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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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More new members

We welcome yet more new members, bringing our numbers up to a record 114 at the end of the season.

Our newest recruits are: Ben Coker (U12), Liam Gowan (U8), Oliver McCoy-Pace (U10), Tom Penn (U18) and, joining in September for next season, Harry Williams (U8).

It has been decided that we will take more courts for our first session next season so that we can cope with demand. Also, the first session will commence at 8:45am from September to extend its length to 75 minutes.

Local tournaments

The ACDBL singles tournament (for the U12, U14 and U16 age groups) was held at Lightwater on 6 June and plenty of Swifts members entered, as you might expect. They all did rather well too.

23 of the total entry of 66 came from Swifts and Swifts members won eight of the eleven events and were runners-up in seven.

In the U12 girls Samodani Wijetunge won the A grade while Stephanie Pipe was third overall and won the B grade. Holly Weston was fourth overall and runner-up in the B grade.

In the U12 boys, Stirling Burrow was runner-up in the A grade, with Euan Farrow and Nathaniel Brittany both reaching the semi-finals. In the B grade Jamie Green was the winner, Nicholas Pipe the runner-up and Sam Williams reached the semi-final.

The U14 girls' A grade event provided another all-Swifts final, in which Samodani Wijetunge defeated Polly Thisdell, and Stephanie Pipe was runner-up in the B grade.

Ollie Thompson was runner-up in the U14 boys' A grade while in the B grade Jonathan Hau defeated Euan Farrow in yet another all-Swifts final. Daryn Howes reached the B grade semi-final.

Sophie Martin won the U16 girls' single-grade event.

Sarinda Wijetunge won the U16 boys' A grade while both Ryan Tinslay and Jack Wills reached the semi-finals. In the U16 boys' B grade Jason Hau defeated Mike Dutton to win the fourth all-Swifts final of the day.

Christine Meades Memorial Tournament

The first Christine Meades Memorial Tournament was held at Surrey Sports Park in Guildford on Sunday 13 June. The event commemorates the life and work of Christine Meades, our long-serving secretary, who passed away on 5 June last year. It is an invitation team tournament for U11 county teams including Surrey and other counties.

Daniel Green and Samodani Wijetunge were both members of the Surrey team.

Fittingly, the individual U11 girls' event was won by a Swifts member, Samodani Wijetunge, while Daniel Green finished third in the boys' event . I'm sure Christine would have been very proud.