

## **EDVA Annual Report for 2007-08**

This season, the EDVA ran two mixed league divisions, with both titles going down to the wire, division one showing a high level of competition and some strong progression throughout the season made for a competitive end to division two.

### **International Youth Meeting**

The EDVA played host to the Guernsey U18 squad, where in February we hosted an international youth meeting, against the Guernsey U18 mixed team. The Exeter & District Volleyball Association arranged for two teams to represent the association, the "EDVA Mixed Youth" team and a "Exeter University" team. Being a mixed match, the net is set at the men's height and no more than three males are allowed on court at anyone one time, each match was the best of five sets. This format worked extremely well and we would like to hear from any other mixed U18 teams in the SW area that would like to be involved in a future event.

### **Match Video**

The EDVA Division one match between Volleyball Taunton v Kirton Revolution (Crediton) was watched by over 500 viewers, when it was shown on the Volleyball Video Channel. Final Results: Taunton 1 v Kirton 4.

### **EDVA Players Survey**

This was extremely successful with the results helping to shape volleyball development in the area. One significant survey result, 70% of all players who voted, requested a summer beach league. EDVA division one players clearly voting for a pair's league, whereas division two players requesting a recreational beach 4's league. The Exmouth beach pair's and recreational beach 4's league will be starting on May 13th and running until the first week of September.

### **EDVA sponsored Beach Nets**

Two public beach courts are now available on Exmouth beach, they have been provided with vandal resistant nets (heavy duty nets from Westcoast Netting) and are located between the lifeboat station and the sand dunes in the no swimming area of the beach. The nets are free to use, just turn up (no booking required). They are for recreational use, the nets are not adjustable (fixed height) and you have to provide your own court lines.

### **Junior Sessions**

This year saw the start of a collaboration with St Lukes High school in Exeter running two sessions, one for years 7 - 10 and a second session for years 4 - 6.

### **Future development**

The EDVA currently covers quite a large geographical area and with new clubs being formed in mid and North Devon as well as West Somerset, plus a successful request from a Plymouth based club (following the closure of the Plymouth PDVA) to join. The EDVA looks set to continue to play a key role in providing volleyball events in Devon and West Somerset.

**Other Local Events**

The summer will once again see the successful Coaver VC Summer league, in addition to the Exeter Coaver weekend tournament and the return of the Exmouth Beach Four's tournament, the latter two providing junior sections. Prior to this, the indoor league season will close in Exeter with the Men's and Ladies Challenge events, both over subscribed this year with teams from across the SW area.