

**Hampshire Volleyball Association**  
**Chairman's Report**  
**29<sup>th</sup> July 2016**

Following the last AGM, and before the end of 2015, Tim Nash declared his intention to step down as Chair of the Committee. Subsequently, Ashley Cullen was voted to take over. The Committee would like to place on record their thanks to Tim for establishing the local county volleyball association.

The work of the HVA is closely aligned to its Development Plan so that we can be sure we are achieving the goals of both Volleyball England and the needs/priorities of the county.

Typically, HVA is engaged in three main areas: a) junior development b) maintaining the indoor league and c) promoting sitting volleyball. Whilst being an organisation based on the south coast of England, we have not been particularly successful in aligning with beach volleyball.

**Junior Development** continues to be a priority. South Hants and New Forest are leading the way, and we are now striving to forge greater links between these two clubs (and others) to encourage junior competition. This is a fundamental requirement to the future of volleyball.

The **Indoor League** remains the main income stream to the HVA (although this is only to cover its costs). Unfortunately, not all Men's league matches (and some Ladies matches) were completed (largely due to the 'university schedule'). This is work in progress and requires a general rethink.

The top two teams in the Indoor League were invited to represent the county at SEVA. Congratulations to South Hants (champions) and Salisbury who represented the men, and Team Southampton (champions) and Forza Solent on behalf of the ladies.

The county is 'blessed' by having someone so visible on the national / international stage, and Richard Osborne continues to promote **Sitting Volleyball**. HVA have run local competitions and continue to showcase the sport at every opportunity.

## **Highlights**

- Number of satellite clubs across the county (currently at 10)
- Hampshire School Games (9 schools, 17 teams)
- UKCC Level 2 coaching course hosted in Hampshire
- The number of Go Spike sessions run in May
- Delivery of a junior Sitting Volleyball tournament involving 5 schools
- Inaugural sitting volleyball mini tournament (including Guernsey)

## **Lowlights**

- The many frustrations around the Indoor League(s)
- Despite huge effort, no new Sitting Volleyball teams have emerged
- No outdoor summer volleyball tournament planned in 2016

The HVA continue to be committed to the ongoing promotion of volleyball, at all levels, not just in the county but as widely as possible.