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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

Some of the players' names in the detailed score card for the U12 mixed B match at Clandon were incorrectly transposed in last weeks' newsletter. The correct version is given later in this edition. Sorry about the mistake.

This week's only match was on Friday evening when the U4 boys' B team played away at Eagles in the ACDBL and convincingly won 201-143.

National championship results

Callum Mitchell and Harry Williams played together in the U11 national championships on Sunday, and reached the semi-final of the boys' doubles, beating the 2nd seeds to get there.

Samodani Wijetunge missed our graded tournament on Saturday in order to play in the U15 national championships where she reached the quarter-final of all three events—girls' singles, girls' doubles and mixed doubles.

County representation

Chris Lai, Isabel Phillips and Nick Pipe also missed our graded tournament and played in the Surrey U13 team that defeated Middlesex in the Shires League.

Last weekend, Stirling Burrow and Stephanie Pipe both played in the Surrey U15 team that beat Essex to qualify for the Shires League national finals weekend later in the season.

Swifts graded singles tournament

Our Swifts graded singles event on Saturday turned out to be the biggest singles event we have ever held, with 85 participants in more grades than ever before. Unfortunately, we couldn't prevent one person who hadn't responded to the call for entries from turning up (and being sent home). Nor did the carefully colour-coded tournament briefing document prevent someone from getting his starting time wrong. And one unfortunate player had to withdraw after just one game as he was feeling ill.

The full results (with photos of the medallists) can be found later in the newsletter, but, in summary, the medal winners were:

Event	Winner	Runner-up
Boys A	Ollie Thompson	Jonathan Hau
Boys B	Alex Downes	Ben Churcher
Boys C	Harry Williams	Harry Owens
Boys D	Timothy Lai	Kalvin Liang
Boys E	Max Curtis	Luc Freaan
Boys F	Matthew Grove	Jonathan Lai
Girls A	Polly Thisdell	Holly Weston
Girls B	Serena Farrelly	Jessica Mallett
Girls C	Helen Sproston	Cate Sutherland
Girls D	Neeve Galvin	Holly Cullen
Girls E	Smrithi Shirol	Ruth Devapragasam

The great thing about the graded tournament is that everyone plays against people of a broadly similar standard, so the play is competitive, and consolation is available for everyone who didn't do as well as they would have liked. The bottom grades are for beginners and the very young; they can all look forward to getting older and, of course, to improving. The wooden spoon winners of the other groups can congratulate themselves that they have improved and aren't in the group below.

Reviewing the results, we think we placed all the competitors in the right group, although not all the medallists were who we expected them to be.

Polly Thisdell, our girls' grade A winner this year, demonstrates the development we hope to see: she played in the bottom grade of our first ever graded tournament in 2005 (though we didn't have singles for beginners back then, just doubles) when she won all her games (and a gold medal) in the first week but lost all her games in the second week—such is competition. Now here she is, eight years on, winning the top grade.

Local tournaments

Sunday saw the ACDBL singles tournament, with a reduced Swifts entry because of the events reported on the previous pages.

Jenna Biddle won the U12 girls' event, with Lucy Bezants as runner-up.

Both our entries in the U12 boys' event were ill and couldn't play.

Imogen Galvin was runner-up in the U14 girls' A grade, with Jessica Mallett in third place.

Harry Owens was runner-up in the U14 boys' A grade, while Connor Strudwick was a semi-finalist in the U14 boys' B grade, and lost to the eventual winner.

Jonathan Hau won the U16 boys' A grade, while Ben Churcher was runner-up.

Alex Downes won the U16 boys' B grade, while Ben Coker reached the semi-final and only lost that 20-21..

Polly Thisdell won the U16 girls' A grade while Holly Weston was runner-up and Lucy Sharp was third.

The U18 boys' event was won by Jason Hau who gained revenge for being beaten in the previous day's Swifts tournament by pushing brother Jonathan Hau into the runner-up position.

Altogether, Swifts players won half of the ten sections and were runners-up in another six.



Holly Weston and Polly Thisdell after the ACDBL singles tournament

ACDBL match results

Location:	Guildford	Date:	23 Feb 2013	Opposition:	Clandon
Result:	Lost 125 - 156			Away	U12B Mixed
Swifts	Archie Pendry	Christian Attree	Lucy Doran	Rebecca Sproston	
Opposition	Finn McManus	Adam Buckley	Charlotte Longley	Freya Johnson	
Home Players		Score		Away Players	
Finn McManus	Charlotte Longley	21	9	Archie Pendry	Lucy Doran
Adam Buckley	Freya Johnson	21	19	Christian Attree	Rebecca Sproston
Finn McManus	Charlotte Longley	19	21	Christian Attree	Rebecca Sproston
Adam Buckley	Freya Johnson	21	15	Archie Pendry	Lucy Doran
Finn McManus	Freya Johnson	21	10	Archie Pendry	Rebecca Sproston
Adam Buckley	Charlotte Longley	19	21	Christian Attree	Lucy Doran
Adam Buckley	Charlotte Longley	21	9	Archie Pendry	Rebecca Sproston
Finn McManus	Freya Johnson	13	21	Christian Attree	Lucy Doran
		156	125		

Location:	Walton-on-Thames	Date:	1 Mar 2013	Opposition:	Eagles
Result:	Won 201 - 143			Away	U14B Boys
Swifts	Flynn Thatcher	Connor Strudwick	Kalvin Liang	Arseniy Kislitsyn	
Opposition	Ben Shepherd	Bobby Nur	Eddy Long	Robert Tredgold	
Home Players		Score		Away Players	
Ben Shepherd		21	15	Flynn Thatcher	
Bobby Nur		14	21	Connor Strudwick	
Eddy Long		8	21	Kalvin Liang	
Robert Tredgold		17	21	Arseniy Kislitsyn	
Ben Shepherd	Bobby Nur	15	21	Flynn Thatcher	Connor Strudwick
Eddy Long	Robert Tredgold	13	21	Kalvin Liang	Arseniy Kislitsyn
Ben Shepherd	Eddy Long	21	18	Flynn Thatcher	Kalvin Liang
Bobby Nur	Robert Tredgold	8	21	Connor Strudwick	Arseniy Kislitsyn
Ben Shepherd	Robert Tredgold	11	21	Flynn Thatcher	Arseniy Kislitsyn
Bobby Nur	Eddy Long	15	21	Connor Strudwick	Kalvin Liang
		143	201		

Swifts graded singles tournament results

BOYS' F GRADE						
Group A						
Player	Pos	Sebastian Grove	Jonathan Lai	Matthew Grove	Benjamin Hazevoet	Hector Earnshaw
Sebastian Grove			10	4	15	11
Jonathan Lai	2	15		5	14	15
Matthew Grove	1	15	15		15	15
Benjamin Hazevoet		13	15	7		9
Hector Earnshaw	3	15	7	9	15	

Everyone in this group was playing in his first Swifts graded tournament. Most, however, had been in the club from the beginning of the season and each has developed his skills in that time. Like many other grades, this was a close one: everyone won at least one game and there was a two-way tie for second place resolved in favour of the winner of the game between them. Matthew was clearly the best player on the day but the other players were very closely matched.



Jonathan Lai and Matthew Grove

Swifts graded singles tournament results

GIRLS' E GRADE

Group A											
Player	Pos	Gemma Downes	Daisy Murphy	Smrithi Shirol	Rosie Duff	Lila Dundas	Emily Nielsen	Antonell Naumova	Ruth Devapragasam	Erin Christian	Priyanka Pimple
Gemma Downes			11	5	11	11	6	5	5	11	10
Daisy Murphy		5		3	5	11	5	1	2	11	8
Smrithi Shirol	1	11	11		11	11	11	11	11	11	11
Rosie Duff		6	11	3		11	7	2	1	11	5
Lila Dundas		5	3	4	9		8	0	5	11	8
Emily Nielsen	4	11	11	9	11	11		6	11	11	11
Antonell Naumova	3	11	11	6	11	11	11		8	11	11
Ruth Devapragasam	2	11	11	9	11	11	10	11		11	11
Erin Christian		5	6	2	4	7	6	3	2		2
Priyanka Pimple		11	11	5	11	11	8	3	8	11	

This was one of our largest groups and was, again, composed of this season's beginners and some very young non-beginners; the youngest, least experienced and smallest player, Erin Christian, has just turned six years old. She lost her games but she didn't seem to stop smiling. Smrithi was unbeaten but had a couple of very close games, and there was a three-way tie among those who lost two games, so it was very close once again.



Smrithi Shirol and Ruth Devapragasam

Swifts graded singles tournament results

BOYS' GRADE E SINGLES										
Group A										
Player	Pos	Luc Frean	Cameron Warne	Matthew Biddle	Max Curtis	Hayden Mitchell	Archie Pendrie	Thomas Wild	Joseph Frean	Joseph Cowdery
Luc Frean	2		11	10	10	11	11	11	11	11
Cameron Warne		3		11	0	3	8	11	4	11
Matthew Biddle		11	7		5	8	7	11	7	11
Max Curtis	1	11	11	11		11	11	11	11	11
Hayden Mitchell	5	10	11	11	4		3	11	6	11
Archie Pendrie	3	6	11	11	5	11		11	11	11
Thomas Wild		8	6	7	5	4	3		2	8
Joseph Frean	4	8	11	11	8	11	9	11		11
Joseph Cowdery		3	1	5	6	2	2	11	3	

Another large group. This one came down to a win by Max over Luc by a single point, and that one point decided who got the gold medal as it meant Max was unbeaten and Luc was part of a two-way tie with Archie for second place, resolved in favour of Luc who had beaten Archie. Had Luc scored the last point in the game against Max he would have won the gold medal. It shows how important every single point can be, even across the whole tournament.



Max Curtis and Luc Frean

Swifts graded singles tournament results

GIRLS' D GRADE								
Group A								
Player	Pos	Rebecca Sproston	Lucy Doran	Neeve Galvin	Maddie Godwin	Annabel Bradshaw	Megan Laycock	Holly Cullen
Rebecca Sproston	4		15	15	8	15	15	6
Lucy Doran		11		8	11	8	14	7
Neeve Galvin	1	11	15		15	15	15	15
Maddie Godwin	3	15	15	11		15	15	10
Annabel Bradshaw		13	15	12	13		9	15
Megan Laycock		2	15	10	14	15		6
Holly Cullen	2	15	15	14	15	14	15	

Nobody in this group won all their matches—a good sign, along with plenty of games ending on 15-14 or 15-13—that things were close. Neeve was the overall winner with only one loss and Holly's two losses were both by a single point, which helped her when it came to resolving the three-way tie for the silver medal.



Holly Cullen and Neeve Galvin

Swifts graded singles tournament results

BOYS' D GRADE

Group A						
Player	Pos	Thomas Chan	Toby Hodges-Long	Timothy Lai	Joshua Craven	Kalvin Liang
Thomas Chan			8	9	15	15
Toby Hodges-Long	3	15		7	15	8
Timothy Lai	2	15	15		15	13
Joshua Craven		9	12	9		8
Kalvin Liang	1	10	15	15	15	

Semi-finals

Kalvin Liang	15
Ollie Phillips	14
Lucas Downes	9
Timothy Lai	15

Final

Kalvin Liang	11
Timothy Lai	15

This grade was played in two initial groups followed by a knock-out phase, and the final turned out to be a repeat of an earlier group game. On the first occasion they met, Calvin won but he wasn't able to repeat this success in the final when Timothy took the gold medal. Both of the qualifiers from the second group got knocked out in the semi-final and, given that play didn't go exactly as the seeding committee expected, this is a good indication that this was another close-fought grade.

BOYS' D GRADE

Group B					
Player	Pos.	Connor Curtis	Eliot Duff	Lucas Downes	Ollie Phillips
Connor Curtis	3		15	11	10
Eliot Duff		7		3	8
Lucas Downes	1	15	15		15
Ollie Phillips	2	15	15	4	



Kalvin Liang and Timothy Lai

Swifts graded singles tournament results

GIRLS' C GRADE							
Group A							
Player	Pos	Cate Sutherland	Ella Sumner	Lucy Bezants	Aimee Christian	Helen Sproston	Alice Sutton
Cate Sutherland	2		11	15	15	13	15
Ella Sumner		15		11	15	9	8
Lucy Bezants	3	14	15		15	13	15
Aimee Christian		6	8	7		5	14
Helen Sproston	1	15	15	15	15		15
Alice Sutton		4	15	13	15	9	

We had yet another tie to resolve to determine who won the medals and several games went to 15-14 or 15-13, so this was anyone's grade to win. Helen managed to win all her games (though a couple were very close) so she got the gold medal, with newcomer Cate taking silver.



Cate Sutherland and Helen Sproston

Swifts graded singles tournament results

BOYS' C GRADE

Group A						
Player	Pos	Alex Lopez	Harry Williams	Harry Owens	Bhagyesh Govilkar	Jason Fisher
Alex Lopez			0	0	10	7
Harry Williams	1	15		15	15	15
Harry Owens	2	15	8		15	15
Bhagyesh Govilkar		15	5	0		9
Jason Fisher	3	15	14	8	15	

Semi-finals

Harry Williams	15
Callum Mitchell	5
Connor Strudwick	11
Harry Owens	15

Final

Harry Williams	15
Harry Owens	7

This should have been called the Harry grade, given how many participants have that name. Unfortunately one of them had to drop out after only one game as he felt unwell. The other two were both in the other group, though, and both of them managed to get to the final, where Harry Williams repeated his earlier group stage victory over Harry Owens to take the gold medal. Connor demonstrated how well someone who only joined during this season can do by reaching the semi-final.

BOYS' C GRADE

Group B						
Player	Pos	Oliver McCoy-Page	Callum Mitchell	Harry Hodges-Long	Connor Strudwick	Flynn Thatcher
Oliver McCoy-Page			12	w/o	11	14
Callum Mitchell	2	15		w/o	7	15
Harry Hodges-Long	Retired ill	w/d	w/d		13	w/d
Connor Strudwick	1	15	15	15		15
Flynn Thatcher	3	15	12	w/o	10	



Harry Williams and Harry Owens

Swifts graded singles tournament results

GIRLS' B GRADE						
Group A						
Player	Pos	Jasmine Farrelly	Serena Farrelly	Jessica Mallett	Jenna Biddle	Ellie Darlington
Jasmine Farrelly			18	13	10	14
Serena Farrelly	1	21		21	21	21
Jessica Mallett	2	21	15		21	21
Jenna Biddle	3	21	18	15		21
Ellie Darlington		21	15	20	14	

This is the first of the groups that played to 21 points, so that stamina began to play a role. Serena managed to take gold by winning all her matches but she was involved in some very close games and came very close to losing her very first game against her sister Jasmine who, had she held her nerve, might have inflicted the day's first form upset.



Serena Farrelly and Jessica Mallett

Swifts graded singles tournament results

BOYS' B GRADE

Group A							
Player	Pos	Christopher Spain	Alex Downes	Connor McCartney	Alex Hunt	Ben Churcher	Henry Bradshaw
Christopher Spain			9	6	14	3	13
Alex Downes	1	21		21	21	21	21
Connor McCartney	3	21	16		21	7	21
Alex Hunt		21	7	5		5	14
Ben Churcher	2	21	16	21	21		21
Henry Bradshaw		21	11	11	21	11	

Semi-finals

Alex Downes	21
Christopher Gane	7
Steven Bullett	18
Ben Churcher	21

Final

Alex Downes	21
Ben Churcher	16

By this stage the medal-presenting party were thinking about standing on a chair to reach the necks of the recipients. Alex took gold while remaining unbeaten. Both finalists came from the same group again and Ben had a second go at beating Alex, but the score was exactly the same as it had been in the group game. The games in the second group were very close, on the whole, and the competition was keen.



Alex Downes and Ben Churcher

BOYS' B GRADE

Group B						
Player	Pos	Ben Cullen	Steven Bullett	Ben Coker	Nicholas Wild	Christopher Gane
Ben Cullen			14	18	17	6
Steven Bullett	1	21		21	21	21
Ben Coker		21	19		13	14
Nicholas Wild	3	21	11	21		11
Christopher Gane	2	21	16	21	21	

Swifts graded singles tournament results

GIRLS' A GRADE							
Group A							
Player	Pos	Alice Brown	Lucy Sharp	Polly Thisdell	Imogen Galvin	Holly Weston	Kaman Liang
Alice Brown			3	15	21	6	6
Lucy Sharp	3	21		14	21	14	21
Polly Thisdell	1	21	21		21	21	21
Imogen Galvin		14	9	10		6	10
Holly Weston	2	21	21	11	21		21
Kaman Liang		21	14	9	21	13	

The result of this grade exactly foreshadowed what was to happen in the ACDBL U16 singles event on Sunday, so a measure of consistency has prevailed. Polly emerged, unbeaten, with the gold and Holly gained silver, with Lucy in third place.

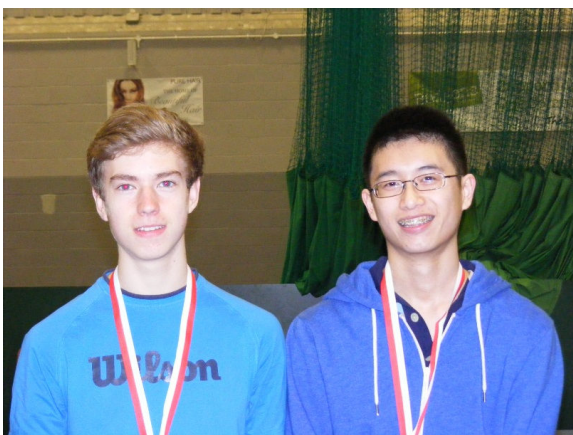


Polly Thisdell and Holly Weston

Swifts graded singles tournament results

BOYS' A GRADE								
Group A								
Player	Pos	Jonathan Hau	Ollie Thompson	William Manners	Jake Handley	Jason Hau	Nathaniel Brittany	Daryn Howes
Jonathan Hau	2		14	21	21	21	21	20
Ollie Thompson	1	21		21	21	21	21	21
William Manners	3	14	18		21	21	21	21
Jake Handley		13	13	13		3	17	17
Jason Hau		17	4	11	21		18	21
Nathaniel Brittany		10	15	12	21	21		21
Daryn Howes		21	14	14	21	14	17	

This was the toughest of all the grades—lots of games which were played to 21 points with little rest, so fitness and stamina were important as well as skill. As befits a national champion, Ollie won all his games and such was the competitive nature of the grade, that the next-to-last player managed to beat the eventual runner-up.



Ollie Thompson and Jonny Hau