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**HERE WE GO AGAIN, ARE  
YOU READY.....**

**President's Message**

It seems like just yesterday we had our end-of-season meeting, and here we are already getting ready to do this ONE MORE TIME!!!!

Our first business meeting and training session for the pre-season 2004 UIL Soccer Season is **Wednesday, September 17, 2003 at St. Andrews at 7:00PM**. Our lovely host Sandy has some special treats all line-up for you.

Thank you everyone for what you were able to do for Tarrant Chapter last season. We had a very successful year, but with all-ya-alls help we can make this coming season more successful yet. We did it last season and we can do it again this season. We increased our membership to over 200-referees, but at times still seemed to struggle to get all of our matches covered. Let's get out there and recruit to get Bonnie her need 200+++ referees.

Thanks to everyone that made the special effort to attend our April 23<sup>rd</sup> end-of-season General Membership and Officer Election meeting. Congratulations to Ed Bazan for being re-elected to the position of Vice President and to Valerie Zomnir our new Secretary. And,,,,,a special THANK YOU to Perry Wooden for his many years of service as Chapter Secretary.

Congratulations are also in order to Paul Zomnir for being elected our Tarrant Chapter District 9 Director to TASO-Soccer this past summer. Paul will continue to be the Chapter's liaison to TASO-Soccer.

This past August, Paul and I attended the TASO-Soccer Board of Directors off-season meeting in Austin. Paul will have a lot of information about this meeting to share with you on September 17<sup>th</sup>.

As you will note later in this newsletter, we got a pay increase in our game fees of an additional \$15.00 per match. Sooooooowooooowoooo, we're getting there!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Ed Bazan, Chapter Vice-President is currently organizing his team of District Representatives. This team is the first line of contact with/for the schools we service to provide information from the Chapter to the schools, and likewise, receive feedback from the schools to the Chapter. This TEAM is on the front lines.

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One of the chores of this team is to work with the schools and identify NEW SCHOOLS within existing Districts that we service. If you are aware of new high schools in your areas, please contact Ed with that information so he can dispatch his team to gather the necessary information on those schools, i.e. name of school, location, address, game venue, school AD and Coach information, etc.

Finally, thanks to our Sean Roberts, our Chapter Webmaster; we have our NEW website up and running. Give us a look at: [www.tasotarrantsoccer.org](http://www.tasotarrantsoccer.org). Sean has worked hard to get us going, has a lot of information already posted and has been loading map detail, but some parts of the website are still **under construction**. Give us your feedback, and let us know how we are doing. The website is for you, the members, so we can better handle our communications. Please, please take advantage of this useful technology.

That's it for now, I gotta save something for the meeting, sooooo see you **Wednesday, September 17 at 7:00pm.**

Tom Cochran

## ***WE GOTTA RAISE*** ***2004 Referee Pay Schedule***

### **Game Fees per match;**

<b>Total Game Fees</b>	<b>\$90.00</b>
<b>Center</b>	<b>\$40.00</b>
<b>Line</b>	<b>\$25.00 each</b>
<b>Duals</b>	<b>\$45.00 each</b>

**PLUS Travel Fees**  
**minimum travel fee is \$7.00 per venue**

## **POST SEASON PLAYOFF GAME REFEREE SELECTION PROCESS**

The following is very basic detail on criteria to be considered to evaluate ones opportunity to be **eligible** for local playoff matches. This criterion was established prior to the start of the 2002-2003 Soccer Season. This is helpful information for each of us to self-evaluate, and for our Referee Assignor to establish a basic fence around what we need to do as Referees to advance to the next level of competition. In an effort to establish threshold requirements for a Referee to be considered **eligible** for Post Season Playoff match assignments, the Referee should have fulfilled these basic requirements. Officiating a Playoff match should be an honor; Referees should be prepared, trained, knowledgeable, fit and qualified to represent Tarrant Chapter in a worthy, respectable and professional manner. Attitude and demeanor will also be considered in the process.

A Referee post-season playoff eligibility list will be compiled based upon the following criteria:

- Primary chapter registration in good-standing through Tarrant Chapter TASO-Soccer
- Completion of COPE training
- Attend a minimum of two (2) scheduled Tarrant Chapter training sessions
- Assist in a minimum of 15-Tarrant Chapter assigned UIL High School soccer matches
- Successfully pass the R-1 Physical Fitness Test
- Successfully pass the Tarrant Chapter administered NFHS Soccer Rules Examination

For district, Bi-District and Area matches, have been recommended or requested by a participating Coach; notwithstanding conflicts of interests; however, these thresholds are merely guides and will be reviewed and re-evaluated, as necessary as we proceed through the 2004 UIL Soccer Season.

## **2004 Referee Registration Dates and Fees Set**

Registration fee for returning UIL Soccer Official -  
**\$65.00 if paid by November 11**

Registration fee for NEW UIL Soccer Official -  
**\$40.00 if paid by November 11**

**Set fees include NIFOA insurance through TASO,**  
*which covers only High School soccer activities*

**SAVE \$5.00 for early sign-up through**  
**October 21**

## **BY POPULAR VOIE, YOUVE ELECTED.....**

At our end-of-season General Membership and Election Meeting on April 23<sup>rd</sup>, by popular vote our membership elected Ed Bazan to a second term as Chapter Vice-President, and Valerie Zomnir was elected Chapter Secretary, succeeding Perry Wooden, who completed his second two-year term. Thank you to all who enjoyed our host, Sandy's outstanding treats and participated in our election.

## **TARRANT CHAPTER SOCCER** **Preseason 2004 Meeting and Training Dates**

All meeting and training sessions, unless identified at other locations below, will be at the St. Andrews Library at St. Andrews Catholic Church and School, 3304 Dryden Road (at Stadium Drive in the TCU area), near University Drive South and Granbury Road starting at 7:00PM.

Sept 17 (Wed) – general membership meeting, referee registration, training session @ St. Andrews

Sept 23 (Tue) - outdoor DUAL with COPE at the Mansfield Sports Complex at 7:00pm

Sept 24 (Wed) - outdoor DUAL with COPE at “Old Birdville Stadium” in Haltom City at 7:00pm

Oct 8 (Wed) - outdoor shoot-out with COPE at “Old Birdville Stadium” in Haltom City at 7:00pm

Oct 9 (Thur) - outdoor shoot-out with COPE at the Mansfield Sports Complex at 7:00pm

Oct 21 (Tue) – general membership meeting, referee registration, training session @ St. Andrews

Nov 1 (Sat) – R-1 & High School physical fitness test; Martin H.S. at 7:00am

Nov 5 (Wed) - general membership meeting, referee registration, training session @ St. Andrews

Nov 11 (Tue) - general membership meeting, written test @ St. Andrews

Nov 19 (Wed) - general membership meeting, written test @ St. Andrews

Nov 22 (Sat) - physical fitness test, 7:00am at Greenhill School

Dec 4 (Thur) - make-up test @ St. Andrews

Dec 7 (Sun) – R-1 & High School physical fitness test; L.D. Bell H.S. at 1:00pm

Dec 17 (Wed) - general membership meeting, referee registration, training session @ St. Andrews

**Note:** Tarrant Chapter Soccer Officials' NEW Website: [www.tasotarrantsoccer.org](http://www.tasotarrantsoccer.org)

## **THE '03 SOCCER SEASON IS BEHIND US; IT'S TIME TO PAY BONNIE..**

As you all know, now that the high school soccer season has been completed, it is now time to pay our Referee Assignor, Bonnie Wick, for her services.

As registered members of Tarrant Chapter, you accept the responsibility to pay referee Assignor's Fees for all soccer matches we are assigned to by Ms. Wick; this includes all games assigned, whether they are regular season, district or playoff matches, even Middle School matches.

There is a form that we have provided in your 2003 Officials' Manual to help remind you and help calculate the fees that you owe. Please remit your assignor's fee directly to Bonnie, as stated on the form, and detach the bottom portion and send to Valerie Zomnir, Chapter Secretary for membership record maintenance and eligibility for the 2004 high school soccer season.

REMEMBER....the Assignor's fee you owe Bonnie is based on \$3.00 for each middle/center duty performed, \$3.00 for each dual performed and \$2.00 for each line assignment. Please make this calculation, and send your check payable to Bonnie Wick, 1129 Hill Street, Grand Prairie, Texas 75050 for your fees owed. You will most likely not be billed by Bonnie for these fees. However, if you are in doubt as to the number of games worked/assigned, please contact Bonnie to confirm your number of games.

If not paid, the referee is in bad standing, and U.S. Mail notice of such bad standing will be sent to Tarrant Chapter, Dallas Chapter and TASO with copy to the referee affected, indicating that that referee may not register with TASO until the fees have been paid

We thank you for your diligence in taking care of this business item from the past soccer season.

### **CONGRATULATIONS**

Congratulations to **TIM DEBYSINGH** for being selected the High School Male Referee of the Year at the 2003 State High School Soccer Tournament in April.

Also to **VALERIE ZOMNIR** for being named the top female referee at a prestigious soccer tournament in Blaine, Minnesota this past summer.