



Top Spin

Introduction—Editor’s View

Welcome to the Summer 2021 edition of the Badshot Lea Tennis Club Newsletter! With the temperatures now rising it is starting to feel like summer. Queen’s is on and Wimbledon is still scheduled.

Articles are always welcome—so please send them in. Thank you.



Court Usage



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 Tournaments and Fun Days

Reminder of key dates for your diaries, details and entry forms have been sent out by Phil. If you missed the email please contact: phil.austen-jones@badshotleatennisclub.org.uk

Sat 4 Sep—the Junior afternoon

Sun 12 Sep — Adult round-robin tournament

Court Resurfacing

The courts are looking good and playing really well after their resurfacing treatment at end April. This should now last the club for several years .

Club Nights

With the most popular time for tennis in the UK during the summer months please help make sure on club nights that everyone gets a chance at playing. If others are waiting to play, then please adopt the club-night scoring system:

- Play Doubles matches when possible
- A total of four games to be played per match
- Short deuces to be played at 40-40. i.e. If the score gets to 40-40, the best of 3 points decides the game
- At the end of the match, check the score on the other court. If it is nearing completion, then wait for them to finish and then mix the players up so everyone gets to play with and against different people.

Team Tennis

Our match secretary, Sue, will be pleased to hear from you if you would like to take part in friendly matches over the Summer against other clubs.



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Quick Tennis Quiz

- 1a. What is the name of the four most important tennis tournaments in the world?
- 1b .Who was the first player to win them in a single year?
- 2.Which male American tennis player was the first to win 3 straight titles at Wimbledon?
- 3.As a child, Rafael Nadal was also a talent at which sport?
- 4.The score in a set is 6 – 5. What are the possible final scores?

Social Events

How about a club BBQ and tennis event to make use of the longer summer evenings? We'd have to time the cooking so that the smoke didn't drift across the courts and give players excuses for missing shots, but it might be nice over the summer to have a game of tennis and a burger afterwards.



Keep an eye on the club WhatsApp channel for date / time, probably a Friday evening in July (This is dependent on weather forecast and any government restrictions and guidelines etc).

Fundraiser and Social Friday 6 August 6-9pm *(see email 27 May for full details)*

To help raise some funds towards our club improvement project a social evening at the Clubhouse in conjunction with locally produced, Nibb's Gin has been planned. This is open to members and their guest.

The event is limited to 30 tickets, to assist with numbers for catering and licensing. We will be following government guidelines in place at the time. The ticket includes food, with a bar at very reasonable prices - Nibbs Gin, Hog's Back beer, wine and soft drinks. Bottles of Nibb's Gin will be available to purchase with discounted prices on the evening.



A big thank you to our club member Richard and wife Nicki for running this event and bringing their Nibb's Gin to us. They will donate 10% of the bottle sales together with the net proceeds from the tickets and bar sales going towards the Club's fundraising. Maybe we can raise enough to purchase the bike stands we need, or flooring for the new clubhouse!

Tickets are going fast so recheck your 27 May email or contact Gillian. See you there.

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. The pre-season check-up found lots of balls jammed inside. If that starts happening again, please report it to committee for repair.

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.



Future Club Projects—update

The club's committee has been working to upgrade the facilities at the tennis club. The application for funding from the local new developments 'Community Infrastructure Levy' (CIL), has been successful and approved. The Committee is continuing to approach other funding bodies to help cover the 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. Despite chasing and prompting we are still awaiting notification of the final planning permission.

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



Articles are welcome for our Autumn edition of the club newsletter. Please send through to Gillian for their review and inclusion.

Answers 1a. A Grand Slam. 1b Don Budge
2. Pete Sampras 3. Football 4. 7-5 or 7-6

Club Reminders



Coaching

The clubs affiliated LTA coach, Allson Egenti, is providing group coaching at our courts of a Saturday 12:15—13:45 @£15 per session, payable to Allson. You do not have to attend every week, but when you can.

Please let Gillian know if you wish to be added to the weekly call-up email.

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.



VOLUNTEERS PLEASE!

Gillian would like some volunteers who live near the courts to unlock and close the Public Court when it is hired. Please contact Gillian if you can help with this. *Thank you*

2021 LTA Wimbledon Ballot—change in the process

All members are encouraged to belong to LTA as an Advantage Play+ member and affiliate to the Badshot Lea Tennis Club. This will give you free entry to the Wimbledon Ballot and many more exclusive venues and offers.



All LTA Advantage Play+ members received an email at beginning of June inviting to register for the ticket sale.

LTA have changed the way the Wimbledon Ballot will be run for The Championships. The changes that are being made are to improve the processes for operating the ballot, with a fair and transparent centralised process replacing the previously 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.

Note: There will not be a public ballot for the Championships in 2021.

We're Fundraising for the new Floodlights and Clubhouse



We've been paid for the first time by #easyfundraising! Thanks to everyone who's helped make a BIG difference during this difficult time by raising donations for us.

If you're not supporting Badshot Lea Tennis Club yet, please sign up now. It takes 2 minutes & 5,000+ shops will donate to us for free every time you shop with them! Visit:

easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/badshotleatennisclub/payments/60a28d9c7e101c2d0ded2fe9/

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.

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.

Thank you for your support.