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News and Views from (and for) WFA Referees

Welcome to Issue 8 of the WFA Referees' own newsletter in which our continued aim is to keep everyone updated regarding progress of our rapidly developing sport and also share good practice, experiences, ideas, and thoughts.

Please Please send things in so we can add them to the next issue



This is the section that I want to use to showcase a referee each issue
John Garrett the new WFA Chairman



Name. John Garrett

Age. 63

Hometown. Brighton

Place Born. London

Occupation Operations Business owner/Engineer

Club or League connections. Dolphins Brighton

Favourite Team. Everton **Favourite Footballer** Christian Ronaldo

Football Highlight. Loads but playing for Brighton Boys when I was 16 is my most memorable

Biggest Influence. Zinedine Zidane

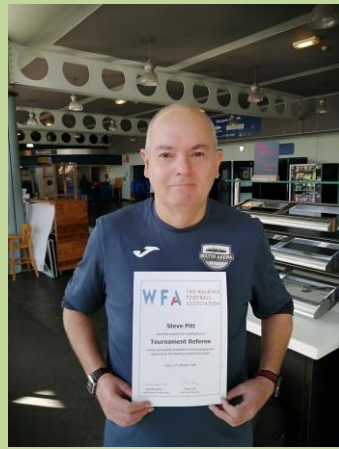
Pet Hate in Football. Diving

What are your aims as Chairman – Promote Walking Football for all, and bring Walking Football under one governing body – The WFA

Newly Qualified Tournament Referees



Steve Nethercott



Steve Pitt



Gilson Rogers



Denis Cudahy

WFA Referee Kits

WFA referee kits can be purchased online from

www.seriousfootball.co.uk

Simply click on 'Team Stores' and enter either *Walking Football Club* or *Walking Football Tournament* in the 'Search Team Stores' tab to access the appropriate section.

Vital Gear

All WFA referees are reminded of the need for the following equipment:

- **Stopwatch (at least one)**
- **Whistle**
- **Blue & Red cards**
- **Notepad and pencil**

Whilst this might seem obvious, we still receive feedback regarding referees being ill-equipped.

John P Garrett AB Eng ACABE MIETA -WFA Chairman-63-year-old successful Semi retired (both Owner and Managing Director) of five different companies. In the field of Construction, Building, Electrical, IT, Training, Multimedia and Magazine. His Football history includes both Semi pro and Sunday morning leagues, including being a qualified FA referee.

John both loves to kick a ball about and Referee a game in equal measure. (Unless he is playing as the striker, then he will want to play). Numerous ailments due to his sporting life include, a new full knee replacement, new hip, various ankle injuries, and operations.

Since joining the WFA in 2017 as a volunteer John was instrumental in organising the first WFA International Walking Football Match, being the England teams against the International teams of Italy at the Brighton and Hove Premier League Football Ground (Amex) in Brighton. Then later the WFA International Competition at the Chesterfield Football Ground, between England, Italy, and Wales National Teams.

John spends a considerable amount of his time updating the WFA National register of Referees data base and organising and teaching WFA Referee courses at various locations throughout the Uk. This includes WFA Referee teaching trips to Singapore, Kuala Lumpur, Rwanda, Italy, Wales & France.

John is a WFA qualified Referee, International Referee, Referee Tutor, and is the FIWFA World Cup Tournament Director

John is dedicated to the Ethos of Walking Football as a Game for all.

His most renowned quote whilst teaching his WFA Referee Courses is 'Blow the Bloody Whistle' as Michael Cain would say.

Please check out the new Walking Football Association Website

www.thewfa.co.uk

As we hopefully now get back to refereeing please remember that if a player deliberately coughs at an opponent, they should be shown a **Red Card**

WFA Newsletter

Any referee who has not yet signed up for the WFA Newsletter should do so as soon as possible, to ensure they keep up to date with new developments. Visit <https://thewfa.co.uk> and click on the button at the bottom of the page.



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The Word on the Street

This section discusses issues recently experienced by referees and players.

Misconduct at WFA Events

Whilst the majority of games are played in accordance with the ethos and values of our sport, there have been a number of occasions recently when conduct of players or club officials at WFA events has fallen short of the expected standard. This has included:

- Violent, dangerous, and reckless conduct towards other players
- Verbal abuse of match officials
- Threatening conduct towards match officials
- Repeated and unwarranted challenging of a referee's decisions

In such circumstances, referees are obliged to submit a report to John Garrett (wfarefereesadmin@thewfa.co.uk) detailing the offending conduct. A decision will then be made regarding the need to instigate the WFA Disciplinary Panel to consider the matter further.

And Finally, ...

The Walking Football Association has a new Welfare Officer. Its ME

I am here for everyone connected to the WFA, players, referees, volunteer's, and anyone else that needs someone to talk to.

The last 12months + have been very strange and not what anyone has lived through before.

I personally had Covid 19 and have lost 2 very dear friends to the disease, I also lost my Father several months ago.

If it had not been for my wife and family letting me spew forth my miseries and just letting me talk to them, I know that I would have struggled to cope mentally with everything.

I am here if anyone wants to chat about anything, not just football related.

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Do not forget **ITS GOOD TO TALK**