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## Annual General Meeting

The AGM will be held on Tuesday, April 5th at 7:00 p.m. at the Rose Kohn Arena. In addition to reports from the Executive the positions of Elected Director, Vice President and Secretary are up for election.

## Hitmen 50/50 Ticket Sales

### January 26 Game vs Red Deer

I would like to thank you all for coming out and helping with the 50/50 Ticket selling on Jan 26. For those who watched the end of the game the 50/50 Price was \$2902.00. Not bad for a Wednesday night.

I would also like to thank

Travis Taal, Ryan Taal, Graham Fergie, Joanna Kendeter, Colin Donlevy, Curtis Day

For those who have sold tickets in the past the BAR has been raised to a new level. Congratulations to Kim Skow who sold 679 tickets. Followed closed by Terry Day at 493, Graham Fergie at 487, Travis Taal at 484 and Mark Flexhaug at 473.

### February 9 Game vs Vancouver

Special thanks to Curtis Day, Graham Fergie and Sean Taal

Special thanks to the new people that helped out Sean, Drew, Steve, Jesse, and Rachel. Thank you for assisting.

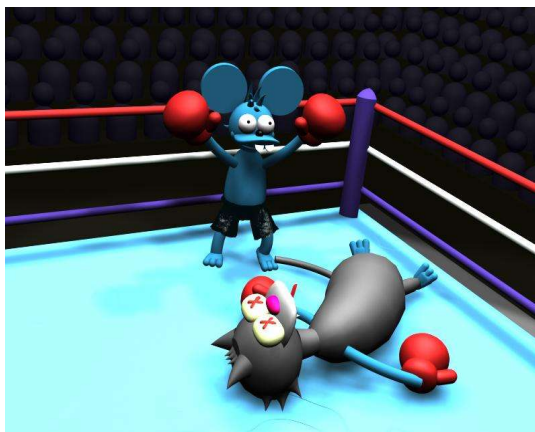
With the selling results, I do not know how she is able to do it but.....she actually sold more tickets this night then two weeks ago when as a group we sold 1000 more tickets then last night. For last night we sold 4711 tickets and KIM SKOW was able to sell 772 tickets by herself. **WOW**. Terry Day was a distant second at 500 followed by Mike Seifert with 467. Mike also sold the winning ticket.

Thank you all

*Terry Day*

## ART Class

### Dealing with Serious Incidents



**Richard Sansregret** will lead the way on dealing with serious incidents of violence and injury in potentially game-abandoning situations. Should be a good one.

February 15th, 7:00 p.m. at the Rose Kohn Arena on Heritage Drive. The usual refreshments and munchies will be provided.

## **Open letter to all coaches (by Stanley Lover)**

"You can't accept bad mistakes by referees."

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Dear Coach,

It happened again last week, didn't it? Vital championship points lost due to poor refereeing. How could the ref miss that handball in their penalty area? Judge that normal tackle as a penalty offence which lost you the match? And what about the offside that wasn't?

OK, so your strikers failed to put away simple chances, your right flank defenders left a huge gap for the first goal and your usually safe 'keeper fumbled the ball into his own net for the decider. You know that those errors are down to you to correct but, you can't accept bad mistakes by referees. It happens too often and it's not your fault. Two or three more results like that and your job will be at risk.



You ask, "What's being done to raise refereeing standards?" You are right to be concerned. It's a major topic among coaches at all levels.

A different game?

Let's go to the source of the problem. What's the answer Referee? "By the nature of our role we can't hope to please everyone. We are human, trying to be perfect in applying instant justice in fast moving situations. We don't always get it right". "But" you reply, "sometimes you seem to be playing a different game to us".

"It may appear that way but our viewpoint is neutral. We apply the laws according to our understanding of the game and official interpretations".

"What are you doing to reduce controversial decisions?". "FIFA and all football nations are continually upgrading programmes for recruiting, training and support of referees. Nearly every referee spends much of his spare time attending local meetings, clinics and seminars, to improve knowledge and apply required interpretations on the field".

"So, why do you make so many mistakes?" Pierluigi Collina, voted the world's best referee says, "I don't make any fewer mistakes than my colleagues and I cannot hide them. They were less obvious in the early years of TV coverage, when there were only two or three cameras, but now the whole field is surrounded by up to twenty. I have only two eyes. I'm always trying to reduce my mistakes".

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### **CDSRA Golf Shirts**

As a bonus to members this year CDSRA is including a golf shirt as part of the membership package. Be sure to mark you shirt size on the membership form when you renew your membership.

### **Referee Affairs Committee**

It has come to our attention that the RAC is looking for new referee members. CDSRA would like to nominate one or more members to sit on this committee. Interested members should let Leo Donlevy know. The RAC normally meets once per month.

## Notice of Special Meeting

You will be receiving the "official" notice but here's a heads up that a brief special meeting of the members will be held prior to the ART class on March 15th. The main purpose is to approve a special resolution to have the elected director serve a one-year term in 2005-06 only. This is necessary to bring the election procedure into accord with the new bylaws, which state the elected director is elected in even-numbered years for a two year term. Under the prior bylaws the elected director was elected in odd-numbered years. The other positions up for election this year and next are unaffected.

Any other business to be brought before the meeting should be forwarded to the Secretary, Terry Day, at least 14 days prior to the meeting.

## CDSRA Financial Picture

CDSRA's overall financial picture is healthy after ten months of activity in our current fiscal year.

Total income for ten months ending January 31, 2005 is \$7015, \$2485 below the full year budget. The cancellation of the golf tournament this year is the major reason for the shortfall (\$3100), along with reduced merchandise sales (\$188). Increased Grey Cup pool sales (\$508), and referee development revenue (\$250) helped reduce the shortfall. A further \$1000. of revenue is expected by year end, through fundraising activity at the Hitmen games (\$500), and additional referee development fees (\$500).

Total expense for the the period is \$6641.77, \$2858. better than budget. Again, the cancelled golf tournament is the major reason (\$3100), along with lower technical session costs than expected (\$820 to-date). Costs over budget are in the areas of referee development (\$305), Grey Cup pool tickets and prizes (\$428), and miscellaneous merchandise (\$790).

We are forecasting a net income of \$400. this year, against a balanced budget. Our balance sheet remains strong, with \$7380 of assets, broken out into \$6400 of current assets (term deposits, savings and chequing accounts), and \$980 in inventory and prepaid expenses. We have no liabilities at this time.

*Pierre Leroux*  
Treasurer

## Ref sends himself off

Sorry ref - you've got to go

A football referee was forced to abandon a game after showing himself the red card. Andy Wain decided he had to go following a run-in with a goalkeeper in the Sunday League match. The incident happened during a contest between Peterborough North End and Royal Mail AYL. North End keeper Richard McGaffin was unhappy with a goal that put the opposition 2-1 up, insisting a player had been fouled. But instead of giving McGaffin a tacking off, Wain lost his temper. The ref hurled down his whistle, untucked his shirt and marched up to eyeball the player, before realising the error of his ways.

**If a player did that I would send him off - so I had to go**

**Andy Wain**

The 39-year-old official, who had a few personal problems leading up to the Peterborough Sunday League Two clash, admitted he should have stayed at home. "With hindsight I should never have officiated," he said.

"It was totally unprofessional. If a player did that I would send him off, so I had to go. "I heard the keeper say 'It's always the bloody same with you, ref - we never get anything'. It was the last straw, but fortunately I came to my senses." Wain, whose future as a ref is

now hanging in the balance, had to abandon the game as he headed for an early bath in the 63rd minute - because there was no-one else to officiate. Fortunately he did not compound his error by arguing with himself about the sending off.



## **Open letter to all coaches (by Stanley Lover) (Cont'd)**

Another FIFA official, with experience at two World Cup Tournaments recently expressed this cry from the heart, "We need more training, support, guidance, coaching." That, from a referee at the top, indicates the hunger for knowledge and guidance to serve the game better.

Can you help?

What else can be done? Can you help? How? To achieve your coaching qualifications you passed an examination on the Laws of the Game so you know the basis of referees' decisions. At whatever level you serve the game you have acquired much knowledge and experience. You are a thoughtful analyst of play, a teacher, an adviser. These qualities need not be restricted to players. You can contribute to better refereeing by sharing your know-how.

From personal experience of referees' courses in various countries the most instructive and enjoyable elements take place on the field, in practical sessions conducted by a respected coach - local, national or FIFA. The chief instructor and the coach select topics for discussion and demonstration. These may include;

- Offensive/defensive tactics in live-ball play and at dead-ball restarts.
- Tactics to beat offside traps - to avoid destroying legitimate moves and goal chances.
- Key players - identifying and protecting.
- Reading the play for intelligent positioning.
- Player management.

These sessions help officials increase awareness and sharpen observation. They generate positive exchanges, better understanding and greater respect of roles. They also sow fertile seeds of friendship among members of the football family who share a deep passion for the game.

A phone call away from you are referees' organisations, societies, academies, and like groups, ready to welcome your expertise. Just pick up that 'phone. You will have fun - guaranteed!

Yours in sport,  
Stanley Lover  
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*Thanks to Mike Seifert*

### **Upcoming ART (Advanced Referee Training) Classes**

Our ART classes are held at the Rose Kohn Arena, on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month, starting time of 7:00 pm. Remember to mark these dates off on your availability.

Feb 15th	Dealing with Serious Incidents
March 15th	Discerning Hidden Fouls / Fouls Around the Feet
April 5th	Annual General Meeting
April 19th	Outdoor Refresher
May 17th	Pre-Game Mental Prep
June 21st	Observe an Outdoor Game
July 19th	Free Kick Management and Card Presentation

Non-members of CDSRA are most welcome and encouraged to come to an ART class to check us out. Snacks and refreshments are provided.