



# The Flag and Whistle

## Newsletter of the Soccer South Bay Referee Association

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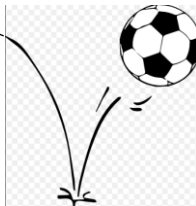
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The SSBRA Board wants to tell everyone to have a **Merry Christmas** and a **Happy Hanukah!!**



We also wish everyone a  **Happy and Safe New Year!!!** 

**We look forward to seeing everyone in 2017.**

### Notes from the President

**Who is 40 years old and growing stronger every year? SSBRA!!!! 2016 marks the 40<sup>th</sup> year for SSBRA 1976 - 2016**

**The 2017 Fall Season** – With the Fall Season over the Board wants to say thanks to all the members for doing such a great job. SSBRA referees did a really great job!!!

**General Membership Meeting** - Our Jan General Membership Meeting will be on the 31<sup>st</sup>. This is the 1st meeting for 2017. We will be talking about the upcoming Cal South Tournaments so please try to attend.

**Referee Professional Development** - The next RPD will be held on Tuesday, Feb 21<sup>st</sup>. We have held over 23 RPDs with over 600 attendees. Since SSBRA started hosting RPDs over 40 SSBRA members have upgraded to USSF Grade 7 or higher, bringing the total number to 48.

**New Members** - SSBRA continues to look for qualified Referees. If you know of a qualified Referee have them apply to SSBRA and you could be eligible to get your 2017 dues covered by the Association via the New Membership Initiative program .

**New Referee Jerseys** – Manny has the new style Referee Jerseys for sale for only \$24.95. They are high quality and he will have them at the SSBRA monthly meetings, or you can contact Manny directly. Remember the new jerseys are not required until the 2018 season but at almost 50% off the OSI price these Jerseys are worth looking into.

### Nov General Membership Meeting –

The Draft minutes for the Nov General Membership meeting can be found on the next page. These minutes will be voted on for approval at the Jan General Membership Meeting.



## SSBRA November General Meeting

11/29/16 Tuesday 7:30 start @ North High School - Library

### Board Member Attendees:

Michael Hinz - MH	Michael Takeda - MT	Bruce Ashton - BA
Valle Altobelli - VA	Chris Nevil - Absent	Steve Morgan - SM
David Welch - DW		

### Approve August minutes:

October minutes were approved with motioned by Bill Yee and seconded by Jack Desemone.

### Cal South Training by Randall Reyes:

Randall Reyes conducted the Cal South In-Service Training session regarding feedback on referees from coaches in youth leagues in Cal South.

### President speaks:

MH informed the membership that due to an issue with the CSL rosters, SSBRA was receiving all emails related to referee issues for the first few weeks of the 2017 season even though none of the issues involved SSBRA referees or SSBRA matches. MH told the membership that SSBRA did not receive a single complaint the entire year while other Association's receive multiple complaints on a weekly basis. MH thanked the membership for their professionalism and stated that he felt SSBRA has the best referees around.

### Guest:

Mark Hodson, DSL coach, stopped by our meeting to share his thoughts on a 'bridge' between coaches/parents/players and referees.

### New Jerseys:

Manny is now offering new style shirts (see below) at discounted rate of \$24.95. They will be available in January 2017. Information can be found on [www.ssbra.org](http://www.ssbra.org) or you can email Manny [here](#). First batch will be in short sleeve in three colors (yellow, red and green). Women's style will come in early 2017. Manny can take credit card, check, or cash if you are interested in ordering.



Other SSBRA swags are now available (See below). [Click here](#) for the flyer.

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E) 61351 Sport Tee \$12.00

**MB 7v7:**

New rules will apply in 2017 for discipline for a yellow card. Starting in 2017, a cautioned player must sit out, with the team playing short, for either 2 minutes or until a goal is scored against the cautioned player's team.

**Season wrap-up:**

VA gave membership a summary of the past season. Total of 1500+ games covered. Friendlies are on the rise as season is ending. VA reminded everyone to keep blocks updated for friendlies opportunities. VA also informed the membership that since the reassigning fee was instituted the rate of turn backs have decreased from 35% to ~10%.

**Membership roster:**

We still have some members without their photos. Please update on Arbiter.

**Financials:**

BA reviewed the latest financial information with the membership. BA stated all invoices have been paid except for the latest invoice from MB 7v7. BA reminded the membership that Association's financials are posted on the Membership page on the SSBRA website.

Happy Holidays!!

Meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Next RPD: Tuesday, February 21, 2017

Next General Membership Meeting: Tuesday, January 31, 2017