



Top Spin

Introduction—Editor’s View

Welcome to the Spring 2024 edition of the Badshot Lea Tennis Club Newsletter!

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. Hope you enjoy reading this edition, lots to tell you all! Ed



BLTC and ATC

The beginning of March saw the merger of the Aldershot Tennis Club (ATC) with BLTC. A big welcome to the members of ATC who are in the process of joining BLTC and closing their club. Their Chairman, Chanto has been invited onto the BLTC Committee. He will be taking over the Match Secretary role too. Thank you to Sue who has run this for several years now for us.

The team entry into the Aldershot and District LTA summer league has been accepted by the league to be known as BLTC & ATC for the summer, and BLTC thereafter. There have been 5 teams submitted—2 mens doubles, 1 ladies doubles and 2 mixed teams. The league has changed the format of the summer matches to be the same as the winter one—two pairs, 2 sets played against each pair. There will be plenty of match play available for those that are interested.

Coaching News

Our first Open Day of the year, held on Sunday 17 March, was a success from all ages.

ReturnTennis are running Easter Sessions at the Club

on 11th and 12th April .

School Year R-4 ,12-1.30 each day

School Year 5-9 ,1.30-3.30 each day

Book through the ReturnTennis App or contact Matt on 07835705286 or email info@returntennis.co.uk.



Club Sessions

Club sessions are run Thursday evening 6pm and Saturday morning 10am. We look forward to seeing you on court.



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).

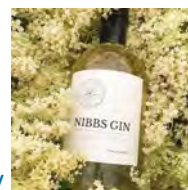
Club Landscaping Project

The Club's landscaping project is very nearly complete with main area done and bike stands in place. There are just a few tidying up jobs left—awaiting better weather. The Mayor will be coming along one Saturday morning to formal open the area. It would be great if we had quite a few members there to celebrate. The date will be emailed / What'sApp to you when arranged.



Gin and Quiz evening

The Gin and Quiz fundraising evening on 1st March was a huge success. Richard entertained us during the evening with his band 'The Three Amigos'. A variety of questions and dingbats kept our brains busy and there was time to socialise too. Although there were only a few club members attending we did have several tables of players who came to support the club. Many thanks to Richard and Nicki for running the evening.



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

AGM

The Badshot Lea Tennis Club AGM was held on Thu 21st March. The following members were elected (or re-elected) to the committee:

Chairman: Gillian Hyman

Secretary: Sean Downey

Treasurer: Helen Scrivener

Match Secretary: Chan To Foo

Committee Members: Caroline Amond, Marianne Barton, Sue Treherne, Rebecca Jackson

Ball Steward: Amanda Watson

Would you like to help with the running of your local tennis club? Please contact Gillian or any committee member for details.

Quick Tennis Quiz

Please give the quiz a go:

1. What Nevada-born tennis star had a ball and racquet to stare at above his crib?
2. What tennis star won 129 of 130 matches during one stretch in the 1980s?
3. How many tennis players are needed for a game of Canadian doubles?
4. What nationality is former Grand Slam finalist Marcos Baghdatis?
5. Which cup for women was contested between the US and Britain?



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].

Newsletters

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



Articles are welcome for our 2024 Summer edition of the club newsletter. Please send through to Gillian for their review and inclusion.



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.

Kitlocker, who provide the clothing have teamed up with [easyfundraising](#), so when purchasing, at no additional cost to you, Kitlocker will donate 3% of the purchase price to the Club.

See page 4 for [easyfundraising](#).

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 2025 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*



Quiz Answers

- 1 Andre Agassi
- 2 Martina Navratilova
- 3
- 4 Cypriot
- 5 Wightman Cup

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. 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.

Thank you for your support.



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!

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

