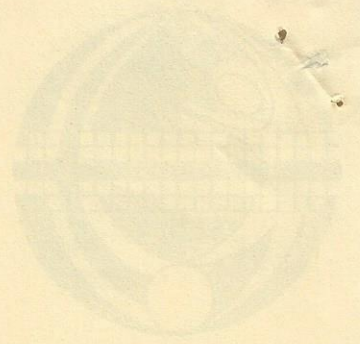


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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

This year has seen the first Sponsorship of the Association by Girobank and I trust they have enjoyed the partnership as much as we have. The sponsorship has been extended into next year and I hope that we can build on this year's efforts at promoting the Association.

The 1986/87 season has seen the Association go from strength to strength but we must not become complacent, there are still many areas to be improved.

Junior Development has not improved as much as we would have hoped. It must be remembered that the future of Volleyball lies in the juniors. Many clubs are finding that as players grow older they are struggling to maintain their standards. It is imperative that every club has a Junior section. Don't complain about a lack of juniors. GO AND FIND THEM. Keith Roberts and Geoff Allen have done it, SO MUST YOU.

The Association was asked to host the Inaugural Home Counties Ladies Championship and the Organising Committee consists of a lot of new faces. A good sign for the future!

The Girobank SW Leagues have proved the most successful for years and congratulations are due to the Clubs that have made efforts to promote the game.

The Girobank SW Championships will have been held in Poole by the time you read this and I would like to thank the Poole Association for hosting this event.

The SW has had a record number of teams playing in the National League in 1986/87

Congratulations to Speedwell the National Champions and to Atlas Wessex for attaining promotion to Division 1

I would like to thank the Executive for a good year's work. We would like to do more but we must have your support. Tell us what you want and support our activities.

Finally on your behalf thanks to Ron Richards, his work rate is prolific and has been for many years, without him we would be in a very sorry state. Ron has ensured that the SW leads where the other regions follow. We must ensure that we help him to keep the SW in front.

Brian Jones.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

The main news of the year in the S.W. has been the sponsorship of the association by Girobank. The link was set up the S.W. Sports Council in June 1986 and we are most grateful for their recommendation of volleyball as the most suitable sport for Girobank sponsorship.

The sponsorship has allowed the S.W. to further improve the quality of its publications, the comprehensive handbook sent to all clubs, the quarterly newsletter supplied to each affiliated player and the entry booklets, posters etc.

In June the final act of this season's sponsorship takes place with the S.W. championships at Poole attracting 27 men and ladies teams for the two day event. The success of the publicity so far gained has led Girobank to confirm their sponsorship for the next two seasons.

League volleyball has flourished, with three divisions in the regional league involving 23 teams. In the local areas of Gloucestershire, Avon, Woodspring, Wiltshire, Poole, Weymouth, N.Devon, Plymouth and Cornwall local leagues continue to provide improved teams to move through into regional league.

Two local leagues are not mentioned above and to date teams have not, because of physical and financial reasons, moved on into regional league. These areas are Guernsey and Jersey which both have thriving local leagues. We are able to welcome their teams into the S.W. Championships each year and a few national league teams from the mainland have been surprised by the standard of the islands teams. Indeed Beeches Old Boys from Jersey took part in the Kestours Cup. WE look forward to the day, hopefully soon, when Channel Island teams take part in the S.W. League as their first step toward national league.

Affiliations have continued to grow and the S.W. Has 182 clubs this season compared to 148 last season. This is an encouraging movement, though it is becoming a more time consuming task to service them. Each club receives at least 6 mailings a year, each mailing requires over 200 envelopes to be filled and sent and the cost of postage for one main mailing is over £50. We hope the clubs appreciate the time, effort and finance involved in the service.

The S.W. Centre of Excellence will no longer exist after April 1987. In its time it helped to produce a large number of international players and our thanks go to Keith Nicholls, Steve Spooner and Steve Nuth for their work as Directors. In its place the S.W. Plans to set up subsidised Development Centre Courses in local areas inviting top referees and coaches to run improvement courses for players, referees and coaches.

One of the most fruitful methods that the association has found to increase the involvement and quality of its member teams is to offer a wide range of tournaments. This summer the S.W. will offer - Senior Championships, Ladies Development Tournament, Junior Championships, Inter-League Championships and Mini Volleyball Championships. In addition we are grateful to clubs and local areas for their organisation of these open tournaments which we hope teams will support.

June 20	Bristol University Tournament
June 27	Gloucester V.A. Tournament
July 25/26	Royal Mail Whitefield Tournament
August 16	Woodspring Beach Tournament Weston super Mare.
August 28/31	Poole Volleyball Festival.
September 6	Priory Tournament Weston super Mare.

I would like to thank all the SW Executive Officers and Area Secretaries who have worked so hard to make possible the successful development of volleyball in the S.W. In particular I value their friendship which seems to continue despite all the demands I place on them for work/information etc.,

In conclusion a successful season with the promise of better to come, but a desperate need for more personnel to provide the coaching, refereeing and administration required to meet the demands of a public, now far more aware of volleyball.

R Richards.
Secretary S.W.V.A.

SECRETARY'S EXPENSES ACCOUNT

With the permission of the SW Executive Committee the Secretary holds an expenses account. This covers, in particular, items of an administrative nature to allow typing, printing and distribution to take place.

The account was used as follows in 1986/87

<u>INCOME</u>		<u>EXPENDITURE</u>	
Opening balance	£212.35	Postage	£628.69
Income from SW Treasurer	£1020.00	Telephone	31.70
	<hr/>	Typing	255.74
	£1232.35	Printing	82.50
	<hr/>	Stationery	110.80
		Gestetner repairs	80.90
		Transfer to Centre of Excellence	25.00
		Account charges	11.77
		Closing balance	5.24
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COMPETITION SECRETARY'S REPORT

The 1987/87 season began in a very mixed way. On one hand teams were eager to compete in the newly sponsored leagues but then due to other commitments the League Secretary, Ian Loke, resigned. At this point I think Ian should be thanked for his efforts as League Secretary for the previous seasons. Ian had completed the arduous task of completing the fixtures lists and the league was under way. The task of arbitrating in disputes and dealing with league affairs fell to Ron Richards for approximately 6 weeks before I had my arm twisted and agreed to take on the job.

Although all these changes were all well documented and publicised, inevitable confusion followed with scoresheets being sent to Ian, Ron and myself. The leagues have run relatively smoothly since. However, some problems have arisen and nearly all of these can be directly attributable to the changing of the dates of fixtures. I would like to emphasise that every effort be made to play fixtures on the dates allocated. I hope to make available next seasons fixtures by the middle of July (or earlier if possible) to enable teams to make early booking of the venues required. The only valid reason left for a fixture not to be played would then be one of weather conditions.

I shall also be attempting to publish monthly league tables together with results next year. This can only be meaningful if all teams co-operate and ensure matches are played according to the fixture list and scoresheets are sent on time. Scoresheets have taken 2-3 weeks to reach me this year and therefore next season I intend taking a much harder line on teams who do not send postmarked scoresheets on time.

Our congratulations to Stroud, winners of the Premier Division and to Bemis, the Ladies winners who now both leave the SW League to enter the National League. Our best wishes to both of them. The First Division was won early by Cardiff Volts, a transformed team from the previous season.

The Inter League Championships were held at Barnstaple this year and once again, proved to be a popular competition with the overall standard of play reaching new heights. Our congratulations to Westward Surf this year's winners.

Geoff Giddy.

JUNIOR DEVELOPMENT

The highlight of this season must be the excellent performance of the Mens under 19 and boys under 17 South West squads finishing winners and runners-up respectively in the Inter Regional Championships at Telford over the Easter weekend. This was mostly due to the fine efforts of coaches Geoff and Lynn Allen. The Ladies under 19 squad finished a credible 6th in the same competitions.

The most disappointing feature of the season has been the lack of response by both players and coaches to the regional squads. There was absolutely no response to the usual invitations asking players to attend training and it was left to the individual coaches to chase and hound enough players to form 4 squads. I think too much of the coaches time has been spent on administrative tasks which would normally be the duties of a team manager.

For next season I would like to see a proper "managerial" structure to the regional squads, with a coach team manager and assistant coach/coaches. I would like to see the Under 17 and Under 19 coaches working more closely together to a predetermined policy, with some guidance from National team coaches, as to what should be taught at regional training sessions.

With Barry Swann moving to the region and expressing an interest in coaching the ladies I think now is the time for the South West to take the lead with a positive strategy for the development of junior squads.

SOUTH WEST JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

This years event was held at the Christie Miller Sports Centre, Melksham. It was good to see 2 new entries in the shape of St.Thomas More and Churchill Schools, however the strength of junior development in the Poole area was evident with Atlas Wessex winning 3 titles.

Under 17 boys	1	Atlas Wessex A
	2	Atlas Wessex B
Under 19 Men	1	Atlas Wessex
	2	North Devon
Under 19 ladies	1	Atlas Wessex
	2	North Devon.

The Under 17 girls final between St.Georges and Priory will be played at a later date.

South West Mini Volleyball Championships

This event scheduled to take place in 31st May has been postponed to a later date.

Finally, I would like to thank Geoff Allen for all his hard work with the Under 19 squad over the past few years and wish him well in his position as Assistant Coach to the England team.

Gill Harrison.

OFFICIALS SECRETARY

This year has seen a decrease in training in fact only 2 courses have been run. Despite much effort we do not seem to find people willing to qualify as referees.

This position must improve as we need more officials at National League level. There are not enough officials to go round and I must appeal to N.L. Club secretaries to appoint their referees early. I am willing to help but not on the day before the match.

The N.L. Rules require the club to confirm with referees 10 days before the match. YOU MUST DO IT. There have been occasions this year when match dates have been changed and the referees not informed. Had we known these referees could have been diverted elsewhere.

On the bonus side Dennis le Briouilly has been upgraded to Grade I and Phil Francis to Grade II. Well done gentlemen. The BVF Inorgural Championships at Nath were a huge success and I would like to thank Bert Williams and his team for their excellent efforts. We must move forward so the plan for this year must be to have a course in your area, I'll staff it if you organise it

WILTSHIRE VOLLEYBALL ASSOCIATION

The 1986/87 volleyball season began with the added bonus of a new team to the Wiltshire League, the American team from U.S.A.F. Fairford, making ten teams in total. The teams had decided at the AGM that in an attempt to publicize the game more, 50% of the matches would be played at the new Sports Centre in West of Swindon. These matches were played every Friday evening for a ten-week period and this proved a success in terms of the number of spectators watching every week and the atmosphere created by having many teams at one venue.

The current champions Swindon 'A' started the season with a defeat but this was the only loss to be incurred and the rest of the league season proved to be a success for the Swindon 'A' team. Swindon Cable improved one position on last season coming second and the Druids from Amesbury came third.

The County Cup competition was held at the Christie Miller Sports Centre Melksham with 9 out of 10 league teams taking part. The teams were split into two pools and eventually the semi-final play offs paired Swindon 'A' against Swindon Cable and Amesbury Druids with Watership Clowns, Swindon 'A' took the first set very easily 15-1 against Cable but the second set proved to be a different game entirely with Cable fighting back but the extra experience of the Swindon side brought them through to play Amesbury in the final. In the final Swindon completed League and Cup double beating Amesbury 5 15-7 15-9.

For the first time, the Association entered the inter-County tournament at Leeds on May 2nd / 3rd. Trials were held before Christmas and a team of 12 chosen but unfortunately the date was altered by the E.V.A. and four members had to drop out. A team comprising only 4 players with National League experience went to Leeds and ended up third in their pool on Saturday, beating Shropshire 2-1 but losing to Essex and Lincolnshire by 2 sets to 0. On the Sunday the teams played with greater confidence and won all three matches, defeating Sussex 2-0, Shropshire again 2-1 and Northants 2-0 gaining 9th overall out of 16 teams.

Dave Kinder.
Secretary.

POOLE AND DISTRICT VOLLEYBALL ASSN.

This year 24 teams played in three divisions with Atlas Wessex 2 and Atlas Wessex 1 finishing first and second on Division I. Atlas 4 won division II with Ferndown 1 as runners up.

The highlight of our season Nationally was to see Atlas Wessex promoted to National League division I joining W H Whites of Poole in the top division.

Vince Joyce of Whites and Chris Eaton of Atlas became the first players from Poole to be capped at Senior Mens Level. Congratulations lads your hard work has been reqrded.

Despite the trials and tribulation we have had a successful season. We hope you enjoy yourselves at the S.W. Championships.

B. Jones.

WOODSPRING VOLLEYBALL ASSOCIATION

A total of nine teams entered this season's 6-a-side league. Final positions were,

1st PRIORY SPIKERS

5th TREBLE NINERS 9th CHURCHILL 'B'

2nd R.A.F. LOCKING

6th Y.M.C.A. DOLPHINS

3rd WESTLAND NETTERS

7th CHURCHILL 'A'

4th Y.M.C.A. CASUALS

8th SPOODEN WOONERS

CONFIDENTIAL

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Many of our local teams enter into South West Competitions with as Whitefield Priory and the South West Championships which shows the progression of the once novice North Devon Volleyball League and Association.

FINAL LEAGUE TABLE 1986/87

DIVISION I

	points
Westward Surf 'B'	28
Westward Surf 'A'	24
F.B.M.	20
North Devon College	17
Barnstaple V.B. Club I	14
W.S.C.	12
Eagles	8
A.M.P.	2

DIVISION II

Barnstaple V.B. II	31
Rhino's	28
R.A.F. Whivenor	26
Diamond Engineering	25
Tawnadoes	19
Bideford Skips	18
Ilfracombe	13
Pilton School	10
North Devon Motor Company	1

Marion Redfern
League Secretary.

GLOUCESTERSHIRE VOLLEYBALL ASSOCIATION

The G.V.A. held its A.G.M. on 17 September 1986 at Gloucester Fire Station
A new committee was elected as follows.

Chairman	Fred Lawson
Vice-chairman	Colin Buckles
Secretary	Deryck Williams
Treasurer	Yvonne Hickman
Fixtures Secretary	Colin Chapman
Publicity Officer	Jerry Spear
Schools Officer	Gill Henderson.

League Structure and membership.

In previous years our League has consisted of one division with a varying number of teams playing each other on a home and away basis on the home teams clubnight and venue. This season there were twelve teams in our League and the decision was taken to split the League into two divisions. In addition it was decided to play our fixtures as a series of triangulars with four hours of volleyball being played on each occasion. Matches continued to be played as the best of three sets. The five venues were at RAF Innsworth, Gloucester Leisure centre, Stroud Leisure centre, Five Acres Leisure Centre Coleford, and Newent Sports centre.

At the seasons end the League tables are as follows :-

<u>DIVISION I</u>	pl.	W.	L.	For	Against.	For	Against	pts
Gloucester Fire Station	10	9	1	18	4	281	175	25
Dulux Glos	10	7	3	16	9	313	252	23
Stroud V.C.	10	7	3	15	7	244	194	22
RAF Innsworth	10	4	6	9	13	229	241	13
Lydney Interceptors	10	2	8	7	16	174	262	9
Spirax Sarco	10	1	9	2	18	98	245	3
Phoenix	10	8	2	17	8	316	229	25
English & American Ins	10	7	3	16	8	210	238	23
YMCA 'Y' Fronts	10	6	4	13	8	207	225	19
Beaufort	10	4	6	10	14	263	272	14
Schindler Lifters	10	4	6	9	12	221	232	13
S.P.A.C.M.	10	1	9	4	19	188	309	5

Therefore Gloucester Fire Service are League champions for the second successive year. Lydney Interceptors and Spirax Sarco are relegated to Division II with Phoenix and English & American Insurance gaining promotion to Division I. Both of these teams are new to our League this season.

Although the new League structure has had its teething problems, it was generally met with approval and was considered to have been a success.

WOMENS LEAGUE

This is another new venture for our Association for although we have many women players they have never had their own competition. It was not very successful in this its first season, with only three teams entering. Matches were played on a home and away basis. The three teams are Stroud, Beaufort, and The College of St. Paul & St. Mary. Matches are not complete yet so that their relative positions are not known. It is hoped that more teams will join next season.

Prior to the season starting a tournament was held at RAF Innsworth on 2nd November 1986. In that tournament RAF Innsworth beat Beaufort in the final. Stroud and the College of St. Pauls and St. Mary also taking part.

SUMMER TOURNAMENT

This is to be held at Beaufort Sports centre, outdoors, on Saturday 27th June. 19 teams have entered and this will be the greatest number of teams we have ever had in our annual tournament.

REFEREES COURSE

An Introductory Referees course was held at the College of St. Paul and St. Mary Cheltenham. 13 people took part and we hope that they will continue to Referee and take a full E.V.A. Preliminary Referees course in the future.

LOCAL TEAM RESULTS IN HIGHER LEAGUES

STROUD V.C. won the S.W.V.A. Premier division.

DULUX GLOS finished sixth in S.W.V.A. first division.

STROUD LADIES finished eighth in division II South of E.V.A. League.

Stroud ladies will continue to compete in division II South of the national league next season with Stroud Men entering Division IV South of the Mens national League for the first time.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Our A.G.M. will take place on Wednesday 8th July 1987 at Gloucester Fire Station. Normally we hold our A.G.M. in October, before the League season starts. From this year it will be held at the end of the League season.

Finally, the Three cities festival is taking place at Hereford on July 9. Volleyball is represented and Gloucester Fire Station will be representing their city against Hereford and Worcester cities. We wish them success.

D.W. Williams.

JERSEY VOLLEYBALL ASSOCIATION

One of the most noteworthy aspects of the 1986/87 season has been the number of junior players competing in the Le Masurier Volleyball League, particularly girls. The number of schools involved has increased with De La Salle, Hautlieu and Le Rocquier providing several teams in Division 3. There are three divisions of the league, the first is really a 'Super-league' composed of only four teams - Royal Beeches, Eastern Leaders, St. Helier Garage Dodgers and Prince of Wales Beeches. Division 2 has been composed of three times as many teams which have been quite evenly balanced in a competitive league. Division three, composed of eight teams is reserved for beginners and the schools teams.

At the time of writing the Division 1 title has already been decided. Champions for the fifth time year and Royal Beeches and runners-up will be St. Helier Garage Dodgers. Royal Beeches have been undefeated on the Island for almost all of the five years and look set to split their team for the local league, though they will maintain their first team squad for matches against visiting teams and for mainland tournaments. This year Royal Beeches will be competing in the Kestours Cup for the second time and their target is to obtain sufficient sponsorship to compete in the South-West League and possibly eventually the National League. Division two Champions for the first time, after being runners-up for several years, are the ladies team Mary Ann Welly, runners up in that Division will be De La Salle College's Onyx team who also take the Junior title. The Division three title is as yet undecided, but should be between Hautlieu, Le Rocquier and De La Salle II.

All league trophies are to be presented at the Annual Dinner on June 27th, an event which was last year attended by over 100 and this year could reach 150! The following Friday is the A.G.M. which is to decide the league format for the coming season. Highly likely for next season is the establishment of a separate Ladies League and a more equal division of the other teams in the league. Plans are already in hand for a Junior Mini-volleyball tournament at the start of next season and good sponsorship has been provided by a local bank.

A major event of the last year has been the Gala Holidays Jersey Open held in May. With 14 visiting sides and local sides competing indoors on three courts in an excellent atmosphere, it is highly likely that the event will continue next year - hopefully with even greater support from mainland teams and teams from the continent.

Such events are part of the approach of the J.V.A. Physical and financial constraints obviously dominate our Association and what is possible within the context of the E.V.A., but the J.V.A. has tried not to be insular and several teams have competed in mainland competitions, particularly Whitefield and the South West Championships. Additionally Denis Le Breuille has been officiating in the National League and has been able to strengthen the Islands contacts with the E.V.A. with some valuable feedback obtained. The Association take pride in the fact that all teams are affiliated to the E.V.A. and it registers all its referees as thanks for their contribution to the local league. The payment of Affiliation fees for teams and referees by the local association, out of fees charged to the teams, is a method some other associations might like to try.

Denis Le Breuille.

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CORNWALL COUNTY VOLLEYBALL ASSOCIATION

The past twelve months has been spent consolidating rather than expanding the county set-up. The election of an experienced committee chaired by the evergreen Dan Dingle can only be good for Volleyball in the area.

Despite temporary demise of the Ladies League, the remaining Ladies team have entered Division 2 or played for a mixed team in that division, and it is hoped to restart a ladies league in the 1987/88 season.

The two divisions were closely contested, with Helston and RNAS Culdrose tied at the top of Division 1 (Helston won on sets difference) and Brea Vantage 2 clear winners of Division two.

Apart from several of the servicemen already playing in the NVL, this season has seen the first Cornish participation in the SW Regional Leagues. Helston men and Ladies teams having done us proud in their first 'senior' season.

It was with great regret that we were forced to withdraw from the County Cup, with both injury and the rescheduling of the event playing their part.

Both Player Development and Refereeing Courses are planned in the next few weeks and a well supported Summer Knockout Competition gets under way this week.

Sponsorship and publicity now take up much of our committee time, and we are hopeful of making inroads next season.

Finally there has been renewed interest at school level and we foresee the appointment of a Junior Development Officer at the next AGM.

Dave Robson
Secretary.

NATIONWIDE BUILDING SOCIETY
WEYMOUTH VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE

Secretary's report

Twentyseven teams started, two joined at Christmas and one was expelled leaving us with twenty-eight which competed in three divisions. This maintains the status quo for the past few seasons.

Our League was sponsored, for the third successive season, by the Nationwide Building Society. Again this enable us to send out frequent updates of the league tables and keep competition entry fees to the same level as previous seasons despite the addition of the very successful Nationwide Building Society Knock-out Cup competitions.

I have sent out 55 issues of league tables, which amounts to nearly 600 copies to all teams in the league, the Dorset Evening Echo, Mr Dunn the branch manager of the Nationwide Building Society and to the Southwest Volleyball Association. This represents a nearly 50% increase on the number published last year.

H.M.S. Osprey (A) have won Division II after a shakey start and an unfortunate end, winning their last two matches by default to gain promotion back to the First Division.

Bucklersmead(A) are to be congratulated on gaining promotion to Division I in just their second league season after narrowly being pipped at the post by Osprey.

During the season new teams have approached me regarding league membership, among them are Ferranti and a team from the Waverly Electronics.

This years Presentation Evening was a roaring success with nearly 150 tickets being sold, which is among our best turnout. Many thanks to all of you who came along. One of the highlights was the presentation of divisional player of the year trophies which it is now a regular feature.

Mr Dunn presented the player of the year trophies to Steve Allgood of Weymouth College, Pat Wilkinson of Vickers and Roger Cole of Fire Brigade B.

All three Knowck-Out trophies were keenly contested and ran reasonably smoothly, if not without repercussion in Division II. Many thanks to organiser Graeme Sawyer and congratulations to the winners in each Division.

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Press Officer's report

As Press Officer I have been conscious once again of giving our sponsor adequate coverage in the local press as well as the much needed publicity of our sport.

To this end I have submitted over 26 reports to the Evening Echo which have sometimes been coupled with superb action shots by photographer Brian Jung.

There is a forthcoming photo feature on the presentation evening and a planned Tournament special during the Summer which should ensure Weymouth Volleyball is kept at the forefront of Echo sports coverage.

Once again I must thank all the teams who have bothered to write those match reports which make the task so much easier.

Finally a special mention must go to A.R.E. (C)'s Paul Parker and Kangaroo's; much photographed Duncan Wright for the best match reports of the season.

Nigel Apsey
Secretary and Press Officer.