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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

Our only match this weekend took place when our U16 mixed B team played away to Streets Heath in the ACDBL on Sunday and won 7-1.

Surrey tournament results

Smrithi Shirol was runner-up in the grade A girls' doubles event in the Surrey U13 restricted tournament on Sunday.

National circuit results

Smrithi Shirol played in the BE U13 Home Counties U13 Bronze JC held in Reading on Saturday and won both the girls' doubles and mixed events.

Swifts handicap singles

Seventy-five members entered the singles event of this year's handicap tournament—the first tournament ever entered for many of our beginners, and a good way to get your competitive juices flowing at the beginning of the season. Full details can be found (with photos) later in the newsletter, but the medallists were:

	Winner	Runner-up
U10 boys	Matthew Barnfield	Sebastian Grove
U10 girls	Lila Dundas	Temisha Veeramootoo
U13 boys	William Salt	Jacob Sheffield
U13 girls	Ellie Darlington	Amy Chapman
U15 boys	Mattie Tennant-Smith	Christopher Chong
U15 girls	Sophie Mercure	Ruth Devapragasam
U18 boys	Will Manners	Connor Curtis
U18 girls	Aimee Christian	Alice Sutton

The great thing this year is that everybody who was entered turned up to play and nobody who wasn't entered did. And everyone was on time, so well done and thanks for that. Thanks, too, to the parents and other helpers who assisted by herding and scoring the younger age groups.

Those that didn't enter missed a lot of fun and a great challenge.

A farewell to our miss



Jo Tinslay has been a committee member for eight seasons, and club secretary for seven, so it is obvious that we will miss her. We wish her the very best of luck in her new (non-teaching) job and certainly hope she will pop in to see us whenever she has a Saturday off.

She is keeping in touch via the newsletter, so she'll know how all our members are getting on.

We presented her with flowers and a souvenir medal during a lull in proceedings on Saturday, and managed to get this picture too.

Who knew that Ernest Hemingway was an early fan of Swifts?

Swifts train at Surrey Smashers

Fifteen of our members trained with Smashers squad members Carl Baxter, Ollie Thompson, Emily Westwood and Tom Wolfenden at Guildford Sports Park on Sunday. Judging by the feedback they all had a great time and, hopefully, improved their badminton.

ACDBL match results

Location: Lightwater **Date:** 11 Oct 2015 **Opposition:** Streets Heath
Result: Won 7 - 1 **Away** **U14B Mixed**

Swifts	Connor Curtis	Lucas Downes	Elena Koutas	Alice Sutton
Opposition	Max Gerrard	Tejas Kamath	Jennifer Lee	Katharine Sidhu

Home Players		Score		Away Players	
Max Gerrard	Jennifer Lee	12	21	Connor Curtis	Elena Koutas
Tejas Kamath	Katharine Sidhu	14	21	Lucas Downes	Alice Sutton
Max Gerrard	Jennifer Lee	16	21	Lucas Downes	Alice Sutton
Tejas Kamath	Katharine Sidhu	9	21	Connor Curtis	Elena Koutas
Max Gerrard	Katharine Sidhu	8	21	Connor Curtis	Alice Sutton
Tejas Kamath	Jennifer Lee	21	20	Lucas Downes	Elena Koutas
Tejas Kamath	Jennifer Lee	18	21	Connor Curtis	Alice Sutton
Max Gerrard	Katharine Sidhu	2	21	Lucas Downes	Elena Koutas
		1	7		

Handicap tournament results

U10 BOYS' SINGLES

Group A									
Player	Pos	Siddhanth Shirol	Sebastian Grove	Jack Blackman	Nathan Gibson	Jonathan Lai	Matthew Barnfield	James Warne	Tobias Gibson
Siddhanth Shirol	5		8	11	9	8	11	11	11
Sebastian Grove	2	11		11	11	11	8	11	3
Jack Blackman		10	9		6	6	6	11	11
Nathan Gibson	4	11	6	11		9	5	11	11
Jonathan Lai	3	11	9	11	11		8	11	11
Matthew Barnfield	1	10	11	11	11	11		11	11
James Warne		2	10	7	9	5	6		11
Tobias Gibson		4	11	7	6	6	8	4	



A large single group of very enthusiastic boys contested this section. All of them won at least one game and there were some very close matches so the handicap committee was very pleased. As of course were the medal winners, Matthew and Sebastian.

Matthew Barnfield and Sebastian Grove

Handicap tournament results

GIRLS' U10

Group A								
Player	Pos	Emma Ranson	Lila Dundas	Madeleine Mayne	Xiao Qing Tung	Erin Christian	Amelia Wells	Sarah Devapragasam
Emma Ranson			6	4	5	6	10	11
Lila Dundas	1	11		11	11	11	11	11
Madeleine Mayne		11	9		5	4	9	8
Xiao Qing Tung		11	7	11		5	7	11
Erin Christian	2	11	8	11	11		11	11
Amelia Wells	3	11	7	11	11	10		11
Sarah Devapragasam		6	9	11	5	6	4	

GIRLS' U10

Group B							
Player	Pos	Xiao Tian Tung	Isabelle Pun Lai Yuen	Nethuli Alwis	Olivia Wells	Temisha Veeramootoo	Holly Ranson
Xiao Tian Tung			8	11	7	7	5
Isabelle Pun Lai Yuen	3	11		11	11	3	8
Nethuli Alwis		8	6		10	8	7
Olivia Wells		11	7	11		10	7
Temisha Veeramootoo	1	11	11	11	11		11
Holly Ranson	2	11	11	11	11	6	

Handicap tournament results

Semi-finals

Lila Dundas	11
v	
Holly Ranson	7
Temisha Veeramootoo	11
v	
Erin Christian	7

Final

Lila Dundas	11
v	
Temisha Veeramootoo	4

This is the most pleasing of all the groups. I seriously doubt there are many other clubs around that have as many as thirteen U10 girls in total, never mind having that many entered on one day into a club tournament. We have another who was unable to enter this time (but can enter the doubles) so the future of ladies' badminton is safe with us for a few years to come—many of them show considerable promise at an early age.

Lila, the scratch player, had to battle through some close games but knows that the handicappers will challenge her even more next time.



Temisha Veeramootoo and Lila Dundas

Handicap tournament results

U13 BOYS' SINGLES

Group A								
Player	Pos	Callum South	William Salt	Matthew Grove	Bradley Mayuga	Henry Sutton	Michael Brind	Tim Canning
Callum South			10	10	14	7	11	15
William Salt	1	15		15	15	15	15	15
Matthew Grove		15	7		15	10	15	15
Bradley Mayuga		15	10	6		10	10	12
Henry Sutton	3	15	8	15	15		12	15
Michael Brind	2	15	10	14	15	15		15
Tim Canning		14	10	5	15	8	7	

U13 BOYS' SINGLES

Group B								
Player	Pos	Ben Hazevoet	James Tyler	John Canning	Kyle Fergusson	Ben Atkins	Izaak Mayuga	Jacob Sheffield
Ben Hazevoet	2		15	15	15	15	13	13
James Tyler		9		15	15	9	9	7
John Canning		14	13		15	15	11	13
Kyle Fergusson		3	8	13		10	13	5
Ben Atkins		10	15	11	15		15	15
Izaak Mayuga	3	15	15	15	15	14		10
Jacob Sheffield	1	15	15	15	15	8	15	

Handicap tournament results

Semi-finals

William Salt 15

v

Ben Hazevoet 12

Jacob Sheffield 15

v

Michael Brind 6

Final

William Salt 15

v

Jacob Sheffield 12

This was the section with the largest entry and had to be played in two groups of seven. As can be seen from the red faces in the photograph, fitness was tested as well as skill.

What was remarkable about such a big group was that only one player did not win a game—and he came very close to doing so twice against much more experienced opposition so should feel proud of himself.



William Salt and Jacob Sheffield

Handicap tournament results

GIRLS' U13 SINGLES

Group A										
Player	Pos	Daisy Murphy	Annabelle Atkins	Gemma Downes	Ellie Darlington	Sahana Balamurugman	Amy Chapman	Jessica Pun Lai Yuen	Priyanka Pimple	Paige Daniel
Daisy Murphy	3		15	15	11	w/o	7	15	9	15
Annabelle Atkins		7		10	13	w/o	8	15	12	8
Gemma Downes		9	15		10	15	11	14	8	8
Ellie Darlington	1	15	15	15		15	15	15	15	15
Sahana Balamurugman		w/d	w/d	9	13		12	w/d	w/d	9
Amy Chapman	2	15	15	15	13	15		15	15	15
Jessica Pun Lai Yuen	4	12	14	15	12	w/o	9		15	15
Priyanka Pimple	5	15	15	15	11	w/o	13	8		13
Paige Daniel		7	15	15	13	15	9	12	15	



Ellie may have won all her games but she was given some very close competition as no fewer than four opponents got to within two points of beating her.

All those that played all their games managed at least one win, too, so I bet a lot of players thought they were in with a shout.

Amy Chapman and Ellie Darlington

Handicap tournament results

BOYS' U15 SINGLES

Group A							
Player	Pos	Thomas Chan	Jacob French	Christopher Chong	Jack Wetherall	Harry Hodges-Long	James Warne
Thomas Chan	3		21	14	21	13	21
Jacob French		14		21	11	15	20
Christopher Chong	1	21	19		21	21	21
Jack Wetherall		10	21	11		15	18
Harry Hodges-Long	2	21	21	11	21		21
Cameron Warne		11	21	16	21	11	

BOYS' U15 SINGLES

Group B							
Player	Pos	Oliver Dunford	Greg Laurence	Max Curtis	Matthew Lister	Mattie Tennant-Smith	Luc Frean
Oliver Dunford	3		20	21	21	17	21
Greg Laurence	2	21		21	20	15	21
Max Curtis		18	16		21	15	21
Matthew Lister		18	21	17		18	21
Mattie Tennant-Smith	1	21	21	21	21		21
Luc Frean		17	17	17	19	13	

Handicap tournament results

Semi-finals

Christopher Chong 21

v

Greg Laurence 15

Mattie Tennant-Smith 21

v

Harry Hodges-Long 16

Final

Christopher Chong 15

v

Mattie Tennant-Smith 21

As the players get older the matches generally get longer and test the players' fitness rather more, so the finalists in this section had worked quite hard by the time of the medal presentation.

The competition was close enough that the bottom player in one group beat the group winner, showing that, given a little more consistency, anyone could have won on the day.



Mattie Tennant-Smith and Christopher Chong

Handicap tournament results

U15 GIRLS' DOUBLES

Group A							
Player	Pos	Sophie Walter	Ruth Devapragasam	Sophie Mercure	Tia Jasani	Emily Chapman	Katie Atkins
Sophie Walter			9	18	21	13	7
Ruth Devapragasam	2	21		21	21	19	21
Sophie Mercure	1	21	20		21	21	21
Tia Jasani		11	13	19		15	14
Emily Chapman	3	21	21	12	21		21
Katie Atkins		21	13	14	21	11	



The organisers nearly made a serious error when they misread a 12 for a 21 (well, one of them did, anyway) and nearly presented the medals to the wrong players. We got it right in the end though. It was tight, with three players having lost only one game, and tie-break rules were called into play (and not for the first time in the day).

Ruth Devapragasam and Sophie Mercure

Handicap tournament results

BOYS' U18 SINGLES

Group A						
Player	Pos	Ben Cullen	Peter Beech	Jonathan Chong	Alex Tennant-Smith	Lucas Downes
Ben Cullen	3		16	7	w/o	21
Peter Beech	1	21		21	21	21
Jonathan Chong	2	21	20		21	21
Alex Tennant-Smith		w/d	10	13		w/d
Lucas Downes		11	12	11	w/o	

BOYS' U18 SINGLES

Group B						
Player	Pos	Connor Curtis	Alex Downes	William Manners	Joseph Freaan	Soon Hau Fun
Connor Curtis	2		21	16	21	21
Alex Downes	3	15		13	21	21
William Manners	1	21	21		21	21
Joseph Freaan		16	18	20		13
Soon Hau Fun		16	20	16	21	

Handicap tournament results

Semi-finals

Peter Beech	18
v	
Connor Curtis	21
Will Manners	21
v	
Jonathan Chong	19

Final

Connor Curtis	18
v	
Will Manners	21

Now we reach the blood and thunder end of the club (and those watching will know what I mean); the play was fast and furious. Too furious for Alex who had to withdraw, injured. Hopefully he'll be OK to play next week in the doubles.

Will held it together to beat all his opponents, and even managed to avoid the common banana skin of losing to the player who emerged from the same group and got to the final to become one of only four scratch players to win his event.



Will Manners and Connor Curtis

Handicap tournament results

U18 GIRLS SINGLES				
Group A				
Player	Pos	Elena Koutas	Alice Sutton	Aimee Christian
Elena Koutas			21 16	11 16
Alice Sutton	2	20 21		9 8
Aimee Christian	1	21 21	21 21	

This was by far our smallest entry of the day, with a large proportion of our older girls away at tournaments on the circuit. Each entrant, therefore, played the others twice rather than just one. Aimee was the clear winner but we had to separate Elena and Alice for the runner-up position on the basis of the results between them; they each won one game but Alice managed a few more points.



Alice Sutton and Aimee Christian