

# **LAWN TENNIS WRITERS' ASSOCIATION**

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**From Dave Luddy, Events Secretary, LTWA**

## **1. LTWA Annual Awards Lunch**

Kyle Edmund and Paul Hutchins were the winners at the LTWA's 67<sup>th</sup> Annual Awards Lunch. It took place in the refurbished Centre Court Debenture Lounge at the All England Club on November 29.

Kyle took the Player of the year award. He finished the season at a career high world ranking of 14 and reached the Australian Open semi-finals last January.

Paul took the Services to British tennis award. We were delighted that he was able to attend the lunch along with son Ross.

Paul's career has spanned well over 50 years. He played at all the Grand Slams, represented Britain in two Davis Cup ties and was Davis Cup captain (1975-1987) for 31 ties including the 1978 final against the USA in California and a semi-final against Argentina in 1981.

Paul was twice the LTA's men's national team manager. He created his own marketing and sponsorship consultancy. This included several tennis initiatives many at grass roots level. He worked closely with the LTA on many projects and with the AELTC with The Road to Wimbledon. Paul has been a TV commentator, a Tournament Director from ATP to junior level, the team leader captain at the 2010 Commonwealth Games and the 2012 Olympics and also a director of several companies. Paul received an MBE in the 2017 Honours List for services to tennis.

Sky sports presenter Marcus Buckland conducted the raffle. Nearly £4000 was raised for the Charity – The Motor Neurone Association  
[www.mnassociation.org](http://www.mnassociation.org)

Over 170 people from the tennis family attended this year's successful lunch. They included administrators, journalists, players and friends.

Our huge thanks to the AELTC for hosting the venue, our contributors to the raffle and also to April Tod for organising our biggest event of the year. The lunch was supported by Fever-Tree.

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

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

It will again take place at the Cumberland Lawn Tennis Club in Hampstead, North West London.

This follows our successful autumn Special Lunch with Philip Brook, the All England Club chairman. There was extensive coverage of his comments in The Times, Telegraph, Daily Mail, Sky, the BBC, and many papers across the country.

### **3. LTWA Committee Meetings and the AELTC**

The latest LTWA committee meeting took place during the ATP Finals on November 14 at London's O2.

Subjects discussed were the LTWA secretarial duties, the treasurer's report, membership matters, annual awards, reports from the Social and Events secretaries and Wimbledon matters.

- This included confirmation that a special exhibition match at Wimbledon will take place on Court 1 in front of a capacity crowd on Sunday May 19 designed to test the new roof and air management system.
- Philip Brook's successor as the AELTC chairman will be named in March.
- A new interview room will be ready by the end of 2022.
- There are four LTWA committee meetings a year. If anyone wishes to raise any constructive points for your committee to consider and also for our meetings with the AELTC – then please contact me via email.
- Our next LTWA meeting is on Monday April 29 at the AELTC.

This will be followed by our annual meeting with the AELTC Media Sub Committee on the same day – and 24 hours before their Spring Conference.

### **4. 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.

### **5. LTWA Development**

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

### **6. Bulletins**

There are four bulletins a year. The next will be in March (No.6), July (No.7), October (No.8) and December (No.9).

### **7. 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)

### **8. Finally**

I look forward to seeing many of you in the Melbourne sunshine during the Australian Open. Hopefully Andy Murray's second comeback will be a success and Kyle Edmund at least matches his semi-final earlier this year. As usual I'll be in the new radio room – if anyone wants to find me.

Have a great Xmas and New Year.

Best wishes

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