

May 2002

The Annual General Meeting of the North Middlesex Referees' Society will be held at 7.30 pm, on Friday, 10th May, 2002 at Cockfosters FC, Chalk Lane, Cockfosters, Barnet, Hertfordshire, EN4 9GL. Special Guest is Jim Jenkinson, RA Southern Representative.

Another season gone – well almost! At the April Society meeting Chairman, Tom White, congratulated everyone who had been promoted. At the same time, he commiserated with those who had missed out for one reason or another. A list of those who were successful appears in this issue.

As editor, I would, again, like to thank everyone in the Society who has supported me throughout the season, particularly Gary Cobden without whose help the job would be much more difficult. Thanks also to all my other 'regulars', mainly Mick Osborn, Robin Jagot, Ken Goldman, Peter Dace and 'Observer', all of whom have made the editing task that much easier. And to all the other members who have contributed in any way, your efforts have been much appreciated. Why not make a resolution to write at least once to your magazine next season? To Percy and Tony, in the back room, and not forgetting Arthur and the 'girls' at our printers, Kenmar, of Tottenham, "well done". I hope to see you all again next season, or before!

Included in this issue, as well as all the AGM details, is Mick Osborn's regular article; Stan Rosenthal's two excellent articles requesting help for new referees; Robin's quiz on the laws; details of the Society's second Recruitment Day, on Saturday, 22 June; the usual 100 Club results and Peter Dace's Reminiscences of 10 years ago. Also included is the second part of Ken Goldman's article on 'Sin Bins' - and look for a plea from Roger Jones, Chairman Barnet Sunday League, for referees.

Anyone lucky enough to obtain tickets for the Cup Final in Cardiff, through the Society draw will, I understand, have to fork out £70.00, plus a £9.00 administration fee. I suppose these are some of the perks Dave Reid and myself have by supporting Sheffield Wednesday and Sheffield United respectively.

Robin and Mick and their assistants have completed yet another Referees' Course at Brimsdown FC - another starts on May 13th. Is any other Society in the country as successful as our Training School? Details of the latest successes appear elsewhere – "well done, all"!

Last month's guest speaker, Bart O'Toole is a Barrister, and his delivery of a complex argument on the differing roles of FAMOA and the RA was, as you would expect, superb. But spare a thought for the brilliant John Cooke, who had prepared a slot to follow his AFA colleague. Alas, Chairman Tom White had to call a halt to before John could get a word in - and that's a first! But you did a good job assisting Bart on the computer. We hope to hear you again next season, John.

We look forward to seeing Life Vice-President, Arthur Stewart receive his RA 50 Year Award from Jim Jenkinson at the AGM. Frank McNeil, another of our Life Vice-Presidents, will receive a similar honour at the Dinner Dance. Look out for pen pictures of Arthur and Frank in this issue, together with a complete list of Vice-Presidents.

For your diaries, the closing date for the 1st issue of The Normidian for next season, 2002-2003, is Wednesday, 14th of August 2002.

THE PLEASURE WAS MINE

Since its foundation in 1949, there had been thirteen Presidents of this Society, eight since I qualified as a referee in 1978

Ron Hounsell was the first in my time. It was a pleasant surprise to find him in charge of the training school when I took the course. As a member of Trinity Old Boys Cricket Club, he had given me a lot of encouragement when I started playing as a raw teenager straight out of school.

The late Ron Tossell who had been Secretary for sixteen years, followed, holding office from 1980-83.

Another of my trainers, George Basten, was elected to the Presidency in 1983. Although having lived in Kent for some time now, George remains a great supporter of the Dinner Dance, for which he did so much when he was Social Secretary.

Following George came my good friend since schooldays, Terry Hayne. Peter Dace who succeeded Terry in 1989, had served as Treasurer for fifteen years and is the recognized archivist of the Society, submitting snippets for the Normidian from the magazine often years earlier. (It's a shock to read something you said a decade ago.)

Dave Dickinson, remembered with great affection by players and fellow referees alike, became President in 1992 and served with great heroism until cancer cut short his busy life in 1993. Robin Jagot had the unenviable task of succeeding Dave, with whom he had run the training school for many years.

One of, if not the, most successful of our members, Tony Ward, took office in 1996, so I'm sure you can imagine my surprise when in May, 1999, I was asked to take on the highest office in this Society. Now my three years is up.

It has been a memorable time serving the Society as it entered the new millennium and the second half of its one hundred years. It has been sadder than I would have liked. We lost two of our founder members, Arthur Pearce, (President 1969-1974,) and Harold Cooper, (Secretary 1949-1956,) as well as our good friend, Ken Aston and too many other notable members from neighbouring societies. At one time it seemed my only function was to attend funerals on the Society's behalf.

There have been the pleasant times, however. We celebrated the fifty years as a Society in February, 1999, just too early for me to preside over one of the most successful annual dinner and dances for many a year. On the bright side, it meant that Tony had four speeches to deliver in his term while I had only two, much to the relief of many, no doubt. I have enjoyed continuing on the team of our successful training school and hope to carry on assisting Robin and "new boy" Stan Rosenthal.

It is claimed that we are the largest single group of referees in the world. I consider it a great honour to have been President of North Middlesex Referees' Society for which I thank you. Our next President has my best wishes and support during his term.

Mick Osborn

Laws of the Game Quiz - You Are the REF

- 1) *A player who is to be substituted refuses to leave the field of play. Can you order him off?*
- 2) *A player takes a corner-kick before you signal the kick with your whistle. Do you order the kick to be retaken?*
- 3) *A defender, in his own penalty area, attempts to push an opponent but misses. You stop play and award an indirect free-kick.*
- 4) *At a corner-kick a goalkeeper stands in front of an attacker and by using his arms prevents the opponent from reaching the ball.?*
- 5) *A goalkeeper appears in a black jersey at the start of a match, is this in order?*
- 6) *You are handed a blue ball to start the match. There is no alternative ball. Would you allow the match to be played?*
- 7) *You have sent off a player to have dangerous studs corrected. You then allow a substitute to take his place. Is there a problem?*
- 8) *A player deliberately provokes an opponent by pulling his hair. The opponent retaliates by striking the other player. Which player do you send off?*

TRAINING CENTRE

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April's Special Guest – Bart O'Toole

Chairman, Tom White, introduced special guest, Bart O'Toole, presently AFA Society Secretary, who was accompanied by colleague, John Cooke. John, who often attends North Middlesex Society meetings gave us the background to Bart's refereeing career and his involvement in the AFA Society and the RA.

Bart always loved playing the game and he subsequently started refereeing in 1993 when he joined the AFA Society and became a member of the RA. His mentor? John Cooke! In addition to his Saturday games Bart went on the Suburban League line in 1995. After achieving Class 1 in 1998 he became AFA Society Secretary, starting the Society Mentoring Scheme with John. The following year he was appointed to the AFA Referees' Committee and became CRA rep. In September 2000 Bart read the RA Management Consultancy Team Report and the RA Council response in May 01. FAMOA was not known of when the Management Consultants issued their report and Bart became involved in drafting and submitting the AFA Society Motion for RA Conference 2001 to create the Implementation Team. Bart was elected to that team in November 2001.

Bart spoke eloquently about the work of the IT including the proposed restructuring and rewrite of the rules etc, which was scheduled for completion in January 2003. He explained that whilst FAMOA were not within their remit he felt the Team had to consider its effects. Bart said he was not the spokesman for the IT, only a member of it.

When FAMOA was launched in late 2001, it did so without consultation with the RA or County FAs. Each referee suddenly received a plastic file in FA Corporate colours with a 3 Lions logo enclosing various leaflets and a first, glossy, newsletter. The package also included a FAMOA badge, which can be worn almost anywhere unless your CFA requires you to wear its badge – on County Cups. Bart discussed membership of FAMOA, which is free – but the CFA registration fee has increased from £7.00 to £10.00! You can also opt out of membership – no point. It includes Mentors, Assessors and Instructors – who are referees anyway.

Bart asked, "What is FAMOA?" He suggested it was an association funded by the FA to provide referees with input and support from the FA and to promote Training and Development; In-Service Training; Physical Training; Advice on fitness and diet; Up-to-date information on the Laws; Incentives to introduce a friend; Rewards for services as an assessor, mentor etc; Open learning courses on FA website and Records of Achievement, recording attendance at in-service training, fitness achievements etc. The meeting discussed the above in comparison with what the RA has to offer.

The benefit, or otherwise, arising from the newly appointed Regional Managers was discussed. More information will be fed to referees on promotion and fitness, Schools of Excellence etc and training needs. Large seminars and conferences are likely to be held in regions, but it is not clear who will attend these gatherings. Current awards are to be built on and the meeting discussed a long list including most promising referee, fittest referee and the referee who does the most games.

Amongst other points covered by Bart and discussed, was the FA's assurance that FAMOA will not usurp the role of the RA and that it will provide equality of opportunity for all referees. Also, it will help towards meeting the FA's vision statement to "provide a suitably qualified referee to every sanctioned game under the FA's jurisdiction".

Concern has been raised by Societies that despite the assurances given by the FA, that launching FAMOA will have an adverse effect on the RA and County Associations and branches.

Bart suggested that FAMOA could be likened to a staff association for English Registered Referees, so it was perhaps not surprising that members of the RA – a Trade Union/Professional Association, are suspicious. Originally, the FA /CFAs relied primarily on volunteers in Societies to run training courses and provide further training, with CFAs providing examination, registration, in-service training and promotion.

CFA's now have an increasing input into training formerly run by Societies with courses advertised by CFAs and no automatic Society membership on qualification. As the FA is now providing greater funding from the top of the game is it wanting to increase its influence on training, recruitment and retention etc? If so, will this result in greater professional intervention in areas previously dealt with by keen amateurs within the CFAs and the RA? The conclusion was the FA wish to standardise the differing approaches across the CFAs to a number of issues including: training; mentoring; in-service training; promotion criteria and assessment and assessors. Awards and rewards, fitness and diet, and recruitment and retention can also be added to the list.

CFAs and RA amateurs cannot seriously compete with professionals in these areas suggested Bart. Control of refereeing – by guidance, support, publications etc is becoming much more hands-on and direct. And this could extend to e.g. Personal Insurance, supplies etc, provided they can quote competitively. Younger referees, said Bart, will begin to identify with the FA through the FAMOA badge and membership card and look to the FA for redress and identifying less with their CFAs, perhaps complaining about their CFAs more readily, fearing sanction less than before. Also, they may complain less about the FA wanting to find favour of its controllers and demand value from the RA through RA and Society magazines and meetings - or simply leave. The FA must nevertheless rely heavily on local keen amateurs in the RA and CFAs to do the bulk of the work on training and developing referees – but under the closer guiding hand of the FA e.g. Licensed Instructors, CFA Promotions Secretaries, Assessors, Mentors, Society guest speakers etc.

Bart pointed out that the RA and Societies would do well to review our functions and ask the question, “Why do we exist? What can we do that FAMOA cannot do?” He suggested we should: elect our officers; ask questions and make representations to FA/CFAs e.g. whether a referee is a representative of the FA on the FOP; discipline of referees; discipline issued by referees; assaults on referees; protection of referees from legal liability; fees; discrimination and equality; treatment of referees by leagues; standards set for promotion, assessment and appointments. He also suggested we utilise the goodwill of the Societies to hold social gatherings (good for retention); guest speakers; awards and ceremonies and the publishing of independent journals (Normidian) with critical appraisal of the FA, CFAs, leagues etc.

In the longer term, said Bart, perhaps the RA and FAMOA would merge (as in some other countries)? The advantages and disadvantages were considered.

Advantages: Removes uncertainty for new officials on the functions of RA /FAMOA; Increases funding to the FA/FAMOA; Improved communication RA/FAMOA to members (The Football Referee); Cheaper/free membership and 100% membership.

Disadvantages/Problem Areas: Status of Regional Managers and the RA Council; Independence of controlling body from FA; Independence of RA and Society publications.

After the usual question and answer session, Chairman, Tom White, brought our guest speaker's presentation to a close. President, Mick Osborn, thanked Bart on behalf of everyone present for his enjoyable and thought-provoking presentation and asked him to accept a Society tie as a memento of his visit to North Middlesex.

Roger Jones, Chairman Barnet Sunday League, writes:

In at the Sharp end – give the Barnet Sunday League a try!

It has always struck me that adult Sunday football unfairly gets a bad Press. As chairman of the Barnet Sunday League and someone who has been involved with the league – as player, and now referee and officer – since it was formed in 1966, you might expect me to say that. But I honestly believe it. Misconduct is nowhere near as prevalent (or serious) as the misinformed or the mischievous would like us to think.

If you're not prepared to take my word for it, ask our referees, plenty of whom have been officiating on the Barnet Sunday League for many years, a few of them for more than 20 seasons. Ask your fellow North Middlesex Referees' Society members, such as John Cooke, Trevor Crouchley and Costas Tanti. And if you are still unconvinced, then talk to North Middlesex's shining star Phil Sharp who began his refereeing career on the Barnet Sunday League back in 1981 as a 17-year-old. Phil spent seven seasons with us and he is the first to say that it was valuable experience, which gave him the platform to begin the rise to where he is today. "It wasn't always easy as a teenager", Phil says, "but I learned quickly and I shall always be grateful for those early years with the Barnet Sunday League."

If you still need to be convinced that the league might be worth giving a try, let me outline some of the steps we take to keep our house in order.

In recent seasons we have dispensed with several clubs whose persistent conduct became a cause for concern, and we often refuse players' registrations if they have a poor misconduct record. We even withdraw registrations (in addition to any county suspension) during the season if players offend regularly or commit a serious offence. That's not to say we're perfect and we don't pretend our league is trouble-free – name me one that is. But we're better than most and we're proud of our reputation among referees that we do everything in our power to back them up.

Now, I can hear the sceptics say, if we're that good, why are we trying to recruit? Quite simply because a number on our current list are getting a bit long in the tooth and are threatening to hang up their boots (and whistles). Ideally, we need new people with some experience, but if, like Phil Sharp, you're young and brave, perhaps the Barnet Sunday League can help you along the way, too. We'll certainly give you all the encouragement and support we can.

Anyone who might be interested in finding out if our league tastes as good as it sounds, or if you just want to know more, please give me a call on 01707 664134.

Roger Jones (Chairman and Referees' Secretary, Barnet Sunday League)

P.S. The Barnet Sunday League sends its best wishes to Phil Sharp for the World Cup and joins everyone else in congratulating him on another well-deserved accolade.



Watch yer Language!

A Society member was refereeing a Cup Final earlier this season, when a player swore at him in Spanish - the offender was immediately dismissed. Unfortunately for the player, our man speaks the language and did not hesitate to apply the Law.



CONGRATULATIONS

The following candidates attended Training Course 170 held at Brimsdown FC, Enfield, and successfully passed their examination in May 2002

Atila Beyaz, Philip Bowman, Graham Carter, Esien Esesien, Iakis Georgiou, James Kilmartin, John McCormack, Steven Neal, Nicholas Nicolaou, John Noblemunn and Robert Pennock

Each candidate was presented with a Certificate of Competence and the relevant County Associations advised.

The Council of NMRS offer their congratulations and welcome the new referees to future meetings.

Congratulations To:

Mike Riley, this year's AXA Final Referee.

Known Promotions – Middlesex County FA & AFA County members

Level 6 to Level 5

Larry Clarke	Alan Haggart	Leslie Hedges
Gary Hunter	Isaac Jempeji	Christopher Kemp
Nick Lambert	Richard Meikle	Dennis Rigney
Jeffrey Till	Robert Was	Terry Wilson

Level 7 to Level 6

Mark Bowen	Stephen Clarke	Richard Cole
Kevin Howick	Dervish Kiamil	Peter Law
Patrick O'Connor	Terry Pusey	Michael Richardson
Costas Tanti	David Woolf	



Plum Appointments

Richard Meikle - Referee, Southern Olympian League, Intermediate Cup Final

Gerry Franklin – Assistant Referee, Cyril Aneckstein Cup Final

Malcolm Sonenfeld – Referee, Barnet Sunday junior Cons. Cup Final

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A SINple SOLUTION - (Part 2) by Ken Goldman

In my last article I dealt with the concept of introducing the sin-bin into the game and here I would like to put forward some practical ways in which it could be implemented.

How would it work? Here is my theory:

The referee would be given discretion to penalise for periods of fifteen minutes at a time. This would necessitate the introduction of one further card; say a white one (carte blanche perhaps for the referee?) or an orange or luminous green, for easy identification. The referee would show the white card for a simple fifteen minutes dismissal, the yellow card for any period of more than 15 minutes and the red card for a sending off for the rest of the game. A player receiving two terms in the sin-bin during a game or a red card would be reported for fines as at present with a subsequent period of suspension, if sent off for a red card offence.

To make sure players, managers and spectators knew how long a player should serve in the sin-bin, the referee would show the yellow card the required number of times - twice for 30 minutes or three times for 45 minutes.

Here are a few examples of the tariffs for particular offences:

As indicated, we could have a white/green etc. fifteen minute card for (a) delaying the restart of play by standing on the ball or kicking or throwing it away (b) failing to retreat ten yards (9.15 metres) or encroaching after starting in the right place or (c) entering or leaving the field without the referee's permission.

The use of the yellow card for more than fifteen and up to forty five minutes for (1) being guilty of unsporting behaviour (2) persistently infringing the Laws and (3) showing dissent by word or action. The same card used for half a game at least for (1) denying an obvious goal scoring opportunity by physical contact or handling the ball or (2) being guilty of serious foul play.

Finally the red card for (a) violent conduct (b) spitting at anyone (c) using offensive insulting or abusive language or gestures or (d) receiving a second yellow card in the game.

The site of the sin-bin would depend on where the game was played. It could be an extension of the dugout; just inside the entrance to the dressing rooms or a separately constructed shelter. At junior level (and this is intended as a change in the laws for all football) the players would have to retire to the touchlines. As substitutes in junior football do this now (sometimes for a whole match) it should not cause difficulty. Any continuation of misconduct -or new misconduct -on the touchlines or in the sin-bin, would automatically mean dismissal for the rest of the game, ending in a report to the relevant authority. Players receiving a red card, as from this season must now leave the vicinity of the field.

No manager or coach would wish to be without one or more players during a game and the sin-bin might create an air of self-regulation amongst players and back-room staffs.

Peter Dace reminisces – the Normidian of May 1992

Ken Goldman writes as ‘Temporary Acting Editor’ and says “if during the summer anybody has any ideas of a new or old nature on the subject of refereeing please do not hesitate to contact me or the Secretary with them. Contacting me is on the assumption that I am going to be asked to take over the magazine next season”.

In his end of season Chairman’s message Dave Ackerman writes the Society would not function as smoothly as it does without the enormous amount of work put in by its Officers and thanks in particular Secretary Adrian Bland, Dave Buckeridge for organising the MRA Rally, “Honest” Vosper for running the Quiz, Elephant Races and the Dinner Dance, and to Stan and Ada Reed for behind the scenes work in distributing the Normidian.

In his Secretary’s report Adrian Bland acknowledges the work of the Training School “which has had to function most of the season without of one the Societies most popular and tireless characters, Dave Dickinson. I am sure you will join me in wishing Dave the best of health as the Society is a much richer place with his presence”.

Report on April guest speaker, Geoff Pearson, Football League and FIFA Linesman and due to run the line in the 1992 FA Trophy Final. Geoff’s talk was divided into (a) Match Preparation and (b) Match situations. Controversially Geoff felt referees should be allowed to make the greatest number of decisions without the help of the Linesmen. Vote of thanks proposed by Tom White.

Alex Myers adds his own thoughts to those already published on member Andy Bishop’s disappointment that he would get only a trophy for a Final and no fee. Alex says that when he first qualified in 1952 there were no fees of any description but as the years rolled past a fee was introduced at five shillings (25p). His advice to Andy “if you need money that bad, do your Final then write to me and I’ll give you the MONEY”.

PLUM appointments are listed for Tony Carter (2); Peter Jago (3); Dave Buckeridge (4); Tim Slader (4); Adrian Bland and Steve Palmer one each.



Another of Ron Hounsell’s odes.

A ref who’d been chased for miles,
Carried red cards in neat piles,
Suffering cuts and bruises,
Is not what he chooses,
What’s lacking today are his smiles.

Nice one Ron. Ed.



Members Honoured

Two Society Members will be honoured with Referees Association 50 Year Awards at this year's AGM and Annual Dinner Dance respectively; they are Arthur Stewart and Frank McNeil. Below is a pen picture of each of these stalwarts, taken from our website, who deserve our heartfelt thanks for their services to the Society and Football in general.

Arthur Stewart

Arthur qualified as a referee in 1936, finally calling it a day over thirty years later in 1966. A founder member of North Middlesex, he was the Society's first Training Officer, being in charge from 1949 until 1958. Still living locally, Arthur is currently a Society Life Vice President. Arthur progressed through local leagues, to the Athenian League, and the Referees list of the Football Combination. He subsequently made the Football League Linesman's list in 1958, and was invited to join the Referees list in 1960, a position that he had to decline due to business commitments. The 'plum' of his career was as linesman to Arthur Ellis in front of 105,000 spectators at the Bernabau Stadium, Madrid for a European Cup match - Real Madrid v Barcelona. When he finally 'retired' from the Football League Linesman's list, he had a spell as an Assessor.

Frank McNeil

Frank qualified as a referee in 1951, immediately jumping in at the deep end, helping out with the organisation of that year's Dinner and Dance, taking over the post of Social Secretary in 1953 – a post he held until 1961, when, on medical advice, he stopped refereeing. Frank has lived in Swindon since 1968, and is a Society Life Vice President. He officiated on the Athenian; Corinthian; Isthmian; and South East Counties Leagues; never forgetting the Wood Green and Southgate League where it all began. In 1954 Frank became a qualified FA Coach, after attending a course at Lilleshall, immediately taking over the London Maccabi Junior Team for five years. He also looked after Samuel Lithgow, a London Boys Club team for eight seasons of unprecedented success, including the London Federation of Boys Clubs League and Cup Double in one season. Frank served as Referees Secretary on a number of Leagues including the Enfield League and Cup Competitions Cup, and the Enfield and Tottenham Combination.



Referees are a choosy lot

Well we are aren't we? Get two referees in a room and you will have at least three different opinions on anything from the state of the local park to the Premier League.

Well, we want your opinion to count. Are you happy with the leagues you referee or line on? Is it a good league and would you recommend it to others?

At our society we have new referees each year who qualify through our training centre. We also have many others who fancy a change or are considering going for promotion to levels 6, 5 or 4 (that's class 2 and 1 for the oldies!).

We need to know the following –

1. The name of the league
2. The referees secretary – who is it and how can he be contacted.
3. Is it suitable for new referees or better for those with more experience, perhaps it might be good for promotion candidates.
4. What is the current fee paid.

If you think that your leagues should be recommended then let me know either by e-mail to stan_rosenthal@hotmail.com, post at 40 Slades Hill, Enfield, EN2 7EE or simply give me the details at the next meeting.

Stan Rosenthal



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You can be 16 or 60 years old, have 1 year or 40 years experience. It doesn't matter. You can identify with the new referee.

At the training school we produce some 50 new referees each year. What we would like is to give the name and telephone number of another referee to each candidate so that they can talk over their problems. You don't have to go to their games or do home visits (unless you both want to). Just be there to listen to their problems and advise them. If you don't know the answer then you know where that answer can be found – they don't....yet.

It's not a lifetime commitment but it would be something useful for the new referee over his first few games whilst he finds his feet.

If you feel that you can help then let me have your details by e-mail stan_rosenthal@hotmail.com or by post to 40 Slades Hill, Enfield, EN2 7EE or phone me on 020 8367 2579 (not after 9.30 please).

Stan Rosenthal

MEMEBRSHIP FEES - SEASON 2002/2003

For those who have yet to pay their subscription for the ensuing season, a further Membership Application Form for Season 2002/2003 is enclosed with this months Normidian. The forms were completed from the details held about you on the Society database – please check the information is correct, making any necessary amendments. As we are now in May, your cover under the Referees Association Insurance Policy has now lapsed; to ensure cover, you need to return your Membership Form and money to me as soon as possible. The Fees, which are unchanged from Season 2001/2002, are as follows: - Full Members - i.e. those who do not pay their Referees Association subscription through any other Society - £19.50 (aged 18 and above on 1 April); £12.00 (if under 18). If you are under 14 or over 75 on 1 April, deduct £2.50 for the Insurance Premium from these figures. Associate Members - i.e. those who pay their Referees Association subscription through another Society (which must be indicated on the Membership Form) - £10.00 (aged 18 and above); £6.00 (if under 18). These figures are shown on the Membership Forms, and are valid only if paid prior to 30 June 2002. Those members making payments made after this date will be liable to pay the Society Subscription at the full rate, and not the discounted rate – an additional £2.00. There is an additional question on the Membership Form this year – would you like to receive your Normidian electronically. If you are prepared to receive your Normidian by e-mail, please answer Yes to this question, and keep the Society advised of your current e-mail addresses.

For those of you that had paid your subscriptions prior to the beginning of April, you will find enclosed with your Magazine a summary of the Referees Association Insurance Policy terms and Conditions – I am advised that, under new European legislation, every paid up member must be provided with a copy. Unfortunately, not all Membership Cards have been received from the referees Association, so these will not be sent out until the first magazine of the new season.

Gary Cobden
Honorary Treasurer

REFEREES ASSOCIATION GRAND DRAW



Enclosed with your Magazine in March you should have had one or more books of RA Draw tickets. Whilst the First Prize may not look quite like the car on the left, it is still a car. Please use all your efforts to sell the tickets, as the Society receives 50% of the proceeds of all tickets sold. When sold, please ensure that you return all the counterfoils to me - if you

send them back direct to the Referees Association, we do not get our share of the ticket money. If you are unable or unwilling to sell the books sent to you, will you please return them to me as soon as possible, as other Members have offered to sell more books than they were originally allocated, and will thus generate more much needed income for the Society. Additionally, all unsold books have to be returned to the Promoter. The latest date for return of counterfoils/unsold books is 22 May 2002.

Thanks again for your support.

Gary Cobden
Honorary Treasurer

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

I have to inform you that the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of THE NORTH MIDDLESEX REFEREES SOCIETY will be held on FRIDAY 10 MAY 2002 at COCKFOSTERS FOOTBALL CLUB, Chalk Lane, Cockfosters, Barnet, Hertfordshire, EN4 9JG, commencing at 7.30pm for consideration of the following Agenda.

Martin de la Fuente
Hon. Secretary

AGENDA

1. Apologies for Absence.
2. To CONFIRM the Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting.
3. To CONSIDER any matters arising therefrom.
4. To RECEIVE a report from the Secretary.
5. To RECEIVE a report from the Treasurer together with the audited accounts.
6. To RECEIVE a report from the Honorary Auditors.
7. To RECEIVE any reports from the Council and Officers.
8. To CONSIDER the following changes to Rules:-

New Rule 4(f):-

The Council shall create a Benevolent Fund sub-committee. The sub-committee shall consist of any two Live Vice Presidents, plus the Secretary. The sub-committee shall meet as and when required to decide on specific donations and claims., and shall report back to the Council of the Society. Any decisions relating to donations shall be ratified by the Council of the Society.

Amendment to rule 5(a):-

The last sentence currently reads:-

All cheques drawn on the account shall be signed by one of the Chairman, Hon. Secretary, and Hon. Treasurer.

Amend the last sentence to read:-

All cheques drawn on the account shall be signed by one of the Chairman, Hon. Secretary, and Hon. Treasurer, save for those in excess of £150 (One hundred and fifty pounds) which shall be signed by any two of the aforementioned Officers.

Amendment to Rule 4(a):-

The list of Officers currently reads:-

President, Chairman, Vice Chairman, and the following Honorary Officers: Secretary, Treasurer, Magazine Editor, Training Officer, Social Secretary, and Gear Supplies Officer

Amend the list of officers to read:-

President, Chairman, Vice Chairman, and the following Honorary Officers: Secretary, Treasurer, Magazine Editor, Training Officer, Social Secretary, Gear Supplies Officer, and Youth Development Officer

9. To ELECT Officers and Council for the ensuing year.
The following persons have assented, and been duly proposed and seconded for the positions:-

President	Ken Goldman
Chairman	Tom White
Vice Chairman	Vince Yeudall
Secretary	Robin Jagot
Treasurer	Gary Cobden
Social Secretary	Mick Osborn
Magazine Editor	Terry Wilson

Training Secretary	Robin Jagot
Gear Supplies Officer	Percy Brown
Youth Development Officer	Jeff Till
R&R Delegate to MRA	John Taverner
Council Members	Martin de la Fuente
	Michael Mackey
	Peter Smith
Life Vice President	Mick Osborn

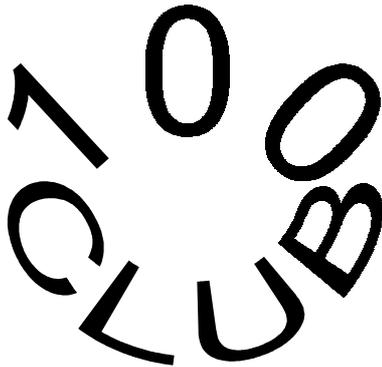
There have been no nominees proposed for the two positions as MRA Delegates – should anybody wish to volunteer for these posts, they may be co-opted into the position on the night of the AGM.

10. To ELECT Honorary Auditors (currently Messrs Langstone and Jacobs).
11. To CONSIDER the following motion:-
That this Annual General Meeting places on record its thanks to the Officers and Council for their work during the past year, and express appreciation of the conduct of the affairs of the Society.
12. To CONSIDER any other business competent and urgent.



NORTH MIDDLESEX REFEREES SOCIETY

Draw results for March and April 2002 are shown below. There were 55 shares subscribed, and the payout is 70% of the pool - £38.50. The draws were made by Chairman, Tom White. Cheques are enclosed in this months Normidian.



	March			April		
First	42	Robin Willis	£22.00	6	Simon Bullock	£22.00
Second	35	Peter Smith	£11.00	21	Geoff Jacobs	£11.00
Third	32	Chris Proud	£5.50	13	Trevor Crouchley	£5.50



SOCIETY RECRUITMENT DAY – SATURDAY 22 JUNE 2002

The Society will be repeating the event held last year, and will be holding the above event all day in Palace Gardens Shopping Precinct in Enfield Town. The display stand will be manned all day by volunteers from your Council; however, if you would like to assist in recruiting possible trainee referees, please let me know as soon as possible. The display stand has interactive videos for new recruits to test their knowledge of the laws of the game – and you can also test yours.

Gary Cobden
Honorary Treasurer

Treasurers Report – Season 2001/2002

The Society continues to go from strength to strength; however Membership numbers fell back slightly from last seasons all time high to 281 Full Members, and 12 Associate Members (301/11). The 'blip' encountered last year, when the Society returned a loss, has been reversed – as expected – and we have returned a profit this season of £709.66 after charging Depreciation of £673.00.

Income and Expenditure:-

The Training School continues in bringing through a high level of trainees, and this was helped by the Recruitment Day held in Enfield last June. Notwithstanding this, we continue to lose a number of these new trainees after a year. The surplus this year includes a £240.00 grant from the Football Association to assist with the costs of some new Training Aids required by the Training Centre as soon as possible. This amount has not yet been received, but has been authorised. Fees for courses were maintained this season at £30.00; however, if we run a small class we just cover our costs, and we are also fortunate that some venues used still do not charge the Society a hire fee. With regard to the Social Functions, ticket prices have again been held at £5.00 for both the Race Night and the Quiz Night which both returned surpluses. Following the Dinner in Season 2000/2001 making a loss, I am pleased to report that this season's function returned a profit of just under £100.00. I am also pleased to be able to report that the Royal Bank of Scotland/NatWest has continued with its scheme whereby it makes donations/grants to voluntary organisation in which its staff takes an active role, and we have again received a grant of £250.00. Bank Interest fell this year, due to falling interest rates, although the Society keeps as much money as possible in higher interest accounts.

The Normidian costs have been held at a similar level to last season, due to the slightly lower membership numbers and issues, on occasions, being smaller than last season. As yet, the Society has not been invoiced for one mid-season issue. This is currently under investigation with our printers, but the accounts reflect the position as if the invoice had been received and paid. The change in venue has resulted in the Hall Hire charges decreasing to £50.00 per night. Last season the Gear Sales returned a substantial loss, which was investigated by Council, and no specific reasons could be found. I am pleased to be able to report that a profit has been recorded this year. Guest Speaker expenses rose this year as we had to pay increased sums to some of our higher profile speakers.

Balance Sheet:-

The Society made two donations totalling £125 from the Benevolent Fund this year - £100 to longstanding member Joe Walker who has been suffering from a period of ill health, and £25 to cover flowers sent to Life Vice President George Basten's wife following her illness. The Computer and Projector continue to be written off over a five year period, with the value in our books now reflecting the figure after three years depreciation.

Subscriptions:-

Subscriptions for the current season are: - Full Members - those who pay their Referees Association subscription through North Middlesex - £19.50 (if aged 18 and above on 1 April); £12.00 (if under 18). If you are under 14 or over 75 on 1 April, deduct £2.50 for the Insurance Premium from these figures. Associate Members - those who pay their Referees Association subscription through another Society - £10.00 (if aged 18 and above on 1 April); £6.00 (if under 18). There will be no proposals regarding subscriptions at the Annual General Meeting.

Gary Cobden
Honorary Treasurer

VICE PRESIDENT ROLL OF HONOUR 1949-2001

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1952	H. ECCLES	W. EVANS		
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1959	H. ECCLES	W. EVANS		AS. LAYSON
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1962	H. ECCLES	W. EVANS	C. BROOME	AS. LAYSON
1963	H. ECCLES	W. EVANS	C. BROOME	AS. LAYSON
1964	H. E~CLES		C. BROOME	AS. LAYSON
1965	H. ECCLES	R. SWINSON	C. BROOME	AS. LAYSON
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1978		R. SWINSON	K.F. MAY	
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1980	T. HAYNE	R. SWINSON	K.F. MAY	
1981	T. HAYNE	It SWINSON	K.F. MAY	B.V. HARRIS
1982	T. HAYNE	R. SWINSON	K.F. MAY	B.V. HARRIS
1983	T. HAYNE	R. SWINSON	KF. MAY	B.V. HARRIS
1984	T. HAYNE	G.L. NEWCOMBE	K.F. MAY	B.V. HARRIS
1985	A CODLING	G.L. NEWCOMBE	K.F. MAY	G.M. PERRY
1986	A CODLING	G.L. NEWCOMBE	K.F. MAY	G.M. PERRY
1987	A CODLING	G.L. NEWCOMBE	T.C. WHITE	G.M. PERRY
1988	A CODLING	G.L. NEWCOMBE	T.C. WHITE	K. GOLDMAN
1989		D.J. DICKINSON	T.C. WHITE	K. GOLDMAN
1990		D.J. DICKINSON		
1991	M.P. OSBORN	D.J. DICKINSON		
1992	M.P. OSBORN			
1993	M.P. OSBORN			
1994	A.J.P. BLAND	C.J. PROUD	P.E. VOSPER	
1995	AJP. BLAND	C.J. PROUD	P.E~ VOSPER	
1996	AJP. BLAND	C.J. PROUD	P.E. VOSPER	K. GOLDMAN
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The above list of Vice Presidents is taken from the North Middlesex Referees' Society "A Celebration of 50 Years of Football" edited by Charles Lifford.

To purchase a copy of the Book see the advert elsewhere in this issue of Normidian.



Gear Supplies Price List – Season 2001/2002

Matchday Kits

We can supply both Umbro and RA Kits. Both ranges are available with either long or short sleeves, and can be supplied with your County FA Badge pre-embroidered for a small additional charge. Socks are available with either plain white tops, or with hooped tops. Cushioned feet socks can also be supplied. Boots and Tracksuits are also available to order.

Prices are as follows:-

Umbro Short Sleeve - £32.00	Umbro Long Sleeve - £33.00
Umbro Shorts - £23.50	
RA Short Sleeve - £18.50	RA Long Sleeve - £18.50
RA Shorts - £12.50	
White Topped Socks - £5.00	Reinforced Foot - £5.50
Hoop Topped Socks - £5.50	

County Badges added to Shirts - £7.25 extra on Umbro Shirts; £8.50 on RA Shirts
We are also able to supply Middlesex County FA Badges, and Referees Association Badges, for Kit use - £3.00.

Flags

Touchline Flags and Flagsticks are available in various combinations. Choose from Quartered or Super-Quartered, Plain, or Premier. Premier and Super Quartered are manufactured from high visibility solid warp knitted polyester yarn (125gm). Plain and Quartered are manufactured from high visibility warp knitted polyester yarn (52gm). Flags and Flagsticks are also available separately. Alternatively, why not buy a complete set with Flag bag. If your existing Flagsticks are damaged, and require replacement end-caps or inserts, these can also be obtained (in pairs). If you are looking for Flags, but do not wish to pay quite so much, the RA's own flags and sticks are also available- in quartered or plain styles.

Prices are as follows:-

Touchline Flags:- from £11.50 (Plain) to £15.50 (Premier)
Touchline Flagsticks (pair) - £14.95; singles - £8.50; End-caps - £2.25; Brass Inserts - £1.25; Flag Bag - £5.25
Touchline Sets – Flags and Flagsticks – from £21.50 (Plain) to £25.50 (Premier)
Touchline Complete Sets – including Flag Bag - from £23.50 (Plain) to £27.50 (Premier)
RA Flags Plain - £4.75; RA Flags Quartered - £7.00; RA Flagsticks - £3.00

Matchday Accessories

We can supply Match Record Cards and Holders; General Purpose Postcards; Red and Yellow Cards; Wrist Lanyards; a selection of Whistles including the ever popular Fox range, and some with finger grips. Pressure Guages are available to order.

Prices are as follows:-

Match Record Pads - £0.70	Match Record Pad Holder - £0.70
Red and Yellow Cards and Wallet - £2.00	Red/ Yellow Cards/Wallet/Pencil - £2.30
All Purpose Postcards - £1.10	Red and Yellow Cards (set) - £1.10
Pencils - £0.10	
Plastic Whistle With Grip - £1.30	Plastic Whistle - £1.20
Plastic Finger Whistle - £1.40	Metal Whistle - £3.40
Pealess Whistle - £1.30	Lanyard - £1.60

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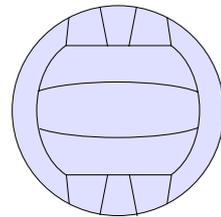
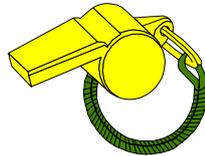
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Supplies Continued

Other Items available as follows:-

Boot Laces - £1.15

NMRS Ties - £6.00

RA Tie - £5.50

FA Diary - £4.00

RA Baseball Cap - £5.00

"Football Referee" Magazine - £0.75

Coloured Shirts - £5.00

Sock Ties - £1.10

NMRS 50th Anniversary Tie - £7.50

LOAF (Referees Chart) - £3.00

NMRS Credit Card Holder - £3.30

RA Crested Holdall - £15.00

Coloured Shorts - £5.00

Christmas Specials

Christmas Wrapping Paper - Packs of 10 Sheets

£2.00

Birthday Cards - Packs of 12 Cards

£2.00

All Prices subject to fluctuation and change without notice.

Contact Percy Brown - 01707 851369 or 07801 985912

Wider and Deeper

HOW MANY TIMES HAS A PROMOTION CANDIDATE HEARD THIS?

The encouragement to move wider and deeper is usually given by Assessors to those referees who tend to adopt a restricted diagonal path of patrol and thereby create problems for themselves by not being in a position to see all THAT they might. This refers particularly to those times when an attack is developing and there is a need for the referee to be able to adjudicate on whether an off-side situation has arisen or not, and eventually of course whether the ball crosses the goal-line or not. If there is a neutral linesman, there will invariably be much help regarding off-sides, but the referee needs to be able to see him AND the action quite easily. By ensuring he is 'OUT WIIYE' the referee will find he has play between himself and his operative linesman, a situation which he should endeavour to create as often as possible. Particularly if he is operating without linesmen, will the referee find it useful, by means of good acceleration and sprinting, to position himself out wide so as to be able to look across the line of play to judge off-sides.

By going deep towards the goal-line, the referee operating alone will be favorably positioned to judge if the ball crosses the goal-line, for a goal or a corner-kick. Hence, if the referee works hard at going wider and deeper he will penetrate areas like the penalty-area and that area alongside it near to the corner-flag and all this during open, or dynamic, play.

You will need to be fit if you are to come into the category of referees who are invariably in the ideal position.

Note: - ASSESSORS. When advising a promotion candidate to go wide and deep, UTOPIA. PLEASE take into action as to whether the referee is fit enough to do what you are suggesting. Remember if he is not fit enough suggest an alternative method to meet his requirements.

ASSESSMENT

At all levels, the presence of an assessor should be ignored. The assessor is there to support you in your desire to progress. So let him see your natural style, not some version you think that will please him. It is a 100% certainty that it will not do so.

OBSERVER

KWLKQUIPS - with thanks to the Chiltern Referee

“He dribbles a lot and the opposition don't like it. You can see it all over their faces”

Ron Atkinson

“If history repeats itself, I think we can expect the same thing again”

Terry Venables