

# LAWN TENNIS WRITERS' ASSOCIATION

Bulletin No.8

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From Dave Luddy, Events Secretary, LTWA

## 1. LTWA's 68th Annual Awards Lunch (for your diary)

- This year's lunch will be on **Wednesday November 27** at the AELTC. There will be a Player's award and a Services to Tennis award. It will be decided by the committee in the autumn.
- Jo Konta, Louis Cayer, Dan Evans, Chris Kermode and Judy Murray have been mentioned for the awards.
- **But** other suggestions are welcome from LTWA members.
- To apply for tickets contact April Tod. [aprilod@aol.com](mailto:aprilod@aol.com)

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

Our October guest – for this autumn's 'on the record' Special Lunch will be announced soon. The venue will again be at the Cumberland Lawn Tennis Club in Hampstead. Date to be confirmed. There will be a Spring Special Lunch also next April/May.

## 3. LTWA Committee Meetings and the AELTC

The latest LTWA committee meeting took place on Thursday June 19 during the Fever-Tree Championships at London's Queen's Club.

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

There are four LTWA committee meetings a year. The next will be during the ATP Tour finals at London's O2. 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. LTWA AGM at Wimbledon on July 9

### Chairman's report (Barry Flatman)

- Thanked predecessor Mike Dickson for his work on the Constitution.
- Requested that younger LTWA members apply to join the committee as he steps down as chairman.
- That the LTWA sadly lost committee member Clive White during the year.
- Kyle Edmund won the Player's award at the annual lunch at the AELTC. Paul Hutchins received the Services to Tennis award for his outstanding lifetime services to the sport. He made a memorable, positive and brave speech. Everyone present must have been moved by his words.
- That Henry Wancke was stepping down as Secretary after 20 years.
- Subject to the AGM Kevin Mitchell and Stuart Fraser replace Clive White and Barry Millns on the committee.
- Simon Briggs becomes chairman, Russell Fuller, vice-chairman, and Barry Flatman will be the new secretary.

### Board Members (unanimously approved by the AGM)

The following were elected - Chair – Simon Briggs; Vice-Chair – Russell Fuller; Treasurer, vacant; Secretary – Barry Flatman; Social Secretary - April Tod; Events Secretary - David Luddy; Committee: Chris Bowers, Clive Brunskill, Mike Dickson, Chris Jones, Stuart Fraser, Kevin Mitchell.

### Treasurer's report (Barry Millns)

- That he was stepping down from the committee. It had been a 'privilege to be part of the committee for several years including as chairman and treasurer.
- The LTWA finances are in a healthy position.
- The annual lunch made a profit after considerable help from the AELTC.
- The treasurer thanked everyone for paying their Wimbledon tickets quickly and their membership renewals largely on time. There are over 40 full members.

### Social Secretary's report (April Tod)

- £4,300 was raised at the annual lunch to combat Motor Neurone Disease.
- David Law and Eloise Tyson - thanked for helping to acquire the raffle prizes.
- Prices for this year's lunch will be same as last year.  
The AELTC agreed to hold costs.

### Events Secretary's report (Dave Luddy) (See also No.4)

- There are five bulletins a year.
- There are two Special "On the Record" lunches a year.
- Last autumn our guest was Philip Brook. In May it was Scott Lloyd.
- This October's lunch is now being planned as outlined in **No.2**.

### New Chairman

- The new chairman Simon Briggs thanked David Luddy and April Tod for organising their respective 'on the record' and annual lunches.

### Wimbledon Issues discussed at the AGM and the two 'Prayer' Meetings

- Lack of charging points in the media centre.
- Players should do their media commitments within an hour of finishing matches unless there were special circumstances.
- Not enough cars/buses to help overseas media even though they are scheduled every half hour.
- Photographers are prevented from taking photos at the new warm up areas for players at Aorangi Park.
- Media restaurant prices expensive especially for journalists not subsidised.

All these points were raised with the AELTC Media Sub-Committee during the Championship. They were followed up where necessary by the LTWA.

The **AELTC** confirmed for 2020 that they will look at a Test day regarding technical issues on the Friday three days before the Championship starts.

### 5. 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 me by email.

### 6. LTWA Development

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

### 7. Bulletins

There are a minimum of five bulletins a year. The next will be in October (No.9), December (No.10), **2020**: - March (11), May (12) and July (13).  
If you want anything included in the bulletin do email me.

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

LTWA ties and bow ties are available **free** from our Social Secretary April Tod.  
[apriltod@aol.com](mailto:apriltod@aol.com)

### **9. Finally**

I look forward to seeing you somewhere on the circuit – perhaps in the United States over the next few weeks. If not then at the autumn special lunch or ATP Tour Finals at the O2 in London during November.

Have a good rest of the summer.

Best wishes

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