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Introduction—Editor's View

Welcome to the Autumn 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 during autumn. Hope you enjoy this edition and remember, articles are welcome.



Big Tennis Weekends— Sunday 23 and 30 July

The Tennis Club held a couple of open afternoons as part of the LTA Big Tennis Weekend events. They were both well supported, although the rain shortened the second. Thank you Coach Matt and to all who came along and met potential new members. Several juniors signed up to the junior holiday camp and LTA Youth start programme from these.

Junior Summer Camp

Coach Matt welcomed a number of juniors to the Summer Camps held at the end of August. For two hours the children had a lot of fun performing ability drills and learning basic tennis. They all appeared to enjoy themselves. Thank you Matt and assistant Sally for providing this activity at the Club.



BLTC Junior coaching and the LTA Youth Start Programme

Head coach Matt has arranged for LTA L3 coach Alex to run junior coaching sessions of a Monday after school and through term time. There are some in conjunction with the LTA Youth Start programme which is supported by the LTA Tennis Foundation. Click on link for more details:

[Search & book a children's tennis lesson LTA](#) Payment to LTA and in return, tennis racket, balls and branded T-shirt all for £29.99 (+£5 p&p).

For dates and booking details of the other junior sessions please contact Matt on 07835 705286. Please spread the word.

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.

There are still some tree branches to be cleared and weeds on the sides of the courts if you have a spare moment to help. There were a couple of sessions of clearance during August, this has made a difference. Thanks to all who helped out.



BLTC Annual club tournament 2023



The annual club tournament was held on a hot September Saturday. As there were only a few entries again this year the challenge cup tournament was not held. Instead, a couple of hours of tennis with a round robin format, kindly run by Matt, was played. Despite the 31deg heat all entrants managed to play as many games as possible in the 12min allotted time per match, partnering different players. All played 7 matches.

Drew finished as winner and Eric as runner-up. Congratulations!

Stop Press...

Gin and Music Quiz fundraising evening is planned for Fri 1st March 2024 with Richard and Nicki.

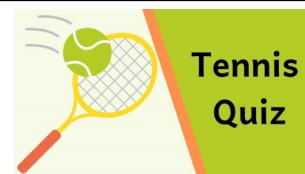
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Quick Tennis Quiz

Please give the quiz a go:

1. Which organisation runs the Davies Cup?
2. Of the Grand Slam tournaments which was established first?
3. In which year did Novak Djokovic turn professional?
4. Which two players competed against each other for three consecutive Wimbledon male's singles finals, from 1988-1990?
5. What and where is the largest tennis stadium in the world? Take a guess at the number of seats?



Club Reminders



Ball Machines

We are fortunate to have two excellent ball machines at the club. Have you used them yet? They 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. Please try and use this after you have used the ball machine. Again there is an instruction sheet in the clubhouse.

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!

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

Good Luck



- Quiz Answers**
1. International Tennis Federation
 2. Wimbledon 1877
 3. 2003
 4. Boris Becker and Stefan Edberg
 5. Arthur Ashe Stadium, New York City . Seating 23,711

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

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 [Shop Now](#)

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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