

BRITISH TENNIS JOURNALISTS' ASSOCIATION

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From Dave Luddy, Bulletin Secretary, BTJA

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1. Wimbledon tickets

The BTJA is hoping that the AELTC will give us an allocation of tickets ASAP. As soon as we know members will be informed.

2. Membership fees – payment latest May 31 2022

The BTJA continues to represent the interests of tennis writers, tv/radio broadcasters and photographers in the UK, so do pay your 2022 membership fee by May 31.

Anyone who has not paid by May 31 will be considered to have left the BTJA.

Pay your fee (full members £30, associate members £10) by online transfer to the **LTWA bank account, number 05339340, sort code 602308.**

If you're asked for a reference when making payment, please state your name so our treasurer Chris Bowers knows it's from you.

If you're not asked for a reference, please send Chris an email to let him know you've paid.

cbowers@gn.apc.org

Chris will send an electronic receipt if requested.

All membership fee queries do contact Chris.

3. Election of officers and AGM - 2022

It's now time to elect next year's committee. If anyone wishes to stand for the committee please email our secretary Stuart Fraser

stuart@stuart-fraser.co.uk

and copy me in

davidluddy@aol.com

with the name and email address of both a proposer and seconder by not later than 9am Monday June 6. We will then organise an online ballot if required.

The **AGM** will take place at the AELTC during the Championship. The **provisional** date is the second Tuesday July 5 in the main interview room. **Confirmation** will follow.

4. BTJA Committee Meetings and the AELTC

The BTJA committee met at the AELTC on Tuesday April 27.

Discussions included the treasurer's report, Wimbledon planning, membership, social secretary's report, annual lunch, elections and a podcast.

By a unanimous vote Rob Maul, James Gray and Ella Ling are now full members. Jonathan Jurejko, Yasmin Syed, David Law and Bob Mckenzie are now associated members.

The next meeting will be during the Queen's tournament. (June 13-19).

Your committee also met with the AELTC regarding Wimbledon issues.

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. **davidluddy@aol.com**

The 12-strong committee is Russell Fuller (chair), Stuart Fraser (vice-chair and secretary), Chris Bowers (treasurer), April Tod (social secretary), David Luddy (bulletins), Simon Briggs, Clive Brunskill, Eleanor Crooks, Mike Dickson, Barry Flatman, Karthi Gnanasegaram and Chris Jones.

There are four BTJA committee meetings a year.

5. Annual Lunch

The provisional date for the annual lunch is Thursday December 8 at the AELTC.

6. Did you know - British titles and finalists 2022

Since the start of the year British players – chasing ranking points - have won **42** titles and **42** Brits also have lost in finals.

Breakdown to May 8 is:-

Grand Slams NIL;

Men's Singles

ATP 1 title (Norrie); 2 finalists (Norrie and Andy Murray);

Challenger 6 titles (4 Draper, 1 Jubb, 1 Clarke); 2 finalists (Clarke, Peniston);

ITF 4 and 10;

Men's Doubles

ATP 5 titles (Neal Skupski (4) with Wesley Koolhof); (Joe Salisbury (1) with Rajeev Ram);

5 finalists (Neal Skupski (2) with Koolhof); (Glasspool (2) with Heliovaara), (Jamie Murray (1) with Soares);

Challenger NIL;

ITF 14 and 11;

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Women singles

WTA NIL;

ITF 2 titles (Boulter, Swan); 1 finalist;

Women's Doubles

WTA 0 and 2;

ITF 10 and 9;

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Last year – Brits delivered 115 titles with 104 beaten finalists.

Grand Slams 5 titles (Raducanu, Salisbury 3, Neal Skupski); 3 **finalists** & 1 ATP Final;

Men singles

ATP 3 titles, 4 finalists; **Challenger** 1 and 6; **ITF** 27 and 24;

Men's Doubles

ATP 9 and 10; **Challenger** 7 and 3; **ITF** 33 and 21;

Women singles

WTA 1 final; **ITF** 7 and 5;

Women's Doubles

WTA 1 and 1; **ITF** 22 and 25;

7. 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.

8. Contact Details

At the end of every year our secretary – currently Stuart Fraser – will send out via email, all contact details of our full and associate members.

You are welcome to send any updated information (email, postal address and mobile number) to Stuart

stuart@stuart-fraser.co.uk

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

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9. BTJA development

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

10. Bulletins

There are normally five bulletins a year. The next official bulletin will be in July (23), then in October (24), December (25), and in 2023 March (26) and then May (27).

If you want anything included do email me.

N.B. There will be a supplementary bulletin soonest – regarding Wimbledon ticket allocations and confirmation date of our AGM at the Championship.

11. Finally

I hope to see many of you during the British grass court season certainly at Queen's and Wimbledon. I can be contacted anytime by email.

Best wishes

David Luddy
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