

# GCSOA Newsletter

Issue 10

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## Newsletter news – 2008

2007 was a test year for the GCSOA newsletter. We committed to sending out four or five newsletters and delivered nine. We took requests to receive the newsletter from anyone who asked. Much of the feedback we have received has been supportive and positive. Some mail services see newsletters like this as spam and will not allow us to deliver the newsletter to you. We will continue to work towards this solution.

Our goal for 2008 is to deliver twelve monthly newsletters. High school soccer season represents a challenge but we now have a process in place that should allow that to happen.

In 2008, we will only provide the GCSOA newsletter to GCSOA members. We continue to look for your comments, input and ideas. Please contact [Steve Sheehy](#)

Look forward to more photos and videos in 2008. If you have a photo or video you would like to share, please pass it along.

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## **When should the 2008 annual business meeting be held?**

We had some interesting discussion about moving the date of the annual business meeting. The membership attendance for 2006 and 2007 was under 55. The executive board voted to spend 700.00 in gifts (t-shirts and other gifts) this year to improve attendance. We continue to look for ways to improve attendance. If changing the date supports this objective, we are happy to make the change.

Please send an e-mail to Steve Sheehy with your input on the following proposed dates

- Sunday December 7, 2008
- Sunday, November 9, 2008
- Sunday, November 16, 2008
- Sunday, January 4, 2009

Please provide your input before January 31, 2008. The Executive board will consider your input in the February meeting.

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## **Change in USSF registration process**

The process to recertify as a referee is substantially different in 2008 than previous years. Tom Lewis put together a four point check list that will address all our requirements and make your recertification process simple.

[USSF Registration process documentation](#)

This information is also posted in <http://www.gcsOA.com/>

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## **New Referee Clinic / recertification**

<http://www.gcsoa.com/> has the dates, time and locations for all GCSOA sponsored new referee clinics and referee recertification process.

Please contact [ssheehy@gcsoa.com](mailto:ssheehy@gcsoa.com) for additional information.

We continue to have a shortage of referees and we encouraged you to help recruited players, coaches and parents to join the referee community.

We have balanced the clinics between east side and west and offer clinics between December and April.

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## **Highlights from the annual business meeting**

### **1<sup>st</sup> Vice President**

Brian Miller was elected to the position of 1<sup>st</sup> vice president of GCSOA. Brian is a returning board member, a high school and college referee, a USSF Grade 5 referee and has several opportunities in the past year to travel to out of state tournaments and represent Ohio North and GCSOA.

### **Secretary**

Don Cox was elected to the position of secretary. Don is a returning board member, the high school cross country coach for Brecksville High School. In his position as Secretary, Don manages the high school referee issues between GCSOA and OHSAA.

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### **2007 Youth referee of the Year**

Josh Sherman received the 2007 Youth referee of the year award from GCSOA. Josh a native of scenic Medina, has tirelessly worked week in and week out to improve and develop as a referee. Josh is pursuing a degree in criminal justice locally.

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## **What's the right call?**

### **January question**

#### **Decembers question and answer**

During an outdoor game, team A is attacking team B.  
Team B has a strong wind at its back.

All of the team A players except the goal keeper are in the attacking end of the field. Team A shots the ball and t he team B goal keeper makes a save, runs to the edge of the penalty area and throws the ball high in the air towards team A's goal.

The strong wind carries the ball; it strikes the ground, bounces over the team A goal keeper and completely crosses the goal line, between the goal posts and under the crossbar.

#### **What is the correct restart in this situation?**

The correct restart is a kick off.  
A legal goal has been scored.

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## **What do they do when they are not a referee?**

## **Who do you contact for what?**

**Where can I get information about upgrading from 9 or 8?**

[Tom Lewis – ASRA](#)

**Where can I get information about upgrading from 7 to 6?**

[Tom Chapman – SRA](#)

**Where can I get information about becoming an instructor?**

[Lou Ghila – ASDI](#)

**When is the next tournament and whom do I contact to provide my availability?**

[www.gcsoa.com/tournament.html](http://www.gcsoa.com/tournament.html)

**Where can I get information about becoming a high school referee?**

[www.gcsoa.com/highschool.html](http://www.gcsoa.com/highschool.html)

**Where can I get information about becoming a college referee?**

[www.nocsoa.org](http://www.nocsoa.org) recruiting

**Where can I get the latest USSF administrative handbook?**

<http://www.ussoccer.com/referees/refdev/rah.isp.html>

**Where can I get the latest referee gear?**

[www.officialsports.com](http://www.officialsports.com)  
[www.ussoccerstore.com](http://www.ussoccerstore.com)

## January birthdays

My sources tell me the birthday list is a favorite. In the spirit of give the readers what they want, below is a list of everyone that we believe has a January birth date. Please join us in wishing them another happy and health year.

Victoria	Alai
Chris	Andri
Andrew	Bradley
Bryan	Ciccarello
Jay	Cole
Leslie T.	Collins
Jaclyn	Conti
Karoly	Corponoi
Sean	Curtis
Brad	DeFauw
Alexandra	Delancy
Jason	DiFiore
Alex	DiScenna
David	Divoky
Mark	Finnegan
Patrick	Finnegan
Matthew J.	Fuller
Victor	Gavrylyuk
Rebecca	Gisser
Brendan	Goede
Anthony	Grano
Kevin	Hoffman
Matthew	Holdren
James J.	Horvath
Daniel	Houck
Chris	Horvath
Jon	Huebner
Jacob	Jaffe
Danielle	Kandrack
Eric	Kelly
Max	Kolomiyets
Jonathan	Kostoff
Thomas	Latsch
Samuel	Lyttle
Robert E.	Maskulka
Michael	Matta
Paige	Maxwell
Vincent	Milner
John	Moore
Kyle	Nutter
Romulus	Pavel

Matthew	Price
Michael	Rendlesham
Thomas	Sconiers
Kristen	Sedlack
John	Slattery
Melanie	Small
James K.	Smith
Lillian	Spetrino
Tivon	Sterin
Ryan	Stuver
Vincent	Tommasini
Louie	Tortorici
Jenna	Varady