



Top Spin

Introduction—Editor's View

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

The committee look forward to seeing you at the club and on court with our summer evenings. Hope you enjoy reading this edition, lots to tell you all and don't forget to have a go at the quiz! Ed



BLTC Tournament



The Adult Club tournament for 2024 is underway, with lineups released and matches commenced.

Finals day is Sun 8 September. Further details nearer the day.

Enjoy and good luck.

BLTC League Matches

The 5 doubles teams in the summer league have been playing well, despite a number of players injured and a few postponed matches due to rain. The matches will now be continuing into August. At time of newsletter release: mens A 34 pts played 6 won 1, mens B 38pts played 7 drawn 1 won 1, mixed A 52pts played 9 won 3, mixed B 42 pts played 7 drawn 1 won 1, ladies 66pts played 6 drawn 2 won 3 . Well done ladies!

Coaching News

Now coming to the end of the term we have had a very positive school link with the infant school with 10 players coming to the courts each week.

We are looking to attract even more players and hopefully the parents by holding some Summer coaching sessions on the **20th and 22nd August in the mornings**. If you have friends or family with **children aged 5-14** please send them our way.

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 Area – formally opened 4 May 2024



Farnham Town Mayor, Cllr Alan Earwaker, formally opened the newly-landscaped area around the refurbished clubhouse at Badshot Lea Tennis Club. The event was attended by many old and new club members, with supporters of the recent fund-raising campaign. Tennis club chair, Gillian Hyman, welcomed everyone and thanked all for their support and hard work over the last few months in achieving the Club's completion of the paved area and installation of cycle stands, making it a safe and welcoming environment. Cllr Alan Earwaker congratulated Gillian and the club on an excellent job of improving facilities over the last couple of years for the local community; flood-lights, a refurbished fully-accessible clubhouse and now an excellent paved area for socialising and watching the tennis. All the work was carried out by the members with help from the community and financial support from a Farnham Town Council grant towards the work, while Kebur Supplies provided the materials with a Community discount.

Future plans for Badshot Lea Tennis Club include major fundraising efforts for court resurfacing in 2026/27.



Quick Tennis Quiz

Please give the quiz a go:

1. What is the playing height of the grass at Wimbledon?
2. What type of grass is used at Wimbledon?
3. Who is aiming to be the 4th man in the Open Era age 21 and under to have won four or more majors?
4. When did the International Tennis Federation approve the shift from white to optic yellow tennis balls?
5. Which was the first Grand Slam to adopt the colour change?
6. Who instigated the change and why?



Nottingham Day Out

Gillian & Kevin, Sue & Phil had a long day out at the Rothesay Nottingham Tournament. Despite the poor weather some tennis was seen. They even made it on the television!

Various players were seen on practise courts and around the grounds: Harriet Dart, Ons Jabeur, Emma Raducanu, Katie Boulter, Henry Searle and Jack Draper to name a few!



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 Autumn 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. 8mm 2.100% rye grass
3. Carlos Alcaraz (Becker, Borg and Willander)
4. 1972 5. US Open
6. David Attenborough. Change of colour was for TV audiences as the white balls were not so visible. And difficult to follow.

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/>

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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/>

