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Sunshine Coast referees assist Bundaberg Refs Association

On the weekend of 2/3 August two Sunshine Coast referees travelled to Bundaberg to control junior and senior league games. Their assistance was needed because of referee shortages in Bundaberg that weekend with all senior games being scheduled on the Saturday to enable league players and patrons the opportunity to attend the nearby Northern Districts grand finals at South Kolan on the Sunday .

Several referees expressed interest in going to Bundaberg and the two selected to represent our Association were Bruce Schmidt and Alex Holmes.

In all they assisted with 8 games both juniors (Sunday) and seniors (Saturday). Bruce refereed one A grade game and Alex refereed a Super 11 game which is Reserve Grade up there. This was the first time at this level for Alex and he did a fine job even though the players tested him early because of his age.

On Sunday the locals showed our refs that nothing much is different from the Sunshine Coast. Unsportsmanlike behavior by a spectator and breach of the Code of Conduct by an Under 14 Coach spoilt an otherwise enjoyable Sunday morning at junior league. In fact the Coach was sent from the playing enclosure by Alex and the matter is with the Junior League for attention.

Following all the excitement at Salter Oval Bruce and Alex travelled to South Kolan along with Richard Johnston and myself to watch the two Northern Districts senior league Grand Finals. Our hosts from Northern Districts Refs Assn looked after us all and we all enjoyed the afternoon in the sun watching the footy.

Bundaberg League and President Mal Breen have expressed their appreciation with the assistance provided by Sunshine Coast Refs Assn.

Bill Logan
Wide Bay RL Refs Coordinator

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Any Suggestions?

KEEP YOUR EYES OPEN

Office Bearers for 2009

Before we know it, the season will be over and our focus will be directed towards the people we feel competent enough to lead the Association for the ensuing year. The office of the executive is the most important positions to guide and direct the general membership and as such a great deal of consideration must be given when nominating members to these positions.

Other important offices are that of Junior League Co-ordinator, Trainer, Gear Steward, District Supervisor and Social Co-ordinator. Please give some thought over the next few weeks about who you would feel confident with to hold the aforementioned positions.

Nomination forms for any office will be in the hands of the Secretary and will be available upon request.

Remember it is your Association—have your say.

From the Coaches Desk

With the last week of Senior fixtures just around the corner it is time for everyone's focus to be directed at positive outcomes. It is important to remember quality decisions are needed to ensure teams are not disadvantaged and are given every opportunity to score.

The players need to be the central focus not the Referee or Touch Judges. We require both referees and touch judges to show consistency with your decision making.

Revisit you development DVD.

If you penalize a marker for not being square in the last minute of the game when you have ignored the markers for most of the game and the team kick the penalty goal to win the match—there is a more than reasonable chance your season is over.

The important thing is teamwork and you should foster a good working relationship with eachother and help eachother get to Grand Final Day.

Good Luck Everyone

Following the lecture last Wednesday night, I will remind all members of their obligations to send players from the field for misconduct and to complete the appropriate paperwork as soon as possible and contact the Secretary straight away.

No more excuses!!!!!

How is your Law?

By the Quizmaster Richie

Q1. Red attempts a drop goal which is successful. Another onside Red player is fouled on the Blue 20 metre line. Decision?

Q2. Red knocks-on and attempts to regather the ball. A Blue player “late tackles” this Red player. Decision?

Q3. On the fifth and last tackle, Red grubber kicks the ball which rebounds off a Blue player and enters touch on the full. Decision?

Q4. Red attempts a quick free kick. Another Red player is in front of the Red Kicker. Decision?

Q5. On the fifth and last tackle, Red stands to play the ball and loses control of the ball. Decision?

Last Law Quiz Answers

Q1. 20 metre optional restart to Blue

Q2. Goal Line drop kick to Blue

Q3. 20 metre optional restart to Blue

Q4. Scrum 20 metres in from where the player entered touch with loose head and put in to Red.

Q5. Scrum for the Red knock-on with loose head and put in to Blue.

Thought for Today

“Some people believe in destiny and some people make their own.”

Which one are you?

Norm turns 50
Happy Birthday Norm

One of the characters of the Referees Association would have to be Norm Schleusener. Norm has been a vital link in the team of members who travel to Muswellbrook every year to honor the memory of Jarrod Casey. His alcohol consumption and step by step instruction in the art of vomiting has him etched in local folklore as an immortal.

Norm has visited the casualty ward at the Murrurundi Hospital and has seen the inside of most of the hotels and clubs in and around the town. He truly is a character in both Queensland and New South Wales.

His birthday party was a fancy dress affair and Norm was outstanding as the sheriff. He was a drinking law official however and very few felons were apprehended. Norm was seen with a beer glass the size of a keg in his hands all night. Many of his friends and family helped Norm celebrate this milestone and a good time was had by all those who attended.

Congratulations Norm.

Rugby League World Cup

Did you all receive your certificates and get online and register for your free tickets? Don't leave it too late because you will miss out.

Rex to Retire

2008 will mark the retirement of Rex Sharp as a referee and will see him concentrating his time and energy in a coaching role with the Association. He has been a reviewer for Junior League and a part time coach for the Senior League for some time and has decided to concentrate his efforts improving our referees and touch judges. He will become an integral part of the coaching staff and he is looking forward to sitting in the stands and watching you all - out in the rain and cold while he remains warm and dry.

We congratulate Rex on all his refereeing achievements and look forward to working with him in this new role.

Selections

Spare a thought for Bryan and Rex at this time of year. Week in and week out, throughout the season, they make appointments, make changes, struggle with numbers and try their best to give everyone a fair go. Then before you know it—its finals time.

Over this period they will make hard decisions, massage egos, pat you on the back at the same time taking the knives out of their own. Remember, they are just trying to put the best people in the positions to officiate in the appropriate games.

Thanks guys I appreciate your hard work

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Reminder!

If you haven't booked your table for the presentation dinner—you might miss out.

Contact Mark Langlands quickly!!!

Perpetual Trophies

If you haven't returned your perpetual trophies to Bryan Diezmann then do it quickly.

Office Bearers for 2009

If you are thinking of taking office next year—fill out a nomination and provide your CV as soon as possible.

Congratulations

To all those members taking part in the Junior and Senior Finals series, congratulations and best wishes for the remaining games.

To all other members, congratulations and many thanks for your dedication and your continued support.

Poppy

If it was Great in 2008
then
Give more of your Time in 2009

Rugby League is still the Greatest Game of All