



# Top Spin

## Introduction—Editor's View

Welcome to the Winter 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 winter, weather permitting! Hope you enjoy this edition and remember, articles are welcome.



## 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 are progressing well. Current team positions, as of 14 Dec, are Mens A 3rd, Mens B 6th, Ladies 3rd, Mixed A 3rd, Mixed B 5th, Mixed C 6th. Keep up the good playing!

## Club Sessions

Tuesday evening club sessions from 6pm are now designated as match training practice time. This is however yet to be set up. Match players please contact coach Ben for when you would like this to commence. Match pairs will be set up for those that come down.

For those requiring more match practice a box league is running with other clubs within ReturnTennis coaching. Please contact coach Matt for further details.

Thursday club sessions from 6pm on the club court, then 7pm on the public court (following the adult coaching). Saturday club sessions 10-12, both courts.



## Court Maintenance—March/April 2026.

Maintenance work will be carried out on both courts during March/April, dates to be confirmed. This work will provide moss protection, rebinding and coating further anti-slip. The courts with care should then last another 3 or 4 years prior to full resurfacing.



## Coaching News- 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*

*Adult 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](mailto:info@returntennis.co.uk)

## Skittles and Fish & Chips Social

The tennis club's annual fundraiser of skittles and fish & chips supper was held in the school house, Tongham in November. Traditional skittles was played and won by Stefan. Second place required a shoot out giving Chan the win over John, third place. Well done Stefan!

Following a break for the F&Cs a knock-out session of three lives was held. This resulted in a super tie between Nicola, Helen and John. Even with their eyes closed and an arm behind their backs it took a few rounds before John was the ultimate winner. Well done John.



A BIG thank you to Sue and Phil for running the evening and keeping us organised. Also, thank you to the members for coming, playing and donating raffle prizes, and to our loyal friends of the club who attend our fundraising events. A good selection of prizes in the raffle raised £69. The evening overall raised £224 for club funds and towards further court treatment in 2026.

## Quick Tennis Quiz

Please give the Christmas tennis quiz a go, based on key events of 2025 tennis season. The answers are on page 4:

1. Australian Open: which man successfully defended his title to win the men's singles?
2. French Open: who won her fifth French Open women's singles crown, not dropping a set all tournament?
3. Wimbledon: which Italian became the first from his country to win the Wimbledon singles title?
4. US Open: Which woman defended her title to win her second US Open singles championship?
5. At Wimbledon 2025, it was the first time since 1911 that a player had failed to win a game in the women's championship match. True or False?
6. Which player ended the 2025 season as the year-end World No. 1 in the ATP rankings?
7. The 2025 Australian Open became the first Grand Slam to include which specific new sport as a demonstration event?
8. When do the Wimbledon Championships 2026 start?
9. Where is the first Grand Slam event in 2026?

And finally...Why are spiders great tennis players?

Happy Christmas



## 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!**

**Have you been lucky! Let us know.**



## 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. Various ideas have been received and are being added to our list. Thank you in advance.

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](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/badshotleatennisclub/?utm_campaign=raise-more&utm_medium=email&utm_content=gs-e1)

There are over 8,000 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.



# 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.



- Quiz Answers**
1. Jannick Sinner
  2. Iga Swiatek
  3. Jannick Sinner
  4. Aryna Sabalenka
  5. True
  6. Carlos Alcaraz
  7. Pickleball
  8. 29 June 2026
  9. Australia
  10. Cause they have great topspin.