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Introduction—Editor’s View

Welcome to the Spring 2026 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. Hopefully a lot warmer and drier! Hope you enjoy this edition and remember—articles are welcome .



BLTC League Matches

The Winter league matches have been hampered by the weather, with an unprecedented number being rearranged because of the rain. They must all be finished by the end of March—so hopefully this can be achieved. Current team positions, as of 24 March: Mens A: 3rd, Mens B: 6th, Ladies: 4th, Mixed A: 3rd, Mixed B: 2nd, Mixed C: 6th. Well done all.



Club Sessions, Box League and Match Practice

It is still intended that Tuesday evening club sessions will be match-training practice time. This will be set up soon. @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 2nd Box League is about to commence with other clubs within ReturnTennis coaching. Please contact coach Matt for further details.

Congratulations to Dae and Helen who won the women’s double in Box League



Court Maintenance—March/April /May 2026.

Maintenance work will be carried out on both courts during March/April/May, dates to be confirmed. This will provide moss protection, rebinding and coating further anti-slip. The courts (with care) should then last another 2 or 3 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

Easter camp sessions for Juniors— Wed 1 & Thu 2 April, 9am-3pm

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



Club Tournament

The Club Tournament will be run again this year. Closing date for entries is 30th April. A WhatsApp poll will be raised on the BLTC WhatsApp group. Please click on the option(s) you wish to enter for. Matt, tournament organiser, will then issue the match schedule and play-by dates to all entrants. The finals day is Sat 12th September, weather permitting.



Entry fee to each category is £3, payable to BLTC bank account. This covers engraving and winner medal costs. Good Luck everyone!

AGM

Badshot Lea Tennis Club AGM was held Thu 19th March. The following members were elected / re-elected to the committee:

President: Terry Cox

Chairman: Gillian Hyman Secretary: Sean Downey Treasurer: Helen Scrivener Match Secretary: Chan To Foo

Committee Members: Steve Cunningham and Jenny Keep. Ball Steward: Amanda Watson

Would you like to help with the running of your local tennis club? Please contact Gillian or any committee member for details.

Quick Tennis Quiz

Please give the tennis quiz a go.

1. What player set a record as the eldest man to reach the Australian Open final in 2026 at 38 years and 255 days old?
2. A serve may be underhand as long as it doesn't hit the ground first before contact. True or False
3. What is the decision when the server tosses the ball up and catches it instead of striking at it?
4. The server serves before the receiver is ready, and the receiver does not attempt to return the serve. What is the decision?
5. What is being used in Wimbledon this year for the first time? Already used in US Open and Australian Open.



Music Evening for Parkinson's

A supporter of the club and long-serving past member, Sharon, has asked that the following evening is advertised for her. She now suffers from Parkinson's and is trying to raise some money for the local group.

'Alder Valley Brass' are a class act! so, come along and enjoy a super evening of music from the movies.

*Tickets are just £15 and you can buy them online using the QR code which takes you to Ticket Line direct!
Come with friends, come with all your family, lets have a full house and make it a night to remember for everyone.*

Refreshments and a raffle with all proceeds going to Parkinsons UK Farnborough Branch

Parking is close by our Venue – courtesy of Morrisons but we do ask you for registration details for cost/charges purposes!





“A Night at the Movies”

Alder Valley Brass

**SATURDAY
APRIL 11TH**

7:00 - 9:00
DOORS OPEN AT 6:30

**Church on the Heath
The Key, Fleet
GU51 1HA**

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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 2027 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 2026 and closes March 2027. Between November and March look out for an email (check your spam occasionally too)—you may be successful!

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 we have 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 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 there are 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 the next 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. Novak Djokovic
 2. True
 3. The server may try again without penalty
 4. A let is called
 5. Video review technology. Players will be allowed to challenge certain calls made by the chair umpire .