

September 2002

The North Middlesex Referees' Society will hold the first meeting of the new season at the usual venue, Cockfosters FC, Chalk Lane, Cockfosters, Barnet, Hertfordshire, on Friday, 13 September at 7.30 pm. Special Guest is Society member, Phil Sharp, World Cup Final Assistant Referee.

On behalf of the staff of The Normidian, welcome to another football season. Let's hope it is one to enjoy.

Phil has written an article about his adventures in the Far East in this issue; no doubt he will have many questions to answer from members at the September meeting.

The World Cup probably outshone everything else this summer. Holidays were put back to accommodate the event, which, on the whole, was a success with arguably the best team winning the competition. And what about the standard of refereeing? Well, that is a subject we will no doubt debate in future, when we eventually get to see re-runs of some of the more contentious incidents that occurred during the event. New Society President, Ken Goldman, writes about the World Cup officials in this issue.

Away from the events in Japan and Korea, Society business has kept a number of our hard-working Committee members busy. In May, the Annual Dinner & Dance was held at the Apollo Suite, Cockfosters, where Life Vice-President, Frank McNeil, received a 50 Years Service Award from Jim Jenkinson of the RA. Chairman, Tom White, was in good form as MC making presentations to Life Vice-President George Basten's wife, Joan, and to Jim Jenkinson. Phil Sharp's wife, Debbie, also received a bouquet from Tom, and Phil took the opportunity to thank everyone who had supported him throughout his career, especially Debbie.

The RA Conference came and went – Robin Jagot's report is elsewhere in the magazine – and a number of members manned the Recruitment stand in Enfield, attracting much attention and a number of potential referees – see Gary's article elsewhere. And yet more law changes came – see Mick's piece on that subject.

Percy Brown and some other colleagues from the Society, once again travelled to America in July for the annual US Cup competition. Percy and co. are now safely back after a hard but very enjoyable 2 weeks refereeing. Hopefully, we can get a report on this event.

Peter Dace pens his usual piece on ten years ago and wonders if anyone is interested in reading about these days gone by. He (and I) would like to know!

We are sad to learn of the passing of Frank Collins, a founder member of the Society and a Life Vice-President – our sincere condolences go to Frank's family. Past President, Mick Osborn, writes about Frank's career elsewhere in this issue and Life Vice-President, Owen Venning, also pays a tribute to Frank.

Note that next month's meeting is scheduled to take place at Arsenal FC. However, the date is subject to change, so watch this space!

Closing date for the October magazine is 18th September.

Thanks to Phil Sharp for this article on his return from the World Cup. Ed.

As a boy, I can remember watching on TV the spectacle that happened only once every four years; it never seemed close at hand and was screened from distant countries I only knew by looking them up in an atlas. How the times have changed, as this summer a dream came true for me, after taking my football referees exam at the age of seventeen and some twenty one years of determination and dedication later, I was one of the fortunate few selected by FIFA to act as a World Cup match official, in South Korea and Japan.

What was also an honour, was to represent the whole of the United Kingdom, as its only Assistant Referee (Linesman), who along with two Referees, Graham Poll (England) and Hugh Dallas (Scotland) set out for Seoul, South Korea on 22nd May, in preparation for the competition to actually start on 31st May this year. I had met up with Hugh for a UEFA Champions League game a couple of years previously and Graham was not only a referee I had worked with in the Premier League on many occasions, he was also a personal friend and therefore the ten-hour flight to the Far East was not a lonely one.

The heat in South Korea did not deter us from training every day, under the guidance of two FIFA fitness coaches, who along with a complete back-up team of doctors, physios, masseurs and interpreters were there to ensure that we were in peak physical condition for the month-long tournament ahead. Of the seventy-two match officials selected from all over the World, the group was split in half; I was in the group, which along with Graham, would be based in Japan, and so we then flew on to Tokyo to await our first appointments.

I did not have long to wait, as my first match in World Cup 2002 was to be between **Italy** (one of the tournament favourites) and **Ecuador** (The South American nation, who had qualified ahead of Brazil) on 3rd June, in Sapporo. Sapporo is on an island in the far north of the country and meant another flight for me, and my colleagues from USA, Canada and Norway assigned to this appointment. We travelled the day before the fixture, which is the usual practice for any overseas appointment and were greeted with grey skies and rain to follow. This did not dampen our spirits, as the match was to be played indoors at the Dome! Occasionally, the local football team, in the 'J' league, uses it but normally the pitch is transported outdoors by an elaborate mechanical system and the Dome is converted into an indoor Baseball stadium.

The game ended 2-0 in favour of Italy and personally went well for us as match officials, with nothing being highlighted in the debrief, which we would receive after each match by the match inspector. The following day we flew back to Tokyo and rejoined our colleagues in our team hotel, which was a one-hour car journey from the capital, situated out in the tranquil countryside.

In between appointments we were able to watch several live matches in the locations nearest to Tokyo; these included the Japan national team in Ibaraki where the partisan crowd swamped the stadium in a sea of blue to replicate the colour of the teams shirts, and cheered their team on throughout the duration of the match and into the night as they celebrated the performance. As we witnessed other games, both in Saitama and Yokohama, it became apparent that something was missing from this Tournament!

But no one complained, as the absence of troublemakers and violence had no place in the World of Football; the World Cup 2002 in Korea/Japan had hopefully set the precedent for the future of the game, that true supporters could freely enjoy the football in a friendly and sporting manner.

My second appointment arrived and I would be assigned again to an **Italian** match, this time against European rivals **Croatia**, on the eighth of June, in Ibaraki, where I had just watched the Japanese team a couple of days earlier, so my match preparation had already begun with knowledge of the stadium layout and pitch characteristics. Croatia had lost their first game and in this match they played well to earn a 3-2 victory over the Italians.

The following day for me was a special one, as it was my first Wedding Anniversary. Unfortunately my wife Debbie could not be with me, as all match officials travel to their Football assignments without partners and secondly, like Victoria Beckham, Debbie was unable to travel to Japan to watch any matches, due to the fact she was 6 ½ months pregnant!

The seasons had changed by now and we were experiencing the Japanese rainy season; it was just like being at home except here the humidity was high and the rain was warm!

My next match took me from Tokyo to Shizuoka on the famous Bullet Train past Mount Fuji, which was covered by mist, for the group decider between **Belgium** and **Russia** on 14th June. As we walked out onto the field, the two tallest and probably most famous Referees in the World dwarfed me, Denmark's Kim Milton Nielsen, who was the match Referee and Pierluigi Collina, the Fourth Official from Italy, who many people were tipping as the Final Referee.

The match was end to end with Belgium seeming to gain the upper hand but with the Russians never giving up the cause. It was an exciting game, which ended with the Belgians just pipping their opponents 3-2. As we returned to the station and waited for the return journey, both Nielsen and Collina were swamped with requests by supporters for autographs and photos; sometimes it's so nice not to be recognised!

Seven days later I would have what I thought would be my last match in this World Cup, as I was appointed to the Quarter Final match, Germany versus USA. For me a goal achieved, as I had wanted to officiate in both countries hosting this World Cup, from the start. This important match would take me on another plane journey, back to Korea and to the city of Ulsan, famous as the home of the Hyundai motor industry.

On arrival in Korea, where there was no rainy season it was apparent from the moment we landed, that the temperature was a lot hotter than Japan and would prove to be a test of endurance during the match where the humidity was extremely high. For all concerned it would be important to take on board as much water as possible beforehand to see us through the ninety minutes.

This match was extremely intense with both teams realising the importance of the result - possibly only one more game to qualify for the Final itself! The Germans are strong and defensively sound, the Americans had nothing to lose and attacked constantly. They were eventually denied by the brilliance of Oliver Kahn in the German goal and lost out to the Europeans 1-0.

For me, personally, I had prepared for this World Cup knowing that four years earlier another Englishman, Mark Warren, had “lined” on the Final in France. I knew that my chances of repeating this great feat were non-existent, as the honour would go to another nation this time.

FIFA announced for both the Semi-Final matches that European Referees would be appointed. Then another message came through that only the best would be used on the Final.

On the Thursday before the Sunday of the Final, all the match officials were gathered together for the last appointment. As the statement was read out, I could hardly believe my ears, as my name was mentioned amongst the others honoured. The Referee would be, as many had guessed, Pierluigi Collina; the Fourth Official, Hugh Dallas from Scotland and I would be Assisting the Referee, along with Lief Lindberg of Sweden. We were immediately humbled by the congratulations of all our colleagues who had not been successful; it was truly a memorable moment.

In preparation for the Final we spent a lot of time together as a team of officials, training, relaxing and preparing for the game. We were requested to attend a press conference in Yokohama, the city of the Final match, where the world’s press inquired into our preparation, our backgrounds and our thoughts.

On the Sunday I can remember phoning home to my family and friends who had supported me, not only through this tournament but also for all the years I had been involved in football. This without doubt has helped me concentrate on the job I do and for them it was my way of saying “ Thank you, this one is for you all”.

As you would have seen by the pictures broadcast around the World, the Final went without any problems; it was memorable for so many little things that will all come flooding back to me, one day.

The prestige, the honour, the achievement, was down to years of dedication, hard work, making sacrifices and acting in a professional manner in everything I did.

“ Anyone can achieve their dreams and goals, if they really want to. It won’t be easy, but nobody said it would be”.

Philip Sharp
Assistant Referee-World Cup Final 2002

If you want to know more about Phil’s adventures at the World Cup, come to the September Society meeting where he will be the guest speaker. It would be nice if we could welcome our hero back with a full house; so try to be there if you possibly can for what is sure to be a very special occasion. Ed.



Laugh with Vince Yeudall

The difference between a new student and the French World Cup team?
After two weeks the a student has scored at least once !

THE 33rd TEAM by Ken Goldman

With everyone naturally engrossed in and talking about the World Cup, and with 11 Arsenal players involved, 4 from England, 3 from France and 1 each from Nigeria, Sweden, Cameroon and Japan what then of the Referees involved?

Well England's representatives (as they were at EURO 2000 in France) are Referee Graham Poll and Assistant Referee Phil Sharpe. Then there is Collena from Italy, perhaps somewhat generously described as the best Referee in the World. However there is one Official who is arguably the most experienced of them all and that is Hugh Dallas, the Scotland representative who is refereeing in his fourth major tournament. His views on both selection of and the background to the Referees' participation are expressed thus - "We all went to a training camp in Seoul last March which was one of the best courses I have ever attended. George Cummings head of the World Cup Referees showed video footage and organised everything although the physical training was via a Belgian professor employed by FIFA. He in fact has put all the Referees on a training programme for the last six months, which will continue throughout the tournament. Our emphasis is to punish "simulation" where players try to cheat and eliminate shirt pulling and holding.

"I refereed last year in Japan in the Confederations Cup and whilst the temperatures were very warm it was the humidity that caused the problems. It is essential to stock up on fluids, so the Referees will allow players to take drinks during stoppages in play. In order to be the 33rd Team we have our own facilities, physios, doctors, masseurs and personal trainers. We are even provided with entertainment, so that everything the players have we have as well. All the Referees will be debriefed after each of their matches and at group sessions videos will be studied to see what if anything can be improved.

"It may seem trite but nonetheless it is true that to be selected as a Referee for a major tournament is an honour and very special. I actually conclude my career next December so this is a great way to go out. I am sure that no Referee goes out in the World Cup to Officiate with the pre-conception of being awarded the actual Final. We are talking here about the top 36 Referees in the World but apart from getting this Final, I have achieved all my ambitions. I have been very fortunate and refereed in all the top Stadia during my 10 years on the International List and I would not swap that for anything."

On first glance the Referees appear to be doing extremely well especially in playing the advantage rule whilst cautioning and sending off only when absolutely necessary. The one major exception has been Señor Lopez of Spain who set a new World Cup record of 16 cautions in the match between Lauren's Cameroon and Germany in a qualifying group game.

It therefore seems that the Referees are applying what is known in their vernacular as "Law 18" or otherwise translated as common sense. This despite the re-vamp of the Laws which eliminated the word "intent" in relation to foul tackles.

OBITUARY

It is with sadness that we announce the death of Frank Collins on July 26th, 2002.

Frank was recently awarded the F.A. Award for fifty years of service to football, and a recommendation for the R.A. award is in process. Arrangements were being discussed with Frank for a suitable time and place for the presentation ceremony just a few days before the tragic news.

During World War 2, Frank achieved the rank of Acting Yeoman of Signals in the Royal Navy and, when not fighting the enemy, he managed to play football in many places around the world, from Iceland, where a team drawn from his destroyer and the cruiser, HMS Kent, beat the Icelandic National team 2-1, to Bangkok where the crew played a trawler crew in a 100,000 seat stadium.

On returning to civvy street, he underwent a cartilage operation and was advised to give up playing. In spite of the advice, he played at senior level with Post Office Engineers in the London League and with Chase Football Club, but eventually had to call it a day. Determined not to be kept out of the game, Frank attended the referee training school and qualified as Class 3P (Probationer) on the 18th February, 1952. After rapidly losing the "P" tag, Frank was appointed to the Spartan League Linesman's List. Attaining Class 1, he progressed to the Referees' List of the Spartan League and Linesman's List of the Athenian League and also had appointments to F.A. Cup-ties.

Frank became a referee instructor and, in 1956, with the great help of his wife Joan, he also became Secretary of the Emergency Appointments Bureau. When Middlesex County F.A. was looking for assistance to start an assessing scheme, Frank volunteered and became an Area Assessing Secretary. He was made a Life Vice President of North Middlesex Referees' Society in 1971.

When Frank and Joan moved from Winchmore Hill to Grays in Essex, Frank immediately got involved in local football administration becoming Registration Secretary to the Thurrock Sunday Football League, but never lost touch with NMRS. He and Joan were among those celebrating the Society's 50th Anniversary at The Firs, Winchmore Hill, in 1999.

The Society was represented at Frank's funeral at Upminster Crematorium on Monday, 5th August.

Frank is survived by his wife Joan, son Geoff and daughters Brenda and Sheila, to whom we give our heartfelt sympathy.



Life Vice-President, and former Editor of the Normidian, Owen Venning, writes:

I was indeed sorry to hear of the passing of Frank Collins, a true gentleman of football and refereeing in particular. During my stay with North Middlesex, I got on well with Frank, and the involvement that he and Joan had with the Normidian during my term of office was really enjoyable. Frank will be sorely missed, as such personalities are rare in football.

Owen Venning

MINOR CHANGES FOR 2002/03

by Mick Osborn

Maybe there were other things on the minds of the International Football Association Board this year, for there are amazingly few amendments to the Laws.

A new **Decision 1 under Law 4** stipulates that advertising is permitted only on the players' jerseys and not on shorts, stockings or footwear. Concern is expressed about players removing their shirts while celebrating a goal. This is not prudery as it is not the display of bodies, beautiful or otherwise, to which they object. Players must not "reveal undershirts which contain slogans or advertising and a player removing his or her jersey to reveal slogans or advertising will be sanctioned by the competition organiser." I wonder if the obvious loophole will be closed in the future to include the removal of any clothing with the intent to advertise?

The Board has declared that, "Jerseys must have sleeves." Teams playing on Hackney Marshes in the middle of February must be very pleased to hear that!

The procedure to be followed when a player returns to the field of play following injury is clarified in an amendment to **Law 5**. When the match is stopped for a seriously injured player to be removed from the field of play, he or she may only come back on after the match has restarted.

Did you spot the arithmetical or typographical error in last season's LOAF? So did FIFA. The new text in **Law 12** reads, "An indirect free kick is awarded to the opposing team if a goalkeeper, inside his own penalty area, commits any of the following **four** offences. FIFA explains, "this is a minor alteration to the text to recognise that there are now four offences instead of five as before."

So, here endeth the Amendments to the Laws of the Game for 2002/03. However, The Board has issued further information, instructions and directives.

We are instructed to take strong action against "simulation" (i.e. cheating,) and players guilty must be cautioned for unsporting behaviour. I have said before that, unfortunately, it is usually only the players guilty of not simulating very well that end up getting cautioned but I'm sure we will do our best to catch the experts, too.

The Laws of the Game are very clear on the matter of players delaying the restart of play and The Board insists that we must apply them.

FIFA is also concerned that some associations "continue to use temporary expulsions" (sin bins,) in lower leagues. This is not allowed and disciplinary sanctions will be applied against offending federations if it continues.

The Board approved that Additional Instructions for Referees, Assistant Referees and Fourth Officials would now be printed in the Laws of the Game book. Got yours yet?

Need clarification? Need help? Got anything to say? Want to meet a bunch of nice people with similar interests? We'll see you at the monthly meetings then?



Peter Dace reminisces – the Normidian of September 1992

Guest speaker – Kelvin Morton, Football League Referee

In his Editorial Ken Goldman writes “ not since the offside law was changed in the mid-1920’s has a law change been so radical, as the new goalkeeping handling law, and seldom in any sport can a law have been less well-considered or muddled. So much so that it appears that FIFA have twice had to give directives before most National Leagues have had their official kick-offs”.

Adrian Bland offers a ‘personal viewpoint’ and is very critical of the new law change which prohibits a goalkeeper picking up the ball when passed to him from a team mates foot. Adrian asks ‘is it to stop time wasting? Is it to add skill to the game?’ He fears the long ball game will thrive to the pleasure of the likes of Wimbledon and Sheffield United (present Editor please note!).

The Haringey, Tottenham & Districts Sunday Football League take a half page advert and wish all North Middlesex Referees a good season. Contact Gary Moore is you wish to officiate.

Society report with regret the death of old friend John Meade who passed away on 10th August 1992. Full obituary in future edition.

Alex Myers pens ‘consistency between Referees’ and asks are Referees like electric light bulbs? Do they switch on and off at will? Following a long stay in hospital Alex attended the Arsenal sevens at Finsbury Park and was concerned that referees were allowing lax behaviour. A referee told him ‘the other referees allowed the players to play like that’, so where does the consistency come in Alex wants to know.

Congratulations to the 14 successful candidates on our course number 120. John Aggelli; Simon Barnett; Tony Cox; Mick How; Danny Lighfoot; Brian Fuller; John Kerr; Adrian Morruzzi; Tony Palmer; Mike Southam Jr; Joe Tello; John Webb; Ian Webb; and John Winne.

Conference Report – June 2002

Conference this year was again held in Coventry, at the Court Hotel, and I have to be honest and express what a real disappointment the weekend was. With such a lot of planning and organisational work carried out by the local Societies they are to be congratulated for the hospitality and entertainment they laid on for the delegates, but despite this I did begin to ask myself why am I here?

It really proved to be a non event with no real drive or direction. There truly was overall underlying concern about what the future holds for the RA. The only message that came across was the progress report from the RA Implementation Team, which was greeted with mixed feeling, and you will find attached an interim statement of progress linked with this report. The RA Conference for next year will take place in Cheltenham, and I hope by next year greater progress will be made for the future of the RA

Robin

THE REFEREES' ASSOCIATION

IMPLEMENTATION TEAM

Interim Statement of Progress Conference 2002

The team has completed its first task of forming a plan of action to restructure the RA following the consultants' recommendations.

The objective is to produce a streamlined organisation that will serve the members with no increase in total operational costs.

Proposed rule changes and supporting notices of motion will be prepared for Conference 2003.

The existing Council and Divisional structure would remain in place until Conference 2004.

A transition phase would be planned for the period January to June 2004 during which time the new management would shadow the work of the sitting Council, which would permit a smooth changeover.

Three new National RAs would be created - England, Wales and Northern Ireland. They would be independent and have responsibility for all domestic matters including the strengthening of relationships with their respective Football Associations.

It is essential that the loyal and committed members in Wales and N Ireland also continue to enjoy the full current benefits of RA membership such as insurance, supplies and the magazine. To facilitate this, a co-ordinating body for the moment called "RAUK" as a working title — will be set up to manage and develop these common interests.

"RAUK" will have no jurisdiction over the internal affairs of member national RAs. It will be managed by appointees from the national RAs.

The Head Office would be responsible to "RAUK" as it would be a common service. The IT has begun to look at its operation and is pleased to report that it is in good enough shape to successfully move forward in tune with the RAs development

The creation of the post of Chief Executive is supported which is a job tide that would convey the broader role needed to be played by its senior full-time staff member of "RAUK" serving the central and national RA bodies.

The English BA will have a board of management of nine people. The first ERA elections would take place in the autumn of 2003.

Elections would be on a national basis, using an electoral college of ABSs as was employed in selecting the IT members themselves. In the short term, this is seen as the most effective, democratic method.

Board members would serve a maximum of three 3-year terms. They would retire in rotation so as to preserve a balance between continuity of purpose and freshness. The initial terms of service would be staggered and/or extended in order to start the cyclical retirement pattern.

It is important to maintain some geographic balance to membership of the board, at least in the early years. To do this, three of the members will be chosen to serve based upon residency qualifications. Three electoral areas for preferential treatment will be formed. The other six members would be selected on overall popularity.

When the divisional structure is disbanded, County RAs will assume greater importance. They will become the essential link between the grass-roots members in the ABSs and the ERA management. CRAs will be offered help to assimilate their new functions so as to operate consistently and effectively.

The Northern Ireland BA already exists as a corporate body and it would easily settle into the proposed partnership.

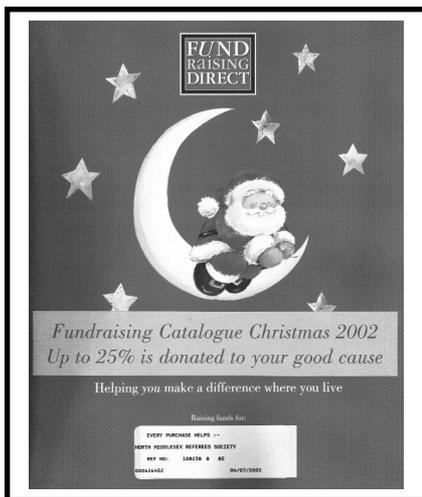
The current Welsh Division would be encouraged to evolve into the Welsh National RA. It might develop a constitution based on that used by the Northern Ireland BA as they have much in common.

Our overseas members would continue to be accommodated and be taken care of centrally by "RAUK". The way would not be closed to "RAUK" accepting other national RAs into membership, in time, on acceptable terms.

Communications within the RA need improvement and a house journal to be sent to all members must be a key objective. Its cost ought to be contained within current spending limits, which might mean a revision to the style of the *Football Referee*.

As now, national RAs would be funded by their ABSs. "RAUK" would be operated through a per capita levy on the national RAs.

CHRISTMAS FUNDRAISING



As a possible opportunity to increase our Fund Raising, the Society has a number of Christmas Gift and Stationary catalogues available for Members if they so wish. How does it work I hear you ask. The catalogues are ideal for passing around family/friends/work colleagues, and each contains a number of order forms. Complete the order forms with your requirements, and send it off direct to the catalogue. Your goods will arrive at your door later. The Society will then receive a percentage of income from all orders places at a later date. If you would like to help the Society raise additional funds, and would like a catalogue for yourself, please contact me at the address on the inside cover of the Normidian.

Gary Cobden
Honorary Treasurer

MEETING DATES - SEASON 2002-2003

We will again be holding our Monthly Meetings at Cockfosters Football Club, Chalk Lane, Cockfosters, Barnet, Hertfordshire, EN4 9GJ.

All meetings will be held on the second Friday of the month unless notified otherwise (See October)

Meeting Dates - with all Guest Speakers for the forthcoming Season now confirmed:-

- **13 September 2002** - Phil Sharp - Society member - World Cup Final Assistant Referee
- **11 October 2002** - Gary Lewin - Arsenal and England Physio - AT HIGHBURY - Date subject to change
- **8 November 2002** - Eddie Stone - Football Association Regional Manager
- **13 December 2002**- Social Evening - no Society Business
- **10 January 2003** - To Be Advised
- **14 February 2003** - To Be Advised
- **14 March 2003** - To Be Advised
- **11 April 2003** - Alan Robinson - Former National List Referee and PRO for the Referees Association
- **9 May 2003** - Annual General Meeting

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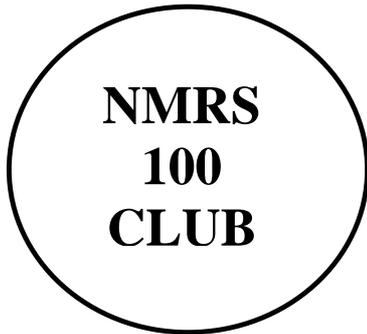
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Club draws. If you would like to join those already subscribed for the coming season – whose names and corresponding numbers are listed below, please complete the form at the foot of the page, and return it to me.

**Gary Cobden
Honorary Treasurer**

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I agree to make payment by cheque/standing order – please delete as appropriate. (If you decide to pay by standing order, bank details will be provided).

The initial term of membership is 12 months; renewal details will be included with Season 2003/2004 Membership Forms.

Please return this completed form to Gary Cobden, Honorary Treasurer

TREASURERS OPENING BIT – SEASON 2002-2003

MEMBERSHIP FEES

For those of you who have paid your Membership Fees, you should all find a Membership Card enclosed. If yours is missing, it may be because I have only just received your money - if this is the case, you should receive it next month. However, if you paid some while ago, and have not received a Membership Card, please give me a ring to check I have received your cash. If you have not yet paid, you will find a Membership Form enclosed with the Magazine, which I would be grateful if you could complete, and return to me as soon as possible. If you receive a Membership Form, but have paid recently, please look at the date on the Membership Form, as, due to printing deadlines and holidays, these have had to be produced early. Remember, the longer your fee remains unpaid, the longer you go without Referees Association Insurance cover.

Details of the fees due are as follows:-

- Full Members - ie those who do not belong to any other Society, or pay their RA Membership through another Society - £21.50.
- Associate Members - ie those who belong to another Society, and pay their RA Membership through that Society - £12.00
- Junior Members - £12.00 if over 14 years of age and under 18 years of age.

Remember, the longer you leave it, the longer you remain uncovered by the RA Insurance, and it could cost you dear. Additionally, you will receive a final reminder with the October Normidian, and, if you still have not paid, will receive no further magazines.

INSURANCE CERTIFICATE

We are now required to issue every Full Member with a summary of the terms and conditions of the RA Insurance Policy. For those of you that paid before the May Normidian went to press, a copy of the terms and Conditions was enclosed with your may Normidian. For those that have paid since, your copy is enclosed. In case you paid early, but have subsequently mislaid your copy, the information is reprinted in this edition of the Normidian.

100 CLUB

The Society also runs a 100 Club to assist in raising funds, and, for a contribution of £1.00 each month, you could also win a cash prize. The number of Members is currently in the high thirties, and there are still some members from last season who have yet to rejoin for the current campaign. So come along, sign up, and increase the numbers – it would be nice to have more members, so that the monthly prizes can be increased in cash terms. Each month we pay out 70% of the contributions, with 40% as First Prize; 20% as Second Prize; and 10% as Third Prize. In February and August, the full 100% of contributions is paid out, with the prizes being increased accordingly.

You will find an application form elsewhere in the Magazine, or, alternatively, if you still have to pay your Membership Fees for the season, just check the box on the Membership Form, and include the appropriate additional amount. To be included in the September draw, I must receive your monies at or before the September meeting.

100 CLUB - SUMMER WINNERS

The prize winners over the previous months are shown below. The May Draw was undertaken at the AGM; the June and July Draws at the Society Council Meeting held during the close season. These Draws had 49 Shares subscribed, resulting in payouts of £34.30. All the winners cheques are enclosed in this copy of The Normidian. The August draw will be made at the September meeting. For those who have subscribed already this Season, your numbers are listed elsewhere in the Magazine.

MAY

First	15	Tony Dorling	£22.00
Second	4	Russell Brooks	£11.00
Third	31	George Panayi	£5.50

JUNE

First	41	David Williams	£22.00
Second	22	Robin Jagot	£11.00
Third	29	Mike Neary	£5.50

JULY

First	9	Gary Cobden	£22.00
Second	17	Paul Gidley	£11.00
Third	7	David Chapman	£5.50

RECRUITMENT DAY 2002

Once again, the Society held a Recruitment Day at Palace Gardens Shopping Precinct in Enfield Town. Following on from the success of last year when we received in excess of 40 positive enquiries about sitting a Referee Course, this year we surpassed that figure, and received 60! Now we have to turn all those enquiries into actual Trainees.

RULE CHANGES

At the Annual General Meeting in May, a number of changes were made to the Rules of the Society. In order that you all have an up-to-date copy, the Society Rules and Standing Orders are printed elsewhere in the Magazine.

Gary Cobden
Honorary Treasurer



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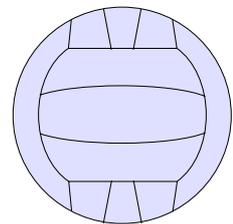
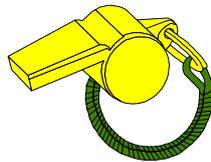
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RULES OF THE NORTH MIDDLESEX REFEREES' SOCIETY

These Rules must be read and enforced in conjunction with the Standing Orders of the Society. Unless specifically stated otherwise, use of the masculine gender shall not preclude the feminine.

1. Title

The title of the Society shall be the "North Middlesex Referees' Society", hereafter referred to as "the Society".

2. Aims of the Society

The aims of the Society shall be to improve, promote, and assist in every possible way, the interests of the members.

3. Eligibility for Membership

- a) All registered or formally registered referees and trainees approved by the Training Centre shall be eligible to apply for membership and shall be admitted on payment of the appropriate subscription, subject to Clause 3c) below.
- b) There shall be three divisions of membership:
 - i. Those members who pay their Referees' Association subscription through the Society shall be known as Full Members.
 - ii. Those members who pay their Referees' Association subscription through the Society, and aged Under 18 and still undertaking full time school education shall be known as Junior Members. Their Annual Subscription shall be set at 50% of the Full Members Subscription.
 - iii. Those members who pay their Referees' Association subscription through another Society shall be known as Associate Members.
- c) The Society shall have the right to refuse or revoke the membership of any person deemed to have brought the Society into disrepute. Such a decision shall be made by Council, but is subject to ratification by a simple majority at the following meeting of the Society.

4. Officers and Council

- a) The Officers of the Society shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting, and shall consist of the President, Chairman, Vice Chairman, and the following Honorary Officers: Secretary, Treasurer, Magazine Editor, Training Officer, Social Secretary, Gear Supplies Officer, and Youth Development Officer, all of whom, except the President, shall retire annually, but be eligible for re-election. A President's term of office shall not exceed three consecutive years, nor shall any former President be re-elected to the post within six years of holding office.
- b) The Council of the Society shall consist of the Officers specified above, together with the Society representatives to the County Referees' Association, and the delegate to the County Referees Association Recruitment and Retention Committee, and three other members elected at the Annual General Meeting. Not less than fifty percent of the Council shall constitute a quorum.
- c) The Council may co-opt up to three non-voting members for specific purposes. Council may also co-opt to fill any vacancies which arise during the season.
- d) Two Honorary Auditors shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting. They shall retire annually, but shall be eligible for re-election.
- e) The Society shall have the power to elect Life Vice Presidents and Vice Presidents at the Annual General Meeting. A member may be considered for election as a Vice President after a period of service to the Society, and shall be elected for a term of three years.

A member may be considered for election as a Life Vice President after a period of considerable service to the Society which is unlikely to have been over a period of less than twelve years. Life Vice Presidents shall have their membership subscription and affiliation fee to the Referees' Association paid by the Society.
- 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.

5. Finance

- a) The financial year of the Society shall be from the 1st April to the 31st March next following. All monies received by, or on behalf of, the Society shall be banked in the name of the Society as soon as possible after receipt at such Bank as the Society shall determine. 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.
- b) The annual subscription, exclusive of affiliation to the Referees' Association, shall be determined at the Annual General Meeting on the receipt and approval of the reports of the Hon. Treasurer and Hon. Auditors. The subscription shall be payable not later than the 31st October following. Any members who have not paid their subscription by this date shall be deemed to have ceased membership.

6. Meetings

- a) Ordinary meetings shall be held at monthly intervals during the period September to April on the second Friday of each month at an agreed venue. The Council reserves the right to change the date, time, or venue of the meeting if circumstances demand. The Annual General Meeting shall be held on a date not later than the end of May.
- b) An Extraordinary General Meeting for any specific purpose shall be held within forty days of receipt by the Hon. Secretary of a written notice, duly proposed and seconded and signed by one quarter of the members with voting powers. At least seven days notice of any Extraordinary General Meeting shall be given to all members. Council shall be empowered to call an Extraordinary General Meeting at any time, subject to the statutory period of notice being given.

- c) The Hon. Secretary shall give not less than forty two days notice of the Annual General Meeting. Proposed alterations to these rules, duly proposed and seconded, must be made in writing to the Hon. Secretary not less than twenty one days before the date of the Annual General Meeting. The Hon. Secretary shall circulate an Agenda for the Annual General Meeting, containing details of proposed rule changes received, not less than five days before the date of the Annual General Meeting. Nominations for all posts, duly proposed and seconded and assented by the nominee, must be submitted in writing to the Hon. Secretary not less than twenty one days before the date of the Annual General Meeting.
- d) Accidental failure to comply with any of the contents of Rule 6 shall not invalidate the election(s) or rule change(s) concerned unless a substantial number of members have been affected.

7. Voting Procedures

- a) All members are entitled to one vote in all the elections and business matters of the Society, except that the associate members shall not be entitled to vote on Referees' Association matters. No postal or proxy voting shall be permitted.
- b) No alteration to these rules shall be made except at the Annual General Meeting, or at an Extraordinary General Meeting called for the purpose, and then only if two thirds of the members present and eligible to vote are in favour.
- c) Votes on business matters shall be made on a show of hands; contested elections shall be voted on by means of a secret written ballot. Except where otherwise specified in these rules, all votes shall be decided by a simple majority.

8. Matters Not Provided For

The Council of the Society shall have the power to deal with any matter not provided for in these rules.

STANDING ORDERS

These Standing Orders must be read and enforced in conjunction with the Rules of the Society.

1. The Chairman shall normally take the Chair at a meeting of the Society or Council, but in his absence the Vice Chairman shall do so. In the absence of both, a Chairman for the purposes of that meeting only shall be nominated by Council. For the purposes of these Orders, "Chairman" shall mean the person acting as Chairman for that meeting, and not Chairman of the Society.
2. The Agenda for the Ordinary monthly meetings of the Society shall include the following items:
 - a) Approval of the Minutes of the previous meeting(s).
 - b) Matters Arising from the above Minutes.
 - c) Correspondence.
 - d) Reports of the Officers, County Referees' Association representatives, and sub-committees.
 - e) Proposals received by the Hon. Secretary (SO3).
 - f) Any Other Business.
 - g) Guest Speaker or any other Special Business.
 The order of appearance of items on the Agenda may be varied at the discretion of the Chairman.
3. Business resolutions may be submitted to the Hon. Secretary to be put before the next ordinary meeting of the Society, or may be submitted on the evening of the meeting itself. Such motions must be proposed and seconded, and assented by five other Society members entitled to vote, or shall be proposed by Council. The motion shall then be placed on the Agenda according to SO2, item e). A decision to refer the matter to Council or to the next ordinary meeting of the Society may be made by the Chairman of the meeting or by five members rising from their seats. Such a decision may only be made for any given resolution, and may not be made at all if it is ruled by the Chairman that it is essential that the resolution be voted on without delay.
4. Each speaker shall address the Chair and, except at the discretion of the Chair, shall not speak for longer than 5 minutes on any one subject. A member shall not speak twice in reference to a motion or an amendment. However the mover of an original proposition or of an amendment which has become part of the substantive proposition shall be entitled to the right of reply, limited to points raised during the discussion of the motion. Asking or answering a question by permission of the Chair shall not be considered as a speech.
5. In the event of a proposition "To proceed to next business" being moved by a member rising from his seat, it shall immediately be put to the vote. If the proposition is carried, all other propositions on the subject then under discussion shall be considered null and void. Once a subject has been discussed and voted on, it shall not be introduced again during that or the following meeting.
6. The amendments shall be discussed and voted on in the order in which they appear on the Agenda, with the substantive motion being discussed and voted after discussion of all the amendments. No amendment shall be discussed or voted on until the amendment preceding it has been disposed of.
7. The Chairman's count of any vote may be challenged only by five or more members rising from their seats. The Chairman shall the appoint tellers as necessary.
8. In the event of a point of order being raised, the person then speaking shall immediately resume his seat until the chairman has given his decision.
9. The rulings of the Chair shall be strictly obeyed. When the Chairman rises, any member then speaking shall resume his seat. In the event of anything not provided for in these Orders, the Chairman shall use his discretion as to the best course to adopt in the interests of the Society.

GROUP PERSONAL ACCIDENT COVER

Norwich Union agrees that if during any period of Insurance the Event shall happen to any Person-insured and such Person-insured shall within two years of the happening of such Event suffer any of the Results Norwich Union will subject to the terms of this Cover pay to the Insured the Compensation specified in the Appendix for such Result.

Definitions

- 1 **Event**
Accidental bodily injury which shall independently of any other cause be the sole cause of any of the Results (a) to (d)
- 2 **Results**
 - (a) Death
 - (b) Total and permanent loss of all sight in one or both eyes
 - (c) Total loss by physical severance or total and permanent loss of use of one or both hands or feet
 - (d) Temporary total disablement from usual occupation

Compensation Limits

Compensation for

- 1 Results (d) shall be payable for a period not exceeding 104 weeks from the commencements of the first Result to occur
- 2 Results (e) shall be payable when the total amount has been agreed or at the request of the Insured at intervals of not less than four weeks (but not in advance) commencing four weeks after receipt of written notice of the Event by Norwich Union

Compensation shall not be payable for

- 1 more than one of the Results (a) to (d) in respect of any one Person-insured and when payable for one of those Results

Limit of Liability

The liability of Norwich Union in respect of one or more Persons-insured for all Compensation payable in respect of or arising out of any one occurrence or all occurrences of a series consequent upon one original cause shall not exceed £1,000,000

Exceptions

This insurance shall not apply to any Event or Result consequent upon

- 1 (a) war whether declared or not involving the armed forces of any of the following
France
People's Republic of China United Kingdom
Each of the republics previously forming the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics
United States of America
Or
(b) war in Europe whether declared or not (other than civil war but including any enforcement action by or on behalf of the United Nations) in which any of the said countries or armed forces thereof are engaged
but this Exception shall not apply when the Event happens to the Person-insured outside the country of domicile of such Person-insured
- 2 The Person-insured engaging in
 - (a) any naval military or air force service or
 - (b) any operations against an enemy
- 3 the Person-insured engaging in air travel except as a passenger
- 4 the Person-insured engaging in or practising for
 - (a) winter sports
 - (b) mountaineering
 - (c) parachuting
 - (d) racing by horse, motor or motor cycle
- 5 the Person-insured suffering from illness or disease not resulting from bodily injury or suffering from bodily injury due to any gradually operation cause
- 6 This insurance shall not apply to any Person-insured who is more than seventy five years of age at the commencement of the Period of Insurance

CERTIFICATE NUMBER:-

Special Clauses

War and Kindred Risks

- 1 Norwich Union may cancel any insurance under this Cover in respect of war invasion act of foreign enemy hostilities (whether war be declared or not) civil war rebellion revolution insurrection or military or usurped power by giving seven days written notice to the Insured at the Insured's last know address
This Special Clause shall not apply to any journey outside the country of domicile of the Person-insured which commenced prior to the effective date of such cancellation

Disappearance

- 2 Death shall be presumed to have been suffered by the Person-insured if the Person-insured disappears and is missing for ninety consecutive days and the insured produces sufficient evidence that leads inevitably to the conclusion that an Event has happened to such Person-insured and caused such disappearance Provided that if the Person-insured is found to be living after Compensation has been paid, then such Compensation shall be refunded

Exposure

- 3 If the Person-Insured shall suffer any of the Results caused by exposure to the elements such Result shall be deemed to have been caused by an Event

Conditions

1 Identification

This Policy Schedule covers Appendices, Special Clause and Endorsements shall be read together as one contract and unless specifically stated to the contrary any word or expression to which a specific meaning has been given shall have such specific meaning throughout this Policy

2 Observance of Conditions

Observance and compliance with the terms and conditions of this Policy by the Insured or by the Person-insured and the truth of the statements in any proposal (which shall be the basis of this contract) made by the Insured shall be a condition precedent to any liability to make any payment under this Policy

3 Non-assignment

Shall not be concerned with or affected by any notice of trust charge or assignment relating to this Cover and the receipt of the Insured shall in all cases completely discharge

4 Adjustment

If any part of the Premium is calculated on estimates given by the Insured the Insured shall keep an accurate record containing all relevant particulars and shall allow to inspect such record The Insured shall within one month from the expiry of each Period of Insurance supply such information as required and the Premium shall be adjusted accordingly

5 Change In Business

The Insured shall give notice as soon as there is any material change in the Business of the Insured or in the employment or activities of any Person-insured and pay any additional premium that may be required

Claims Conditions

Notice of Claims

- 1 Written notice shall be given as soon as reasonably possible after the happening of any Event and in every instance within 60 days of the event

Evidence of Claim

- 2 All certificates and information and evidence required shall be furnished at the expense of the Insured or any claimant hereunder and shall be in such form and of such nature as shall prescribe
- 3 The Person-insured as often as required shall submit to medical examination on behalf of the Insurance Company at its own expense
- 4 In the case of the death of the Person-insured the Insurance Company will be entitled to have a post-mortem examination at its own expense

