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Sal Crispi - Iconic Walnut Creek Referee announces his retirement...

After 30 years as a Referee Director, Referee Assignor, Board member, Mentor, Leader and Friend to thousands, Sal Crispi has announced his retirement to occur at the end of this season.

Walnut Creek Surf Soccer Club has had the privilege of Sal's commitment to our club since he arrived in 1990 and served on our club board as tournament director. In 1992, he was appointed our Referee Director and has held this role for the past 29 years. During Sal's career spanning over three decades at our club, he has led our referee program, including the referee assignment of thousands of games in our recreation, select and competitive programs. He has been instrumental in referee education and has guided over a thousand new referee's to earn their license in the referee training program he developed and managed.

Sal has also seen many of his referee's rise through the club level, to high school, college, and professional levels. Sal has been an unbelievable resource and leader at our club and we are forever grateful.

Club President, Brad Bowles has this to say about Sal *"On behalf of the Walnut Creek Surf Soccer Club, we congratulate Sal as he enters his well-earned retirement. Sal has been instrumental in not just guiding the referee program over the past 29 years, but he has also been a big part of the overall growth and success of the soccer club. We cannot thank Sal enough for all that he has done for the club and while we know we will still see him on the field, we hope he gets time to enjoy his retirement."*

Due to the current Covid-19 pandemic, we will await on celebrating Sal's successful and impactful career at our club, when the time is safe for an in-person event. Please be on the lookout for how you can join our club in applauding Sal later this summer or fall.

Thank you Sal, thank you for your service to our club!

Walnut Creek Surf Soccer Club

