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Introduction—Editor’s View

Welcome to the Autumn 2021 edition of the Badshot Lea Tennis Club Newsletter! In case you missed the email, the Club now has planning permission for a new clubhouse and floodlights to both courts. We have had an excellent year so far with fundraising events and a great end of season club tournament. Read on and enjoy!



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.

Team Tennis

The Winter ADLTA League is running this year. BLTC has entered a mixed team. The dates are below. Please let Gillian know if you are able to play. These matches are against other local friendly clubs. There are just two pairs from each club and play two sets against each pair from the opposing club.

Sat 9 Oct 13:00 home v Wrecclesham
Tue 2 Nov 18:30 away at David Lloyd
Sat 13 Nov 13:00 home v Brightwells
Sat 20 Nov 13:00 home v Tilford&Rushmoor
Fri 3 Dec 18:30 away at Brightwells
Sat 11 Dec 13:00 home v David Lloyd

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Club Nights

With the nights drawing in quite quickly now, club nights are a short meeting for members to enjoy the late summer evening sun and fine weather. Do come on down, slightly earlier at 5:30pm, and get a few games in with your fellow members before we have the dark evenings!



Coaching

The club’s affiliated LTA coach, Allson Egenti, is providing group coaching at our courts of a Saturday 9:00—10:30am (times may vary) @£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.

Quick Tennis Quiz

1. What type of material are tennis balls covered with?
2. The longest singles match in recorded history lasted 11 hours and 5 minutes, stretched over 3 days. Which 2 players competed in this match?
3. What year did tennis originally become an Olympic sport?
4. Which organization runs international team event the Davis Cup?
5. Of the Grand Slam tournaments, which was established first?

Fundraiser and Social Friday 6 August

After some very heavy rain the clouds parted for our first fundraiser event. In conjunction with local gin producers Nibbs, an excellent evening was had socialising under clear skies with lovely food provided by Nicki and drinks by Richard.

Thanks to those who supported the event with ticket sales and percentage of drink sales we made a profit of £265.

A big thank you to our club member Richard and wife Nicki for running this event and bringing their Nibb's Gin to us. <https://www.nibbsspirits.co.uk/>



Club Tournament and Fundraiser BBQ Sun 12 Sep

Thank you to all who took part and those who supported the club at our annual tournament day.

The good weather helped make for a lovely afternoon for both players and spectators. Excellent BBQ by Phil T and desserts by Sue. Umpiring by Sammy and tournament coordinated by Phil A-J.

This year it was decided to make this a fundraising event to help towards the costs of the club's project improvements. Allowing for expenses on bbq/food and trophies, final figure now £84.50 made towards the club funds. In addition, donations were also received.

Results were:-

Men's Singles: Phil Austen-Jones

Ladies Singles: Amanda Watson

Men's Doubles: Andy Hall & Richard Sharman

Ladies Doubles: Gillian Hyman & Amanda Watson

Mixed Doubles: Amanda Watson & Clive Raffo



Social Events

Following the success of the Summer fundraiser evening the Committee are hoping to arrange a quiz evening in the New Year. Watch out for more info in your emails towards end of the year!

Future Club Projects—update

The club's committee is pleased to announce that planning permission was granted in August for the installation of floodlights on both courts and a replacement clubhouse. We are still needing more funding to enable this to go ahead fully. If you have been fundraising for us, have any ideas for fundraising or funding bodies to be approached please contact any of your committee. They will be pleased to hear from you.

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

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

Quiz Answers
1. Felt, yellow felt is used in official competitions, but they are available in many colours
2. John Isner and Nicolas Mahut, at the 2010 Wimbledon.
3. 1896, however it took a pause as a full medal sport following the 1924 games until the 1988 games.
4. International Tennis Federation
5. Wimbledon, which was established in 1877. Followed by the US Open (1881), the French Open (1891), and the Australian Open (1905).

Club Reminders



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.

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.



LTA and Wimbledon Ballot

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



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.



Your committee are always looking for new ways to help keep the clubs funds increasing. This is why we've joined the My Club community, and launched our very own Outlet!

<https://mycluboutlet.co.uk/outlet/badshotleatennisclub/>

Our Outlet is an eShop where you can buy anything from the wide range of products, get a great deal, AND raise money for us. Because with every sale, a percentage comes right back to us.

So when you're doing your shopping, please think of using our Outlet, and asking your friends and family to do the same.



Every little helps - so thanks for your support!