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# The Referees' Whistle

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**President's Message**

## WHOOOOOOOOOOA, WHAT A RIDE!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Hey pardner, it's about time to bring the 2004 UIL High School Soccer Season to a close, don't ya think. The 2004 UIL High School Soccer Season and State Tournament are over; it's H I S T O R Y. But, we, as TASO Referees, aren't quite finished yet cowboy.

Our last stand at the ALAMO will be our **END-OF-SEASON GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING and OFFICER ELECTIONS** on **WEDNESDAY, JULY 14 AT 7:00PM AT ST. ANDREWS School Library**. We will conduct our Chapter business meeting, recap our season and performance, and have an election of officers for the Treasurer and President positions.

Steve Judkins has been our Chapter Treasurer for the past four (4) years. Steve has done a meticulous, painstaking job of organizing and maintaining our Chapter financial records, including local referee registrations, annual referee registrations and payments to TASO, and maintaining Chapter budgets and payments. Steve has served his two, two year terms, the maximum allowed by our bylaws, and thus is not seeking re-election to this position.

I guess I can not say enough as to how Steve has contributed to our Chapter over the past four years. He has been our silent partner and has certainly made my job easier. **THANK YOU STEVE** for a job well done.

Annnnnnnnd, at last I must say adieu, as well. I have been your Chapter President and leader the past four (4) plus years. I have also served my two, two year terms as your Chapter President, the maximum allowed by our bylaws. It's been fun and rewarding.

These past several years have been a very busy time in my life to say the least, but very memorable and rewarding, because I have been doing something near and dear to my heart. Soccer and officiating has been a big part of my life the past twenty years, it has been good to me; offering structure, relationships, leadership and the opportunity to deal with conflict management, which have served to make me a better person and helped me in my business career opportunities. I look back on these past 20-years with many, many fond memories.

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If any of you dudes out there, a Tarrant Chapter member referee in good standing has an interest in serving on your Chapter's Executive Team as either Chapter Treasurer or President, please contact me or Valerie Zomnir, our Chapter Secretary, whom I have previously appointed as Chairperson of our 2004 Election Committee for further information and detail about the current available positions.

Finally, let us not forget **LARRY MAHER**, our fallen referee who lost his courageous battle with cancer on February 20, 2004. May his dedication and example be ours to follow.

As I say adios, I thank y'all for your years of support, interest and service to your Chapter.

SEE YOU ON JULY 14 AT THE CORRAL, OKAY!!!  
Y'all are the greatest, take charge!

Tom Cochran

### ***THE '04 SOCCER SEASON IS COMPLETED; 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 UIL public high school 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 2004 Officials' Manual to help remind you and help calculate the fees that you owe. This same form is also available on our Chapter website at [www.tasotarrantssoccer.org](http://www.tasotarrantssoccer.org) at the Fees tab. 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 to determine eligibility for the 2005 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.

Thank you for your diligence in taking care of this final business item of this soccer season.

## **2004 High School Soccer Season**

Our Tarrant Chapter had a very good UIL High School Soccer Season this year. Not always a given in Texas, we had pretty good weather generally, though a bit windy and rainy on occasions.

No matter how you prepare, train and communicate with the ISD's and High Schools though, there will always be new challenges. This season was no exception. But overall things went well, and we have some good training materials for next season.

We successfully negotiated the various District play, thrusting our referees into Bi-District, Area and Regional play-offs.

Our Tarrant Chapter provided many referee crews for many different stages of the play-offs at many locations, both within our service area and traveling long distances to other areas outside of the Metroplex. We had referee crews going to Bryan, Brenham, Lindale, Temple and Tyler, just to name a few locations. We have received many great compliments and feedback on our Tarrant Chapter officiating performances at all levels of soccer playoffs again this season. Thanks for representing our Chapter so well. This speaks well for our excellent training program. Thanks Fred and Bill.

Congratulations are especially in order to Andy Bell, Heather Arredondo and Valerie Zomnir who were selected by the UIL for the 5A Varsity Girls Regionals in San Antonio.

Also Kyle Borne and Fernando Galvan were Tarrant Chapter's representatives selected by the UIL to go to the State UIL Soccer Tournament in Georgetown on April 8, 9 and 10. Stormy weather though played a role in the 4A finals on Saturday afternoon. I'm sure these guys have some great experiences to share with us nevertheless.

I hope all of our officials had a GREAT experience in their play-offs, and come back to our End-of-Season meeting to share those special moments with us. These class referees are congratulated for their leadership and efforts this 2004 high school soccer season.

**GREAT JOB EVERYONE!!!**

# THANKS TO THE EXECUTIVE TEAM

A big round of applause and a hardy THANK YOU to my/your Executive Board for a stupendous effort this high school soccer season.

Valerie Zomnir has performed an excellent and efficient job as Secretary to your Chapter, providing membership with valuable mass emails and maintaining our Chapter membership records. Treasurer, Steve Judkins has done an excellent job making our deposits, paying our bills and keeping our budget in line. Also, Ed Bazan has provided excellent leadership in dealing with many issues for the Chapter, and keeping our District Reps organized and in the loop.

Paul Zomnir is our District 9 Director representing our Chapter with the TASO organization. Paul facilitates communications between the Chapter and TASO and the UIL. Paul also helps provide the 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> officials for our local Regional Tournament at Pennington. And...provides many other chores within the Chapter to help keep us operating smoothly. Great job Paul.

Bonnie Wick serves as our Chapter Referee Assignor. This is an extremely important job, but in many respects a very thankless job, that does not get the recognition it should. Bonnie spends countless hours on the telephone, maintaining communications between the schools and our many, count them **250-PLUS**, referees to assure all the soccer matches are covered with our officials. Bonnie is very conscientious and dedicated for which we owe her a great deal of gratitude.

And...finally, what more can I say about the Fred and Bill 'show'? Fred, our Chapter Training Officer, always organizes and provides us with the most up to date, necessary and appropriate training tools designed for all of us to do our job correctly. Fred is extremely dedicated, and does his part with enthusiasm and meticulous detail. Bill, as past president, provides super backup and support to Fred in our training, manages our Chapter A&D Committee and is the Editor of our Whistle Newsletter.

Thank you ALL for your tremendous efforts and support to the Chapter. Wow, what a GREAT TEAM!!!

## HERE IS YOUR SLATE OF OFFICER NOMINATIONS FOR 2004

To fully prepare for this years election of officers at which time the positions of Chapter President, currently held by Tom Cochran and Treasurer, held by Steve Judkins, Valerie Zomnir, our Chapter Secretary, has been appointed as Chairman of the Election Committee. This committee will consist of a 3-person Election Committee, including Valerie and 2-members-at-large in good standing to qualify candidates and potential candidates for the available positions. Valerie has enlisted Phil Ochsner and Mickey O'Brien as the other committee members.

By 'qualify' we mean to accept candidates volunteering for the positions, nominations by members of candidates for the positions and to solicit nominees. Furthermore, to confirm that these potential candidates are in fact members in-good-standing, and have the desire, sincerity and time with which to dedicate to the positions involved.

### *Chapter Treasurer Candidate:*

**Lee Windham**

### *Chapter President Candidates:*

**Ed Bazan**

**Larry Huey**

**Steve Judkins**

If any members in good standing have an interest in or know of someone that has an interest in either of these available Chapter elected positions, please contact Valerie Zomnir for further information.

## ***TARRANT CHAPTER'S BY-LAWS and RULES AND REGS REVISED***

In an effort to bring our Chapter's by-laws and rules and regulations into conformity with those of the Texas Association of Sports Officials (TASO), your Chapter will present, review and discuss our new proposed Chapter governing format for RATIFICATION AND APPROVAL by our membership at our Chapter meeting on Wednesday, July 14, 2004.

The proposed Chapter by-laws and rules and regulations are available for your review on our Chapter website at [www.tasotarrantsooccer.org](http://www.tasotarrantsooccer.org) at the By-Laws tab. Ratification and acceptance of this proposal will bring our Chapter into compliance with TASO's governing documents.

**REMEMBER... WEDNESDAY, JULY 14; OUR END-OF-SEASON  
MEMBERSHIP MEETING AND OFFICER ELECTIONS**

**When – *Wednesday, July 14***

**Time – 7:00PM**

**Where – 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**

# THE LOSS OF A CLASS REFEREE .....

## LARRY MAHER REMEMBERED

As most of you know by now our friend and fellow referee, Larry Maher, lost his courageous battle with cancer on February 20.

Larry was truly dedicated to the sport of soccer and officiating, both outdoor and indoor. He was a USSF registered referee since 1994 and a TASO member for many years, as well. He was a former President of Mansfield Soccer Association, and managed Mansfield and Arlington Soccer Association's A&D Committees for a number of years. He was quite involved, as a volunteer with the Dallas Sidekicks organization, and was a part of a select team of referees that managed the Sidekick's youth tournaments on home game days. Being the eternal optimist, Larry re-certified with NTSSA, and attended several of our Tarrant Chapter UIL/High School training sessions and registered with TASO this past fall for our 2004 soccer season. One of Larry's final requests was to be buried in his referee uniform with his whistle in hand.

Because of his ties with Mansfield, Kathi teaches kindergarten in the MISD system, and both of his children, Tim and Megan graduated from Mansfield High School, there was a tribute to Larry at 'Mansfield Soccer Association Night' at the Summit H.S. v. Mansfield H.S. Varsity Boys and Girls soccer matches the week after his passing.

Larry will be remembered for his unselfish dedication to soccer and officiating through his tireless energy and support of the game. His example and dedication spurred him to that next higher level of competition.

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