

EDVA Summer Events

Once again, the EDVA Exmouth beach league took place from May to September. Last year we had between 6 and 7 teams of which 4 regularly turned up, this year we've had 8-9 regular teams. 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 most of whom turned up on a regular basis. The pair's league didn't run this year for various reasons (mainly not enough interest from enough people).

We trialled timed matches which was put forward in the last Beach Committee Meeting but 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.

The league season ended with the annual BBQ beach session and awards evening, this years league winners were, team "Sea Side Specials" from Ottery St Mary.

Beach Items

The EBVC has two EVA and one Polish qualified beach coach, it was our intension to run one or two beach courses this year but the organising did not happen (perhaps next year). The EBVC Beach committee was expanded this year to include a number of new members, however there is still room for further improvement to get more people regularly involved.

We had a number of volleyball clubs and volleyball groups visit Exmouth over the summer, to make use of the permanent beach nets and the adjacent BBQ & park area for a family / group day out. This was an unexpected growth area and one we are now displaying on our web site, enquiries have also come in for equipment and coaching services to be added to these day events but to date these options have not been taken up.

East Devon District Council (EDDC) reported that the Exmouth permanent nets were vandalised five times this years, towards the end of the season two of the nets were removed. Unfortunately there is no longer an Exmouth beach Safety officer, to help sort out these issues, part of the EDDC cut backs. On the plus side, Exmouth Council and a number of local businesses are advertising Beach Volleyball as a facility in the town.

The good weather has also meant that we have seen minimal kite surfing activity this summer (we share the same area of beach). An arrangement with the kite surfing club was put in place for us to display signs showing the exclusion zone around the beach volleyball area, however generally the signs proved ineffective.

Exmouth Beach Open Pairs Tournament – 8th August

The Exmouth Beach Pairs tournament was held on a beautiful windless day with 18 men's and 13 women's teams registered. We had local wins from both competitions, which was good to see. 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.

EBVC Players

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

EDVA Indoor Winter League

This year's EDVA Indoor league program is currently being put together, 21 teams have entered (up from 20 in 2009/10) and teams will play in three divisions this year (two last season). Over the years we have accommodated a number of teams who are deemed out side of our local area, this year we welcome Plymouth Marjon to the league, for convenience they will play the majority of their home matches at the Exeter Riverside LC. A couple of key committee posts remain unfilled, following the recent AGM, the committee is currently running with a stand in secretary and no tournament secretary this year.

Non-EDVA Summer Events

Exeter Coaver Club

Once again the Exeter Coaver VC ran a local grass 4's summer league from May to September, the league had three divisions with about 35 teams (140 players) involved.

The Coaver club also hosted the Exeter Festival of volleyball with the Fun 4's event and the Coaver Open Tournament (12-13th June). Both events were well supported, the LPV sponsored Junior tournament took place on the Sunday but was a little disappointing, only two clubs and a handful of teams involved.

The Exmouth Beach 4s - 4th July

Dave Reece in conjunction with Devon Women VC ran the Exmouth Beach 4s tournament. This is our largest annual beach event with 40 teams taking part this year (slightly down on previous year).

SWVA Junior Beach Championships – 11th July

After two successful years, the event had to be cancelled this year, due to the lack of entries (5, down from 40 in 2009).

Devon School's Championships

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

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