

# Top Spin

## Introduction—Editor's View

Welcome to the Summer 2023 edition of the Badshot Lea Tennis Club Newsletter!

The committee welcome our new members and look forward to seeing you at the club and on court now Summer is here. 2023 is set to be an other exiting year for the club ... we hope you are able to be part of it.



## Coaching with Return Tennis

Your committee are pleased to inform you they have appointed Matt Marlow - Return Tennis to be our Head Coach. Matt is Level 5 Master Club Coach and has been delivering tennis sessions and running programmes at clubs since 2005. He and his company Return Tennis runs a few other locations locally with the help of an excellent coaching and admin team.

This will be a new phase for the tennis club with various sessions and activities to be available. The full programme will be released later in the year. These will be bookable and paid for via Return Tennis app.

Welcome Matt and the Team.

## Diary Dates

Big Tennis Weekends— Sunday 23 and 30 July 12:30—15:30.

The Tennis Club will be again taking part in the LTA Big Tennis Weekend events this year. Please tell your friends and neighbours to come along and try tennis or come back to the sport. Rackets will be available to borrow on the day. Refreshments too!

NEW!!! Summer Camp 29, 30, 31 August 9-11am. Aimed at juniors.  
Further details to follow.

Club Tournament Saturday 9 September 12:30pm— a Swiss format, details to follow.

## Club Sessions

The Saturday club sessions, 10:00am, are now a regular fixture so please come down and join in.



The Thursday evening club sessions are at, **6pm**, weather permitting. Please come and join us.

## 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. **You can now book time on both courts.**



Please sign the attendance sheet if you use any clubhouse facilities, including the ball machine(s).

## Club Landscaping Project

To complete the new look for the Tennis Club, a landscaping project has been launched. This is to improve the area surrounding the Clubhouse making the surface weed resistance and even. The Club has the backing of the Landlord, WBC, with provisos.



Farnham Town Council grant and the Postcode Lottery—Magic Little Grants will allow some substantial improvement, but not those originally planned. The committee have chosen to progress with basic improvements—dependent on WBC acceptance. The cost of materials and labour make it prohibitive to do anything grand. The clubs reserves need to be grown over next few years in readiness for resurfacing of the courts—estimated to be 2027.

Member help will be needed in the next few months—so please check on your emails and support the work of your committee.



## Ladies day out!

Club members Helen, Sue and Gillian had a day out to the WTA Women's Tournament at The Priory Tennis Club in Edgbaston Birmingham. After a good drive up, the heaven's decided to open up as we stepped into the tennis centre. After a rain delay of about an hour play resumed at 2pm and carried on uninterrupted with some good matches to watch.



Frech v Cirstea



Venus Williams v Jelena Ostepenko



## Quick Tennis Quiz

Please give the quiz a go:

1. What type of material are tennis balls covered with?
2. What year did tennis originally become an Olympic sport?
3. Name the American brother and sister team who won the Wimbledon mixed doubles championship in 1980.
4. Combining both singles and doubles, which female wheelchair tennis player has won 48 Grand Slam tournaments?
5. Which tennis player released an autobiography entitled 'You Cannot Be Serious'?



# Club Reminders



## Ball Machines

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.




Both ball machines now have a remote control, so you can start and stop them from other end of court!


**[To enable it: turn on the "Remote Control" switch, then press the A button on the fob to enable/disable ball feed, or C for the oscillator].**

## 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.




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



## Newsletters

Copies of previous issues of the Club's newsletter can be found on the Club website, see footer of web page.




## 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 in 2024 and many more exclusive venues and offers.

<https://www2.lta.org.uk/advantage/> then Click on Advantage Play—it is FREE!

Have you won tickets in the Ballot? Congratulations if you did and have a great experience at Wimbledon. I will be going this year, thanks to husband Kevin winning in the ballot - Editor.

Login to your Advantage Home using your *LTA Username and Password*  
Head to your benefits page and click on the 'LTA Wimbledon Ballot Opt In' benefit  
Once there, simply click on the *Opt In button*



## Quiz Answers

1. Felt, yellow felt is used in official competitions, but they are available in many colours.
2. 1896, however it took a pause as a full medal sport following the 1924 games until the 1988 games.
3. John and Tracy Austin
4. Esther Vergeer
5. John McEnroe

## Club Fundraising

Please share this fund raising page with friends and family to help continue to raise revenue for the club and the court resurfacing fund. 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. The club has just received a payment of £15.74—thank you to all those that use easyfundraising . Have you joined yet?

If you're not supporting Badshot Lea Tennis Club yet, please sign up now. It takes 2 minutes & 7,000+ shops will donate to us for free every time you shop with them! Now a QR code for easy link up.

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

There are over 7,000 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.



Localgiving is the UK's number one support network for local charities and community groups. The National Lottery Magic Little Grants have awarded Badshot Lea Tennis Club £500 towards the landscaping improvement project. As part of this, there is a Localgiving website for the Club providing more details on how to donate and help the club. Please see our site <https://localgiving.org/charity/badshot-lea-tennis-club/>



My Club Market is an eShop where you can buy anything sports-related; get a great deal, AND raise money for us. **10% from every sale supports Badshot Lea Tennis Club.**

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

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!

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