

# LAWN TENNIS WRITERS' ASSOCIATION

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From Dave Luddy, Bulletin Secretary, LTWA

## 1. LTWA Annual Awards Lunch

Dan Evans and Judy Murray were the winners at the LTWA's 68<sup>th</sup> Annual Awards Lunch. It took place in the Centre Court Debenture Lounge at the All England Club on November 27.

Dan took the Player of the year award. He finished the season as the British number 1 and world ranked 42 – just one spot outside his career high.

This was a remarkable performance by Dan having started at a zero ranking 19 months ago. This year he reached the Delray Beach final as a qualifier, two quarter-finals in Atlanta and Eastbourne, won two British challengers, and represented Britain in the Davis Cup in Madrid. Ross Hutchins accepted the award on Evans behalf.

Judy Murray took the Services to British tennis award. Her speech included promoting the need for children from all backgrounds to be given opportunities to play tennis.

The new LTWA chairman Simon Briggs delivered the welcome speech.

British comedian and author Tony Hawks conducted the charity raffle and auction assisted by TV presenter and commentator Annabel Croft. Around £5000 was raised for the Charity – The Motor Neurone Association [www.mndassociation.org](http://www.mndassociation.org)

Over 150 people from the tennis family attended this year's successful lunch. They included Ian Hewitt, now taking over as the new chairman of the AELTC, CEO Richard Lewis along with other administrators, journalists, players and friends.

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. The lunch was supported by Fever-Tree and Silent Pool gin.

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

The next 'on the record' Special Lunch will be in the Spring. The guest and venue will be announced next year.

## 3. LTWA Committee Meetings and the AELTC

The latest LTWA committee meeting took place during the ATP Finals on November 14 at London's O2.

- Subjects discussed were the treasurer's report, membership matters, annual awards, and reports from the Social and Events secretaries.
- There was also a discussion on a change to the title of the LTWA. Any change has to be passed by a 75% majority at the agm during Wimbledon.
- Barry Millns will continue to run the LTWA website with the assistance of James Buddell.
- Our next LTWA meeting will be on Monday April 27 at the AELTC. This will be followed by our annual meeting with the AELTC Media Sub Committee on the same day – and 24 hours before their Spring Conference.
- There are four LTWA committee meetings a year.
- 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. [davidluddy@aol.com](mailto:davidluddy@aol.com)

#### **4. 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.

#### **5. LTWA Development**

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

#### **6. Bulletins**

There are five bulletins a year. The next will be in March (11), May (12), July (13), October (14) and December (15). If you want anything included in the bulletin do email me.

#### **7. Ties and Bow Ties**

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

#### **8. Finally**

I look forward to seeing many of you in the Melbourne sunshine during the Australian Open. Hopefully Andy Murray's Grand Slam comeback will be a success, Kyle Edmund – so successful in the Davis Cup – will retain and improve his form, Dan Evans, the LTWA Awards winner this year, will break the top 40 and Cameron Norrie maintains his progress.

As usual I'll be in the radio room – if anyone wants to find me.

Have a great Xmas and New Year.

Best wishes

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