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Introduction—Editor’s View

Welcome to the Spring 2022 edition of the Badshot Lea Tennis Club Newsletter! The Club has had another busy few months—Crowdfunding, Clubhouse refurbishment started and floodlighting installation booked in. Please read on for all the news. The committee look forward to seeing you at the club and on court now the nights are drawing out and the days are getting warmer. 2022 is set to be an exiting year for the club ... we hope you are able to be part of it.



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 has now closed. There were some excellent games played—although the score doesn't show it, —I believe we are bottom of the league again! The club has entered one mixed team in the summer league. Please let the Match Secretary, Sue, know if you are able to play. The fixture list will be sent once it is confirmed.

The summer league needs a team of 3 women and 3 men - so please support us.

AGM

The Badshot Lea Tennis Club AGM will be held on

Thur 24 March, 7:30pm for 7:45pm. At St George’s Church, Badshot Lea. Please check your emails for further details. The notification email was sent 24 Feb.

The committee look forward to seeing you then when they can provide the update on the club improvements and plans for the future.

Club Sessions

The Saturday club sessions are very popular please come down and join in.

The Thursday evening sessions will commence on **7 April at 6pm**. Please come and join us.

Quick Tennis Quiz

1. Who recently won the 2022 Tie Break Tens Tournament in India Wells?
2. Roger Federer was born in which Swiss city?
3. How many Grand Slam singles titles has Serena Williams won?
4. Who is the last British woman to win a Grand Slam?
5. What is the official capacity of Centre Court, Wimbledon? (to the nearest thousand)



Crowdfunding with Sport England

A big THANKYOU to all who supported our Crowdfunding campaign. The Club reached the £5K target and Sport England funded £1,500 towards this.

2022 will surely be an exciting time for the club - floodlights and a better clubhouse!

Clubhouse Refurbishment has commenced!

The refurbishment of the Clubhouse started 14 March. We now have a new roof, windows and door. Further internal modifications to the layout have also started. There will be no toilet facilities for a few weeks. Help is always welcome from our members—it is your clubhouse! If you have construction knowledge or are able to dispose of items no longer required please let the committee know. Thank you to those who have already volunteered and helped.



Skittles Evening and Fish & Chip Supper

Match Secretary, Sue and husband Phil organised the skittles evening with a fish & chip supper for us at the end of February. This was a very successful and fun evening with members, friends and members of local tennis clubs supporting us. Well done to all the winners and a big thank you to Sue & Phil for organising.



Fundraiser and Social Quiz Evening

Club member Richard and wife Nicki's quiz and drinks evening for the club has been postponed—and will now be scheduled for later in the year.

<https://www.nibbsspirits.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.



Articles are welcome for our Summer edition of the club newsletter.

Please send through to Gillian for their review and inclusion.

Quiz Answers
1. Amanda Anisimova
2. Basel
3. 23
4. Virginia Wade
5. 14,979 (accept 15,000)

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 have receive an email early in the New Year for opting in to the 2022 Wimbledon Ballot.



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 raising further funds to enable both to be carried out. Ideally the clubhouse would have been replaced (before the floodlights to avoid additional costs on rework for the electrics.)

However, with the cost of materials having increased quite dramatically in the last year, partially due to COVID, the committee have decided to progress with refurbishing the clubhouse rather than complete replacement. The current structure is ok, just the roof, windows, doors and interior layout! This decision will reduce the costs to a point where it can all be carried out over 2022. It will also reduce landfill and help the environment! We have also redesigned the interior, to retain as much as possible of the existing stud walls, and maximise accessibility

The Club have been working with the LTA to obtain an interest-free bridging loan whilst the floodlight work is being done, as the bulk of the funding so far is by pledges. The LTA have now agreed the loan in principal and we are awaiting final approval from the funding Trustees. We expect to hear by the AGM. Once work is completed for the floodlighting and a partial clubhouse refurbishment completed the pledges will be paid. Date for the start of floodlight installation is 23 May over 3 weeks.



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 refurbished clubhouse. Thank you.



We are continuing to Fundraise for the Club

Members registered with **easyfundraising** and shopping online are raising quite a few £s for the Club. Have you joined yet?

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!

You can find our easyfundraising page at

https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/badshotleatennisclub/?utm_campaign=raise-more&utm_medium=email&utm_content=gs-e1

There are over 6,000 shops and sites on board ready to make a donation – including **eBay, Argos, John Lewis, ASOS, Booking.com, Screwfix 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.



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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/>

MY CLUB MARKET [Shop Now](#)

My Club Market has changed! **10% from every sale supports Badshot Lea Tennis Club**

We have already funded 4 Junior Rackets for the Club through this site

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

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