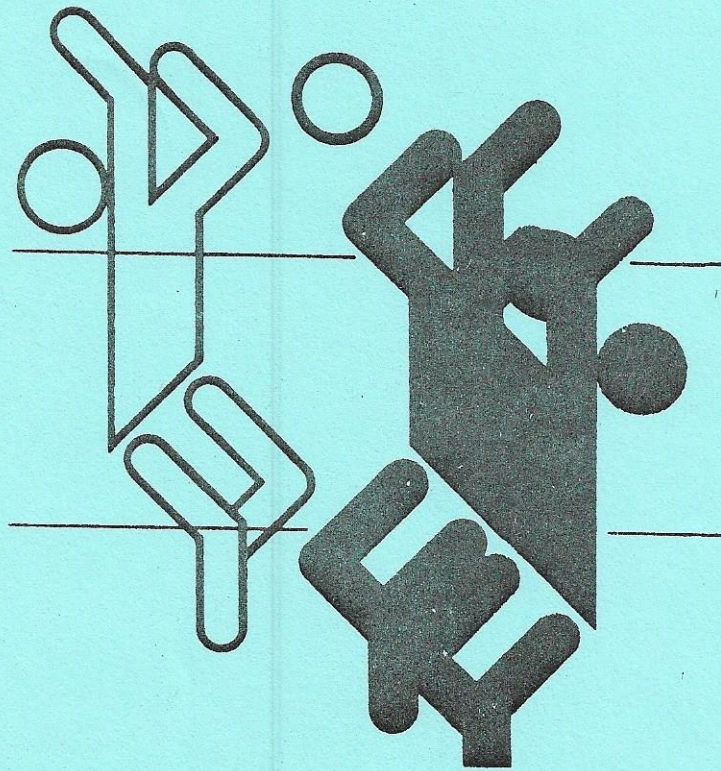


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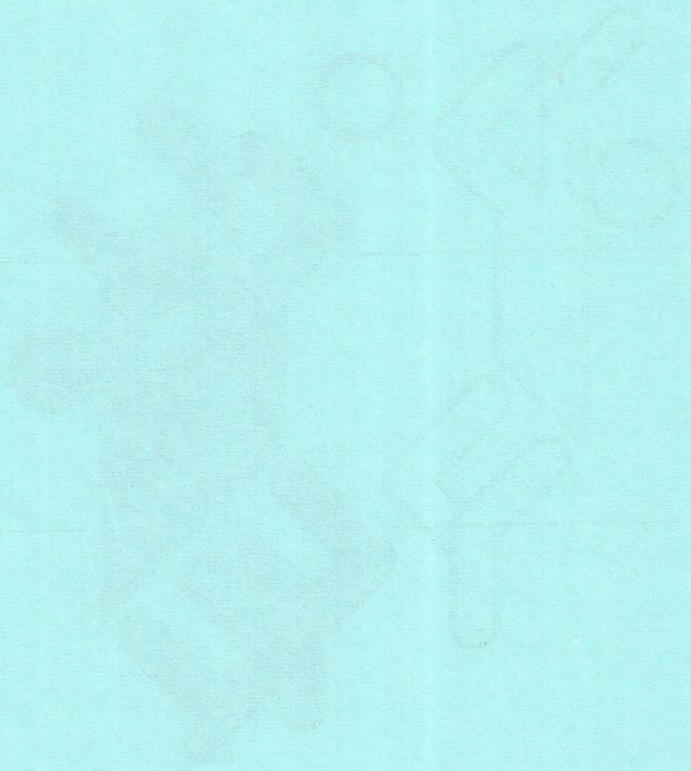


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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The time for reports and the A.G.M seems to come round quicker each year and this time particularly so as the main part of the season has been so busy.

There seems to have been more change and development this season than for many years. The growth in number of clubs and players contributing greatly to this. League competitions and tournaments at all levels and all parts of the region have been taking place very regularly and there are still several tournaments left before we get to the end of the season. I would like to thank all the people involved in organising so many people into competitive volleyball and making the region tops for clubs and competition.

Having been made to think and plan more carefully this season has also helped the S.W.V.A. to develop a more structured approach in all aspects of our game. Courses for coaches, referees and players are being programmed more carefully and more emphasis is being put on the development of junior volleyball. Thanks to Ron Richards for his work on the overall development plan, the individual officers for the work they have put into their own area of development and the area officers for their work at local development. I feel that this season we have moved forwards and hope that this trend inspires us all for future years.

W. Martin.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

It is pleasing to report that this season has seen a huge increase in club affiliations - from a relatively static figure of about 85 - 90 clubs for the last few seasons we have increased to 116 clubs this year. The new affiliation procedures have also brought vast increase in the number of registered players.

The growing maturity of our more established areas has meant that they have required less support from the region. Their progress however is often limited by the relatively small number of volunteers prepared to offer their services. As a result it is development policies - junior development, coaching and refereeing courses that tend to be neglected.

The regional officers have thus been able to concentrate their help on the new areas that have seen development take place this season, in particular Woodspring Plymouth and Cornwall.

The Regional competition structure has been strengthened by more entries and a wider range of competitions, though the administration of many clubs leaves much to be desired, in particular the SW Leagues have suffered from postponed fixtures and poor communication. The SW Championships were again hosted by N. Devon and proved to be a most enjoyable weekend.

The Sw ladies development tournament and the SW Inter League tournament again brought new teams into the regional competition structure.

Four coaching award courses have taken place and unlike recent seasons, none has been cancelled due to lack of applicants. Unfortunately the majority of clubs still seem reluctant to send players on coaches courses.

A number of area associations have organised referees courses, so increasing the number of qualified officials. There is however an urgent need to keep these new officials active and to bring them through the upgrading procedures to overcome the shortage of referees for national league matches.

We have an active Junior Development Officer and have appointed a beach/grass Volleyball co-ordinator. I am sure that their work will result in further development - though at the end of the day it can only take place if clubs and local areas are prepared to do their part in providing local opportunities.

The growth in the number of leagues, clubs and players and the increased demand for information on volleyball - in particular requests such as "where can I play volleyball?" would seem to point toward general expansions I would like to pass my thanks to these volunteers who have done so much to bring about the expansion of volleyball in the South West.

Ron Richards.

Secretary's Expenses Account.

Postage	£416.13
Telephone	33.50
Printing	59.50
Typing	140.21
Stationery	49.18
Typewriter Contract	25.76
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Presentations	40.48
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FIXTURES SECRETARY'S REPORT

1984/1985

During the past season, my first as fixtures secretary, I have encountered many problems. The biggest one was the appalling number of matches not played because of teams simply not turning up. This happened on such a number of occasions that the Qualifying League if it were not for Pontypool and Cardiff L.Y.C., would have become a farce. Next year this sort of attitude i.e. Jimmy doesn't feel very well, John's car has broken down etc will not wear. The fixture list will be sent out and teams will have TWO weeks to study them and if there are any problems to contact me. I will then if needed produce MK - which will be circulated. After this any teams will if they fail to attend matches be HEAVILY fined and have points deducted I will not be a Mr NICE GUY any more.

On a happier note my congratulations go to Cardiff and Pontypool both of whom have progressed through our Qualifying League to the National League Div IV South where they will be playing at a standard that is suitable to the style of volleyball they play.

The Ladies league also had its problems with Bath University who were forced to withdraw from the league due to internal problems with Bath University. Fortunately the girls from Tawnadoes in Barnstaple came to my rescue by playing Bath's remaining fixtures. The League was won by Bristol Poly who were pushed all the way by Stroud.

The mens Open League was also badly hit by teams not turning up for matches and it led to Plymouth Poly being suspended from the league for the latter half of the season.

It was not until the final matches of the season that the major positional places of the league, Weymouth Rembrandt just beating Poole Thumpers 2 sets to 1 to decide 1st and 2nd places.

The South West Championships were held at Barnstaple for the second year running and it proved to be quite a successful tournament even if Speedwell

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On the playing side the season undoubtedly belonged to R.A.F. Lyneham who won the league title for the first time. They were the team with the more consistency throughout the season and fully deserved their premier position. Unfortunately, they will be losing over a half of their squad for next season. In the Cup Tournament held at R.A.F. Hullavington the standard of competition was extremely high for local league teams with Ridgeway defeating Wootton Bassett 2 set to 0 in the final, the final set being 17 - 15. Both teams coming off court extremely tired at 7.45 pm after starting the day at 10.30 am.

The Association ran a Referees Grade III course during the year, again at Hullavington and all thirteen passed.

On the administrative side, the efficiency of organisation reaches both extremes I am aware that this area is of great concern to the E.V.A. at National level and I am sure until this important area is rectified our creditability remains questionable.

This will be the last report for the Swindon area as by the time of this A.G.M the new Wiltshire County Association will be properly constituted.

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FINAL LEAGUE POSITIONS

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
R.A.F. Lyneham	16	15	1	43	5	43
Watership Clowns	16	13	3	35	13	35
Ridgeway	16	10	6	29	19	29
Wootton Bassett	16	9	7	28	20	28
Calne	16	7	9	23	25	23
R.A.F. Wroughton	16	5	11	16	32	16
Nat West	16	5	11	14	34	14
R.A.F. Hullavington	16	3	13	11	37	11
R.A.F. Upavon	16	3	13	11	37	11

CUP TOURNAMENT

POOL A

	P	W	L	Pts
Ridgeway	3	3	0	6
RAF Lyneham	3	2	1	9
RAF Hullavington	3	1	2	2
Calne	3	0	3	0

POOL B

	P	W	L	Pts
Wootton Bassett	3	3	0	6
Watership Clowns	3	2	1	4
RAF Upavon	3	1	2	2
Nat West	3	0	3	0

Semi Final

Ridgeway beat Watership Clowns 2 - 0

Wootton Bassett beat R.A.F. Lyneham 2 - 1

Final

Ridgeway beat Wootton Bassett 2 - 0.

Dave Kinder
Secretary Swindon V.A.

CORNWALL COUNTY VOLLEYBALL ASSOCIATION

At last, something has happened deep down in West Cornwall, Volleyball has taken off during the last season, mainly due to the efficiency and untiring enthusiasm of the Secretary, Norman Potts. Unfortunately Norman has now moved to Fareham, Hants with his new family to a new job and reputedly a better standard of volleyball.

However the teams he left behind are by no means poor, all showing a keenness and a great deal of determination, with novice sides making dramatic improvement throughout the season and worrying the league leaders. In just one season we have expanded from thirteen teams in two pools before Christmas to sixteen teams playing in two divisions plus an additional five ladies teams in their own league. It was RAF St. Mawgan who clinched the first division title whilst "Hot Rock Raiders A" narrowly beat Camborne Fire in Division Two. The first ladies league was won by RNAS Culdrose.

Outside of the leagues the inexperienced Cornwall County side lost their first round cup matches against Buckinghamshire and Warwickshire to superior sides. They weren't disheartened though and will be back next season intent on taking more than one set off each team. Both RAF St. Mawgan and RNAS Culdrose took the time to travel up to Weymouth for the S.W Interleague Championships and were both rewarded by reaching the semi-finals in what was a most enjoyable tournament - Thankyou Weymouth.

At the time of writing we have just started a summer pool / knockout tournament and a smaller ladies league due to school exams. There are introductory Coaching; and Refereeing courses, planned for the near future and we are hoping to see a few teams travel out of Cornwall to attend some of the summer tournaments.

By keeping everyone involved during the close season we hope to sustain the enthusiasm of all the teams so that Volleyball in this area continues to improve next season.

Russell Jameson (Secretary).

NORTH DEVON VOLLEYBALL ASSOCIATION

Local League

This season has been one of consolidation of the league. 15 teams have contested and it is hoped that we will be able to sustain this level in the future. The league has been run on the same format since its inception, that is one control venue on every Monday evening with the fixtures and officials arranged at the start of the season. Thanks are due to Marian Redfern who undertakes the unenviable task of arranging the fixtures etc. This year's biggest success was the second division which stayed competitive right through the season, it was won by A.M. P playing in their first season, in a play off against Park School (also in their first season). The first division title and runners up both went to Westward Surf Club, It is hoped to form a ladies league next season along with the two mens divisions.

Officials

Another referees course has been held during the season by Brian Jones along with a scorers course held locally to ease the compulsory introduction of approved scoresheets and their use. This has proved to be mainly successful with most clubs grasping the principles well. The changes to the rules have brought no major problems.

Coaching

The Association took advantage of Steve Spooners "Centre of Excellence" which was well received. Steve also ran a "team improvement" course for four clubs which also proved very successful 'Spud' Moseley took a Preliminary Coaching Award Course which was well supported - 19 people attending, all from N. Devon

Volleyball again features in the Inter-Firms tournament and we are encouraging these players by holding a player improvement and a novice tournament.

Junior Development

Park School continue to actively encourage volleyball and were justly rewarded for their efforts by being involved in the race for the second division championship. At the North Devon College new talent continues to come forward (both ladies and mens) indeed 3 members have gained selection to the South West area Under 20 squad. The future looks promising from these areas, Mini-volley continues to be offered during school holidays and thanks must be given to Mick Mitchum, Dennis Rimmer and Paul Goody for their work in this field.

Competitions / Tournaments

Local teams have competed in all the regional competitions, Park School attended the U 16's N.D. College ladies have been involved in college tournaments as well as the ladies development tournament whilst three teams represented the region in the Inter-regionals held at Weymouth. Tawnadoes (ladies) and Westward Surf have played their first season in the S.W. League and have enjoyed the experience although as already mentioned at a S.W. Meeting, administration of many teams leaves a lot to be desired and this has caused many problems. However N.Devon looks forward to the new season and hopefully will field three teams in the regional leagues next time. The N.D.V.A. is again honoured to be hosting the S.W. Championships and we hope that all teams will enjoy their visit to N. Devon this year. ;

G.J. Giddy. (Sec).

GLOUCESTERSHIRE VOLLEYBALL ASSOCIATION

Committee

Chairman	Richard Pascall
Vice-Chairman	Vacant
Secretary	Deryck Williams
Treasurer	Mary Darsellotti
Fixtures Sec.	Richard Lawson
Publicity Officer	Colin Chapman
Schools Officer	Vacant
Co-opted	Yvonne Hickman

LEAGUE TEAMS

Stroud V.C.
Glos Fire Service
Watership Clowns
Deaufort V.C.
Club 16
YMCA Y FRONTS
Spirax Trappers
St. Pauls & St. Marys College
Lydney Interceptors.

GLOUCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION

On 26 January 1985 we formed a county association at a meeting held at Gloucester Leisure Centre. The event was publicised in the local press. Formerly we had been the North Gloucestershire Volleyball Association We applied to the EVA for "recognised area status" and for a grant of £100 for Volleyball development and this was also granted. This season our league comprised nine teams (listed above). At the time of writing Glos Fire Service were leading the league with Stroud VC second.

JUNIOR DEVELOPMENT

In association with the SWVA Junior Development Officer, Gill Henderson, we are planning to organise coaching courses for Gloucestershire Sports teachers. We are liaising with the Glos Schools PE advisers on this subject.

OUTDOOR VOLLEYBALL

Courts are to be marked out in Cheltenham and Stroud. We are also in contact with the Sports Centre at Gloucester with a view to having a court set up there. In Cheltenham and Gloucestershire we hope to link up with the council, summer school holidays, multi-sports events.

SUMMER TOURNAMENT

This years tournament is again held at Brockworth Sports Centre, the date being Sunday 16th June. It will be an outdoor event. At the time of writing eleven teams have entered, including teams from Oxfordshire and Worcestershire as well as our own county.

OTHER COMPETITIONS

As will have been seen in the May 1984 edition of the SWA Newsletter, Glos teams have been represented in several SWA competitions. Stroud VC won the South West Inter-League Championship, played at Weymouth beating AEE Winfrith in the final. IN the South West Open League Dulux Glos, are currently fifth and in the Ladies Open League Stroud are currently second. On June 2 at RAF Hullaington the Gloucestershire Association played the Swindon Association. This was the second year that this event has taken place. All the teams involved enjoyed themselves and we would again like to thank the Swindon Association for their hospitality. On June 15 a GVA team will be representing Gloucester in an inter city sports competition at Bath Sports Centre. Teams from Bath, Swindon and Cirencester are also taking part.

CONCLUSION

Although our league is smaller than last year it included two new teams, Lydner Interceptors and Spirax Trappers, and we hope to include more new teams next season. We are channeling our efforts into developing volleyball in our county through such schemes as outdoor volleyball and the junior development programme, by these means we hope to encourage an expansion in both the popularity of volleyball and the scale of our GVA operations.

D C E Williams. (Secretary GVA).

WOODSPRING VOLLEYBALL ASSOCIATION

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The Woodspring Volleyball Association set up a league structure at the end of October 1984, but with only five home courts shared between eleven teams we found it difficult to arrange a home and away system of play. The games are near to being finished and with only six points between the top six teams it should be a close ending to the season. The league is as follows :

	F	W	L	Points
Westland netters	18	9	9	18
Priory Spimers	10	8	2	16
Locking Lions	10	8	2	16
Breeze Blockers	11	7	4	14
Latterday Saints	10	7	3	14
Westland Blockers	8	6	2	12
Fire 2	10	3	7	6
Churchill	5	2	3	4
Fire 1	7	2	5	4
YMCA B	11	2	9	4
YMCA A	10	0	10	2

During the summer we hope to arrange a referee's course, with every team sending two or more player's on the advice of the association. Over the past few weeks the associations committee members have been talking about junior development, and have now appointed Mr I Minto as junior development officer. This move we hope will encourage new players to boost the members already playing volleyball in Woodspring. Next season we had intended to split the league in two, but with so few courts it looks as if we will stay with the same structure.

The Woodspring Volleyball Association would like to express their thanks to the South West Association for the Grant given last year to buy Trophies.

Mr D Watson. Secretary WVA.