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***If the training is easy
the match will be hard,
but if the training is
hard the match will be
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Summer club sessions

These have now started, and forty members enjoyed the first one last weekend, with another ten or so signed up to attend through the summer.

National Tournaments

On 24 May James Buffham took up his invitation to play in the national u18 circuit finals at the National Badminton Centre in Milton Keynes. This is an event where the top four players or pairs in each discipline come together for a seeded play-off.

James and his partner won their semi-final and got to the final where they were defeated in three ends by the Scottish number one pair who had already put out the top English pair in their semi.

On the same day, Justine and Kirsty Walker played in the Kent U16 Open where they progressed to the semi-final of the girls' doubles, and Jack Kinmond progressed out of his group in singles at the same event.

National Rankings

The national rankings for May have now been published and eleven Swifts members ended the season ranked inside the top 60 nationally by Badminton England for their respective age groups. These were:

- U11 Ollie Thompson (4th in singles, 16th in doubles), William Manners (18th in singles, 25th in doubles), Stirling Burrow (21st in doubles, and still U10)
- U13 Georgia Flatman (48th for doubles)
- U15 Jack Kinmond (5th in both singles and doubles), Jessica Ledermann (29th in singles, and still U14)
- U17 Hannah Thompson (32nd for doubles, 38th for doubles), Tom Frew (45th for singles, and still U16), Justine and Kirsty Walker (joint 49th in doubles)
- U18 James Buffham (5th in both singles and doubles)
- U19 James Buffham (12th in singles, 7th in doubles). James was also ranked in all three disciplines of the adult rankings (56th in singles, 59th in doubles and 44th in mixed)

Sportsmanship

As a result of a number of incidents at this year's Jubilee Tournament and SSBA club team tournament, the committee has decided to strengthen the Swifts code of conduct for members. The new version will be published in time for the new season.

SSBA club team tournament

One correction to last week's report is the detailed results of the Swifts U13 B team against Wimbledon, which was a 3-2 win rather than a loss. The corrected details can be found below.

Swifts awards

The annual Swifts awards were presented at the club session this Saturday. Hannah Thompson received the premier trophy, the Mike Cripp Award, for her success on the national tournament circuit this season.

Outgoing head coach, Clive Dean, has presented the club with a new trophy to be awarded for the best demonstration of sportsmanship across the season. This was awarded to Nick Bradley.

Awards for the players demonstrating the best attitude to training and best improvement were presented to Nuriah Haleem, Nick Halliwell (first session), James Ashley, Polly Thisdell (second session), Michael Dutton and Evie Halliwell (beginners' group).

Corrected U13B results from SSBA club team tournament

Result: Won 3-2		Opposition: Wimbledon	
Game	Swifts Players	Score	Opponents
Boys' Singles	Stirling Burrow	15-10	Thomas Saunders
Girls' Singles	Medha Bhasin	15-10	Philippa Sinclair
Boys' Doubles	Stirling Burrow	14-16 6-15	Ben Birks Eddie Lee
Girls' Doubles	Medha Bhasin	11-15 15-12 8-15	Pranavi Agarwal Rebecca Tung
Mixed Doubles	Max Lafferty	13-15 20-18 15-10	Eddie Lee Rebecca Tung
		3-2	