

Beach volleyball tournament comes to town this coming weekend

BEACH VOLLEYBALL

9.15am and the first matches set to get under way at 10am. On the same day the Exmouth Beach Volleyball Club will also stage the South West Junior Beach Championships.

The Exmouth Beach Volleyball League continues despite the 'unseasonal' weather. It's quite an organisation now and the volleyball being played is of a very high standard.

The season will continue until September 2 for that is when the agreement with the beach owners, East Devon District Council, expires for another season and the Tuesday night matches start at 7pm and run until 9pm or dusk, whichever falls earlier!

The area of beach that is used on the sea front is the 'no swimming area', next to the permanent beach nets. Seven courts are used for the Tuesday night meetings

and in addition to the regular league games there are always an additional two courts for newcomers to have a go and indeed for coaching sessions for those players who would benefit from expert help.

One of the busiest administrators in the league this summer has been the 'beach league co-ordinator' who has the task of deciding of the days weather permits play.

If a session needs to be cancelled then notification is put onto the league's very informative website at www.exmouthbeachvolleyball.com.

In the 'Beach Fours' format, the league has points available, during the campaign, whereby new teams can be slotted into the competition.

The 'Beach Pairs' discipline is a formal men's and women's league, two players per team, with the match winner being the first to 31 by a margin of two clear points. One thing the league do insist on

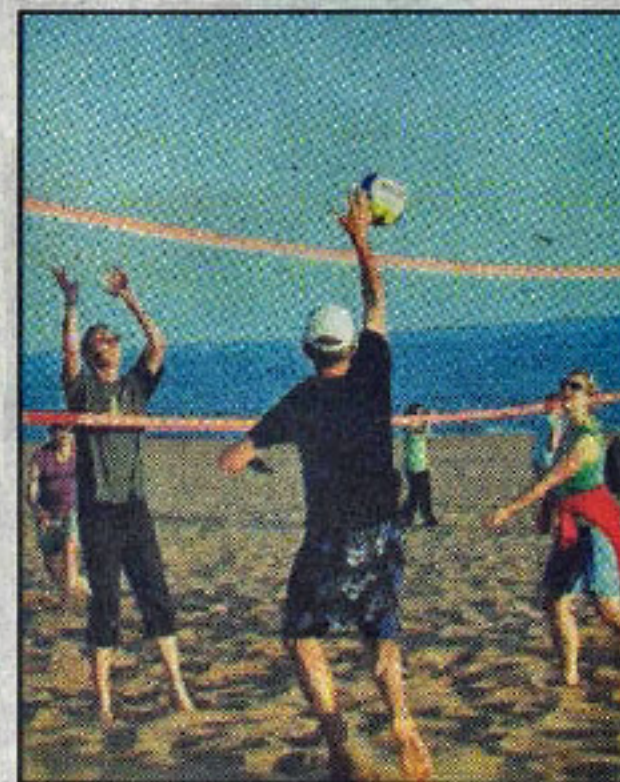
is that all players entering, or indeed, new to the league attend a short introduction and demonstrate the use of the Beach Hand Signals (hence the training/coaching nets).

This year's various competitions are reaching the closing stages. In the women's pairs there are seven players who have registered 25 points or more so far led by Ali West with 37.

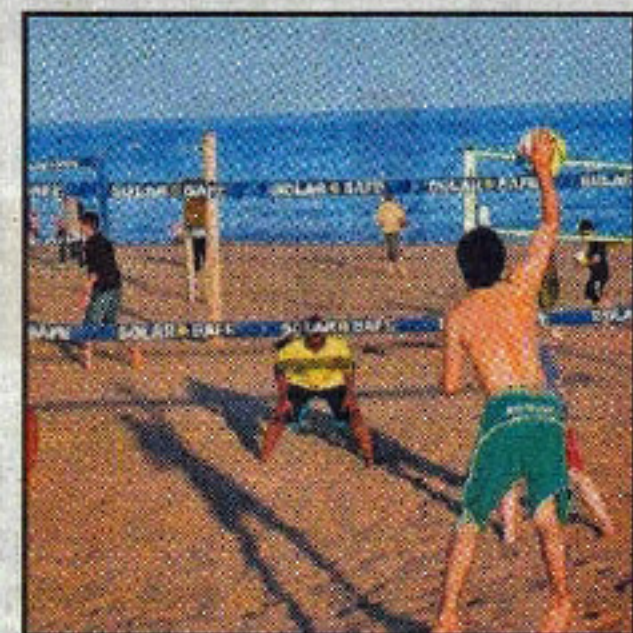
Just behind West is Claire Babbage (32) followed by Jess Webber (30), Laura Wilson (29), Rachell Swindell (27), Sophie Batho (27) and Silvia Angelini (2.50).

The men's pairs table is headed by Danny Lewis with 28 points. The best of the rest is Coolen Peryanaden (26) followed by Alan Liebermann (20), and Dave Gibbs (16) and Neil Cox (16).

If you are short of something to do this Sunday then why not get along to the town's sea front beach and take in some of the action.



REACH FOR THE SKIES:
Action from a recent game.



ACTION: Beach volleyball which will grace the towns beach this Sunday (Aug 17).

THE best of beach volleyball is set for the town's beaches this coming Sunday (August 17).

On offer will be top class, and very competitive beach volleyball. First on the agenda is the 2008 men's and women's pairs tournaments with team registration needing to be completed from