

Douglas Homer – Region I Coach
Falls Church, Virginia
Metro DC/Virginia Soccer Association

Douglas holds a USSF “B” Coaching license which he attained in 2003. He is the Head Coach of the U.S. Maccabi Men’s National Team, team he has coached since early 2007. He developed a strategic plan for the identification, selection and development of an 18-person Senior National that finished fourth out of 12 National Teams at the 2007 European Maccabi Games in Rome, Italy.

Mr. Homer has been serving as Coach to the Aegean Hawks Football Club for over two years. He has successfully implemented the technical and tactical development of a 24-person men’s amateur soccer club. He manages training sessions and game-day operations for official Washington Premier League (WPL), U.S. Soccer Federation Lamar Hunt US Open Cup, and USASA Region I Cup match play. He is also in charge of establishing public-private partnerships with local entities such as Episcopal High School and Georgetown University to support ongoing player development programs.

In the lookout for better opportunities for the Hawks, Douglas achieved a sponsorship agreement with Diadora and the Dulles Sportsplex to support the team’s mission and expand training and competition opportunities for members of the team who faced extraordinary economic disadvantages. The Aegean Hawks are the USASA National Amateur Cup Champions (2009); Region I Champion and U.S. Soccer Lamar Hunt Open Cup Quarterfinalist (2007, 2009); 2007 DC/MD/VA State Champions; USASA National Amateur Cup Semi-Finalist; and WPL Champions.

For almost a decade, he was the Head Coach of the Arlington Scorpions Football Club, where he led the team to participate in premier soccer divisions of the MAPS Summer League, National Capital Soccer League (NCSL), and USYS Region I Premier Summer League. Douglas showed his dedication to the game when he helped five players earn All-Metropolitan Region honors as determined by *The Washington Post*; nine players earn All-District League honors as determined by their high school conferences; and four players earn All-State honors. The Scorpions were the Virginia State Cup Semi Finalists in 2007 and Quarterfinalists in 2006. The NCSL named Mr. Homer Coach of the Season in the Fall of 2001, Spring 2001, and Spring 2002. He left the club with a final record of 86 wins, 37 losses and 21 ties. The final ranking was 8th in Virginia, 54th in Region I, and 115th nationally.

In 1994, while servicing the U.S. Peace Corps as a volunteer, Douglas founded the F.C. Kirova, Cholpon-Ata and Kyrgyz Republic, an after-school soccer program for six groups of 85 culturally-diverse students in grades 8 through 11. He achieved a partnership with the school physical education teacher to develop a technical training program as well as drafted and received \$35,000 from the George Soros Foundation for the re-development of a natural grass soccer pitch for the local community. Douglas served as the Head Coach from the beginning of the program until 2006.

**Adrian Parrish – Region II Coach
Lexington, Kentucky
Kentucky State Soccer Association**

Upon arriving to the U.S. from England near the turn of the century, Adrian spent several years on the East Coast sharpening his coaching skills, prior to coming to Lexington, KY, in 2005, where he has been driving a force in helping to transform soccer in Kentucky over the last four years. Parrish has held a USSF "A" License since 2004, and is currently completing his UEFA "A" as well.

As Director of Coaching for the Kentucky Youth Soccer Association, Adrian runs the State Olympic Development Program, assists the USSF in holding "C" License Courses, and designs and writes coaching curriculums. Endowed with a patience, drive, and avid passion for the game, Parrish soon became Head Coach of the Kentucky Wanderers' Women's and Men's Soccer Teams, leading the Men to a first place finish in league play, a State Cup Championship, and semifinal and final appearances in successive years at the USASA National Cups Region II Finals in Men's Amateur Cup play. This year, his Women's squad won Kentucky's Tournament of Champions, and also reached the Regional Finals in the Women's Cup – another first for the Bluegrass State.

Mr. Parrish targets growth of the adult game by seeking out and keeping young adults who have played in ODP in soccer out of and beyond college. He has also obtained sponsorships which have resulted in helping players acquire summer jobs and has been instrumental in developing the transition from youth to adult play.

**Gary Owen – Region III Referee
Plano, Texas
North Texas State Soccer Association**

After achieving top honors in the 1997 Youth Regional Finals, Gary was asked to take part in the Youth National Tournament. Then in 1998, he achieved the honor of National Referee where he attended his first referee camp in California.

Subsequent to attaining his State Referee Grade 5, Gary was introduced to a much faster and exciting game of soccer called D-3 and the A-league, of the former USISL (now USL). He was always available when the North Texas State Soccer Association requested his assistance and was happy to be there. Owen quickly learned the key elements of becoming a proficient referee as he excelled to the State level and those achievements were noticed by all. He was then asked to be a part of the newly formed professional division of USSF called: Major League Soccer (MLS).

Mr. Owen has helped and given guidance to many colleagues in the Referee Program. Since 1998, he has extended a hand to referees who had not yet been as fortunate and needed more study time, by putting together study guides for those who did not pass the written test.

An active referee with a demanding schedule, Gary makes sure to have time to work as an assignor, assessor, instructor referee, administrator or volunteer participation in the referee mentor at any level of the game. Gary was ultimately asked by many referees to put together a fitness training regiment, which he immediately executed. He also put together various fitness programs for North Texas referees of all grades to help them achieve their goals.

He has been recognized for "off the field" activities as well. Every year, Gary attended the 3000-meter Club while in existence at the National Referee Camp. He feels honored to have been a part of

the National Referee Program and he actually feels the camp transformed him into a better individual. Currently, he is helping with the set up of a complete indoor sports facility: soccer, gymnastics, full medical clinic, among other features. Mr. Owen will also be assisting the local Adult Co-Ed League and other programs such as the amputee program for youth players which will eventually be carried over to adults. This will provide a place for returning veterans to have a recreational program as well.

Luis Azevedo - Region IV Coach
Santa Clara, California
California Soccer Association-North

Luis is the Coach for Santa Clara Sporting Club, where he also is a proud Sports Director. Through his passion, he hopes to reach his goal to give back to the community. The Santa Clara Sporting Club has contributed to many in-need public institutions. Luis proudly worked along side with the other directors, coaches, and players. Santa Clara Sporting Club has grown to sponsor about 25 youth soccer teams of girls and boys and 2 men's teams.

Prior to his current position, Luis played for Santa Clara High School, West Valley College, and Portuguese Athletic Club (PAC) from San Jose, CA. While attending high school he also played Under-19 for PAC as well as for their men's team. Then, Luis moved to play for Santa Clara Sporting Club in 1980 and took over as manager of the club in 1987.

Mr. Azevedo is known locally and nationally at the competitive men's amateur soccer level and was always determined to maintain the professionalism and expectations within the soccer leagues. Under Luis's leadership the SCS has won three league titles (1987, 1988 & 1989); three CPSA Championships (1994, 1997 & 2006); six CSA-N State Cup titles (1988, 1989, 1996, 1999, 2000 & 2001); and two overall State Cup Champions (1988 & 1989). But the most prestigious accomplishments have come in the United States Adult Soccer Association Amateur Cup. Since 1988, the Santa Clara Sporting have won the Northern California Cup 13 times and have been the Region IV Finalists 13 times and have won the USASA National Amateur Cup five of those times that they represented CSA-N and Region IV in the National Cup Finals.

Luis is a lifetime member of Santa Clara Sporting Club. He is proud to represent a club that promises educated youth teams. His biggest reward is all the players that inspired him to continue coaching, including his nephews, the friends he made along the way and all of the Santa Clara Sporting Club family. It is Luis philosophy that "Watching a young player develop and grow is the true measurement of success."

Luis currently lives in Santa Clara, CA, with his wife, Tania, and two daughters, Natasha 15 and Briana 11. Natasha played on SCS Under-15 team.