

Yeo and Walker take under-18 title

BEACH VOLLEYBALL

THE Exmouth Beach Open Pairs Volleyball tournament proved to be a huge success with teams travelling from right across the South West to challenge a large number of local teams in the ladies' and men's beach pairs events and the various junior categories.

It was a clean sweep for the Exmouth Beach VC in the Ladies' Pairs, with the beach pairing of Silvia Angelini & Gosia Krzyszkowska taking victory over the current Exmouth league leaders Claire Babbage & Laura Wilson in the event final.

In the men's event, Yianis Askaroglou & Steffen Paessler just beat Joerg Eulenberg & Stefan Koruntchev two sets to nil in a thrillingly close encounter which saw precious little between the teams. The first set went to a 'two

clear points' situation, eventually won by Askaroglou and Paessler 18-16. The second set was just as close, but again Askaroglou and Paessler prevailed, winning 15-12, and with that won the title.

The Junior Championships saw plenty of games played. The initial rounds were played over the best of three sets, with the top two teams from each of the pool rounds qualified for the final. A small crowd stayed on to watch the last match of the day and possibly the best match of the tournament, the U18 Boys' final. Ashley Yeo & Jack Walker took the first set 17-15 with a good display of team work but Daniel Hunter & Ryan Henry came back in the second 15-9,

helped on their way with some power hitting to set up the third and deciding set. With everything to play for, the match went on into the early evening. The stalwarts left in the crowd were rewarded with an excellent display of team work by Ashley Yeo & Jack Walker who took the set 15-7 and with it the South West Under-18 Junior Beach Championship 2008 title by a margin of two sets to one.

The Under-16 boys' title went to Matt Hunter & Ryan Stout with Charlie Grant and Lewis Norvill having to settle for 2nd place.

The Under-14 event was won by Robyn Sayers, Jodie Amor and Rachel Draper, with Immy Davies, Holly Paddon, Rosie Norton and Rosie Northbridge claiming the runners-up berth whilst Amelia Richards, Ellen Blandford,

Danielle Spencer and Emily Tucker, came third.

The Under-16 girls' event was won by Em Brennan and Rosie Kirk whilst the Under-18 girls' title went to Kate Pearce and Lauren Powell with Beck Ashworth and Amecie Exton the runners-up.

The Under-14 girls' title was won by Robyn Sayers, Jodie Amor and Rachel Draper. The Under-12 competition was won by Sam Dunbavin, Will Hartnoll and Taylor Latham with Jo Wright, Finn Begley and Will Evans coming second whilst Hayden Lawson, Torrin Lawson, Matt Bull and Nick Bull came third.

Volleyball continues for the next two Tuesdays on Exmouth sea front beach (7pm), where there is a competitive League and courts available for beginners.