

Nevada Report

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Two guys were visiting one day, and Clem turned to Jake and said. “I’m getting a divorce. My wife hasn’t spoken to me in six weeks.”

Zach thought about it for a minute, and answered. “Are you sure? Women like that are hard to come by!”

That nearly describes the Biles household every February. The local bookmakers are busily taking wagers as to whether the marriage can survive another Silvermug soccer tournament. I’m happy to say, those of you who bet the lose line, lost your money....again, but I would advise you to try again next year!

We made it through once more time, with the Quarterfinals, Semifinals, and Finals so close in competition that we had penalty kicks all over the place. I had always thought a good referee could get a result in regulation time, but we had some of the best at the tournament. Four of eight quarters ended in kicks, all four or the semi’s ended in kicks and even the finals were decided the same way. The Men’s champs are Banat from Arizona with Durango from Santa Barbara in second. The Women’s champs this year are the Hibernian Saints with the Silicone Valley Ajax as runners-up. With the competitions so close, it’s almost a shame to declare champions. The play was fantastic, the weather cooperated all but the first day, and the T-shirt booth sold out. By those criteria, we had another success!

After struggling with rogue leagues, invasions of entrepreneurs from Southern California, and false promises freely given and as freely accepted from some of the organizations associated with US soccer, we finally made it to three votes. We are in negotiation with some of the city and county non-affiliated recreation department leagues to affiliate, which would increase our membership enough to add another vote. The recreation departments have seen our sport as a revenue opportunity, and have been operating as self-insured entities. We have seen some of the youth leagues affiliated with USYSA, so perhaps the adult leagues will see the same benefits to joining our ranks.

Look forward to seeing you all on our turf....let us know if you need anything!