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## Looking Forward to the 2005-06 Season:

- 98 matches scheduled for 17 teams in every age group and discipline against ACDBL clubs
- 34 matches scheduled for nine teams entered into the Surrey junior league—one in every division
- A new club tournament for you all to enter for free
- Three of our members have been made grade 2 players for this season by BADMINTON England (at U17 and U15 level)
- Swifts has a further player in grade 3 at U13 level)

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# SWIFTLINES

## Welcome to the New Season

Unfortunately, I feel I need to start the season with a moan. On several occasions last season myself and other members of the committee were contacted by parents complaining about our decisions and asked that they be changed. I feel I must make it very clear that a selection decision, once made, will NOT be changed after parental lobbying. Committee members always make decisions impartially and by using their best judgment. Sometimes we may get things wrong - we are human!

We all think our children are wonderful and should be in this team or that session but I am not prepared to run a club where decisions are changed because of parental pressure. As a principle this would lead to complete chaos. I am more than happy for parents to put themselves forward to be elected to the committee and that includes any of the decision-making roles such as chairman, secretary or match secretary.

I'm not suggesting that you should not come forward if you have a justifiable complaint. But please think twice before asking for your child to be promoted to

another team or session.

Having got that off my chest let us now look forward to another enjoyable and competitive season at our great club. I very much welcome a new member to our coaching team - Christine Thompson. Christine is a fully-qualified BE coach and she will be taking some of the coaching pressure off me in the second session, which makes me very happy.

I believe we are most fortunate at Swifts with large numbers of coaches, leaders and volunteers all giving their time to help the success of the club. I look forward to another successful season with, for me, the real benefit of seeing our Swifts members progress both as badminton players and as individuals.

Finally, could I ask you all to read our newly-prepared membership material, particularly the codes of conduct? Let us all have another enjoyable season!

Clive Dean

Chairman and Head Coach

## Swifts Go for Silver Club Award

You may have noticed that your membership pack has a fresh look and feel this season. You may even have spotted the new look to *Swiftlines*.

The reason for this is that Swifts is having an image make-over as we try to become the first club in Surrey to gain the Silver Club award from Badminton England.

Apart from the change of look, a lot of work needs to be done to present our case to be awarded the accreditation,

and we need to make a few changes (but thankfully not many) to the way we do things. Some of our volunteer helpers will be attending special training courses, while more people will have their pasts examined as we extend the scope of criminal record checks to further improve child protection.

We believe that the club is second to none in Surrey for the training and competitive playing opportunities it gives its members and feel that this excellence deserves some recognition. We hope you do too!

## 2005-06 National Gradings

*Edward Thomas, Michael Daw (both U15) and James Buffham (U17) have all been made grade 2 players by BADMINTON England, despite being in the bottom year of their new age groups. This means that three of the four grade 2 players in Surrey are Swifts members, so well done!*

*And congratulations to Kerri Scott who has been made a grade 3 player in the U13 age group (even though they cannot spell her name on the website).*

*Don't forget! We want you, the members, to write articles for publication in Swiftlines. Just contact a committee member (details on page 4).*

*Articles can be about anything relating to Swifts or badminton—jokes, pictures, stories, ideas—anything!*

## ACDBL League Tables for 2004-05

### 10 Unisex 4's Division 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Farnham & Bourne	6	5	0	1	606	494	12
Swifts	6	3	0	3	569	522	10
Mayflower A	6	2	0	4	481	553	7
Yeomans Bridge	6	2	0	4	461	548	7

### U12 Boys 4's Division 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Mayflower A	4	3	0	1	411	321	9
Swifts	4	1	1	2	353	365	5.5
Yeomans Bridge	4	1	1	2	324	402	3.5

### U12 Boys 4's Division 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Farnham & Bourne	8	5	0	3	832	540	18
Mayflower B	8	4	0	4	725	670	13
Knaphill	8	5	0	3	508	746	13
Swifts B	8	3	0	5	691	671	8
Yateley Hawks	8	3	0	5	683	812	8

### U12 Girls 4's Division 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Yeomans Bridge	2	2	0	0	211	153	5
Swifts	2	0	0	2	153	211	1

### U12 Mixed 4's Division 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Yeomans Bridge	6	4	0	2	632	477	13
Swifts A	6	3	0	3	592	449	10
Streetswater	6	3	0	3	393	615	7
Mayflower A	6	2	0	4	477	553	6

### U14 Boys 4's Division 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Mayflower A	8	6	0	2	850	533	18
Swifts A	8	6	0	2	806	598	18
Swifts B	8	4	0	4	694	718	11
Yeomans Bridge A	8	2	0	6	677	806	8
Knaphill	8	2	0	6	490	862	5

### U14 Girls 4's Division 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Swifts A	8	8	0	0	932	307	23
Swifts B	8	6	0	2	862	441	19
Yeomans Bridge	7	3	0	4	464	656	9
Mayflower	8	2	0	6	489	765	6
Yateley Hawks	7	0	0	7	245	823	0

### U14 Mixed 4's Division 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Swifts A	6	5	0	1	661	395	15
Swifts B	6	4	0	2	586	447	13
Mayflower A	6	2	0	4	453	579	6
Swifts C	6	1	0	5	373	652	2

### U16 Boys 4's Division 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Yeomans Bridge	6	6	0	0	677	358	17
Mayflower	6	3	0	3	526	556	9
Swifts	6	2	0	4	484	580	6
Streetswater A	6	1	0	5	457	650	4

### U16 Girls 4's Division 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Swifts	2	2	0	0	229	83	6
Yeomans Bridge	2	0	0	2	83	229	0

### U16 Mixed 4's Division 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Swifts A	6	5	0	1	661	346	15
Yeomans Bridge	6	5	0	1	652	400	15
Swifts B	6	2	0	4	384	624	5
Yateley Hawks	6	0	0	6	336	663	1

### Men's 4s Division 2 (Adult League)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Swifts	12	11	0	1	2501	1460	30
Eagles A	12	9	0	3	2272	1891	23
Burnside	12	7	0	5	2193	1981	20
Eagles B	12	5	0	7	1994	2274	17
Wellington	12	3	0	9	1856	2340	12
CVT B	12	4	0	8	1793	2272	11
Aloes	12	3	0	9	1998	2389	10

### Mixed 4s Division 2 (Adult League)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Eagles	8	6	0	2	1190	922	18
Yateley Family	8	6	0	2	1142	1022	17
Nomads	8	2	1	5	1112	1156	10.5
Swifts	8	4	0	4	1110	1095	10
Aloes	8	1	1	6	902	1261	4.5

## In Summary

Swifts entered a total of 22 teams into the leagues last season, in 18 separate divisions. Of these, we won 4 out of 11 divisions entered in the ACDBL, 3 out of 5 in the Surrey league and 1 out of 2 in the ACDBL adult league. That's a pretty good record!

## Surrey League Tables

### 13 Unisex

	P	W	D	L	F	A
Swifts	4	3	0	1	21	7
Wimbledon	4	3	0	1	20	8
Moles	4	0	0	4	1	27

### U13 Girls

	P	W	D	L	F	A
Moles	2	2	0	0	6	8
Swifts	2	0	0	2	8	6

### U13 Mixed

	P	W	D	L	F	A
Swifts	2	2	0	0	10	6
Moles	2	0	0	2	6	10

### U15 Girls

	P	W	D	L	F	A
Swifts	2	2	0	0	16	2
Moles	2	0	0	2	2	16

### 15 Mixed

	P	W	D	L	F	A
Moles	6	5	0	1	25	27
Swifts	6	4	0	2	35	19
Ebbisham	6	1	0	3	18	18
Wimbledon	4	0	0	4	10	25

## Son of Head Coach Speaks Out!

Being the son of the head coach has its advantages and disadvantages. I'll start off with the disadvantages. Firstly I'll never win any of the club prizes as my Dad would be very biased if he gave me a prize (*Not quite true, Conor! If you deserve one I'm sure you'll get one—Ed.*). Also, what seems like every month, I have to help throw away all the bad shuttles. This task is both tedious and time consuming. Then, all these shuttles and other items of badminton paraphernalia end up in my Dad's boot, making it much harder to fit other things in. My final minus point is that my Dad stays behind for second session to coach the younger kids, so I have to stay as well, although it does give me the chance

to help the younger Swifts.

On the plus side, though, I get extra individual badminton coaching, mostly on Monday nights. I always hear about tournaments (and get to enter most), although Dad does complain about those that are early on Sunday.

Another rather dubious plus point is that my Dad tells me what I'm doing wrong, sometimes in very great detail.

Finally I virtually always go to Swifts, as my Dad has to be there so I am guaranteed an excellent attendance certificate. Of course that also means that I always have to get up at the crack of dawn!

## Diary Dates

Here are some more tournament dates for your diary.

The ACDBL junior doubles tournament (U10, U12, U14, U16) will be held on Sunday 13 November and Saturday 19 November at Lightwater.

The ACDBL junior singles tournament (U14, U16) is scheduled for Sunday 29 January.

Because of the tournament, a dog show and a boxing event club session changes have had to be made. The session originally scheduled for 22 October has had to be moved to 29 October. The session previously scheduled for 19 November has been rescheduled to 5 November. The session scheduled for 28 January is now on 21 January.

The SSBA U12/U14/U16 mixed tournament is on 19 March—not 19 February as previously reported.

## Wanted - New Treasurer

***Terry Chivers has announced that he may be retiring as club treasurer at the next AGM, after many happy years in the role.***

***This means that the committee will be on the prowl, seeking a financially astute, numerate and (let's be honest) hard-working volunteer to take over when Terry departs.***

***With any luck we'll be able to have a period of running-in while Terry is still available to pass on his advice.***

***If you are interested in taking on this important role then please get in touch.***



**Conor Dean speaks out about life as the son of Swifts' head coach**

## About Swifts Junior Badminton Club



Chairman	Clive Dean
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Swifts Junior Badminton Club has been teaching young badminton players the fundamentals of the game of badminton for almost 30 years.

From small beginnings we have grown to be one of the largest and well-organised clubs in the area and currently have around 80 members.

We feel very strongly that our players should be taught the correct technique from the start, so things like grip, footwork and strokes are shown from the beginning. But we recognise that it should also be fun so we try to blend this with various fun games, for the younger members in particular.

The club recognises that it has a responsibility in teaching the children various social skills as well - how to integrate with other children, how to be a team member, how to interact with adults etc. So by the time they leave us they are good, all-round players.

The club runs two sessions on Saturday mornings throughout the season on six courts at the Lightwater Leisure Centre. The first session, 10am - 11:30am, is aimed at the older children. The second session, 11:30am - 1pm, is for the younger ones. The age range is from 6 to 18 years of age. We encourage (but don't force!) parents to get involved in the coaching if they are players and also welcome help in running the various league or tournament teams or occasionally helping with the committee.

We publish a weekly email newsletter covering our members' competitive activity and also publish *Swiftlines* several times a year.

We keep all members fully posted on news of local and Surrey tournaments, and those members that are really keen enter national tournaments run by Badminton England and other counties as well.

## Club Handicap Tournament



**Clive Dean**

**Number 2 in a series of mug-shots featuring the desperadoes on the club committee. Clive is both club chairman and head coach.**

We are introducing another opportunity for you to prove how good a player you are this season.

Following the success and popularity of the club's inaugural graded tournament last spring it has been decided to hold a handicap event early in the season this autumn.

All Swifts members can enter (and we hope you all will—entry is free). The first day of the tournament will be held on 24th Sep-

tember, and will comprise a singles tournament for everybody except the U10s (who will play doubles).

This is a golden opportunity to try out singles and gain a bit of experience if you have never tried it before. The tournament will be organised into age groups (U10, U13, U15 and U18) and each player will be allocated a handicap score so that the lesser players will not have to score too many points to beat the better ones.

1st October is designated for the doubles event in all age groups. You must find your own partner. But remember, if you team up with too strong a player you may find it difficult to win because of the handicap system. The opposition may even get more serves than you, so watch out! Some of you may want to step up an age group.

Play will start at 9am on both Saturdays, but watch out for news of when your group should arrive at the hall.

## Volunteer Helpers

If you would like to help out with running the club or coaching the members please get in touch with Christine Meades. The contact details are on this page. Extra pairs of hands are always welcome and it can be very rewarding.