

North Devon ladies pair wins Weymouth Beach Volleyball classic 2009

Weymouth Beach Volleyball classic is one of the largest beach volleyball tournaments in the UK and attracts competitors from the GB squads who are currently playing in the World Tour and quality teams from Europe. With over 100 players entered the women's pair from Croyde, Denise Austin and Mel Coutts, put up an excellent performance to win the ladies tournament.

In the women's final which was filmed by Sky Sports, veteran Denise and Mel played some magnificent volleyball to beat Gabi Madreka and Helen Brown from London. They were in control throughout the match winning 21-17, 21-14. Between them this was the 12th time that they had won the Weymouth event.

Denise Austin was also named Womens player of the tournament.

The stands were full throughout the weekend with more spectators than ever watching the event. Great Britain's number one team Steve Grotowski and Greg Weaver lived up to their reputation and won the mens tournament

Mel Coutts (left) and Denise Austin (right) collecting their prize. Denise's daughter Ellie helping with the trophy.

