

LAWN TENNIS WRITERS' ASSOCIATION

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May 8 2019

From Dave Luddy, Events Secretary, LTWA

1. LTWA Special 'On the record' Lunches

Scott Lloyd, the LTA's Chief Executive, was our guest at the LTWA's Spring 'on the record' Special Lunch on May 2. It was on his 'first 16 months in office'.

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

In a questions and answers session Scott Lloyd covered topics including the recent LTA rebrand, the development of the new LTA academies and on September's Challenger tournament in Glasgow.

There was coverage on-line in The Times (Stuart Fraser), The Telegraph (Simon Briggs), the Daily Mail (Mike Dickson), on Commercial Radio (Dave Luddy), and on the Tennis Threads (Henry Wancke) website plus in June's magazine edition. Likely coverage later this month in The Guardian/Observer (Kevin Mitchell), and the BBC (Russell Fuller). The lunch was also attended by Barry Millns (TV) and April Tod (freelance).

Our next 'on the record' special lunch will be in October.

2. LTWA Annual Awards Lunch

Please note for your diary – the LTWA's 68th Annual Awards Lunch will take place on **Wednesday November 27** at the AELTC.

3. LTWA Committee Meetings and the AELTC

The latest LTWA committee meeting took place on April 29 at the AELTC.

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

- Outgoing chairman Barry Flatman will stand for secretary at July's AGM.
- Treasurer Barry Millns will resign at the AGM due to family and work commitments.
- Nominations for the committee from any full member can be proposed and seconded not later than June 10 (21 days before the first day of the Championship July 1) and sent to the Hon. Secretary Henry Wancke. henry@tennisthreads.net
- The next LTWA committee meeting will take place during the Fever-Tree Championships at London's Queen's Club on Thursday June 19.
- 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.

4. Wimbledon tickets

Our treasurer Barry Millns has now contacted all members regarding Wimbledon tickets. Please pay ASAP for tickets not later than May 31 preferably on-line.
Bank details are in our **secretary's email of May 1** and also in the handbook.

5. AELTC

- A programme of tennis and music will entertain a capacity crowd of 12,345 on Court 1 at Wimbledon on **Sunday May 19**. John McEnroe, Martina Navratilova, Goran Ivanesevic and Lleyton Hewitt will be involved in three exhibition matches to test the new roof and air management system.
- **Media seats are still available. Contact the AELTC for more information**
- Total prize money at this year's Championship will be £38 million pounds an increase of 11.8%. Both singles champions will receive £2.35 million - an increase of £100,000 each.
- This year's start time on the outside courts will be 30 minutes earlier at 1100. The start time remains at 1300 for the Centre and No.1 Courts and 1400 for both singles finals.
- Wimbledon referee Andrew Jarrett retires after this year's Championship.
Gerry Armstrong takes over in 2020.

6. Membership Subscription and Handbook

Membership subscription is now due. A £30 fee for Full Members must be settled preferably by June 1. Associate Members is £10. Don't leave it to the last minute.

Payment is hugely preferable by Online banking.
Bank details are in our **secretary's email of May 1** and also in the handbook.

Online payments MUST also include sending an email to our treasurer bhm1559@gmail.com to confirm your payment and if using a company account, the name of the account for administration purposes.

Payment can be made by cheque - dated June 1, 2019. Cheque payable to LTWA.

Post to Barry Millns, LTWA Treasurer.

Address is in our **secretary's email of May 1** and also in the handbook.

CASH WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED

Changes to next member's handbook

If you want your picture changed or if there isn't one in the handbook then send a JPEG via email to Henry Wancke.

henry@tennisthreads.net

7. LTWA Articles request

We would be delighted to receive articles for our website that you would like re-published or an idea for an article. Please contact Barry Millns.
bhm1559@gmail.com

8. LTWA Development

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

9. Bulletins

There are a minimum of five bulletins a year. The next will be in July (No.8), October (No.9), December (No.10), 2020 - March (11), and May (12).

10. Ties and Bow Ties

LTWA ties and bow ties are available **free** from our Social Secretary April Tod.
apriltd@aol.com

11. Finally

I look forward to seeing many of you during the European clay court or British grass court seasons including Wimbledon. I can be contacted anytime by email and as usual at The Championship. I'll be in my commentary Box 13 on the Centre Court if anyone wants to find me.

Have a good early summer.

Best wishes

David Luddy
Events Secretary, LTWA
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