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Graded singles results

Our graded singles tournament took place on Saturday, with 67 participants and one member who didn't enter the tournament (and who emailed to say so) turning up for the normal session that didn't exist. Full details and pictures of the medal winners can be found further on in the newsletter, but the summary results are as follows:

Event Winner Unisex grade G Megan Johnson Unisex grade F Sam Johnson Boys' grade E Boys' grade D Girls' grade D Advait Neelakandan Gaurav Panyam **Evangeline Stewart** Joe Robinson Boys' grade C Girls' grade C Sanva Parate Sebastian Grochola Boys' grade B Girls' grade B Abigail Barnfield Boys' grade A Jonathan Chong Girls' grade A Holly Ranson

Runner-up
Maisie Davies
Sanjana Mageshwaran
Gyorgy Posta
Rohan Doddihal
Isabelle Benge
Nived Neelakandan
Emma Ranson
Aditya Shobin
Sarah Devapragasam
Matthew Barnfield
Amelia Wells

Many thanks to the parents and members who helped with the junior sections of the tournament.

More new recruits

We wish a warm welcome to four more new members: James Campbell (U10), Maisie Davies(U11), Sebastian Grochola(U15) and Cassidy Mata (U12). All are beginners who will attend in the 8:30am session except for Sebastian who is the emerging session at 11:30am. Most of them played in our tournament this Saturday.

| | Unisex Grade G Singles | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|----------------|------------------------|------------------|-------------------|------------------|----|------------------|----|--------------------|--|--|--|--|--|
| | Group A | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Player | Pos | Megan Johnson | James Campbell | Maisie Davies | | Bhavya Sharma | | Katherine Reeve | | | | | |
| Megan Johnson | 1 | | 11 | 11 | 11 | 11 | 11 | 11 | | | | | |
| James Campbell | | 3 | | 3 | 1 | 7 | 9 | 11 | | | | | |
| Maisie Davies | 2 | 9 | 11 | | 11 | 11 | 11 | 11 | | | | | |
| Isobel Noviss | 3 | 9 | 11 | 9 | | 11 | 11 | 11 | | | | | |
| Bhavya Sharma | | 5 | 11 | 3 | 9 | | 5 | 9 | | | | | |
| Lukas Steel | | 3 | 11 | 7 | 3 | 11 | | 11 | | | | | |

This is the grade that contains our least experienced players and it is good to see that everyone managed a win. Megan was unbeatable, though she was given a good run for her money by her closest rivals and even more so by Katherine.

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Katherine Reeve



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Megan Johnson and Maisie Davies

| | Unisex Grade F Singles | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|------------------------|------------------------|----------------|----------------|------------------------|-------------------|------------------|-------------------|----------------|--|--|--|--|--|
| | Group A | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Player | Pos | Atika Sahay | Sam Johnson | Sanjana Mageshwaran | Sanjana Satish | Reuben Gibson | Sylvie Stewart | Ansh Parate | | | | | |
| Atika Sahay | | | 4 | 0 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 7 | | | | | |
| Sam Johnson | 1 | 11 | | 11 | 11 | 11 | 9 | 11 | | | | | |
| Sanjana Mageshwaran | 2 | 11 | 9 | | 11 | 11 | 11 | 11 | | | | | |
| Sanjana Satish | | 11 | 2 | 5 | | 6 | 10 | 7 | | | | | |
| Reuben Gibson | | 11 | 3 | 7 | 11 | | 9 | 10 | | | | | |
| Sylvie Stewart | 3 | 11 | 11 | 2 | 11 | 11 | | 11 | | | | | |
| Ansh Parate | | 11 | 3 | 8 | 11 | 11 | 5 | | | | | | |

We had to resolve a three-way tie in this grade, which always causes a flurry of nervous excitement among the organisers, and certainly shows how close the competition was.





Sam Johnson and Sanjana Mageshwaran

| | | Boys' G | rade E Single | s | | Boys' Grade E Singles | | | | | | | | | | | |
|--|---|---------|---------------|-------|-------|-----------------------|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| Group A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Player Pos Waite Neelakandan Sankey Posta Saikia | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| James Waite | | | 5 8 | 11 11 | 49 | 3 11 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Advait Neelakandan | 1 | 11 11 | | 11 11 | 11 11 | 9 11 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Leo Robson-Sankey | | 7 8 | 66 | | 96 | 7 5 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Gyorgy Posta | 2 | 11 11 | 5 7 | 11 11 | | 11 11 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Nikhil Saikia | 3 | 11 8 | 119 | 11 11 | 98 | | | | | | | | | | | | |

This was the first of the boys' groups , and we were within two points of having another three-way tie.





Advait Neelakandan and Gyorgy Posta

| | | Boys' Gra | ıde D Sin | gles | | Boys' Grade D Singles | | | | | | | | | | | |
|--------------------|---------|-------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|-------|-----------------------|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| | Group A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Player | Pos | Rohan Doddihal | Vincent Yuan | Christian Jeremiah | | Tobias Gibson | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Rohan Doddihal | 2 | | 15 15 | 9 15 | 10 8 | 15 15 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Vincent Yuan | | 10 12 | | 14 5 | 10 12 | 15 12 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Christian Jeremiah | | 15 9 | 15 4 | | 9 12 | 14 14 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Gaurav Panyam | 1 | 15 15 | 15 15 | 15 15 | | 9 15 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Tobias Gibson | 3 | 79 | 14 15 | 15 15 | 15 12 | | | | | | | | | | | | |

Another group in which everyone managed to get a win, and one in which the winner was unable to to manage a clean sweep. The last-placed player beat the player who beat the winner. So it was close and things might be very different if the same players played it all again.





Gaurav Panyam and Rohan Doddihal

| | Girls' Grade D Singles | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|--------------------|---|----|----|----|----|----|----|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| | Group A | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Player | yer Pos Pearson Benge Pabbisetty Thompson Stewart Grove | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Jessica Pearson | | | 16 | 10 | 21 | 21 | 21 | | | | | | |
| Isabelle Benge | 2 | 21 | | 21 | 21 | 15 | 21 | | | | | | |
| Veda Pabbisetty | 3 | 21 | 18 | | 21 | 17 | 21 | | | | | | |
| Lyla Thompson | | 14 | 7 | 7 | | 17 | 21 | | | | | | |
| Evangeline Stewart | 1 | 19 | 21 | 21 | 21 | | 21 | | | | | | |
| Sally Grove | | 16 | 5 | 14 | 12 | 10 | | | | | | | |

This was the first group of the day to be playing single games to 21 points and even the winner was not able to remain undefeated.





Evie Stewart and Isabelle Benge

| | Boys' Grade C Singles | | | | | | | | | | | |
|----------------------|-----------------------|------------------|--------------------|------------------|-----------------|----------------------|--------------------|--|--|--|--|--|
| Group A | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Player | Pos | Samuel Carter | Aaron Underwood | Jack Blackman | Joe Robinson | Nived Neelakandan | Shaurya Chhabra | | | | | |
| Samuel Carter | | | 20 | 19 | 21 | 7 | 21 | | | | | |
| Aaron Underwood | | 21 | | 4 | 19 | 6 | 17 | | | | | |
| Jack Blackman | 3 | 21 | 21 | | 16 | 11 | 21 | | | | | |
| Joe Robinson | 1 | 20 | 21 | 21 | | 21 | 21 | | | | | |
| Nived Neelakandan | 2 | 21 | 21 | 21 | 15 | | 21 | | | | | |
| Shaurya Chhabra | | 15 | 21 | 13 | 13 | 4 | | | | | | |

Sam Carter seems to specialise in close games, with both a win and a loss from 20-all. It is good to learn how to cope with those tight and nerve-wracking situations.





Joe Robinson and Nived Neelakandan

| Girls' Grade C Singles | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|------------------------|-----|---|----|----|----|----|----|--|--|--|--|--|
| Group A | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Player | Pos | Tulika Sara Ashriya Udita Emma San Pos Sahay Kulkarni Hamal Sharma Ranson Para | | | | | | | | | | |
| Tulika Sahay | | | 21 | 5 | 16 | 13 | 5 | | | | | |
| Sara Kulkarni | | 13 | | 13 | 9 | 12 | 11 | | | | | |
| Ashriya Hamal | 3 | 21 | 21 | | 21 | 17 | 8 | | | | | |
| Udita Sharma | | 21 | 21 | 18 | | 17 | 15 | | | | | |
| Emma Ranson | 2 | 21 | 21 | 21 | 21 | | 16 | | | | | |
| Sanya Parate | 1 | 21 | 21 | 21 | 21 | 21 | | | | | | |

I think this group was the one that was closest to complete consistency across the results on the day, but there were still some close games.





Sanya Parate and Emma Ranson

| | Boys Grade B Singles | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|--------------------|----------------------|----------------|------------------|--------------------|----------------|-----------------------|--------------|------------------|--|--|--|--|--|
| Group A | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Player | Pos | Liam O'Hara | Nathan Gibson | Raghav Jaikumar | James Warne | Sebastian Grochola | Will Lain | Aditya Shobin | | | | | |
| Liam O'Hara | | | 16 | 21 | 19 | 11 | 9 | 11 | | | | | |
| Nathan Gibson | | 21 | | 13 | 21 | 17 | 13 | 19 | | | | | |
| Raghav Jaikumar | | 18 | 21 | | 21 | 21 | 9 | 20 | | | | | |
| James Warne | | 21 | 17 | 18 | | 6 | 16 | 9 | | | | | |
| Sebastian Grochola | 1 | 21 | 21 | 18 | 21 | | 21 | 21 | | | | | |
| Will Lain | 3 | 21 | 21 | 21 | 21 | 9 | | 20 | | | | | |
| Aditya Shobin | 2 | 21 | 21 | 21 | 21 | 19 | 21 | | | | | | |

Sebastian was playing in his first Swifts tournament in what was probably only his second or third session at the club so he must be pretty pleased. He didn't get a clean sweep of wins, though, so the grading committee was pretty accurate, and this was another close group with everyone experiencing both victory and defeat.





Sebastian Grochola and Aditya Shobin

| Girls' | Grade | B | Singles |
|--------|-------|---|---------|
| | | | |

| | | | Croun | Group A | | | | | | | | | | |
|------------------------|-----|------------------|----------------------|---------|-----------------------|------------------------|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| Player | Pos | Katie Stevens | Abigail Barnfield | Connie | Sarah Devapragasam | Temisha Veeramootoo | | | | | | | | |
| Katie Stevens | | | 13 15 | 13 11 | 15 9 | 15 14 | | | | | | | | |
| Abigail Barnfield | 1 | 15 12 | | 15 11 | 15 15 | 15 15 | | | | | | | | |
| Connie Vooght | | 15 15 | 10 15 | | 13 10 | 11 11 | | | | | | | | |
| Sarah Devapragasam | 2 | 12 15 | 13 12 | 15 15 | | 15 15 | | | | | | | | |
| Temisha Veeramootoo | 3 | 12 15 | 13 12 | 15 15 | 10 14 | | | | | | | | | |

An extraordinary proportion of the results in this section were reversed when the players met for the second time, so I reckon this was probably the least predictable group of the day.





Abigail Barnfield and Sarah Devapragasam

| Boys | Grade | A | Singles |
|------|-------|---|---------|
|------|-------|---|---------|

| | | | Gr | oup A | | | | |
|-------------------|-----|--------------------|---------------------|------------------|----------------------|-----------------|----------------------|--------------------|
| Player | Pos | Sebastian Grove | Thomas Henderson | Matthew Ellis | Matthew Barnfield | William Salt | Christopher Chong | Jacob Sheffield |
| Sebastian Grove | | | 21 | 21 | 18 | 21 | 9 | 15 |
| Thomas Henderson | | 18 | | 21 | 9 | 21 | 15 | 15 |
| Matthew Ellis | | 15 | 18 | | 7 | 21 | 7 | 10 |
| Matthew Barnfield | 2 | 21 | 21 | 21 | | 21 | 18 | 21 |
| William Salt | | 7 | 19 | 11 | 13 | | 7 | 15 |
| Christopher Chong | 1 | 21 | 21 | 21 | 21 | 21 | | 21 |
| Jacob Sheffield | 3 | 21 | 21 | 21 | 18 | 21 | 15 | |

Chris was single-mindedly seeking his fifth consecutive win of the boys' A grade singles event, just to make it that much more unlikely that his record will be broken. He has played in the A grade singles six times and won it for the last five. He still has another chance to extend his record next year, of course. I expect one or two other players will be looking for another opportunity to knock him off his perch.





Christopher Chong and Matthew Barnfield

| Girls' Grade A Singles | | | | | | | |
|------------------------|-----|-------------------|----------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|---------------|
| Group A | | | | | | | |
| Player | Pos | Ella Henderson | Nayani Davies- Patel | Holly Ranson | Amelia Wells | Lottie Sweby | Leah Naish |
| Ella Henderson | | | 10 | 5 | 7 | 10 | 18 |
| Nayani Davies-Patel | | 21 | | 8 | 16 | 20 | 21 |
| Holly Ranson | 1 | 21 | 21 | | 21 | 21 | 21 |
| Amelia Wells | 2 | 21 | 21 | 14 | | 21 | 21 |
| Lottie Sweby | 3 | 21 | 21 | 6 | 19 | | 21 |
| Leah Naish | | 21 | 20 | 4 | 7 | 14 | |

Holly became our youngest grade A singles winner (as an U12) last season so this win allows her to think about her chance to emulate Chris Chong's exploits in the boys' grade A.





Holly Ranson and Amelia Wells