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***If the training is easy
the match will be hard,
but if the training is
hard the match will be
easy.***

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Welcome

The new season is upon us and it is time to commence the eighth season of newsletter publication. Doesn't time fly? Please make sure you continue to let me know of your successes, at any level, so that I can report them to the wider membership.

Over the summer we have recruited rather a lot of new members and this week saw many more potential members attend our free trial session. We start the new season with at least 114 members which is significantly more than last year's record figure.

So we extend a warm welcome to Daniel Beeney, Matthew Biddle, Ben Churcher, Holly Cullen, Ellie Darlington, Jasmine Farrelly, Joseph Frean, Luc Frean, Christoipher Gane, Harry Hodges-Long, Toby Hodges-Long, Elena Koutas, Alice Sutton and Henry Sutton.

And a special welcome back to Stephanie Thomas who is re-joining us after a year's break from club badminton.

National circuit

The club season may be only just beginning but some of our keener and more experienced members have been active already—and in good form!

Samodani Wijetunge played in the BE Berkshire U15 Silver JC at Reading. Despite being an U13 player she won the singles event and, playing with Swifts U14 player Stirling Burrow, also won the mixed event.

Stirling continued the successful weekend by reaching the quarter-finals of the boys' singles.

Moving up the tournament difficulty ladder, Ollie Thompson started the season in the way I'm sure he means to go on by winning the boys' doubles event in the BE U15 Gold JC at Nottingham.

Club sessions

As I'm sure you are all aware, club sessions resume for the season this coming Saturday 10 September. If anyone is unsure what their start time is, please contact Jo Tinslay, our secretary.

The competitive season also commences with matches in the ACDBL between our U14 and U16 girls A and B teams.