



1. Is it time for change?

Has the time arrived for NO lets on serve?

If there is a let during a rally that does count - so why not on the serve?



Has the time arrived in singles for sudden death at deuce - as in doubles?

Advantages - much quicker. Disadvantages - tradition.



Has the time arrived in singles for a third set tie-break to 10 instead of 7 (with two clear) - as in doubles?



2. Mike Dickson and Alan Jones

A memorial service was held to celebrate the life of Mike Dickson at St Mary's Church in Wimbledon on April 19. Hundreds attended the service in addition to many more joining on a live link.

If you would like to make a donation in Mike's name to The Shewsy - Shrewsbury House Youth & Community Centre, Everton please do so via

<https://mikedickson.muchloved.com>



Last month the well-respected coach Alan Jones died after a short illness He was 75. Stuart Fraser wrote - *"This is yet another piece of sad news for the British tennis community this year. Alan was a good friend to many at the BTJA and received our special award in 2017 to honour his long service to the sport. His regular presence every year alongside Jo (Durie) at our annual awards lunch was always appreciated."*



3. Wimbledon Tickets - when they are released

Tickets are likely to be released by Wimbledon on Friday June 7. Chris Bowers, our treasurer, will request in the week of June 10 the email addresses of your ticket holders.



4. New Members

A warm welcome to our six new associate members Anne-Marie Batson, Adam Fielder, Jonathan Overend, Candida Reid, Gigi Salmon and Sue Thearle. And especially a big welcome back to Jonathan after 10 years plus.



5a. BTJA Committee Meetings and the AELTC

The last committee meeting was held at the All England Lawn Tennis Club on April 18. We discussed the treasurer's report, membership, the social secretary's report, our Annual Awards lunch, Wimbledon matters, the upcoming election of our committee and of course the tributes to Mike Dickson.

We then had a committee meeting with the All England Club communications staff to discuss this year's Championship.



The next BTJA committee meeting - there are four a year - will be during the Cinch Championships at the Queen's Club next month (June). If anyone wishes to raise any constructive points for your committee to consider and our meetings with the AELTC – then please contact me via email.



The 11-strong current committee is Stuart Fraser (chair), Tumaini Carayol (vice-chair and secretary), Chris Bowers (treasurer), April Tod (social secretary), David Luddy (bulletins), Simon Briggs, Clive Brunskill, Eleanor Crooks, Russell Fuller, Karthi Gnanasegaram and Chris Jones.



5b. Election of officers and AGM - 2024

It's now time to elect next year's committee. If anyone wishes to stand for the committee

please email our secretary Tumaini Carayol.

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and copy me in

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with the name and email address of both a proposer and seconder by not later than **9am Monday June 10**. We will then organise an online ballot if required.

5c. Date of BTJA AGM

The AGM will take place at the AELTC during the Championship on the second Tuesday **July 9 at 11am** in the main interview room.

6. Wimbledon Press Conference

The Wimbledon press conference (formerly in April) will now take place at the AELTC on **Thursday June 13** starting at 1030am - **please note 1030am**. A remote link will be provided for those unable to be at Wimbledon.

7. The 76th BTJA Annual Awards Lunch

The confirmed date is **Tuesday December 10** from 12 noon at our usual venue the Courtside at the All England Club. More details, including ticket information, will be released in early autumn.

8. Did you know - Brits (chasing ranking points@May 27)

2024 have won **80** titles with **69** beaten finalists

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2023 won 150 titles with 157 beaten finalists

2022 won 147 titles with 118 beaten finalists

2021 won 115 titles with 104 beaten finalists

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2024 so far (in brackets 2023 titles/finalists)

Grand Slams

Won 0 (2)

Final 1 (0) XD-Skupski (*Krawczyk*);

ATP Finals (end of season)

Won - (1)

Men's Singles

ATP

Won 0 (2)

Final 1 (4) Draper (*Adelaide*);

Challenger

Won 0 (7)

Final 1 (5) Chubb;

ITF

Won 11 (23) Hussey (3), Edmund (2), Clarke (2), Fearnley; Jubb; Parker; Broom;

Final 8 (26) Clarke (2); Crawford; Stewart; Matusevic; Parker; Broom; Searle;

Men's Doubles

ATP

Won 6 (8) Patten (2) (*both Heliovaara*); Glasspool (*Rojer*); Salisbury (*Ram*); Cash

(*Galloway*); J.Murray (*Venus*);

Final 4 (12) Skupski (2) (*both S.Gonzalez*); Patten (*Heliovaara*); Glasspool (*Rojer*);

Challenger

Won 15 (17) Willis (5) (*Harrison (2)/Clarke/Duncan/Gomez*); Johnson (4) (*all Mansouri*);

Patten (2) (*both Heliovaara*); Fery/Paris; Clarke/Willis; Cash (*Galloway*); Crawford (*Boyer*);

Broom/Jones;

N.B. Clarke/Willis won same title.

Final 9 (13) Stevenson (3) (*all Harper*); Willis (*Kadhe*); Paris (*Escoffier*); Edmund/Searle; Patten

(*Hijikata*); Johnson (*Mansouri*); Skupski (*Mies*);

ITF

Won 21 (42) Clarke (4) (*Kopp/Virgili/Kouzmine/Wehnelt*); **Stevenson (3)** (*Davis/Willis/Hudd*); **Davis (3)** (*Stevenson/Summers/Hussey*); **Broom (3)** (*Houghton/Little/ Stewart*); **Houghton (2)** (*Broom/Little*); **Jones (2)** (*both Paul*); **Little (2)** (*Houghton/Broom*); **Hudd (2)** (*Stevenson/Charlton*); **Fearnley** (*Rybakov*); **Whitehouse** (*Schell*); **E. Lumsden** (*Fomba*); **Mischker** (*Agwi*); **Willis/Stevenson**; **Stewart/Broom**; **Mackinlay/Hignett**;

N.B. Stevenson/Davis, Stevenson/Willis, Broom/Houghton, Broom/Little, Houghton/Little, Hudd/Stevenson, Broom/Stewart - all won same titles.

Final 20 (42) Davis (3) (*Summers (2), Hussey*); **Stevenson (2)** (*Hudd/Broom*); **Hudd (2)** (*Stevenson/Harper*); **Wendelken (2)** (*Stewart/Matsuda*); **Clarke/Hurrion**; **Markiewicz/Shaw**; **Summers/Davis**; **Cooper** (*van Tilburg*); **Parker** (*Paul*); **Whitehouse** (*Gengel*); **Jones** (*Henning*); **Tyler** (*Oetzbach*); **McHugh** (*Gadamauri*); **Houghton** (*Bondoli*); **Mischker** (*Paz*); **Okonkwo** (*Horve*); **Benaim/Vishnick**;

N.B. Hudd/Stevenson; Davis/Summers - finalists same event.

Women singles (in brackets 2023 titles/finalists)

WTA

Won 1 (1) Boulter (*San Diego*);

Final 2 (1) Dart (*Canberra*); **Jones** (*Mexico*);

ITF

Won 9 (6) Kartal (3); **Miyazaki (2)**; **Banks**; **Stojsavijevic**; **Jones**; **McDonald**;

Final 3 (19) Watson; **Jones**; **Gillan**;

Women's Doubles

WTA

Won 2 (4) Nicholls (2) (*both Gadecki*);

Final 5 (7) Watson (2) (*Minnen/Noskova*); **Dart (2)** (*Mihalikova/Mladenovic*); **Bains/Lumsden**;

ITF

Won 15 (37) McDonald (4) (*Hovde/Hietaranta/Hutchinson/Gatenby*); **Appleton (3)** (*Christie/Papadakis/Gleason*); **Hutchinson (3)** (*Boehner/Belgraver/McDonald*); **Christie (2)** (*Appleton/Murray Sharan*); **Murray-Sharan (2)** (*Christie/Pigossi*); **Grey (2)** (*Nicholls/Brooks*); **Xu** (*Zelnickova*); **Silva** (*Tikhonova*); **Gatenby/Christie**; **Brooks/Grey**;

N.B. Appleton/Christie; Christie/Murray; Hutchinson/McDonald; Gatenby/Christie; Brooks/Grey - all won same titles;

Final 15 (28) Brooks (4) (*Chong (2)/Dunne/Haverlag*); **Grey (3)** (*Barnett/Silva/Hesse*); **Collins (3)** (*Miyazaki/Malogina/Baptiste*); **Appleton (2)** (*Christie/Thombare*); **Bains** (*Stollar*); **Maloney** (*Kung*); **M. Lumsden** (*Ponchet*);

9. LIVE WORLD RANKINGS (British)@May 27

▲▼ Changes since Jan 1 2024

Men's singles

		<u>Age</u>
33▼15	Cameron Norrie (18)	28 (23/08/95)
39▲22	Jack Draper (61)	22 (22/12/01)
62▼24	Dan Evans (38)	34 (23/05/90)
76▼34	Andy Murray (42)	37 (15/05/87)
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147▼39	Liam Broady (108)	30 (04/01/94)
180▼20	Jan Choinski (160)	27 (10/06/96)
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201▼2	Billy Harris (199)	29 (25/01/95)
215▼36	Ryan Peniston (179)	28 (10/11/95)
218▲4	Oliver Crawford (222)	25 (30/04/99)
246▲25	Arthur Fery (271)	21 (12/07/02)
284▲43	Charles Broom (327)	26 (24/04/98)
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308▲361	Paul Jubb (669)	24 (31/10/99)

311 ▲ 60 Felix Gill (371) 21 (01/06/02)
 352 ▼ 3 Aidan McHugh (349) 23 (09/07/00)
 353 ▲ 90 Giles Hussey (443) 27 (26/05/97)
 356 ▲ 37 Jay Clarke (393) 25 (27/07/98)

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 446 ▼ 14 Anton Matusevich (432) 22 (30/05/01)
 475 ▼ 10 Toby Samuel (465) 21 (06/09/02)
 490 ▲ 163 Hamish Stewart (653) 24 (30/07/99)
 496 ▲ 42 Kyle Edmund (538) 29 (08/01/95)

Selected Others Age
 522 ▲ 124 Jacob Fearnley (646) 22 (15/07/01)
 541 ▼ 197 George Loffhagen (344) 23 (19/04/01)
 634 ▲ 282 Henry Searle (916) 18 (29/03/06)
 673 ▼ 129 Harry Wendelken (544) 22 (18/12/01)
 701 ▲ 150 Emile Hudd (851) 23 (27/05/2000)
 737 ▲ 152 Oliver Tarvet (889) 20 (29/10/03)
 739 ▼ 16 Johannus Monday (723) 22 (22/01/02)
 769 ▼ 61 Jack Pinnington-Jones (708) 21 (30/03/03)
 773 ▲ 48 Patrick Brady (821) 19 (14/11/04)

LIVE WORLD RANKINGS (British)@May 27

▲ ▼ Changes since Jan 1 2024

Women's singles rankings@Jan 1 Age
 28 ▲ 29 Katie Boulter (57) 27 (01/08/96)
 90 ▲ 30 Harriet Dart (120) 27 (28/07/96)

 110 ▼ 11 Jodie Burrage (99) 25 (24/05/99)
 133 ▲ 56 Yuriko Miyazaki (189) 28 (11/11/95)
 154 ▼ 15 Heather Watson (139) 32 (19/05/92)

 205 ▲ 96 Emma Raducanu (301) 21 (13/11/02)
 240 ▲ 57 Francesca Jones (297) 23 (19/09/00)
 262 ▼ 10 Sonay Kartal (252) 22 (28/10/01)
 271 ▲ 37 Amarni Banks (308) 21 (08/10/02)

Selected Others rankings@Jan 1
 331 ▲ 40 Katy Dunne (371) 29 (16/02/95)
 346 ▼ 64 Katie Swan (282) 25 (24/03/99)
 363 ▲ 66 Sarah Beth Gray (429) 28 (10/08/95)
 399 ▲ 40 Emily Appleton (439) 24 (01/09/99)

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 635 ▲ 35 Hannah Klugman (670) 15 (18/02/09)
 667 ▲ 369 Mika Stojisavljevic (1036) 15 (15/12/08)
 677 ▲ 60 Mingge Xu (737) 16 (02/10/07)
 680 ▲ 72 Ranah Stoiber (752) 19 (25/05/05)
 696 ▼ 34 Matilda Mutavdzic (662) 19 (17/06/04)
 698 ▼ 34 Isabelle Lacy (664) 17 (01/07/06)
 788 ▼ 4 Amelia Rajecki (784) 21 (03/06/02)
 902 ▲ 220 Sarah Tatu (1122) 19 (07/11/04)

----- rankings@Jan 1
 1003 ▲ 209 Ella McDonald (1212) 18 (04/08/05)
 1037 ▼ 46 Talia Nelson Gatenby (991) 18 (28/09/05)
 1148 ▼ 34 Kristina Paskauskas (1114) 19 (12/06/04)
 1244 ▼ 298 Jasmine Conway (946) 19 (21/12/04)

LIVE Men's doubles (minimum top 300)@May 27

▲▼ Changes since Jan 1 2024

	<u>rankings@Jan 1</u>
5▲2 Joe Salisbury	(7) <i>(with Ram)</i>
10▼1 Neal Skupski	(9) <i>(split from Santiago Gonzalez)</i>
27▼11 Jamie Murray	(16) <i>(with Michael Venus)</i>
39▼8 Lloyd Glasspool	(31) <i>(with Rojer)</i>
49▲20 Henry Patten	(69) <i>(mainly with Heliovaara)</i>
50 same Julian Cash	(50) <i>(mainly with Galloway)</i>
74▲43 Luke Johnson	(117) <i>(mainly with Mansouri)</i>

110▲55 Marcus Willis	(165) <i>(mainly with Harrison)</i>
176▲48 Joshua Paris	(224)
183 same Scott Duncan	(183)
184▲42 Charles Broom	(226)
186▲39 Ben Jones	(225)
195▼2 Cameron Norrie	(193)
199 same Johannus Monday	(199)

	<u>rankings@Jan 1</u>
224▲12 Liam Broady	(236)
240▲27 Jacob Fearnley	(267)
243▲9 Toby Samuel	(252)
257▲457 David Stevenson	(714)
263▼89 Jonny O'Mara	(174)
276▲32 Jay Clarke	(308)
279▲114 Emile Hudd	(393)
284▲129 Aiden McHugh	(413)
286▼118 Dan Evans	(168)
299▼14 Connor Thomson	(285)

LIVE Women's doubles (minimum top 300)@May 27

▲▼ Changes since Jan 1 2024

	<u>rankings@Jan 1</u>
47▲27 Heather Watson	(74)
67▲5 Maia Lumsden	(72) <i>(mainly with Bains)</i>
69▲40 Olivia Nicholls	(109) <i>(mainly with Gadecki)</i>

102▼1 Naiktha Bains	(101) <i>(mainly with Lumsden)</i>
116▲43 Harriet Dart	(159)
122▼17 Alicia Barnett	(105)
139▼14 Freya Christie	(125)
143▼7 Emily Appleton	(136)
146▲51 Sarah Beth Grey	(197)
148▲234 Samantha Murray-Sharan	(382)
170▼14 Jodie Burrage	(156)
176▼2 Eden Silva	(174)
198▲82 Madeleine Brooks	(280)

219▼77 Ali Collins	(142)
264▲15 Holly Hutchinson	(279)
277▲4 Yuriko Miyazaki	(281)

10. Podcasts

Chris Jones, the presenter and producer of our podcasts, will be interviewing top photographer Clive Brunskill and also April Tod. They will be on our website before The Championship.

www.btja.co.uk

Clive has covered 110 Grand Slams including 36 at Wimbledon while April has organised our annual BTJA lunch for over two decades.

Already on our website are some amazing stories from our more 'experienced' members. The initial idea for these podcasts came from Mike Dickson.

There are recollections from Nigel Clarke, who reveals all on the infamous nine-man brawl in the Wimbledon press room, plus recollections from John Barrett, Ron Atkin, Richard Evans and Barry Flatman.



11. Website editor/social media duties/BTJA articles request

The website editor is James Buddell.

The website address is www.btja.co.uk

We would be delighted to receive old or new articles for our website that you would like published. Please contact me by email.



12. Contact Details

You are welcome to send any updated information ASAP (email, postal address and mobile number) to our secretary Tumaini Carayol.

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Also do copy me in so you can receive the bulletins.

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13. BTJA development

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



14. Bulletins

There are six bulletins a year. The next official bulletin will be at the end of July (31), September (32), early December (33), and in 2025 January (34), March (35) and May (36). If you want anything included do email me.



15. Finally

Hope to see some of you somewhere on the tour during this Summer - certainly at Queen's and Wimbledon.

I can be contacted anytime by email.



Best wishes



David Luddy

Bulletin Secretary, BTJA

May 27 2024