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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

The U12 mixed A team played a friendly match away to Mayflower on Saturday and won comfortably by 155-110.

The U16 boys also played away to Mayflower, in the ACDBL, on Saturday and won convincingly by 210-111.

The U16 girls completed a trio of big wins by defeating Mayflower away by 210-90, helped marginally by an injury to one of the Mayflower players which meant one rubber could not be completed and another was a walkover.

Things were not so rosy on Sunday when we had difficulty finding boys to play for the U12 mixed A team, away to Streetswater B. As a result, Emily Armstrong kindly stepped in to play and, although our team won the fixture by 135-134, we had to concede Emily's rubbers 21-0 (as she isn't a boy) and lost the fixture for league purposes by 70-153.

Club tournament

We held the singles section of the club handicap tournament on Saturday. A record 64 people entered originally, but between Thursday and Saturday several dropped out and we were left with only 57 players on the day. Please read the note on page 2 about this.

This is a tournament in which nobody has anything to lose since anybody who isn't the winner can always blame the organiser for getting the handicaps wrong.

The winners and runners-up were as follows:

	Winner	Runner-up
U10 unisex beginners	Nicholas Pipe	Christopher Lai
U10 unisex	Emily Appleton	Daniel Green
U13 girls	Alice Brown	Tia Halliwell
U13 boys	Jonathan Hau	Daniel Kent
U15 girls	Medha Bhasin	Georgia Beech
U15 boys	Jack Wills	Ben Everett-Riley
U18 girls	Georgia Flatman	Rebekah Flatman
U18 boys	Jamie Ellis	Jack Kinmond

Detailed results can be found later in this newsletter, starting on page 6.

Lost property

Jack Wills lost his red Cabrini top on Saturday. If you have picked it up accidentally please make sure he gets it back as soon as possible.

A white top was left by court 5 on Saturday and was handed in to LLC.

Cliff's rant

We had a record entry for the tournament on Saturday, and our schedules were planned accordingly. However, a huge number of people dropped out between Thursday and Saturday, mostly in mysterious circumstances. Two people did the right thing and emailed or telephoned before the day of the tournament to report they couldn't play for valid reasons such as an injury or an unavoidable family schedule change.

On the day, though, one player was extremely late, claiming to have thought it started at 10am (where they got that from I just don't know); a second was ill but didn't notify us until afterwards; another turned up too early for one of the later starts, went home and didn't bother to return (again, without telling us); a fourth player was believed by his parents not to have been entered (when he had); and three more failed to turn up even though they had entered—and haven't been heard of since.

This is such a collectively poor way to treat a tournament, and discourteous in the extreme to the organisers and other players, that I thought I'd write this piece to explain what is expected of you, as so many don't seem to understand. A lot of time and effort goes into organising our activities and they deserve your respect and full support.

Because so many people didn't turn up, we had a lot of (expensive) court time unused. Had we known in advance that fewer players were going to play we could have planned things differently to take advantage of this time. Reacting to developing circumstances on the day, of course, we couldn't.

So, if you have entered a tournament (or agreed to play in a match) - treat this as a firm commitment and make sure you **turn up at the appointed time to play**. This applies as much to club tournaments as it does to all others, and is doubly important if you have a playing partner.

If you unavoidably change your schedule, are ill or injured, **let the organisers know as soon as possible** and don't wait to be chased.

County representation

Stirling Burrow and Samodani Wijetunge were both chosen to represent Surrey in an U12 invitational doubles tournament in Leicester on Saturday. Both of them were runners-up in their respective events.

Ollie Thompson played in two county matches for the Surrey U13 team this weekend: at home to Avon on Saturday (a win) and away to Sussex (a defeat) on Sunday.

Georgia Flatman played for the Surrey U15 team that narrowly lost away to Avon in the Shires League on Sunday.

Court etiquette

A number of instances of discourtesy to other players were observed at the tournament on Saturday and a reminder of what is expected of you seems to be in order.

Always **shake hands** with your opponents after any match or friendly game, even if you are disappointed that you have lost.

Always **return the shuttle** to the server of the next point if it has landed on your side of the net, and make sure it goes **to** the player and is neither hit **at** him or her, nor merely hit over the net or past the player.

Parents, at matches and tournaments, are expected **not** to communicate with the players during a game, other than to cheer them on. Coaching, help with where to stand, scoring, statements about whether a shuttle was out or in are all **completely forbidden**. Players should try to ignore parents who try to communicate with them in this way, and certainly should not look to them for help.

Players should look for and return all used shuttles to the organisers. They can be used in training sessions and their re-use can save the club a lot of money.

Finally, if you create rubbish around the court, please pick it up and place it in the bin or take it home with you. You cannot expect the match or tournament organiser to clean up after you.

All of these points are covered in the parents' and players' codes of conduct that everyone has been sent upon joining the club (and which can be found on the club website).

Friendly match results

Location: **Lightwater**Date: **10 Oct 2009**Opposition: **Mayflower**Result: **Won 151 - 110****Away****U12A Mixed**

Swifts	Nathaniel Brittany	Nicholas	Emily Appleton	Tia Halliwell
Opposition	Richard Ivey	Christopher	Lucy Hall	Rebecca Newman

Home Players		Score		Away Players	
Richard Ivey	Lucy Hall	18	21	Nathaniel Brittany	Emily Appleton
Christopher Knight	Rebecca Newman	18	21	Nicholas Brown	Tia Halliwell
Christopher Knight	Rebecca Newman	7	21	Nathaniel Brittany	Emily Appleton
Richard Ivey	Lucy Hall	21	16	Nicholas Brown	Tia Halliwell
Richard Ivey	Rebecca Newman	5	21	Nathaniel Brittany	Tia Halliwell
Christopher Knight	Lucy Hall	21	9	Nicholas Brown	Emily Appleton
Richard Ivey	Rebecca Newman	10	21	Nicholas Brown	Emily Appleton
Christopher Knight	Lucy Hall	10	21	Nathaniel Brittany	Tia Halliwell
		110	151		

Location: **Lightwater**Date: **11 Oct 2009**Opposition: **Streetswater**Result: **Won 135 - 134****Away****U12A Mixed**

Swifts	Dane Grace	Emily Armstrong	Samodani Wijetunge	Stephanie Pipe
Opposition	Josh Godfrey	James Harvey	Katie Price	Ilinca Dragan

Home Players		Score		Away Players	
Josh Godfrey	Katie Price	16	21	Dane Grace	Samodani Wijetunge
James Harvey	Ilinca Dragan	21	15	Emily Armstrong	Stephanie Pipe
James Harvey	Ilinca Dragan	11	21	Dane Grace	Samodani Wijetunge
Josh Godfrey	Katie Price	21	8	Emily Armstrong	Stephanie Pipe
Josh Godfrey	Ilinca Dragan	21	9	Dane Grace	Stephanie Pipe
James Harvey	Katie Price	15	21	Emily Armstrong	Samodani Wijetunge
Josh Godfrey	Ilinca Dragan	8	21	Emily Armstrong	Samodani Wijetunge
James Harvey	Katie Price	21	19	Dane Grace	Stephanie Pipe
		134	135		

ACDBL match results

Location: Lightwater **Date:** 10 Oct 2009 **Opposition:** Mayflower
Result: Won 210 - 111 **Away** **U16A Boys**

Swifts	Jack Wills	Robert Adams	George Williamson	Jason Hau
Opposition	Jack Dawson	Morgan Smith	Toby Johnson	Stephen Knight

Home Players		Score		Away Players	
Jack Dawson		12	21	Jack Wills	
Morgan Smith		13	21	Robert Adams	
Toby Johnson		10	21	George Williamson	
Stephen Knight		5	21	Jason Hau	
Jack Dawson	Morgan Smith	12	21	Jack Wills	Robert Adams
Toby Johnson	Stephen Knight	6	21	George Williamson	Jason Hau
Jack Dawson	Toby Johnson	16	21	Jack Wills	George Williamson
Morgan Smith	Stephen Knight	12	21	Robert Adams	Jason Hau
Jack Dawson	Stephen Knight	17	21	Jack Wills	Jason Hau
Morgan Smith	Toby Johnson	8	21	Robert Adams	George Williamson
		111	210		

Location: Lightwater **Date:** 10 Oct 2009 **Opposition:** Mayflower
Result: Won 210 - 90 **Away** **U16A Girls**

Swifts	Georgia Flatman	Polly Thisdell	Medha Bhasin	Lydia Hartley
Opposition	Juliette Leo	Olivia Cavey	Emma Cooper	Katie Leo

Home Players		Score		Away Players	
Juliette Leo		7	21	Georgia Flatman	
Olivia Cavey		13	21	Polly Thisdell	
Emma Cooper		13	21	Medha Bhasin	
Katie Leo		4	21	Lydia Hartley	
Juliette Leo	Olivia Cavey	6	21	Georgia Flatman	Polly Thisdell
Emma Cooper	Katie Leo	10	21	Medha Bhasin	Lydia Hartley
Juliette Leo	Emma Cooper	12	21	Georgia Flatman	Medha Bhasin
Olivia Cavey	Katie Leo	9	21	Polly Thisdell	Lydia Hartley
Juliette Leo	Katie Leo	0	21	Georgia Flatman	Lydia Hartley
Olivia Cavey	Emma Cooper	16	21	Polly Thisdell	Medha Bhasin
		90	210		

Swifts club handicap tournament results

U10 BEGINNERS SINGLES

Group A						
Player	Pos	Max Petters	Eliot Duff	Sophie Maher	Nicholas Pipe	Christopher Lai
Max Petters	3		11 11	11 11	9 4	4 10
Eliot Duff		7 10		11 11	7 7	7 10
Sophie Maher		7 9	9 6		7 9	5 5
Nicholas Pipe	1	11 11	11 11	11 11		11 8
Christopher Lai	2	11 11	11 11	11 11	6 11	



Christopher Lai and Nicholas Pipe

Both U10 groups played in a group format in which every player played everyone else twice to 11 points. We had to resort to the tie-break rules to separate Nicholas and Christopher.

Swifts club handicap tournament results

U10 UNISEX SINGLES

Group A						
Player	Pos	Emily Appleton	Dane Grace	Jamie Green	Daniel Green	Sam Williams
Emily Appleton	1		11 11	11 11	4 11	11 11
Dane Grace		6 4		9 5	11 7	11 9
Jamie Green	3	9 9	11 11		11 8	11 11
Daniel Green	2	11 10	9 11	11 7		11 11
Sam Williams		3 9	2 11	7 4	5 6	



Daniel Green and Emily Appleton

Both U10 groups played in a group format in which every player played everyone else twice to 11 points. Daniel Green was the scratch player in this group and he suffered a couple of close defeats that he might ascribe to the handicapper.

Swifts club handicap tournament results

GIRLS' U13 SINGLES

Group A						
Player	Pos.	Emily Armstrong	Alice Brown	Stephanie Pipe	Holly Weston	Rianna Meme
Emily Armstrong			11	10	14	15
Alice Brown	1	21		21	21	21
Stephanie Pipe	2	21	8		21	21
Holly Weston		21	14	18		21
Rianna Meme		21	12	20	20	

Alice and Hannah were the scratch players. They both got out of their groups but met in the semi-final, leaving Tia and Stephanie to fight it out for the other place in the final.

See page 14 for a photo.

GIRLS' U13 SINGLES

Group A					
Player	Pos	Hannah Fitzpatrick	Carla Pinto	Jessica Mallett	Tia Halliwell
Hannah Fitzpatrick	2		21	21	14
Carla Pinto		19		21	18
Jessica Mallett		14	11		10
Tia Halliwell	1	21	21	21	

Semi-finals

Alice Brown 21
v
Hannah Fitzpatrick 9

Tia Halliwell 21
v
Stephanie Pipe 18

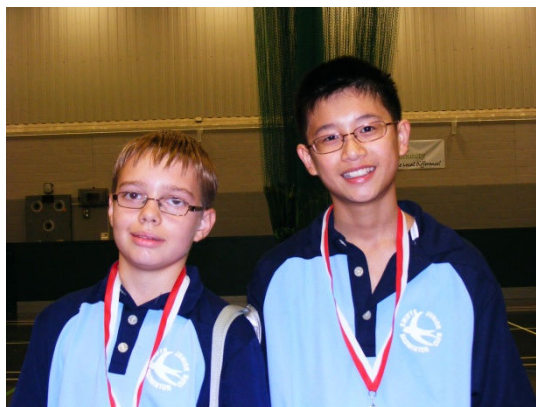
Final

Alice Brown 21
v
Tia Halliwell 14

Swifts club handicap tournament results

U13 BOYS' SINGLES

Group A							
Player	Note	Nathaniel Brittany	Douglas Paterson	Christopher Spain	Jonathan Hau	Daniel Kent	Nicholas Wild
Nathaniel Brittany	3		21	21	18	16	21
Douglas Paterson		16		21	8	8	21
Christopher Spain		18	13		12	6	10
Jonathan Hau	1	21	21	21		21	21
Daniel Kent	2	21	21	21	16		21
Nicholas Wild		11	7	21	18	12	



Daniel Kent and Jonathan Hau

We obviously didn't handicap the scratch player, Jonathan Hau, enough in this group as he won all his games quite comfortably.

Swifts club handicap tournament results

GIRLS' U15 SINGLES

Group A						
Player	Pos.	Evie Halliwell	Polly Thisdell	Georgia Beech	Lydia Hartley	Rosie Keene
Evie Halliwell			13	12	15	21
Polly Thisdell	2	21		12	21	21
Georgia Beech	1	21	21		21	21
Lydia Hartley		21	13	19		21
Rosie Keene		8	12	10	11	

Neither of our scratch players, Zoe and Polly, won their group though Polly made it through to the semi-final where she was defeated by the all-conquering Medha.

See page 14 for a photo.

GIRLS' U15 SINGLES

Group B						
Player	Pos.	Alicia Dadlani	Zoe Taylor	Veronica Mervild	Medha Bhasin	Helen Calder
Alicia Dadlani			15	21	5	6
Zoe Taylor		21		21	5	16
Veronica Mervild		19	14		8	13
Medha Bhasin	1	21	21	21		21
Helen Calder	2	21	21	21	11	

Semi-finals

Georgia Beech 21
v
Helen Calder 15

Medha Bhasin 21
v
Polly Thisdell 14

Final

Georgia Beech 9
v
Medha Bhasin 21

Swifts club handicap tournament results

U15 BOYS' SINGLES

Group A						
Player	Pos	Benedict Everett-Riley	Jack Wills	Andy Bryan	Martin Jager	Daryn Howes
Benedict Everett-Riley	2		19	21	21	21
Jack Wills	1	21		21	21	21
Andy Bryan		13	9		7	10
Martin Jager		16	15	21		21
Daryn Howes		20	19	21	18	

This was a close one. Jack Wills was the scratch player and he managed to win the event, though he had several close shaves.

See page 14 for a photo.

Semi-finals

Jack Wills 21
v
Michael Dutton 16

George Williamson 21
v
Ben Everett-Riley 14

Final

Jack Wills 21
v
Ben Everett-Riley 19

U15 BOYS' SINGLES

Group B						
Player	Pos	Daniel Jackson	George Williamson	Jason Hau	Alex Lawrence	Michael Dutton
Daniel Jackson			10	21	12	14
George Williamson	1	21		21	21	21
Jason Hau		20	17		21	15
Alex Lawrence		21	12	14		13
Michael Dutton	2	21	17	21	21	

Swifts club handicap tournament results

GIRLS' U18 SINGLES

Group A					
Player	Pos	Georgia Flatman	Nuriah Haleem	Jessica Ledermann	Rebekah Flatman
Georgia Flatman	1		21	21	21
Nuriah Haleem		19		21	20
Jessica Ledermann		15	16		14
Rebekah Flatman	2	15	21	21	



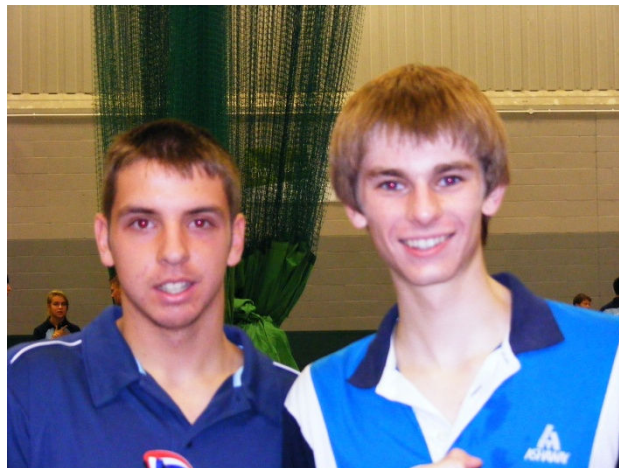
Georgia Flatman and Rebekah Flatman

The scratch player in this group, Jessica, never really got going and would have lost all her games even without a handicap. For the most part, though, this was a very close competition which resulted in the youngest participant winning.

Swifts club handicap tournament results

U18 BOYS' SINGLES

Group A								
Player	Pos	Alex Handley	Robert Jones	Jack Kinmond	Lee Bradberry	Jamie Ellis	Conor Dean	Ryan Tinslay
Alex Handley			14	17	18	9	11	6
Robert Jones		21		20	16	19	13	17
Jack Kinmond	2	21	21		21	17	21	21
Lee Bradberry		21	21	13		11	17	21
Jamie Ellis	1	21	21	21	21		21	21
Conor Dean	3	21	21	14	21	20		21
Ryan Tinslay		21	21	6	20	14	17	



Jack Kinmond and Jamie Ellis

This, the largest and most intensely physical group, was a test of whether the scratch player, Jack, could overcome some big handicaps (always between 8 and 17 points) over a long period of time. He gave it his best shot and managed it (coming back from a 10-20 deficit in one game) until the very last game of the day when he was defeated by Jamie in what was effectively the final.

Swifts club handicap tournament results



Georgia Beech and Medha Bhasin



Alice Brown and Tia Halliwell



Benedict Everett-Riley and Jack Wills