



# CanSoRef

CanSoRef is the official Newsletter of the Ontario Soccer Referees' Association.  
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## SGM and 1st Council Meeting 2009

There will be a Special General Meeting of the Association held on Sunday February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2009 at the Armenian Youth Centre commencing at 10.00am.

This meeting is being held to approve Constitution and Byelaw changes that were called for at the AGM.

The first Council Meeting of 2009 will be held immediately following the SGM.

The Armenian Youth Centre is conveniently located just north of the 401 at Victoria Park.

**Directions:** From the 401, go North on Victoria Park to the first light, and turn left onto Consumers Road. Take the first left (Hallcrown Place) to the end. In front of you is the 401, to your left is The Radisson Hotel and to the right is the Armenian Youth Centre. There is ample free parking at the facility. venue to be determined.

## Valentines Dance



**The Mississauga Branch is holding a Valentines dance on February 13th, cocktails at 6:30PM.**

**It is a 5 course meal, open bar and live entertainment by L'Italiano and a DJ.**

**The cost is \$60 per person, and is being held at Le Treport on the Queensway in Mississauga.**

**Make your reservation with Peter Mele at 905-507-9339 ([email Peter here](#)) and Frank Capizzano at 905-272-0623 ([email Frank here](#)).**

## OSRA Merchandise

Mike Cvetanovich  
Director of Equipment  
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## Equipment Prices

- Rain Jacket \$60.00
- Golf Shirt (assorted colours) \$30.00
  - T Shirt \$13.00
- Uniform Badge \$5.00
- Referee Cap \$13.00
  - Toque \$6.00
  - Tie \$20.00
- Uniform Badge \$5.00
- Dress Badge \$20.00
  - Pin \$4.00
- Flip Coin \$3.00
- Clipboard \$5.00
- Whistle (Fox 40) \$5.00

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## The parrot given a red card for whistling like a ref

*Reproduced from The Daily Mail website <http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-1125919/The-parrot-given-red-card-whistling-like-ref.html>*

By [Andrew Levy](#)

There was everything to play for. As the second half of the match got under way, there was nothing to separate the two sides.

Then the whistle blew – and the player with the ball stopped.

But there had been no foul nor injury in the amateur football game. And no one was more surprised to hear the noise than referee Gary Bailey.

Culprit: Me-tu, the parrot, likes nothing better than watching a football game

Confused, he signalled for the footballers to carry on. But the whistle kept blowing.

It was clear there was a mischief maker among the 150 fans watching the quarter-final cup tie between Hatfield and Hertford Heath in Hertfordshire.

And when someone called him ‘pretty boy’, Mr Bailey, 45, decided enough was enough.



Eccentric owner: Irene Kerrigan was sent to the stands with her pet bird

'I was forced to go over to this woman who I thought was making the noises and ask her to stop,' he said. 'But when I confronted her, she said, "It's not me, it's my parrot".'

Irene Kerrigan, 66, had taken her nine-year-old bird Me-Tu to the match in his cage as usual so he could get some fresh air. But as she watched, her pet began mimicking the sound of the whistle.

'As he grew in confidence, he even started calling out phrases to the players,' said Mr Bailey, a referee for seven years. 'I got a hell of a shock.'

In the end, there was only one thing for it. 'I didn't have a choice – I had to send the bird off because it was ruining the game.'

Ted Collie, Hatfield's chairman, explained: 'The referee went up to her and pointed to the exit to send her off.' Saturday's knock-out ended in a 5-2 win for Hatfield, but Hertford Heath's manager Clive Adlington remained philosophical.

'I think because the parrot's been to the games so often it's picked up how to whistle,' he said.

'It was quite comical really, all the lads looking around after hearing a whistle.

'I'm not convinced he'd make a very good mascot, mind you.'

Despite Me-Tu's touchline ban, Mrs Kerrigan, who lives near the ground, was defiant. 'He loves football and I'll take him back down there again on Saturday,' she said.

## Around The Branches

### Brampton

Branch Meetings resumed on Monday January 5 and run bi-weekly until May. Feel free to drop in and see why our Branch is so vibrant!

#### **Meetings / Classes 2009**

To be held on Mondays at  
The Glasgow Rangers Supporters Club,  
185 Advance Boulevard,  
Brampton  
at 7.00pm on the following dates:

#### **5 January 2009**

*Rich Carman – Indoor Rules*

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#### **19 January 2009**

*Mike Winstanley - Free Kicks Around The Penalty Area*

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#### **2 February 2009**

*Francis Martin – Referee Complaints*

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#### **16 February 2009**

*Ilie Salmon – Dealing With Injuries*

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#### **2 March 2009**

*Hassane Rifai - Advantage*

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#### **16 March 2009**

*Awards Night*

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#### **30 March 2009**

*Matt Arduini – Assistant Referees*

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#### **13 April 2009**

*John Oliva – Standardization of Mechanics*

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#### **27 April 2009**

*Justin Tasev - Careless and Reckless Challenges*

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#### **11 May 2009**

*2009 Outdoor Season Kick Off Meeting*

### Scarborough

The Scarborough Branch Winter Education Program, start on January 13<sup>th</sup> 7.00PM sharp at Commander Park Arena. This is a new location.

Driving Instructions:

McCowan Road north of Sheppard Avenue to the 2<sup>nd</sup> stop light, turn left which is Commander Blvd. The Arena is located at 140 Commander Blvd

Please visit our website [www.ssra.ca](http://www.ssra.ca) for more detailed information



**2008 Graduation Class of upgrading C 3 referees**

**Congratulations to Siva Mailvaganam; Afsar Khan; John Williams; Wayne Morgan and Bahirathan Vignes who successfully attained the requirements needed for promotion to regional status, formally Level two.**



## **O S A Instructor and Assessor Upgrade**

**Congratulations to Leslie Wong and Chris Spencer on their respective OSA appointment**



**Leslie Wong Provincial Instructor**



**Chris Spencer Regional Assessor**

**The Scarborough Branch is very proud of your individual accomplishments and wishes all of you continued success in your future endeavors**

**Keep up the good work!**



*Invitation to the*

*CSRA 20<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting*

*The Canadian Soccer Referees Association cordially invites members to attend the  
20<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of the Association*

*Which is being hosted by the*

*Calgary & District Soccer Referees Association at the*

*Radisson Hotel Calgary Airport*

*2120-16<sup>th</sup> Avenue Northeast*

*Calgary, Alberta T2E 1L4*

**Timetable of Events is as follows**

*Friday February 20<sup>th</sup> 2009*

*7:00pm* Hospitality

*Saturday Feb 21<sup>st</sup> 2009*

*10:00am* Annual General Meeting of the Canadian Soccer Referees Association

*12:00pm* Lunch

*1:30pm* Symposium: FIFA Referee Michelle Pye (U17 experience)

*7:00pm* Dinner (informal)

**"With Fairness & Fortitude"  
"Courage et Equite"**

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***Please send to us [here](#).***

***Copy deadline for February 2009 issue is February 15, 2009.***

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