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NEWS



The VIAGRA POLICE!

Mesmerizing Awards Banquet!

The 2011 MSRA Awards Banquet was one to remember for everyone in attendance on November 19th at Hilton Suites. It was very well attended and it was a great show of support and friendship amongst fellow referees and friends. The event culminated with a hilarious Hypnotist show by James Grant Productions which left people rolling in the aisles with laughter. Prior to that, the Referees and guests were treated to an excellent buffet dinner and of course the awards.

This year's Award recipients are:

Referee of the Year - **Peter Manastyrsky**

Outstanding Contribution - **Nicolas Joubert**

Most Improved - **Courtney Diduck**

Rookie Referee of the Year - **Florence Chan**

Outstanding Dedication - **Slawomir Bartosiewicz**

Most Promising Youth Referees - **Aubrey Kotelko
& Sabrina Ferraz**

Also presented at the Awards were the 10 Year Service Pins for the following Referees: Anthony Alexander, Mike Dela Cruz, Dave Holder, Steve Jankac, Billy Leung, Antonio Marinelli, Rob Ratcliffe, Eduardo Sierra and Daniel Yemane.

Congratulations to all the award winners, you have excelled as an official and a person to win your award. As we all know, being a referee is often a thankless job, so enjoy the praise you receive from all your hard work.



Following the Awards, we were entertained by one the best shows we have ever had at an awards banquet, as Hypnotist James Grant put on a great show. Eight volunteers were put under hypnosis for an hour and had everyone in the house cracking up. Even our MC Gilles Gareau was inadvertently hypnotized in the audience, and was brought up to the stage to join the fun. All of the volunteers were great sports for helping to put on an amazing show. This awards banquet will be hard to top! Thank you to the over 100 Referees and guests in attendance, and great work by the Special Events Committee for a fun night!



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Following the 2011 AGM, the new MSRA Board Composition is as follows:

President – **Bryan Mintenko**
 Past President – **Jurgen Titzer**
 Vice President – **Larry Eloy**
 Secretary – **Lisa Sansregret**
 Treasurer – **Joe Gaspar**
 Councillor – **Frank Major**
 Councillor – **Colin Crampton**
 Councillor – **Martin Blumrich**
 Councillor – **Dave Holder**
 Councillor – **John Di Biase**
 Councillor – **Ricardo Rodriguez**

Congratulations to the new board members and thank you very much to the former board members for all of their hard work. Former board members include **Chris Golden, Nicolas Joubert, Graham Forsyth, Jenna Rapai, John Andrews** and **Daniel Louer**.

WEB RESOURCES

The USSF has some great resources from FIFA that you can download for free.

Visit the US Soccer website below:

<http://www.ussoccer.com/Referees/Resource-Center/Instruction/FIFA-Resources.aspx>



There you can download the following:

- Interactive quiz on the 2007 Women's World Cup analysis of match incidents
- 2010 Interactive Laws of the Game Quiz
- Psychological Preparation for Referees
- 2011 Hot Topics for Competitions
- Physical Fitness Tests

www.ussoccer.com

APPOINTMENTS

U18 Club National Championships

Well it was an excellent showing for Manitoba Referees at the 2011 U18 Club Championships on October 10, 2011. **Kyle Lagiewka** was appointed as the head Referee for the U18 Boys Gold Medal Match, while **Peter Manastyrsky** was appointed as AR1. Excellent work Kyle and Peter! **Mario Perrino** was also appointed to the competition as the Supervisor of Officials.

Following the U18 Competition, **Peter Manastyrsky** was invited to the 2012 CSA National List of Officials as an Assistant Referee. Congratulations Peter on this major accomplishment!



Peter Manastyrsky:
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CIS Finals

Congratulations to **Mario Perrino** who was appointed as an assessor at the CIS Women's Finals in Montreal, November 11-13, 2011.

CONCACAF

Héctor Vergara officiated his final game as a FIFA Assistant Referee on November 11th in a World Cup Qualifier: Curacao at US Virgin Islands. Congratulations to Hector on a great career with FIFA. See Page 5 For a complete press release from Hector announcing his retirement.

Super Y League (United Soccer Leagues)

Congratulations to **Marko Kalic** who was appointed to the USL Super Y League North American Championships in Tampa, Florida, December 2-6, 2011. Don't forget your sunscreen!

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MSRA REFEREE PROFILE**PETER A. MANASTYRSKY**

Birthdate: August 23, 1978

Home Town: Winnipeg, MB

Year Joined the MSRA:
1994

Current Class: National

Awards: Outstanding
Contribution to MSRA (2003),
Referee of the Year (2011).

Highest Appointments: 2011 U18 Boys Club Nationals Gold Medal Game as AR1. 2009 U18 Boys Club Nationals Bronze Medal Game as AR1. Men's MSA Cup Final, Referee (2007, 2008, 2011), AR (2010). NASL/PDL Exhibition Game, AR (2011). PDL Referee and AR Assignments (2011).

Career Highlights: Being able to participate at numerous National tournaments/championships and Provincial games.

Who has been the biggest influence in your career and why? Hector Vergara, Willie Laidlaw, John Dela Cruz, Larry Eloy, Dick Derrett, Mario Perrino, Frank Major, Thom Lamont and Orest Konowalchuk. These referees helped me in different ways to better myself physically, mentally and as a referee/assistant referee.

Reason you became a Referee: It began by making some extra money, then developed into something I really enjoyed doing and the money wasn't important going forward. Coming up through the old "FIFA CLUB" taught me many things and really opened my mind and gave me the drive to take refereeing seriously.

Favourite Referee Memories: My favorite memories were the days being an Assistant referee and doing games in the Super Soccer Alliance. Games were televised on Shaw and the group of officials doing the games were very close. Always ending up at a restaurant/lounge where the debriefing took place.

Most Difficult Game: Manitoba Soccer Association Men's Provincial Cup in 1999- Azoreans vs AC Italia

Future Goals: To get my National Assistant Referee badge and do professional games.

**November Trivia**

Is it necessary for the ball to leave the corner arc at the time of taking the corner kick, to be considered in play?

- Yes the ball must leave the arc to be in play.
- No, the ball is in play at the moment it is kicked and moves.
- No, the ball is in play when it has travelled its circumference.
- None of the above.

Send your answer to fifthlaw@live.ca
Correct answers will be entered to win a
\$20 Gift Certificate from Red Card Soccer.

September Trivia Answer

A player takes a throw in towards his goalkeeper, the goalkeeper touches the ball with his foot and it enters the goal. What should the referee award?

- Award a goal.
- A Corner Kick.
- A repetition of the throw-in to the opposing team.
- An indirect free kick as the play is considered a pass back to the goal keeper from a throw-in.

Congratulations to the September Trivia winner,
Rene Thornson



MSRA 2011-12 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

December 30	2 nd Annual MSRA Scrooge Cup: Charity Referee Soccer Game 6pm at WSF Indoor Complex \$10 per player
March	MSRA Potluck TBA
March 17	MSRA SAGM 10:00 am @ Hilton Suites
May 19	Champions League Final Upper Deck Sports Bar
August 18	Provincial Championships Winnipeg Soccer Complex
Sept 15	Referee Soccer Game & BBQ Kilcona Park
October 11	MSRA AGM 7:00 pm @ Hilton Suites
November 17	MSRA Awards Banquet 6:00 pm @ Hilton Suites

Check the MSRA Website for more details on our events for 2012!

More Photos from the amazing Awards Banquet:



Gilles with x-ray vision



Marko as Lady GaGa



2011 Garry Frankel



The Hypnotist Show by James Grant was the highlight of the Awards Banquet!



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A big thank you to Garry Frankel for providing photography for the Awards Banquet!

The next event for the MSRA will be the 2nd Annual Scrooge Cup, Charity Referee Soccer Game.

Friday, December 30, 6:00 pm at WSF Indoor

\$10 per player which includes post-game snacks at Corner Kicks Lounge.

Proceeds to Salvation Army and we will collect food for Winnipeg Harvest.

E-mail bryanmintenکو@hotmail.com to Register!

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Vergara retires from the FIFA List

Hector Vergara, Canada's best-known soccer official, has announced that he will retire from his position as a FIFA Assistant Referee on 12 November 2011, after he works a final international match.



Vergara at the 2010 World Cup

"This is an expected retirement as FIFA officials must retire at the age of 45, which will become reality in December 2011. On 11 November 2011, kind of an interesting date (11-11-11), will be my last international match as a FIFA official. I have had a wonderful 19 years on the FIFA list, which has provided me with the opportunity to see the world, experience fantastic sporting events, meet amazing people, make tons of friends, enjoy the "beautiful game" as a referee on the field amongst the world's best players and teams, as well as be a spectator in awe at what was in front of me. Soccer has allowed me to be involved in 11 FIFA competitions (three of those FIFA World Cups and 14 FIFA World Cup games, Semis and Finals in many of them), Six Gold Cups (three of them in the Finals), Olympic Games and nearly 150 international matches involving Clubs and Nationals Teams playing at the highest competitions in the world.

Of course, like anything in life, I have had some negative experiences and have come across a few individuals, funny enough mainly in Canada, who have tried to prevent my success either for political and personal gain or jealousy. But I am not going to focus on that part, they don't deserve the attention! Maybe some day in a book we can expose their conduct.

Instead, I want this to be an opportunity to express my gratitude to those that have supported me along the way. It will be impossible to thank so many people that have positively influenced my participation in this great game. However, I will make a note of some who to some degree stand out for specific reasons.

There are many referees in Canada that I have had the pleasure of meeting and working in different games with and every one of them brought something to my experience. However, there is one person in particular that I want to express my thanks to for his contributions to making me better. Mauricio Navarro is the best referee Canada has had for a number of years and we have officiated many important international matches together. He has always been a great friend, who has provided tremendous support and encouragement throughout his years on the FIFA list.

In CONCACAF and FIFA there have been many referees, instructors, assessors and colleagues from around the world that have been part of my career. I am very happy to have met them and participated in some many matches together. We have shared many happy moments and in some cases very difficult ones that have made us all a better person and official. A particular thank you to Mr. Mathurin, who gave me the one opportunity I needed at a young age to make a first impression with FIFA, one that lasted 19 years. I know that he was always there even when no longer officially active. I hope I have not disappointed you!", said Vergara in a media release.

Have a request for something you would like included in the next edition of the Fifth Law?

We welcome any ideas or contributions from our members!!!

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Look for our next edition in January 2012.

