



CanSoRef

CanSoRef is the official Newsletter of the Ontario Soccer Referees' Association.
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From the President

OSRA RESTRUCTURING UPDATE

Dear Colleagues:

In September 2009, at a Presidents meeting, an overwhelming mandate to restructure our Association was given to the then Provincial Executive of the OSRA. A sub-committee chaired by Mr. Peter Johnson was quickly established. The first order of business was to review the current Constitution and propose changes and report back to the Executive. After numerous meetings and drafts, a

Constitution (draft) was completed and forwarded to the Executive with the proposed changes for their perusal.



Frank Cappizano

Over the last 6 weeks your current executive has met many times and worked very hard in its review of the draft provided by the sub-committee. The spirit of cooperation was evident at every meeting by each executive member in their desire to bring our Association back to its rightful place in the Province and the soccer community. This was not an easy task to say the least! Firstly, we needed to establish how our Association will operate or look like for years to come; then restructure the Constitution to meet those objectives. Again not easy! However, because of the resolve of this Executive we achieved our mandate and presented a New Constitution draft for the Presidents to review.

On January 17, 2010, at a Presidents meeting, a review of the draft constitution was conducted. Your representatives worked hard and long and asked many essential questions. The executive was very impressed by the turn out and more importantly the enthusiasm each representative exhibited towards the draft proposal.

After 5 hours of debate, I'm honoured and excited to announce that a 'New Constitution' (draft) was agreed on in principle by all parties.

So what is next?

Well the next step is to obtain Royal Assent of the Draft Constitution from the membership.

To that end, a Special Meeting of the Association will be held on February 28, 2010, were I'm confident that the draft will be passed. In the meantime, I would strongly encourage each one of you to approach your branch representatives to get details of the changes and to ask questions.

Once again, the spirit of this Great Association is alive and well.

I congratulate everyone for a job well done!!

Yours in refereeing,

Frank Capizzano
President, OSRA



THE MISSISSAUGA BRANCH OF THE ONTARIO SOCCER REFEREES' ASSOCIATION

2nd Annual Valentine's Dinner and Dance

February 12, 2010
Reception - 6:30 pm and Dinner - 7:30 pm

Location: Le Treport Banquet Hall
1075 The Queensway East, Mississauga, Ontario.

Cost: \$60.00 All Inclusive
Silent Auction, Door Prizes, Raffles

For Tickets please contact: Frank Capizzano - Tel: (905) 272-0623 or (416) 268-7313
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(Part of the proceeds will be donated to a local Mississauga Charity)

Frank Polla RIP

May 20, 1954 – January 1, 2010



Susan and Frank Polla

It is with great sadness that Mississauga Branch has to report that their Vice President, Frank Polla, passed peacefully after a courageous battle with cancer on Friday, January 1, 2010 at Credit Valley Hospital at the age of 55. Frank is survived by his wife Susan and children Emily and Domenic.

Frank will be sadly missed by his family members and friends and especially at OSRA Mississauga, where Frank was a member for over 12 years.



Frank Polla with the Mississauga Branch Executive

Around The Branches

Brampton

Our first meeting of 2010 on January 4 saw over 50 members and guests turn out for Rich Carman's presentation on Indoor Rules. It was noted that the BAS (our local Adult Indoor League) website had abridged rules on its website that were misleading. After consultation with the BAS President, the website was updated.

On January 18, over 70 members and guests were present for an outstanding presentation by our DRC Mike Winstanley on Gamesmanship. Mike's presentation is available to other Branches through the OSRA College.

Congratulations to Nick Lamanna and Andrew Armstrong on being upgraded to Regional Referee.



Nick Lamanna



Andrew Armstrong

Delroy Gordon and Lawrence Addo have been given dispensation for a further year to complete the programme.

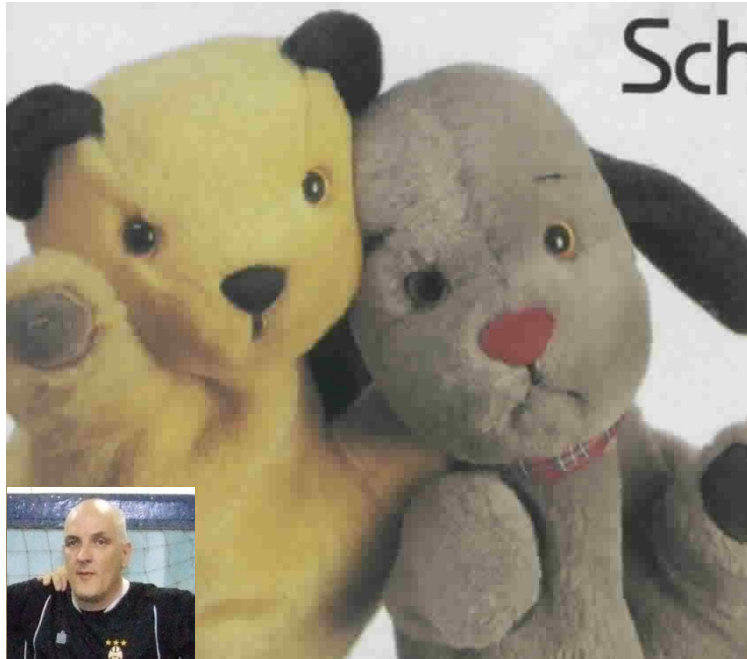


Heston Abdilla (centre) received his award from SRSL Referee Coordinator Zoltan Jakab (left) and PHSA DRC Mike Winstanley (right).

Congratulations to Heston Abdilla on his "PHSA Young Referee of the Year 2009" Award. Heston was voted OSRA Brampton Young Referee of the Year for 2008.

We like a laugh at our Branch Meetings, and this week it was at the expense of Graham Elder.

Most Brits will remember a children's TV show from the 60's and 70's called Sooty and Sweep.



Sooty and Sweep (inset: Graham Elder)

A couple of video clips were shown at the meeting of Sweep performing Nessun Dorma in the style of Pavarotti. All can be explained as follows: Sweep is a boyhood hero of Graham Elder, our 2007 Referee of the Year.

Rich Carman, our President, is also a big fan of Sweep, so Sweep (in the form of a glove puppet owned by Jenny Carman) made a personal appearance just for Graham.

The question is: were those were tears of joy in Graham's eyes at meeting his childhood hero? 😊

If you are vaguely interested in what the fuss is all about, take a look at this clip on you tube <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VGfF101AFvY>. **Sweep rocks!**

Our next meeting is on February 1, our Education is being presented by Patty Peebles and her subject is "Dealing With Injuries". As always, all are welcome to attend our meetings. The Raffle Prize for this evening is two tickets to the OSRA Mississauga Valentines Dance.

Halton

The new Halton Soccer Referees Association (OSRA) is holding a series of three education sessions in the coming months. These lectures are open to all referees who wish to attend, membership IS NOT REQUIRED. Members of other local Referees Associations Hamilton, Halton, Brampton and Mississauga members welcome.

Location: Burlington Police Headquarters. Southampton Blvd. Burlington. (Off Walkers Line South of Dundas St. #5 Hwy)

Tuesday February 23rd at 7.00pm sharp.

Claude Henoud, Topic: Careless, reckless and excessive tackles.

PowerPoint Presentation with video examples.

An explanation of the basic concepts of Law 12 and how to identify dangerous tackles.

Claude is a Provincial level referee and instructor. His active career experience takes in all facets of the game. He is also the Referee coordinator for the Toronto FC and attends to the needs of the traveling FIFA officials

He is also a long time member of the OSA & OSRA instructor's panel.

Tuesday March 30th at 7.00pm sharp.

Joe Piacenti, Topic: Offside.

PowerPoint Presentation with video examples.

Important information on how Assistant Referees should position themselves to give the best support to the man in the middle. An explanation of what is considered "Level" with the last defender.

Provincial Referee, also a member of the OSAs Referee Development Committee. Joe has been a member of the OSRA for most of his career and has qualified as an OSA and OSRA instructor.

Tuesday April 27th at 7.00pm Sharp.

Keith Godsave, Topic: The Referee and the history of the "Man in the middle"
PowerPoint presentation with video examples.

Keith is a long time referee with vast experience who has practiced as a Referee Assessor, Instructor and mentor to our up and coming officials. Well known to most of you in Halton, gives freely of his time to assist all levels of referees.

Keith Is a member of the OSA and OSRA Instructors panel.

NEW MEMBERS WOULD BE WELCOME.

Peter Johnson, Secretary Pro tem

Mississauga

The Branch Valentine's Dance has been booked for Feb 12, 2010 at Le Treport, 1075 Queensway East, Mississauga. Ticket cost \$60.00 each and includes 5 course dinner with wine, all drinks and entertainment. Please see our advertisement on page 2 for full details - please mark this date on your calendar, everyone is welcome to join us at this very special function.

Congratulations to Christian Lita on being upgraded to Regional

Hassane Rifai, Steve Senderovich, Matt Arduini and Mack Meloche were selected to the

list of the 20 top provincial referees of the province, they will attend the OSA advanced referee training program that will start on February 27, 2010.



Matt Arduini



Mack Meloche



Steve Senderovich



Hassane Rifai

Peterborough

We had a very successful AGM followed by a social gathering

Our members received and reviewed the draft of OSRA constitution, bits of information from OSRA's AGM and also the latest edition of CanSoRef

We had a very efficient meeting on January 14 where we covered a lot of issues such as: OSRA's future and constitution, our role as a branch within the organization, educational clinics, topics covered, fitness programs, ongoing indoor season, OSA and ECOSA guidelines about fees and discipline etc..

We are working as a branch on a monthly Newsletter for our members to keep them updated with the latest news and events

We will have a strong voice in the local soccer community by promoting our branch in any possible, starting by building bridges of communication with the leagues and other soccer organization in the area

We will be represented at the next OSRA meeting on January 17 by our President

We have a lot of exciting events and tournaments coming up

Fevri Pazari-Secretary

Graham Poll, retired FIFA and EPL Referee, now writes a column for the Daily Mail newspaper in the UK.

A full archive of Grahams' columns can be found on the internet at <http://www.dailymail.co.uk/sport/columnist-482/Graham-Poll.html>.

Some of his recent columns, which are an interesting read:

- [Graham Poll: William Gallas's tackle on Mark Davies was a shocker, so why didn't FA act?](#)
- [Graham Poll: Mike Dean was wrong to award Manchester City their penalty](#)
- [GRAHAM POLL: Our World Cup ref proves his class but Rafa is left fuming](#)
- [GRAHAM POLL: Look again, Fergie! Why Manchester United's referee baiter Darren Fletcher deserved to be sent off](#)
- [Graham Poll's verdict on record-breaking referee Michael Oliver](#)
- [Graham Poll: Forget that rant by Sir Alex...referee Chris Foy got it spot on](#)
- [GRAHAM POLL: Another day of shame for the menace that is El-Hadji Diouf](#)

Scarborough

Ramee Arbaji

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Ramee's quest for his Provincial Status started in 2008 where he toiled consistently, to gain experience and polish his Refereeing skills. The road to success does not come easily. Ramee made a tremendous amount of sacrifices in order to be successful. To acquire the 20 qualifying games required by CSA, Ramee had to travel outside the boundaries of Scarborough to fulfill these requirements
The following are Ramee's Accomplishments in 2009

Promoted to Provincial Referee Status **Dec 09**

Canadian Soccer league Reserve division Semi Final: Woodbridge Italia FC vs. Unionville Italia FC September 20th St Joan of Arc Stadium (Middle)

Canadian Soccer League Semi-Final first Leg: Trois-Rivieres Attak vs. Italia Shooters October 10 @ St. Joan of Arc Stadium (4th)

OCAA Men's Provincial bronze medal Game: Humber vs Fanshawe Oct 24 @ The Soccer Centre (A.R.)

OCAA Women's Gold Medal Game: Durham vs Fanshawe Oct 24 @ the Soccer Centre (4th)

Afsar KHAN

Congratulations to Afsar Khan on his promotion to Provincial Referee Status in the Province of Ontario. The tremendous thing about this accomplishment, is Afsar was able to do it in 5 years, after successfully writing and passing the entry level examination in 2004

Afsar successfully achieved the Regional upgrading program in 2008 and was promoted by OSA to Regional Status. Immediately following this, Afsar enrolled into the Provincial upgrading program in 2009.

This was not an easy task. CSA mandated that this is now a one year program, which required Afsar to officiate 20 qualifying games in one year. This required Afsar to travel outside the boundaries of Scarborough to accomplish this. He travelled as far as Ottawa for assessment games. His strong desire to succeed entailed hard work and perseverance. **Success does not come easy!**

The following are Afsar Accomplishments in 2009

Refereed the following games

TSA Cup Finals @ Centennial Stadium

Ontario Cup Women U21

OUA Men and Women

OCAA Men and Women

OSL Provincial and Regional



Toronto

OSRA REFEREES IN FLORIDA SHOW CASE SOCCER TOURNAMENTS DECEMBER 2009.

By: Matthew A. Omolayole, President - OSRA Toronto Branch.

Christmas 2009 break from officiating indoor soccer games in Toronto saw three of OSRA members officiating in three different Soccer Showcase tournaments in Florida. Tomlin Hibbert from Toronto Branch was in Cocoa Beach to be part of the game officials invited to the 18th Cocoa Expo Cup College Showcase & Junior Cup. This tournament is held from December 27 - 30, 2009 in City of Cocoa Beach Florida.



Tomlin Hibbert - Centre Referee - Cocoa Expo Tournament - Florida 2009 U-19 Boys.



Tomlin Hibbert - Discussing fine points of refereeing with his AR's.

Peter Pendli from York Region OSRA Branch and myself had the privilege of being invited to participate in the 32nd. Annual Tampa Bay Sun Bowl International Youth Soccer Tournament as game officials.



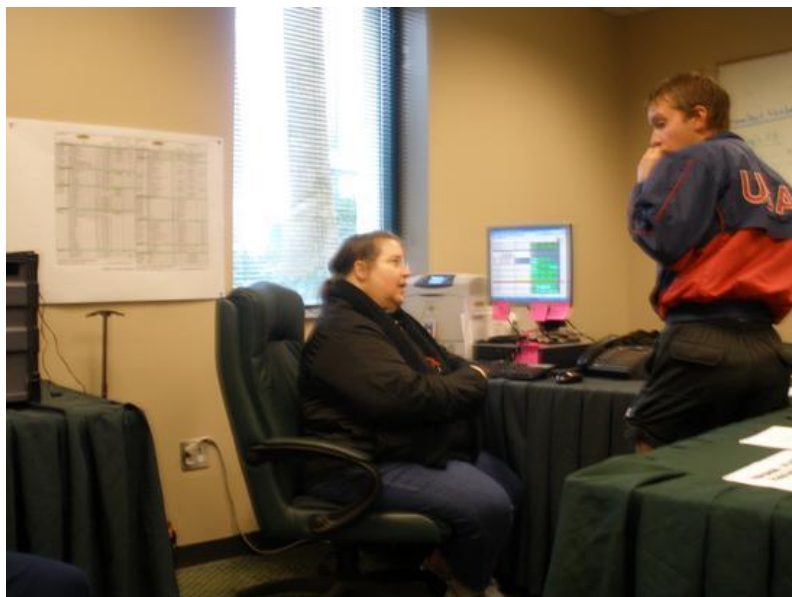
Peter Pendli York Region OSRA Branch AR, 1 - Tampa Bay Sun Bowl Boys U19 Final.

also, had the honour and privilege of being the only OSRA member to be invited to be one of the game officials to officiating in the 2009 Disney's Girls Soccer Showcase presented by Chelsea Football Club in Orlando, Florida.

The main purpose of these tournaments is to showcase young soccer players to university and college coaches from all over United States.

These soccer tournaments are open to United States and International Boys and Girls teams between the ages U15 and U19. Some of the Canadian teams that were at these showcase soccer tournaments were from Richmond Hill,

Oakville, Pickering and De Soccer Montreal, Quebec.



*Ms. Cheryl Groth – Referees Coordinator –
Disney's Girls Soccer Showcase.*

These three tournaments brought together game officials from various parts of United States and Canada, with Province of Ontario and Quebec represented.

Game officials also came from European countries including Belgium, Denmark, Germany, Italy, Scotland and United Kingdom. This allows for a good interaction between fellow game officials and opportunities to swap officiating stories.



*Michael J. Mekelburg Sr. – Director of
Referees Tampa Bay Sun Bowl at Referee
Pre-Competition Meeting.*



Tampa Bay Sun Bowl Boys u16 Final Referee Crew

The levels of competition at the two tournaments that I was involved in were comparable in skill level to that of Ontario Cup and most instances are higher. Players at this tournament had better ball skills, but less physical presence. This might be due to the fact that this tournament is used as a recruiting ground for college and university coaches in United States.



M. Omolayole AR, 1 OSRA Toronto Branch, Pre-game field inspection – Tampa Sun Bowl Boys U16 Final.

Game officials are paired together for three or four games each day of the competition and are rotated for each game and also, to a different tournament complex the following day. These way game officials have the privilege of officiating different teams in the competition and also working with different game officials each day.

I had the opportunity with game officials from some European countries like Belgium, Italy and Scotland and also United States.



From left: A. Searfoss (Italy) M. Omolayole (Canada) and P. Peace (Scotland) at Disney U16 Girl's game.

As some of the other game officials told me at the during the Disney's Girls Soccer Showcase presented by Chelsea Football Club tournaments that I was involved in from December 31, 2009 – January 03, 2010, this is the best girls tournament they have been to in recent years.

For these I would like to extend appreciation to Ms. Cheryl Groth the referee coordinator at Disney Wide World of Sports and her husband the field coordinator at Lake Myrtle in *Auburndale*, Florida for their hospitality.

Also, I would like to say thanks to Mr. Michael J. Mekelburg Sr. the Director of Referees Tampa Bay Sun Bowl for allowing me and my colleague Peter Pendli to be part of this year Tampa Bay Sun Bowl tournament.



From left: A. Subotic (Florida) AR1, C. Winders (Alaska) centre referee and M. Omolayole (Canada) AR2 - Disney U16 Girls final.

This was a cold day in Orlando which is unusual during this time of the year in Florida. Don't leave home without your long sleeves shirt.

State of Connecticut Referees wearing OSRA Badge.





*From left:
Joe
Inwanko
UK & M.
Omelayole
– OSRA
Toronto
Branch
President.*

*United Kingdom
Referee Crew.*





Relaxing between games in Tampa.

State of Massachusetts Referee Crew.





Keeping up with the play at the tournaments.

After the Game - Taking care of the game report.





Writing up the Reports after the Game

Relaxing with other referees after a long day.





Disney Wide World of Sports entrance.

The European Referee Crew with couple of Referees from United States to the left.





Disney Wide World of Sports complex Orlando, Florida.



Disney Soccer Showcase.



Running the side line with flag towards the field.

*Assistant Referee
offside signal
middle of the
field.*



OSRA Merchandise

Equipment Prices

- Rain Jacket \$60.00
- Golf Shirt (assorted colors) \$30.00
- T Shirt \$13.00
- Uniform Badge \$5.00
- Referee Cap \$13.00 (New Stock just arrived)
- Toque \$6.00
- Tie \$20.00
- Uniform Badge \$5.00 (10 or more – special price \$3.00 each)
- Dress Badge \$20.00
- Pin \$4.00
- Flip Coin \$3.00
- Clipboard \$5.00
- Whistle (Fox 40) \$5.00

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