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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

On Saturday the U14 boys team clinched our first Surrey League divisional title of the season by beating Ebbisham at home (who turned up with a girl instead of one of the boys) 10-0.

The U18 mixed team also played Ebbisham at home and beat another team that was missing a player, by 6½-1½.

The U14 mixed B team played at home to Yateley Hawks in the ACDBL and won 168-96.

The U10 unisex B team played away to Horsell and lost 97-189.

On Sunday a very young U12 boys' A team played away to Bourne and suffered its first defeat of the season, in a very close encounter, by 172-180. The resulting league point was enough to clinch our twelfth division of the season, with two matches still to play.

In the Surrey League the U10 unisex team played away to Chadacre and lost a very tight contest by 4-6.

County representation

Callum Mitchell and Harry Williams both played in the Surrey U13 A team that defeated Hertfordshire in the Shires League on Sunday.

National circuit results

Nick Pipe entered the BE U15 West Midlands Silver JC at the weekend. He won the boys' doubles event and also reached the semi-final of the singles.

Stephanie Pipe played in the BE U15 Kent Bronze JC, reaching the semi-final of the mixed event.

Swifts shirts

Some members and parents still seem to have doubts about our clearly-expressed clothing rules (see article 8 of the members' code of conduct, which is on the website and was sent to you when you joined). You must wear a club shirt **when representing the club** in a match or team tournament. If you don't have one, then buy one or borrow one. What you wear at a club session, or at an individual tournament, is up to you.

Swifts doubles tournament

Eighty-five members took part in the final, doubles, weekend of this year's graded tournament. Unfortunately several had to drop out after entry due to illness or injury, but the entry was still high. From the organisers' point of view, the fact that the players we expected to play all arrived on time was brilliant, so thank you all for that.

Many thanks are due to the parents who assisted on the day with scoring games in the junior grades; this is always most valuable. We had one round of matches outstanding in the mixed event when 1pm came around, so you can tell how fine-tuned the schedule was, and how important it was that everyone turned up at the time notified. Full details can be found later in the newsletter but, in summary, the results were:

Grade	Winners	Runners-up
Grade A boys	Chris Lai & various partners	Steven Bullett & Jonathan Hau
Grade B boys	Ben Coker & various partners	Connor Strudwick & Alex Tennant-Smith
Grade C boys	Thomas Chan & Jonathan Chong	Connor Curtis & Jason Fisher
Grade D boys	Toby Hodges-Long & Jack Wetherall	Joseph Frean & Daniel Roach
Grade E boys	Luc Frean & Thomas Newman	Jacob French & Matthew Lister
Grade F boys	John Canning & Hector Earnshaw	Timothy Canning & Sebastian Grove
Grade A girls	Kaman Liang & Lucy Sharp	Alice Brown & Polly Thisdell
Grade B girls	Jessica Mallett & Isabel Smith	Serena Farrelly & Helen Sproston
Grade C girls	Aimee Christian & Holly Cullen	Neeve Galvin & Alice Sutton
Grade D girls	Ruth Devapragasam & Gemma Downes	Emily Nielsen & Sophie Walter
Beginners unisex	Paige Daniel & Ben Ford	Marianne Wu & various partners
Grade A mixed	Jonathan Hau & Kaman Liang	Steven Bullett & Polly Thisdell

This is an unusual doubles tournament in that players don't get to choose their own partner. We aim to allocate partners such that all the pairs within a grade are as evenly-matched as possible. We even put in a lot of effort to try and do this for individual games where we have an odd number of players in a grade and one player has several partners. Our success in doing this is variable but can often be judged by (a) the number of close games, (b) the number of tied places we have to resolve and (c) the number of grades where all the pairs win at least one game or don't win all their games.

Despite the number of times we tell people otherwise we are always being asked *Is it decided on points?* and the answer is always the same (and always has been) - a firm *No!* But the award for the silliest question of the day went to the boy in grade D who asked *How many points are we playing to?* This might sound a reasonable question to ask until you realise he didn't ask it until he had been playing for well over an hour and he had already had finished three games! Doh!

Surrey League match results

Location: Lightwater **Date:** 15 Mar 2014 **Opposition:** Ebbisham
Result: Won 10 - 0 **Home** **U14 Boys**

Swifts	Chris Lai	Connor Strudwick	Harry Owens	Sam Williams
Opposition	Sammy Morris	James	Taylor	Charlotte Atkins

Home Players		Score		Away Players	
Chris Lai		21	6	Sammy Morris	
		21	6		
Connor Strudwick		21	18	James	
		21	12		
Harry Owens		21	3	Taylor	
		21	9		
Sam Williams		21	18	Charlotte Atkins	
		21	9		
Chris Lai	Connor Strudwick	21	6	Sammy Morris	James
		21	11		
Harry Owens	Sam Williams	21	10	Taylor	Charlotte Atkins
		21	17		
Chris Lai	Harry Owens	21	9	Sammy Morris	Taylor
		21	6		
Connor Strudwick	Sam Williams	23	25	James	Charlotte Atkins
		21	8		
Chris Lai	Sam Williams	21	14	Sammy Morris	Charlotte Atkins
		21	15		
Connor Strudwick	Harry Owens	21	6	James	Taylor
		21	9		
		10	0		

Surrey League match results

Location: Lightwater **Date:** 15 Mar 2014 **Opposition:** Ebbisham
Result: Won 6.5 - 1.5 **Home** **U18S Mixed**

Swifts	Daryn Howes	Steven Bullett	Polly Thisdell	Lucy Sharp
Opposition	Ben Richardson	No player	Gemma Atkins	Kyalvili Nantha-Kumar

Home Players		Score		Away Players	
Daryn Howes	Polly Thisdell	22	20	Ben Richardson	Gemma Atkins
		21	16		
Steven Bullett	Lucy Sharp			No player	Kyalvili Nantha-Kumar
Steven Bullett	Lucy Sharp	15	21	Ben Richardson	Gemma Atkins
		12	21		
Daryn Howes	Polly Thisdell			No player	Kyalvili Nantha-Kumar
Daryn Howes	Lucy Sharp	21	14	Ben Richardson	Kyalvili Nantha-Kumar
		21	18		
Steven Bullett	Polly Thisdell			No player	Gemma Atkins
Daryn Howes	Lucy Sharp			No player	Gemma Atkins
Steven Bullett	Polly Thisdell	17	21	Ben Richardson	Kyalvili Nantha-Kumar
		21	19		
Steven Bullett	Lucy Sharp	17	21	Ben Richardson	Kyalvili Nantha-Kumar
		18	21		
		6.5	1.5		

Surrey League match results

Location: Wallington **Date:** 16 Mar 2014 **Opposition:** Chadacre
Result: Lost 4 - 6 **Away** **U10 Unisex**

Swifts	Dominic Nabasa	Hayden Mitchell	Smrithi Shirol	Ben Hazevoet
Opposition	Luke Griffiths	Anant Gupta	Thomas Andrew	Aranish Asokumar

Home Players		Score		Away Players	
Luke Griffiths		21	16	Dominic Nabasa	
		21	1		
Anant Gupta		22	20	Hayden Mitchell	
		18	21		
Thomas Andrew		16	21	Smrithi Shirol	
		20	22		
Aranish Asokumar		21	10	Ben Hazevoet	
		21	8		
Luke Griffiths	Anant Gupta	21	19	Dominic Nabasa	Hayden Mitchell
		21	14		
Thomas Andrew	Aranish Asokumar	18	21	Smrithi Shirol	Ben Hazevoet
		19	21		
Luke Griffiths	Thomas Andrew	29	27	Dominic Nabasa	Smrithi Shirol
		21	15		
Anant Gupta	Aranish Asokumar	21	19	Hayden Mitchell	Ben Hazevoet
		15	21		
Luke Griffiths	Aranish Asokumar	21	13	Dominic Nabasa	Ben Hazevoet
		21	8		
Anant Gupta	Thomas Andrew	13	21	Hayden Mitchell	Smrithi Shirol
		16	21		
		6	4		

ACDBL match results

Location: Lightwater **Date:** 15 Mar 2014 **Opposition:** Yateley Hawks
Result: Won 168 - 96 **Home** **U14B Mixed**

Swifts	Connor Curtis	Zak Theoudoulou	Helen Sproston	Aimee Christian
Opposition	Drew Johnson	Russ Houghton	Emma Turrell	Alicia Houghton

Home Players		Score		Away Players	
Connor Curtis	Helen Sproston	21	13	Drew Johnson	Emma Turrell
Zak Theoudoulou	Aimee Christian	21	12	Russ Houghton	Alicia Houghton
Connor Curtis	Helen Sproston	21	11	Russ Houghton	Alicia Houghton
Zak Theoudoulou	Aimee Christian	21	12	Drew Johnson	Emma Turrell
Connor Curtis	Aimee Christian	21	12	Drew Johnson	Alicia Houghton
Zak Theoudoulou	Helen Sproston	21	13	Russ Houghton	Emma Turrell
Zak Theoudoulou	Helen Sproston	21	20	Drew Johnson	Alicia Houghton
Connor Curtis	Aimee Christian	21	3	Russ Houghton	Emma Turrell
		168	96		

Location: Woking High School **Date:** 15 Mar 2014 **Opposition:** Horsell
Result: Lost 97 - 189 **Away** **U10B Unisex**

Swifts	Sebastian Grove	Tim Canning	Annabelle Atkins	Daisy Murphy
Opposition	Arya Admane	Zain Moolji	Isaac Wong	Joe Gillespie

Home Players		Score		Away Players	
Arya Admane		21	6	Sebastian Grove	
Zain Moolji		21	12	Tim Canning	
Isaac Wong	Joe Gillespie	21	12	Annabelle Atkins	Daisy Murphy
Zain Moolji	Isaac Wong	21	15	Sebastian Grove	Daisy Murphy
Arya Admane	Joe Gillespie	21	8	Tim Canning	Annabelle Atkins
Arya Admane	Isaac Wong	21	9	Sebastian Grove	Annabelle Atkins
Zain Moolji	Joe Gillespie	21	8	Tim Canning	Daisy Murphy
Arya Admane	Joe Gillespie	21	14	Sebastian Grove	Daisy Murphy
Zain Moolji	Isaac Wong	21	13	Tim Canning	Annabelle Atkins
		189	97		

ACDBL match results

Location: **Farnham** Date: **16 Mar 2014** Opposition: **Bourne**
 Result: **Lost 172 - 180** **Away** **U12A Boys**

Swifts	Toby Hodges-Long	Josh Craven	Ben Atkins	Hayden Mitchell
Opposition	Kieran Harding	Justin Worthy	Tom Hill	Sam Scott

Home Players		Score		Away Players	
Kieran Harding		21	15	Toby Hodges-Long	
Justin Worthy		16	21	Josh Craven	
Tom Hill		10	21	Ben Atkins	
Sam Scott		21	12	Hayden Mitchell	
Kieran Harding	Justin Worthy	21	17	Toby Hodges-Long	Josh Craven
Tom Hill	Sam Scott	18	21	Ben Atkins	Hayden Mitchell
Kieran Harding	Tom Hill	21	12	Toby Hodges-Long	Ben Atkins
Justin Worthy	Sam Scott	19	21	Josh Craven	Hayden Mitchell
Kieran Harding	Sam Scott	21	11	Toby Hodges-Long	Hayden Mitchell
Justin Worthy	Tom Hill	12	21	Josh Craven	Ben Atkins
		180	172		

Swifts graded doubles tournament

UNISEX BEGINNERS' DOUBLES							
Group A							
Player	Pos	Marianne Wu & various partners	Benjamin Hazevoet Rebecca Singer	Erin Christian Lila Dundas	Nathan Gibson Dominic Leckie	Daisy Murphy Marco Naumov	Paige Daniel Ben Ford
Marianne Wu & various partners	2		15	15	15	15	13
Benjamin Hazevoet Rebecca Singer		11		7	12	15	13
Erin Christian Lila Dundas		8	15		12	15	10
Nathan Gibson Dominic Leckie	3	10	15	15		15	14
Daisy Murphy Marco Naumov		12	14	14	10		15
Paige Daniel Ben Ford	1	15	15	15	15	12	

We reluctantly had to take the unisex route for the beginners, mainly because of numbers. The whole group was close, with everyone winning at least one game, and the tie for first place was resolved in favour of Ben & Paige by virtue of their win against Marianne. This group came in for particularly close coaching scrutiny, with areas for development clearly identified.



Marianne Wu, Ben Ford and Paige Daniel

Swifts graded doubles tournament

GIRLS' D DOUBLES					
Group A					
Player	Pos	Devashri Moodley Antonella Naumova	Ruth Devapragasam Gemma Downes	Annabelle Atkins TingTing Lin-Wong	Emily Nielsen Sophie Walter
Devashri Moodley Antonella Naumova			15 8	13 11	13 13
Ruth Devapragasam Gemma Downes	1	11 15		15 15	15 15
Annabelle Atkins TingTing Lin-Wong	3	15 15	10 10		8 13
Emily Nielsen Sophie Walter	2	15 15	4 14	15 15	

Another close group and, strangely, the winners' only defeat was comfortably inflicted by the pair that finished in last place, which just goes to show that the result could so easily have been completely different with a little more consistency.



Gemma Downes, Ruth Devapragasam, Emily Nielsen and Sophie Walter

Swifts graded doubles tournament

GIRLS' C GRADE						
Group A						
Player	Pos	Elena Koutas Megan Laycock	Aimee Christian Holly Cullen	Amy Chapman Smrithi Shirol	Rebecca Sproston & various partners	Neeve Galvin Alice Sutton
Elena Koutas Megan Laycock	3		12 11	15 15	14 15	15 12
Aimee Christian Holly Cullen	1	15 15		15 15	15 15	12 15
Amy Chapman Smrithi Shirol		11 12	13 11		9 8	14 15
Rebecca Sproston Various partners		15 14	10 14	15 15		10 11
Neeve Galvin Alice Sutton	2	8 15	15 9	15 14	15 15	

Another group in which every pair had a taste of victory, and in which a quarter of the games were decided by a single point. This means there were lots of exciting finishes and the last-placed pair came with a single point of beating the second-place pair twice!



Neeve Galvin, Alice Sutton,
Aimee Christian, and Holly Cullen

Swifts graded doubles tournament

GIRLS' B GRADE

Group A						
Player	Pos	Serena Farrelly Helen Sproston	Jessica Mallett Isabel Smith	Lucy Bezants Syan Wombwell	Emily Chapman Imogen Galvin	Jenna Biddle Jasmine Farrelly
Serena Farrelly Helen Sproston	2		28	31	31	31
Jessica Mallett Isabel Smith	1	31		31	30	31
Lucy Bezants Syan Wombwell		21	14		26	31
Emily Chapman Imogen Galvin	3	25	31	31		31
Jenna Biddle Jasmine Farrelly		15	21	24	16	

This was the only group that played to 31 points, yet we still had a game that was decided by one point! In fact, there was a three-way tie for the medal positions, so the rulebook had to be brought out from under the table again to decide where the medals went.



**Helen Sproston, Serna Farrelly,
Isabel Smith and Jessica Mallett**

Swifts graded doubles tournament

BOYS' F DOUBLES				
Group A				
Player	Pos	John Canning Hector Earnshaw	Timothy Canning Sebastian Grove	Matthew Grove Timothy Lai
John Canning Hector Earnshaw	1		15 15 15	15 15 15
Timothy Canning Sebastian Grove	2	11 8 12		15 15 15
Matthew Grove Timothy Lai		12 14 13	10 10 13	

This was, for at least one organiser, the most confusing group of all, populated as it was by two pairs of brothers and two boys called Timothy. It was also one of the only grades that was entirely straightforward when deciding the medals, though most of the games were close.



Timothy Canning, Sebastian Grove,
John Canning and Hector Earnshaw

Swifts graded doubles tournament

BOYS' E GRADE						
Group A						
Player	Pos	Luc Frean Thomas Newman	Christian Attree Matthew Biddle	Jacob French Matthew Lister	Hayden Mitchell Henry Sutton	Archie Pendry Cameron Warne
Luc Frean Thomas Newman	1		21	21	21	18
Christian Attree Matthew Biddle	4	13		21	13	21
Jacob French Matthew Lister	2	17	18		21	21
Hayden Mitchell Henry Sutton		13	21	18		18
Archie Pendry Cameron Warne	3	21	15	18	21	

This was the group in which one boy asked six times at the briefing what the handicaps were. Strangely, he didn't want to play with a rucksack of bricks on his back. While first place was clear, we had a three-way tie for the runners-up position and no pair won (or lost) all its games.

Christian played in this grade as well as the one above, which helped us out with numbers in grade D. Thanks for that.



**Jacob French, Matthew Lister,
Luc Frean and Thomas Newman**

Swifts graded doubles tournament

BOYS' D DOUBLES					
Group A					
Player	Pos	Joseph Frean Daniel Roach	Christian Attree Joshua Craven	Toby Hodges-Long Jack	Zak Theodoulou & various partners
Joseph Frean Daniel Roach	2		15 15	14 7	13 15
Christian Attree Joshua Craven		14 12		5 8	6 15
Toby Hodges-Long Jack Wetherall	1	15 15	15 15		15 15
Zak Theodoulou Various partners		15 10	15 10	11 11	

This played out in a very strange way; the first half of the matches took about twice as long as the second half and we were worried the schedule would be ruined. Anyway it all worked out OK in the end. They all had a taste of victory too!

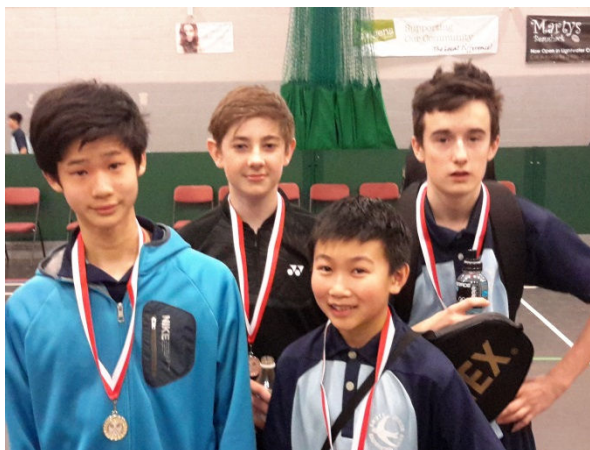


Daniel Roach, Jack Wetherall,
Joseph Frean and Toby Hodges-Long

Swifts graded doubles tournament

BOYS' C GRADE						
Group A						
Player	Pos	Harry Hodges-Long & various partners	Lucas Downes Timothy Lai	Aaron Coleman Calvin Liang	Thomas Chan Jonathan Chong	Connor Curtis Jason Fisher
Harry Hodges-Long & various partners	4		11 15	15 15	8 8	13 12
Lucas Downes Timothy Lai	3	15 12		15 11	14 15	8 14
Aaron Coleman Calvin Liang		13 11	10 15		6 14	8 8
Thomas Chan Jonathan Chong	1	15 15	15 14	15 15		15 15
Connor Curtis Jason Fisher	2	15 15	15 15	15 15	14 13	

A close but slightly unusual group, in which the winning pair had three wins by only one point, including one against the last-placed pair, so everyone will probably think about what might have been.



**Jonathan Chong, Connor Curtis,
Thomas Chan and Jason Fisher**

Swifts graded doubles tournament

BOYS' B GRADE & GIRLS' A GRADE DOUBLES							
Group A							
Player	Pos	Ben Coker & various partners	Henry Bradshaw Connor McCartney	Alice Brown Polly Thisdell	Connor Strudwick Alex Tennant-	Kaman Liang Lucy Sharp	Ben Cullen Flynn Thatcher
Ben Coker & various partners	B1		21	21	21	19	21
Henry Bradshaw Connor McCartney	B3	19		21	13	21	21
Alice Brown Polly Thisdell	G2	15	19		14	20	14
Connor Strudwick Alex Tennant-Smith	B2	19	21	21		21	19
Kaman Liang Lucy Sharp	G1	21	10	21	18		18
Ben Cullen Flynn Thatcher	B4	15	17	21	21	21	

We haven't done this for a few years, but the numbers and playing strengths meant we placed the grade A girls into a group with the grade B boys on this occasion. When we last did this a few years ago the girls were all county players and beat the boys hands-down. This time, though, the girls' playing ability wasn't quite enough to overcome the speed and strength of the boys. It was all very close, nevertheless, and the boys' winner's only defeat was against a pair of girls, and we had to resolve a three-way tie in order to decide who had won the boys' silver medal.



Connor Strudwick and Ben Coker
(Alex Tennant-Smith didn't collect his medal)

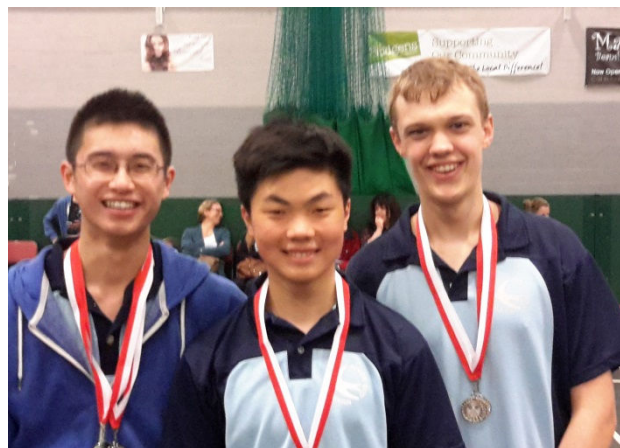


**Alice Brown, Polly Thisdell,
Kaman Liang and Lucy Sharp**

Swifts graded doubles tournament

BOYS' A DOUBLES				
Group A				
Player	Pos	Alex Downes Daryn Howes	Christopher Lai & various partners	Steven Bullett Jonathan Hau
Alex Downes Daryn Howes			16 12	18 21
Christopher Lai & various partners	1	21 21		21 12
Steven Bullett Jonathan Hau	2	21 12	12 21	

This group had a fairly gruelling schedule with lots of consecutive games to 21 because Chris had to play with everyone else in turn. In a group of three pairs that must have been quite exhausting, but they finished well ahead of schedule.

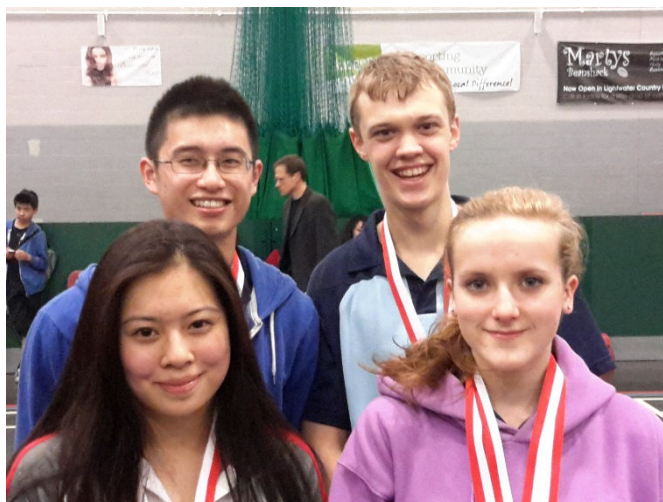


Jonathan Hau, Chris Lai and Steven Bullett

Swifts graded doubles tournament

MIXED GRADE A					
Group A					
Player	Pos	Christopher Lai Lucy Sharp	Daryn Howes Alice Brown	Steven Bullett Polly Thisdell	Jonathan Hau Kaman Liang
Christopher Lai Lucy Sharp			21 13	16 11	17 18
Daryn Howes Alice Brown	3	20 21		21 16	19 17
Steven Bullett Polly Thisdell	2	21 21	13 21		16 20
Jonathan Hau Kaman Liang	1	21 21	21 21	21 21	

Though we would like to, we cannot offer mixed doubles for everyone, partly because there isn't enough time and partly because only 43% of members are girls (though, as many other clubs only have 10% girls, we are lucky). However, we do try to have a mixed event for the best players entered each year (again, usually limited by the number of girls available). Interestingly, the last-placed pair decided who won the silver medal by beating Alice & Darren by just one point. Had the result gone the other way, Alice & Daren would have been runners-up by virtue of their marginally better record against Steven & Polly. That is close!



Kaman Liang, Jonathan Hau,
Steven Bullett and Polly Thisdell