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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

We suffered a number of cancellations this week with the result that only two matches survived.

On Saturday an internal Swifts X v Swifts Y match was a 7-3 X team victory.

On Sunday the U14 mixed B team played away at Bourne and lost 0-8.

National circuit results



Smrithi Shirol

Smrithi Shirol played in the BE Hertfordshire U16 Silver JC on Saturday and had a very successful day in reaching the semi-final of the girls' doubles and the quarter-final of both the mixed and girls' singles events.

Ellie Darlington played in the same tournament and reached the semi-final of the girls' singles.

Callum Mitchell was also involved and won the boy's doubles event.

New head coach for Swifts

After two years of glory Amir Ghaffar is leaving us to better enable him to cope with his changing domestic situation (he and his wife have a new baby on the way). His final session will be on 29 April and we extend our heartfelt thanks to him for his time with us.

Rest assured, our new coach has played badminton at a high standard: winning multiple junior national championship titles in doubles, singles and mixed; was an England junior international for four years; has been a competitor in the All-England and other international events; has represented three different English counties as an adult.

Our new coach also knows Swifts well, with two children whose membership of Swifts extended over seven years.

Of course, our new coach is fully qualified and has been actively coaching for many years, including as part of the Swifts team since 2009.

Uniquely, our new head coach was once a Swifts member.

Our new head coach is (have you guessed yet?) announced on page 2

New head coach for Swifts

Our new head coach is Natalie Pipe.

While we will most certainly miss Amir we now look forward to a new era in the life of the club with, for the first time ever, an ex-Swifts member in charge of the coaching programme.



Lila Dundas, Sebastian Grove and Hayden Mitchell

Surrey tournament results

The Surrey restricted U12 and U14 mixed and doubles tournaments were held in Epsom on Sunday, as was the U16 singles tournament.

Sebastian Grove won the grade A boys' doubles event, while Hayden Mitchell won the mixed event. Sebastian and Lila Dundas were mixed runners-up.

Smrithi Shirol won the U14 grade A girls' doubles and mixed events. She also reached the final of the A grade U16 girls' singles. where she lost to Serena Farrelly.

In the U14 B grade, Jacob Sheffield won the mixed event and, playing with Matthew Grove was runner-up in the boys' doubles.

County representation

Lila Dundas and Isabelle Pun Lai Yuen both played for the Surrey U12 team that defeated Kent 20-0 in the Shires League on Saturday.

Amy Chapman and Ellie Darlington were both members of the Hampshire U16 team that defeated Wiltshire in the Shires League on Sunday.



Matthew Grove and Jacob Sheffield

Swifts graded tournament

We held the second (doubles) day of our annual graded tournament on Saturday, with a record participation for any Swifts tournament of 92 participants, despite a series of drop-outs caused by illness and injury during the week preceding the event.

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

	Winners	Runners-up
Mixed grade A	Mattie Tennant-Smith & Lily Clark	Jed Shrewsbury & Sophie Mercure
Boys grade A	Soon Hau Fun & Mattie Tennant-Smith	Nathaniel Brittany Jed Shrewsbury
Boys grade B	Greg Laurence & Hayden Mitchell	Daniel Roach & William Salt
Boys grade C	Matthew Barnfield & Ben Ford	Kain Rafter & Jacob Sheffield
Boys grade D	Jonathan Lee & James Warne	Yicheng Lim & Siddhanth Shirol
Boys grade E	Shaurya Chhabra & Christian Jeremiah	Toby Gibson & Harry Lincoln
Girls grade A	Sophie Mercure & Jessica Walker	Ruth Devapragasam & Daisy Murphy
Girls grade B	Paige Daniel & Aneka Premanand	Elissa Grover & Amelia Sheffield
Girls grade C	Holly Ranson & Xiao Qing Tung	Sahana Balamurugman & Ruby Clark
Girls grade D	Ella Dai & various partners	Nethuli Alwis & Rishona Vikram

Many thanks again to the parents and members who scored and managed the lower grades for us—an essential, but unsung, task.

I apologise for the quality of some of the photographs which seem to have been taken in a coal cellar at night without the benefit of lighting. I suspect the camera is developing a fault (but then I would claim that, wouldn't I?)

ACDBL match results

Venue: Farnham	Date: 26 Mar 2017		Opposition: Bourne		
Result: Lost 0 - 8			Away U14B Mixed		
Swifts	John Canning	Tim Canning	Abbie Coleman	Jessica Pun Lai Yuen	
Opposition	Douglas Lansley	Kasper Lansley	Libby Hill	Chloe Paton	
Home Players		Score		Away Players	
Douglas Lansley	Libby Hill	21	12	John Canning	Abbie Coleman
Kasper Lansley	Chloe Paton	21	17	Tim Canning	Jessica Pun Lai Yuen
Douglas Lansley	Libby Hill	21	7	Tim Canning	Jessica Pun Lai Yuen
Kasper Lansley	Chloe Paton	21	18	John Canning	Abbie Coleman
Douglas Lansley	Chloe Paton	21	11	John Canning	Jessica Pun Lai Yuen
Kasper Lansley	Libby Hill	21	18	Tim Canning	Abbie Coleman
Kasper Lansley	Libby Hill	21	13	John Canning	Jessica Pun Lai Yuen
Douglas Lansley	Chloe Paton	21	15	Tim Canning	Abbie Coleman
		8	0		

Internal match results

Venue: Lightwater	Date: 25 Mar 2017		Opposition: Swifts X v Y		
Result: X team won 7 - 3			Home U14 boys		
Swifts Y	Izaak Mayuga	Bradley Mayuga	Liam O'Hara	James Warne	
Swifts X	Leo Attree	Callum South	Kain Rafter	Abhishek Sathiyarayanan	
X Team		Score		Y team	
Leo Attree		8	21	Izaak Mayuga	
Callum South		21	18	Bradley Mayuga	
Kain Rafter		21	16	Liam O'Hara	
Abhishek Sathiyarayanan		21	20	James Warne	
Leo Attree	Callum South	13	21	Izaak Mayuga	Bradley Mayuga
Kain Rafter	Abhishek Sathiyarayanan	21	13	Liam O'Hara	James Warne
Leo Attree	Kain Rafter	21	12	Izaak Mayuga	Liam O'Hara
Callum South	Abhishek Sathiyarayanan	21	17	Bradley Mayuga	James Warne
Leo Attree	Abhishek Sathiyarayanan	21	20	Izaak Mayuga	James Warne
Callum South	Kain Rafter	16	21	Bradley Mayuga	Liam O'Hara
		7	3		

Club graded tournament results

BOYS' GRADE E DOUBLES

Group A					
Player	Pos	Joshua Ford & various partners	Toby Gibson Harry Lincoln	Leo Desai George Oates	Shaurya Chhabra Christian Jeremiah
Joshua Ford & various partners			12 15	8 11	11 7
Toby Gibson Harry Lincoln	2	15 12		15 11	10 11
Leo Desai George Oates		15 5	9 2		9 11
Shaurya Chhabra Christian Jeremiah	1	15 11	15 7	15 10	

Our least experienced boys and girls are often placed in a uni-sex group because of the numbers involved but this year we managed a section for both boys and girls. This group, like all the groups of four pairs, had every pair playing every other pair twice. Unfortunately, this section went very slowly and at the half-way stage we had to start playing to 11 instead of 15.



Shaurya Chhabra, Toby Gibson, Christian Jeremiah and Harry Lincoln

Club graded tournament results

GIRLS' GRADE D DOUBLES

Group A					
Player	Pos	Sarah Devapragasam Millie Thompson	Ella Dai & various partners	Abigail Barnfield Sally Grove	Nethuli Alwis Rishona Vikram
Sarah Devapragasam Millie Thompson	3		4 14	15 15	8 8
Ella Dai & various partners	1	15 15		15 15	15 14
Abigail Barnfield Sally Grove		11 13	9 12		11 15
Nethuli Alwis Rishona Vikram	2	15 15	9 15	15 5	

She did not know it at the time but Ella lost her partner to a family emergency on the morning of the tournament and ended up playing with everyone—very successfully, as she becomes the tenth player to have won a Swifts doubles tournament without a partner.



Nethuli Alwis, Ella Dai and Rishona Vikram

Club graded tournament results

BOYS' GRADE D DOUBLES

Group A					
Player	Pos	Ben Hazevoet Yee Kye Wang	Yicheng Lim Siddhanth Shirol	Liam O'Hara Abhishek Sathiyana-	Jonathan Lee James Warne
Ben Hazevoet Yee Kye Wang	3		15 14	15 13	10 9
Yicheng Lim Siddhanth Shirol	2	13 15		15 15	13 14
Liam O'Hara Abhishek Sathiyana-		13 15	4 5		2 9
Jonathan Lee James Warne	1	15 15	15 15	15 15	

A dominant performance by the J team who remained undefeated throughout, the first of only six pairs to do so all day. Despite that, this was a group with a lot of very close games and every pair won at least one game.



James Warne, Yicheng Lim, Jonathan Lee, Siddhanth Shirol

Club graded tournament results

GIRLS' GRADE C DOUBLES

Group A								
Player	Pos	Erin Christian Annabella Salt	Holly Ranson Xiao Qing Tung	Leah Naish Emma Ranson	Sandhya Jaikumar Olivia Wells	Xiao Ting Tung Temisha Veeramootoo	Sahana Balamurugman Ruby Clark	Lucy Lincoln Amelia Wells
Erin Christian Annabella Salt			12	9	15	10	9	12
Holly Ranson Xiao Qing Tung	1	15		15	15	15	15	15
Leah Naish Emma Ranson		15	13		15	7	11	15
Sandhya Jaikumar Olivia Wells		14	9	13		9	14	9
Xiao Ting Tung Temisha Veeramootoo	3	15	12	15	15		11	15
Sahana Balamurugman Ruby Clark	2	15	4	15	15	15		15
Lucy Lincoln Amelia Wells		15	5	14	15	14	15	

This was the first of our large groups and it was able to make use of two courts which kept things moving quickly. It also contained three pairs of sisters which must be some sort of record.



Xiao Qing Tung, Holly Ranson, Sahana Balamurugman and Ruby Clark

Club graded tournament results

BOYS' GRADE C DOUBLES

Group A									
Player	Pos	Jonathan Lai Bradley Mayuga	John Canning & various partners	Kain Rafter Jacob Sheffield	Leo Attree Callum South	Nathan Gibson Izaac Mayuga	Thomas Beere Matthew Grove	Matthew Barnfield Ben Ford	Tim Canning James Tyler
Jonathan Lai Bradley Mayuga			8	8	11	15	6	11	12
John Canning & various partners		15		15	15	15	10	7	7
Kain Rafter Jacob Sheffield	2	15	8		15	15	15	5	15
Leo Attree Callum South		15	13	11		15	11	15	7
Nathan Gibson Izaac Mayuga		13	14	11	9		8	11	15
Thomas Beere Matthew Grove	3	15	15	4	15	15		15	10
Matthew Barnfield Ben Ford	1	15	15	15	13	15	14		15
Tim Canning James Tyler		15	15	8	15	14	15	11	

Another large group, with every pair winning a game—and, not to be outdone by the equivalent group of girls, two full and six half pairs of brothers. The medals were decided from among a three-way tie.



Jacob Sheffield, Kain Rafter,
Matthew Barnfield and Ben Ford

Club graded tournament results

GIRLS' GRADE B DOUBLES						
Group A						
Player	Pos	Paige Daniel Aneka Premanand	Elissa Grover Amelia Sheffield	Annabelle Atkins Jessica Pun Lai Yuen	Abbie Coleman Sandhya Jaikumar	Sofia Riglia Sophie Walter
Paige Daniel Aneka Premanand	1		21	21	21	21
Elissa Grover Amelia Sheffield	2	5		21	21	21
Annabelle Atkins Jessica Pun Lai Yuen		12	10		15	21
Abbie Coleman Sandhya Jaikumar	3	13	15	21		21
Sofia Riglia Sophie Walter		15	13	14	17	

A smallish group, with five pairs, and the first section to be playing to 21 points. We played 148 games on Saturday, varying from 11 points at the lower end to 21 at the top.



Elissa Grover, Paige Daniel, Amelia Sheffield and Aneka Premanand

Club graded tournament results

BOYS' GRADE B DOUBLES

Group A								
Player	Pos	Joseph Freen & various partners	Ben Atkins Matt Lister	Greg Laurence Hayden Mitchell	Daniel Roach William Salt	Sebastian Grove Jack Wetherall	Ollie Dunford Cameron Warne	Lucas Downes Anish Goel
Joseph Freen & various partners			15	10	10	13	15	12
Ben Atkins Matt Lister	4	10		15	10	10	15	15
Greg Laurence Hayden Mitchell	1	15	14		15	15	15	15
Daniel Roach William Salt	2	15	15	10		15	15	15
Sebastian Grove Jack Wetherall	3	15	15	9	7		15	11
Ollie Dunford Cameron Warne		13	12	8	4	12		15
Lucas Downes Anish Goel		15	13	7	12	15	13	

Another large group and they all tasted both victory and defeat. It is fair to say that Dan was the most delighted medal-winner of the day



Greg Laurence, Hayden Mitchell, Dan Roach and William Salt

Club graded tournament results

GIRLS' GRADE A DOUBLES						
Group A						
Player	Pos	Emily Chapman Aimee Christian	Sophie Mercure Jessica Walker	Ruth Devapragasam Daisy Murphy	Lily Clark Priyanka Pimple	Katie Atkins Holly Cullen
Emily Chapman Aimee Christian			11	10	20	15
Sophie Mercure Jessica Walker	1	21		21	21	21
Ruth Devapragasam Daisy Murphy	2	21	15		21	21
Lily Clark Priyanka Pimple	3	21	16	12		21
Katie Atkins Holly Cullen		21	5	12	13	

Sophie completed a girls' grade A singles and doubles double for the season, while Jessica became the first person named Walker to both win the Walker trophy (last season) and to retain it (this year), unlike the Walker sisters after whom it is named, who couldn't do so because they all left before it came into use.



Jessica Walker, Daisy Murphy,
Sophie Mercure and Ruth Devapragasam

Club graded tournament results

BOYS' GRADE A DOUBLES

Group A					
Player	Pos	Max Curtis Chris Lai	Soon Hau Fun Mattie Tennant-Smith	Dominic Nabasa Nick Pipe	Nathaniel Brittany Jed Shrewsbury
Max Curtis Chris Lai			16 19	21 14	21 15
Soon Hau Fun Mattie Tennant-Smith	1	21 21		21 21	21 21
Dominic Nabasa Nick Pipe	3	14 21	17 17		20 21
Nathaniel Brittany Jed Shrewsbury	2	20 21	20 19	21 18	

This proved to be an open group, with a three-way tie for second place among four pairs, and every pair had some very close games.



Mattie Tennant-Smith, Soon Hau Fun,
Jed Shrewsbury and Nathaniel Brittany

Club graded tournament results

MIXED DOUBLES GRADE A

Group A						
Player	Pos	Mattie Tennant-Smith Lily Clark	Nick Pipe Holly Cullen	Soon Hau Fun Emily Chapman	Chris Lai Ruth Devapragasam	Jed Shrewsbury Sophie Mercure
Mattie Tennant-Smith Lily Clark	1		21	21	21	21
Nick Pipe Holly Cullen		13		19	21	14
Soon Hau Fun Emily Chapman	3	20	21		21	12
Chris Lai Ruth Devapragasam		11	14	15		21
Jed Shrewsbury Sophie Mercure	2	14	21	21	10	

Soon and Emily came within a point of beating Mattie & Lily and thereby winning the event but had to be content with third place in another tight competition.



Mattie Tennat-Smith, Lily Clark,
Jed Shrewsbury and Sophie Mercure