

Jan RASO Meeting & Newsletter

Next RASO meeting is Feb 4 @ 7pm @ ISC

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Attendance

- **Jan 7 – 21 members** D.Brandt, H.Winne, K.Valentine, B.Wallace, M.O'Brien, M.McIntosh, G.Hundt, T.Keating, J & G & N.Balestrieri, J.Sousa, S.Hoover, D.Mitchell, M.O'Flaherty, S.Johnson, B.Millward, D.Ferrera, P.DeLaTorre, M.Love, J.Wehrle

Educational

- Gerry Hundt covered Persistent infringement
Persistent infringement, which is overlooked at the MLS level, only occurs in 4% of all cautions issued. This caution is used to control players who participate in a pattern of fouls directed against the same opponent or repeated infringements of Laws 12 and 14.

Treasurer Report – see item below

Secretary Report – none

2003 RASO Board Elections

- A [BIG Thank You](#) to outgoing Board member Ron Scott (Vice President) for his excellent service to RASO. Thanks also goes to Dave Brandt, Bob Millward, Ron Scott, and Gerry Hundt, for their dedication and devotion to the advancement of soccer and referees in the Greater Rockford area.
- New 2002 RASO Board
 - ❑ Gerry Hundt – President
 - ❑ Dave Brandt – Vice President
 - ❑ Bob Millward – Treasurer
 - ❑ Matt O'Brien – Secretary

2003 RASO Dues

- Have you taken care of this yet??
- The 2003 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.

2003 USSF Registration Package

- You should have received a USSF package in the mail, with your 2003 USSF Registration Form. ***If you have attended an entry or refresher clinic within the past 12 months, send the registration form and money in right away.*** If not, turn the form and money in at the next USSF clinic.

2003 USSF Clinic Schedule – Rockford

- Go to the RasoWeb Clinic page for details
- Feb 22 & 23, Entry & Refresher
- Sat March 22, Refresher & Fitness Test
 - Sun April 6, Refresher & Fitness Test
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Odds-n-Ends Business

- This year's male and female RASO youth referees of the year, Jen Leslie and Brian Homann, will be recommended to the ISRC for Youth Referee of the Year. In addition, last year's male RASO youth referee, Nick Balestrieri will be recommended. Illinois Youth Referee of the Year is a big honor because the chosen referee wins free referee equipment plus the opportunity to attend the Midwest Regional.

- State Cup will assign games to referee by invitation only this year and availability sheets will be coming in the mail. State Cup is an opportunity for referees to experience a higher level of play. This tournament provides the opportunity for referees to advance up the ladder and be chosen for the Midwest Regional in Des Moines, Iowa this summer.
- No schedule has been issued for the second session of indoor. Few games are still left for the week of the 14th. The Rockford Park District has sent out contracts that must be filled out and returned before your next game. If you want to do indoor games, please send Gerry Hundt your availability form immediately!
- Retiring RASO member Bruce Giersch was awarded as a Lifetime Member of RASO. RASO thanks Bruce for all his years of service to the Game. We all wish you good luck with your golf game.