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Introduction—Editor's View

Welcome to the Autumn 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,



BLTC League Matches

After the Summer league the club's Mens B finished 5th in their division, Mens A and Ladies are 4th, and Mixed A and Mixed B 3rd. Well done to all who have represented the club.

The Winter league matches have commenced. A challenge this season with six teams now in the league. Keep up the good playing!



Club Sessions—update

Tuesday evening club sessions from 6pm are now designated as 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 practice 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.

Saturday morning sessions from 10am. Still popular.

We look forward to seeing you on court.



Court Maintenance—TUESDAY 7th OCTOBER.

Maintenance work will be carried out on both courts to try and eradicate the moss.



Coaching News—an update from Matt and Ben

Term time:

Year R-3 - Monday 3.45-4.30

Badshot Lea Infants After School Club - Wednesday 3.10-4.10

Year 1-4 - Wednesday 4.15-5:15

Match Play Practice - Thursday 6-7pm

Attendance can be booked on the ReturnTennis app.

If you wish to find out more information on groups or private lesson's please email info@returntennis.co.uk



BLTC Club Tournament and BBQ

After a few swap-arounds due to injury the qualifying matches were played and finals held on Saturday 13 September. Play was not disrupted this year with only a light short drizzle mid-way through the event. Kevin kindly cooked us a lovely BBQ and a raffle was held. The event raised £190 towards club funds. Unfortunately the Club President, Terry Cox, was unable to attend this year. In his absence tournament director, Matt, presented the trophies and keepsake medals. Many thanks to those that came along, supported the players and helped to make this another successful finals and social. The winners were:

Men's singles—Pancha, Men's Doubles—Martin and Pancha

Ladies singles—Rebecca, Ladies doubles—Gillian and Helen

Mixed doubles—Jenny and Martin

Congratulations to all the winners and runners up.



BLTC Club Tournament and BBQ continued...

Dae kindly captured some action shots of the event.



A visit from a couple of past members

Back in August, whilst at the Clubhouse getting ready for our October 'used ball' collection, I had a surprise visit from a couple of past club members, Sharon Blight and Carol Bews. They had seen the clubhouse door open and popped in for a chat. There was plenty of reminiscing as you can imagine. Their names are on our winners boards a few times. Sharon was also on the club's committee for many years.

Sharon was really surprised to see the little pink trolley table still in use. She is related to our President Terry.

It was lovely to see them both.

Gillian



American Tournament

Club member John ran a very successful American Tournament in early September. A big thank you to him and all those that were able to take part in this fun event. The final scores were very close so well done to our worthy winners, Neil and Amanda.



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, see WhatsApp poll for numbers and booking. Open to friends and family.



Please do support this excellent popular fun fund-raising evening. Any queries please contact Gillian or Sue.

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*

The LTA Wimbledon 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! Do check your Spam box regularly to ensure you do not miss out!



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.**

Please sign the attendance sheet if you use any clubhouse facilities, including the ball machine(s). *Thank you*

Club Fundraising

Despite the club gaining various grants for the recent new floodlights, clubhouse refurbishment and landscaping, the club's funds still needs to boost funds 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 or 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.



Quick Tennis Quiz

Please give the quiz a go, answers on page 6:

1. Elena Rybakina was born in Russia, but which country has she represented since 2018?
2. In what year was the first Wimbledon tournament held?
3. Which tennis player shares his name with a Swedish apparel fashion brand?
4. What is the name of the main stadium which hosts the US Open tennis tournament?
5. On which Balearic Island is the Rafa Nadal Academy located?



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

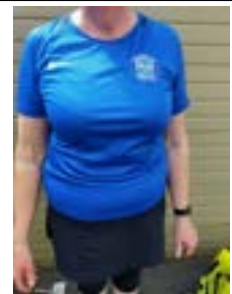


Why not promote the club ? - we have our own club clothing range! Please see our [website](#). Click on 'Tennis Kit' on the top menu.

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. Kazakhstan
2. 1877
3. Björn Borg
4. Arthur Ashe Stadium
5. Majorca, Spain

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.

