

South Adelaide Volleyball Club

President's Report 2020



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2020 was a difficult year for sport. The Covid-19 pandemic saw an immediate cessation of all outdoor activity in the middle of our pre-season, only several weeks out from the season. All SAVC activities and trainings were put on hold and remained so for several weeks. As we locally saw a reduction in social restrictions, VSA were able to begin discussing the possibility of a competitive season. Through a large effort from VSA and all club committees, we were able to complete a full senior and junior competition albeit slightly delayed.

Prior to restrictions being enacted, SAVC were able to complete its annual trip to Warrnambool to compete in the Seaside Volleyball Tournament. SAVC was represented by four teams in Honours and Division 1 and an 'old boys' South team in Division 2. Notable results for the tournament were our Division 1 Women's team winning a silver medal, and our 'old boys' Division 2 Men's team taking the gold medal. We also like to give a special mention to Eliza Jones who won the MVP for the Division 1 competition.

The SAVL competition commenced late, but relatively unchanged except for several social distancing measures. SAVC had 6 teams enter in League, Reserves and Division 1 across both genders. The minor rounds ended with the following results

- Division 1 Men – 6th
- Division 1 Women – 3rd
- Reserve Men – 4th
- Reserve Women – 2nd
- League Men – 5th
- League Women – 2nd

We would like to acknowledge our Division 1 and League Women who during the final series made the Grand Final. Unfortunately, both teams came away with a silver medal against tough opposition.

A junior program also had a mid-season cessation due to the social restriction put in place. Upon restarting the season SAVC entered 11 teams in SAVL Junior competition. SAVC entered four teams into the SLJ, two teams into U19, five teams into U17 and two teams into U15. We'd like to congratulate our U15 Girls team who made it into the Grand Final of their Division 2 competition. They unfortunately went down resulting in a silver medal.

Due to pandemic we were unable to host our usual fundraising and social events. All VAS state competition (include AVL) were unable to be undertaken. SAVC were able to eventually recommence the monthly pub nights at the Marion (with social distancing measures in place) and VSA were able to host a VSA awards night. I would like to congratulate the following award winners of the night:

- Brooke Johnson-Watkins – State League Team of the Year
- Cherise Clewes – Reserve Women's MVP

It was a difficult year for all volleyball clubs and players this year. I would like to thank all players, coaches and supporters for their effort this year to make this season possible. I'd also like to thank our committee for their continued effort in a difficult year.