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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

A concession from Lightwater Juniors in favour of our U14 mixed B team on Saturday resulted in the team winning another ACDBL divisional title.

The U18 mixed team played away to Eagles in the ACDBL on Friday evening, and won 168-106.

On Saturday, our U10 unisex team clinched another ACDBL division by beating its main rivals Horsell by a wide margin at home on Saturday, by 197-117.

The U12 mixed B team played at home to a Streets Heath team that was missing a player (but supplemented by our own Timothy Canning), and won by 154-131, adjusted to 156-69 for league purposes.

The U14 girls' B team played away to Horsell A and lost 149-203.

The U18 boys played at home to Eagles and won a tight match by 197-178.

County representation

Lucy Bezants and Harry Owens both played in the Berkshire U15 team that lost to Avon in the Shires League last weekend. This weekend they were also in the team that played against Cornwall.

Surrey tournaments

SSBA held its U14 singles and U16 doubles championships in Epsom on Sunday.

Jodie Teale won the U16 girls' A grade event as well as the mixed.

Nathaniel Brittany won the U16 boys' A grade doubles and Sam Williams was runner-up in the same event.

In the U14 B grade girls' singles Neeve Galvin finished in third place.

Swifts graded tournament

The headline results from the final weekend of our club graded tournament can be found below. Full details, including photos and all scores, can be found later in the newsletter.

Once again special thanks go to the parents and older members who assisted us by scoring games and organising players in the more junior sections; we couldn't manage without you.

Event	Winners	Runners-up
Boys A	Nathaniel Brittany & Nicholas Pipe	William Manners & Connor McCartney
Boys B	Ben Cullen & Jason Fisher	Ben Coker & Harry Hodges-Long
Boys C	Harry Bloomfield & Lucas Downes	Thomas Chan & Joseph Frean
Boys D	Michael Brind & John Canning	Sebastian Grove & Izaak Mayuga
Boys E	Matthew Barnfield & Jonathan Lee	Ben Ford & Siddanth Shirol
Girls A	Jessica Mallett & Holly Weston	Lucy Sharp & Polly Thisdell
Girls B	Lucy Bezants & Rebecca Sproston	Amy Chapman & Alice Sutton
Girls C	Paige Daniel & Daisy Murphy	Abbie Coleman & various partners
Girls D	Sahana Balamurugman & Marianne Wu	Erin Christian & Temisha Veeramootoo
Mixed A	Nathaniel Brittany & Polly Thisdell	Christopher Lai & Jessica Mallett

New member

A warm welcome goes to our latest recruit—George Casale—an U11 who joins us in the improvers session from this coming Saturday.

ACDBL match results

Location: **Walton-on-Thames** **Date:** **14 Mar 2015** **Opposition:** **Eagles**
Result: **Won 168 - 106** **Away** **U18A Mixed**

Swifts	Ollie Thompson	Nathaniel Brittany	Polly Thisdell	Lucy Sharp
Opposition	Roger Boka	John Ewart	Clare Mills	Karen Klimaytis

Home Players		Score		Away Players	
Roger Boka	Clare Mills	14	21	Ollie Thompson	Polly Thisdell
John Ewart	Karen Klimaytis	14	21	Nathaniel Brittany	Lucy Sharp
Roger Boka	Clare Mills	18	21	Nathaniel Brittany	Lucy Sharp
John Ewart	Karen Klimaytis	12	21	Ollie Thompson	Polly Thisdell
Roger Boka	Karen Klimaytis	12	21	Ollie Thompson	Lucy Sharp
John Ewart	Clare Mills	9	21	Nathaniel Brittany	Polly Thisdell
John Ewart	Clare Mills	12	21	Ollie Thompson	Lucy Sharp
Roger Boka	Karen Klimaytis	15	21	Nathaniel Brittany	Polly Thisdell
		106	168		

Location: **Lightwater** **Date:** **14 Mar 2015** **Opposition:** **Horsell**
Result: **Won 197 - 117** **Home** **U10 Unisex**

Swifts	Hayden Mitchell	Sebastian Grove	Matthew Barnfield	Annabelle Atkins
Opposition	Arya Admane	Joseph Hodkinson	Purav Sahajwala	Denver Zhang

Home Players		Score		Away Players	
Hayden Mitchell		8	21	Arya Admane	
Sebastian Grove		21	5	Joseph Hodkinson	
Matthew Barnfield		21	14	Purav Sahajwala	
Annabelle Atkins		21	5	Denver Zhang	
Hayden Mitchell	Sebastian Grove	21	16	Arya Admane	Joseph Hodkinson
Matthew Barnfield	Annabelle Atkins	21	9	Purav Sahajwala	Denver Zhang
Hayden Mitchell	Matthew Barnfield	21	15	Arya Admane	Purav Sahajwala
Sebastian Grove	Annabelle Atkins	21	6	Joseph Hodkinson	Denver Zhang
Hayden Mitchell	Annabelle Atkins	21	17	Arya Admane	Denver Zhang
Sebastian Grove	Matthew Barnfield	21	9	Joseph Hodkinson	Purav Sahajwala
		197	117		

ACDBL match results

Location: **Lightwater** Date: **14 Mar 2015** Opposition: **Streets Heath**
 Result: **Won 154 - 131** Home **U12B Mixed**

Swifts	Matthew Grove	John Canning	Abbie Coleman	Gemma Downes
Opposition	Toby Fereday	Tim Canning	Rebecca Lee	Rebecca Bell

Home Players		Score		Away Players	
Matthew Grove	Abbie Coleman	15	21	Toby Fereday	Rebecca Lee
John Canning	Gemma Downes	21	19	Tim Canning	Rebecca Bell
Matthew Grove	Abbie Coleman	21	12	Tim Canning	Rebecca Bell
John Canning	Gemma Downes	15	21	Toby Fereday	Rebecca Lee
Matthew Grove	Gemma Downes	21	8	Toby Fereday	Rebecca Bell
John Canning	Abbie Coleman	21	10	Tim Canning	Rebecca Lee
John Canning	Abbie Coleman	21	19	Toby Fereday	Rebecca Bell
Matthew Grove	Gemma Downes	19	21	Tim Canning	Rebecca Lee
		154	131		

Location: **Woking High School** Date: **14 Mar 2015** Opposition: **Horsell A**
 Result: **Lost 149 - 203** Away **U14B Girls**

Swifts	Neeve Galvin	Ruth Devapragasam	Emily Nielsen	Katie Atkins
Opposition	Florence Baulk	Sahana Kanagasundaram	Alice Arthur	Molly Price

Home Players		Score		Away Players	
Florence Baulk		21	6	Neeve Galvin	
Sahana Kanagasundaram		21	13	Ruth Devapragasam	
Alice Arthur		21	12	Emily Nielsen	
Molly Price		21	11	Katie Atkins	
Florence Baulk	Sahana Kanagasundaram	18	21	Neeve Galvin	Ruth Devapragasam
Alice Arthur	Molly Price	21	16	Emily Nielsen	Katie Atkins
Florence Baulk	Alice Arthur	21	11	Neeve Galvin	Emily Nielsen
Sahana Kanagasundaram	Molly Price	21	19	Ruth Devapragasam	Katie Atkins
Florence Baulk	Molly Price	17	21	Neeve Galvin	Katie Atkins
Sahana Kanagasundaram	Alice Arthur	21	19	Ruth Devapragasam	Emily Nielsen
		203	149		

ACDBL match results

Location: Lightwater **Date:** 14 Mar 2015 **Opposition:** Eagles
Result: Won 197 - 178 **Home** **U18A Boys**

Swifts	Connor McCartney	Soon Hau Fun	Ben Coker	Ben Cullen
Opposition	Roger Boka	John Loyd	Josh Ewart	Henry Long

Home Players		Score		Away Players	
Connor McCartney		18	21	Roger Boka	
Soon Hau Fun		20	21	John Loyd	
Ben Coker		21	9	Josh Ewart	
Ben Cullen		19	21	Henry Long	
Connor McCartney	Soon Hau Fun	21	13	Roger Boka	John Loyd
Ben Coker	Ben Cullen	21	14	Josh Ewart	Henry Long
Connor McCartney	Ben Coker	18	21	Roger Boka	Josh Ewart
Soon Hau Fun	Ben Cullen	21	18	John Loyd	Henry Long
Connor McCartney	Ben Cullen	17	21	Roger Boka	Henry Long
Soon Hau Fun	Ben Coker	21	19	John Loyd	Josh Ewart
		197	178		

Swifts graded singles tournament

E GRADE BOYS' DOUBLES

Group A					
Player	Pos	Scott Adcock Nathan Gibson	Jack Blackman James Tyler	Matthew Barnfield Jonathan Lee	Ben Ford Siddhanth Shirol
Scott Adcock Nathan Gibson	4		15 14	9 11	15 8
Jack Blackman James Tyler	3	14 15		10 8	15 12
Matthew Barnfield Jonathan Lee	1	15 15	15 15		15 15
Ben Ford Siddhanth Shirol	2	14 15	14 15	8 10	



**Ben Ford, Matthew Barnfield,
Siddhanth Shirol and Jonathan Lee**

Although the destination of the gold medal was pretty clear cut, the other pairs were closely matched and shared in a three-way tie. The rules had to be consulted and addition checked before we could announce who had won the silver medal. I noticed that these junior groups received particularly careful coach attention so that development progress could be examined, by the way.

Swifts graded singles tournament

D GRADE GIRLS' DOUBLES

Group A					
Player	Pos	Amelia Wells Mide Williams	Isabelle Pun Lai Yuen Olivia Wells	Sahana Balamurugman Marianne Wu	Erin Christian Temisha Veeramootoo
Amelia Wells Mide Williams			12 15	9 10	12 13
Isabelle Pun Lai Yuen Olivia Wells		15 6		14 5	13 9
Sahana Balamurugman Marianne Wu	1	15 15	15 15		14 15
Erin Christian Temisha Veeramootoo	2	15 15	15 15	15 11	



**Erin Christian, Martianne Wu,
Temisha Veeramootoo and Shahana Balamurugman**

Two-way ties predominated here, with the medals being decided on the basis of the games between the two pairs concerned, and the same applying to the other pairs.

Swifts graded singles tournament

D GRADE BOYS' DOUBLES

Group A						
Player	Pos	Timothy Canning Jonathan Lai	Bradley Mayuga Henry Sutton	Sebastian Grove Izaak Mayuga	Michael Brind John Canning	Hector Earnshaw Matthew Grove
Timothy Canning Jonathan Lai			9 15	13 15	9 11	12 12
Bradley Mayuga Henry Sutton		15 11		7 7	7 11	14 15
Sebastian Grove Izaak Mayuga	2	15 14	15 15		15 6	15 15
Michael Brind John Canning	1	15 15	15 15	12 15		15 15
Hector Earnshaw Matthew Grove	3	15 15	15 13	9 13	4 12	



Sebastian Grove, Michael Brind, Izaak Mayuga and John Canning

More close play, with every pair managing to win at least two games and none winning them all. I don't think we have ever had as many as three pairs of siblings in one section before, and the level of competitive edge was commensurately high.

Swifts graded singles tournament

C GRADE GIRLS' DOUBLES

Group A						
Player	Pos	Paige Daniel Daisy Murphy	Lila Dundas Priyanka Pimple	Olivia Adcock Annabelle Atkins	Gemma Downes Sophie Walter	Abbie Coleman & various partners
Paige Daniel Daisy Murphy	1		10 10	11 11	11 11	11 11
Lila Dundas Priyanka Pimple		11 11		11 10	3 5	7 10
Olivia Adcock Annabelle Atkins		4 3	9 11		7 9	9 11
Gemma Downes Sophie Walter	3	5 7	11 11	11 11		9 9
Abbie Coleman & various partners	2	10 5	11 11	11 10	11 11	



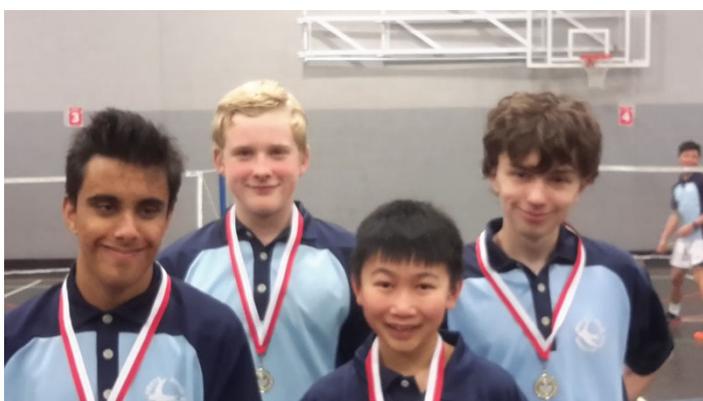
Abbie Coleman, Paige Daniel and Daisy Murphy

This group had a lot of games to get through and played to 11 points. A very high proportion (about a third) of games went to 11-10 and every pair won at least two games, so you can see it was very close and lasted a long time. So close that the fourth-placed pair would have won a medal had it scored just two extra points in games that reached 10-10.

Swifts graded singles tournament

C GRADE BOYS' DOUBLES

Group A									
Player	Pos	Greg Laurence Hayden Mitchell	Matthew Lister Jed Shrewsbury	Lucas Downes Harry Bloomfield	Eliot Duff William Salt	Thomas Chan Joseph Frean	Archie Pendry Daniel Roach	Anish Goel Dominic Nabasa	Cameron Warne Jack Wetherall
Greg Laurence Hayden Mitchell			12	7	11	12	15	8	6
Matthew Lister Jed Shrewsbury		15		9	15	8	15	12	10
Lucas Downes Harry Bloomfield	1	15	15		15	15	15	15	15
Eliot Duff William Salt		15	10	9		13	12	11	9
Thomas Chan Joseph Frean	2	15	15	13	15		15	15	15
Archie Pendry Daniel Roach		10	11	8	15	9		12	8
Anish Goel Dominic Nabasa	3	15	15	13	15	12	15		15
Cameron Warne Jack Wetherall		15	15	9	15	13	15	10	



**Joseph Frean, Harry Bloomfield,
Thomas Chan and Lucas Downes**

Joe Frean, fully recovered from his injury of last week, continued his good run of form and only two points separated his pair from a gold medal. Again, every pair managed at least one win so the competition was close.

Swifts graded singles tournament

GIRLS' B GRADE DOUBLES

Group A							
Player	Pos	Lucy Bezants Rebecca Sproston	Holly Cullen Elena Koutas	Katie Atkins Ellie Darlington	Amy Chapman Alice Sutton	Sophie Mercure Emily Nielsen	Emily Chapman Ruth Devapragasam
Lucy Bezants Rebecca Sproston	1		21	21	21	21	21
Holly Cullen Elena Koutas	4	20		16	21	21	16
Katie Atkins Ellie Darlington		20	21		12	20	13
Amy Chapman Alice Sutton	2	12	16	21		21	21
Sophie Mercure Emily Nielsen	3	18	19	21	16		21
Emily Chapman Ruth Devapragasam		9	21	21	13	19	



Rebecca Sproston, Alice Sutton, Lucy Bezants and Amy Chapman

Lucy and Rebecca may have won all their games but things were very tight and, had the 21-20 games fallen out differently, the organisers would have had to have resolved a four-way tie for the medals.

Swifts graded singles tournament

B GRADE BOYS' DOUBLES

Group A						
Player	Pos	Ben Cullen Jason Fisher	Connor Curtis Alex Tennant-Smith	Soon Hau Fun Tim Lai	Aaron Coleman Callum Mitchell	Ben Coker Harry Hodges-Long
Ben Cullen Jason Fisher	1		15 15	15 15	6 4	15 15
Connor Curtis Alex Tennant-Smith		11 10		11 11	9 15	6 8
Soon Hau Fun Tim Lai		14 5	15 15		13 15	13 10
Aaron Coleman Callum Mitchell	3	15 15	15 10	15 10		11 12
Ben Coker Harry Hodges-Long	2	13 12	15 15	15 15	15 15	



Harry Hodges-Long, Jason Fisher, Ben Coker and Ben Cullen

It is at this point in the age and ability range that the boys can be seen to have developed considerable power and speed around the court, so this was fast and furious badminton. The lack of consistency led to some interesting anomalies in the results.

Swifts graded singles tournament

A GRADE GIRLS' DOUBLES				
Group A				
Player	Pos	Jessica Mallett Holly Weston	Lucy Sharp Polly Thisdell	Katie Price Jodie Teale
Jessica Mallett Holly Weston	1		21 21	21 9
Lucy Sharp Polly Thisdell	2	17 15		21 21
Katie Price Jodie Teale		16 21	19 13	



Lucy Sharp, Jessica Mallett, Polly Thisdell and Holly Weston

Again no pair could win all its games. As she will be too old to stay next season, this is Polly's final Swifts tournament and it is worth mentioning her achievements.

On Saturday she was able to add two more medals (this silver plus gold in the mixed) to complete her record tally of eleven (five golds, six silvers) from seventeen events contested over seven years in grade A events. Every one of those numbers is a record. She is the last person who will ever be able to claim she has entered every tournament Swifts has organised (ten handicap and eleven graded since we started running them in March 2005).

Swifts graded singles tournament

A GRADE BOYS' DOUBLES

Group A					
Player	Pos	William Manners Connor McCartney	Nathaniel Brittany Nicholas Pipe	Ben Churcher Chris Lai	Peter Beech & various partners
William Manners Connor McCartney	2		15	21	21
Nathaniel Brittany Nicholas Pipe	1	21		21	21
Ben Churcher Chris Lai		13	17		15
Peter Beech & various partners		12	14	21	



Nicholas Pipe and Nathaniel Brittany
(Will Manners and Connor McCartney couldn't stay
for the medals and photographs)

I still haven't got to the bottom of why the group containing the oldest boys was the slowest of the day. It couldn't have been too much chit-chat, surely? As it turned out the youngest overall pairing was the most successful. Perhaps there were all anticipating the mixed, which was still to come.

Swifts graded singles tournament

A GRADE MIXED DOUBLES

Group A					
Player	Pos	Alex Tennant-Smith Holly Weston	William Manners Ellie Darlington	Christopher Lai Jessica Mallett	Nathaniel Brittany Polly Thisdell
Alex Tennant-Smith Holly Weston			7	15	15
William Manners Ellie Darlington	3	21		15	15
Christopher Lai Jessica Mallett	2	21	21		20
Nathaniel Brittany Polly Thisdell	1	21	21	21	

The mixed event is always a close affair and this year's was no exception. Both finalists came from the same group and the result of the final was the same extremely close (21-20) win for Nathaniel and Polly as had prevailed at the group stage.

If anyone thinks I managed the unusual feat of getting Chris Lai to smile in the photo below, think again! He was merely snapped in the act of telling me he never smiles.

A GRADE MIXED DOUBLES

Group B					
Player	Pos	Ben Churcher Lucy Sharp	Nicholas Pipe Sophie Mercure	Peter Beech Katie Price	Connor McCartney Jodie Teale
Ben Churcher Lucy Sharp	2		21	20	21
Nicholas Pipe Sophie Mercure		13		21	16
Peter Beech Katie Price	1	21	13		21
Connor McCartney Jodie Teale		17	21	18	

Semi-Finals

Nathaniel Brittany
Polly Thisdell 21 v 12

Ben Churcher
Lucy Sharp

Peter Beech
Katie Price 20 v 21

Christopher Lai
Jessica Mallett

Final

Nathaniel Brittany
Polly Thisdell 21 v 20

Christopher Lai
Jessica Mallett

Jessica Mallett, Christopher Lai,
Polly Thisdell and Nathaniel Brittany

