



Time for a July Newsletter, a few things happening plus a couple of requests and a massive congratulations to our SW Inter Regional Beach team who were in action last weekend and pick up some medals.

Dave Reece
SWVA Chair

Inter Regional Beach Champions 2021



In this year's Inter-Regionals, we faced hurdles – news of possible cancellation of the event or moving of the competition dates to late in the season. The event was finally able to go ahead thanks to Kate Falkner-Ham for volunteering and taking charge of running the wonderful 2 days of competition for our juniors.

Thank you also to her wonderful volunteers; Miki, Leah, Paul and Karl (who kept everyone in check).

The South West took a total of 3 squads to this years IRB. The girls were given a wild card and therefore another team was selected, making the total number of SW girls attending to eight.



SW Girls Beach Coaches: Floe Ermeje, Dave Gunter

Team 1

- Freya Newton (Beach Academy)
- Ekin Ozerciyes (Taunton)
- Heidi Bright (Beach Academy)
- Katie Touhey (Beach Academy)

Team 2

- Alexia Morosanu (Wessex)
- Tara King (Wessex)
- Matilda Morris (Cardiff Beach)
- Eleni Constantinou (Cardiff Beach)

The girl's competition was initially run with a best of 3 sets and winning set scores as 21,21,15. This made the pool plays overrun the schedule and the organisers along with all coaches from participating regions had to make a decision to shorten the sets for the Quarterfinals. The Semifinals and Finals were played to 21,21,15 as originally planned.

Both our Team 1 and Team 2 fell to our opponents in the Quarterfinals, which means that they played with the other losing teams to decide who will be joint 5th and 7th in the results. Team 1 were beaten by East and Team 2 by South Wales.

Our Team 1 finished 5th place and our Team 2 finished 7th place. Team 1 fought to clinch 5th place as if they are playing a final match. They have not taken the game for granted and did their best to win against London 2. Team 2 who's opponents were NW/SE also fought hard to get joint 5th but had to forfeit their pair 2 match due to injury and pair 1 lost their match.

They have played some really tough matches against older and some experienced opponents. Both teams showed resilience and enthusiasm in every game which made their coaches proud. Having younger athletes this year made this tournament a good experience for development. They are all excited to participate again next year.

The boys were not given a wild card entry therefore we only travelled with 4 players. These boys were;

Team

- Mattie Tildesley (Bemi)
- Rob Morgan (Beach Academy)
- Dan Huggins (Beach Academy)
- Kian Safaee (Wessex)

Having learnt some lessons from the previous day, the organisers decided to run the boys competition with matches played with best of 3 sets and winning set scores as 15,15,11. Our boys were off to a great start only narrowly losing

to East in their pool play. This made us claim 2nd position in our pool which gave us a good advantage on our Quarterfinal positions.



The boys played Quarterfinals against South Wales comfortably winning 2-0 on both teams. Then, played the Semifinals against London which they also both won 2-0 on both teams. The finals were shaping up to be against Pool rivals East.

The boys played the final matches simultaneously, both teams won the first set which seemed positive for us but on the court of pair 1, East managed to make a comeback and took the 2nd set. Our pair 2 continued on their winning ways and won their match 2-0. Eventually, East managed to claim the 3rd set as well making the score level at 1-1. The winners had to be decided by playing a golden set to 15. The boys finished the Golden set with a victory 15-13 and are now this year's Inter-Regional Beach Champions!

Not a bad day in the office this weekend! Thank you for supporting our programme and we hope to return again to the IRB next year.



Best regards from a happy team manager!
Floe Ermeje



SW Team Manager and Boys Coaches: Floe Ermeje, Dan Mrowiec, Ben Fairweather

Photos from:

<https://www.inter-beach.net/photo-gallery>

<https://www.smugmug.com/gallery/n-LxrPSr>

British Open U19 Inter-Beach Volleyball Cup



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Cardiff Beach Volleyball Centre, 30, 31 July & 1 Aug 2021

Eligible ages 1/1/2003 and after for U19, 2001 for U21 (Welsh and Nth Irish players)

Start time 8.45 Fri, Finish approximately 4pm Sunday

The British Open U19 Inter-Beach Volleyball Championships is a three day event.

- Open for eight teams from across the UK.
- Each team consists of four players, two pairs.
- Entry is £80 per player to include three days of competition and lunch each day.

Entries are limited and on a first come basis so please DO NOT delay. The closing date is **Friday 16th July 2021**. After this deadline we will confirm the event and payment details etc.

Please do contact us if you have further questions.

<https://www.inter-beach.net/home-nations-hn2019>

Time to Kick Start EDVA Volleyball



Like everything else, we have been in hibernation for the last 16 months but it's now time to re-start and plan for a 2021/22 indoor league.

The EDVA operates across the area of Devon and West Somerset and sometimes further afield with a two-division league program (mix league, 2.42m net) and a ladies league (ladies + U15 Boys). Matches are played on a home and away bases and ALL five sets are played, so plenty of volleyball for everyone.

As well as Exeter & Plymouth, previous members have come from: Ashburton, Barnstaple, Burnham-on-Sea, Crediton, Churston, Cullompton, Honiton, Lypstone, Minehead, Newton Abbott, Paignton, Taunton, Teignmouth, Tiverton and Totnes.

If you would like to be involved, you will need to attend the compulsory # AGM, 12th August at the Exeter Coaver Social Club, 8pm to 9:30.

University clubs can apply for an exemption on receipt of an appropriate request.

As well as clubs we also need people to run the league (as we all expired a years ago), it's quite simple, no volunteers, no league so please get involved. League entries will follow with a Fixture meeting in early September.

More info: <https://www.edva.org.uk>

Regards

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Annual 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.

SWVA Awards 2021

2021 Doreen Dingle Award for administration – Martin Oram



For the last 30 plus years, Martin has run clubs, tournaments, local associations, and league programs. Most people in the regions will remember the Exeter Summer tournaments, Martin organised the majority of these as well as being the main organiser of the Exmouth Beach Tournament from the mid 90's for a 10 year period. A spell as the EDVA Chairman, running the associated league and tournament programs, plus the Exeter Wanderers VC for many years.

Mostly known locally today as the main organiser behind the popular Coaver Volleyball league, which runs weekly evening and lunchtime league programs throughout the summer months. That's typically 10 courts, three divisions with 30 plus teams playing Park Volleyball or Coaver Rules as it's known locally.

With no indoor volleyball taking place anywhere across East Devon during the last 18 months, the sport has relied heavily on the Coaver outdoor program during 2020 & 2021.

2021 Bert Williams Referees Award – Charlie Huitson

2021 Commitment to SW Volleyball – Ron Richards

This is or was Ron's 50th year as SWVA secretary, there are few that have shown such commitment to the SWVA, having helped to set up the association in 1969 whilst still a student at Exeter University. Alongside his secretarial duties Ron was also the editor and distributor of the SW Timeout Newsletter for many decades and continues to represent the SW clubs and local associations on the Regional Commission, as well as stepping in as treasurer on several occasions.

In addition to his work directly for the association he has also made numerous contributions to the sport across the South West. These include being involved in the running of several clubs (Speedwell, City of Bristol and Priory), and tournaments such as Whitefield, Priory and the SW junior grand prix program.

2021 Coaches Award – Kate Falkner

Kate is committed to the development of youth volleyball within the South West and South Wales areas. She provides excellent sessions to the girls that will allow them to progress as volleyball players throughout their volleyball careers. She does so much planning and also personal development to make sure she is giving her all to the cause.

She is always smiling and always approachable if any one needs and wants help. She's a great example of someone who loves the sport and developing young athletes.

2020 Contribution to SW Volleyball – Helen Rushby

Since Oct 2020, Helen has been running her own group within our U15/16 girls programme. We have approx 30 girls training and Helen runs the beginners/less experienced group, of around 14 girls. Helen runs 2 sessions per week, planning the sessions herself, but regularly discusses content, etc with her coaching mentor.

The group has progressed well and enjoys Helen's sessions. Helen also helps with the U12 group. She coaches twice per week, so 5 hours coaching per week. To help develop her coaching, during a lockdown, Helen completed a Six-Week 'Virtual Coaching Mentorship' course run by the Changing the Game Project organisation, based in the US.

Helen was invited to join the Wessex Board, as a co-opted member, and since joining has contributed to several projects, – including the creation of interactive spreadsheets to help with longer-term planning and sponsorship packages.

Wanted – Posts & Referee Stand



Wanted – Do you know of somebody that's removed or has in storage a set of posts or a Sports hall where the posts don't fit the floor anchors and the posts just sit in the corner of the sports cupboard?

Bemi VC is looking for at least three sets of Universal Services posts that we can refurbish/cannibalise. It doesn't matter if they are metric or imperial threaded. It doesn't even matter if the posts have bits missing or they are damaged but they must be the Universal services posts as the photos. We are also looking for a folding referee stand.

If you can help please get in contact:

Email: Bedminstervolleyball@outlook.com

Tim Clifford: 0778 962 0272

Coaches, Assistant Coaches and Safeguarding officers wanted! – Bristol, Bath & North Somerset

Bristol Spikers Junior Volleyball Club & Bedminster Volleyball Club – Coach & Safeguarding

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About Us

Bemi VC is Bristol's oldest volleyball club being formed in 1968. We have run teams every year since. We have a fluctuating membership of between 60 & 90 members and have multiple squads of experienced players from former pro's right down to complete beginners. We run teams in multiple competitions suited to the ability of the membership. Teams are Women Men U18's & Mixed. We anticipate from September we will run 20 hours of coached sessions per week Sunday to Thursday Plus matches which we anticipate being over 120 for the 2021/2022 season across the club.

Spikers VC was set up in 2015 as a Junior only club but with a clear route of progression from junior into adult volleyball. Sessions are both age and ability based with sessions at U10, U13's U16's & "if ready" moving to Bemi VC at U18's. We run junior teams in every local, regional & national junior competition available in England. We currently have 75 Juniors Year 4 to year 11 on the books with a waiting list. Each week we run 11 hours of coached training sessions. Most of our juniors come as complete beginners which we develop and support. Our first-generation already making national squads.

Both clubs work collaboratively to make our sports halls a fun safe place while sharing resources, equipment, coaches, safeguarding, expertise & facilities. Although very different organisations, with different philosophies, both hugely benefit from developing people together in our multiple location sites across Central, South & East Bristol.

Full details at: <https://www.swva.org.uk/news/coaches-assistant-coaches-and-safeguarding-officers-wanted-bristol-bath-north-somerset>

IVVA European Veteran Volleyball Championship



Dear volleyball colleagues,

On behalf of the IVVA organization we are very happy to contact you and update you about IVVA – Veteran Volleyball IVVA Beach Volleyball Tournament & European Veteran Volleyball Championship 2021 which will take place in the Port of Alcudia – MALLORCA from the 5th until the 9th of October 2

During the previous years there were teams from 13 different world countries participating in the IVVA tournament. At the moment, we have almost doubled the previous participation of teams!

We are currently registered teams from 24 countries around the world, which is a new IVVA record ! This interest is the driving force for our European Veteran Volleyball Championship & IVVA Beach Veteran Volleyball Tournament 2021.

We have 3 months left until the IVVA tournaments begin and we know that it will be a spectacular transnational event and we want you to be a part of it. If you like Indoor, beach or you are a volleyball fan, you should not miss this worldwide volleyball event.

We kindly ask you to consider support from your National Veteran Volleyball Team and let them represent your country in this great event. If you like this idea don't hesitate and create your team, visit our webpage www.ivva.eu