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Introduction—Editor's View

Welcome to the Summer 2025 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 the coming months! Hope you enjoy this edition and remember, articles are welcome.



BLTC League Matches

The Summer league matches are well underway. At time of writing, Mens B is 5th in their division, Mens A and Ladies are 4th and Mixed A and Mixed B are 3rd. Well done all who have represented the club. Keep up the good playing!



Submission of teams for the winter league is due by 31 July to the ADLTA. There will be Mens A, Mens B, Ladies, Mixed A and Mixed B teams. A new Mixed C team is also being submitted.

The recent proposal of a Mixed C team, aimed at new members wishing to play matches but at a lower level, has been met with a good response. This will give those players experience and at the same time improve their game and enjoyment of the sport. A more experienced match player will be on the team to give advice and encouragement. Thank you to all who have responded.

Club Sessions—update

Tuesday evening club sessions from 6pm were popular earlier in the year, but support has dropped. The committee have now designated this as a match training practice time. So, match players, please support this. Practice your tactics! Match pairs will be set up for those that come down. Ideally pairs that play in matches can practice against other pairs. Going forward, this time may be allocated for another match practise session with Ben, our coach.



Thursday club sessions from 6pm on the club court, then 7pm on the public court (following the adult coaching). Still popular.

Club Tournament

The Club Tournament is underway with a few matches already played. Please let Matt know of your match scores and record them on the match schedule in the clubhouse. Try and complete your matches by the suggested date on the schedule.

The finals day is Sat 13th September, weather permitting,

If you have not already paid, the entry fee to each category is £3, payable to BLTC bank account. This covers engraving and winner medal costs. Good Luck everyone!



Coaching News—an update from Matt and Ben

Term time:

Year R-3 - Monday 3.45-4.30

Year 6-11 – Monday 4.30-5.30

Badshot Lea Infants After School Club - Wednesday 3.10-4.10

Year 1-4 – Wednesday 4.15-5

Year 5-11 – Thursday 5-6

Match Play Practice – Thursday 6-7pm



Junior holiday sessions Monday 11th, Tuesday 12th and Wednesday 13th August, 9am-11am on all days.
Attendance can be booked on the ReturnTennis app.

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 book time on both courts.**

Social evening—skittles and fish and chip supper

The popular skittles and fish&chip supper, with prizes, will return **Saturday 22 November**, please reserve this date—planning is underway, emails/WhatsApp to follow for numbers and booking. Open to friends and family.



Please do support this excellent fund-raising evening.

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/held to help fundraise.

Do you have ideas for fundraising and are prepared to help run an event? Then please speak to one of the committee about it. Thank you in advance.

We continue to be registered with easy fundraiser, see page 6—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 6



Quick Tennis Quiz

Please give the quiz a go, answers on page 5:

1. How many men entered the gentlemen's singles tournament at Wimbledon 2025?
2. How many years since the last WTA women's event played at The Queen's Club?
3. Who was the previous female champion at The Queen's club, lifting the title in 1973?
4. Who took over from Sue Barker as the main presenter of the BBC's Wimbledon coverage in 2023?



Farnham Lions in the Community and BLTC

The Club has been fortunate to be given a grant by the Farnham Lions to cover most of the cost of the two new court nets. These are a heavier duty than the previous. Their life expectancy is 7 years, with responsible use and care. A big thank you to the Lions.



On 22 July several Farnham Lions members visited the courts for a photo opportunity and chat about the growth and future of BLTC . The Lions explained the support they give to various clubs in the community, not just sport. Some of the BLTC members gave a short demonstration of tennis for the Lions.



Thank you to Sean, Amanda, Gillian, John, Nicola and Cat for coming and meeting the representatives from Farnham Lions, Deborah and Carol. Thank you to Lion Ann for taking the photo!



Court Safety in the Summer

There are times when the courts are in use while there is a cricket match - please take extra care on these occasions and listen out for a loud warning shout from the cricketers if there is a cricket ball on it's way to the courts!



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 2026 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*

All LTA registered members should have received an email ~ 20 July, inviting them to opt in to the LTA Wimbledon ballot. The opt in deadline is 31 August. The balloting starts November 2025 and closes March 2026. Between November and March look out for an email (check your spam occasionally too) —you may be successful!



Queen's Tennis and Eastbourne Tournaments

Several club members have been fortunate to go to the HSBC Championships at Queen's this year.



Sue and myself went to Queen's on a very hot Friday. We saw some really good tennis—Madison Keys v Sneider, Tatiana Marie v Rybakina, Zheng v Emma Raducanu and Emman Navarro v Amanda Anisimova. Tatiana went on to win Queen's and justly so—she was a brilliant player coming back from having a family. They were court side supporting their mum.

Also at Queen's was Helen O, she has submitted this article:

I saw some great tennis at Queens this year, on the first day of the return of the women's championships. We watched Petra Kvitova lose a very fast-paced match against Beatriz H Maria. We then saw a British player, Sonay Kartal, win her match. She's an interesting player, I hope she does well at Wimbledon.

Other famous tennis players spotted were Andy Murray, officially opening the Andy Murray arena, Emma Radacanu on the practice courts, and BLTC club members Chan and Raja! Ed. Thanks Helen.

Chan submitted this report on Queen's and Eastbourne:

Raja and I went on the first day to the return of WTA tennis tournament at Queen's Club after 50 years. The ground entry tickets allowed entry into No 1 court and the outside courts. We watched the players on the practice courts before going to No 1 court to watched some memorable matches: the first match was between Leila Fernandez and Tatiana Maria (the eventual winner). Followed by Katie Boulter and Emma Raducanu's first double match together beating the Chinese pair Jiang and Wu. A surprise to see them playing at No 1 court instead of Centre Court.

A surprise defeat of the Olympic silver medallist Donna Vekic in the 3rd match.

We had the chance to watch a 4th match being moved from Centre Court to No 1 court as all the singles matches at Andy Murray Arena went to 3 sets.

Also, Raja and I went to stayed at Eastbourne to watch some exciting matches Ladies and Men's matches on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Ed. Thanks Chan.

Tennis facts—Your Tennis IQ will help you win points, and complete games faster

Tactics and positioning. The spots you should be moving to, and your stance when you get, there depend on the shot you hit. What Tactics can you use when defending or attacking. Where and when should you approach the net and why. All of this and more can be learnt and practised at our weekly coaching sessions with Ben.

Book a session today on the ReturnTennis App. Thursdays 6-7pm, on the public court. Contact details on the coaching page of BLTC website.

Club Reminders




Ball Machines
(Ball Machine 2 is back in Service, but please let me know if any problems with it)

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!




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 2025 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.


STOP PRESS—at time of writing, all items are discounted.

See page 6 for [easyfundraising](#) details.

Court Maintenance

It has not been necessary to have any court surface treatment. The hot weather has burnt the moss for us!. However, this will be revisited nearer the Autumn, before the winter season of play. There may be some maintenance work carried out on both courts to try and eradicate the potential of moss.



Quiz Answers

1. 128
 2. 52
 3. Olga Morozova
 4. Clare Balding

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.

