

# ODSRS Semi-Annual News Letter

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Hello again, Danny and I would like to sincerely express our appreciation to each of you for your continued support during the past 12 months as we conclude another year well done. 2005 has proven to be ODSRS's most successful year yet supporting area clubs and leagues but more importantly working with and supporting officials throughout the country in assigning over 3400+ tournament and league matches. We are looking forward to your continued support and more of the same growth during 2006.

This mailing is being sent out to those who have assisted our efforts in covering ODSRS assigned matches during the 2005 calendar year, January 1 thru December 31. Along with this newsletter is a year-end detailed match summary listing of all assignments worked with pertinent info for each. Use this to compare your game count records for recert as well as future upgrade requirements. **We strongly urge you to save the info.** You will also find a patch backing for your 2006 USSF badge and a 2006 "View At A Glance" calendar just the right size to fit on your computer monitor to assist in reviewing match assignments. These time saving items have become quite popular and are offered just as a small token of our appreciation for your support.

In reflection, 2005 has again proven to be another excellent year for ODSRS, in satisfying existing clubs' expectations while continuing to grow additional opportunities for promising officials. On the tournament side, we picked up the June Fiesta Finale while generally watching the other tournaments grow both in quality and numbers. On the league side, we picked up CWSA Women's League (18+, 30+, & 40+) with stellar results. The 18+'s started the year with a FIFA Ref Rachel Woo in the center and the 30+ finished with a Nation Referee Marty Sinclair for their season final. Quality from start to finish. To quote a 30+ past president, "it was the best season yet and the first season I can remember going without a missed assignment". The VCCL club matches have allowed us more regular assignment opportunities for promising area youth on a week-to-week basis and we continue to look for similar growth opportunities. CVSA Men's League continued their explosive expansion with a record high 78 teams playing over 500+ matches this past fall season. Weeknight play continues to grow with both COED & Cup matches and with its new found popularity, is anticipating matches to expand even further this spring offering additional opportunities for officials seeking weeknight options. CVSA continues to be an excellent learning arena for up and coming officials as confirmed by the number of assessments (39 during Fall 05) scheduled and the area upgrades taking place this year. ODSRS takes pride in assigning full professional crews to each and every match and appreciates the continued overwhelming positive comments received from both officials and clubs. Only through your support and hard work does ODSRS continue to be the area's preferred supplier for leagues and tournaments looking for quality match play coverage.

As we look forward to 2006, the first Central Virginia event will be the 2006 Big Toe Sports Spring Invitational Tournament March 11 & 12 hosted by Chesterfield United SC. With 375+ teams anticipated, we will be looking for everyone's support, (including yours), for this largest area weekend event of the year. As with every event ODSRS supports, count on quality assignments, competitive rates, attention to detail and prompt pay out following the weekend. To sign up, look for the availability form that is posted on the [www.ODSRS.com](http://www.ODSRS.com) website. In addition to the Chesterfield weekend, we have commitments for assigning the usual tournaments as in the past year including: Colonial Cup and Richmond Cup May 27/28, June Fiesta Finale June 3/4, Columbus Day Invitational Oct 7/8, Megablast Nov 18/19 and are working to solidify additional events.

In conjunction with the tournaments, we have also developed solid relationships with area leagues / clubs that will allow us to offer continued developmental opportunities for you as officials. Currently included among those are: CVSA Men's League, CWSA Woman's League, VCCL (FC Richmond); Super Y (Strikers, Kickers), Youth and Adult State Cup, and CVSA's Summer League. These are just some of the regular league opportunities ODSRS will be assigning and thus seeking availability from qualified officials. For those looking to maintain senior grades, upgrade or just find a formidable challenge to your skills, CVSA matches work well. Those interested in pursuing a higher grade or obtaining an assessment are encouraged to contact us with your availability. Although we don't set up assessments or instruct referees personally, we do work very closely with Area Administration to get referees into the proper matches where assessors can be made available.

Mark your calendars for a couple of off season events that will be happening. Feb 5th the state will be offering an advanced clinic in Fredericksburg featuring a member of the national staff. We will publish more info as names become final or contact Carol at the state office if interested. This year's 2005 VYSA Workshop will again be held at the Richmond Centre Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>, 2006. This well attended event not only caters to the players and coaches but also has a full day of valuable sessions geared for the referee. These clinics and demonstrations are taught by nationally known clinicians respected within the referee community. For more information and to register, visit the VYSA website at [www.VYSA.com](http://www.VYSA.com)

Once again thanks to everyone for your continued support and we look forward to seeing you come grow with us in 2006!

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Congratulations to the following officials completing requirements during 2005 for upgrade to the next USSF level

**Upgrade to Grade 4  
(National Referee)**  
Shaun Papperman

**Upgrade to Grade 5  
(State 1 Referee)**  
Ben Hichak

**Upgrade to Grade 6  
(State 2 Referee)**  
Alex Addison  
Patrick Burns  
Clyde Cristman  
Tim McKissick  
Shilin Wang  
Roger Wicks

**Upgrade to Grade 7  
(Referee 1)**

David Arkin	Mirza Dokic
Lance Johnson	Jacob Modzelewski
Pete Neal	Jacob Neal
Kevin Norfleet	Chris O'Donnell
Dino Rahmanovic	Bennette Sebastian
Jimmy Venning	Bruce Meyer