

Upcoming Events

Club Meeting - Monday 3rd March 8.00 Parkway Pub
 Summer Tournament - Sunday 17th August
 Gennep Tournament - 1-4 May Gennep, Holland

NVL Home Fixtures
 Men 1 - 1st March Warwick Riga ACS 13.30

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Latest Surrey League Tables

POS		P	W	L	F	A	DIFF	BP	PTS
1	Egham	8	7	1	23	11	12	6	27
2	Wimbledon Flames	8	5	3	18	11	7	8	23
3	British Airways Jets	7	4	3	16	13	3	4	16
4	Spelthorne VC Burners	7	2	5	8	18	-10	7	13
5	KS Odra	7	1	6	6	20	-14	7	10
6	Guildford Tsunami	5	2	3	11	10	1	4	10
7	Mole Valley 1	3	2	1	6	4	2	3	9
8	Tide End Titans	3	1	2	5	6	-1	3	6

POS		P	W	L	F	A	DIFF	BP	PTS
1	Friends Provident	9	6	3	20	16	4	9	27
2	Wimbledon Wolves	8	6	2	18	10	8	8	26
3	Epsom Eagles	7	6	1	20	6	14	7	25
4	SSC Croydon	8	6	2	20	7	13	7	25
5	Guildford Storm	8	4	4	14	14	0	6	18
6	Camp as a Wigwam	9	2	7	11	22	-11	9	15
7	Mole Valley 2	6	3	3	12	14	-2	5	14
8	Spelthorne Shaapiles	7	2	5	9	17	-8	6	12
9	Reigate	8	0	8	6	24	-18	8	8

POS		P	W	L	F	A	DIFF	BP	PTS
1	Ealing Energy	10	9	1	28	8	20	8	26
2	Epsom Eagles	9	6	3	21	13	8	9	21
3	Guildford Mistral	9	5	4	17	18	-1	8	18
4	Spelthorne VC Ladies	9	5	4	14	15	-1	7	17
5	Wimbledon Wildkats	7	4	3	16	11	5	7	15
6	British Airways Jetset	8	2	6	11	22	-11	8	12
7	St. Mary's Richmond	7	3	4	13	15	-2	5	11
8	Downview Dodgers	4	0	4	1	12	-11	4	4
9	Ashcombe Dorking	5	0	5	2	9	-7	2	2

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GIVC NEWS

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GIVC Tournament Boost!!

GIVC have been selected to host one of the 2008 Regional Grass Series (RGS) events. This will be part of the GIVC annual summer tournament being held this year on Sunday 17th August.

After considering applications from other South East volleyball clubs the South East Volleyball association selected GIVC as the tournament to represent our region.

The RGS is a national series of tournament held throughout the summer which are supported by the English Volleyball Association. As part of this

series we can expect lots of entrants to our tournament



and a high standard of competition.

With the increased size of the event there will obviously be an increased amount of work required to put on the event. Darren Heath will be coordinating the efforts and is looking for a number of volunteers to help out with organization beforehand and with activities on the day. If

you think you can help in any way please contact Darren as soon as possible.

This years tournament will hopefully offer more than any previous Guildford tournament. Including a mens, mixed, womens and junior competitions, EVA tent and staff on site, big prize raffle



and a huge amount of refreshments and barbeque food available for all.

Women's NVL Cup Run Ends

Guildford failed in their bid to reach the Womens Knock Out Cup semi finals as they lost 0-3 at home to Polonia.

The start of the match was delayed by an injury to one of the Polonia players during the warm-up, but it was Guildford who started the match in a very nervous fashion, paying the high flying Division 1 side too much respect. Guildford were unable to make any headway off the back of their own service & were typically giving up 2 or 3 points each time they faced a Polonia serve. As

the set progressed, Guildford gained a little confidence but too late to affect the score line significantly.

Greater resolve introduced a element of stability in passing and defence which saw Guildford trading points in the early stages of the second set, but again a series of tough serves allowed the visitors to open up a lead. Despite a spirited fight back & some controversial decisions going in favour of the home side they were unable to challenge.

Guildford saved their best to last as they took an early lead in the 3rd set, taking full advantage of Polonia switching their influential setter to a hitting role. Guildford combined straight forward hitting power with off speed attacks, tips & dumps to frustrate the West London side. The end to the set was really tight with both teams having to save set points before the referee called a handling fault against Guildford on match point. Polonia were worthy 3-0 winners (25-12, 25-18, 29-27)

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Sunday Training Sessions moved to Ash Manor

- 24th February
- 2nd March
- 30th March

Cancelled Training Sessions:

Wednesday - 20th Feb
 Thursday - 6th March
 Thursday - 27th March



NVL Men 1 still at bottom of Div 1 !! Will they pull off a great escape!?

NVL Men 2 and Women' Team are both 4th in their respective leagues!! Will they make the playoffs!?

Surrey League Update

All of the Guildford teams in the Surrey League seem to be suffering from inconsistent performances this season.

Tsunami have achieved some good wins, most notably a 3-2 win over Mole Valley after going 2 sets down. They have also lost some matches they should have won including a 3-1 loss to Egham and a 3-2 loss to British Airways. With a more settled squad for the second half of the

season they are hoping to do better and be in the top 3 come the end of the season.

Storm are using a large pool of players this season and so far this only seems to be leading to some very confused performances, where players are put together who have never played in the same team before. The remaining 8 fixtures this season are mostly against the weaker teams in the league so

they are hoping to get more wins than losses this season, currently 4 wins and 4 losses.

Mistral are currently the best performing Guildford Surrey league team, the ladies have won 5 of their 9 matches. Good wins against Epsom and St Marys have helped them reach 3rd in the table. They have everything to play for as they still have a match to play against top team Ealing Energy.

All invited to Committee Meetings

The name may sound a bit dull but the monthly committee meetings are anything but. There is always something going on within the club that needs to be discussed and often argued.

There are lots of potential changes for 2008 that need to be finalised and every club member will be effected. Given this fact committee meetings are being opened up fully to all club members and being held at a local drinking establishment.

The next meeting will be on **Monday 3rd March** at the Parkway Pub (next to the Premier Travel Inn down the hill from the spectrum) starting at 8.30 p.m. Please come along and play a part in the future of the club.

Some subjects that are up to be discussed include:

- Building a Beach volleyball court in Guildford
- Guildford Summer tournament
- GIVC Summer volleyball league
- Fee structure and payment methods for next season.
- New Training Venues and times

If you have any opinions on the above the committee would like to hear them. If you are not able to make it on the night please let Darren Heath the club secretary know your views.

April is the last month of

the club's year so the clubs annual general meeting will be held in May. At this meeting the new committee for 2008-2009 will be confirmed along with plans for the next volleyball year and beyond. It is also a chance to review the preceding years activities to see what went well and what we could do better.

Again the meeting needs to represent the members so the more present the more representative it will be. Please let Darren have your nominations for committee positions and any proposals you have.

Don't forget NEXT CLUB MEETING MONDAY 3rd MARCH 8.30 PARKWAY PUB!

Social Events for 2008

Social Secretary Borek Cernich has been away with work more than expected so we have not seen as many Social events in 2007 as he would like. The plan is to change this in 2008 with more activities outside of just volleyball being organised for and by the members.

Some of the activities planned for the club include:

- Club Curry Night

- Pub Quiz evening
- Ice Skating
- Pub Crawl
- Pool Tournament
- Race Night

If you are interested in taking part in any of the above or have suggestions for other events please let Borek or any other committee member know.



EVA BIG BASH!

The EVA are holding a "Big Bash" on 17th / 18th May. Alongside the regional finals they are hosting a number of seminars aimed at those involved with volleyball. Subjects include Refereeing, Coaching, Club Development and Junior Development. If you are interested in going along please see John Biddiscombe for details. The club will offer it's support to anyone wishing to attend.

Club Storage Cupboard imminent!

Fed up of having to wait around for volleyballs to arrive as sessions?

Don't know who had the match bag last and you have a fixture tomorrow?

Can't find the aerals to put on the net ?

Haven't got a copy of the fixture list or other club information?

Soon all of the above will be a thing of the past. We

have been given approval by the Spectrum to site a storage locker on the balcony above the main sport arena. This is going to be big enough for us to store sets of balls , match bags, aerals and anything else you can think of.

The only problem at the moment is that we don't have a locker to put there. Rather than spending the clubs money on a locker we are trying to have one

donated. John Biddiscombe may be getting one from his office but if anyone else has a storage locker they can donate or you know of someone who has then please let the committee know.

The sooner we get this in place to sooner we be able to stop carrying huge bags of balls around in our cars!

Website Updates

The GIVC website has had a few minor changes over the last few weeks.

You can now download the latest issue of the newsletter and the club history directly from site. Team information has been updated along with their fix-

tures and results.

New sections have been added for information on the Guildford summer tournament as well as other tournaments the club will be going to.

Be sure to check in regu-

larly as more will be appearing soon.

As always if you have any suggestions for improvements please let the club committee know.