



Fife Referees Association



Members Newsletter

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St. Andrews International Football Festival

23 Fife Referees George Macdonald, John Watson, Mark Donald, Colin Brown, Harry Gould, William Gilfillan, Raymond Walls, Derek Connor, Kevin Martin, Ryan Woodrow, Steve Crichton, Derek Lowe, Robert Danskin, Archie Kyle, Joe Napier, David McGeachie, Walter Barr, Craig Marshall, John Cooper, Steven Mair, Malcolm Harley, Robert Clark, Alex Mercer officiated at this tournament. Boys and Girls Teams from Australia, USA, Canada, Greece, Scotland, England, Ireland and Wales all participated. They were joined by 6 referees from Angus & Perthshire and 11 from Edinburgh and District.



Our Association Supervisor Douglas Downie attended to observe some of the young and not so young members in action as did George Smith member of the SFA Referee Committee who attended to observe the Edinburgh referees who were there as part of their Development scheme under the guidance of Peter Peace.

Accommodation and meals for Referees were provided in the New Hall - it's a hard life in an ensuite double room with TV !!

The Referee of the Tournament was our own Robert Danskin and he is shown being presented with his trophy.

Thanks as ever to Harry Gould for his co-ordination of the referees and getting every game covered. Once again this proved to be an "interesting" task as 7 a side competitions were sprung on Harry with 10 minutes notice !!

It is hoped that the Development opportunities offered to Edinburgh referees can be expanded and made available to all referees at the tournament next year. The dates for 2005 are Monday 18th - Friday 22nd July.

One highly disappointing element to the week for all involved when referees who have indicated their availability either don't show up or call to advise that they are not available for the evening session. This is not acceptable. You would not call a League Secretary after 5pm to tell him that you could not do your game that evening unless there was some emergency that had only just arisen. However it is clear that some members knew far earlier in the day that they were not going to be able to attend in the evening and waited until after 5pm to make the call. This left no time to arrange cover and meant that some evening games took place without assistant referees.



By the end of the week the hard core of referees who had been there for the week were simply exhausted between the heat and the number of games they had to do - if you are available even on one evening then the tournament is on next year then your colleagues who have been officiating since 9.30am would greatly appreciate you giving up a night to assist.

August Members Monthly Meeting

This will take place at Bayview Stadium, Methil on Thursday 12th August with a 7pm start. Tea, Coffee and Biscuits will be available from 6.45.

Our Coaching Co-ordinator John Rowbotham will be discussing the changes to the Laws of the Game. In addition to the Coaching slot this month we will have two of our own member as Guest Speakers :-

Raymond Whyte and Ben Horsburgh who last month made long trip across the Atlantic to officiate at



20th Anniversary USA CUP 2004 competition in Blaine, Minnesota. The competition over 10 days is without doubt currently the largest youth soccer tournament in the world. The main tournament involved teams from all over the world with ages ranging from 11 boys/girls up to the more senior 19 boys/girls age groups. After officiating in more than 50 games, the two Fife



officials were rewarded with refereeing a final each. Ben taking charge of the 14s' boys final and Raymond taking charge of 19s' girls final. Raymond and Ben will be presenting a more in depth talk about trip at the meeting. Make sure you attend to hear all about the rewarding trip they have just enjoyed.

Fife and the Future

The Development of the Association is critical to the ongoing success of the Association. Council are keen to build on the work done by Douglas Downie, Les Deas and the members of the Fife Advisory Panel in developing and nurturing the refereeing potential in Fife. However without a strong Association with a vision of where it wants to go behind them it is hoped that the Association can continue to build on this success.

The 2003 / 2004 season finished on a high for the Association with Brian McDuffie appointed as the Assistant Referee on the Tennent's Scottish Cup Final between Celtic and Dunfermline Athletic at Hampden Park. This was the third senior national cup final for Fifiers last season with Stuart Macaulay appointed as Assistant Referee on the CIS Cup Final between Livingston and Hibernian at Hampden Park and Ricky Smith on the Bells Cup Final between Airdrie United and Inverness Caledonian Thistle.

Last season also saw Craig Marshall, Colin Brown, Steve Crichton and William Gilfillan officiating in the OVD Scottish Junior Cup Semi Finals. John Rowbotham, Kay Rogerson and Lorraine Clark officiate at the Scottish Women's League Cup Final, Ritchie Malcolm, Michael Gill, Andrew Harvey and Billy Millar officiating at the Under 21 Scottish Cup Final.

There is much to look forward to in the 2004 / 2005 season; Fife has acquired a Class 1 Category 1 Referee, Kevin Toner, on a Bosman from the Glasgow Association. Willie Conquer has been promoted on the Register of Senior Referees as a Class 1 Assistant Referee and Keith Maskell, Kevin Martin, Michael Gill and Neil Marshalsey have been promoted as Class 2 Senior Referees.

Why not play your part in helping to shape the future. Fife and the Future will be a weekend residential event commencing on a Saturday evening in October / November and finishing at around 4pm on the Sunday.

If you are interested in finding out more then please contact a member of Council. If you would like to be considered to take part then please advise Colin Brown.

UEFA Super Cup Final

This will take place on Friday 27th August in Stade Louis II in Monaca. The match is between FC Porto and Valencia CF. Tickets prices £28 are available and must be applied for by Tuesday 10th August 2004.

Exam Part 3

Congratulations to John Cooper, Steven Mair, Malcolm Harley, Robert Clark, Alex Mercer and Robert Danskin who all completed Part 3 of the Introductory Referee Exam during the St. Andrews Festival.

Trainee Classes

The Association will be holding classes for anyone interested in joining their ranks. The classes will be conducted by the Tutorial team led by Andy Hunter. Classes will commence shortly in a central Fife location and another class will commence on Monday 18th October at 7pm in St. Andrews. If you know of anyone who is interested then please have them visit the Association website www.fifereferrees.co.uk, send a text to 07766558480 or write to Colin Brown at 32 Main Street, West Wemyss, Fife KY1 4SW.

Website

The new look Association website www.fifereferrees.co.uk is now up and running. Congratulations to George Macdonald and Ben Horsburgh for all of their efforts. It is hoped that Ben will be able to give a short presentation on this at the August Members Monthly Meeting.

Bells Cup 1st Round (31st July)

Airdrie United v Queen of the South
Arbroath v Peterhead

Colin Brown
Andy Hunter



CIS Insurance Cup 1st Round (10th / 11th August)

Stenhousemuir v Arbroath
Peterhead v East Stirlingshire
Falkirk v Montrose
Berwick Rangers v Elgin City

Ricky Smith
John Rowbotham
Kevin Toner
Stuart Macaulay

Brian McDuffie
Steve Crichton



Bells Cup 2nd Round (31st August / 1st September)

Alloa Athletic v Berwick Rangers
Clyde v Stranraer
Albion Rovers v Partick Thistle
Falkirk v Stirling Albion
Forfar Athletic v Queens Park

Andrew Aird
William Gilfillan
Andy Hunter
Colin Brown
Brian McDuffie

Ricky Smith



Social Scene

The Annual Golf match takes place against Stirling Referees on 5th September at Muckhart Golf Club. The cost per person will be approx £50. The cost includes Morning coffee, lunch and dinner plus 2 rounds of golf. Anyone wishing to play should contact Raymond Whyte by email on following addresses- wraz74@aol.com or rwhyte@bifab.co.uk or by phone no later than Sunday 15th August

Joe Napier

Congratulation to Joe Napier who having completed his exam in December 1990 officiated at his 900th game during the St. Andrews International Football Festival. Joe is shown pictured with the Association President William Gilfillan.

Laws of the Game 2004 / 2005

All Registered Referees should have received a copy of this during July direct from the SFA. If you did not get a copy please contact Colin Brown

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Colin Brown has returned as the last minute guest editor for this edition of the Newsletter. Colin extends his thanks to George MacDonald and Raymond Whyte for their contributions to make this possible.

