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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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## Match summary

There were no home matches this week because of the club handicap tournament so the only match was an U14 boys' B away fixture in the AC-DBL to Streetswater B on Sunday, which we lost 125-196.

## Surrey Awards

Active Surrey held its awards evening on Sunday and Alex Downes was made *Performer of the Games* for his play in the Surrey Youth Games held in June. Congratulations!

## Surrey results

Several Swifts members played in the Surrey U13/U15/U17 singles tournament held at Epsom on Sunday.

In the boys' U13 A grade, Nicholas Pipe was the winner and Chris Lai was runner-up, while Nick Pipe was also U15 A grade runner-up, with Nathaniel Brittany reaching the semi-final.

In the girls' U15 event, Samodani Wijetunge was the event winner while Stephanie Pipe was runner-up. Holly Weston reached the semi-final.

Ollie Thompson won the U17 boys' grade A event, while Samodani completed a double by winning the u17 girls' A grade.

Harry Hodges-Long played in the boys' U13 B grade event and reached the quarter-final.

Serena Farrelly won the U13 grade B girls' event.

If you take part in a tournament and get out of your group please let me know so I can report it in the newsletter.

## County representation

Nathaniel Brittany, Nicholas Pipe and Stephanie Pipe all played in the Surrey U15 team that defeated Middlesex 20-0 in the Shires League on Saturday, thus removing them all from involvement in our club handicap tournament.

## Club handicap tournament

We ended up with 77 players in the singles tournament on Saturday, having lost several players to injury, illness and playing for Surrey. This was still a record number of players in any Swifts singles tournament, though.

Many thanks to the parents and older members who helped us out by scoring games for the U10s and beginners.

Full results can be found later in the newsletter, along with photos of the medallists. The headline results are:

	<b>Winner</b>	<b>Runner-up</b>
Beginners unisex	Antonella Naumova	Gemma Downes
U10 unisex	Timothy Lai	Toby Hodges-Long
U13 boys	Harry Williams	Ollie McCoy-Page
U13 girls	Serena Farrelly	Imogen Galvin
U15 boys	William Manners	Jake Handley
U15 girls	Holly Weston	Isabel Phillips
U18 boys	Jason Hau	Jonathan Hau
U18 girls	Stephanie Thomas	Abby Law

I'd like to take this opportunity to reiterate to all those who ask, every year, how groups are decided that we play to conventional Badminton England rules at Swifts, under which the group member who wins most games becomes the group winner. The first decider is the result of the match between two tied players, and only if that cannot resolve matters do we resort to counting the points scored.

Unfortunately, many people only play in the two Lightwater-based local tournaments where the group winner is decided by the bizarre method of adding up the points they have scored. This system is used in no other tournament I have ever come across and, one day, will lead, to the iniquity and embarrassment of a player who loses all their matches by close margins being declared the winner of a group, or even the tournament.

## ACDBL match results

**Location:** Lightwater      **Date:** 7 Oct 2012      **Opposition:** Streetswater  
**Result:** Lost 125 - 196      **Away**      **U14B Boys**

<b>Swifts</b>	Flynn Thatcher	Lucas Downes	Jospeh Frean	Thomas Wild
<b>Opposition</b>	Josh Fereday	Jordan Willis	Charlie Godwin	James Pedley

Home Players		Score		Away Players	
Josh Fereday		13	21	Flynn Thatcher	
Jordan Willis		15	21	Lucas Downes	
Charlie Godwin		21	7	Jospeh Frean	
James Pedley		21	4	Thomas Wild	
Josh Fereday	Jordan Willis	21	17	Flynn Thatcher	Lucas Downes
Charlie Godwin	James Pedley	21	3	Jospeh Frean	Thomas Wild
Josh Fereday	Charlie Godwin	21	14	Flynn Thatcher	Jospeh Frean
Jordan Willis	James Pedley	21	9	Lucas Downes	Thomas Wild
Josh Fereday	James Pedley	21	15	Flynn Thatcher	Thomas Wild
Jordan Willis	Charlie Godwin	21	14	Lucas Downes	Jospeh Frean
		<b>196</b>	<b>125</b>		

## Club handicap tournament

### Beginners' Singles

Group A						
Player	Pos.	Rosie Duff	Sebastian Grove	Benjamin Hazevoet	Gemma Downes	Antonella Naumova
Rosie Duff	3		11	11	10	5
Sebastian Grove		4		11	8	2
Benjamin Hazevoet		10	6		5	11
Gemma Downes	2	11	11	11		3
Antonella Naumova	1	11	11	10	11	

### Semi-finals

Antonella Naumova 11  
v  
Matthew Grove 8

Emily Nielsen 10  
v  
Gemma Downes 11

### Final

Antonella Naumova 11  
v  
Gemma Downes 8

Handicapping a group largely made up of newcomers is not the easiest task so we were very pleased to see how close this turned out, with eight of the twenty group games and a semi-final going to the final point. Every player won at least one game and every player lost at least one and there was a three-way tie for second place in one of the groups.

The key with this group is that they learn that competition is not as frightening as they perhaps thought and that they gain the confidence to believe they can play in matches and enter other tournaments. They also learn more about what the lines mean!

### Beginners' Singles

Group B						
Player	Pos.	Lila Dundas	Jonathan Lai	Matthew Grove	Hettie Holmes	Emily Nielsen
Lila Dundas			11	11	6	10
Jonathan Lai		10		9	11	10
Matthew Grove	2	8	11		10	11
Hettie Holmes		11	10	11		6
Emily Nielsen	1	11	11	4	11	



Antonella Naumova and Gemma Downes—winner and runner-up

## Club handicap tournament

### U10 UNISEX SINGLES

Group A									
Player	Pos.	Dominic Nabasa	Hayden Mitchell	Henry Sutton	Ellie Darlington	Dylan Crossan	Timothy Lai	Toby Hodges-Long	Matthew Biddle
Dominic Nabasa			15	9	10	15	10	12	15
Hayden Mitchell		12		14	12	12	7	6	10
Henry Sutton		15	15		12	15	7	10	10
Ellie Darlington	3	15	15	15		10	15	14	15
Dylan Crossan		7	15	4	15		11	12	15
Timothy Lai	1	15	15	15	9	15		15	15
Toby Hodges-Long	2	15	15	15	15	15	9		15
Matthew Biddle		11	15	15	12	8	8	14	

Once again, nobody remained undefeated in this close section which we played as a single group. The result was so close that if Ellie had scored the last and deciding point of her match against Toby she would have been the tournament winner and Toby wouldn't have got his silver medal. It shows the importance of concentrating right to the end.



Timothy Lai (1) and Toby Hodges-Long

## Club handicap tournament

### BOYS' U13 SINGLES

Group A							
Player	Pos.	Connor Curtis	Luc Frean	Harry Williams	Thomas Chan	Callum Mitchell	Connor Strudwick
Connor Curtis			15	13	x	15	8
Luc Frean		7		9	x	7	8
Harry Williams	1	15	15		x	15	15
Thomas Chan	DNP	x	x	x		x	x
Callum Mitchell	2	14	15	13	x		15
Connor Strudwick	3	15	15	12	x	11	

### BOYS' U13 SINGLES

Group B							
Player	Pos.	Joseph Frean	Thomas Wild	Ollie Phillips	Max Curtis	Ollie McCoy-Page	Lucas Downes
Joseph Frean	DNP		x	x	x	x	x
Thomas Wild		x		8	6	8	11
Ollie Phillips	2	x	15		15	5	15
Max Curtis		x	15	12		11	14
Ollie McCoy-Page	1	x	15	15	15		15
Lucas Downes	3	x	15	14	15	12	

## Club handicap tournament

### BOYS' U13 SINGLES

Group C							
Player	Pos.	Joshua Craven	Archie Pendry	Flynn Thatcher	Cameron Warne	Harry Hodges-Long	Arseniy Kislitsyn
Joshua Craven			14	6	15	10	x
Archie Pendry	3	15		12	15	14	x
Flynn Thatcher	2	15	15		15	13	x
Cameron Warne		9	12	11		6	x
Harry Hodges-Long	1	15	15	15	15		x
Arseniy Kislitsyn	DNP	x	x	x	x	x	

### BOYS' U13 SINGLES

Final Group				
Player	Pos	Harry Williams	Ollie McCoy-Page	Harry Hodges-Long
Harry Williams	1		15	15
Ollie McCoy-Page	2	10		15
Harry Hodges-Long		13	14	

This section had to be played in three groups with the group winners progressing to a second group stage which decided the medal positions. As it turned out we had three people drop out on the day (and thanks go to two of them for letting us know before the event started) so things progressed much quicker than expected.

Lots of games were won by only one or two points so it was very tight.

Harry (Houdini) Williams came back from trailing 2-11 to win 15-13 against Harry Hodges-Long in the final match. Had he lost that game the gold medal would have gone to Harry Hodges-Long.



Harry Williams—winner

## Club handicap tournament

### U13 Girls' Singles

Group A								
Player	Pos.	Marina Milsum	Aimee Christian	Elena Koutas	Annabel Bradshaw	Maddie Godwin	Imogen Galvin	Jenna Biddle
Marina Milsum			10	11	5	7	11	8
Aimee Christian		15		6	15	15	12	10
Elena Koutas	3	15	15		15	15	13	10
Annabel Bradshaw		15	9	7		13	12	8
Maddie Godwin		15	13	6	15		9	12
Imogen Galvin	1	15	15	15	15	15		15
Jenna Biddle	2	15	15	15	15	15	13	

### U13 Girls' Singles

Group B							
Player	Pos.	Alice Sutton	Serena Farrelly	Megan Laycock	Lucy Doran	Lucy Bezants	Neeve Galvin
Alice Sutton	3		9	15	15	11	15
Serena Farrelly	1	15		15	15	15	15
Megan Laycock		8	9		15	3	13
Lucy Doran		10	10	12		8	9
Lucy Bezants	2	15	9	15	15		15
Neeve Galvin		11	8	15	15	10	

## Club handicap tournament

### Semi-finals

Imogen Galvin 14  
v  
Lucy Bezants 15

Serena Farrelly 15  
v  
Jenna Biddle 13

This was a large section with lots of games played, and another one in which both finalists emerged from the same original group.

The knock-out section in particular was very close and one game was decided when Jenna couldn't stay on her feet and was ruthlessly (and quite rightly) put to the sword by Serena, who was on match point at the time. It was an unlucky way to lose though.

### Final

Lucy Bezants 13  
v  
Serena Farrelly 15



**Serena Farrelly and  
Lucy Bezants—winner  
and runner-up**

## Club handicap tournament

### U15 BOYS' SINGLES

Group A							
Player	Pos.	Christopher Gane	Jason Fisher	William Manners	Adam Thomas	Alex Downes	Christopher Lai
Christopher Gane	3		21	21	21	21	11
Jason Fisher		20		17	21	14	13
William Manners	1	18	21		21	21	21
Adam Thomas		9	15	16		12	8
Alex Downes		19	21	16	21		20
Christopher Lai	2	21	21	17	21	21	

### U15 BOYS' SINGLES

Group B							
Player	Pos.	Henry Bradshaw	Jack Vincent	Jake Handley	Luke Abraham	Ben Coker	Nicholas Pipe
Henry Bradshaw	3		21	13	21	18	x
Jack Vincent		19		15	21	17	x
Jake Handley	1	21	21		21	21	x
Luke Abraham		11	15	15		6	x
Ben Coker	2	21	21	16	21		x
Nicholas Pipe	DNP	x	x	x	x	x	

## Club handicap tournament

### Semi-finals

William Manners 21  
v  
Ben Coker 16

Another close section and William Manners' path to the gold medal wasn't a smooth one as he lost his second group game to Christopher Gane, who was unlucky not to reach the semi-final, and had to face some very stiff opposition and handicaps against later opponents.

Jake Handley 21  
v  
Christopher Gane 14

Jake, meanwhile, was more comfortable in his group but didn't meet William until the final, by which time he was thoroughly warmed up and ready for anything.

### Final

William Manners 21  
v  
Jake Handley 16



**William Manners (r)  
and Jake Handley (l)—  
winner and runner-up**

## Club handicap tournament

U15 GIRLS' SINGLES							
Group A							
Player	Pos.	Jessica Mallett	Syan Wombwell	Holly Weston	Emily Armstrong	Isabel Phillips	Jasmine Farrelly
Jessica Mallett			18	15	21	15	21
Syan Wombwell	3	21		17	21	14	21
Holly Weston	1	21	21		21	21	21
Emily Armstrong		3	14	17		18	10
Isabel Phillips	2	21	21	16	21		21
Jasmine Farrelly		19	15	17	21	15	

This group progressed without too many games having nail-biting finishes and a score sheet on the wall that was unusually free of graffiti for a change. The handicappers will have to sharpen their pencils a bit more in future.



**Holly Weston and Isabel Phillips—winner and runner-up**

## Club handicap tournament

### U18 Singles

Group A						
Player	Pos.	Abby Law	Jason Hau	Alec McColl	Colin Clarke	Ben Churcher
Abby Law			19	14	18	12
Jason Hau	1	21		21	21	21
Alec McColl	3	21	15		21	14
Colin Clarke		21	18	16		20
Ben Churcher	2	21	16	21	21	

### U18 Singles

Group B						
Player	Pos.	Stephanie Thomas	Jonathan Hau	Daryn Howes	Steven Bullett	Alex Lopez
Stephanie Thomas	3		15	20	x	21
Jonathan Hau	1	21		21	x	21
Daryn Howes	2	21	15		x	21
Steven Bullett	DNP	x	x	x		x
Alex Lopez		8	12	14	x	

## Club handicap tournament

### U18 Singles

Group C						
Player	Pos.	Polly Thisdell	Alex Lawrence	Shannon Chen	Connor McCartney	Christopher Spain
Polly Thisdell	2		14	17	21	21
Alex Lawrence		21		10	17	21
Shannon Chen	1	21	21		21	21
Connor McCartney	3	18	21	12		21
Christopher Spain		10	7	13	20	

With an entry of only three girls, we decided to combine the U18 boys and girls events to give the girls more match play and to challenge them. The best boy from each group and all the girls then went through to medal-deciding groups of three.

The girls gave the boys a good run for their money, winning three times—and Abby gave the eventual boy's winner, Jason, a very close match which almost turned the course of the tournament.

### U18 Singles

Final Girls' Group				
Player	Pos.	Abby Law	Stephanie Thomas	Polly Thisdell
Abby Law	2		12	21
Stephanie Thomas	1	21		21
Polly Thisdell		18	12	

### U18 Singles

Final Boys' Group				
Player	Pos.	Jason Hau	Jonathan Hau	Shannon Chen
Jason Hau	2		21	21
Jonathan Hau	2	20		21
Shannon Chen		17	17	



Abby Law, Stephanie Thomas, Jason Hau and Jonathan Hau

