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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

Because of the club singles tournament we only had one match this weekend.

The U16 girls played away at Eagles on Friday evening in the ACDBL and won 202-164.

Big Surrey honour for Will

Will Manners was presented with the Christine Meades Commemorative Shield by SSBA last week, as U17 squad member of season 2013-14 and in recognition of his contribution to the junior squads since he was an U11. Well done Will! And be very careful when standing in front of brick walls that lean over a lot.



National circuit results

Stephanie Pipe played in the BE Warwickshire U17 Silver JC on Saturday. She was runner-up in the girls' doubles and reached the quarter-final of the singles.

Surrey tournament results

The Surrey U13 doubles and U17 singles restricted tournaments were held in Epsom on Sunday, with considerable success for Swifts members.

In the A grade, Nick Pipe reached the semi-final of the U17 boys' singles event, while Nathaniel Brittany won the plate event.

Serena Farrelly won the U13 girls' doubles event while Callum Mitchell won the U13 mixed event. Callum won the boys' doubles too, playing with Harry Williams, while Harry was runner-up in the mixed (and Serena finished third).

In the B grade, Neeve Galvin and Rebecca Sproston won the U13 girls' doubles event.

Handicap singles

Our handicap singles tournament went off very smoothly on Saturday, with only one entrant failing to turn up (his father entered him but didn't tell his mother, it seems, and, presumably, neither read last week's newsletter email). We also had a withdrawal due to injury.

This left us with 53 boys and 32 girls played, which is a record entry for the handicap singles tournament, and we played a record total, for the handicap tournament, of 262 matches (in six hours, on six courts).

Only two scratch players managed to win their events this year. One or two appeared crushed by the scale of the task against them (and, I promise you, they shouldn't have been) while a couple forgot that they needed to eliminate errors and that crashing smashes down the line is a needlessly risky way to try and gain points against significantly lesser players.

The full details (and pictures) can be found later in this newsletter, but the summary results are as follows.

	Winner	Runner-up
U10 boys	Jonathan Lai	Sebastian Grove
U10 girls	Paige Daniel	Marianne Wu
U12 boys	William Salt	Ben Atkins
U13 boys	Callum Mitchell	Timothy Lai
U13 girls	Ellie Darlington	Neeve Galvin
U15 boys	Jonathan Chong	Connor Strudwick
U5 girls	Elena Koutas	Imogen Galvin
U18 boys	Stirling Burrow	Ben Churcher
U18 girls	Jodie Teale	Polly Thisdell

ACDBL match results

Location: Walton-on-Thames

Date: 10 Oct 2014

Opposition: Eagles

Result: Won 202 - 164

Away

U16A Girls

Swifts	Jodie Teale	Jessica Mallett	Imogen Galvin	Helen Sproston
Opposition	Alexandra Oprisan	Karen Klimaytys	Natasha Hunt	Lerin Adetola

Home Players		Score		Away Players	
Alexandra Oprisan		21	20	Jodie Teale	
Karen Klimaytys		21	15	Jessica Mallett	
Natasha Hunt		16	21	Imogen Galvin	
Lerin Adetola		10	21	Helen Sproston	
Alexandra Oprisan	Karen Klimaytys	18	21	Jodie Teale	Jessica Mallett
Natasha Hunt	Lerin Adetola	12	21	Imogen Galvin	Helen Sproston
Alexandra Oprisan	Natasha Hunt	21	20	Jodie Teale	Imogen Galvin
Karen Klimaytys	Lerin Adetola	20	21	Jessica Mallett	Helen Sproston
Alexandra Oprisan	Lerin Adetola	13	21	Jodie Teale	Helen Sproston
Karen Klimaytys	Natasha Hunt	12	21	Jessica Mallett	Imogen Galvin
		164	202		

Swifts handicap singles results

U10 boys' singles

Group A											
Player	Pos	Benjamin Hazevoet	Scott Adcock	Shall remain anon.	Hayden Mitchell	Sebastian Grove	Jack Blackman	Ben Ford	Jonathan Lai	Siddhanth Shirol	Nathan Gibson
Benjamin Hazevoet			10	x	9	8	11	10	7	1	8
Scott Adcock		11		x	9	9	11	8	8	11	8
Shall remain anonymous	DNP	x	x		x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Hayden Mitchell	4	11	11	x		10	11	11	11	6	7
Sebastian Grove	2	11	11	x	11		11	11	4	11	11
Jack Blackman		8	10	x	10	9		7	6	6	5
Ben Ford		11	11	x	10	10	11		4	11	9
Jonathan Lai	1	11	11	x	8	11	11	11		11	11
Siddhanth Shirol		11	9	x	11	9	11	10	6		8
Nathan Gibson	3	11	11	x	11	6	11	11	5	11	



This was a large section with a lot of games and a few surprises. The biggest surprise, perhaps, was the performance of Siddhanth Shirol, our youngest member, who had some good wins against players with far more experience—and not always with a big points start.

Anyway, no player remained unbeaten and Jonathan emerged as winner over Sebastian as a consequence of having won the match between them.

Jonathan Lai & Sebastian Grove

Swifts handicap singles results

GIRLS' U10 SINGLES

Group A										
Player	Pos	Paige Daniel	Mide Williams	Amelia Wells	Annabelle Atkins	Erin Christian	Lila Dundas	Marianne Wu	Olivia Wells	Temisha Veeramootoo
Paige Daniel	1		11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11
Mide Williams		5		11	10	10	10	5	11	11
Amelia Wells		6	8		11	6	10	3	11	11
Annabelle Atkins		7	11	6		11	7	5	9	11
Erin Christian		3	11	11	6		7	7	8	11
Lila Dundas	3	5	11	11	11	11		7	3	3
Marianne Wu	2	10	11	11	11	11	11		11	11
Olivia Wells		5	5	8	11	11	11	6		6
Temisha Veeramootoo		6	7	6	9	8	11	8	11	



Marianne Wu & Paige Daniel

The really great thing about this section is that it exists at all, and that it has so many players. There can't be many clubs that can hold a tournament with nine enthusiastic, almost permanently smiling, U10 girls involved.

The section passed one of the tests for close play—every player won at least one game, and, to emphasize how close it was, the medals were decided between two players on the basis of one beating the other 11-10.

Paige took the gold, while Marianne was runner-up.

Swifts handicap singles results

BOYS' U12 SINGLES

Group A										
Player	Pos	Timothy Canning	Michael Brind	Bradley Mayuga	Ben Atkins	Izaak Mayuga	Matthew Grove	William Salt	Hector Earnshaw	John Canning
Timothy Canning			8	11	11	11	11	7	4	9
Michael Brind	4	11		11	10	11	11	6	11	10
Bradley Mayuga		5	4		10	11	4	6	3	8
Ben Atkins	2	10	11	11		11	11	5	11	11
Izaak Mayuga		6	6	10	8		6	2	10	5
Matthew Grove		9	8	11	8	11		9	11	11
William Salt	1	11	11	11	11	11	11		11	11
Hector Earnshaw		11	6	11	10	11	9	5		6
John Canning	3	11	11	11	10	11	7	2	11	

With 19 U13 boys entered we had to split the age group and have an U12 section this year, otherwise it couldn't have been squeezed into the court time available.

The winner was a newcomer, William Salt, who had only attended Swifts a couple of times prior to the tournament, while scratch player Ben Atkins was runner-up.



William Salt & Ben Atkins

Swifts handicap singles results

BOYS' U13 SINGLES

Group A						
Player	Pos	Joshua Craven	Max Curtis	Callum Mitchell	Archie Pendry	Cameron Warne
Joshua Craven			15	8	15	10
Max Curtis		9		12	15	15
Callum Mitchell	1	15	15		15	15
Archie Pendry		8	12	11		5
Cameron Warne	2	15	14	12	15	

Semi-finals

Callum Mitchell	15
v	
Jack Wetherall	11
Timothy Lai	15
v	
Cameron Warne	11

Final

Callum Mitchell	15
v	
Timothy Lai	9

It is fair to say that Callum, the scratch player, was untroubled throughout this competition (and he surely knows the consequences of that).

Tim (the only U12 in the U13 section) also won his games (except the final) comfortably, so either we failed to

give them tough enough handicaps or these two played with a measure of confidence and intelligence not necessarily shown elsewhere.

One semi-finalist claimed a right to have a play-off for third place against the other losing semi-finalist in a failed attempt to get an extra game—nice try, Jack!

BOYS' U13 SINGLES

Group B						
Player	Pos	Greg Laurence	Timothy Lai	Eliot Duff	Jack Wetherall	Matthew Lister
Greg Laurence			9	9	14	8
Timothy Lai	1	15		15	15	15
Eliot Duff		15	9		10	11
Jack Wetherall	2	15	12	15		15
Matthew Lister		15	13	15	13	



Callum Mitchell & Timothy Lai

Swifts handicap singles results

GIRLS' U13 SINGLES

Group A						
Player	Pos	Emily Nielsen	Ellie Darlington	Neeve Galvin	Olivia Adcock	Daisy Murphy
Emily Nielsen	3		12	13	15	15
Ellie Darlington	1	15		15	15	15
Neeve Galvin	2	15	13		15	15
Olivia Adcock		9	13	10		9
Daisy Murphy		9	12	13	15	

Semi-finals

Ellie Darlington 15

v

Serna Farrelly 13

Ruth Devapragasam 9

v

Neeve Galvin 15

Final

Ellie Darlington 15

v

Neeve Galvin 14

GIRLS' U13 SINGLES

Group B						
Player	Pos	Ruth Devapragasam	Serena Farrelly	Rebecca Sproston	Tia Jasini	Gemma Downes
Ruth Devapragasam	1		15	15	15	15
Serena Farrelly	2	11		15	15	15
Rebecca Sproston	3	13	11		15	15
Tia Jasini		7	13	12		8
Gemma Downes		5	13	9	15	

This section draw had to cope with the widest range of playing abilities ever, I think, which resulted in the scratch player, Serena, not actually being a scratch player but our first ever negative player, which meant she had to be very consistent indeed against the weaker competitors. It all worked out fairly well, though, with lots of close games and we were told how much they had enjoyed it by some of the weaker players. Ellie just squeaked her final win against Neeve by one point, which tells us they had forgotten that tie breaks are played in the knockout phase.



Ellie Darlington & Neeve Galvin

Swifts handicap singles results

BOYS' U15

Group A								
Player	Pos	Jonathan Chong	Thomas Chan	Soon Hau Fun	Christopher Lai	Daniel Roach	Joseph Freat	Jacob French
Jonathan Chong	1		15	15	15	15	15	15
Thomas Chan		9		6	13	15	13	15
Soon Hau Fun	2	9	15		15	15	15	15
Christopher Lai	3	7	15	8		15	15	15
Daniel Roach		7	10	11	12		15	14
Joseph Freat		7	15	5	13	13		14
Jacob French		7	9	6	14	15	15	

BOYS' U15

Group B							
Player	Pos	Harry Hodges-Long	Thomas Newman	Lucas Downes	Connor Strudwick	Flynn Thatcher	Harry Bloomfield
Harry Hodges-Long	3		15	5	6	9	15
Thomas Newman		7		9	7	5	10
Lucas Downes		9	15		9	6	11
Connor Strudwick	1	15	15	15		15	15
Flynn Thatcher	2	15	15	15	14		15
Harry Bloomfield		13	15	15	9	10	

Swifts handicap singles results

Semi-finals

Jonathan Chong	15
v	
Flynn Thatcher	10
Connor Strudwick	15
v	
Soon Hau Fun	13

Final

Jonathan Chong	15
v	
Connor Strudwick	11

This was the largest group of all and provided some very exciting badminton and interesting results. Newcomer Soon Hau Fun distinguished himself by reaching the semi-final, beating scratch player Chris Lai in the process and I think it is fair to say that Jonathan consistently played better than his handicap suggested he would. The pair of them are playing together in the doubles so it will be interesting to see how they get on together next week.

Jonathan and Connor had a ding-dong final before Jonathan emerged a worthy winner.



Connor Strudwick & Jonathan Chong

Swifts handicap singles results

GIRLS' U15 SINGLES

Group A								
Player	Pos	Holly Cullen	Elena Koutas	Lucy Bezants	Alice Sutton	Sophie Mercure	Imogen Galvin	Helen Sproston
Holly Cullen			12	12	13	15	14	12
Elena Koutas	1	15		15	15	15	15	15
Lucy Bezants	3	15	7		15	15	11	15
Alice Sutton		15	9	11		9	11	13
Sophie Mercure		13	14	9	15		14	12
Imogen Galvin	2	15	14	15	15	15		15
Helen Sproston		15	13	7	15	15	13	

This was a particularly close competition with lots of close games, and we almost had a three-way tie for the silver medal. In the event, scratch player Imogen Galvin just prevailed in the final match against Helen Sproston to claim the silver medal and Elena won the gold by dint of holding her nerve on 14-14 to edge a victory against Imogen in their match.



Elena Koutas & Imogen Galvin

Swifts handicap singles results

BOYS' U18 SINGLES

Group A							
Player	Pos	Alex Tennant-Smith	Christopher Gane	Stirling Burrow	Ben Cullen	Ben Churcher	Jason Fisher
Alex Tennant-Smith			14	20	11	13	15
Christopher Gane		21		14	15	17	18
Stirling Burrow	1	21	21		21	21	21
Ben Cullen	3	21	21	15		20	21
Ben Churcher	2	21	21	18	21		21
Jason Fisher		21	21	18	18	15	

BOYS' U18 SINGLES

Group B							
Player	Pos	Jed Shrewsbury	Alex Downes	Peter Beech	Connor McCartney	Nathaniel Brittany	Ben Coker
Jed Shrewsbury			19	15	11	12	15
Alex Downes	3	21		21	12	12	21
Peter Beech		21	18		21	18	21
Connor McCartney	1	21	21	20		21	21
Nathaniel Brittany	2	21	21	21	20		21
Ben Coker		21	18	17	14	16	

Swifts handicap singles results

Semi-finals

Stirling Burrow 21

v

Nathaniel Brittany 17

Connor McCartney 19

v

Ben Churcher 21

Final

Stirling Burrow 15

v

Ben Churcher 11

This was another big section and had to be played in two groups followed by a knockout phase. Unusually, and for the second time in the day, both finalists came from the same group. As you might expect, this group are old enough to have learned a lot of lessons about coping with handicap play and settled in to enjoy some good close, aggressive and fast badminton.

Stirling emerged as undefeated champion while Ben Churcher was unable to improve on his group result against Stirling and took the silver.



Ben Churcher & Stirling Burrow

Swifts handicap singles results

U18 GIRLS							
Group A							
Player	Pos	Jessica Mallett	Jodie Teale	Holly Weston	Jasmine Farrelly	Polly Thisdell	Lucy Sharp
Jessica Mallett	3		21	21	21	20	18
Jodie Teale	1	19		21	21	21	21
Holly Weston		11	16		11	18	21
Jasmine Farrelly		17	20	21		20	17
Polly Thisdell	2	21	19	21	21		19
Lucy Sharp		21	5	9	21	21	

This was the most topsy-turvy section of the day, with no real consistency in the players' results at all. However, all the players won at least one game, and all lost a game and, with a large proportion of close games, it was a tight competition. Jodie finally emerged as the winner, with Polly as runner-up after a three-way tie which then had to be resolved as a two-way tie as Polly and Jessica had scored the same number of points (and more than Lucy Sharp).



Jodie Teale & Polly Thisdell