



## SW Newsletter June 2020 / Issue 350

Hi <<First Name>>

Time for the June newsletter, thank you to everyone who took part in the SW AGM and SW League meeting last Saturday, in all 25 members from across the region took part.

Highlights this month:

- Time to sign up for the 2020/21 SW League season, see below.
- Well done to all our SW Award winners and thank you for all your nominations.
- Looking for an online tool for your club meetings, the SW Conference call account is available to use.

Regards

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## 2020 SWVA Awards

The South West Volleyball Association appreciates the importance of volunteers in our sport and the huge contribution they make.

The Annual Awards go a little way to recognise their contribution and we hope that clubs and members will nominate those who they believe have put in their time and energy to assure the future development of volleyball.

*[In a normal year we would include photos of our winners receiving their awards, unfortunately that's not possible at the moment]*

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**2020 Doreen Dingle Award** for administration – Kerry Newman (posthumous)



Kerry has been a regular member of the SW Volleyball Family for many years. As a player at the top end of the NL program, several years as back ground support for the SWVA Inter Regional Championships squads and the SWVA first Child Welfare Office.

Junior coach at Taunton Volleyball Club since 2008, leading the development of the Minors and managing the Junior Grand Prix teams. She was a true inspiration and support to many of our young players.

*(It is with great sadness that we learnt that Kerry passed away on the 20th May from Cancer)*

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**2020 Bert Williams Referees Award – Donna Cunningham**



Donna has been our most active referee in the SW League and SW Championships over the last two seasons.

She is an example to many people with her attitude, willingness to officiate and high standards.

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**2020 Commitment to SW Volleyball – Jurek Jankowski**



Jurek is a key volunteer in the workings of SW junior Volleyball program. With the arranging and promoting of the monthly JuVoTo (Junior Volleyball Tournaments) events throughout the region and the annual mini championships.

Jurek also provides background support and oversees our Inter Regional Championship Coaching team.

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**2020 Coaches Award – Ben Fairweather**



Ben, (Back right) with the 2017 IRC U17 Boys Squad

Ben joined the SW IRC coaching team in 2015 and progressed to Boys U17 Head Coach. The boys in recent years have been regulars in the IRC final with one 1st and two 2nd place finishes to their name.

As well as coaching at the Exeter Storm Volleyball Club, Ben is always looking to expand his coaching work and has recently joined the Volleyball England Cadet coaching team and the SW Inter Regional Beach Coaching team.

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**2020 Contribution to SW Volleyball – Anna Lotowska**



Anna is a non-playing coach at Bemis VC & Bristol Spikers VC, attending several training and match sessions each week, despite living in Newport & having her very own young family.

Over the last five years Anna has also been working through her level 1 & 2 coaching courses and has coached the same group of girls through mini volleyball at Spikers VC through to adult volleyball with Bemis VC.

The same group of young women are now confident players happy to step into any volleyball environment with faith in their own ability. This includes exploring university choices with one eye on the right university to get the best volleyball.



Anna is also an incredible female role model & so important for the female juniors coming through to aspire too.

Eagles eyed readers may recall that Anna also recently won the 2019 SW Champs “Spirit of the Tournament” award, as voted by the tournament officials. Anna is a young coach who is bring plenty of fun and commitment to the sport.

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## SW League 2020-21 Register



All existing SW League teams and new teams who had registered an interest, took part in the SW League 2020-21 planning conference call session on Saturday. The result of the meeting are below:

Thank you for all the feedback at the meeting on how we can structure competition in the SW League for next season. We would like to now get an indication of teams wishing to enter the league next season. This is **NOT** a commitment at this stage but will give us a good idea of what options are possible and who we need to be getting in touch with when we open up.

We may need to move quite quickly to get the most out of the season. We have had a number of new teams expressing interest, which could result in either larger leagues than this year or splitting into two divisions.

If you wish to take part in the 2020-21 League season, please complete the 2020-21 League Entry Form: <https://www.swva.org.uk/sw-league-format-2020-21>

Rachel Swindell, Competition Sec

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## Noam Devey speaks to Carol Vorderman on BBC Radio Wales



Noam Devey speaks on BBC Radio Wales with Carol Vorderman about beach volleyball and the virtual UKBT. <https://www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/play/m000jnqr> (item starts at 1 hour 5 minutes in the program)

from Volleyball Wales [www.volleyballwales.org](http://www.volleyballwales.org)

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## Club Guidance Across the Region



This week we have seen new guidance for the sport of volleyball across the SWVA Region. With clubs and players located in four different countries and hence four different set of guidelines, it's not always straight forward – Select as appropriate.

- [Volleyball England](#)
- [Volleyball Wales](#)
- [Guernsey](#)
- [Jersey](#)

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## Foundation Bio's

Looking for something different to read – The Volleyball England Foundation have been adding a number of Bio's from across the volleyball family.

Highlighted below is our very own [Roy Pankhurst \(SWVA Vice Chairman\)](#)



### **1. When were you first introduced to volleyball?**

In 1965 I was appointed Head of PE and Recreation at Southgate Technical College in North London. I published a traditional programme for the use of the sports hall only to be attacked by four irate students from the Middle East who wanted to know when they could play volleyball.

They taught me to play the game. We encouraged two English students, big Derek Trimmer and a setter Duncan Knight, who both later played for England. So we had a team and entered the Club National K/O – we lost in the Semi Final at the Crystal Palace!

The next day Don Anthony the President invited me to the AGM of the then AVA – he was the ace delegator and during Election of Officers and I was voted in as the new Secretary!

**Click on the link** to read the rest of the item at: [Roy Pankhurst \(SWVA Vice Chairman\)](#) and follow the foundation page links for many more, including our

SWVA Beach Headcoach [Denise Austin](#) and her “Theatre Club or Volleyball” dilemma.

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## Find the perfect volunteer to keep your club moving



The Covid-19 pandemic has reaffirmed volunteering as a way of strengthening communities, tackling feelings of isolation and spreading acts of kindness.

Volunteers' Week, which takes place from June 1-7, is an ideal time for clubs and organisations to take advantage of the extra appetite and new-found appreciation for volunteering.

To celebrate Volunteers' Week, the Alliance has relaunched the [Volunteer Opportunity Finder](#) to make it as easy as possible for clubs and members to connect with a network of people looking to get involved, learn new skills and make a difference to those around them.

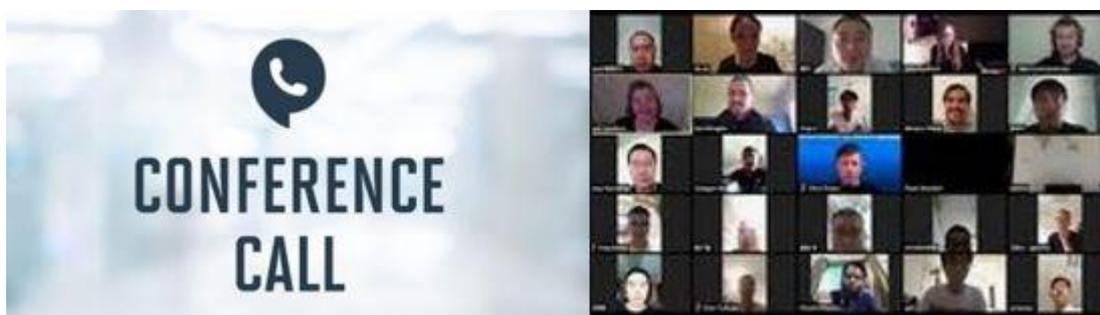
Sport and recreation clubs will be at the heart of rebuilding the physical, mental and social wellbeing of the nation. With 200,000 volunteers a month already seeking opportunities online, organisations who need support, have the perfect chance to get the help they need.



For more info see:

<https://www.sportandrecreation.org.uk/news/volunteering/find-the-perfect-volunteer-to-keep-your-club>

## Online Meeting Tools now Available



With the lockdown continuing and people starting to make arrangements for a possible restart of the sport, plus the approaching tournament and AGM season. The SWVA has taken out an online conference call business account with one of the major providers. If a SW club or group would like to use it, please let us know, first come first served.

### Usefull facilities:

- Access: A URL link or reference number (or phone number) is provided, no password or login required.

- Screen view: You can either see everyone (in an appropriate square box) or you can set it to show only the person speaking.
- Chat box: Has several settings, a copy of which is downloaded to the “organisers” document folder after the call.
- Present: Any one on the call can present, either with share screen or select an application i.e. power point or PDF.
- Record: The meeting can be recorded, this includes the video and any presentation. The recording is available after the meeting via the SW organiser.
- Meeting Lock & Waiting Room facility available if required.
- Access via PC (Windows), Mac, Chrome Book , Tablets and Phones (Linux/Ubuntu not supported).

To book, contact one of the SW Exec members or email: [Meeting@swva.org.uk](mailto:Meeting@swva.org.uk)

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