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BCSRA NEWSLETTER

Christmas 2005

**To all our brothers and sisters in black
 We wish you some thing good from Santa's sack
 Merry Christmas to all of you
 And best wishes for your loved ones too**



FIFA REFEREE TO SPEAK AT CSRA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING JANUARY 21st in VICTORIA

The meeting will be held Saturday, January 21st, 2006 at the Empress Hotel in Victoria and feature an educational session by Canadian FIFA Referee Mauricio Navarro on "What is expected of a referee at the top level". A luncheon will precede the session and a banquet will be held at 530pm. The day has been designed to allow taking a later ferry and coming home on the 9pm ferry. Please RSVP to either Secretary Richard Brownie (604-591-7621 or guild_ref@hotmail.com) or CSRA 1st VP Tony Troughton (250-595-9920). Those wishing to stay may obtain rooms at \$95/night by quoting the CSRA AGM.

Friday, January 20th: Hospitality night at the Douglas Room, Fairmont Empress, Victoria BC
 -Chance to meet & greet fellow referees from across Canada

Saturday, January 21st:

- 10AM 17 th CSRA AGM - Balmoral Room, Fairmont Empress, Victoria BC
- 1230pm Luncheon Palm Court(free for all out-of-towners)
- 130pm Education Session - Balmoral Room: Part 1 -What is expected of a referee at the top level"
by Mauricio Navarro
- 230-240pm Washroom Break
- 240pm Education Session: Part 2 - Comments by Mauricio on selected video clips
- 330pm Education Session ends
- 330-530pm Free time for each participant
- 530pm Banquet - Palm Court(cost \$40/person)
- 8pm Banquet ends and we say good-bye to our new found friends across the country (unless we are staying behind) and mainland participants may leave for the ferry.

Hotel is the Fairmont Empress 721 Government Street Victoria BC V8W 1W5

Individual Reservations - Delegates are responsible for making their own individual reservations, please call our Global Reservations Centre at 1-800-441-1414 or visit our website at www.fairmont.com.

Callers must identify themselves as being with the Group. - CSRA

Room Category Single/Double Canadian Funds Fairmont Room \$95.00

All of the above rates are quoted in Canadian funds, and are net, non-commissionable and subject to 10% Provincial Tax and 7% Federal Goods and Services Tax (GST).



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INAUGURAL BCSRA REFEREE EDUCATION AWARD TO BE PRESENTED

At a Council has agreed to create a BCSRA Referee Education Award with the first recipient being BCSRA member John Nielsen. The award will be made at the Annual General Meeting, to be held in Vancouver in Spring 2006 , will be bestowed to an individual who provides an outstanding contribution in developing referee education material or programs. A committee will be formed to firm up selection procedures and criteria for future presentations.

CLASS 4 ONLINE MEMBERSHIP TO INCREASE BY \$5; CLASS 4's PAYING CASH/CHEQUE TO STAY AT \$10.

Due to the miniscule net funds available for operations after transaction costs are factored in (approximately \$5), those Class 4 members paying online will be required to cover the online transaction charge effective April 1, 2006. Class 4 members may still renew/join for the current \$10 amount by paying submitting a form with a cheque or money order for \$10. Cash memberships are also accepted in person to the Treasurer.

LEN BRIDGEMAN NEWEST LONG & MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARD RECIPIENT

At the November 19th Fall Council Meeting of the association, Council voted in Len Bridgeman as the latest recipient of the BCSRA's Long and Meritorious Service Award. The award, bestowed upon those members who have given a great contribution to refereeing and service to referees for a minimum of 25 years, will be presented at the Referee Association's Annual General Meeting, to be held in Vancouver in Spring 2006.

Dear Members of the Referees Association,

I would like to wish you all the very best of the Christmas season and hopeful wishes for a prosperous New Year, the year of World Cup 2006. Despite all the trials and tribulations over the past year, and it was pretty scary at times, if you're like me you're looking ahead to next year's spectacle. I'm waiting with clenched teeth for the opening whistle of the first game of this event.

Why is the World Cup so important? Because this one event is used by the entire soccer world to gauge the state of the game. For us as referees, it's important that we watch the games of the 18th World Cup because there will be incidents that happen which will not only be talked about for years to come, but which local players may try to emulate on our local parks! (con't. next column)

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We always have to stay one step ahead of them. Staying one step ahead of them means we all have to pitch in and work together. To expect one or two people to bring about action while everyone sits around on the sideline and watches won't work- it's a team effort. Let's make it a New Year's resolution to offer our help to our local Area Association executives (in the case of Direct members please contact the provincial executive) to work together as a team, to unite as many referees so they can be informed of the state of the game, and in turn to create a bond that makes them feel good about being areferee Merry Christmas, if it's not too late.
Elvio Chies, President

IN THE NEXT ISSUE

Y-League Playoffs in Florida
Tom's Musings

What is expected of a referee at the top level (summary of CSRA AGM Educational Session).

Do you have a submission for the Flag & Whistle?

Please email all material to either
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Note : Deadline for submissions in the next issue will be Jan. 31 / 06

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Thank you to all who've contributed articles and apologies to those whose submissions never made it into this edition.

