



Top Spin

Introduction—Editor’s View

Welcome to the Autumn 2024 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.



BLTC Adult Tournament and BBQ

After a few swap-arounds due to injury or non-availability the qualifying matches were played and finals held on Sun 8 September. The weather played its part by raining mid-way—while the BBQ and raffle were held—and play continued in the afternoon with warm dry weather! The trophies were presented by Club President Terry. Many thanks to those that helped to make this another successful finals and social. Photos of the day are displayed in the clubhouse. The winners were:

Men’s singles—Pancha, Men’s Doubles—John and Pancha

Ladies singles—Jenny, Ladies doubles—Rebecca and Jenny

Mixed doubles—Leila and Pancha



BLTC League Matches

The Club has entered 5 teams in to the Aldershot and District LTA League—mens’ doubles A and B, Mixed A and B and Ladies.

Please let one of the Committee know if you are interested in playing league matches, you will be warmly welcomed.

Matches are to be played between mid September and end February 2025. The list of dates and times have been sent out to all members.



Coaching News



Junior coaching has recommenced of a Wednesday afternoon at Badshot Lea School this term.

Adult coaching is still being held 1:30pm at the club’s courts, spaces are available.

Book through the ReturnTennis App or contact Matt on 07835705286 or

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).

Court Maintenance

Over the next few months there will be some maintenance work being carried out on both courts to try and eradicate the moss.

Please check court calendars and WhatsApp to ensure courts are available before booking them!



Club Fundraising

Despite the club gaining various grants for the recent new floodlights, clubhouse refurbishment and landscaping, the club's funds are depleted. These now need to be built up in readiness for the next maintenance work: possible fencing repair/replacement, court maintenance or replacement. Various club social events are now being planned to help fundraise.

The first of these was the BBQ held on the tournament finals day. This raised £ 130, which is a great start !



We continue to be registered with easy fundraiser, see page 4—and please sign up if you have not already. It is free to use and raises money for the Club. Purchase of club clothing will also raise money for the club. See page 3



A Skittles and Fish & Chips social with prizes is planned for 16th or 23rd November, however from the initial enquiry (email 23 July) there has been little response. Please email Gillian if you would support this with preferable date, then the Hall can be booked as soon as possible.

Quick Tennis Quiz

Please give the quiz a go:

1. What is the name of the shot in which the ball is spinning backwards?
2. What should the server say before each serve?
3. What is a 'foot fault' in tennis?
4. Can you call a ball out before it bounces in tennis?
5. Why do we say "let" rather than "net"?



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 Winter 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*

The Wimbledon Ballot is open, until 30 September, for members to Opt In.



original trajectory.

English word "letta", meaning "to hinder or prevent," which is fitting as the net is preventing the ball from continuing in its

5. This means that the point is replayed, as if the ball had not hit the net. The word "let" is thought to have come from the Old

You can't call a ball in or out until it actually bounces.

4. You win the point automatically. In the rules of tennis, your serve must bounce otherwise how do you know if it's in or out.

3. During the serve, if the servers' foot touches/crosses either the baseline or the midline, that is a foot fault

2. The score is.

1. Slice

Quiz Answers

Club Fundraising

Please share this fund-raising page with friends and family to help continue to raise revenue for the club and the court maintenance and 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/>

