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OSRA to host an audience with CSA Director of Referees Joe Guest

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The meeting is to be held prior to the First Council Meeting on Sunday January 27, 2008 at 9.30am in the Theatre at the Armenian Youth Centre, Hallcrown Place, Consumers Road, Toronto.

This is a unique opportunity for grass roots referees to listen to the man who is charge of guiding our future, we urge Branch Executives to encourage as many referees to attend as possible.

As we are expecting a large turnout at this event, Branch Secretaries are asked to email to OSRA secretary Paula Francisci at francisci@sympatico.ca numbers attending from your Branch.

First Council Meeting 2008

First Council Meeting for 2008 is to be held directly after the Audience with Joe Guest at the Armenian Youth Centre Cafeteria, starting at approximately 10.45am.

The Armenian Youth Centre is conveniently located just north of the 401 at Victoria Park.

Directions: From the 401, go North on Victoria Park to the first light, and turn left onto Consumers Road. Take the first left (Hallcrown Place) to the end. In front of you is the 401, to your left is The Radisson Hotel and to the right is the Armenian Youth Centre. There is ample free parking at the facility.



*All members of the OSRA
are cordially invited
to attend the 19th Annual
General Meeting of the CSRA to
be held in Winnipeg on
February 23, 2008*

Equipment

Please support us by purchasing your referee Equipment and merchandise from us. We have in stock the following items:

JACKETS (water resistant).....	\$60
GOLF SHIRTS.....	\$30
TEE SHIRT.....	\$13
TIES.....	\$20
DRESS BADGES.....	\$20
UNIFORM BADGES...original and new round ones. .	\$5
HATS.....	\$13
FLIPPING COINS.....	\$3
PINS.....	\$4
WHISTLE.... Fox 40 with OSRA logo.....	\$5
CLIP BOARDS.....	\$6
TUQUES.....	\$10

Mike Cvetanovich

Around The Branches

Brampton

OSRA Brampton Branch meetings started on Monday January 7th at our usual venue, The Bramalea Glasgow Rangers Supporters Club, 185 Advance Boulevard, Brampton. We meet every other Monday until May. Full details can be found on the Branch Meetings page on our website www.osrabrampton.com.

Toronto

Our 2008 Branch meetings will take place at the Carmine Stefano Community Centre, (formerly the Humber Sheppard Community Centre), 3100 Weston Road, Toronto, starting at 7.30pm sharp on the following Friday evenings:

- Jan 25th Introduction with the Executive
- Feb 1st Areas Surrounding the Game - Mike Winstanley
- Feb 8th Before and After the Game - Paul Bottos
- Feb 15th Report Writing - Sal Cancelli
- Feb 22nd Flashpoints - Peter Johnson

Peterborough

Here are some pictures taken by Dave Cope at the Peterborough Branch 2007 AGM



Why Do We Have a Half Time?

By Jenny Carman, OSRA Brampton

Over the years I've been refereeing I've often had occasion to ponder the origin of some of the laws of the game. I've always thought the half time break was a chance to have a rest, take on some fluids, switch end so that both team enjoy the advantages and disadvantages of playing both ways. Doing some research however, has given me a much different answer as to why we have a half-time. The answer belongs to the English Public Schools of the early 19th century.

Football has been played for several centuries by many cultures. It has even been recorded back to Anglo-Saxon times, playing a sort of football with the heads of invading Danes. Quite a different image to the "non-contact sport" it has become today. If anything, though, the violence made it all the more popular back then, it and was continued to be played in a most riotous form, especially by the lower classes.

The beginnings of Football as we know it began when the English Public Schools started picking up the sport. The problem was, however, was that Football had taken on many different forms at this time. The vast grounds of Eton had the ball kicked high and long; whereas 'dribbling' was developed in the more confined spaces of Charterhouse School. What really helped things along

was the genius of Edward Thring, headmaster of Uppingham School from 1853-1887. During this time he wrote 'Simplest Rules of Football', which emphasised fair play, equal numbers in each team, team spirit and discipline.

So now you're probably wondering what all this has to do with half-time. It's quite simple. Over time these public schools wanted to play each other. Naturally, problems arose when it came to deciding whose rules they were going to play by, Thus; it became common practice to play half a match by one side's rules, and the second half by the others. This continued on until 1863 when "A Group of Former English Public School Men" sat down together and wrote the very first "Football Association Laws".

Instructors Appointments 2008

Many Branches have taken advantage of the OSRA Education programme offer of 2 free sessions, if you haven't booked yours, nows the time to do it! Contact Peter Johnson (johnson.peter.t@cogeco.ca) for full details on how the offer works and to book your 2 free sessions.

Branch	Date	Instructor	Subject
London			
Niagara	Sun.Feb 17	Pearce	F&M
	Sun.Apr. 20	Winstanley	Advantage
Brant County			
Hamilton	Mon. Ferb 04	Winstanley	Advantage
	Mon. Feb 18	Henoud	Positioning
Halton			
Mississauga			
Brampton	Mon. Mar 3	Henoud	Positioning
	Mon Feb 4	Pearce	F&M
Toronto	Fri. Feb. 1st	Winstanley	Advantage?
	Fri. Feb.22nd	Johnson	Flashpoints
Scarborough	Tue.Mar 18th	Licandro	Pre-Game Prep
	Tue.Mar 25th	Johnson	Flashpoints
North York		Winstanley	Advantage
Huronia			
York Region	Wed Apr 16	Winstanley	Advantage
	Wed Apr 02	Oliva	Quiz. LOTG
Peterborough	Thu. May 8	Johnson	Flashpoints
	Thu.Apr 10	Piacente	Caut.Dismis
Kingston			
Ottawa			
Sault St.Marie			

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