

BEACH SOCCER SUPER TOUR '08 FOR KOL STUDENT

Once again Beach Soccer is proving popular this summer. Originally inspired by the acrobatic football played on the beaches of Brazil, the Official Rules created in 1992. FIFA is the worldwide governing body of beach soccer. The Nuts TV Beach Soccer Super Tour 2008 consists of six rounds where the five top teams from the regional championship compete for the title of English Champions. The five teams compete in four events each with the top three teams going through to the grand final in Jersey. Nuts TV Director of Programming Joe Talbot commented on the popularity of Beach Soccer in England: "Last summer over 4500 people participated in England beach soccer events, which also boasted more than 25,000 spectators. This just goes to show that there's a definite fan base for this fun, yet competitive, sport that's going from strength to strength."



"It's not just about the football, the events have a real party feel to them too and it's a chance for families to come down and enjoy a day out – which they can re-live when the games are aired on Nuts TV," he said.

One team member, Terry Bowes, is a key player in the Knight Beach Soccer team. He is also currently doing the KoL to become a taxi driver. The Knights squad is made up of ex professional players including Lee Doherty a former Arsenal player and Justin Baron a former West Ham player. Taxi Globe asked Terry why he decided to study the KoL. He said: "It's a good and honest way of earning a living, one of my friends Greg Lincoln had started the Knowledge and he encouraged me to do it. I have found it has helped me with pre-game nerves and speeches as it's the hardest thing I have undertaken. For example the 15 minute oral exam one on one with just you and an examiner where you can be asked about anything in London within a six mile radius of Charing Cross Train Station, that 15 minutes can make or break you!" Terry went on to tell our reporter about how much longer it will take him to complete the KoL. "I can't really say exactly how long. It's a point system and I am on the final stage 21 days, I could have ages to go or I could pass really quickly depending on my grades."



Terry Bowes

Terry enjoys driving. Having been based in London for much of his life, he says: "Finding a short cut became my speciality when I was trying to avoid traffic." Since he has been studying the KoL, Terry says he has seen some interesting sights, especially first thing in the morning or late at night. He has enjoyed finding all the various memorials and side streets that are included in the KoL. He says: "The Knowledge means you have to find various memorials or side streets and you never know what's hiding up them. I have a call partner, Grey Lincoln, who is also an ex footie player. He played in the champs league for Arsenal."

The NutsTV England Beach Soccer Superleague that Terry plays in is being shown on NutsTV freeview channel 42.

ALTERNATIVE FUEL TAXIS



As the bid to win sales of eco friendly vehicles continues, different manufacturers are producing different vehicles, running on different fuels. So far, the London taxi trade has seen a hybrid proto type which was trialled by LTI and Azure Dynamics, but this did not advance to the point of being on sale to the taxi trade. Although the new E7 electric taxi from Cab Direct was on show at the Motor Show as a new modern electric taxi, there have been others before it. Back in time, between 1897 to 1907, the Compagnie Parisienne des Voitures Electriques were building electric and hybrid vehicles. These vehicles included the one pictured here, the 1903 Krieger. This vehicle had front-drive and power steering, and other models ran on alcohol, and there was another version with what has been described as a gasoline-turbine engine; in those times, the term "turbine" sometimes meant "generator." The first motorized London taxi was the 1897 Bersey. This vehicle was electrically powered and became known more commonly as the Hummingbird because of the noise it made. However, because of its limited range, the vehicle was replaced by petrol driven vehicles in 1903, with the French built Prunel being an early example.

In New York City, the Mayor Michael Bloomberg has decreed that all cabs in the city must be propelled by at least a hybrid powertrain by 2012. Ford Escape Hybrids are already in service and for the past two years have been working well. However a trial of battery powered Chrysler PT Cruisers has not been so successful. This vehicle had been converted to run on lithium battery power by Hybrid Technologies, but following several months of testing, it proved unsuited to the work cycle of a cab in New York as it did not last a full 10 hour shift on a charge. The Taxi and Limousine Commission returned the car to Hybrid Technologies in June and continue looking for other vehicles to test.

ENGLAND SUPER LEAGUE

Saturday 2nd August - Sunday 3rd August 2008

Bournemouth Beach

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Saturday 16th August - Sunday 17th August 2008

Poole Beach

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Saturday 23rd August - Sunday 24th August 2008

Jersey (St. Helier Beach)

England vs. Jersey

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AGM FOR WAR DISABLED CHARITY

The Annual General Meeting of The London Taxi Benevolent Association For War Disabled will be held at 3pm. on Monday 10th November 2008 at The Royal Hospital Chelsea S.W.3.

Nominations must be sent in writing duly proposed and seconded by first post on 6th October 2008 to the secretary Paul Davis, 88, Grasvenor Avenue, Barnet, Herts, EN2DB.

Due to the extra security would any persons who wish to attend the meeting please contact the Paul Davis by the 3rd November 2008 on mobile phone number 07860850102.