



SWVA Newsletter August 2022 Extra Issue 377

Hi

A Newsletter Extra this week to celebrate the fantastic performance of the SW Junior Beach Team last weekend at the Junior Commonwealth Games, against the rest of the UK and Ireland. Second in both the Girls and Boys events and First in the unofficial team event, well done to everyone involved, details and photos below.

And thank you to Richard Beale for providing a lot of the photos.

Regards
Dave Reece
SWVA

UK & Ireland v SW Beach Team



The SW Beach team took on Ireland, Northern Ireland, Scotland, Wales, the South East and an All-England team at the Junior Commonwealth Cup this weekend, and we very nearly won it all!

Just a couple of points short in both finals but with two second place finishes, the top team at this years event, ahead of Ireland and Scotland in third place. A fantastic result for everyone involved, and Silver Medals for everyone to take home.

Well done to Ekin Ozerciyes, Alexia Morosanu, Heidi Bright, Katie Tuohey, Mattie Tildesley, Rob Morgan, Tom Lycett & Harry Brett plus the coaching team of Flo, Dave & Dan who keep everyone fed, watered, and shaded throughout an extremely hot weekend of beach volleyball.

Plus, the Spirit of the Tournament Award for being a great bunch of players and helping out to keep the whole event running smoothly.

Full results on the at: <https://www.inter-beach.net/cc2022home>

SW Beach JCC Team Action Photos



Plenty of photos and slide shows now on line via the SW web site, also some of my larger ones at: <https://www.smugmug.com/gallery/n-zSr4sD/>

Unfortunately slideshows don't work via the newsletter, so head over to the web site at to view at: <sw-beach-team-photos>

Assistant Coach Award- Cardiff

We are hosting an Assistant Coach Award Course in Cardiff starting later on this month. I have communicated this with individual clubs in the South-West but we still have a number of spaces left. Please see the details below and if you are able to share within your region or anyone you know is keen to get qualified, that would be great thank you.

Assistant Coach Award- Cardiff

Schedule:

Online webinar 1: 24th August 2022 (19:00-20:00)

Online webinar 2: 7th September 2022 (19:00-20:30)

Practical: 17th September 2022 (9:00-17:00)

Location: Cardiff Beach Volleyball, 17 Thompson Ave, Cardiff CF5 1EY

Cost: £160

Deadline to book: 17th August

Learners can book through the [VolleyZone Event Finder](#) by searching 'Assistant Coach Award (2022)'. We would encourage interested learners to book as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.

Many thanks for sharing,

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The Official Team Photo Look



The SWVA Junior Commonwealth Cup Team 2022

Readers and parents may have noticed that SW beach team photo rarely looks like your typical team photo that you see from other regions. After arriving from their hotel on the first morning, teams often line up in two neat rows, in their nice clean kit for their souvenir team photos, not a hair out of place.



Some of the opposition: Northern Ireland – Ireland – Scotland

Most of our players get up at 4am on day 1, make their way to the various pickup points, grabbing some extra sleep and a bit of breakfast in the back seats on the way to the venue, where they promptly dive into the ball bags and off they go rolling in the sand.

It takes a good day and a half to round them back up again for a team photo opportunity, by which time they have several layers of sun cream with added layers of sand, been hosed down by the sprinkler system, as well as covered in a days' worth of sweat. It's normally recommended not to stand too close to them by this time but its why our team photos look the way they do.

Sorry about that, but as they keep winning medals, I wouldn't have it any other way, perhaps other teams should take note.



The SWVA Inter Regional Beach Championships Team 2022

Meeting Two Young Lads in Birmingham



This is what happened when Clare (A SW Volleyball Legend #) unexpectedly bumps into two young lads in Birmingham, not sure I need to add anymore.



Thank you, Clare and MC for the photos.

The description "SW Volleyball Legend" is the price we agreed with Clare for using the photos (I will see you Thursday for that drink).

Do you have what these guys have?



Focus, speed, motivation, teamwork, the skills, and the passion to play beach volleyball in a top UK Junior beach team.

If so, we need to see you at the 2023 SW Beach Training and Trial sessions....



Work on your skills and fitness during the winter, get your sand legs in the Spring, attend the regional beach training sessions and do what these guys are doing, playing against the best in the UK at the Inter Regional's and Commonwealth Cup.

You don't need to be tall and you may be interested to know that the youngest member of the 2022 team is 13, so give it a go, look out for dates in the new year.

....plus its a lot of fun as well.

2022-2023 HEVO Program



Applications are open for both students and universities to join the 2022-2023 HEVO (Higher Education Volleyball Officer) programme.

The HEVO programme is a volunteer initiative that gives students official ambassador roles in which they deliver recreational volleyball at their university. This is an exciting opportunity to be a key part of the development of volleyball in England.

With the Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games having just ended, we are predicting an increase in individuals wanting to play, volunteer, coach & referee within the sport. Universities therefore have an opportunity to be part of the legacy by providing recreational opportunities to students in association with Volleyball England.

Universities will receive a £300 (new universities) or £150 (returning universities) grant for your university volleyball club to develop recreational sessions and run a mass participation festival. Whilst HEVOs get access to a range of practical and theoretical workshops at the HEVO Conference. From the Activator course, beach and sitting volleyball workshops, Hacks and being resourceful to marketing management. Read the full list of benefits of the HEVO programme [here](#).

To apply to be a HEVO please complete this [sign up form](#). You will need to ensure that your university also completes the [university application form](#) in order to secure your place.

Applications close on the 28th of August for both HEVOs and universities to sign up.

Photo: Phil Gibbin