



Top Spin

Introduction—Editor’s View

Welcome to the Winter 2021 edition of the Badshot Lea Tennis Club Newsletter! The Club has had a busy year: planning permission, actively fund raising and now back into the cold darker evenings. Hope you enjoy your Winter Top Spin, perhaps read with a drink of something warming! Articles are always welcome—so please send them in. Thank you for continuing to support your club during 2021. Season’s Greetings from your committee.



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 managed to play all of the matches so far. There are just two matches after Christmas. 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.

Tue 11 Jan 18:30 away at Wrecclesham
Sun 13 Feb 13:15 away at Tilford&Rushmoor

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Crowdfunding with Sport England

The campaign is up and running and can be found here: <https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/badshot-lea-tc>

Our target is to raise £5,000. SE have pledged £1,500.

There are some great limited rewards on offer too - Nuffield Health, Fish&Chips, free MOT, Club membership

Please spread the word with your friends and family so that we reach the minimum 25 unique supporters - every little helps, just £5 will make a difference.

A big THANKYOU in advance for supporting the club. 2022 will surely be an exciting time for the club - floodlights and a better clubhouse!

Club Sessions

There are several members playing of a Saturday morning at the club. Please feel free to go down and join in. Please check WhatsApp or use the app to ask if others would like a game.

Quick Tennis Quiz

1. Name the American brother and sister team who won the Wimbledon mixed doubles championship in 1980.
2. Who had the nickname of “Pistol Pete”?
3. Which two players competed against each other for three consecutive Wimbledon male’s singles finals, from 1988-1990?
4. True or false: you can score 25 points in a single game



Coaching

The club's affiliated LTA coach, Allson Egenti, is providing group coaching at our courts on Saturday 9:00—10:30am (times may vary) @£15 per session, payable to Allson. You do not have to attend every week, but can come along when you can.

Last coaching session of 2021 is 18 December. **Coaching resumes on Sat 8 January.**

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

Skittles Evening and Fish & Chip Supper

Committee Member Sue and husband Phil are organising/running a skittles evening with a fish & chip supper for us at St Pauls Church Hall, Tongham on **26 February 2022, 7-9pm**. Tickets are available from Sue.

This is always well supported so do not delay in purchasing your tickets.



Fundraiser and Social Quiz Evening

Club member Richard and wife Nicki are planning on running a quiz and drinks evening for the club in March. They will also be bringing their Nibb's Gin to us.

<https://www.nibbspirits.co.uk/>



Social Events

Following the success of fundraiser events in 2021 the Committee are hoping to arrange more in 2022. If you have an idea for one or would like to host, please let your committee know.



The Eco Balloon Race was great fun, watching progress or not of your balloon across New York. A big THANK YOU to all those who took part. We had 29 unique sponsors, who after costs have raised nearly £120 for the Club. Prizes were kindly donated. Sue was ahead of our group for most of the race—perhaps she has a secret formula for the shape, thickness and weight!! Well done Sue and thank you for organising it for the Club.



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

- Quiz Answers**
1. John and Tracy Austin
 2. Pete Sampras
 3. Boris Becker and Stefan Edberg
 4. False
 5. Simona Halep

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 the committee for repair. There is an instruction sheet in the clubhouse.



To help the longevity of the tennis balls we also have a ball pressuriser. Again there is an instruction sheet in the clubhouse.

Please try and use 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. To those already Advantage Play+ registered, you should receive an email early in the New Year for opting in to the 2022 Wimbledon Ballot.



Future Club Projects—update

Since receiving planning permission in August for the installation of floodlights on both courts and a replacement clubhouse, the committee have been trying to raise further funds to enable both to be carried out. Ideally we will do the clubhouse before floodlights to avoid additional costs on rework for the floodlight electrics.

With the cost of materials having increased quite dramatically in the last year, the committee are now considering progressing with a fully refurbished clubhouse rather than complete replacement. The current structure is ok, just the roof, windows, doors and interior layout! This may reduce the costs to a point where it can all be carried out over 2022. It will also reduce landfill. Roofing , window and door quotes are being obtained for committee decision on contractors—we will keep you posted.

The LTA are working with the Club with an aim to provide an interest-free loan whilst the floodlight work is being done as the bulk of the funding so far is by pledges. Once work is completed for the floodlighting and a partial clubhouse refurbishment the pledges will be paid. Provisional date for floodlights end March 2022, but this may slip dependent on LTA Loan in place before work starts.

Club Fundraising

Please share this fund raising page with friends and family to help promote our cause and raise the funds needed to realise our floodlighting and replacement clubhouse. Thank you.



We're Fundraising for the new Floodlights and Clubhouse

Members registered with [easyfundraising](#) and shopping online is raising quite a few £s for the Club. Have you joined yet?

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 & 6,000+ 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.



Localgiving is the UK's number one support network for local charities and community groups.

The National Lottery Magic Little Grants, through the Postcode lottery scheme, have awarded Badshot Lea Tennis Club £500 towards the project improvements. As part of this grant there is a local giving website for the Club providing more details and how to donate and help the club.

Please see our site <https://localgiving.org/charity/badshot-lea-tennis-club/>

Your committee are always looking for new ways to help keep the clubs funds increasing.

This is why we've joined the My Club Market (formerly My Club Outlet), and launched our very own Market!

<https://myclubmarket.co.uk/market/badshotleatennisclub/>

Our Market 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!