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The next meeting of the Woking Referees' Society will be on Monday May 8th 2017

Meadow Sports Football Club
Loop Rd Playing Fields, Loop Rd, Kingfield, Woking
Surrey GU22 9BQ

AGENDA

- ♦ **7.30 Academy Meeting**
- ♦ **8.00 Chairman's Welcome**

Guest Speaker

Pat Bakhuizen



- ♦ **Society Business**
- ♦ **10.00 Close**

**The First Meeting of the 2017/18 Season will be on
August 14th 2017**

The deadline for August Warbler is 4th August 2017

*The views expressed in this magazine are not necessarily those of the
Society or its' Committee*

From the Chair

Hi Everyone,

As we enter the season break, it's time to reflect on another successful season of the Woking Society. With our first year as an RA QUEST bronze member under our belts we will now be looking at gaining the silver accreditation. We have led the way with the trial of the RA-FA HUB training sessions, which have been a big success for the 17 LRA's that trialed them and so the RA-FA are going to roll them out again next season

We again have had a number of members gain promotion and a good few members representing us at the County Cup and various League Cup finals and we have a member gain his 45 year award for service to the county FA and refereeing. Well done to all of those individuals (you know who you are)

As always during the Summer break there will be lots of opportunities to referee at tournaments and friendlies, these are good ways to keep on top of your fitness and keeping in touch with refereeing, league and club friends. Just be aware that these games must still be sanctioned by the FA, if you're not sure then you can contact the county office to check that the tournament or friendly is sanctioned by them, this will cover you with any problems that may occur

Finally enjoy your break and hopefully the sun will shine and we can all work on our referee knee tans!

Look forward to seeing you all at our final seasons meeting on the 8th May.



Pat

Membership & Accounts

2016/17 Membership	
134	Full Members
9	Friends
1	Affiliate Member
66 Referees trained in 2016/2017	

2017 Current Status	
General	£2,154.56
Supplies	£154.00
Belgium	0
Training Fund	£1244.26
Youth Fund	£113.50
Total	£3,666.32

Just a Sec!



FA Non League Cup Finals Day 21st May

I have applied for tickets for those who have asked. It would appear that the tickets will be sent to me for distribution. Hopefully we should have them by the next meeting, otherwise I'll stick them in the post. I'm still looking at the possibility of hiring a coach or mini bus and will be writing to you individually to determine numbers.

Welfare Officer

With the recent revelations of alleged improper conduct regarding minors within sport, including football, the RA have suggested all Local RAs should appoint a Welfare Officer to raise the profile and importance of this issue. Gareth Heighes, our Training Officer, who has attended the relevant FA Welfare Course has kindly stepped up the mark and in addition to his Training commitments has taken on the role for Woking RA.

45 Years

Congratulations to Dave Cooper who was presented with his 45 year award as a Surrey County Referee at our last meeting. He received his trophy from Bruce McLaren, Chairman of the Surrey Referees' Committee.

Membership

If you've not already done so, please remember to renew your membership asap. You can now opt for £25 membership but won't have the pleasure of your Warbler dropping through your letterbox - just into your inbox !



Dave Cooper (on right) presented with his 45 year award by Bruce McLaren (*could be twins ? Ed*)

Below Pat presents Roger Vaughn our speaker at the April Hub meeting with a thank you bottle of wine.





Anthony Taylor has spoken of his pride at being appointed to referee the 2017 Emirates FA Cup Final between Arsenal and Chelsea.

The Cheshire-based official will take charge of the game at Wembley Stadium on Saturday 27 May, alongside assistant referees Gary Beswick (Durham FA) and Marc Perry (Birmingham FA), fourth official Robert Madley (West Riding FA) and reserve assistant referee Adam Nunn (Wiltshire FA).

And having previously been fourth official at the 2013 FA Cup Final, the 38-year-old admits he can't wait to step out into the middle as referee.

"The first feeling when I got was the call...I was delighted, excited and very, very honoured and humbled to be appointed to the game," said Taylor, who has also taken charge at The FA Community Shield, League Cup Final, FA Trophy and FA Vase Finals at the national stadium.

"It's been a long-standing dream of mine in the 20-odd years that I've been a referee to one day officiate The FA Cup Final, it's the pinnacle of your domestic career.

"Refereeing a match at Wembley is a fantastic experience, any game that you do there, but the Cup Final is iconic and especially with it being a London derby as well, that adds an extra dimension to the occasion."

Taylor has been officiating in the Premier League since 2010 and has also refereed in international and European games since he was added to the FIFA list in 2013.

A passionate supporter of his local non-League team Altrincham, Taylor admits he still feels privileged to be involved in games at the elite end of the sport and to act as an inspiration to referees of the future.

"People forget that as a referee at the top of the elite level, you're really fortunate because you get to experience such unbelievable atmospheres like Wembley and it's a feeling that you wish you could bottle up and share with a football fan or referees who are working their way up in grassroots football," he explained.

"Most people who love football dream somehow of being involved in an FA Cup Final, usually as a player, but every single referee has dreamed of playing in an FA Cup Final so to referee the game is the next best thing.

"It comes back to acting as an inspiration to people in the refereeing family, operating at grassroots level or trying to work their way through the leagues to really show that with hard work and commitment, that can reap rewards."

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Speaking about the news, David Elleray, Chairman of The FA Referees' Committee, said: "Anthony's appointment is richly deserved.

"He is a referee with considerable domestic and international experience having been an additional assistant referee in UEFA's four most significant matches: the EURO final (2016) Champions League final (2016), Europa League final (2015) and Super Cup (2014).

"He refereed The FA Community Shield in 2015 and has also refereed both of The FA's other major finals – The FA Vase and FA Trophy.

"His wealth of knowledge of the game and his ability to manage players effectively means that he is one of the country's most respected officials.

"He will be working with a team of officials who are operating at the height of their abilities – hence their appointment to this prestigious match – and the whole refereeing team will be fully aware of the enormous responsibility taking charge of The FA Cup Final involves.

"Whilst players have no limit on the number of times that can play in an FA Cup Final, this is not true for the match officials so this makes their appointment even more special as it is their one and only opportunity to be part of this amazing match.

"The FA Referees' Committee were unanimous in their selection of Anthony, Gary, Marc, Bobby and Adam and have full confidence that they will contribute to what we all hope will be a marvellous match."

By Nicholas Veevers Digital producer via Mal Davies

Get out the Way Ref!!

'A blade of grass', that's how a referee was described to me when I attended my first referee training session, ooh way, way back. A term which meant if the ball struck the referee, play would not stop but continue as if nothing had happened. However, to this day I still don't know what was going through the middle's mind on that day...

It had been a late start on that windless day; flood lights were shining down on the slightly moist ground and the blue team had sustained their attack for the last ten minutes, ever since the referee had started the match.

The blues attacked and the ball was cleared up field by the reds only for the pressure to build again. But this time, instead of kicking, the red midfielder had turned, beating his opposite number, and had run straight into the back of the referee.

Both player and official were still standing but the ball had travelled to the stampede area and been collected by the blue forwards. This time, three on one, and the referee blew his whistle.

The blue bench went wild while the red bench were thankful. 'It's play-on if it hits the ref', was the call from the blue bench; shouting and swearing.

The referee had only stopped play because he had caused an unfair advantage. Three blue players against one red and the keeper. The likelihood would have been a goal and it appears the referee didn't want to give any team an advantage.

What would you have done if that was you in the middle? Would you have blown and restarted with a dropped ball, as the referee did on this night? Or would you have let play continue for an almost certain goal for the blues?

Fez Bernard writing in The Touchlines

Promotion Levels

So—how do you get to Referee the FA Cup Final? With Andy and Tom reaching the giddy heights of level 3, I thought member s might like to see what's involved Mac

Level 10

Referees who are non-active referees who support active referees through mentoring and assessing

Level 9

Trainee Referee - referees undertaking Basic Referee Training including completing the required 6 games of 11v11 towards completing their training

Level 8

Youth referee i.e. referees aged 14-15; these referees can only referee games involving age groups under their own age i.e. a 14 year old referee can only referee games involving under 13 teams and below.

Level 7

Junior referees - local football referee

Level 6

County referees - local football referee

Level 5

Senior County Referee - County football including teams operating at step 6 & 7 of the FA pyramid system.

This classification also includes referees who have served at a higher level and have not been retained at that level. The referee is to be classified as a Level 5, with the option of further promotion in the normal way or until a status of non-active (level 10) is declared by the individual.

Level 4

Referees selected by the FA to officiate on a Supply League as a referee and on a Contributory League as an Assistant Referee

Level 3

Referees selected by the FA to referee on a Contributory League. These referees will operate as Assistant Referees on the Panel Leagues and may be selected as Assistant Referees on the Football League or the Premier League.

Level 2

Referees selected by The FA to serve on the Panel List

Level 1

Referees selected by The Association to serve on the National List (Premier and Football Leagues)

Select Group

FA Premier League Referee

FIFA List

International Referee

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP SEASON 2017 - 18

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	COST	AMOUNT
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AFFILIATE MEMBER (i.e. Full Member of another Referees Society) Expires 31/3/2018	£20.00	
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OPTIONAL RA PHYSIOTHERAPY INSURANCE If required please contact Bryan Jackson		
DONATION £1,£2,£3,£4,£5,£10 or Whatever		
TOTAL		

NAME.....

ADDRESS.....

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TELEPHONES (H)..... (M).....

E-MAIL ADDRESS.....

COUNTY FA REGISTERED WITH..... FA NUMBER
(FAN).....

REFEREE LEVEL..... DATE OF BIRTH.....

I AGREE TO ABIDE BY THE RULES OF THE SOCIETY AND AGREE FOR MY DETAILS TO BE SHARED WITH THE REFEREES ASSOCIATION

SIGNATURE..... DATE.....

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Tel: 01483 423808
Email: membership@wokingreferees.co.uk

CHEQUES PAYABLE TO:- WOKING RA or Send funds direct to 30 94 77, a/c no 02710897

Decisions at the 2017 IFAB AGM

The 131st Annual General Meeting of The IFAB took place on 3 March at Wembley and saw a new strategy approved that will see the Laws of the Game applied to increase fairness and develop the game focusing on the behaviour of players on the pitch. In particular this could see the **responsibilities of captains enhanced in order to improve on-field behaviour** and create better communication between players and referees. **Methods of tackling time wasting** were also discussed, in response to continuing fan concern around this issue.

On the agenda was a range of things from those mentioned above through to video technology and its use in the game. Also debated through was how to improve the Laws of the Game so they're more readable and clearer for everybody. The goal is to make sure that the Laws help make football a better, fairer, and more enjoyable game.

In a ground-breaking move, it was agreed that **member associations will be allowed more freedom to modify the organisational Laws of the Game**. This could, for example, see more substitutions allowed and the duration of play altered in order to help develop domestic football by encouraging more people to take part. This would occur at levels below the first team of clubs in the top domestic league, or senior 'A' international games.

The use of **temporary dismissals (sin bins) will now be allowed** in youth, grassroots and disability football, as well as return substitutions - further adding to the remit to increase participation on a global scale.

Another key focus was the **implementation of technology** across football. The use of electronic **communications systems by medical staff in the technical area** - medical data and video material on tablet computers for example - was approved in order to assess potential injuries and increase player welfare and safety.

What constitutes a 'handball' offence, with the intention again to establish greater consistency was another important topic discussed. IFAB's aim is to eliminate inconsistency in the judgement applied by officials.

A preliminary report was given to the AGM documenting competitions' **trials with a 4th substitute in extra time** following testing by six different competition organisers. A proposal was discussed to introduce next year a global standard for **Electronic Performance and Tracking Systems (EPTS)**.

The experiments using **Video Assistant Referees (VARs)** has completed its first phase of experiments. Reports from more than 20 test matches and a number of workshops were presented, with lessons learned from the initial phase to be taken into the 'live' experiments starting in almost 20 competitions from around the world throughout 2017. Members were reminded that VARs would be used only for clear errors in match-changing situations.

Thirteen national federations/competition organisers are currently participating in, or have applied to become part of the experimentation process where:

- ◆ One VAR protocol has been established that all experiment participants will use;
- ◆ The key question will always be for any reviewable incident: "was the referee's decision **clearly** wrong?"
- ◆ The over-riding philosophy, is "minimum interference, maximum benefit" i.e. reviews will be rare, but when they do occur, they will be for the clear benefit of the game. It is important the game's flow and emotions not be constantly interrupted by reviews.

The 132nd Annual General Meeting will be hosted by FIFA in February or March 2018.

The modifications to the Laws of the Game made at the 2017 AGM will come into effect on 1 June 2017, except for competitions which have started before that date.

Len Randall, writing in the Chiltern Referee

Mac's Musings

Well another season is drawing to a close. Personally it finished on a whimper rather than bang. Adie kindly offered me a Final (4th Official on G&WAL) but due to family commitments I had to decline, and then sprained my Achilles the next day reffing a GWAL game, so have had to cut my season short. Good job it happened in April and not September.

I went along and watched young Callum Peter and Will Siegmund (Referee and 2nd A/R) perform at the SCILW Reserve Cup Final at Westfield the other evening, ably assisted by the not quite so young Steve Ferris and Paul Falzon. What a good show they put on. It was a close contest, with Knaphill Athletic winning thanks to a penalty, with Callum showing no hesitation in awarding it. Good to see both youngsters gaining promotion this year as well.

This your last Warbler for a couple of months so yours truly is looking forward to a break from the computer, but no doubt the Secretary role will keep me occupied.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all those that contribute to the magazine, both knowingly and the various magazines and websites I plagiarise, hopefully for your enjoyment and edification.

I would particularly like to thank your regular columnists such as Adie Freeman, Tony Murphy, Keith Hiller (aka Willie Woodwork), Mick Flannigan, Cyril West and the excellent Chiltern Referee and Touchlines. Also Mal Davies's web links, and the odd gem from Brian Reader. Plus anyone else I may have forgotten.

Thanks Guys, without you Warbler would be a much poorer publication.

I would also like to thank our advertisers who help keep the magazine going and in particular the excellent service form Red Eye Print who on occasions have turned the printing around in a day !

Have a great summer

Mac

My people skills are fine. It's my tolerance to idiots that needs work. (Tony Murphy)

April Meeting of The Woking Referees Society

35 members and guests attended the April Meeting which was opened by Chairman Pat. First on the agenda was the presentation by Bruce McLaren, Chairman of the County Referees' Committee to Dave Cooper for 45 years of refereeing.

This was followed by the 3rd of the RAFA Hub events to be held at Woking. The subject was "Grab the Opportunity" presented by Roger Vaughan. As with the previous Hub Events it was an interactive session ; the audience being split into groups and shown a number of video clips of match incidents on which they were asked to discuss and decide "what would you do if you were the referee?"

The session highlighted the benefits of safe refereeing and showed examples of where letting play continue after even a minor foul can lead to further problems. It underlined the importance of seizing the opportunities to keep control. Of thinking ahead and anticipating the next big challenge or problem.

As with the previous Hub presentations it was excellently conducted by Roger who was thanked by Pat and presented with the customary bottle of wine.

Abusive Language or Violent Conduct ?

On my game last Sunday morning, I suddenly found myself having to deal with a threat of violence against my person. There was no arm-waving eyes-staring confrontation but the threat was undeniably real! It had been a somewhat niggly game.

Nothing terrible but one team had turned up late and then made no effort to get themselves going and there was enough underlying dissent throughout to make it generally ill-tempered.

I normally try to keep my cards in my pocket on a Sunday morning, relying instead on lots of talking and general good humour but I had already had one player off for his second dissent caution when one of his colleagues decided to argue the toss over a penalty award.

He waited until the penalty had been despatched and then started to voice his opinion as we made our way back to half-way. It took only a few seconds for his general grumbling to have approached something much closer to personal abuse.

I considered an instant yellow but thought I'd try and talk him down first. I didn't even get the chance as his team-mate (having seen his team already down to ten) tried to intervene first, advising him that if he said anything else he was going to get himself sent off. "If he tries sending me off, I'll lay hands on him", was the response. It wasn't said directly to me but I was two yards away and it was obviously said for my benefit.

So now I had a situation where a player had threatened me with personal harm. Was it just heat-of-the-moment talk? Very probably – but such behaviour is 100% unacceptable and needs to be dealt with very firmly. There was no way that the match was going to continue with him still on the pitch but I wasn't about to put myself in harm's way and deal with him directly.

Instead, I just walked to his manager on the touchline, told him what had been said and asked him to pull his player off. "Thanks, Ref, for dealing with it reasonably", he said. I realised that he thought I was asking him to make a substitution, so clarified that his player was being sent off despite the fact that a card was not going to be shown and that I expected him to ensure that his player came nowhere near me.

He attempted to argue his player's case so I made it very clear. Threats had been made against me and either his player was going or I was! So he called his player off the field and the game completed without further incident.

One mistake I made later was to report the incident as 'Use of Offensive, Insulting or Abusive Language'. I have since been advised by Surrey County that this should be reported under 'Violent Conduct', even though the definition of that offence (uses or attempts to use excessive force or brutality) would suggest not. Things to remember in this situation:

- Don't put yourself in danger! If you don't think the situation can be safely dealt with, abandon the match and leave as soon as possible.
- Even if you believe it can be managed, don't attempt to deal with the person concerned yourself. Don't even try talking to him. Get his manager to do it and stay out of the way as he does so.
- If the person attempts to approach you after the game (often such things may be said in the heat of the moment and they may wish to apologise), be clear that you don't particularly wish to speak with him and that his actions will be being reported. At the same time, do not be churlish but don't risk putting yourself in harm's way.
- Put your report in as soon as possible. Ensure you write exactly what was said. I suggest starting your report with a statement – 'THIS REPORT CONTAINS DETAILS OF THREATS MADE AGAINST THE REFEREE'. The offence should be reported as Violent Conduct, not as abusive language.

Mike Coen Writing in "Touchlines" The Magazine of the Sutton Referees' Society



Here we go again

So here we go again! As I start my 21st season I thought I'd prepare a guide to those people we should try and avoid during the months to come. I am sure you can all put your own names to the personalities described.

The Club Secretary

Usually difficult to find as he's doing jobs that everybody else should be doing. Usually swears blind that every other official they've had that season has been better than you. Doesn't know how to mark referees fairly and can only count up to five.

The Club Treasurer

Even harder to find. Will definitely try to avoid you and will question the mileage. Never has the correct change, or on the contrary if you've had a bad game, will pay you with the pocket money pennies he's been saving for his grandson's coming holiday.

The Club Chairman

Not really worth worrying about as usually four winds to the sail and too busy talking to fellow directors, sponsors etc, to want to have anything to do with you.

The Manager

A wild thing who loves to shout abuse at everybody around him. Doesn't know the meaning of the word praise or advantage. Treats his players like little pets who have to bow and scrape to his every whim. Gets high on ego trips and never buys you a pint.

The Groundsman

These are monosyllabic, non-obliging creatures who like to swear and moan about everything and everyone, especially you. Suffering from verbal diarrhoea before you've inspected their water-logged pitch but suddenly stricken with laryngitis when you say it's fit to play on!

The Assessor

Experts in disguise and usually determined to contradict completely the one who watched you last time. Rarely practised what they now preach. Don't most failed referee become one?

The County Officer

Will pretend to know all about you when they meet you for the first time and then proceed to embarrass you and themselves by asking questions to which neither of you know the answer.

The Press

Avoid like the plague. Don't say - "Don't quote me on that"- because they will, but wildly inaccurately, especially if from *The Sun*.

The Supporter

A two-faced son of a bitch, will say you are the best thing since sliced bread when you go in favour of his team, but question your parent-hood, sex and bodily parts if you dare give the wrong decision. These too are faceless beings who threaten sometimes to sort you out after the game, but who oddly, can never be seen in the bar after the match. Of course, all are experts on the LOAF and have refereed a game before, even if it were 20 years ago.

The Fellow Referee

What an odd bunch this lot are, full of their own importance, forever bragging about the fact that they've officiated with the best, and never happy unless talking football and away from the missus and domestic chores. Always tell you that he was the highest marked referee.

I came across one the other day on the South Midlands League. I swear I've never seen him before yet he says he'd lined to me. He told me his lowest mark was 8. I got home and looked his name up in the Directory – he wasn't even there! He even gave me his telephone number to ring when I'd got a game so he could come and watch me!! It transpired he never completed his training course,

Well having listed the above I that just leaves **The Players**, but that's a whole new subject. Yes a cynical and hopefully amusing look at some characters in the game.

The Moral

We can always learn something from them. Remember ...

... the way these characters act and interact with us depends to a large extent on how we treat them! *Like the players we have to manage them.* There are certainly right and wrong ways of doing it. *As referees we must never expect to be treated like royalty.* We are not the most important person in the game, but merely, like most others, servants of it. Make sure you do the game a service and enjoy your season, be it your 1st or 21st!

I spotted this in the Chiltern Referee. Having first appeared in the Milton Keynes magazine from a few years ago, and written by Paul Swannell

Brains of Britain



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|------------------|--|
| Jeremy Paxman: | What is another name for 'cherrypickers' and 'cheese mongers'? |
| Contestant: | Homosexuals.. |
| Jeremy Paxman: | No. They're regiments in the British Army who will be very upset with you |
| Alex Trelinski: | What is the capital of Italy? |
| Contestant: | France . |
| Trelinski: | France is another country. Try again. |
| Contestant: | Oh, um, Benidorm. |
| Trelinski: | Wrong, sorry, let's try another question. In which country is the Parthenon? |
| Contestant: | Sorry, I don't know. |
| Trelinski: | Just guess a country then. |
| Contestant: | Paris . |
| Jamie Theakston: | Where do you think Cambridge University is? |
| Contestant: | Geography isn't my strong point. |
| Jamie Theakston: | There's a clue in the title. |
| Contestant: | Leicester |

Yesteryear 99

Are Referees Too Sensitive to the “Verbals”?

Recent publicity has highlighted that the instances of players being cautioned for showing verbal “dissent” are on the increase, whereas cautions for “physical contact” offences have remained comparatively constant. We are all aware of the increase within society of the lack of respect for, or acceptance of, Law and Order and officials of any type. It is also a fact that this has been a contributory factor to the increase in physical and verbal offences recently.

One has to accept that society and its standards are changing and this is bound to have an effect on football. I do not intend to analyse why cautioning and sending off players are increasing, particularly in the junior game. But I'll put forward a possible reason why officials are taking action by cautioning and/or sending off offenders for “verbal offences” at a greater rate than those for “physical offences”.

I have discussed the reasons for the apparent anomaly with referees at most levels of football, and have analysed games watched and, retrospectively, games that I have refereed. I therefore offer my opinion as to the possible reason why this may have occurred. I have looked at the categories of offence which are most prevalent:

- A) Physical offences – nearly always committed by a player against an opponent
- B) Foul or abusive language – usually directed against an official
- C) Dissent – invariably directed against the referee

Physical offences can invariably hurt and cause physical pain whereas foul or abusive language and dissent usually only hurt the feelings or emotions and do not cause physical pain. It is therefore an analogy that physical and verbal offences both hurt, but which is more likely to be punished by a caution and/or a sending off? I believe that anything which hurts the individual rather than someone else is more likely to cause a reaction. From this analogy it is my contention that *a referee is more likely to take disciplinary action when an offence is directed against himself than when it is directed against an opponent.*

I have outlined a possible cause for the increase in the number of cautions/sending off for “verbal offences” in proportion to those for “physical offences”. I suspect that if we all carry out post-match self-analysis there could well be food for thought and perhaps it could lead to a rethink of our personal psychological attitude as referees. In other words, should we look more critically at “physical offences”. or more tolerably at “verbal offences”. The answer is in our hands, or whistle, as the case may be. Over to you referee!

(Spotted in The Chiltern Referee whose Ed found it in a 1985 issue of the Hounslow PHEEP. It originated in the RAF-FRA Referees' magazine by WRF Pepper)

(Its good to see that the premiership Refs seem to be handing out more cautions this season for dissent. Haven't seen any reds though! Mac)

Academy News

To all Members

I Just want to take this opportunity to say thank you to all who have attended or watched the academy meeting so far this season.

Our April meeting involved the academy discussing match incidents involving club and neutral assistant referees which was moved outside to allow us to picture the scenarios easier and get some much needed fresh air.

As we are approaching the final meeting of the season we are going to use our time discussing and evaluating our seasons and plan for the academies 2017/18 campaign.

Looking forward to seeing as many of you as possible on the 8th May at 7.30pm

Yours in Football

Gareth Heighes

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Dates for your Diary 2016/17

8th May	Society Meeting	Pat Bakhuizen
2nd June—5th June	Belgium Trip	
Friday 26th May 2017	Eve of Final Rally One Great George Street, London	
Saturday 24th June 2017	AGM and RA Quiz Final Sports Connexion, Coventry	
Saturday 8th - Sunday 9th July 2017	RA Development Weekend Hinckley Island Hotel, Hinckley	
14th August	Society Meeting	Law Amendments
4th September	Society Meeting	TBA

Pages from Yesteryear

From the Chair February 1981

The big news this month is the withdrawal of the red and yellow cards from the football league. The forecasts are that this move will dramatically reduce the number of cautions and dismissals. Great stuff eh? Wouldn't it be pleasant for the game all round if the players and journalists thought before they jump into print with ridiculous comments like this, I doubt if the numbers of bodies trooping through the misconduct commissions will drop. I personally have only shown a yellow card in this country on one occasion, and that was before their use in Surrey junior football was publicised. Since that time I have honestly forgotten to use them in senior matches. My cautions and send-offs have nevertheless increased out of all proportion and that unfortunately extends to the younger age groups of boys football. To my mind the answer lies with the law makers and the tribunals. I would make dissent more easily punishable, perhaps even by an immediate send-off. Certainly disciplinary commissions must give more support to referees. Whilst there must be justice, I believe that the referee is often placed in an intolerable position by appeals that are upheld. I have twice had cautions thrown out, and twice I have almost left the game as a result. Looking on the bright side, I could be wrong, perhaps the loss of cards will be good for the game somehow doubt it.

Norman Southan

*Ed Thank goodness players and clubs can't appeal for cautions any more!
Anyone know when cards were re-introduced?*

SCILW Reserve Challenge Cup Final - The RA Team



Paul Falzon A/R
(Camberley & Farnham RA)

Callum Peter Ref
(Woking RA)

Steve Ferris 4th Official
(Guildford RA)

Will Siegmund A/R
(Woking RA)

PlumTree

Southern Combination Cup Final
Sutton Common v Camberley Town
Referee: Tom Ellsmore

Surrey County Intermediate League (West)

Premier Challenge Cup Final
Chobham Burymead v Old Salesians
A/Rs : Paul Gorringe, Chris Noble

Reserve Challenge Cup Final
Knaphill Athletic v Hambledon
Referee : Callum Peter
A/R : Will Siegmund

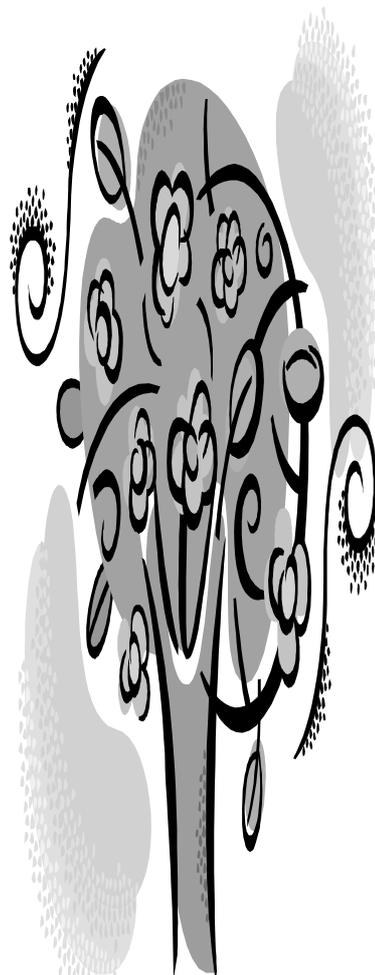
SCILW Premier Challenge Cup Semi Final
Knaphill Athletic v Old Salesians
Referee : Paul Gorringe

F.A. Academy
Fulham u16 v Chelsea u16
Referee : Paul Gorringe

Surrey Primary League U14 Cup Finals -
Referee ; Will Siegmund

Women's Super League
Chelsea LFC Dev v Arsenal LFC Dev (managed by Kelly Smith MBE
England/Arsenal)
Referee ; Martin Read

Surrey Elite Cup Final
Spelthorne Sports v Virginia Water
Asst Referee ; Martin Read



Promotions

Congratulations to the following who gained promotion this year

Andy Bennett and Tom Ellsmore, both promoted to L3

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Chris Noble
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From 7 to 6

Roy Lawrence
William Siegmund

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Adie's Plums (and Damsons)



Our 2016/17 season has just about finished but work goes on in the League (no rest for the wicked – so I must have massive horns on my head) so that all will be in place for your games to commence in September. The Referees who have officiated in the SCILW and the G&WAFL will have by now all received their application forms for the 2017/18 season. I *know* I stipulated that it would be favourable for you to get your forms to me ASAP in the e-mail but it does no harm to remind you that I want them in so that you will be included in the League Directories.

It also alleviates the situation of clubs e-mailing me on a Tuesday/Wednesday evening (or even later in some cases) requesting contact details. It does not seem to matter that we send out to clubs any additions – I don't think it filters down to the individual club managers.

I am currently making as much effort as possible to come to as many League Cup Finals as I can. This gives me the opportunity to meet any Referees I have only spoken to on the phone or e-mailed. It is so much better to meet face to face so that the Match Officials can see who it is that appoints them every week.

Last week I was at Westfield to support Callum, Will, Paul and Steve. Admittedly, I spent most of the evening with Vince and Pat but then I was where I was supposed to be! On the Saturday I was at Ash Utd to see Ian, Keith, Carl and Peter, as I write this article I shall be at Godalming Town Fc on Wednesday, Imber Court on Saturday and back to Westfield on the following Thursday.

Thankfully Diane joins me so I don't get into too much trouble.

So, this being my final article of the season may I thank you all for your continuing support, wish you all a very restful and enjoyable summer and we will catch up at the beginning of the new season when, hopefully, I will have some more stories and anecdotes to share with you. For those going on their annual holidays, have a safe trip and come back safe and well rested.

On a final note. I notice that both my plum and damson trees have a plethora of young fruit growing. DON'T PANIC!!!! I now have a telescopic fruit picking device that keeps me safe on the ground.

Adie



MURPHY'S MEANDERINGS

I was appointed to referee a game in a small village outside of town. It had no pitch or ground of its own and the football team played in a field, loaned to them by a local landowner, a few miles outside the village. The football team maintained the field keeping it up to standard for playing football but there was no dressing rooms. Changing facilities were available at the village public house but, due to the difficulties getting to and from the pitch, players generally parked in the field and changed in the car. There was another field alongside and the two were separated by a fence which was about four or five yards from the touchline.

The game went well and the only problem came from the adjacent field where there were a herd of cows. When we started the game the cows were over by the far fence so nobody took any notice of them, As the game progressed they gradually moved across the field until by half time they were very close to our field. The funniest moment was when an attacking player decided to take a long throw in. Forgetting about the cows he moved backwards and leant against the fence, ball in his hands above his head, concentrating on the throw in and getting ready to run to the touchline. One cow took exception to this and as he was about to start his run up, the cow, timing it beautifully, butted him in the back, knocking him over. Nobody took any long throw ins from then on.

Talking of fields, I was refereeing a game in the middle of nowhere. It was going along quite nicely when the sound of dogs barking, at first in the distance, started getting nearer and nearer. All of a sudden dozens of dogs came over the fence and running around the goal were followed by men on horseback in red suits blowing horns. The hunt was having a practice and it was pandemonium. It was impossible to continue with the game and I had to stop it for ten minutes until the hunt had passed.

Oh, I nearly forgot. I did a game on a Hampshire league ground. The nets were in a terrible state of repair and were literally falling apart. Numerous pieces of twine and tape had been applied but had broken and were hanging from the nets, leaving gaping holes both top and bottom. I mentioned this to the Secretary who straight faced replied, "I know. We just can't control the rabbits around here no matter how much we try"

My grandson didn't have a good Christmas. He asked his dad for a Chelsea "Costa" shirt but his dad misheard him and bought him an "Oscar" shirt instead. Then he heard that Oscar was leaving Chelsea for China. He's now bought a Chelsea shirt with no name out of his Christmas money. Life can be really tough when you're nine years old.

Seen in an old referee's magazine:

A public relations company called in to advise the Football Association how to modernise has recommended that the 93 strong FA council should be axed and an age limit imposed on officials.

When it's free I watch Premier league football on the BT Sports channel. In several of the games this season the referee has given a player offside and awarded the free kick in the player's own half of the field of play, the player having run back from an offside position to receive a pass. On each occasion the commentator, Glenn Hoddle, has laughed and criticised the decision saying a player cannot be offside in his own half of the field of play. He obviously doesn't know the current Laws of the Game and hasn't kept up with the changes that have been brought in. Bearing in mind that this programme has its own refereeing expert, Howard Webb, who should know of the changes, you would have thought that somebody would have told the commentators that the interpretation of the Laws have changed, after all the season has been going since August.

When I was doing long-distance running everything was about times. For me it was just about finishing and it amused me to see fun runners and serious athletes, whether training or competing, constantly looking at their watches. When I stopped running I thought I'd left that habit behind. These days I go for organised walks of about three miles which last an hour or so and nearly all the walkers are retired many in their seventies. However, the watch still reigns. Many of them now wear these smart watches which are tuned in to their physical performance. Amongst other things it tells them how far they have walked, their speed, pulse rate, breathing, the number of steps they have taken and calories used They are constantly looking at their watches as they walk. After the walk they sit around comparing information and notes. Some things never change.

I watched the match between Manchester United and Everton recently and was interested by the Manchester United goal that was disallowed for offside, not so much the decision but the commentator's reaction to it.

In real time they thought it was the correct decision and praised the Assistant for a courageous decision. After re-running the video several times and discussing the decision between themselves they decided he was wrong and it was a good goal. Several re-runs later they were undecided. His head and hands were offside but his feet and legs were onside. This discussion went on for the rest of the match and at the end with no resolution it was passed on to Howard Webb, the video expert. He waffled on but at the end there was still no clear decision. So, after watching countless reruns, having plenty of time to discuss the incident in the quiet, three "experts" were unable to come to a conclusion yet the assistant referee, in the heat of battle, with 60,00 people screaming at him had to make a decision in a split second.

As I watched the incident my mind went back to the end of October 1965 in a small room at the Hatcham Liberal Club in New Cross. The latest Referee's Training course had just finished and we were being addressed by the senior Training Officer, himself a Football League linesman. "There are 17 written Laws in the in the Referee's Chart," he said, "but I think that the most important Law is the unwritten Law, Law 18. The Law of Common Sense. It applies to all the other Laws and if you apply it correctly you will not go far wrong."

These pearls of wisdom served me well throughout my refereeing career but unfortunately don't seem to apply today.

Tony Murphy

The Adventures of Willy 'Red card' Woodwork The Whistling Referee

Part 60 - Reflections

Match: Alotta Reds -v- West End Wanderers
League: Division Three - Sunday Park League (North)
Colours: Alotta Reds.....All red! Wanderers.....All gold
Weather: Glorious Sunshine
Kit: Short sleeves and trainers

The season this time has been so long
Time goes so quick where has it all gone?
A time to reflect was the season good or was it bad
Some moments happy whilst others were sad

I wish players would listen but they don't comprehend
They may start the game but they won't see the end
Some players today are so easily led
But I won't allow them to mess with my head

I'd prefer a premier fixture not one in Division Three
I'm better than that, can't the league see
But I'll do my best with the high standards I set
A game with no cards, not for me, you bet

The home team are ready but the away team are late
I'll stay relaxed and won't get in a state
I'm very excited to wear my new kit
I've even been running to ensure that I'm fit

Each morning at six and I go to the gym
Some people have said that I'm looking slim
Today's the day to be put to the test
To show all the players that I am the best

The weather today is so very hot
And the grounds man has forgotten to mark the penalty spot
I hope that this game will not be too hard
But five minutes gone and the first yellow card!

Both teams mid table and they don't seem to care
But I'll do my job and I will be fair
I won't be weak and I won't be mellow
To the ninetieth minute and I will show yellow

For the final game I thought the players might try
 To play a fair game so they can comply
 To show no dissent is not very hard
 But one minute later and another yellow card

I show another yellow and then my first red
 I think that the player wished that he'd stayed in bed
 One minute later and two players start to fight
 Another two reds and I've got it right

Players don't know the laws and they make no effort to understand
 The final whistle is blown and only three players shake my hand
 At least I am consistent and that's what I believe
 And maybe one day I'll be on the premier league

As the game ends and I start to smile
 I start to reflect if it's all been worth while
 My tally for the season is 165 yellow cards
 And I don't expect any of those players to send me a Christmas card!

See you all soon!

Willy Woodwork

Willy 'Red card' Woodwork.....the whistling referee.



Brains of Britain

Bamber Gascoyne: What was Gandhi 's first name?
 Contestant: Goosey?

Presenter: Name a film starring Bob Hoskins that is also the name of a famous painting by Leonardo da Vinci.
 Contestant: Who Framed Roger Rabbit?

James O ' Brien: How many kings of England have been called Henry?
 Contestant: Er, well, I know there was a Henry the Eighth .. ER.
 ER ... Three?

Phil Wood: What ' K ' could be described as the Islamic Bible?
 Contestant: Er... ..

Phil Wood: It ' s got two syllables . . . Kor .
 Contestant: Blimey?

Phil Wood: Ha ha ha ha, no. The past participle of run . . .
 Contestant: (Silence)

Phil Wood: OK, try it another way. Today I run, yesterday I
 Contestant: Walked?

Paul Wappat: How long did the Six-Day War between Egypt and Israel last?
 Contestant (long pause): Fourteen days.



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What Would You Do ? Answers to April Issue

Q1. In a bad-tempered derby two home team players go down injured, so the away team's physio comes on to help. But as he arrives the home keeper suddenly recoils as in apparent pain. He tells you the physio deliberately aimed a burst of freeze spray into his face as he ran past ... and his eyes are red raw. What would you do?

A1. If you saw it and it was deliberate the physio has to be removed from the FoP and the technical area. If you didn't see it, you cannot assume wrongdoing. Either way calm everyone down and make clear that the incident will be in your report. The law does allow you to delay the restart while a goalkeeper is being treated, so you can allow time for him to recover before resuming play.

Q2. A winger trips and falls over the touchline. As he climbs to his feet, still off the pitch in an offside position, the ball is punted upfield towards him. He lingers just long enough for the ball to pass him before re-entering play, racing through and scoring. What would you do?

A2. No goal - offside. The player becomes actively offside as soon as he plays the ball. Restart with an indirect free kick from the touchline where he entered the FoP.

Q3. A panicking defender, under pressure inside his own area, tries to hoof the ball behind, only for his keeper to dive and stop it with his hand, preventing the corner. Attackers scream, "Back pass". What would you do?

A3. It is not an intentional back-pass, so play on.

Q4. It's 1-1 in the last minute when a wayward shot heads straight for your face. Instinctively you swat it away and watch in horror as it flies into the net. What would you do?

A4. Calm the players. If the ball makes contact with you (considered part of the FoP) even instinctively, do not stop play. Award the goal.

Q5. A controversial manager is serving a two game stadium ban. But as you walk past his dressing room before the game you see his face on a big screen. He is giving a team talk via webcam. What would you do?

A5. Simply advise the club's secretary that you will include the details in your report. Then start the game as normal.

Q6. During a European match home players complain they are being racially abused and threaten to walk off. But the chant could be innocent; the away team's star striker has a surname that sounds suspiciously like a racial slur. You're not sure what's happening. What would you do?

A6. You need to be certain. Action must be taken when the abuse is unequivocal. Explain your concerns to both captains and tell them you will deal with the situation after the match so that the authorities can take any necessary actions. Serious cases may incur further action.

Q7. In a Sunday morning game, one team has turned up without their regular goalkeeper. With much grumbling, one of their outfield players agrees to wear the green shirt. It is soon very evident that his talents are not best suited to a position between the posts, and this is highlighted as early as the fifth minute when his attempt to cut out a cross sees him give away a penalty with a challenge for which you award a caution. The penalty is scored and you find yourself having to encourage the scoring team to complete their celebrations and get back into their own half in order to get the game restarted. Straight from the Kick Off, the losing side put together a great move, culminating in a fantastic cross which is headed home for the equalizer. Just as you are about to signal for the goal, you realise that it has been scored by the same player who just started the game in goal and has given away the penalty. While you were chivvying the players back towards the halfway line, he had swapped shirts with a team-mate who is now standing in the goal.. But they had not told you. What would you do?

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A7. If a player changes places with the keeper without the referee's permission, the referee allows play to continue and cautions both players when the ball is next out of play. The goal stands. The new keeper should receive a yellow card and the original keeper also receives a caution but, because it is his second, he is also dismissed. In reality you would caution neither player but simply ensure they were both aware of what should have happened.

(Ed. Questions were taken from "In the referee's opinion" in Touchlines - Sutton RS); and from "You Are The Ref" by Keith Hackett and Paul Trevillion). Courtesy Chiltern Ref

What Would You Do?

Question 1.

On a bitterly cold day, a striker wears two official shirts at once - his original shirt and an identical replacement. But in the second half he overheats, and so throws one to a young fan during a stoppage. He is already on a yellow. What would you do?

Question 2.

In the closing moments of a tense end-of-season league game, the home team is clinging onto the 1-0 lead which will see them safe from relegation. Their goal seems to have a charmed life and the keeper is having the game of his career. In the very last minute their luck seems to have run out as a long-range chip finally beats everyone and floats towards the goal. Just as it is about to cross the line, a defender appears from nowhere and just gets his toe to it, but despite his best effort he can only deflect the ball onto the crossbar and into the net. Before you can signal for the goal, you realise that the 'defender' is, in fact, a supporter in full kit who has run from behind the goal. What would you do?

Question 3.

A team is playing in red/white stripes. The short sleeves of the shirts are also equally divided into red and white. Several players are wearing red undershirts with long red sleeves. A substitute is about to come on wearing an undershirt with long white sleeves. When you tell him to remove it, he points out that undershirts can be the same colour as the main sleeve colour, so his team can therefore wear either red or white. What would you do?

Question 4.

You are refereeing a local league match when a goalkeeper, seeing that all his upfield players are tightly marked, elects to pass the ball sideways to a defender standing just outside the penalty area, close to the goal line. However, he scuffs the ball, which rolls over the goal line and into touch before it actually leaves the penalty area. What would you do?

Question 5.

A keeper handles the ball outside the penalty area - but you play advantage allowing a nearby striker to knock the ball into the empty net. But as his shot rolls goalwards, another attacking player, in an offside position nips in and applies the finishing touch. What would you do?

Question 6.

The last player to take his turn in an epic penalty shoot-out loses his nerve. He says he is afraid he'll blow his chance to equalise, and refuses to take his kick. What would you do?

(Ed. These questions were taken from several sources, including "You Are The Ref" by Keith Hackett and Paul Trevillion, and from the 2015 RA Quiz final by Colin Morris, and Mike Coen in Touchline - Courtesy of The Chiltern Referee

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