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# HERTFORDSHIRE SCHOOLS BADMINTON ASSOCIATION

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## NEWSLETTER

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**County Trials** - a reminder that the County Trials for the U11 (DOB 1995 and later) and U13 (DOB 1993/1994) age groups are on Wednesday, September 14. Trials for the U15 (DOB 1991/1992) and U17 (DOB 1989/1990) age groups are on Sunday, September 18.

The trials will be held at the Herts Sports Village on the University Campus, Hatfield. Please contact the squad manager if you are interested but cannot get to the trials. Sign in time for U15s is 12.45 pm. Sign in time for U11, U13 and U17 is 15 minutes before the start time stated below:

U11 - 5.30 pm	Contact: Hazel Levins	01992 558491
U13 - 6.00 pm	Contact: Duncan/Marion Conway	01707 652061
U15 - 1.30 pm	Contact: Hitesh Shah/ John Smith	0208 907 7790 01442 240974
U17 - 11.00 am	Contact: Tony Clarke/ Pat Walker	01992 586727 01992 422073

**H.S.B.A. Tournament dates** are on Page 2. Please make a note of dates of tournaments for your own age group, some of which have been changed from last season. Entries must be in on time and also, please note the start time of each tournament. Insurance negotiations are being carried out at present with Badminton England. If these are not concluded satisfactorily by mid-October (next newsletter) there is a possibility that the tournaments could be cancelled for the coming season.

### England News

Katie Comras and Laura Cousins represented England in an U17 tournament in Langenfeld, Germany at the end of August. Katie reached the semi-final of the girls doubles with Sarah Walker (Ex) and the mixed doubles with Jamie Bonsels (Yo). James Reynolds has been selected to play for England in the U17 Internationella Skanska Ungdomsspelen 2005 in Malmo, Sweden in early September.

### Happy Birthday

Swifts JBC is 21 years old in September. A celebration has been planned on Saturday, September 24 at Ladbroke JMI School, Potters Bar, 2.30 - 6.00 pm. For further information please contact Megan Lumb (01707 653812), Debbie Bungey (01707 642458) or Marion Conway (01707 652061)

**H.S.B.A. Tournaments 2005/2006** - Please make a note of tournament dates and times. Hopefully there are no clashes with outside tournaments - we have tried to fit in with the national calendar as far as possible. This year the rules have changed slightly in that the **closing date** for entry is definitely the **last day which entries - whether written or telephoned - will be accepted**. So for those who tend to leave their entries until the last minute, please be warned - this year the answer will be 'sorry - no!'

<b>Sunday, November 13</b>	Year 8 and under	(U13) Boys and Girls Doubles	9.30 am
	Year 10 and under	(U15) Boys and Girls 'B' singles	9.30 am

**Closing date:** Friday, November 4

<b>Sunday, November 27</b>	Year 6 and under	(U11) Boys and Girls Doubles	9.30 am
	Year 13 and under	(U18) Boys and Girls Singles	9.30 am
	Year 13 and under	(U18) Boys and Girls Doubles	2.00 pm

**Closing date:** Friday, November 18

<b>Sunday, January 29</b>	Year 5 and under	(U10) Boys and Girls Doubles	9.30 am
	Year 8 and under	(U13) Boys and Girls 'B' Singles	9.30 am
	Year 10 and under	(U15) Boys and Girls 'A' Singles	2.00 pm

**Closing date:** Friday, January 20

<b>Sunday, February 12</b>	Year 6 and under	(U11) Boys and Girls Singles	9.30 am
	Year 10 and under	(U15) Boys and Girls Doubles	9.30 am

**Closing date:** Friday, February 3

<b>Sunday, March 19</b>	Year 5 and under	(U10) Boys and Girls Singles	9.30 am
	Year 8 and under	(U13) Boys and Girls 'A' Singles	9.30 am

**Closing date:** Friday, March 10

All these tournament will be held at **Stevenage Leisure Centre**

<b>Tuesday, December 20</b>	Year 8 and under	(U13) Mixed Doubles	9.30 am
	Year 10 and under	(U15) Mixed Doubles	12 noon
	Year 13 and under	(U18) Mixed Doubles	2.30 pm

**Closing date:** Saturday, December 10

at **Hatfield Leisure Centre**

Registration time for all tournaments: 15 minutes before start time

**Sunday, February 26 Primary Schools Team Tournament at Stevenage Leisure Centre**

Details to be sent out at a later date

**To all U13 and U17 players** - BE Silver/Bronze Tournaments take place at **Stevenage Leisure Centre** on December 3/4. Please get your entries in on time.

**School and Club Affiliation**

Twenty one senior schools and seven junior/middle schools have affiliated this year so far. They are:

Abel Smith JMI	Beaumont	Bridgewater
Chauncy	Fearnhill Maths & Computing College	
Freman College	Haberdashers' Aske's	Hertswood
Hitchin Boys	Hitchin Girls	John Warner
Ladbroke JMI	Little Heath Primary	Lochinver House
Longdean	Onslow St Audrey's	Presdales
Priory	Ralph Sadleir	Richard Hale
Rickmansworth	Royal Masonic	St Albans Girls High
Sherrardswood	Simon Balle	Thomas Alleyne
Turnford Sports College	Wilbury JM	

Clubs who have affiliated for next season are:

Baldock (Bob Green)	Bayford (William Brace)
Comets (Gill Bartlett)	Gazelles (Byron Perry)
Knebworth (Philip Gray)	Much Hadham (Sue Clarke)
South Oxhey (Caroline Morrison)	Swifts (Marion Conway)

To all schools and clubs who affiliated last season and have not yet affiliated this season, the cost is £10.00 for the year - and you will continue to get the junior badminton newsletter and any other information when necessary.

**The final of the U15 Boys Junior League** was played between Hitchin and Gazelles, with Hitchin winning 11-1. Hitchin were also joint winners of the U15 Medley League with Swifts, not runners-up as shown in the last newsletter.

**Squad Kit**

Old style (white) polo shirts new or nearly new - several sizes      £4.00 each

Useful for wearing for training or as an extra shirt

Can be collected on squad nights

Contact: Pippa Gomar (01707 646246) or Marion Conway (01707 652061)

### **BE Silver/Bronze Tournaments**

<u>Tournament</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Closing Date</u>	<u>Venue</u>
U17 West	08/10/05	09/09/05	Bath University Sports Village
U17 Midlands	15-16/10/05	21/09/05	Stoke-on-Trent - Fenton Manor Sports Centre
U17 South West	05/11/05	07/10/05	Exeter University Sports Centre
U17 Sussex	12/11/05	10/10/05	Burgess Hill - The Triangle
U17 North East	12-13/11/05	14/10/05	Gateshead Leisure Centre
U17 South East	19/11/05	21/10/05	Harlow Leisure Centre
U17 East	3-4/12/05	08/11/05	Stevenage Leisure Centre
U17 North West	3-4/12/05	08/11/05	Liverpool - Brookfield High School
U17 South	7-8/01/06	05/11/05	Wycombe Badminton Centre & Wycombe Sports Centre
U17 East Midlands	17-19/02/06	20/01/06	Nottingham - Chilwell Olympia Sports Centre

U15 Berkshire	8-9/10/05	12/09/05	Slough - Montem Leisure Centre & Herschel School
U15 East Midlands	29-30/10/05	03/10/05	Leicester - Babington & Leicester Leys Leisure Centre
U15 Anglia	05/11/05	10/10/05	Norwich - Sports Park, UEA
U15 West	05/11/05	10/10/05	Melskham - Christie Miller Sports Centre
U15 Midlands	03-04/12/05	09/11/05	Stoke-on-Trent - Fenton Manor Sports Centre
U15 North	10-11/12/05	18/11/05	Sheffield - English Institute of Sport
U15 Sussex	07/01/06	05/12/05	Burgess Hill, The Triangle
U15 South East	14-15/01/06	25/11/05	Harlow Leisure Centre
U15 Lancashire	14-15/01/06	13/12/05	Liverpool - Brookfield High School
U15 South West	11/02/06	13/01/06	Exeter University Sports Centre
U15 North East		25-26/02/06 27/01/06	Gateshead Leisure Centre

U13 East Midlands	8-9/10/05	12/09/05	Nottingham - Chilwell Olympia Sports Centre
U13 North	22-23/10/05	30/09/05	Bradford - Richard Dunn Sports Centre
U13 Anglia	06/11/05	14/10/05	Norwich - Sports Park, UEA
U13 South West	06/11/05	07/10/05	Exeter University Sports Centre
U13 Midlands	19-20/11/05	26/10/05	Kettering Leisure Village
U13 East	04/12/05	09/11/05	Stevenage Leisure Centre
U13 North West	03-04/12/05	12/11/05	Macclesfield Leisure Centre
U13 Sussex	08/01/06	05/12/05	Burgess Hill - The Triangle
U13 North East	28-29/01/06	19/12/05	Gateshead Leisure Centre
U13 West	28/01/06	19/12/05	Stroud - Stratford Park Leisure Centre & Archway Sports Centre
U13 Home Counties	11-12/02/06	10/01/06	Slough - Montem Leisure Centre & Herschel School
U11 South East	15/10/05	16/09/05	Hounslow Badminton Centre
U11 North	23/10/05	30/09/05	Bradford - Richard Dunn Sports Centre
U11 Midlands	20/11/05	28/10/05	Kettering Leisure Village
U11 North West	04/12/05	12/11/05	Macclesfield Leisure Centre
U11 West	29/01/06	19/12/05	Stroud - Stratford Park Leisure Centre
U11 Home Counties	12/03/06	10/02/06	Slough - Montem Leisure Centre & Herschel School

### **Coaching at HSV**

### **Paul Widdicombe**

On Saturday June 11 Natalie Munt and Donna Kellogg, both Olympic competitors in Athens 2004, coached 28 Herts youngsters in two gruelling three-hour session at Herts Sports Village. Natalie and Donna took time out from their tournament calendar, which included trips to Singapore, followed by Malaysia and the World Championships in the USA. The event would not have taken place without the support and sponsorship of the University of Herts. Co-ordinated jointly by HSBA and HBA, the two groups were given an insight into the current training methods of the country's elite badminton players.

### **Swifts Presentation Evening**

Swifts Presentation Evening was held on the last club night - June 24. The club ran as usual, but time out was taken to present awards to players. and parents came along to watch.

Duncan and Marion Conway thanked all those who had helped with coaching and administration during the year and presented bottles of wine.

Next came the presentation of medals, given jointly by HSBA and HBA, to Young Coach of the Year - Emily Crabb - and Young Volunteer of the Year - Rhian Blowers.

Swifts has over 100 members aged 7 - 18 and is divided into 4 sessions by age and ability. The younger members all passed the BISI Stage 1 or Stage 2 tests and received certificates.

Several older players who had just missed out on medals received certificates for continued improvement and achievement .

Certificates were presented to all those who had played in the Junior Leagues with Swifts U12 Girls, U18 Girls and U18 Boys teams runners-up in their leagues and the U12 Boys, U15 Girls and U15 Medley teams all winners.

Trophies and medals were presented, based on ladder positions at the end of the Easter term.

Session 1 - Bronze medals - Shayna Godin / Pascal Hebditch / Thomas Ritson; Silver medal - Alex Deeble; Gold medal - John Whittaker; Trophy Winner - Waz Godin

Session 2 - Bronze medals - Sarah Wilde / Toby Cooper; Silver medal - Liam Barrowcliffe; Gold medal - Edward Byrne; Trophy Winner - Jonathan Radmall

Session 3 - Bronze medal - Oliver Goodwin; Silver medal - Freddie Kenison; Gold Medal - Nick Barnett; Trophy Winner - Daniel Hatt

Session 4 - Bronze medal - Ryan McCarthy; Silver medal - Rory Harcourt; Gold medal - Hao Choi; Trophy Winner - Ben Goodson

Since Easter, some players had reached the top of the ladders and were presented with keyrings Session 1 - Pascal Hebditch / John Whittaker, Session 2 - Edward Byrne, Session 3 - Jack Calvert

In Session 4 keyrings were presented to players who had kept the top few places from September to mid-February when competition for the top spot became a little hotter - Eddie Smith, Nishil Shah, Rory Harcourt, Melanie Harcourt, Gareth Lumb and Chris Clark - with Chris Tranter also receiving a keyring as the oldest member of the club.

Medals for improvement were presented to beginners Matteo Rosales and Hiral Mistry.

Year Trophy and medal winners were:

Year 3 - Gold Medal - Isabel Hatt; Trophy Winner - Amy George

Year 4 - Bronze Medals - Luc Cook / Andrew Li; Silver Medal - Justin Chan; Gold Medal - Isaac Bedi; Trophy Winners - Shayna Godin / Oliver Gomar

Year 5 - Bronze Medals - Kirsty Southey / Paul Earle; Silver Medals - Lucy Wheeler / Edward Byrne; Gold Medals - Jessie Northen / Michael Peak; Trophy Winners - Chloe Bungey / Gareth Lumb

Year 6 - Bronze Medal - Steven George; Silver Medal - Freddie Kenison; Gold Medals - Tamsyn Radmall / Daniel Hatt; Trophy Winners - Juliet Radmall / Nick Barnett

Junior Championship Runners-up: Juliet Radmall / Nick Barnett

### **Junior Champions: Chloe Bungey / Daniel Hatt**

Year 7 - Bronze Medal - Oliver Goodwin; Silver Medals - Katie Norfolk / Iain Robinson; Gold Medals - Sarah Wilder / Alex Lee; Trophy Winners - Jo En Choi / Ryan McCarthy

Year 8 - Bronze Medal - Alex Northen; Silver Medals - Louise Hammersley / Alex Barnett; Gold Medals - Lauren Austin / Jonathan Radmall; Trophy Winners - Hannah Cameron / Jack Fernandez

Year 9 - Bronze Medal - Nishil Shah; Silver Medal - Oscar Lam; Gold Medals - Eleanor Golland / Rory Harcourt; Trophy Winners - Alice Bloomfield / Ben Goodson

Year 10 - Bronze Medals - Elinor Perks / Thomas Byrne / Andrew Clark; Silver Medals - Yvette Cook / Sam Wheeler; Gold Medals - Melanie Harcourt / Oliver Gregg; Trophy Winners - Angela Law / Matthew Adamson

Year 11 - Silver Medal - Chris Frost; Gold Medals - Oliver Hammond / Eddie Smith; Trophy Winners - Claire Kerry / Hao Choi

Year 12 - Gold Medal - Adam Harcourt; Trophy Winner - Chris Clark

Year 13 - Trophy Winner - Chris Tranter

Senior Championship Runners-up: Melanie Harcourt / Ben Goodson

### **Senior Champions: Angela Law / Hao Choi**

The club as a whole would like to say a very big 'thank you' to Marion and Duncan, who started Swifts in Hatfield back in September 1984. As a result, so many children in the Welwyn / Hatfield / Potters Bar area - and from more distant places - have had a great deal of enjoyment from playing badminton on Friday evenings and several have gone on to become county players with some going even further and becoming England internationals.

Happy 21st Birthday, Swifts, in September 2005. May the club prosper for many more years.

### **Under 11 Singles Challenge National Finals**

**Liz Hatt**

On April 30 in Slough Nicholas Barnett and Daniel Hatt (both Herts U11s) qualified to join the South of England team of 6 boys for the Under 11 Singles Challenge National Finals. This Challenge, against teams from the South West, the Midlands and the North of England, took place in Milton Keynes on June 11. As expected, the boys faced tough competition, but nevertheless played some excellent badminton. The overall result for the team was disappointing, due to the withdrawal during the day of two of the boys because of illness. Despite this result, both Nicholas and Daniel enjoyed the day's badminton, although they were somewhat weary at the end!

**From the editor:** Thanks to Paul Widdicombe and Liz Hatt for their contributions. I hope many others will follow their example during the season.

We would like to send very best wishes from everyone to Phil Westwood who is in hospital as the result of a bad car accident. We all hope that he will be on the road to recovery very soon.

Closing date for items for the next newsletter is **Friday, October 14**.

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