

September 2008

The next Meeting of the North Middlesex Referees ' Society will be held at Holtwhites Sports and Social Club, Kirkland Drive, Enfield at 7.30 pm on Thursday the 18th of September 2008. Although there will not be a guest speaker at the Meeting nonetheless we will be having a general discussion on Euro '08 especially related to offside decisions there and in general.

EDITORIAL

Well here we go again and happy to be back for my third stint in the Editor's Chair.

Let me start by congratulating my predecessor for the sterling work he carried out in these pages, for many years, in what is always an onerous, albeit enjoyable job. Further congratulations are due also to Terry on his appointment as President of this Society, a task for which he is eminently suited.

What then of my new tenure? Perhaps a little of the same as before, in that I hope to bring out as many practical refereeing subjects as possible, but also hope not to be writing so many of them myself, as often happened in the past. I am trusting that the old "fogeys" who are not only the backbone of the Society but also still the main attenders at monthly meetings will support me with their articles and other types of contributions.

I have been performing the Editor's job for this and other magazines for so long now that I have been pulled up sharp recently when a couple of people have said to me "it's not your magazine – it's that of the members" I have to confess that I am quite happy to be chided in that respect but there is no point in having a magazine if no-one writes for it and the Editor is then forced to pen more of it himself, whereupon the readers then get a more slanted product. I know every Editor makes a plea for contributions and this is the third time running I have done it so I will add no more but live in hope rather than die in expectation.

However I do hope to introduce some new features with perhaps a wider football feel. Please do not hesitate to write in to complain or to bring up any points thought to be of interest. It would however be more than helpful if your contributions were emailed to me at atsk 51 @dsl.pipex.com thus saving time and overcoming difficulties in re-typing.

Ken Goldman
Editor.

Membership Fees for Season 2008/2009 are now due!



Yes ladies and gentlemen, it's that time of year again. Your subscription for Season 2008/2009 became due on 1 April, and, if you have still not sent in your renewal, where the Society has an e-mail address on file, you should have received a further Membership Form by this method. For everybody else, another Membership Form is included with this issue of the Normidian. If you have paid, and you attended the Annual General Meeting, you should have received your Membership Card and souvenir RA Medallion there. Otherwise, your Membership Card and souvenir

RA Medallion are included with this edition of the Normidian. If you receive your magazine by e-mail this will have been forwarded to you under separate cover. However, if you have only recently paid, editorial and printing deadlines may well have prevented inclusion of your Card and Medallion, and this will be sent next month. If you have not paid, the deadline for the reduced NMRS Membership Fee passed on 31 July, and the society fee is now £12.00. The Referees Association subscription is £15.00.

Membership Fees payable are as follows:-

- **Full Members - £27.00.** This includes your Referees Association of England fee of £15.00 including the Insurance Premium of £4.00. If you are over 75, you are not automatically covered by the Insurance Premium, and your fee payable will be reduced by £4.00. However, should you wish to purchase insurance cover, this can be arranged for a fee of £8.00 making a total amount payable of £31.00.
- **Associate Members - £12.00.** You must pay your Referees Association of England fee through another Society, and this should be shown on your Membership Form.
- **Junior Members - £15.50.** Members under 18 years of age at 1 April 2008, including your Referees Association of England fee of £9.50.

Individual fees payable are shown on your personalised Membership Form. You are reminded that, if you have not yet paid, you are not covered by the RA Insurance. Please complete and return your Membership Form as soon as possible.

It would be appreciated if you could you all check your details shown on the Form, and amend any information that is shown incorrectly. Please also specifically check e-mail addresses shown carefully, as some that we have on file are resulting in bounce backs. Additionally, please check that the NPD Number (Registration Number) shown is correct, and complete it if it is missing from the Membership Form. The number can be found on your County FA Registration Form. If you are not currently registered with a County FA, please indicate on your form as Not Registered. Please also indicate where requested whether you are an Assessor; Examiner; Instructor; or Mentor.

As mentioned above, this season, in addition to your Membership Card, you will receive a commemorative medallion from the Referees Association. This is to celebrate the centenary of the Referees Association.

Gary Cobden
Honorary Treasurer





Did you know that, apart from its major competitions, FIFA also run a Beach Soccer World Cup? The competition has been run annually since its inauguration in 2005, when the winners were France – who beat Portugal in the final. In 2006, the tournament was won by Brazil who beat Uruguay. In 2007, Brazil again won the tournament, beating Mexico in the final. These first three tournaments

were held in Rio de Janeiro. In 2008, the tournament was held away from Rio for the first time, with Marseilles in France hosting the championship from 17-27 July. Sixteen teams competed in four groups of four teams, with the top two teams in each group progressing through to the quarter final stage. The twenty-four group matches were held over six consecutive days with four matches played each day. The four quarter finals were held on one day, as were the two semi-finals, and then the final and third/fourth place play off. Brazil won the title for the third time, beating Italy in the final. Whilst in France this summer, I was fortunate to see some of the matches on Eurosport. The quality of some of the football was quite breathtaking. Matches are played over three periods of 12 minutes each, with a break of 3 minutes between periods. The pitch, which must be of fine sand – not less than 40cm deep – is between 35m-37m long, and 26m-28m wide. It has no internal markings, but the external area is marked by blue tape. There is an imaginary 'halfway' line marked by red flags positioned outside the playing area, and the 'kick off' and some direct free-kicks are taken from the centre of this line. Each penalty area is marked by an imaginary line 9m from the goal line marked by two yellow flags placed outside the playing area. The imaginary penalty mark is at the centre of the penalty area line, equidistant from each goal post. Each match is controlled by two referees, together with a timekeeper and third referee. The full 'Laws of the Game for Beach Soccer' together with competition regulations can be found on the FIFA website, www.fifa.com. Neutrals may be hoping to see a few more goals when the competition moves to the Middle East, but if Marseille 2008 was the least prolific of the four FIFA Beach Soccer World Cups so far, that had a lot to do with the excellent standard of goalkeeping. The competition's first voyage beyond Brazilian shores must go down as a remarkable success. Little by little, it has forced its way into the reckoning as one of the most significant events in the sporting calendar since its inception four years ago - to that extent that the growing army of beach soccer enthusiasts can hardly wait to watch the world's finest talents reconvene in Dubai a year from now.

Gary Cobden



North Middlesex Referees Society - 100 Club Season 2008/2009

The membership numbers for this season are shown below.

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At the September meeting, the draws will take place for the months June to August – concluding season 2007/2008. The first draw of the new season utilising the numbers above will be made in October.

Our numbers so far for the coming season are down on last year, so, if you wish to join the 100 Club for the current season, please complete the form below, and return it to me.

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I wish to purchase.....share(s) in the NMRS 100 Club at £1.00 per share per month.

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Renewal information will be included with next seasons Membership Form

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Gary Cobden
Honorary Treasurer



REFEREEING ROUND THE WORLD

If there are no real Law changes for this Season, Referees were given strict instructions when they attended an Advanced Course for Elite and Premier Referees in Limassol Cyprus in February '08. It was stated that Referees must take strict action to prevent unfair play. Tackling was put under microscope especially high or reckless challenges that endanger opponents. Those where the foot was raised, should, it was advocated, result in a red card dismissal because of its aggressive nature. Where an incident was missed by the Referee and seen by his/her Assistant, they were the ones marked out to make the necessary signals. It was further confirmed that holding and pushing in the penalty area would see the Referee administer one warning but after that a yellow card caution should follow. Likewise a penalty or free kick should be awarded.

The importance of high quality refereeing has been acknowledged by UEFA who are continuing to bring young referees and their guides together on a regular basis. The 8th UEFA seminar for such talents occurred in May '08 at their headquarters in Nyon. The programme which began in 2001 has brought success in that three of the participants on former courses appeared at Euro 2008 as Referees, including England's Howard Webb, whilst seven of the eight Fourth Officials selected for that competition had also attended those courses.

North Middlesex Referees Society Website – www.northmiddlesexreferees.org.uk

We have now introduced a discussion forum page on the Society website, and this can be reached directly from the home page by clicking on the NMRS Discussion Forums link on the left hand side of the page. If you would like to participate in the discussion threads – which will expand over time – you will initially need to register on the forum with a Login ID and Password. We intend to develop this to aid new referees so they can use this as an area to gain knowledge, and discuss problems. The current topics home page is displayed below.



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We hope you find this an interesting development, and look forward to your participation.

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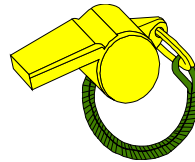
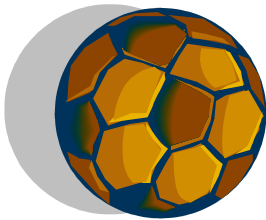
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