

# Baldoyle Centre Committee Report Leinster Branch AGM 2024

1pm, Sunday 21st April 2024

Baldoyle Badminton Centre

# Baldoyle Centre Committee Members

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## Resident Clubs

### Senior

Raheny Smashers	Mon
<a href="#">Raheny</a>	Mon
<a href="#">Kadca Seniors</a>	Tues & Thurs
<a href="#">Baldoyle District</a>	Tues & Thurs
<a href="#">Smith Nirvana</a>	Tues & Fri
<a href="#">South Dublin</a>	Wed & Fri
<a href="#">Hotshot</a>	Wed & Sat

### Junior

<a href="#">Phoenix Juniors</a>	Monday	6pm to 8pm
<a href="#">Kadca Juniors</a>	Friday	5pm to 8pm
<a href="#">Fingal Cell (Training)</a>	Wed & Sun	6pm to 8pm

# Commercial Tenants

Our focus was on increasing occupancy of the available units. 7 out of 8 units are currently occupied. Many thanks to our local volunteers in sourcing tenants.

## [Yonex Shop](#)

The Yonex shop is under new management (Jack and Greg Bridgeman) and now with extended opening hours (7pm to 9pm Mon to Fri and 11am to 1pm Saturdays). The Baldoyle Centre Committee would like to extend its gratitude to Tony Weir for all his hard work in and support of Baldoyle over the years.

## [Café](#)

We're delighted to welcome the Hot Sandwich Company to Baldoyle Badminton centre. Margaret and her team will be supporting all major tournaments at Baldoyle with teas, coffees, snacks and sandwiches. Regular hours are coming soon too.

## [Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu](#)

BJJ classes most days on the 1st floor.

## [Art Design](#)

Picture Framing, photo printing, specialty glass.

## [Little PP](#)

Children's and baby clothing for sale.

## [Acupuncture & Wellness Clinic](#)

Open Tues to Sat for treatments

## [Inkaholics Tattoo and Piercing](#)

One way to celebrate your on court victories!

## Taxi Company

(vacant)

# Opening Hours

## Increases

Increased opening hours from post-covid restrictions. Opening an hour earlier weekday afternoons (4pm instead of 5pm) and later at weekends (now 9pm instead of 6pm). Recent trial of extended opening hours on bank holidays and school half-terms was very successful. Will look to continue.

## Current Opening hours

Weekdays: 10am to 1pm and 4pm to 11pm. Closed from 1pm to 4pm  
Weekends: 10am to 9pm (when not being used for tournaments)

# Projects

## Volunteer Days

On Sept 23rd, we had 25+ volunteers at Baldoyle for our 1st volunteer day of the season. Baldoyle is extremely lucky and grateful to have such a strong and committed group of volunteers.

### **Internal works included:**

Court inspection, cleaning and repairs.  
Removal of old (covid) signage  
Hall and Storeroom Clearance  
Bar Refurbishment (continued over several days)

### **External works included:**

Weeding, planting  
Litter pick up

## WiFi & Cameras

We upgraded our WiFi to 5g Mobile broadband earlier in the season which gave us the bandwidth to stream all 8 courts simultaneously for the first time. As part of the IT upgrade, we upgraded our network hardware, all our court cameras to full HD and added extra WiFi access points in the main hall, bar and reception.

## Fire Doors

The volunteer day highlighted issues with the fire doors. These were all replaced with steel (alarmed) doors, making the hall safer but also noticeably less draughty too! The front door is being replaced too, having been blown off its hinges in recent bad weather.

## Car Park

We had ongoing issues with vans abandoned in the car park for months on end. We spoke with gardai and the owners, but eventually had to resort to new signage from Eurocarparks and daytime monitoring.

Local businesses have expressed an interest in renting daytime car parking spaces which we hope to facilitate soon.

Pothole repairs / car park resurfacing is the next priority here.

## Heating

After a strong smell of gas in the hall, our heating engineers were called. They found a leak and all gas to the building was turned off at the meter. The engineers repaired the issue in the boiler room and also updated parts of the heating system. Heat to the communal areas (reception and bar area) was restored. Hot water was also restored to taps, showers etc.. Gas heaters in the hall have recently been assessed, but not yet repaired

## Bar

The Bar reopened in May 2023, was refurbished by volunteers as part of the volunteer day in Sept 2023. Any refurbishment materials were funded from bar income. The volunteer-run bar is open Thursday and Saturday nights and for all major events at the centre.

## Administrator

We hope to appoint a general administrator at Baldoyle soon.