

Season 2016-17
Issue 26
12 March 2017



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

SWIFTS JUNIOR
BADMINTON CLUB
www.swiftsjbc.org.uk

Match Secretary
Cliff Buffham
17 Green Hill Road
Camberley GU15 1PF

Phone: 01276 25078
E-mail: cliff_buffham@ntlworld.com

Club of the Year



Our club chairman, Chris Thompson, was presented with the award in Birmingham by Richard Doubleday, the MD of Sport for the sponsor, Perkin Slade Insurance

The big, not to say HISTORIC, news this week is that Swifts has been named ***Club of the Year*** by our sport's governing body, Badminton England. Please note that this is *club* of the year, not *junior club*.

The award was presented at a ceremony hosted by Sky TV sports presenters David Garrido and Hayley McQueen at the Barclaycard Arena in Birmingham on Friday afternoon, and our representative, club chairman Christine Thompson, then attended the All-England Open Championship quarter-finals with her husband, Tony, as VIP guest of Badminton England and the award sponsors, Perkins Slade. The view from the box was a good one, I'm told.

The criteria used by the BE board to make the decision include our attainment in winning all three age groups at the NJBL last June, the scope of our competitive programme and the playing opportunities it offers our members, our enormous number of volunteer helpers, the large proportion of members we consistently develop to county standard, our record of developing national champions and international standard players, and the consistent success we have in the competitions we enter. They were also impressed by our introduction of an 8am club session in order to meet the demand for places.

It feels great to be part of it, and we must be doing something right, eh?

Match summary



Christopher Chong

Our U14 boys' match at home to Ebbisham in the Surrey League last Saturday was somehow omitted from the newsletter last week. My fault; my apologies. Unfortunately our team lost 0-10.

Because of our graded singles tournament there was only one match this week, on Sunday. Our U10 unisex B team (all girls, as it happened) played away to Lightwater in the ACDBL and won 9-1.

National circuit success

Smrithi Shirol played in the BE Warwickshire U16 Silver JC on Saturday and, beating the top seeded player on the way, won the girls' singles event.

Surrey tournaments

Smrithi Shirol played in the Surrey U14 restricted tournament and won the grade A girls' singles on Sunday.

Christopher Chong also played in the same tournament and made it a Swifts double by winning the boys' grade A singles.

Ruth Devapragasam played in the U16 B grade and won the girls' doubles and was runner-up in the mixed event, both with a scratch partner.

Berkshire tournaments

Mattie Tennant-Smith didn't enter our club graded tournament on Saturday as he had his hands full elsewhere—with trophies! He played in the Berkshire restricted U17 tournament and won all three events, singles, doubles and mixed. He might have had tougher games in our tournament though.



Mattie Tennant-Smith

Swifts graded tournament

We held the first day (singles) day of our annual graded tournament on Saturday. Everybody turned up to play (which is always a relief) so that meant that the two players who turned up without having entered could not be slotted in, and neither could the player who thought she was playing elsewhere in a national circuit tournament but whose partner was injured.

There was a lot of fun to be had, and a lot of excitement, as well as a number of surprises, especially among the grade B boys when they found they were playing girls. A lot of new names were to be found among the medal winners.

Full details are later in the newsletter, but the medal-winners were:

	Winner	Runner-up
Boys grade A	Christopher Chong	Nathaniel Brittany
Boys grade B	Dominic Nabasa	Jed Shrewsbury
Boys grade C	Ben Atkins	William Salt
Boys grade D	Matthew Barnfield	Leo Attree
Boys grade E	Bradley Mayuga	Siddhanth Shirol
Boys grade F	Fraser Childs	Toby Gibson
Girls grade A	Sophie Mercure	Emily Chapman
Girls grade B	Lila Dundas	Ruth Devapragasam
Girls grade C	Priyanka Pimple	Phoebe Ridsdill-Smith
Girls grade D	Isabelle Pun Lai Yuen	Holly Ranson
Girls grade E	Abigail Barnfield	Emma Ranson

Many thanks to the parents and members (especially the two girls who arrived for a club session and did not get one but stayed to help anyway) who scored and managed the lower grades for us—an essential, but unsung, task. It was good to see plenty of support for the players from parents, too.

ACDBL match results

Venue: **Lightwater** Date: **12 Mar 2017** Opposition: **Lightwater**
 Result: **Won 9 - 1** **Away** **U10B Unisex**

Swifts	Leah Naish	Erin Christian	Emma Ranson	Lucy Lincoln
Opposition	Jason Ho	Wei-Yee Zhon	Bei-Yee Zhon	Nathanial Fereday

Home Players		Score		Away Players	
Jason Ho	Wei-Yee Zhon	17	21	Leah Naish	Erin Christian
Bei-Yee Zhon	Nathanial Fereday	21	11	Emma Ranson	Lucy Lincoln
Jason Ho	Bei-Yee Zhon	14	21	Leah Naish	Emma Ranson
Wei-Yee Zhon	Nathanial Fereday	14	21	Erin Christian	Lucy Lincoln
Jason Ho	Nathanial Fereday	17	21	Leah Naish	Lucy Lincoln
Wei-Yee Zhon	Bei-Yee Zhon	16	21	Erin Christian	Emma Ranson
	Jason Ho	13	21		Leah Naish
	Wei-Yee Zhon	8	21		Erin Christian
	Bei-Yee Zhon	18	21		Emma Ranson
	Nathanial Fereday	8	21		Lucy Lincoln
		1	9		

Surrey League match results

Venue: **Lightwater** Date: **4 Mar 2017** Opposition: **Ebbisham**
 Result: **Lost 0 - 10** Home **U14 Boys**

Swifts	Dominic Nabasa	William Salt	Hayden Mitchell	John Canning
Opposition	Sam Jenkins	Ryan Purvis	Tom Nightingale	Elliot Roberts

Home Players		Score		Away Players	
Dominic Nabasa		10	21	Sam Jenkins	
		19	21		
William Salt		12	21	Ryan Purvis	
		7	21		
Hayden Mitchell		18	21	Tom Nightingale	
		12	21		
John Canning		8	21	Elliot Roberts	
		6	21		
Dominic Nabasa	William Salt	11	21	Sam Jenkins	Ryan Purvis
		12	21		
Hayden Mitchell	John Canning	20	21	Tom Nightingale	Elliot Roberts
		14	21		
Dominic Nabasa	Hayden Mitchell	20	21	Sam Jenkins	Tom Nightingale
		14	21		
William Salt	John Canning	16	21	Ryan Purvis	Elliot Roberts
		14	21		
Dominic Nabasa	John Canning	13	21	Sam Jenkins	Elliot Roberts
		13	21		
William Salt	Hayden Mitchell	10	21	Ryan Purvis	Tom Nightingale
		12	21		
		0	10		

Swifts graded tournament results

BOYS' GRADE F SINGLES

Group A									
Player	Pos	Harry Lincoln	Fraser Childs	Toby Gibson	Jimmy Brazendale	Leo Desai	Christian Jeremiah	George Oates	Shaurya Chhabra
Harry Lincoln			5	6	11	1	10	11	10
Fraser Childs	1	11		11	11	11	11	11	11
Toby Gibson	2	11	4		11	11	11	11	11
Jimmy Brazendale		8	2	4		2	7	5	7
Leo Desai	3	11	10	5	11		11	11	11
Christian Jeremiah	5	11	1	6	11	7		11	9
George Oates		5	6	7	11	2	5		3
Shaurya Chhabra	4	11	6	5	11	2	11	11	

Any junior club would give its eye teeth to have as many young beginners as we have in this event, ranging in age from U6 to U11. Obviously, it was the first experience of tournament play for some but they packed in a lot of games and enjoyed themselves. Fraser just managed to survive a very close match against Leo to remain unbeaten and take the gold medal.



Toby Gibson and Fraser Childs

Swifts graded tournament results

GIRLS' GRADE E SINGLES

Group A							
Player	Pos	Asmita Anand	Olivia Wells	Lara Hodgson	Xiao Tian Tung	Nethuli Alwis	Rishona Vikram
Asmita Anand			15	13	5	11	15
Olivia Wells	2	6		15	10	15	15
Lara Hodgson		15	9		10	14	15
Xiao Tian Tung	1	15	15	15		15	15
Nethuli Alwis	3	15	14	15	13		15
Rishona Vikram		13	5	3	7	3	

GIRLS' GRADE E SINGLES

Group B						
Player	Pos	Ella Dai	Emma Ranson	Abigail Barnfield	Millie Thompson	Sarah Devapragasam
Ella Dai			10	4	9	15
Emma Ranson	2	15		10	15	15
Abigail Barnfield	1	15	15		15	15
Millie Thompson	3	15	5	10		15
Sarah Devapragasam		1	5	5	12	

Swifts graded tournament results

Semi-

Xiao Tian Tung 13 v 15 Emma Ranson

Abigail Barnfield 15 v 12 Olivia Wells

Final

Emma Ranson 14 v 15 Abigail Barnfield

Our girl beginners were even more numerous than the boys so had to play in two groups with semi-finals and a final to decide the medals. The knock-out phase was particularly close and both finalists came from the same initial group, with the final going down to the very last game point. Nail-biting stuff!



Emma Ranson and Abigail Barnfield

Swifts graded tournament results

BOYS' GRADE E SINGLES

Group A						
Player	Pos.	Jack Blackman	Bradley Mayuga	Siddhanth Shirol	Kartikey Sarin	Yicheng Lim
Jack Blackman			8	3	13	15
Bradley Mayuga	1	15		15	15	15
Siddhanth Shirol	2	15	13		15	15
Kartikey Sarin	3	15	3	6		15
Yicheng Lim		10	3	5	12	

BOYS' GRADE E SINGLES

Group B						
Player	Pos.	Abhishek Sathiyana- rayanan	Ben Hazevoet	James Warne	Yee Kye Wang	Liam O'Hara
Abhishek Sathiyana- rayanan			12	14	3	12
Ben Hazevoet	2	15		15	15	13
James Warne	3	15	8		15	10
Yee Kye Wang		15	7	5		13
Liam O'Hara	1	15	15	15	15	

Swifts graded tournament results

Semi-

Bradley Mayuga 15 v 13 Ben Hazevoet

Liam O'Hara 9 v 15 Siddhanth Shirol

Final

Bradley Mayuga 15 v 11 Siddhanth Shirol

We now come on to slightly more experienced players, though some of them are only seven or eight years old. It was, again, a large section that had to draw into two groups. Both finalists again came from the same initial group.



Siddhanth Shirol and Bradley Mayuga

Swifts graded tournament results

GIRLS' GRADE D SINGLES

Group A							
Player	Pos	Erin Christian	Sandhya Jaikumar	Ruby Clark	Xiao Qing Tung	Amelia Wells	Temisha Veeramootoo
Erin Christian			8	4	15	8	15
Sandhya Jaikumar	4	15		15	15	11	10
Ruby Clark	2	15	12		15	15	14
Xiao Qing Tung		3	2	12		3	10
Amelia Wells	1	15	15	14	15		15
Temisha Veeramootoo	3	11	15	15	15	13	

GIRLS' GRADE D SINGLES

Group B						
Player	Pos	Lucy Lincoln	Isabelle Pun Lai Yuen	Holly Ranson	Leah Naish	Annabella Salt
Lucy Lincoln			4	0	7	11
Isabelle Pun Lai Yuen	2	15		13	15	15
Holly Ranson	1	15	15		15	15
Leah Naish	3	15	9	9		15
Annabella Salt		15	7	3	10	

Swifts graded tournament results

Semi-

Amelia Wells 9 v 15 Isabelle Pun Lai Yuen

Holly Ranson 15 v 11 Ruby Clark

Final

Isabelle Pun Lai Yuen 15 v 10 Holly Ranson

This was the largest section of all, with eleven entrants and a lot of close play. The competition was so even that not even the winner was able to win all her matches, in fact.



Holly Ranson and Isabelle Pun Lai Yuen

Swifts graded tournament results

BOYS' GRADE D SINGLES

Group A						
Player	Pos.	Kain Rafter	Matthew Barnfield	Timothy Canning	Jonathan Lai	Callum South
Kain Rafter			6	18	11	20
Matthew Barnfield	1	21		21	21	21
Timothy Canning		21	13		7	19
Jonathan Lai	2	21	10	21		21
Callum South	3	21	6	21	13	

BOYS' GRADE D SINGLES

Group B						
Player	Pos.	Nathan Gibson	Leo Attree	Izaak Mayuga	Connor Pearce	Thomas Beere
Nathan Gibson	2		12	21	21	21
Leo Attree	1	21		21	21	21
Izaak Mayuga	3	16	16		21	21
Connor Pearce		13	8	12		17
Thomas Beere		6	13	4	21	

Swifts graded tournament results

Semi-

Matthew Barnfield 21 v 12 Nathan Gibson

Leo Attree 21 v 16 Jonathan Lai

Final

Matthew Barnfield 21 v 12 Leo Attree

We are beginning to climb up the age and stamina scale now, as can be seen by the fact that these boys are playing to 21 points. Matthew, seeking to make it a family double win, was unbeatable on the day with only Tim Canning managing more than 12 points against him.



Leo Attree and Matthew Barnfield

Swifts graded tournament results

GIRLS' GRADE C SINGLES

Group A										
Player	Pos	Jessica Pun Lai Yuen	Sofia Riglia	Phoebe Ridsdill-Smith	Abbie Coleman	Paige Daniel	Sophie Walter	Priyanka Pimple	Annabelle Atkins	Eve Tyler
Jessica Pun Lai Yuen			15	5	14	7	7	4	10	15
Sofia Riglia		7		10	15	9	6	5	7	13
Phoebe Ridsdill-Smith	2	11	15		15	15	15	14	15	15
Abbie Coleman		15	8	8		9	14	10	9	15
Paige Daniel	4	15	15	8	15		14	14	15	15
Sophie Walter	3	15	15	8	15	15		14	15	15
Priyanka Pimple	1	15	15	15	15	15	15		15	15
Annabelle Atkins	5	15	15	5	15	7	11	9		15
Eve Tyler		12	15	9	6	9	4	4	3	



Priyanka Pimple and Phoebe Ridsdill-Smith

A large section playing in just one group saw the eventual winner survive two scares with the score at 14-14 to remain unbeaten and claim gold. I was pleased to see that every player won at least one game.

Swifts graded tournament results

BOYS' GRADE C SINGLES								
Group A								
Player	Pos	Michael Brind	Matthew Lister	Michael Cullen	John Canning	William Salt	Cameron Warne	Ben Atkins
Michael Brind			14	8	15	13	9	5
Matthew Lister		15		13	15	10	12	1
Michael Cullen	4	15	15		15	10	3	6
John Canning		12	9	13		7	11	4
William Salt	2	15	15	15	15		15	14
Cameron Warne	3	15	15	15	15	14		7
Ben Atkins	1	15	15	15	15	15	15	

The medals in this section depended on the results of a couple of extremely close games, with Cameron missing out on silver as a result of a 14-15 defeat to William, and William missing out on the gold by the same score to Ben. Never let it be said that Swifts members don't get the chance to experience nerve-wracking competi-



William Salt and Ben Atkins

Swifts graded tournament results

GIRLS' GRADE B SINGLES					
Group A					
Player	Pos	Jessica Walker	Elena Koutas	Lila Dundas	Ruth Devapragasam
Jessica Walker			16 21	11 10	15 7
Elena Koutas		21 12		20 13	19 15
Lila Dundas	1	21 21	21 21		21 21
Ruth Devapragasam	2	21 21	21 21	10 8	

There were a few late withdrawals from among girls who would have been in this section. This left us with just four entrants which necessitated everybody playing everyone else twice to make sure they all had a good run out. Elena came very close to beating Lila as well as Ruth but couldn't quite manage it and Lila emerged undefeated.



Lila Dundas and Ruth Devapragasam

Swifts graded tournament results

BOYS' GRADE B & GIRLS' GRADE A SINGLES

Group A									
Player	Pos	Max Curtis	Emily Chapman	Daniel Roach	Dominic Nabasa	Sophie Mercure	Jed Shrewsbury	Jack Wetherall	Greg Laurence
Max Curtis			15	15	12	5	11	14	15
Emily Chapman	G2	5		15	5	12	8	14	7
Daniel Roach		7	12		10	8	8	12	8
Dominic Nabasa	B1	15	15	15		12	15	15	15
Sophie Mercure	G1	15	21	15	15		15	15	15
Jed Shrewsbury	B2	15	15	15	14	6		15	15
Jack Wetherall	B4	15	15	15	14	9	8		14
Greg Laurence	B3	13	15	15	12	8	9	15	

Some sections were played in two groups but this is an example of one group for two sections as we placed the only two grade A girls into a group with the grade B boys, which gave the girls a worthwhile tournament and the boys an opportunity to learn how good the girls can be on the court, and how worthy of respect they are. Only the game between the girls (played to 21) counted towards their competition, and only the games between the boys counted for theirs. This was a good thing for the boys as the only undefeated player was a girl!



Sophie Mercure, Emily Chapman, Dominic Nabasa and Jed Shrewsbury



Swifts graded tournament results

BOYS' GRADE A SINGLES

Group A						
Player	Pos	Alex Tennant-Smith	Christopher Lai	Nathaniel Brittany	Soon Hau Fun	Christopher Chong
Alex Tennant-Smith			21	17	15	17
Christopher Lai	3	17		20	21	21
Nathaniel Brittany	2	21	21		21	20
Soon Hau Fun		21	14	10		18
Christopher Chong	1	21	17	21	21	

And so we arrive at the players who are the strongest, fastest, fittest and (perhaps) most skilled in Swifts. The entry was reduced somewhat by some strong players being out on the national circuit but we had a fine representative entry and saw some exciting badminton. The medals were again effectively decided by a couple of 21-20 games and Chris Lai will rue his slow start and consequent first game loss to Alex.



Nathaniel Brittany and Christopher Chong

ACDBL match results

Internal match results