

Beach Volleyball Report

End of Season September 2010

LEAGUE NIGHTS

The league started on the 4th May. Last year we had between 6-7 teams of 4 regularly turn up and this year we've had 8-9. Good to see new recruits and more junior players coming to play. We put a few posters up and the website promotes the league but more could be done to improve numbers in the future.

We've had around 55 people registered who turn up on a regular or irregular basis. Originally we asked for £10 per person per league or £2 per session. The pairs league hasn't taken off for various reasons (mainly not enough interest from enough people) so need to ask the league: can we refund the fee to those who've paid it? There are currently 6 people who've paid for pairs.

We trialled timed matches which was put forward in the last Beach Committee Meeting but was proved unworkable as a few players are unable to make it on time due to work/coaching commitments so we've kept the format to 1 set to 31 points.

TOURNAMENTS

Beach 4s - 4th July

Dave Reece in conjunction with Devon Ladies ran the Beach 4s tournament. Last year this was cancelled after lunch due to heavy showers but this year were lucky and the rain held off. It provided an event for EDVA members and other local (and not so local) teams and raised funds for supporting local ladies volleyball.

SW Junior Beach Championships – 11th July

Unfortunately this had to be cancelled this year, due to the lack of entries.

The Coaver junior event (on grass), has also seen a major drop off in numbers this year.

However bucking the trend, the Devon Schools Beach Volleyball Championship, held at Exmouth on the 30th June was a major success, with a beach full of kids playing on 15 nets.

We don't know if we will be awarded the SW Junior Beach Championships in 2011, however, perhaps we should look at the possibility of re-introducing the EDVA junior beach Championships as part of our Beach Pairs event in August 2011. We last ran this in 2008 with 40 teams. Alternatively we might want to look at another kind of tournament to replace the junior event; a few people have mentioned mixed pairs which might work.

Beach 2s – 8th August

The beach pairs tournament was held on a beautiful windless day with 18 men's and 13 women's teams registered (although one men's team didn't turn up on the day). We had local wins from both competitions which was good to see. Funds raised from this were for the EDVA. For future tournaments it would be good to have a larger team of helpers on the day as Ali felt playing and organising on the day was difficult. If the control tent is permanently manned by someone not competing then this is a good option if possible.

Other Tournaments

Exmouth players have competed in other beach tournaments this summer, most notably the Croyde King & Queen of the Beach with 9 members playing over the weekend with some good results. Silvia Angelini also did well at Weymouth coming 9th overall.

CLOTHING

Clothing sales are slow which wasn't helped by Clobbur's late delivery last summer. More items have been added to our stock including a new men's hoodie, men's and women's t-shirts and rugby shirts. We had a few orders from the Beach Pairs event and items can also be bought year round via the website.

SPONSORSHIP

Unfortunately Eat Natural who has sponsored us with cereal bars in the past is unable to sponsor us this year. We will be working to find a similar sponsor in future as the bars went down well!

However as of the beach 4s tournament we have a new sponsor in the form of DJ's Diner who is just along the beach front from the permanent courts. They are happy to give anyone playing in one of our tournaments a discount of 10% on all food, drinks and ice cream on presentation of a voucher.

Ideally more sponsorship should be obtained preferably in the monetary form but this is hard to come by, but Dave has been putting together a sponsorship package and we hope that next season we can find some more substantial sponsorship.