

Top Spin

Introduction—Editor’s View

Welcome to the Badshot Lea Tennis Club Newsletter! The newsletter has been absent for a number of years, but it is back to update you on what’s new and happening in the club. Please feel free to email me with comments, suggestions or articles. So, get yourself a drink and may be a biscuit or two and settle down for a read.

2021 LTA Wimbledon Ballot



All members are encouraged to belong to British Tennis as a Lite Member—this is free. New members should have received an invite to join. Members registered with BTM and linked with Badshot Lea Tennis Club have the option to opt in for the Wimbledon Ballot that BTLC hold immediately after their AGM in March each year. The club is normally granted two pairs of tickets, often on Centre court and Court 1 or Court 2. Opt –in opens in Jan 2021—please keep a check on your email!

Ball Machine

We are fortunate to have an excellent ball machine at the club. Have you used it yet? It can give you a variety of ball deliveries to help improve your returns. To help the longevity of the tennis balls we also have a ball pressuriser. Please familiarise yourself with using this after you have used the ball machine. Contact Gillian if you wish to have a walk through on how to use it.



Club Clothing

Why not promote the club - we have our own club clothing range. Please see our website. Click on ‘Tennis Kit’ on the top menu.



September Tournaments

Due to the restrictions this year, we have not been able to run the usual club tournaments. However, we will run fun sessions in September:
Sat 5 Sep 14:30 — junior fun afternoon
Sun 13 Sep 12:30 — adult round robin tournament.
Categories: *men’s singles, ladies’ singles, men’s doubles, ladies, doubles, mixed doubles.* See 4 Aug email from our tournament secretary, Phil Austen-Jones, philandrachaj@gmail.com.
Closing date 16 Aug.

Quick Tennis Quiz

1. When was women’s tennis first included in the Olympics?
2. What was last used at Wimbledon in 1987?
3. Who was the winner in Men’s single’s category at French Open 2010?
4. Which country has won the most Davis cup title?
5. Who was the first unseeded player to win Wimbledon?
6. Whose invention is the lob in tennis?
7. Which tennis superstar is the only player to achieve a Golden Slam? (Winning all four Grand Slams and an Olympic gold in the same calendar year)



Future Club Projects

The club's committee has been working to upgrade the facilities at the tennis club. An application for funding from the local new developments 'Community Infrastructure Levy', CIL, has been made. If successful, this will go towards the installation of LED floodlights on both courts and a smart replacement ability-friendly clubhouse. The Planning Application for these two facilities has been submitted. Further funding may also be required and local grant bodies will be approached. Additionally the area around the new clubhouse will be paved and bicycle stands installed. An outside electrical point and water tap will also be provided.

Coaching

The club's affiliated LTA coach, Allson Egenti, is running two group coaching sessions at the club courts on Saturday mornings. Under the current restrictions, he is able to take six players at each session. Social distancing and hygiene rules apply. Please email Gillian if you would like to be added to the booking email sent out each Wednesday. The coaching is on a pay as you go basis, direct to Allson.

Court Usage

The courts have been well used since the easing of lockdown in May for outdoor tennis. I hope you have all enjoyed your time on court.

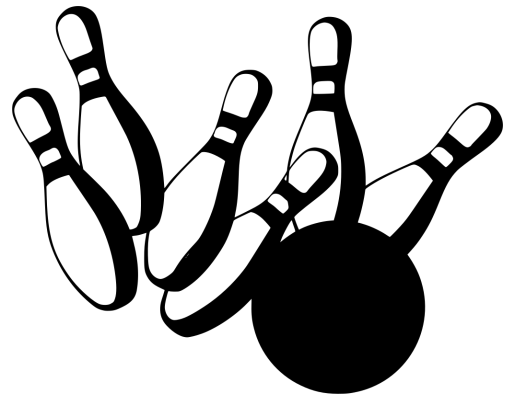
Pre-booked club nights are also being well supported albeit with a limit of 12 people.

The Google Calendar booking system has proved very useful over the last few months too. It guarantees you have the court when you want it, rather than turning up hoping for a free court.



Future socials

The club's annual Skittle evening at Tongham will provisionally go ahead this November, however this depends on government guidelines. An email will be sent to all nearer the time.



Team Tennis

The Aldershot & District LTA (ADLTA) is proposing to run a friendly "stand alone" winter league for 2021. Clubs are free to enter as many teams as they wish or none at all as this league will NOT affect any future leagues. There will not be any promotions, relegations, penalties or fees, just tennis.

The provision of refreshments, use of facilities will be determined much nearer the time (mid -September) and be in line with the current government and LTA guidelines and advice.

BLTC have entered a mixed team. There are still places if you would like to have a friendly match against another club.

If we have missed asking you or you have a change of mind, please contact the Match Secretary Sue (07962 062657).

1.1900 2. wooden rackets 3. Rafael Nadal 4. United States
5. Boris Becker 6. Frank Hadow 7. Steffi Graf

Answers