

Top Spin

Introduction—Editor's View

Welcome to the winter 2020 edition of the Badshot Lea Tennis Club Newsletter! What a rollercoaster of a ride we have all had since the last news sheet in August. Now back in lockdown and the dark evenings. What better way to spend the time than reading this, perhaps with a warming drink. Articles are always welcome—so please send them in for the Spring edition due out in March 2021. Thank you. Season's Greetings.



September Tournaments

Due to the restrictions this year, we were not been able to run the usual club tournaments. However, fun sessions in September were a great success:

Sat 5 Sep—the Junior afternoon had three attendees. Under cloudless skies the children were given some fun tennis drills. To round the afternoon off, they experienced the use of the ball machine, trying to keep up with the pace and the direction of the ball. All enjoyed themselves and were presented with a T shirt as a memento.

Sun 13 Sep — Adult round-robin tournament. Once again the day was blessed with good weather and plenty of social ly-distanced spectator support for the players. Young Callum stormed through the competition, winning the Men's Singles as well as the Men's Doubles with Clive Raffo. Well done Callum. The Women's Singles was closely contested by Helen Kenna but Amanda Watson eventually triumphed to retain the trophy after many long rallies. New members, Adrienne Owen and Helen Kenna won the Ladies' Doubles with a determined display of teamwork. Amanda Watson and Clive Raffo won the Mixed Doubles with some consistently good serving and a great variety of shots that had all their opposition working hard.



Quick Tennis Quiz

1. Fred Perry was the last British man to win Wimbledon before Andy Murray. Which year was Perry's last triumph?
2. Who is the last British woman to win a Grand Slam?
3. Who was the first person to win Wimbledon with an invitation?
4. Who is credited with patenting modern lawn tennis as we know it?
5. In which round was Rafael Nadal eliminated from Wimbledon 2012?
6. Pressurized tennis balls have hollow cores that are filled with what gas?
7. You serve, your opponent tries to return serve, but the return goes long. What is this called?



We're Fundraising for the new Floodlights and Clubhouse



Did you know that whenever you buy anything online – from your weekly shop to your annual holiday – you could be raising free donations for Badshot Lea Tennis Club with easyfundraising?

There are over 4,000 shops and sites on board ready to make a donation – including eBay, Argos, John Lewis, ASOS, Booking.com and M&S – and it won't cost you a penny extra to help us raise funds. All you need to do is:

1. Go to https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/badshotleatennisclub/?utm_campaign=raise-more and join for free.
2. Every time you shop online, go to easyfundraising first to find the site you want and start shopping.
3. After you've checked out, the retailer will make a donation to Badshot Lea Tennis Club at no extra cost to you whatsoever!

There are no catches or hidden charges and Badshot Lea Tennis Club will be really grateful for your donations. Please invite your friends and family to join and help us raise funds for the Club.

With Christmas around the corner this is a way to help your club at the same time as present shopping!

Team Tennis

The Aldershot & District LTA (ADLTA) is still running the friendly "stand alone" winter league for 2021. Despite the break in matches for Lockdown 2, matches are planned to recommence after 2nd Dec, when Lockdown 2 ends.

The provision of refreshments is not permitted so if you are playing please remember to bring along all refreshments that you will need. This is in line with the current government and LTA guidelines and advice.

The BLTC mixed team have played two matches to date, both very enjoyable. There are still places if you would like to have a friendly match against another club. Dates for the remaining matches are (pending further lockdowns):

Sat 19 Dec home 10am against David Lloyd

Tue 12 Jan away 6:30pm at Wrecclesham

Sat 23 Jan away 10am at Shalford

Sat 6 Feb home 10am against Tilford&Rushmoor

Wed 24 Feb away 6:30pm at David Lloyd

Match away against Tilford&Rushmoor tba

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

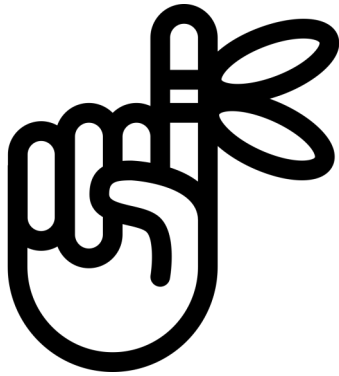
Future Club Projects—update

The club's committee has been working to upgrade the facilities at the tennis club. The result of the application for funding from the local new developments 'Community Infrastructure Levy' (CIL), has been delayed until end March 2021, with indications that full funding is unlikely. The Committee is now approaching other funding bodies to help cover the possible shortfall. If all grant applications are successful, they will allow the installation of LED floodlights on both courts and a smart replacement ability-friendly clubhouse. 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. The Planning Application for these two facilities has been resubmitted after a technical issue with the first application.

Plans for the new clubhouse and location of the floodlights are on display in the clubhouse.

Answers 1.1936 2.Virginia Wade 3.Goran Ivanisevic 4. Major
Water Clopton Wingfield in 1874
5.2nd round 6. nitrogen 7. a service winner

Club Reminders



Coaching


The clubs affiliated LTA coach, Allson Egenti, is coaching at the Aldershot Tennis Centre on Saturday mornings through the winter season. Social distancing and hygiene rules apply. It is an ATC-run open session so you need to book early if you wish to attend. See their website <https://www.aldershottenniscentre.co.uk/> for further details and latest news on indoor tennis following lifting of lockdown 2.

Payment – this is £14, payable to the centre at time of booking. Tel: 01252 750431. State you are booking for the Saturdays Adult Drop In Session @ 10:00am. It is 1hr long. As maximum is now 4 at the session, early booking is recommended.

Sue is a member of the Centre and normally books the hour 9-10 before for a warm up for BLTC players. We then do not use our time warming up at 10:00! Please let Sue know (email) if you will be attending the 9:00 as well. Cost



2021 LTA Wimbledon Ballot— change in the process



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.


LTA are changing the way the Wimbledon Ballot is being run in for The Championships, 2021 and beyond. The changes that are being made are to improve the processes for operating the ballot, with a fair and transparent centralised process replacing the current decentralised approach.

The changes to ballot processes are only applicable to LTA registered venues and LTA members linked to a club/venue for which going forward one centralised ballot will be held.


In the new centralised system, clubs will not receive an individual allocation of tickets.

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



Court Usage



The courts were well used after the easing of lockdown 1 in May for outdoor tennis. I hope you have all enjoyed your time on court through the summer.

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

Once lockdown 2 is over, the courts will be open once again, dependent on government and LTA guidelines—please remember to use the Google Calendar booking system. It guarantees you have the court when you want it, rather than turning up hoping for a free court.

Remember there is sanitiser in the clubhouse. Please sign the attendance sheet if you use any clubhouse facilities, including the ball machine.

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.

Christmas is coming, perhaps add a club T shirt to your Christmas list!