MONTHLY NEWSLETTER – NOVEMBER 2014

NEXT MEETING

THURSDAY 20 NOVEMBER 2014

KICK OFF AT 8pm SHARP

VENUE: FARNBOROUGH OLD BOYS SPORTS CLUB, FARNBOROUGH VILLAGE, KENT (behind the Woodman Public House)

MEMBER DRAW – WIN £10
(PROVIDING YOU ARE THERE TO COLLECT IT)

THE LUCKY BALL DRAW - £30
(Dependent upon the number of members in attendance)
THE MEMBER DRAW

At every branch meeting throughout the season we have a member draw when those members present get the chance to win £10. If you don’t know your member (receipt) number these can be viewed on the website: http://bromleyreferees.org/ (look on ‘The Boring Stuff’ page and click on the ‘Member Receipt Numbers’ file or click on the link on the home page).

The member receipt number drawn at the October branch meeting was No30. The member was not present at the branch meeting to claim his £10 prize.

THE LUCKY BALL DRAW

The ‘Lucky Ball’ was not held at the October branch meeting due to an insufficient number of members in attendance. The ‘Lucky Ball’ will be worth £30 at the November branch meeting.

AROUND THE LEAGUES

METROPOLITAN SUNDAY LEAGUE NEWS

We have had to take action against one club who caused aggravation during and after three matches. Two player registrations were withdrawn with the support of the London FA. On appeal, we have allowed one player back but with a warning as to his future conduct. Strong action has led to the team settling down and a better atmosphere in the dressing room. We hope this continues for the whole season.

We have suffered our first casualty of the season with Brixton United disbanding from The Ron Pope Premier Division. They have had a number of problems with player reliability so it was not a total surprise that it happened.

Against that, we have received our first enquiry from a club in another league wanting to join the MSFL in 2015-16. I hope this will be the first of many as we try to maintain the strength of the league.

A few clubs like to ignore correspondence from London FA like paying fines for red and yellow cards issued and then realise they face suspension. Suddenly the money is produced. They seem to think that if they ignore letters from the county the matter will simply go away.

We are always open to Bromley Branch members joining our Referees’ Panel. Those not with us might enjoy the challenge of different grounds and new faces. We have had some good comments from our existing officials about matches so why not try us and find out? Just ring me on 01689-836648.

John Pitts – Hon. General Secretary.
The season moves on swiftly with 3 out of our 4 cup competitions up and running and the final one, the newly named Vic Farrow Cup, going “live” in the 1st Round on Dec. 7th.

Sadly, we have lost a referee who decided that the constant whinging of the players has proved too much and has decided to retire. This is a shame has he had been with OBDSFL for many years but is a reminder to us all to be fair and honest in our application of the Laws so that these players get the necessary Yellow Card when it is due. With 5 yellow cards getting an automatic one match suspension at our level it is hoped that these truculent types will learn in due course and stop spoiling the game for everyone.

Several teams have been up in front of the Management Committee with regard to their RESPECT marks which we take very seriously as a RESPECT League. One team from one club and all three teams from another club are expected to improve their RESPECT marks to the satisfaction of the Committee by the end of December or else they will be asked to leave the League. We hope with our encouragement they have the will to improve – if not they will be shown the door.

Early season promise in the County Cups still holds good with 6 teams active in the Kent Cups, 2 in the London Cups and 1 in the Surrey Cup. We wish them all well and our colleagues who are getting their County “plums”.

Bob Potts
Joint Refs Sec, OBDSFL

**REFEREE SUPPLIES**

Basic referee supplies are now available at every branch meeting or if you need referee kit, polo-shirts etc. then, place an order by contacting our Supplies Officer, Alexis Stacchini using e-mail stacchini@hotmail.co.uk

**BRANCH POLO SHIRTS (BLACK WITH BROMLEY LOGO) ARE NOW AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE AT A COST OF £10.**
Answer from the October Peep

The goal stands. Before the player came back on to the pitch he will have had his boots checked by the Assistant Referee / Fourth Official, so you have to rely on your colleague's judgment. Players are not doing anything wrong by wearing mismatching boots, so long as they are legal and not in any way dangerous.

Answer in the December Peep
NEWS IN BRIEF

1. The minutes of the October KRA Delegates meeting can be read on the Society website http://bromleyreferees.org/latest-news.php

2. The RA has today, Friday 7 November 2014, agreed to the sale of Unit 12 Ensign Business Centre, Coventry to the Ambulance Service Benevolent Fund.

With immediate effect the new RA Head Office address is:
3. Lynn Harris has been appointed as the new RA Office Administrator. Her hours are Monday, Wednesday and Thursday 9am – 3pm. Lynn will also act as the RA’s Minute Secretary and will attend Board Meetings.

4. People wanting to become FA tutors will now have to pay a fee of £395 to the FA before they are admitted. This seems a backward step and will do nothing to encourage people to become much needed tutors.

5. The Eve of the Final Rally has been confirmed as the 29 May 2015 and will be held at 1 Great George Street once again.


7. The County RA Liaison meeting will be held near Coventry on the 11 January 2015. Three people from each county committee can attend but with the proviso that one must be under 25 (ED at last an incentive to get the youngest involved!)

8. There will be no more printed versions of the FA Refereeing Magazine; all future editions will be e-mailed to registered referees’.

9. The Bromley and District League has sadly announced the death of Jim Hampson who was a long standing committee member. Jim’s funeral was held at Beckenham Crematorium on Monday 17 November. John Pitts and Dave Askham attended and our condolences are extended to his family at this sad time.

10. The OBDSFL has announced the sad passing of Roger Dunning one of the league referees’. The news came via the Surrey FA and Croydon Referees’ Society (Mike Sullivan). There are no details as yet regarding his funeral but our sympathy is extended to his family at this sad time.

11. The KRA President, John Fenning suffered a stroke on the 25 October whilst out shopping in John Lewis. Thanks to the swift action of his wife Jean, the John Lewis staff, Paramedics, ambulance personnel and staff at William Harvey Hospital it was not as serious as it could have been. As a
consequence John was released from hospital on the 28 October and is recuperating well at home, although refereeing a game may be a little way off yet.

12. The former Deal branch is holding an evening for the presentation by the RA of a Life Membership Award to Richard Blackman.

We are trying to get as many colleagues and friends along to celebrate Richard's outstanding contribution to Refereeing.

The event will be held on Thursday 15th January 2015, 1930 hours

Betteshanger Bowling Club
Welfare Sports Ground
Cavell Square
Deal
Kent
CT14 9HN

There will be a buffet on the evening, so can I please ask that if you are free to attend, please confirm by email to Don Macleod mac21tr@yahoo.co.uk before Wednesday 31st December 2014. This will give Don the time to arrange the catering.

13. Charlton Athletic Deaf FC are looking for a referee for Charlton Athletic Deaf FC vs Doncaster Deaf FC at Green Courts Sports Club in Swanley on Sunday 23rd November - 1pm Kick Off. This game is for the British Deaf Cup Quarter-Final.

Please contact Ryan Marshall ryanmarshall88@yahoo.co.uk if you are available.

14. A final reminder that the RA Life Membership Award for Jock Campbell is being held on Monday 8th December, 7.30pm at the: -

Civil Service Sports & Social Club
Recreation Close
Maidstone
Kent
ME14 5AZ

Smart casual attire is fine.

NOTHING TO DO WITH REFEREEING

At Our Lady Star of the Sea Church in Northampton, they have weekly husbands' marriage seminars.

At a session, the priest asked Guido Politi, a second generation Italian immigrant, and approaching his 50th wedding anniversary, to take a few minutes to share an insight into how he had managed to stay married to the same woman all these years.
Guido replied to the assembled husbands, ‘Wella, I'va tried to treat her nice, spenda da money on her, but besta of all is, I took her to Italy for the 25th anniversary!’

The priest responded, ‘Guido, you are an amazing inspiration to all the husbands here! Please tell us what you are planning for your wife for the 50th wedding anniversary?’

Guido proudly replied, "I gonna go pick her up."

**AND FINALLY**

Harry Hardy BEM. Is Harry [Erewash Valley and an RA Life Member] the oldest referee still officiating in England? At 87 he has been officiating for 56 years and was honoured with his civil decoration as well as recognition from the FA for his long service. The Board sent their congratulations to him.

**ED: Pittsy, Potts & Bailey (Snr) have still got a long way to go to beat old Harry!**

**Ed** That’s all for now folks but I look forward to seeing you on Thursday 20 November.

For more information look on the Bromley Society Website: [http://bromleyreferees.org/](http://bromleyreferees.org/)