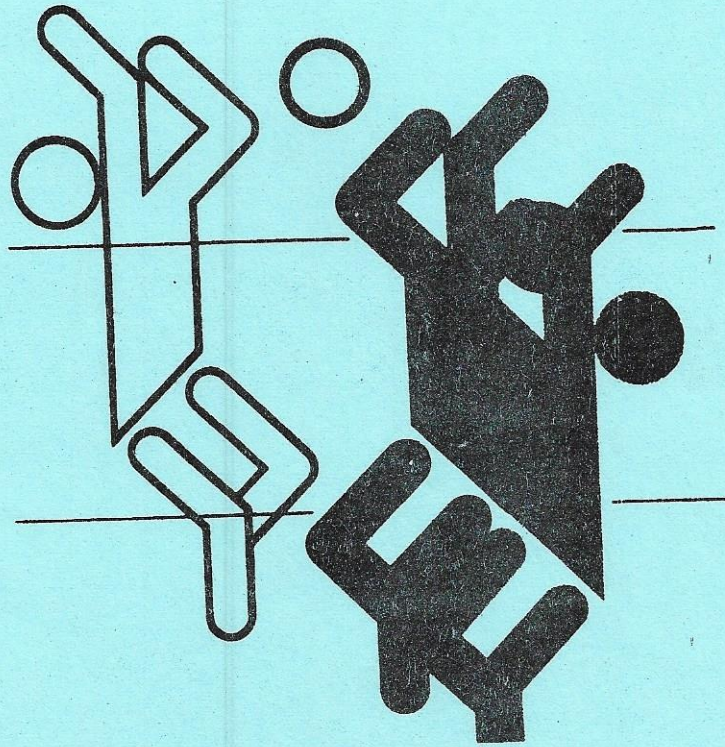


VOLLEYBALL



**SOUTH WEST VOLLEYBALL
ASSOCIATION**

ANNUAL REPORT

1983

JAN 19 1964



RESEARCH REPORT

THOMAS J. JAMES

1964

SOUTH WEST VOLLEYBALL ASSOCIATION
.....

ANNUAL REPORT 1982/83

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

During the past 12 months the South West Volleyball Association has in some aspects moved forward, in others it has stood still. There have been many successes but also some failures. The task ahead is always to learn from mistakes and to build on successes.

There have been courses organised which weren't needed and courses needed which weren't organised, however the referees administrator has continued to train develop and encourage referees in the region and the coaching administrator has made sure that there have been courses for all levels of coaching. I wish to thank both Brian Jones and 'Spud' Mosley for the work which they do.

We have made particular efforts to develop the game of volleyball in new areas such as N.Devon, Cornwall and Bath and to move forward in the Ladies Game in particular. All of these with some success. The under 16 Championships were held at N. Devon Leisure Centre in March which was an encouragement to teams from that area to take part. In Bath, two tournaments were organised one mixed and one for ladies, both attracting the maximum number of teams. I would like to thank Junior Development Officer, Sue Sessions, Dennis Rimmer and Phil Millard for the work that they have put in coaching and organising in these areas.

1983 is Ladies Volleyball Development year and a bonus here in the South West was the staging of a pool of the Ladies Spring Cup which gave us the opportunity to see some of the top Ladies International teams in action and feel inspired to go back to our clubs and make greater achievements.

In spite of a few problems the competitions in the region have been well organised by Paul Moss with record-breaking numbers entering both Men's and Ladies Championships, including teams from both Jersey and Guernsey. It was a pleasure to meet and play against these teams.

We have made steps forward with player registration but still not with total success. It is important to the region that all players are registered with the EVA and we have been playing a part in trying to make this easier and cheaper for local league players. I hope now that these players will do their part in making things easier for us.

All events, courses, development and meetings in the region have as always been co-ordinated by secretary, Ron Richards, without whose untiring efforts we would not be the biggest and best region of the EVA. My thanks to Ron, to treasurer Jeff Brehaut and the many organisers, coaches, referees throughout the region who keep us all playing volleyball.

Wilma Kelman.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

It is pleasing to note a growth in our membership - our figures for registration and affiliations are as follows :-

Affiliated clubs	89	
Registrations -	Local League (male and female)	342
	National and Regional League -	
	Senior Men	321
	Senior women	123
	Junior Men	49
	Junior women	34
	Total of Registered players	<hr/> 869

We continue to be the largest of the EVA Regions - both in the number of clubs and players.

Unfortunately this season has seen many of the SW Executive meetings dogged by arguments over the affiliation and registration issue and I hope that the proposals before the EVA AGM on local league registrations will be passed and thus bring back harmony to our meetings.

On the domestic scene our game has continued to improve and expand. New leagues have developed in N. Devon and Cornwall and the existing local leagues have continued their improvements.

On the international side we were delighted to see Speedwell play again in the European Cup - to lose by one set after an exciting match in Bath. I wish them well for the 1983 European Cup and congratulate them on winning another National League title.

The Womens Spring Cup brought some excellent volleyball to Bath and the teams went away delighted with the hospitality and organisation. It was such a pity that the crowds were so small - why did so few volleyballers turn up to watch the matches? On the positive side we do seem at long last to have established local volleyball in Bath.

The television coverage of the Spring Cup should provide us with an opportunity to expand - but we can only take advantage if our clubs and associations provide local publicity and set up beginners sessions and tournaments - what are you doing to help the growth of our game.

I would like to thank all those people who have worked so hard this season for volleyball in the South West - often giving up a great deal of their time. I hope we can find more volunteers to help share the burden of coaching, refereeing and organising.

Ron Richards.

TREASURERS REPORT

Financially we are in a sound position as can be seen from the balance sheet.

Although, as usual, we still have to pay for all the South West Championships which will be quite a heavy sum (£400 - £500)

Hopefully we will be able to recover more affiliation money from the E.V.A. which will enable us to pour more back to the local areas.

The Grant Aid system must be looked at as it is not working very well as it stands at present, and with the different way of administering local player registration, local areas will be generating their own revenue.

I think that we should be open to fund any coaching and refereeing course in some way, taking into account the area having the course and the regularity of those courses and any other relevant points that should be considered.

Also money should be available for developing areas and we must put in the effort to increase club and player registrations as growth in volleyball is very important especially in the South West.

I look forward to 1983/84 and hope that we can continue our expansion and grow a lot more stronger.

J.H. Brehaut.

ACCOUNTS TO 19.5.83.

Opening Balance	638.16		
<u>INCOME</u>		<u>EXPENDITURE</u>	
Competitions	1061.50	Competitions	746.24
Advertisements	105.00	Travel	155.30
Sports Council		Postage	198.27
(Grant Aid)	184.00	Telephone	17.62
EVA (Affiliations)	675.87	Printing	230.22
EVA (Courses'81)	127.33	Typing	85.46
EVA (Spring Cup)	100.00	Grant Aid	120.00
Bank Interest	60.89	Stationary	73.46
		Misc	260.56
	<hr/>		<hr/>
	2952.75	Closing balances	1887.12
		Deposit Account	199.10
		Current Account	866.53
			<hr/>
			2952.75
			<hr/>

COMPETITIONS SECRETARY'S REPORT

This season has been a year of hectic re-arrangements, hard struggle for fixture allocation and difficult but necessary decision making. With late changes made to the EVA National League Match Schedule problems arose over conflicts in match dates. Most secretary's will agree that it was very difficult to fit their match programme into the confines of the seasons length. This, coupled with the present system of administration of the League and the distribution geographically of teams within the region have convinced me that changes will have to be made.

As yet the exact nature of the changes to the league structure are interminable as all entries to the league are not in. I do feel sure the demand for the Open Leagues may well force us to split into North/South Leagues with top teams coming from each area to playoff for finals. A more reliable match confirmation/default system will have to be implemented too.

At the end of the day we did manage to produce a League Table - well done to Abergavenny, Cardiff Volts Ladies and Weymouth Rembrandt.

In the Cup Competition again a hectic days play with matches played almost non-stop from 10.00 am to 7.00 pm. A record number of teams took part and it would have been difficult to have had more teams in the competition and still have called each match a competition. At the close of the days play lack of time forced one Mens Semi-final to be stopped short of a definite result

putting me on the spot. But as agreed at the start of play by all teams in the final matches, the aggregate score made the decision for me. Apart from this, well done to the finalists and well done to all teams taking part especially our friends from the Channel Islands.

A very last thank you to the Club Secretaries for a job well done in the face of much adversity.

Paul Moss

THE SOUTH WEST LEAGUE TABLES 1982/83

Mens Qualifying League

	P	W	L	F	A	F	A	Pts
Abergavenny	12	11	1	34	7	573	362	45
Cardiff Volts	12	10	2	31	10	550	381	41
Pontypool	12	6	6	24	22	437	450	30
Bristol Polytechnic	12	4	8	15	25	329	484	19
Amesbury Druids	12	3	9	12	28	380	492	15
Exeter University	12	3	9	10	27	289	417	13
Bridgend	12	3	9	10	29	230	513	13

Ladies Open League

Cardiff Volts	18	16	2	34	8	568	304	50
Bemi	18	12	6	26	15	487	427	38
Andover Grasshoppers	18	12	6	26	15	470	348	38
Whitefield	18	11	7	24	15	473	327	35
Weymouth Nimrods	18	11	7	24	16	436	380	35
Reds Setters	18	9	9	22	18	456	388	30
Poole Thumpers	18	8	10	19	23	396	492	27
Priory	18	5	13	11	27	337	479	16
Bristol Polytechnic	18	3	15	7	30	219	431	10
Exeter University	18	3	15	6	31	205	498	9

Mens Open League

Weymouth Rembrant	18	17	1	35	8	612	385	52
Poole Thumpers	18	14	4	30	13	581	387	44
Weymouth Bay Rowdies	18	12	6	28	12	544	356	40
Telephone Sports	18	12	6	25	15	561	380	37
Portsmouth Vitesse	18	10	8	25	20	509	360	35
Bemi	18	8	10	16	21	266	471	24
Taunton	18	7	11	16	24	424	466	23
Priory	18	5	13	12	28	308	487	17
Lynham Vultures	18	4	14	10	28	279	498	14
Churchdown	18	0	18	3	36	251	567	3

These results are now the official finished league tables. Some clubs may have seen a previous copy of the Final tables with different positions of teams in Ladies Division Open. The above results are the correct results as the previous tables were in error.

JUNIOR DEVELOPMENT OFFICERS REPORT

At last I am able to write a report that shows that some people are working to develop the sport in schools and youth clubs. There have been several developments this year in areas like North Devon, Cornwall and Bath. The National bodies, the E.V.A. and E.S.V.A. have both produced schemes which should help us to promote the sport namely the Award Scheme and the Mini Volleyball campaign. We were able to run our Junior Championships this year with 12 teams in the U16 competition and 7 teams in the U 20 competition.

The U 16 Championships were held at the North Devon Leisure Centre Barnstaple. There were 4 girls teams and 8 boys teams entered. This year there was an Open Competition and we welcomed Purbrook School Portsmouth to this competition for the first time. Also competing for the first time were local school teams. Most of the developments in the Barnstaple area are a result of the work of Denis Rimmer who has done a great deal to promote our sport. He also did most of the organisation of the U 16 tournament and with his club members helped with the running of the competition on the day. The results were as follows.

Girls (Open) 1st Purbrook School Portsmouth
2nd St George School Bristol
3rd Priory School Weston.

(Closed) 1st St George School Bristol
2nd Priory School Weston
3rd Pilton School Barnstaple.

Boys (Open) 1st Purbrook Portsmouth
2nd Poole Thumpers Poole
3rd Saints Weymouth

(Closed) 1st Poole Thumpers
2nd Saints Weymouth
3rd Priory Weston.

The U 20 Championships were held (Just) at the Christie Miller Sports Centre Melksham. There were 7 entries, not enough to cover the eventual cost of the hall. The results were as follows :

Men 1st Priory
2nd Speedwell
3rd Poole Thumpers

Ladies 1st Speedwell
2nd Priory
3rd Poole Thumpers

I hope that next year we at least get enough entries to cover our costs and that teams get their entries in on time.

Other developments in the region this year are as follows :-

A. Mini Volleyball

We have 3 pilot areas in the region which are being used to assess the viability of a major national campaign. The areas are (i) Cornwall under the guidance of Tom Fisher Helston School.

(ii) Bristol co-ordinator Lindy Morrison. St. George School

(iii) Poole, organiser Geoff Allan.

The hope is that by developing the small-sided game especially in junior and middle schools we will encourage the youngsters to stay with the game as they grow up. Also it is easier to promote with P.E. teachers as it uses a smaller court size, and is less complex than the 6 side game.

B. Bath Development

As Bath was one of the venues for the Spring Cup Preliminary Rounds it was felt the time was ripe for a big push in this region. Despite being the home venue for Speedwell Rucanor there has been remarkably little development in the town. Under the guidance of Ron Richards and Wilma Kelman a small but healthy schools league has grown. A lot of thanks are due also to Phil Millard of St. Marks School Bath who has done most of the hard slogging groundwork.

Faint, illegible text at the top of the page, possibly a header or introductory paragraph.

Second block of faint, illegible text, appearing to be a continuation of the document's content.

Third block of faint, illegible text, showing further details or a separate section.

Fourth block of faint, illegible text, possibly containing a list or specific data points.

Fifth block of faint, illegible text, continuing the narrative or report.

Sixth block of faint, illegible text, showing another section of the document.

Final block of faint, illegible text at the bottom of the page, possibly a conclusion or signature area.

AREA REPORTS

North Gloucestershire

The Association hold irregular meetings normally attended by most association officials and representatives from each club affiliated to the association.

The present Executive committee are :-

Chairman	Rod Ireland
Vice Chairman	Fred Lawson
Secretary	Deryck Williams
Treasurer	Jerry Spear
Fixture Secretary	Martin Marcus
Publicity Officer	Colin Gckles

The league has fewer in it than last year.

Cheltenham Fire Service

Stroud Breakaways

Bockworth School and Cheltenham Breakaways having dropped out.

Cheltenham YMCA now have a thriving club under the leadership of Richard Pascall and have entered the League, Double View from Cinderford now run two teams.

On May 12th 1983 the league positions were as follows

Team	Games Played	Points
Glos FSVC	11	36
Watership Clowns	12	36
Double View A	12	34
Churchdown	13	31
Double View B	13	17
Beaufort	9	12
YMCA	7	9
St Pauls & St Marys	11	7
Club 16	4	3

We also run an annual Cup Competition now known as the North Gloucestershire Challenge Shield. This years event will be held on 4th and 5th June at Newent.

A referee course is being held at Cheltenham YMCA 24 - 26 June. Brian Jones will be the tutor.

A new constitution was voted in at an AGM on 24th March and also the Rules and Regulations of NGA were formalised at the same meeting.

Finances are very low at present and new money raising ideas will be needed in the forthcoming year.

D. Williams.

Poole and District Volleyball Association

The 1982/83 season ended on 5th May with the Presentation of Awards at the Poole Sports Centre.

Prior to the presentation the final of the K.O. Cup took place. OBC Portsmouth Hoy met OBC Superweds in a tough battle with Portsmouth Hoy beating their club mates 3 - 1 in a 2 hour match.

Ron Richards of the SWVA was kind enough to attend and presented the Superwed K.O. Cup to OBC Portsmouth Hoy. Also trophies were presented to the 1st Division One Winners OBC Portsmouth Hoy, 2nd Division Winners Poole Thumpers 1V and Qualifying Division Winners, Saints from the Weymouth area. Also a tankard was presented to the retiring Association Secretary, Paul Pinhorne whom had completed six years as a Secretary.

In all a total of 147 matches took place of which 2 had to be cancelled, so it

was a successful year as far as the league was concerned. The total number of clubs in the Association has not really increased much in the last few years, but the league has been consolidated.

A summer league has commenced and should last until the end of July with eight teams taking part.

Dates have been set for referees and coaches courses, These taking place in June.

P. Pinhorne.

STROUD AND DISTRICT VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE

The 1982/83 season started with nine teams split into two divisions, based on previous performances and newcomers to the league. The Stroud League started the season with a net loss of three teams, compared with the previous season but we were pleased to have Club 16, Cheltenham YMCA and Nuclear as new teams.

By the end of the first half of the season Club 16 and Cheltenham YMCA had gained promotion to the first division, at the expense of S.D.C and Batemans dropping down.

The emergence of Glos Fire Service as the most dominate team in the league and not Status was richly deserved by their much improved team performance. During the course of the season there were memorable clashes between the top three teams in the league, Glos Fire Service, Stratus and Cope Chat. The former finished as winners of both leagues, played before Christmas and in the New Year.

Most teams and obviously those not sponsored or subsidised, have found the cost of playing their volleyball has escalated due to increased court and administration changes, and the burden of EVA Support. In an effort to cut travelling costs especially most of the seasons fixtures were played on a triangular basis, which worked reasonably well.

The open tournament held on Sunday 24th April saw teams from both Gloucestershire Leagues competing on two courts in Stratford Park Leisure Centre, Stroud. It was an exhausting and long (although not long enough!) day for all those concerned, and it was disappointing in many respects we couldnot find the time to play the final. This small matter(') has still to be resolved between Doubleview and Glos Fire Service.

We were pleased to be able to host the S.W. Finals on June 5th although it was unexpected. The Leagues AGM will be held on June 17th preceded by an inter-league representative match between North Glos and Stroud League. The match will be at 6.00 pm (approx) and AGM at 1.15 pm - all will be welcome.

Rod Abbott

NORTH DEVON

The Association Inaugural meeting was held on 6th September 1983. Our geographical location has distinct disadvantages as our nearest volleyball neighbours are at Exeter which is one and half hours away. However, the enthusiasm that the Association has managed to generate in the nine months since its inception is something it is very pleased about.

Diary of Events.

Monday Evenings September - April Winter League (ten teams)

Thursday Evenings December - April Womens volleyball

Introduction of volleyball to local schools and colleges resulting in setting up of school volleyball clubs.

Beginners coaching courses

Representatives at Priory Tournament
Representatives at Bath Ladies Tournament
Staging of SW U16 Championships
Five representative teams v Cornwall V.A.
Representatives on Preliminary course at Bath.

Forthcoming Events

Beginners course
Local one day summer competition
Local Grade III referees course
Return match v Cornwall V.A.
Representatives at Priory Tournament in Mens, Ladies and Mini volley
Representatives at Whitefield Tournament
Spectators coach to Whitefield tournament.

The Association Winter League entries are expected to rise by 40%

One of the factors responsible for our growth is the low cost of volleyball in our region. This is partly due to an excellent relationship developed with the local council who provide facilities, and partly due to the low outgoings on the administration side (no officer has made a claim for administration). Our financial situation after such a short time now gives us the scope to continue promoting volleyball in all directions.

The Association has always encouraged its clubs to affiliate to the EVA and this year should see the majority of clubs affiliated.

Our thanks to Ron Richards and Spud Mosley for their help and support which we hope will continue.

Dennis Rimmer

North Devon Final League positions

<u>DIVISION 1</u>	played	points
Westward Surf 'A'	13	25
N. Devon Advertiser	13	23
Westward Surf 'B'	13	20
RAF Chivenor	13	15
Barnstaple Fire	13	13

<u>DIVISION 2</u>		
Eagles	13	17
A.S.F.	13	13
Xomox	13	10
J & S Marine	13	9
TAW Sports	13	2

Knockout Trophys winner - Westward Surf 'B'
Runners up Eagles.

At the time of printing the following reports were not available.

Officials Secretary.

Avon Volleyball Association
Cornwall Volleyball Association
Weymouth and District Volleyball Association

It is hoped that they will be available at the AGM.