

# LAWN TENNIS WRITERS' ASSOCIATION

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From Dave Luddy, Events Secretary, LTWA

## 1. LTWA Annual Awards Lunch on November 29 at Wimbledon

The LTWA's 67<sup>th</sup> Annual Awards Lunch will take place on Thursday November 29 at the AELTC – our traditional venue – following a year's absence due to construction. It will be in the refurbished Centre Court Debenture Courtside lounge.

There will be a Player's award and also an award for Services to tennis.

Ticket prices will be £60 per member and £60 for one guest. Further guest tickets cost £80. Corporate rates are £100 per person or £1000 per table of 10.

It will be the usual format starting at midday with a drinks reception followed by lunch at 1300. There will be speeches and awards during the lunch including a raffle and auction conducted by Marcus Buckland and Annabel Croft.

Parking is available for members and guests in Wimbledon's car park 3. The lunch will be supported by Fever-Tree.

This year's charity will be The Motor Neuron Association  
[www.mnassociation.org](http://www.mnassociation.org)

Members are encouraged to pay online via the LWTA Account at Nat West - Sort Code - 60-23-08 - Account No. 05339340 - Account Name - LTWA. Under Payment Reference please put your name.

The deadline for ticket requests and payments is Thursday November 15.

Also confirm that you have paid online via email to our Social Secretary April Tod [aprilptod@aol.com](mailto:aprilptod@aol.com)

## 2. LTWA Special 'On the record' Lunches

Our guest at this Autumn's 'on the record' Special Lunch was Philip Brook, chairman of the All England Club. It took place at the end of September at our new venue the Cumberland Lawn Tennis Club in Hampstead, North West London.

In a questions and answers session Philip Brook covered topics involving Serena Williams and her clash with umpire Carlos Ramos at this year's U.S. Open final, sideline coaching, co-operation between the governing bodies and also on the new Davis Cup format.

There was extensive coverage in The Times (Stuart Fraser), The Telegraph (Simon Briggs), Sky, the BBC and a multitude of papers across the country including the Daily Mail and the London Evening Standard (via Eleanor Crooks, Press Association).

Ossian Shine (Reuters Thomson), Dave Luddy, David Mercer, Marcus Buckland, Barry Cowan, Kaz Mochlinski and April Tod also attended.

Our Spring Special Lunch is expected to be with Scott Lloyd, Chief Executive at the LTA. It will be on his 'first year in office.

### **3. LTWA Secretary Required**

The LTWA now requires an Honorary Secretary. The post could have some remuneration. This position is open to anyone inside or outside the LTWA – maybe the wife of a member. The position includes taking Minutes, arranging venues for meetings, monitoring the membership, and advising changes to the records/handbook. For more information please contact ASAP our chairman [barry.flatman@sunday-times.co.uk](mailto:barry.flatman@sunday-times.co.uk)

### **4. LTWA Meetings and the AELTC**

There are four LTWA meetings a year. If anyone wishes to raise any constructive points for your committee to consider and also for our meetings with the All England Lawn Tennis Club – then please contact me via email.

Our next LTWA meeting will be during the ATP Finals at the O2 in London between November 11-18.

### **5. LTWA Articles request**

We would be delighted to receive articles (600-800 words) for our website run by Barry Millns. They can be stories already published or new stories and have a life of at least a month or longer.

### **6. LTWA Development**

We would like to hear from you re: the future development of the Association.

### **7. Bulletins**

There are four bulletins a year. The next will be in December (No.5), and in 2019 March (No.6), July (No.7), and October (No.8).

### **8. Ties and Bow Ties**

LTWA ties and bow ties can be bought from our Social Secretary April Tod. Ties are £10 each and it's £5 for a bow tie. Contact April on [apriltod@aol.com](mailto:apriltod@aol.com)

### **9. Finally**

I look forward to seeing you at the ATP Tour Finals at the O2 in London next month, or at the Annual Award lunch at Wimbledon on November 29, otherwise in Melbourne for the Australian Open in January.

Have a good rest of the autumn and early winter.

Best wishes

David Luddy  
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