

## **CSA-N Report to Region IV**

It's been a very short time since our workshops and meeting. Late February and March are our busiest times of the year as 60% of our members start their new seasons during the first weeks of March. We have begun implementing the Affinity Sports on-line registration program and will have all our members in our system by our Annual General Meeting in August.

Our Cup Commissioner, Leo Shoomiloff, is moving forward informing all our members of the USASA Regional USSF National Cups in Davis May 29-31. Leo hopes to have the information for the hotels for the participants by this meeting. Leo is also trying to motivate as many of our members as possible to enter the cups. Our referee committee is also gearing up for the event and will be working hand in hand with our cup commissioner to ensure a successful event for everyone.

The issue of player/fan violence has shown it's ugly face in a couple of our leagues. Our two league members that experienced an untoward incident have both taken serious measures and disciplinary action to try and ensure that incidents of fighting, encroachment on the field and referee assaults do not escalate and that all there members are aware of the serious consequences should they cross the line. CSA-N, in conjunction with our referee committee, will be conducting "in service" clinics for as many of our members possible to ensure that the referees they assign are up to the minute on any changes in the Laws of Game as well as to ensure that their members are familiar with their own league rules of competition.

Two of our leagues have submitted requests for reimbursement for affiliating new teams under our Region IV Grant. Four teams so far but we hope all our

members will be taking advantage of this opportunity as they register their members for the new season.

Over the February 1st weekend we were invited to attend the California Youth Soccer Association annual Expo. CYSA graciously gives us a booth for this annual event. This year we were approached by 23 youth leagues and teams interested in affiliating their respective adult teams and leagues with CSA-N. We're following up with all of them and hope to report some new teams and leagues in the near future.

CSA-N has acquired a sponsor, Pacific Office Automation. We hope that with their sponsorship and a couple of other sponsors we'll be able to re-establish our state cup as well as renew our state competition with Cal South later this year.

All of our delegates to the Region IV Workshops were delighted with the content and information they received over the weekend. They came back excited, wanting to know how they can get more involved, both with our state association as well as the Region. Several of our members have suggested that we bid to host the event in the future.

We look forward to seeing you all in San Francisco over the Valentine's Day weekend. We have secured a field for our pickup games and extend an invitation to anyone who would like to visit our offices Sunday afternoon.

I must apologize to all. I find I have been requesting reports from Region IV committees that I have just found out are inactive. I would appreciate a list of the Chairs of all active USASA Region IV committees so that I can direct my questions directly to them as opposed to bothering you all during every meeting.

End CSA-N Report to Region IV