

Dec 2003 RASO Newsletter

Next RASO meeting is Tues Jan 6 @ 7:00 @ ISC: **RASO Board Elections**

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Dec 4th, 2003 4th Annual RASO Banquet

The annual awards dinner was held this past Tuesday night at Sam's, with the following individuals receiving awards:

- **Male Referee** – John Sousa
- **Female Referee** – Sue Schaefer
- **Young Male Referee** – Matt O'Brien
- **Young Female Referee** – Cristi Brandt
- **Assignor's Award** – Todd Brokenhausen and Jacquie Balestrieri
- **President's Award for HM** – Lou Spencer
- **Most Improved Award** – Mike McIntosh
- **RASO Service Award** – Dave Brandt
- **IHSA State Finals** – Ben Buum, Gerry Hundt, Dan Mitchell,
John Sousa, Sam Nachampassack, Dan Krueger
- **Newly IHSA Certified** - Lou Spencer, Sam Nachampassack, and Matt O'Brien
- **Newly IHSA Recognized** - Gary Kardell

Treasurer Report – n/a

Secretary Report – n/a

2004 RASO Dues

- Have you taken care of this yet??
- The 2004 RASO Dues Form has posted on the RasoWeb Forms page.
- This year, everyone needs to pay their annual dues directly to RASO, as we no longer will be deducting your dues from your Rockford Park District pay. The Dues form includes the Treasurers address.

2004 RASO Board Elections:

The 2004 RASO Board elections will be held Tuesday Jan 6 @ 7:00pm @ ISC. If you have someone you would like to nominate for Pres, VP, Sec, or Treasurer, or if you are interested yourself, please contact Harold Winne @ haroldcw@execpc.com. We do need someone willing to be Treasurer for 2004, so please consider helping RASO out, and get more involved with our great organization.

Odds-n-Ends Business

- The latest edition of the "Advice to Referees on the Laws of the Game" has been placed on the main page of the RASO website. Known as the ATR to referee intellects, it expands on the "Laws of the Game" in describing how to handle key situations in a soccer match.
- RASO has purchased several eye-catching signs to be used for special events and is on display at ISC.
- Reminder:
 - ALL referees must attend a USSF clinic and take the test in order to referee games in 2004.
 - AFTER December 1, 2003 - DO NOT MAIL REGISTRATION
 - If you missed the mail deadline, bring the 2004 USSF registration form to your 2004 USSF clinic

For the USSF Entry level clinics, you must bring:

- \$55 USSF Registration, Clinic, & Test Fee
- \$10 RASO optional first year membership fee
- Social Security Number
- Bag lunch
- For more information contact Gerry Hundt @ 815-398-7849, hundtg@squared.com or Dave Brandt @ 815-624-6596, dabrandt22@hotmail.com

2004 USSF Clinic Schedule – RASO Clinics

Rockford Holiday Inn, 7550 East State Street Rockford, IL

USSF Refresher

- Sunday Feb 1, 2004 @ Rockford Holiday Inn
 - 11:00 AM - 4:00 PM

USSF Entry Clinic

- Sat Feb 14 - Sun Feb 15, 2004 @ Rockford Holiday Inn
 - Sat 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM
 - Sun 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM
 - Refreshers may attend on Sunday, but it is recommended that you attend the Feb 1 or March 6 Refresher specific Clinics.

USSF Refresher

- Sat March 6, 2004
 - USSF Fitness Test 9:00 Am @ Rockford Guilford HS
 - USSF Refresher 11:00 AM - 4:00 PM @ Rockford Holiday Inn

RPD / ISC Indoor Games

Indoor soccer is in full swing. Please continue to keep the games on time, as this helps the RPD tremendously. Both the ISC and International League Rules can be downloaded from the [www.RasoWeb](http://www.RasoWeb.com) Laws page. The International League rules are in addition to the base ISC rules. The Men's International League referee pay will increase from the current \$12 per game, to \$15 per game starting Jan 4, 2004. Referees will soon be receiving in the mail their contracts from the RPD for the 2004 season.

IHSA Boys AA Soccer

Congratulations to the Rockford Guilford HS Boys Varsity Soccer program, for reaching the IHSA Boys AA State Final. The finals were held at North Central College in Naperville on Nov 7th & 8th. The Guilford Vikings took 2nd place, in a great match against the Naperville Neuqua Valley Wildcats.

Great job Boys, and thanks for bringing deserved recognition to the Greater Rockford Soccer Community!

IHSA Girls Soccer Assignments

IHSA referee assigning is currently in full swing, so please contact the following assignors if you are interested in 2004 IHSA Spring Assignments

1- Ron Scott soxer-ref@juno.com
Fox Valley and Big Northern conferences

2- Carlyn Brandt TeamSoccer@charter.net
NIC-9

USSF Spring Tournaments

The first two outdoor USSF tournament dates have been set, so please consider these in your spring soccer schedule planning:

- Spring Fling Invitational, April 17-18
- Spring Kickoff Classic, May 1-2

Attachment

- 2004 RASO Dues Form

