

# **BRITISH TENNIS JOURNALISTS' ASSOCIATION**

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**From Dave Luddy, Bulletin Secretary, BTJA**

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## **1. Wimbledon tickets**

Our treasurer Chris Bowers writes

All BTJA members have now had the chance to stake their claim for Wimbledon tickets and there are still a few dozen left. These are:-

Centre Court pairs for: 11, 13 and 15 (2) July

Centre Court singles for: 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 11, 12, 14 and 15 July

Court 1 pairs for: 3, 4 (2), 6 (2), 7 (2), 8 (2), 9, 10 (3), 11 (4) and 12 (3) July

There is just one ticket/pair left unless there's more, which explains the figures in brackets. So you can see there are still a fair few Court 1 tickets left for the middle of the Championships.

If you'd like an extra ticket/pair, please let me know. I will allocate them on a first-come-first-served basis, though if you have a second preference for anything, please let me know as there may be two people wanting the same ticket/pair. Once I've confirmed a ticket/pair is yours, please pay for it by transferring the money to the BTJA website - please note that no tickets will be assigned to you (via your guests' email addresses) until the money has been received by us. If you want to know how much the tickets cost, go to

[https://www.wimbledon.com/en\\_GB/atoz/ticket\\_prices.html](https://www.wimbledon.com/en_GB/atoz/ticket_prices.html)

And if you want tickets, please reply to me via [cbowers@gn.apc.org](mailto:cbowers@gn.apc.org) rather than replying to this email. Thanks.

## **2. Membership fees – payment latest May 31 2023**

The BTJA continues to represent the interests of tennis writers, tv/radio broadcasters and photographers in the UK, so do pay your 2023 membership fee by May 31. Thank you to those that have already paid.

**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](mailto: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 - 2023**

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](mailto:stuart@stuart-fraser.co.uk)

and copy me in

[davidluddy@aol.com](mailto:davidluddy@aol.com)

with the name and email address of both a proposer and seconder by not later than 9am Monday June 12. We will then organise an online ballot if required.

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

## **4. BTJA Committee Meetings and the AELTC**

The BTJA committee met at the AELTC on Tuesday April 25.

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

Gemma-Louise Stevenson, Jonathan Jurejko and Mike Frey are now full members; Jenny Drummond is now an associate member. Welcome Jenny.

The next meeting will be during the Queen's tournament on Thursday June 22.

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](mailto:davidluddy@aol.com)

The 12-strong current 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. Golf Day**

Our secretary Stuart Fraser writes:

A group of 19 people participated in the BTJA Golf Day at Silvermere, near Cobham, on Tuesday 18 April. Silvermere is a former European Tour qualifying venue.

Guests included the All England Club chairman Ian Hewitt and the LTA chief executive Scott Lloyd. On an enjoyable course with tricky greens, the winners were as follows:

Scratch: Scott Lloyd

Handicap: Russell Fuller

Longest drive: Matt Gentry

Nearest the pin: Mike Dickson

### **6. Annual Lunch**

We are awaiting a date from the AELTC regarding the annual lunch.

### **7. Did you know - Brits (chasing ranking points @May 8**

**2023** Brits won **043** titles with **051** beaten finalists

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**2022** Brits won **147** titles with **118** beaten finalists

**2021** Brits won **115** titles with **104** beaten finalists

*(In brackets=last year)*

#### **Grand Slams**

**Won 0** (2)

**Final 0** (1)

#### **ATP Finals**

**Won 0** (1)

#### **Men's Singles**

##### **ATP**

**Won 1** Norrie-Rio clay (2) - both Norrie - Lyons clay, Delray Beach hard

**Final 3** Norrie (2) (4) - Norrie 2, Andy Murray 2  
Murray

##### **Challenger**

**Won 2** Broady (9) - Draper 4, Jubb, Clarke, Evans, Parker, Choinski  
Murray

**Final 2** Broady (2) - Clarke, Peniston  
Harris

##### **ITF**

**Won 4** (21)

**Final 7** (22)

## Men's Doubles

### ATP

**Won 2** Glasspool+Heliovaara (11) Skupski 7, Salisbury 2, Glasspool, Jamie Murray  
J.Murray+Venus

**Final 5** (2) Skupski+Koolhof (10) Glasspool 6, Skupski 2, Jamie Murray, Evans  
Glasspool+Heliovaara  
J.Murray+Venus  
Cash/Patten

### Challenger

**Won 3** Cash/Patten (12) Cash/Patten 10, O'Mara/Ken Skupski, Harris  
Clarke+Kadhe  
Johnson+Verbeek

**Final 3** Choinski/Parker (4) Cash/Patten, Fery/Hussey, McHugh, Broom  
Johnson+Verbeek  
Cash+Frantzen

### ITF

**Won 11** (47)

**Final 11** (30)

## Women singles

### WTA

**Won 0** (0)

**Final 0** (0)

### ITF

**Won 4** Burrage, Boulter (both WTA60), Kartal (16)

**Final 8** (12)

## Women's Doubles

### WTA

**Won 0** (1) Alicia Barnett/Olivia Nicholls

**Final 0** (4) Barnett/Nicholls 2, Moore, Dart

### ITF

**Won 16** includes Alicia Barnett/Olivia Nicholls-WTA60 (25)

**Final 12** (29)

## 8. British world rankings LIVE @May 8

(Jan 1 rankings in brackets) +/- since Jan 1

### Men's singles

15 Cameron Norrie	(14)	-1	
24 Dan Evans	(27)	+3	
41 Andy Murray	(49)	+8	
55 Jack Draper	(42)	-13	
135 Liam Broady	(163)	+28	
173 Jan Choinski	(248)	+75	
184 Ryan Peniston	(167)	-17	
350 Alistair Gray	(266)	-84	
351 Billy Harris	(355)	+4	
355 Paul Jubb	(219)	-136	

### Women singles

100 Emma Raducanu	(78)	-22	
102 Jodie Burrage	(131)	+29	
127 Harriet Dart	(98)	-29	
132 Katie Boulter	(136)	+4	
156 Katie Swan	(145)	-11	
172 Heather Watson	(139)	-33	
204 Yuriko Miyazaki	(186)	-18	
281 Sonay Kartal	(207)	-74	
300 Naiktha Bains	(356)	+56	
314 Francesca Jones	(866)	+552	

<u>Men's doubles (minimum top 200)</u>			<u>+/-</u>
1 Neal Skupski+Koolhof	(1)		same
5 Joe Salisbury+Ram	(4)		-1
10 Lloyd Glasspool+Heliovaara	(12)		+2
39 Jamie Murray+Venus	(36)		-3
48 (Julian Cash and	(70)		+22
50 (Henry Patten	(69)		+19
71 Dan Evans	(74)		+3
116 Jonny O'Mara	(95)		-21
139 Luke Johnson	(215)		+76
211 Giles Hussey	(248)		+37

#### Women's doubles (minimum top 200)

67 (Alicia Barnett and	(60)		-7
77 (Olivia Nicholls	(60)		-17
113 Harriet Dart	(120)		+7
118 (Freya Christie and	(171)		+53
119 (Ali Collins	(165)		+46
142 Emily Appleton	(187)		+45
144 Naiktha Bains	(356)		+212
152 Maia Lumsden	(219)		+67
190 Samantha Murray-Sharan	(93)		-97
204 Eden Silva	(341)		+137

#### 9. 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

[www.btja.co.uk](http://www.btja.co.uk)

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.

#### 10. Website editor/social media duties/BTJA articles request

The website editor is James Buddell.

The website address is

[www.btja.co.uk](http://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.

#### 11. 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](mailto:stuart@stuart-fraser.co.uk)

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

[davidluddy@aol.com](mailto:davidluddy@aol.com)

#### 12. BTJA development

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

#### 13. Bulletins

There are normally five bulletins a year. The next official bulletin will be in July (28), October (29), December (30) then in 2024 March (31) and May (32).

If you want anything included do email me.

#### 14. 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  
Bulletin Secretary, BTJA  
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