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1. Mike Dickson, Ron Atkin and David Irvine

There could not be a more fitting tribute to Mike Dickson than from Simon Briggs. Do check our website www.btja.co.uk under BTJA news. There are also tributes to Ron Atkin and David Irvine.

2. BTJA 71st Annual Awards Lunch

Alfie Hewett and Christine Truman Janes were the winners at the BTJA's 71st Annual Awards Lunch. It took place at the All England Club on December 12.

26 year old Hewett won 5 wheelchair Grand Slam titles in 2023 - the singles at the Australian and U.S.Opens and the doubles, with Gordon Reid, at the Australian, French and Wimbledon. He also won the season-ending Masters in both singles and doubles finishing the year as world No.1 in both disciplines.

Hewett won 50% of the vote in a ballot of BTJA members - more than double than anyone else.

Christine Truman Janes MBE, was the winner of the BTJA's Services to British Tennis Award. She was recognised for her significant contribution to the sport both as a player - French Open champion in 1959 when just 18 - and a tennis broadcaster for 34 years.

At the lunch the BTJA chairman Stuart Fraser delivered the welcome speech. Funds were raised for 'Give It Your Max', a British charity working to enhance the lives of disadvantaged and vulnerable children aged 4-18 through tennis. Administrators, journalists, players and friends attended the Lunch. 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.

3. New Member and subscriptions

A warm welcome to our new associate member Matt Majendie (Evening Standard). A reminder - this year's subscriptions will be £40 for full members and £20 for associates. It's many years since subscriptions increased. This was confirmed by members at last year's AGM at Wimbledon.

4. BTJA Committee Meetings and the AELTC

The next BTJA committee meeting - there are four a year - will be at the Wimbledon Spring Conference in April. 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 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.

5. Did you know - Brits chasing ranking points@January 30

2024 - Brits have won **16** titles with **14** beaten finalists

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2023 Brits won 150 titles with 157 beaten finalists

2022 Brits won 147 titles with 118 beaten finalists

2021 Brits won 115 titles with 104 beaten finalists

2024 so far in detail (in brackets 2023)

Grand Slams

Won 0 (2)

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

ATP Finals

Won - (1) end of season

Men's Singles

ATP

Won 0 (2)

Final 1 (4) Draper (*Adelaide*)

Challenger

Won 0 (7)

Final 0 (5)

ITF

Won 3 (23) Edmund (2), Fearnley;

Final 2 (26) Crawford, Stewart;

Men's Doubles

ATP

Won 2 (8) Glasspool (*Roger*); Salisbury (*Ram*);

Final 0 (12)

Challenger

Won 4 (17) 2 Johnson (*Mansouri*); Fery/Paris; Clarke/Willis;

Final 1 (13) Willis (*Kadhe*);

ITF

Won 3 (42) Fearnley (*Rybakov*); Broom/Houghton; Willis/Stevenson;

Final 4 (42) Fearnley (*Rybakov*); Clarke/Hurriion; Parker (*Paul*); Markiewicz/Shaw;

Women singles

WTA

Won 0 (1)

Final 1 (1) Dart

ITF

Won 1 (6) Kartal

Final 0 (19)

Women's Doubles

WTA

Won 0 (4)

Final 1 (7) Watson (*Minnen*)

ITF

Won 3 (37) McDonald (2) (*with Hovde and Hietaranta*), Grey/Nicholls;

Final 3 (28) Barnett/Grey, Brooks/Dunne, Bains (*Stollar*);

6. WORLD RANKINGS (British) LIVE @ January 30

(Jan 1 2023 rankings in brackets)

Men's singles (+/- since then)

| | | | | |
|---------------------|-------|------|--------|------------|
| 19 Cameron Norrie | (14) | -5 | age 28 | (23/8/95) |
| 42 Dan Evans | (27) | -15 | (33) | (23/5/90) |
| 49 Andy Murray | (49) | same | (36) | (15/5/87) |
| 51 Jack Draper | (42) | -9 | (22) | (22/12/01) |
| 96 Liam Broady | (163) | +67 | (30) | (4/1/94) |
| 160 Jan Choinski | (248) | +88 | (27) | (10/6/96) |
| 188 Ryan Peniston | (167) | -21 | (28) | (10/11/95) |
| 191 Oliver Crawford | (322) | +131 | (24) | (30/4/99) |
| 194 Billy Harris | (355) | +161 | (29) | (25/1/95) |
| 269 Arthur Fery | (473) | +204 | (21) | (12/07/02) |

Selected Others

| | | | | |
|---------------------------|--------------|------|------|------------|
| 345 Aidan McHugh | (372) | +27 | (23) | (9/7/00) |
| 370 George Loffhagen | (983) | +613 | (22) | (19/04/01) |
| 374 Felix Gill | (472) | +98 | (21) | (01/06/02) |
| 397 Jay Clarke | (240) | -157 | (25) | (27/7/98) |
| 408 Kyle Edmund | (582) | +174 | (29) | (8/1/95) |
| 460 Toby Samuel | (538) | +78 | (21) | (06/09/02) |
| 472 Anton Matusевич | (706) | +234 | (22) | (30/05/01) |
| 488 Alastair Gray | (266) | -222 | (25) | (22/6/98) |
| 513 Jacob Fearnley | (No ranking) | | (22) | (15/7/01) |
| 520 Paul Jubb | (219) | -301 | (24) | (31/10/99) |
| 574 Harry Wendelken | (534) | -40 | (22) | (18/12/01) |
| 724 Oliver Tarvet | (1370) | +646 | (20) | (29/10/03) |
| 726 Johannus Monday | (554) | -172 | (22) | (22/01/02) |
| 730 Patrick Brady | (1052) | +322 | (19) | (14/11/04) |
| 752 Jack Pinnington-Jones | (584) | -168 | (20) | (30/03/03) |
| 867 Henry Searle | (No ranking) | | (17) | (29/3/06) |

Women singles - LIVE@January 30

(Jan 1 2023 rankings in brackets)

(+/- since then)

| | | | | |
|---------------------|-------|------|--------|------------|
| 45 Katie Boulter | (136) | +91 | age 27 | (1/8/96) |
| 91 Jodie Burrage | (131) | +40 | (24) | (24/5/99) |
| 103 Harriet Dart | (98) | -5 | (27) | (28/7/96) |
| 155 Heather Watson | (139) | -16 | (31) | (19/5/92) |
| 208 Yuriko Miyazaki | (186) | -22 | (28) | (11/11/95) |
| 229 Sonay Kartal | (207) | -22 | (22) | (28/10/01) |
| 285 Francesca Jones | (866) | +581 | (23) | (19/9/00) |
| 293 Emma Raducanu | (78) | -215 | (21) | (13/11/02) |
| 301 Amarni Banks | (496) | +195 | (21) | (08/10/02) |
| 307 Katie Swan | (145) | -162 | (24) | (24/3/99) |

Selected Others

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|---------------------------|--------------|------|------|------------|
| 658 Ranah Stoiber | (847) | +189 | (18) | (25/05/05) |
| 662 Hannah Klugma | (No ranking) | | (14) | (18/2/09) |
| 671 Matilda Mutavdzic | (628) | -43 | (19) | (17/06/04) |
| 688 Isabelle Lacy | (859) | +171 | (17) | (01/07/06) |
| 729 Mingge Xu | (1040) | +311 | (16) | (2/10/07) |
| 788 Amelia Rajecki | (1054) | +266 | (21) | (3/6/02) |
| 1032 Mika Stojisavljevic | (No ranking) | | (15) | (15/12/08) |
| 1091 Talia Nelson Gatenby | (552) | -539 | (18) | (28/09/05) |
| 1099 Ella McDonald | (926) | -173 | (18) | (04/08/05) |
| 1109 Kristina Paskauskas | (973) | -136 | (19) | (12/06/04) |
| 1118 Sarah Tatu | (1237) | +119 | (19) | (7/11/04) |
| 1147 Jasmine Conway | (599) | -548 | (19) | (21/12/04) |

Men's doubles (minimum top 300)

(Jan 1 2023 rankings in brackets)

| | | <u>(+/- since then)</u> |
|-----------------------|--------------|--|
| 5 Joe Salisbury+Ram | (4) | -1 |
| 8 Neal Skupski | (1) | -7 (<i>now with Santiago Gonzalez</i>) |
| 17 Jamie Murray+Venus | (36) | +19 |
| 29 Lloyd Glasspool | (12) | -17 (<i>now with Rojer</i>) |
| 52 Julian Cash | (70) | +18 |
| 71 Henry Patten | (69) | -2 |
| 83 Luke Johnson | (215) | +132 |
| 149 Marcus Willis | (447) | +298 |
| 165 Dan Evans | (74) | -91 |
| 183 Jonny O'Mara | (95) | -88 |
| 186 Joshua Paris | (342) | +156 |
| 188 Scot Duncan | (355) | +167 |
| 192 Cameron Norrie | (158) | -34 |
| 199 Johannus Monday | (524) | +325 |
| 208 Charles Broom | (213) | +5 |
| 228 Ben Jones | (358) | +130 |
| 232 Liam Broady | (1071) | +839 |
| 247 Jay Clarke | (581) | +334 |
| 248 Jacob Fearnley | (No ranking) | |
| 251 Toby Samuel | (1057) | +806 |
| 287 Connor Thomson | (No ranking) | |

Women's doubles (minimum top 200)

(Jan 1 2023 rankings in brackets)

| | | <u>(+/- since then)</u> |
|---------------------|-------|-------------------------|
| 62 Heather Watson | (126) | +64 |
| 71 Maia Lumsden | (219) | +148 |
| 99 Naiktha Bains | (198) | +99 |
| 104 Olivia Nicholls | (60) | -44 |
| 115 Alicia Barnett | (60) | -55 |
| 128 Emily Appleton | (187) | +59 |
| 131 Freya Christie | (171) | +40 |
| 149 Jodie Burrage | (391) | +242 |
| 152 Harriet Dart | (120) | -32 |
| 161 Ali Collins | (165) | +4 |
| 174 Sarah Beth Gray | (268) | +94 |
| 181 Eden Silva | (341) | +160 |

7. Podcasts

Don't forget our trip down memory lane which includes amazing stories from our more 'experienced' members.

The presenter and producer of these five podcasts is Chris Jones following the initial idea from Mike Dickson.

They can all be found on our website.

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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.

8. 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.

9. Contact Details

Our current secretary Tumaini Carayol - will send out via email, all contact details of our full and associate members. You are welcome to send any updated information ASAP (email, postal address and mobile number) to Tumaini.

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

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10. BTJA development

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

11. Bulletins

There are normally five bulletins a year. The next official bulletin will be in April (29), July (30), October (31), and December (30).

If you want anything included do email me.

12. Finally

Hope to see some of you somewhere on the tour during this Spring and Summer.

I can be contacted anytime by email.

Best wishes

David Luddy

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