

Upcoming Events



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18th May GIVC AGM - 4.30 Guildford Spectrum

1st June - Sunday Training moves to Sutherland Memorial Park 7-9

5th June - Guildford Summer Volleyball League Starts , Stoke Park 7-9

17th August - GIVC Summer Tournament

Summer Tournament Dates

Dates for Summer tournaments are being confirmed all of the time but here are the latest as we go to press...

Check the website for the latest information

Date	Tournament	Details
1 May	Gennep	Grass 6 a side, Holland
24-25 May	Adur	Indoor 2 (24th) and 3 aside (25th)
21 - 22 June	Ashcombe	Grass 4 (21st) and 6 a side (22nd)
5-6 July	Salisbury	Grass 6 a side
13 July	Epsom	Grass 6 a side
12-13 July	East Hants Volleyball Picnic	Grass 2(12th) and 6 aside (13th)
19-20 July	Bath	Grass 6 a side
2-3 August	Cambridge	Grass 2 and 6 a side
9-10 August	Ertvelde	Grass 6 a side, Belgium
9-10 August	Gloucester	Grass 6 a side
17 August	Guildford	Grass 6 a side
22-24 August	Richmond	Grass 6 a side



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GIVC AGM MAY 18

The GIVC annual general meeting (AGM) will be taking place at the Guildford Spectrum Ice Box 3 on Sunday 18h May. Start time will be 4.30pm.

The AGM is where the club members can get together to review the past volleyball year within the club and plan for the next. Activities during the meeting include the selection of the club committee and selection committee. Proposals from club members are also raised and discussed.

The club committee consists of six posts:

Chairman
Treasurer
Secretary
Social Secretary
Coaching Administrator
Fixtures Secretary

The committee meets once a month for a couple of hours to ensure the club continues to function and move forward.

If you think you could help out on the committee or would like to propose a resolution for discussion please submit to the club secretary Darren Heath as soon as possible.

All resolutions and the meeting agenda will be published on the club website prior to

the meeting.

So far we have some interesting ideas on how players will pay for Surrey league matches next season and also some potential changes to how training sessions will be paid for.

It looks like these will provide some lively discussion so take a couple of hours to come along and express your opinions.

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Get ready for the Summer Volleyball League

The first ever Guildford Summer Volleyball League will be taking place this year.

Team of all levels are being sought to compete in the championship. While there will inevitably be some fierce competition the emphasis is mainly on having fun and making the most of the brief English summer!

Not only are we expecting teams from local Surrey League clubs we hope to have entrants from a number of local companies and organizations.

The league will happen every Thursday evening at Stoke Park from 7.00 - 9.00 weather permitting.

Teams present on the night will play each other on the two courts provided using Park Volley Rules. These rules are basically more relaxed versions of the rules we are used to playing with indoors. The results of each team will determine their ranking and score them points. The average points gained by each team over the entire season will determine their overall championship position so if a team misses a week or two they still have a chance to be top of the league.

The league starts on Thursday 5th June and finishes 21st August. Entry will be through a one off fee of £50 and a number of prizes will be on offer to the eventual winners.

To find out more about the league and to enter go to the GIVC website and follow the summer league link.

Sunday Training Sessions moved to Ash Manor

- 11th May
- 25th May

Cancelled Training Sessions:

Wed 7th May

From 1st June all Sunday Sessions at Sutherland Memorial Park , Burpham

Surrey League Season Review

Storm lived up to their name this season. They started the season with 4 back to back wins. But instead of the lull before the storm it was quite the opposite with a big lull after this promising start. 9 loses for the rest of the season has left them with one match they must win to avoid relegation and a season in Division 3.

Tsunami have also had a variable year, wins over some of the strongest

teams in the league include a 5 set win over likely league champions Mole Valley have been followed by losses to teams at the bottom of the table like KS Odra. This inconsistency is no doubt due to the constantly varying team throughout the season. Next year a more settled team will hopefully regain the Surrey League title for GIVC.

The ladies team, Mistral, have again struggled for

sufficient numbers of players throughout the season. When they have all been present the results have been very good and they are comfortably sitting mid table in the league.



Our treasurer has done such a good job this season we have commissioned a statue in his honour!

The National League season is now over for all of the Guildford Teams.

Guildford Men 1 will be returning to Division 2 next season. The final match of the season away to Bristol 1 resulted in another 3-0 loss. It has been a tough season for the team, playing against some very skilled and experienced opponents has meant some very demoralising losses. The team still fought on throughout the season and will be returning to Division 2 with renewed enthusiasm and a great deal more experience.

Final stats for the season, played 18, won 1, lost 17.

Guildford Men's 2 finished another season in the NVL

NVL Season Review

with two final matches. The first match against unbeaten Plymouth Activate saw them lose 3-0 although it was a much closer match than their previous encounter. The final match of the season was against Reading Aces 2 (aka Chiltern Aces) which they won 3-1 with some good performances from all of the team.

These results allowed Guildford to leapfrog Reading in the table and take 6th place in the league. Final stats were Played 16, won 7, lost 9.

For next season the future of the team looks uncertain. A number of current players are retiring from National League which could leave the team with not enough players for

next season.

The Women's team playing in Division 2 have gained the most wins of all the teams this season and were only 2 wins away from a playoff place. Next season will see some changes to the team lineup. Gail Cooper is heading off to New Zealand and Claire B is expecting her first child. On the brighter side Lisa Furness is expected to return to the team after the birth of her second child. As long as no more babies start arriving the team should be pushing for promotion to Division 1 again next season

Guildford Tournament Update

The Tournament committee of Darren, Claire, John and Bob have been progressing well with the organisation of this years summer tournament.

With the additional support being given by the English Volleyball Association (EVA) to all the regional Grass Series events it should be bigger than ever before.

Most importantly the EVA will be loaning the club it's stock of outdoor nets so we will have lots of courts available for every level of play.

Catering for the event should be good this year. Bob (he claims to know a bit about food!) is focusing on making sure all players are adequately fed and watered.

Beyond the volleyball and the food there will be plenty more on offer to those present, we are hoping to have volleyball shoes and general kit on sale at our Volleyball store and entertainment in the form of a raffle and other side competitions.

As you can see there is a lot to do so any offers of help from the club members will be very gratefully received.

Thanks go to our dedicated coaches!

The club wishes to thank all our coaches

John Biddiscombe for his continued enthusiasm in coaching the women's NVL team and Sunday evening sessions.

Billy Saray has done a great job taking the lead on Tuesday nights and has now obtained his coaching certificate.

Mike Richardson guided both Men's NVL teams through the season taking training sessions on a Thursday night.

Summer Tournaments

As usual members of GIVC will be represented at most of the major tournaments this summer.

Teams have already been entered into Bath tournament as this is always oversubscribed. Most other tournament are still accepting entries so take a look at the calendar of tournaments on the back page and get your team organised.

The nearest tournament beside our own is probably Ashcombe on 21-22 June, on the Saturday afternoon

there is a four a side tournament and then the main 6 a side tournament on the Sunday. GIVC is aiming to have teams entered in all the divisions.

East Hants volleyball picnic on 12-13 July is adopting a similar format with a 2 a side king of the court competition on the Saturday. No need to enter a team in this one as you are scored individually. The Sunday tournament will be the traditional 6 a side format with timed matches. This is a great venue for families as it is in a field in

the forest away from any busy roads.

Another well attended tournament by GIVC is Cambridge on 2-3 August. Teams compete over 2 days with a fun night of camping in between.

There is no set organiser for GIVC teams at tournaments but usually someone takes on the role of coordinating entries to a particular tournament. So if you would like to play ask around at training and someone will point you in the right direction

Sunday Sessions Move Outside

From Sunday 1st June Sunday evening sessions will be taking place away from the Spectrum. Weather permitting we will be playing outside at Sutherland Memorial Park. 7-9. This is the park opposite the Sainsburys Superstore in Burpham.

This is a great opportunity to come along to volleyball with all the family, the courts are set up next to the children's playground which can keep all those not on court amused.

Rather than focusing on technique, the two hours

are spent playing games and generally enjoying the summer outside.

The best bit of all though. All the outside sessions are FREE!

Come along and enjoy the summer.