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## NEWS

### Great Food, Great Fun at Potluck Event

The annual MSRA Potluck took place on Saturday, February 19, 2011 at The Irish Club. About 55 people (including significant others and children) came out to share in the potluck dinner, trivia contests, including a 2010 World Cup Trivia quiz and prize draws.

Frank Major showed up with his prize pork roast but was unable to stay due to illness, and it was a loss to not have him there. Dave Holder and spouse had the luck of the Irish with respect to the prize draws winning 3 times and Kevin's partner Jen won the grand prize of the Netbook. Peter Manastersky was the winner of "the lottery ball", thank you to Graham Forsyth for organizing that prize.

The grand winner of the trivia contest was "The Watsons" which contained such big brains as Chris Golden and his wife Susan, Dave Holder and his wife Sandy, as well as Lisa's partner Brian and Willie's partner Diana. Special thanks to, Red Card, Team Outfitters, Scotiabank, Futureshop and the MSRA, whom all supplied prizes for the draws.

Heartfelt thanks to all who brought a donation to Max's Treasure Chest. Thanks to all who came out and shared a culinary treat with their fellow officials, it was a great time.

The MSRA would especially like to thank to Lisa Sansregret for her hard work coordinating the trivia and potluck, and thank you to Jenna Rapai for assisting with the prizes.

Congratulations to the Special Events Committee for an excellent event.



## NEWS ARCHIVE

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### Referees Launch Strike, Soccer League Crippled

By Burt Hutchingson, Free Press Soccer Writer

Trouble and Strife prevails in many sports at the moment, so why shouldn't soccer get into the act?

A situation has arisen involving the Manitoba Soccer Association, the Central Soccer League, the Manitoba Referees' Association, the Balkan Soccer Club, and indirectly, all supporters of the game. The seriousness of the situation is that no referees are available to officiate at regularly scheduled games. In plain terms, they are on strike. In retrospect, the problem arose several weeks ago when a referee was attacked while officiating a third division game in which Balkan was involved. Two Balkan players were subsequently suspended for two years, and the club, which is responsible for the conduct of its spectators, who also got into the act, was also dealt with by the MSA.

The Club was fined \$25, ordered to deposit a \$200 good conduct bond with the association, and was instructed to supply two policemen at all of its games for the remainder of the season. The club paid the \$225 but claimed it was unable to afford the cost of police protection, which, incidentally, was also requested by the Referees' Association.

Subsequent Balkan games were cancelled, which caused a backlog in unplayed games, which in turn, prompted the Central League to step into the picture. A game between Balkan and Selkirk was arranged by the league (an official league game) in which the secretary of the league himself carried out the refereeing duties.

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### Referees Launch Strike, continued...

This action contravened the MSA Constitution, as all referees must be on the official referee list. The Referees' Association then stepped in and delivered an ultimatum to the MSA, withdrawing all services until the dispute is resolved, with proper protection for its members in future games. It should be noted that the Referees Association is not an affiliated body of the MSA. The parent body, however, has control over individual referees. The reaction of the MSA was to indicate that it will not be dictated to by the Referees' Association, and at a five hour meeting Wednesday, the MSA advised the whistlers that it could not support their actions.

The Balkan Club has been instructed to supply police protection immediately or be expelled from membership. The Secretary of the League was severely censured.

Unless the dispute with the referees is resolved soon, it is anticipated that the MSA will cease to recognize the Referees' Association, and individual Referees will be asked to re-register with the MSA or be suspended from future officiating.

Meantime, Thistle and West Kildonan clubs gathered at Margaret Park Friday for a First Division game. But you guessed it, no referee. The clubs played a friendly game to entertain the fans, and West Kay defeated Thistle 4-2 on goals by Dave Kerr (2), Dave Bennett and Willie O'Byrne. Gary Courtney had both goals for Thistle.

**Winnipeg Free Press: Saturday, July 29, 1972**

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

The [MSA](#) Annual Awards Banquet will be held on Saturday, March 12 at the Four Points Sheraton. Congratulations to Graham Forsyth who will be presented with the Mario Perrino Outstanding Referee Award and Bill Clark who will be presented with the Frank Major Outstanding Official Award.

The Banquet will feature MC Ms. Michelle Lissel, Anchor of the Fox Soccer Report and will feature a keynote address by Ms. Karina LeBlanc, Goalkeeper for the 2011 Canadian Women's World Cup Team.



### March Trivia

**A** defender deliberately kicks the ball with his foot to his goalkeeper inside his own penalty area. The goalkeeper miss-kicks the ball and it travels backwards towards the goal. The goalkeeper dives to stop the ball with his hands prior to it entering the goal with an attacker in the area.  
What is the referee's decision?

- Award a penalty kick and show the red card to the goalkeeper for Denying an Obvious Goal Scoring Opportunity.
- Award a penalty kick and show the yellow card to the goalkeeper.
- Award an indirect free kick to the attacking team.
- Let play continue as no offence has been committed.

*Send your answer to [fifthlaw@live.ca](mailto:fifthlaw@live.ca)  
Correct answers will be entered to win a  
\$20 Gift Certificate from Red Card Soccer.*

**January Trivia:** A defender, inside his own penalty area, strikes an opponent, who is outside the penalty area, with excessive force.  
What decision does the Referee make?

**Answer:** Award a direct free kick and send off the offending player.

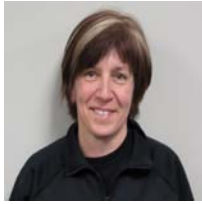
*Congratulations to January's Trivia Winner:  
Celso Arevalo.*

### SURFING THE WEB

**B**elow is an excellent web resource to help you train for the 2011 Fitness Testing. The articles at this website include Nutrition Recommendations for Referees, 100 Exercises for Referees, Strength Training and Acceleration Training for Referees.

**Professional Soccer Referees Association**  
[www.refereeassociation.net/index.php](http://www.refereeassociation.net/index.php)

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**MSRA REFEREE PROFILE****LISA SANSREGRET**

**Birthdate:** *September 24, 1962*

**Home Town:** *Winnipeg, Manitoba*

**Year Joined the MSRA:** *1995*

**Current Class:** *Regional*

**Awards:** *Most Improved Referee (2000), Outstanding Contribution to the MSRA (2010).*

**Highest Appointments:** *Under 16 Adidas Cup Club Nationals 2009, MSA Provincial Finals in 2009, 2007, 2005, 2004. 4th Official for CIS University.*

**Reason you became a Referee:** *I thought it would be fun and challenging. I had been a volunteer basketball referee for 10 years at the YMCA and I heard they were looking for soccer referees, so I thought I would give it a try. I truly do love the game and enjoy watching it unfold as an official.*

**Favourite Referee Memories:** *The first time I officiated Desiree Scott. She was 12 and I couldn't believe how good she was, you could see she was special, but she performed a slide tackle and I had to yellow card her, and the parents were going crazy, but not Desi. I explained to her why (no sliding indoors and she was fine with that) and her mother actually thanked me after the game for giving her the card because she thought that "Desi was getting away with a lot of stuff." Being thanked for carding someone's child is rare.*

**Most Difficult Game:** *One of my first Golden Boy games in 1995, it was South End United v China. It was a girl's game and China was very good, playing a type of soccer I had not officiated yet. It was very challenging and I still remember that was being one of the hardest games strategy-wise I have ever done.*

**Future Goals:** *Keep officiating and stay involved with the MSRA, and try assessing again. I think I may go back to doing men's games this year, I'll see how it goes.*

**APPOINTMENTS****NTC Prairies Scouting Weekend**

Congratulations to Bryan Jacobsen for his recent appointment to the February NTC Prairies Scouting weekend in Edmonton, Alberta.



Bryan Jacobsen

**PDL Appointments**

The MSA-RDC has selected the Preliminary list of Referees and Assistant Referees to officiate the new Winnipeg PDL Team which will compete in the [Heartland Division](#) of the United Soccer Leagues.

Referee and AR's - Hector Vergara, Christian Palavicino, Kyle Lagiewka, Peter Manastyrsky, Hernan Vivanco, Anthony Alexander, Pat Harnett, John Dela Cruz and Mike Dela Cruz.

AR's: Bryan Mintenko, Graham Forsyth, Matthew Tessier, Kevin McEleney, Ricardo A. Rodriguez and Slawomir Bartosiewicz.

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!!!

Contact The Fifth Law at [fifthlaw@live.ca](mailto:fifthlaw@live.ca).

Look for our next edition in May 2011.

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## REFEREE TIPS



### Referee and Assistant Referee Cooperation

Cooperation, coordination and teamwork amongst officials play an important role in managing the game. Officials must be on the “same page” and in the same “rhythm” of the game. Cooperation between the referee and AR does not occur solely during dynamic play through assisting with foul decisions. Cooperation can also play a role in the smooth management of the game during static play (ball out of play).

One of the static opportunities often presented ARs involves assisting on the management of a free kick in the zone immediately in front of them. The AR, being closer to the ball (restart location), is better positioned than the referee to ensure the proper distance (10 yards in this case) is given on the restart. As a result, after acknowledgment by the referee, the AR can enter the field of play and assume responsibility for getting the appropriate distance. At this point, the AR assumes primary responsibilities in setting the wall at the appropriate distance.

The referee and AR must analyze the situation to determine which of the two is better enabled to manage the impending wall situation prior to the AR's entry into the field. Some considerations are:

- \* Distance between the AR and the restart location as well as the referee and the location.
- \* Off-the-ball action/occurrences. Is the game better served by having the referee near the drop zone (the intended target of the free kick)?

\* Can the AR's involvement ensure that the game is restarted much quicker?

\* Have there been prior issues involving wall management that requires the referee to take charge of the situation?

Note: It is important that officials review any “special” teamwork issues in the pregame meeting to ensure consistency and an understanding of the management of the critical situations that arise during dynamic and static play.

To view a clip regarding the above information, please visit the United States Soccer website at the following link: [www.ussoccer.com/News/Referee-Programs/2010/11/2010-Referee-Week-In-Review-33.aspx](http://www.ussoccer.com/News/Referee-Programs/2010/11/2010-Referee-Week-In-Review-33.aspx)

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## MSRA 2011 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March – July Events:

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| March 19               | MSRA SAGM<br>10:00 am, Brunch to follow<br>@ Hilton Suites – 1800 Wellington   |
| April 30               | MSRA Boot Camp:<br>Charity Referee Soccer Game<br>2:00 pm @ WSF Indoor Complex |
| April 23 &<br>April 30 | Fitness Testing<br>10:00 am @ U of M Track                                     |
| May 2                  | Orientation Session for New Refs<br>7:00 pm – 9:00 pm<br>@ WSF Indoor Complex  |
| May 28                 | Champions League Final<br>1:45 pm @ 4 Play Sports Bar                          |
| June 11                | MSRA Appreciation Night<br>6:00 pm @ Assiniboia Downs                          |

More details on the above events will be forwarded by the Special Events Committee

