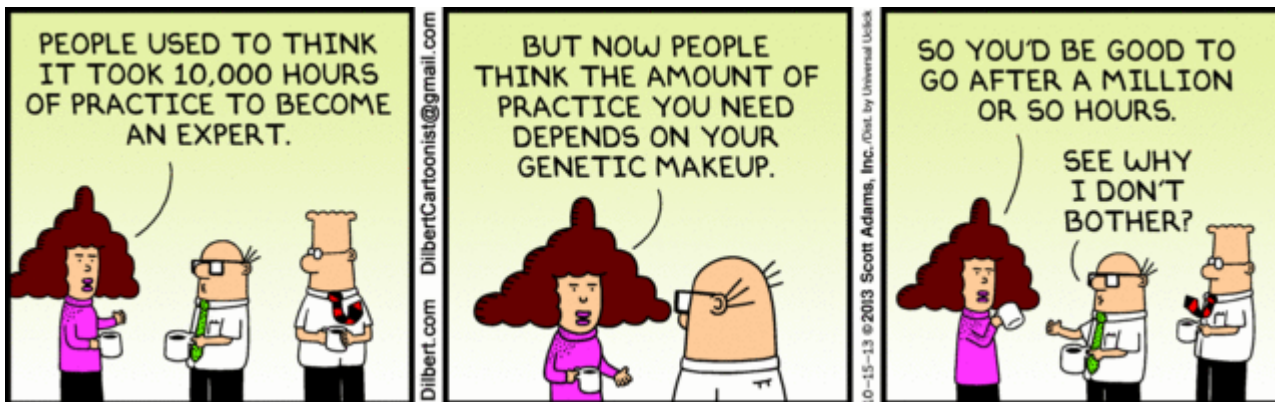
### **Quote of the Month (Attributed to Thomas Edison)**

“The chief function of the body is to carry the brain around.”

### **Good Advice, kind of.....**

“Well, Clive, It’s all about the two M’s – movement and positioning.”

- **Ron Atkinson**



### **Everyone Loves that New Car(d) Smell**

“It was like the ref had a brand new yellow card and wanted to see if it worked”

- **Richard Rufus**

### **Thought of the Month**

“Behaving well is the best revenge.”

## **They Are Having Way Too Much Fun in the Other Football (recent news article)**

Covington (Louisiana) Mayor **Mike Cooper** said, upon the request of himself and newly sworn-in Police Chief **Tim Lentz**, District Attorney **Walter Reed** has agreed to drop charges of public intimidation against two referees arrested last Friday during a local high school football game. The announcement came at a Thursday afternoon press conference at City Hall just two days after Cooper said the city and Police Department would investigate the incident that occurred in the third quarter of the Mandeville at St. Paul's game.

It also came on Lentz's second full day on the job as chief of the city's embattled police department. The new chief stood by Cooper's side at the press conference and answered questions, saying, "things should've been handled differently," and officers should have used "discretion, compassion."

Referee **Jim Radcliffe** and linesman **Chris Gambino** were arrested Friday night by Covington Police Lt. **Stephen Short**, who was working a game detail. The incident began after Gambino asked Short to move Mandeville fans near the sideline to the other side of a border fence and into the stands. According to witnesses at the scene, when Gambino made it clear to Short he was dissatisfied the unauthorized fans had not been moved back far enough, a confrontation ensued. Soon after, Radcliffe came to Gambino's defense and also exchanged words with Short, as other Covington Police officers rushed to the scene, including then-acting chief **Jack West**. Within a minute, Radcliffe was taken into custody by Short, who then came back and escorted Gambino from the field and into a police vehicle. Both were booked into the St. Tammany Parish Jail and released early Saturday morning on \$250 bond. Later that day, Radcliffe worked the Brother Martin-St. Augustine game at Tad Gormley Stadium.

"On behalf of the city of Covington, I offer my sincere apology to Mr. Radcliffe and Mr. Gambino ... for the manner in which this was handled," Cooper said. "We all agree this could have easily been handled differently. It is my goal to put this matter behind us, gain credibility for the Covington Police Department under its new leadership and restore a positive image to our great city."

## **.....Or Maybe Not So Much (recent news article)**

.....44 of 46 brains of football players that have been examined postmortem at Boston University showed evidence of the degenerative brain disease known as CTE\*. **Ann McKee**, the BU neuropathologist entrusted to study the brains of deceased NFL veterans, wonders aloud if *every* football player doesn't have it.

\***Chronic traumatic encephalopathy (CTE)** is a form of encephalopathy that is a progressive degenerative disease, which can only be definitively diagnosed postmortem in individuals with a history of multiple concussions and other forms of head injury. The disease was previously called dementia pugilistica (DP), as it was initially found in those with a history of boxing. CTE has been most commonly found in professional athletes participating in American football, ice hockey, professional wrestling and other contact sports who have experienced repetitive brain trauma. It has also been found in soldiers exposed to a blast or a concussive injury, in both cases resulting in characteristic degeneration of brain tissue and the accumulation of tau protein. Individuals with CTE may show symptoms of dementia, such as memory loss, aggression, confusion and depression, which generally appear years or many decades after the trauma. Repeated concussions and injuries less serious than concussions ("sub-concussions") incurred during the play of contact sports over a long period can result in CTE.

## Another Thought of the Month (Horoscope)

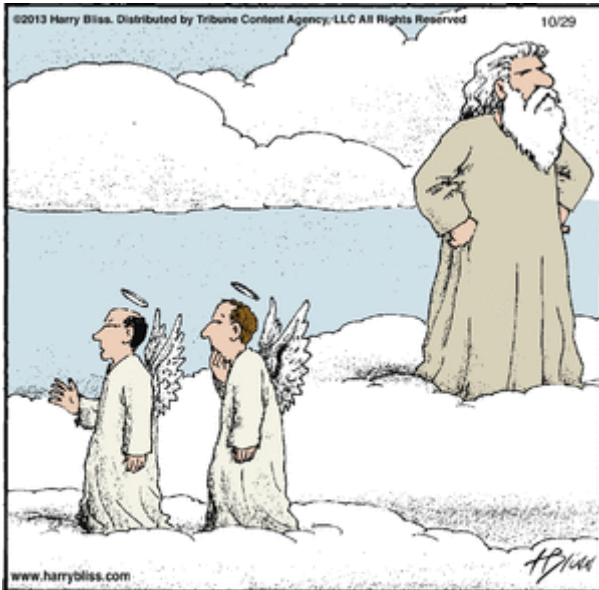
“It will be better to say less, especially when you’re broaching a difficult topic. You can never take back what you already said.”

## He Needs Work on His Math Too

“I’ve had 14 bookings this season – 8 of which were my fault, but 7 of which were disputable”

- **Paul Gascoigne**

## Let’s Hope that None of Our Members are Like This



“I am so tired of his holier-than-thou attitude!”

## Some Games Are Like That

“The referee was booking everyone. I thought he was filling in his lottery number.”

- **Ian Wright**

## You Make the Call (from AskTheRef.com)

During live play, after having been cautioned and shown the yellow card for a reckless challenge much earlier in the half, the goalkeeper for the blue team, in apparent frustration, storms off the field of play, muttering his disgust at the way his team mates are playing. He walks away from the goal, across the touchlines straight past the technical area and into the changing room!

At this stage, all other players and the referee are deep in the other half, attacking the red team's goal. The AR controlling the technical area is responsible for the empty half, and witnesses the blue goalkeeper leave.

Panicking, the coach for the blue team instructs his substitute goalkeeper to run onto the field of play into position, fully dressed in the same colors as the other goalkeeper! The AR tries telling the coach and replacement keeper not to do this!

Just as our replacement keeper arrives in his goal area, the red team breaks away, launching a counter attack. One on one with the blue replacement goalkeeper, a red striker shoots the ball for the top corner. The blue replacement goalkeeper makes an amazing save, tipping the ball over the crossbar and over the goal line.

At this point, the AR on the technical area side (who has witnessed all these events) calls over the referee and informs him of what has happened.

What action does the referee take?

## One Wonders What the LOTG Say About This

“I always used to put my right boot on first, and then obviously my right sock.”

- **Barry Venison**

### USSF Misconduct Codes for 7 Cautionable Offenses for a player. (\* = Codes for substitute or substituted player)

- 1 **UB** - Unsporing behavior \*
- 2 **DT** - Dissent by word or action \*
- 3 **PI** - Persistent infringement of the Laws of the Game
- 4 **DR** - Delaying the restart of play \*
- 5 **FRD** - Failure to respect the required distance when play is restarted with a corner kick, free kick or throw-in
- 6 **E** - Entering or re-entering the field of play without the referee's permission
- 7 **L** - Deliberately leaving the field of play without the referee's permission

## USSF Misconduct Codes for 7 Sending-Off Offenses for a player, substitute or substituted player

- 1 **SFP** - Serious foul play
- 2 **VC** - Violent conduct
- 3 **S** - Spitting at an opponent or any other person
- 4 **DGH** - Denying the opposing team a goal or an obvious goal-scoring opportunity by deliberately handling the ball (this does not apply to the goalkeeper within his or her own penalty area)
- 5 **DGF** - Denies an obvious goal-scoring opportunity to an opponent moving towards the player's goal by an offense punishable by a free kick or a penalty kick
- 6 **AL** - Using offensive, insulting or abusive language and/or gestures
- 7 **2CT** - Receiving a second caution in the same match

### Unclear on the Concept

"That's great, tell him he's **Pele** and get him back on."

- **John Lambie**, Patrick Thistle manager, when told a concussed striker did not know who he was.